The Plymouth High School was closed Monday, due to lack of heat. The extreme cold weather Sunday night caused several water lines to freeze and the heating system could not be gotten in operation in time for the session, and hence pupils and teachers were given an unexpected holiday.

Sales of all canned meats, fish and shellfish were frozen as of today by the Office of Price Administration last night. The ban on sales continues for about 60 days, or until the start of meat rationing, expected before May 1st.

Representative Ben A. Sumner has introduced several bills in the legis lature this week, none of them of local nature. One of them deals with a technical change in the motor vehicle law, another is a statewide measure to permit county commissioners to abolish offices of county treasurer and name banks as flduciary agents, and still another will permit beauty shops to employ unlicensed operators for the duration of the war. It is understood that he has several other bins under consideration, some of them relating specifically to this county.

The main topic in Plymouth early this week was the cold weather of Sunday and Monday. Water pipes which had never before been affected by the cold were frozen solid Monday morning, and garages and filling stations were overrun with work in thawing and starting cars with frozen radiators.

Lieutenant Cecil Blount, of the United States Navy, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Blount, in Roper several days recently. Lieutenant Blount was recently transferred from the West Coast to Lakehurst, N. J., where he is engaged in work with lighter-than

A representative of the Internal Revenue Service will be at the courthouse next Tuesday and Wednesday, February 23 and 24, to assist taxpayers of this section in filing their 1942 Federal income-tax returns, it was announced last week by C. H. Robertson, of Greensboro, district collector. Those who desire asistance with their returns are asked to be present then, as the representative will not be here again before March 15, final date for filing returns.

First Lieutenant E. W. Furgurson, of the Army Air Service Medical Corps, was promoted to the grade of captain last December 10, it was learned here this week. Dr. Furgurto be stationed in India.

Plymouth white schools will teach on a "short-schedule" basis next week, in order that the principal and gone and the quota set at \$19,410. teachers may assist in the registration for War Ration Book Two.

200 Attend Clinic Here Wednesday

Over 200 persons apeared at the clinic held in the office of the county welfare department here Wednesday, when eyes were examined and glasses fitted for a number of them. Less than half of those who came here for the clinic could be served, however, and the welfare department, throughMiss Ursula Bateman, superintendent, has requested that another he held here sometime during the

month of April. Dr. Croom, of Roanoke Rapids, was the examining physician; and Mr. Cates, of the Southeastern Optical Company, fitted the glasses. Assisting them were Mrs. Merle Jones, medical social worker for the State Commission for the Blind; Mrs. Alice Savage, registered nurse, of the Scuppernong Farms project; and Miss Marie Farley, Washigton County health nurse.

Miss Bateman said that 73 examinations were made and glasses were fitted for 37 persons. In addition, four others had their glasses adjusted. People were here to attend the clinic from all parts of the county, and the welfare superintendent said that every effort would be made to hold another clinic here during April to serve those who could not receive attention yesterday.

Lions Plan Charter and Ladies Night Next Week

The Plymouth Lions Club is mak ing preparations to hold its annual Charter and Ladies' Night program Thursday night of next week. An interesting program, with a wellknown speaker, is being planned.

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CLIP THIS FORM AND USE IT NEXT WEEK Form Approved. Budget Bureau No. 08-R126-42 One copy of this Declaration must be filed with the Office of Price Administration by each person applying for War Ration Book Two for the members of a family unit, and by each person who is not a member of a family unit. File at the site designated. Coupons will be deducted for excess supplies of the foods listed below according to the schedules announced by the Office of Price Administration. OPA Form No. R-1301 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION CONSUMER DECLARATION Processed Foods and Coffee I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am authorized to apply for and receive a War Ration Book Two for each person listed below who is a member of my family unit, or the other person or persons for whom I am acting whose War Ration Book One I have submitted to the Board; That the name of each person and number of his or her War Ration Book One are accurately listed below; That none of these persons is confined or resident in an institu-tion, or is a member of the Armed Forces receiving subsist-ence in kind or eating in separate messes under an officer's That no other application for War Ration Book Two for these persons has been made;
That the following inventory statements are true and include all indicated foods owned by all persons included in this Declaration:

1. Pounds of coffee owned on November 28, 1942, 1. Pounds of coffee owned on November 28, 1942,
minus I pound for each person included in this
Declaration whose age as stated on War Ration
Book One is 14 years or older.

2. Number of persons included in this
Declaration whose age as stated
on War Ration Book One is 14 Include all commercially canned fruits (including spiced); canned vegetables; canned fruit and vegetable juices; canned soups, chili sauce, and catsup.

not include canned olives; canned meat and fish; pickles, relish; jellies, jams, and preserves; spaghetti, macaroni, and noodles; or home-canned foods.

noodles; or home-canned foods.

3. Number of cans, bottles, and jars (8-ounce size or larger) of commercially packed fruits, vegetables, juices and soups, chili sauce and catsup owned on February 21, 1943, minus 5 for each person included in this Declaration.

4. Number of persons included in this Declaration. Declaration. The name of each person included in this Declaration and the number of his or her War Ration Book One is: Print Name

If additional space is needed, attach separate sheet .

NOTICE.—Section 35 (A) of the United States Criminal Code makes be a criminal offense, punishable 15 a maximum of 10 years' imprisonment, \$19,000 fine, or both, to make a false statement or representation as to any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States.

(City and State)

Above is the official declaration which consumers will be required to fill out before they receive War Wation Book II, the point rationing book, next week. Every reader of The Beacon is requested to clip the form above, fill in the answers, and take it with him to the registration point next week. This will save much time, if all readers will follow

War Bond Sales

ington County will come up "short' son volunteered in the Air Corps last of its War Bond quota this month, summer and was sent overseas short- for the second time since monthly ly afterwards. He was last reported quotas were assigned the county. Up to today, sales at the local bank amounted to \$6,050, and \$5,325 at the local post office, for a total of \$11, 375 with the month more than half

up well at the local post office, John W. Darden stated, \$4,702.30 worth

Z. V. Norman To Hold

Z. V. Norman, local attorney, will conduct the morning service at the Methodist church here Sunday morning, as a part of the nation-wide observance of Laymen's Day. "Methodist Men in World Reconstruction" is the theme which will be used by lay speakers in every state, according to the Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor, who announces local observance Ark., could be present. of the day.

The program is part of the preparatory program for Methodism's daughters, Miss Daisy Sexton and Week of Dedication, which begins Mrs. W. J. Hassell, both of Roper:

Holiday Monday For Few Places

All of the county post offices and the Branch Banking & Trust Company in Plymouth will observe next Monday, February 22, as a holiday in observance of Washington's Birthday. There will be no rural or city deliveries by the post offices, and the windows will be closed during the day. Dispatches will be made and mail put up for patrons who have lock boxes.

Stores and business houses will be open as usual, and no general observance of the holiday planned in this section.

Henry Thos. Sexton Off This Month Died Last Monday Present indications are that Wash- At Home in Roper

Funeral Being Held This Afternoon for Prominent Retired Farmer

Henry Thomas Sexton, widely No reports have been received from afternoon. Mr. Sexton was in his ussible that the February goal will be stroke, and he passed away shortly reached. Sales of stamps are holding afterwards, about 3:30 in the after-

The son of the late William and having been sold up to today. Last Mary B. Sexton, he was born Janumonth, the county oversubscribed its ary 8, 1872, in Washington County quota of bonds by two and a half and lived here all of his life. About Lillie A. Snell, who survives him. He Layman Service Sunday pernong Christian church and highly respected as a quiet and industrious citizen by all who knew him.

Funeral services are being held at the late home this afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the services in charge of the Rev. G. C. Wood, assisted by Chaplain James A. Stepro, of Mayo Field, Ohio. The funeral was delayed until today so that his son, Gordon Sexton, who is in the United States Army at Camp Robinson,

Besides his widow, Mrs. Lillie S. Sexton, Mr. Sexton is survived by two and one son, Gordon Sexton, of Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Ark. He also leaves a brother, J. E. Sexton, of Roper, two grandchildren and several

nieces and nephews. Manhattan Produce Co. To Operate 2 Receiving Points

bers will be operated in Washington what the future holds for the move-County this season by the Manhattan ment. The welcome address was Produce Company, according to J. E. made by Junior Rath, patrol leader, Phelps, of Roper, county represen- with H. H. McLean responding for tative. One of them, in charge of the fathers and troop commotteemen ing board office here. The number Mr. Phelps, will be located at Roper, present. while the other will be operated at Acknowledgement was made of that this week the board ruled that Joe Davenport's store in Pleasant merit badges earned by Scouts Rath in the future any person reporting a

of \$1.50 per 100 pounds is being guar- presented an interesting "stunt" to At the end of the two-week period. anteed for all cucumbers up to 2 close the program. It was a delight- proof must be submitted that the inches in diameter. Contracts are ful occasion and merited an even book actually has been lost and that still available for those farmers who larger turn-out of both the scouts diligent search for it has been made have not signed up, it was stated. and their fathers.

Although All Building Halted by War, Association Earned 6 Per Cent

The Plymouth Building & Loan Association had a very good year in 1943, especially in view of the consideration that all building has been halted by the war, greatly reduced the organization's field of earning a profit. Despite all handicaps, earnings were slightly in excess of 6 per cent, according to Z. V. Norman, the president of the association.

The association is now going after loans for buying existing property and also has an attractive proposi tion for those who wish to refinance mortgages on their local real estate which may be held by others. Sale: of installment stock were halted ear ly last year, as was the sale of paidup stock, but it is understood that a new type of savings plan is to be offered small investors in the near fu-

Morgage loans were reduced during the past year by approximately \$9,-000, but the association still has \$57,499.50 worth of loans outstanding on local improved real estate. Stock loans were also reduced, from Week; 176 Sign Up \$4,021.25 to \$3,067. The organization's cash position was never stronger, with nearly \$24,000 reported on hand or in banks at the close of business December 31, 1942. Total assets as of this date were \$85,079.63, against \$85,410.93 for the same date of the preceding year.

Earnings of slightly more than 6 per cent last year increased the undivided profits account to \$6,063.73. These profits, are held in trust for distribution to sharholders at the maturity of their shares. Stock in the first series of the association will mature sometime next year, and Mr. Norman said this week that this series had already earned more than \$20 per share. This means that holders of stock in the first series, started back in October, 1937, will pay in less than \$80 for each share, which will mature sometime next year at \$100 per share.

Incidentally, during the past year the local association became a member of the Federal Savings & Loan Insurance Corporation, which means that all deposits up to \$5,000 are guaranteed by the Federal agency.

Bateman Resigns From School Board

P. Bruce Bateman announced this Air Corps, then took over the meet mittee after serving for approximately ner of reporting airplanes. They five years. For a considerable por- also presented a movie, outlining ev tion of the time he has been chair- ery step of the system, from the time man of the local board, and he stat- an airplane is first sighted by a voled that his resignation was to be- unteer observer until it is shot out of come effective immediately.

Mr. Bateman stated that inasmuch as an entirely new county board of education was being named, he felt they should have a free hand to work out reorganization of the entire school set-up, which was the principal reason for his resignation. Too, he mentioned that the pressure known retired farmer of Roper, died of his private business was becomsuddenly at his home there Monday ing so great he feared he would not have sufficient time in the future to Roper and Creswell yet, and it is pos- ual health when he suffered a sudden devote to the affairs of the local schools.

> Mr. Bateman stated that in resigning his work with the schools here, take over, each man serving for thre he wished to express his sincere appreciation for the cooperation shown him by members of the faculty and other local and county education of-45 years ago he was married to Miss ficials. It is expected that his succesor will not be appointed until the was a faithful member of the Scup- new county board of education mem-

Father-Son Banquet once every 23 days, if no more volunteers are secured. However, Chief Held By Boy Scouts

held its first father-and-son banquet in the Legion Hall last Monday names to Mr. Blount immediately. night, with about 15 scouts and their McLean presided as toastmaster, and porting the blimp at 10:35, no more the principal talks were made by Z. aircraft were reported until 4:20. V. Norman, Scout Field Executive J. Then in the short space of 25 minu-T. Uzzle, Junior Rath, H. H. Mc- tes, Mrs. Gertie Darden, observer on Lean, Scoutmaster B. E. Taylor, and duty at that time, reported a total c T. W. Earl, district chairman of nine airplanes. At lease one plane Scouting.

The occasion was a part of the 33rd two days. birthday celebration of the Boy Scout movement in the United States. A brief history of Scouting in Plymouth was given by Mr. Norman, while Two receiving stations for cucum- Mr. Uzzle treated interestingly of

and Harry McLean during the eve- lost book would be required to wait Mr. Phelps also said that a price ning, and each of the three patrols two weeks before another is issued.

Building and Loan All Schools in County Designated Made Profit in 1942 Registration Sites for War Ration Book Two Every Day Next Week

Two From County Will Attend Aircraft Observers School in Norfolk Next Week

Mrs. Claudius McGowan, of Plymouth, and Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell, have agreed to attend the aircraft recognition school to be held in Norfolk next week, according to P. W. Brown, who is head of the aircraft warning system in Washington County. This county is supposed to have three representatives at the school, and Mr. Brown is anxious to secure someone from the Roper section to go with Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. Smithson. They will leave for

ing First Few Days of

Operation

tion of the Plymouth aircraft warn-

followed, before the first "flash"

the courthouse to instruct the more

than 100 volunteer observers. A

number of Civilian Defense and Ar-

my offilials were on hand for the

meeting, which was presided over by

P. Bruce Bateman, chairman of the

County Civilian Defense Council.

regional property officer.

the defense command.

Saturday morning, but a few of the

8 a. m. until 8 p. m., working in two-

hours, until 8 the next morning.

The schedule for the coming week

appears on page two of this paper.

each has to serve a two-hour shift

every two weeks. There are 92 men

er hours, they will be called on only

Monday has been the busiest day

was reported each of the following

Reported Lost in County

A great many Washington County

people are having trouble keeping up

with their ration books, especially

kerosene coupons and War Ration

Book No. 1, according to the ration-

lost has reached such porportions

before a duplicate will be issued

Many Ration Books Are

volunteers, and since they serve long

At the present time, there are 84

post.

Norfolk Sunday, and the school will continue throughout next week.

No cost whatever is attached to attendance of the school, Mr. Brown said, as the Army furnishes everything, including lodging and meals. Those who attend will be expected to instruct volunteer observers at their respective local posts after they return. The course covers recognition of the various types of airplanes, including those of the

Spotting Post Put in GETS PROMOTION Operation Here Last



Dr. J. M. Phelps, formerly of Creswell, was promoted from first lieutenant to captain in the Army Air Service Medical Corps on January 20. Captain Phelps is now stationed at the Maxton Army Air Base.

Walker Martin, assistant state director of civilian defense, spoke briefly on the work in this county, and recognition was accorded Captain John S. Welch, civil air warning officer, Passes Suddenly at Lieutenants Shands and Pyatt, of Home Here Monday the Norfolk Air Defense Wing, Army

week that he was resigning as a ling and, with the assistance of sev. Had Lived Here About 20 follows: Years; Funeral Held eral enlisted men, explained the man-Tuesday

> Mrs. Janette Davis Cofield, wife of C. T. Coffield, died suddenly at her home on West Fourth Street in Plymthe sky by a squadron of our own outh shortly before 1 o'clock Monfighter planes. Every airplane, blimp, day morning as the result of a stroke or glider in the air is under constant of paralysis. Mrs. Coffield, a native check by the volunteer observation of Bertie County, moved here about posts, and any unidentified craft i 20 years ago, and she had many sooon identified or forced down by friends throughout the community to whom news of her unexpected death There were no formal ceremonies came as a decided shock. as the post was put into commission

> The daughter of the late George and Mrs. Sallie Harden Davis, Mrs. boys did "serenade" Bob Johnston Coffield was born in Bertie County shortly after he took over the 11-to-2 February 27, 1885. About 24 years shift that night. Women man the ago she was married to C. T. Coffield, post during the daylight hours, from and they moved to Plymouth about four years later. She was an active hour shifts. At 8 p. m., the mea member of the Baptist church here for many years.

> Besides her husband, she is surrived by one daughter, Lettie, of the home here; six brothers, Dave Davis, of Jamesville; Joe, Luke and W. L. women volunteers, which means that Davis, of Bertie County: Arthur Davis, of Elizabeth City; and Asa Davis of Baltimore, Md.; and four sisters, Mrs. Moody Cullipher and Mrs. Sallie Cobb, of Bertie County; Mrs. Bill Phelps, of Windsor; and Mrs. Observer Ted Blount is hopeful that Maggie Phelps, of Elizabeth City.

Funeral services were held at the enough observers will be secured, so that no one will be required to serve late home Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 in the list was one in which the deoftener than once each month. Vol. p. m., by her pastor, the Rev. J. M. The Plymouth troop of Boy Scouts unteers are still needed, and those Johnson, of the Baptist church, Inwho will serve are asked to give their terment followed in the Windley Edward L. Owens. He explained that dads or sponsors attending. Harry so far at the local post. After re- local Baptist Church, assisted at the ing books from those convicted of

Meeting at Roper **Next Wednesday**

It was announced vesterday that Captain Vaughn, of the Norfolk Army Air Force Interceptor Command, would be in Roper, at the high school building, next Wednesday night at 8 p. m., to show a motion picture and explain the importance and method of operating aircraft

Roper has an observation post, but is was stated that interest there was lagging somewhat, and this meeting is to be held to revive it. The public is urged to attend. Cars may be used to attend this meeting without violating the pleasure driving ban, it

War Ration Book 1 Must Be Presented Before No. 2 Issued

Point Rationing for Canned Goods Begins March 1: No Sales Next Week

Point rationing will be introduced to the 13,000 residents of Washington County with a six-day registration period beginning next Monday, February 22, and continuing through Saturday, February 27, during which time War Ration Book Two will be issued, one for each member of the

During the six-day period, all retail stocks of goods to be rationed will be frozen to allow storekeepers to get their stocks in shape before March 1, the day when point-ration ing shopping begins. In other words no one wil be able to buy any of the rationed foods at any time next week. although all other food items will continue to be on sale as usual. The articles to which point rationing will be applied March 1 are as follows: Canned or bottled fruits or vegetables. canned or bottled juices and soups, frozen fruits and vegetables, and dried fruits.

All schoolhouses in the county. both white and colored, have been designated as the places for registration. It is not necessary for every person to register, only the head or representative of each family unit. In other words, one adult or high school child may register for all the members of his or her family; but a War Ration Book One must be presented for every member of that family who is applying for War Ration Book Two.

The local rationing board emphasizes that it is important to bring War Ration Book One when applying for Book Two. In fact, no one will be admitted to the place of registration unless War Ration Book One is presented. A consumer's declaration form is reproduced on page one of this paper. Subscribers should clip this form, fill it out, and registration place.

Hours of Registration Mrs. J. K. Reid, secretary to the Washington County Rationing Board. today announced the hours during which the registration will be held in the various schools. They are as

Plymouth High School, from 1 to 5:30 p. m., in the afternoons and from 7 to 9 p. m. at nights;

Plymouth Colored School, from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.; Roper High School, 9 a. m. to 5:30

Roper Colored School, 9:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.:

Creswell and Cherry, white and colored schools, 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.; Macedonia, Sound Side, Back Woods, and Mount Delane Colored

Schools, 1 to 5:30 p. m. In the _remaining _small _colored schools, it was stated the hours would be announced later. The above hours apply to every day next week. including Saturday.

Consumers are urged to apply early and not wait until the last day, as this will result in unnecessary delay

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Six Cases Tried in Recorder's Court

Six cases have been called in recorder's court here during the past week, one of them at a special session last Saturday and the other five at the regular time Tuesday. Included fendant's whiskey rationing book was confiscated by order of the recorder. cemetery. The Rev. P. B. Nickens, of it would be the policy of the court in Murfreesboro, former pastor of the the future to confiscate ABC rationcharges involving the use of liquor. At the special session last Saturday

Van B. Martin entered a plea of guilty to larceny and was sentenced to two years on the roads. He appealed, and bond was fixed at \$500 for his appearance at the July term of uperior court.

The following cases were called Tuesday

J. H. Godwin, white, Plymouth; assault; nol pros with leave. James Arthur McNair, jr., colored Plymouth: drunk and disorderly conduct; fined \$20 and costs, and his

M. Meekins, white, Elizabeth City speeding; fined \$10 and costs. Charlie Harvey, colored, Plymouth: driving with improper brakes

ABC ration book confiscated.

on trailer; fined \$5 and costs. John Wesley Brown, colored, Plym outh; assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill; continued to next Tuesday, with Attorney Carl L. Bailey assigned to prosecute the case W. L. Whitley is attorney for the defense.