morrow (Friday) afternoon at 2

o'clock instead of the usual time The change in hour is due to the

World Day of Prayer Service to be

held at 3:45 Friday afternoon in the

Ensign James Harold Ward, of the United States Navy, is spending a few days here with his mother, Mrs. Sidney A. Ward. He received his com-

mission last week after graduating

from the Midshipman's school at

Northwestern University in Chicago

and will report to New York for as-

signment to a ship within a few days.

Next Monday is the final day

for filing income tax returns-

both state and national. Al-

ready a far greater number of

returns have been filed from this

county than ever before, ac-

cording to those who are helping

Lieutenant Walter C. Burgess is

spending a few days here with his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Burgess.

He graduated from the officer's can-

didate school at Fort Belvoir, Va.,

and received his commission last

Melvin Boyd, formerly of Plym-

outh, visited relatives and friends

here Saturday. Enlisting in the Unit-

ed States Navy last year, he is now

B. Troy Ferguson, of the State

Agricultural Extension Service,

said while here yesterday that

he believed there would be an

increase in acreage planted to

farm crops this year. He said

that an increase had already

had been reported on irish pota-

toes, May peas, and some other

Lieutenant William E. Hays, of the

United States Army Air Corps, is

visiting his parents, County Agent

and Mrs. W. V. Hays here for 10 days.

Lieutenant Hays has been stationed

sr., is much improved following a

Reviewed by Chief Air

Raid Warden

self with the different signals and be

effective next week. There was some

confusion about the first test, held

hoped to eliminate all misunder-

standings before the next one is held.

nals, and their meanings, are as fol-

The first "blue" signal will

continue, but should be prepared to

take cover immediately when the

"red" signal is sounded.

may be resumed.

The exact time for the various sig-

early crops.

ing Command.

recent illness.

class, and is stationed at Norfolk.

with the work.

Christian Church.

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County Board Will Meet Next Monday

The Washington County Commissioners will meet in the courthouse here next Monday morning at 10 o'clock as a board of equalization and review to hear complaints about valuation of property listed during January for taxation and to make adjustments in the valuations

where necessary. Those who wish to make complaints about their valuations are urged to see the board members

after that time. Those who discover errors in the listing abstracts are also urged to be present to have them corrected at the meeting Monday.

There have been very few instances of valuation changes from two years ago, when the quadrennial revaluation of real estate was made. It is not believed that there will be any ma-

The total valuation of all taxable property in the county last year was \$6,431,643. The few changes that will be made this year is not expected to materially change this total, as most of them will deal with real property where improvements have been added, timber cut off, or damage has been done by fire or other like cause. No general revaluation will be made.

War Board Will Pass Used Tires Soon To Be Made Available; On Farm Registrants Classed as Grade III

12,008 War Ration **Books No. 2 Issued** an aviation machinist's mate, third

The final report on the registration for War Ration Book No. 2 week before last shows that a total of 3,143 declarations were made and 12,008 No. 2 books were issued, according to Mrs. J. K. Reid, secretary to the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board. Excess cans, bottles and jars of processed food declared totaled 1,123 in the county, and 345 pounds of excess coffee were reported on hand last November, when rationing of that product began.

at Wilmington, Del., with the Ferry-Draft Board Work Is Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox, jr., returned Tuesday to their home in New London, Conn., after visiting Mr. Cox's parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox, sr. The younger Mr. Cox is a machinist's mate, first class, in the Navy. Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. W. B. Cox, sr. the much improved following as their occupation until the war board determines their status. The new orders, received this week, have created new problems for both the draft board and war board, and it is probable that a joint meeting of the two groups will be held in the immediate future to decide on the

In Obtaining Sufficient Number for Calls

Receiving new orders or directives almost every day, the Vorhington County Selective Service Board hard-Everyone Urged To Be Ready for Test ly knows now just where it stands, so far as filling the next two calls for white men are concerned. Lo-Blackout Next Week of white men are concerned. Local board officials express doubt that sufficient men are available to fill the call for 55 men to leave on Friday, Meaning of Various Signals March 26. Then on April 12 the board is suposed to send another 35 men to Fort Bragg.

The board is reopening the cases The second practice blackout to of men deferred because of depen- man; O. A. Chesson, of Roper; and test operation of the new system of dency incurred on or after December A. W. Davenport, of Cherry. signals will be held in this section on 8, 1941, and some fathers in this lot Friday night of next week, March 19. will very likely receive summons to answer the April 12 call. All of the Chief Air Raid Warden P. W. Brown calls on everyone to familarize him- 18-19-20-year-olds remaining in class number of "war units" produced. Un-1-A will get their traveling orders ready to make the test 100 per cent next week to report for possible induction on March 26.

Conflicting statements from men two weeks ago tonight, and it is high in government circles have been reported in the newspapers during the past week or so. Manpower Boss Paul V. McNutt was quoted last week as saying that local draft boards had no authority to call up men with children at this time. Yet the week before that, the Washington Counsounded at 8:50 p. m. This will be a steady two-minute sounding of the ty board received an order to begin fire siren; all house and street lights reclassifying, for immediate inducare to be turned off; auto traffic may tion, men whose wives had become pregnant after December 7, 1941. proceed slowly, with lights on dim

or depressed beam; pedestrians may The local board also received a di rective week before last stating that dependency was not to be considered as a claim for deferment after The "red" signal will be sounded at April 1. Yet this directive did not 9 p. m. by short rising and falling specifically repeal a previous order blasts of the fire siren. Everything which stated that men with children must be blacked out; autos proceed born before December 8, 1941, should to curb or side of road and turn out not be called for induction. These lights; pedestrians must get off two orders are apparently in direct conflict, and an interpretation will be Second "blue" signal will sound at sought from the state board before 9:10 p. m.; steady two-minute blast any men in this latter class are callof fire siren; conditions same as first ed. However, the order relating to "blue" alarm; autos proceed slowly, men whose wives became pregnant with lights dim; house and street after December 7, 1941, was clear lights remain off; pedestrian traffic enough, and many of those in this class who are not farmers can expect a trip at government expense to Fort The "white," or "all-clear" signal Bragg on April 12. will be sounded at 9:22 p. m. Steam

Then this week, the board received (See DRAFT BOARD, Page 6)

New Orders Certain New Tires Will No Longer To Complicate Farm **And Draft Problems**

May Mean Temporary Deferment, at Least, for Many Farmers

believed halted, temporarily at least, past few days by the Washington new orders add to the importance of the County USDA War Board, since claims for deferment based on a registrant being engaged in farming must be passed on by this group; and the draft board is barred from calling for induction men who claim farming

immediate future to decide on the method for handling farm registrants. Draft calls for most farmers will be delayed for 30 days at least and during that time the two boards are to study the problems. Just what the outcome will be is not quite certain, but it is apparent that the farm and draft problems will become more complex as the program progresses

The USDA War Board for Washington County is composed of W. D. Phelps, of Creswell, chairman; W. V Hays, of Plymouth, secretary; S. F. Darden and J. H. Allen, of Plymouth. The draft board is composed of Robert L. Tetterton, of Plymouth, chair-

In the past, deferment of farm lective service eboard, based on the der the new order, registrants who do not meet the requirements for classification in 2-C or 3-C will be referred to the war board, which will determine whether the man affected can change his production schedule in order to be eligible for deferment. If the registrant is not producing the required number of units, he will be given so many days to make other plans. Briefly stated, the farmer who claims deferment or a lower classification must either produce or answer the draft call.

Farm registrants who have been placed in class 1-A will have their cases reviewed by the war board. If the war board finds that the registrant is not meeting the production requirements, then he will be notified that he is subject to call unless he makes arrangement to go into production on the required scale. If he meets the requirements, his classification in 2-C or 3-C will follow. If he does not, or is unable to meet the requirements, then the draft board will be so notified at the end of 30 days and classification in 1-A will follow.

In the final analysis, the new orders provide at least a delay in drafting men from farms. The farm registrant must convince the war board that he is producing sufficient units to support a claim for lower classification. It is understood that the equirements will remain about the ie as they were when classification

s solely in the hands of the draft and. If he isn't meeting those req irements, he will have 30 days in which to arrange to do so. If he cods, he will escape the draft, for time being; if he fails, he will referred to the draft board for ssification in 1-A

Rev. W. L. Clegg Will

The Rev. W. L. Clegg, district superintendent of the Elizabeth City district of the Methodist church, will preach at the local Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30. This will Darden, Eunice Holliday, be Mr. Clegg's second visit to Plymouth, and those who heard him before will be delighter to hear him After the sermon, he will second quarterly conference hold th for th

; cordially invited to attend Bosey Owens.

Be Available for Grade III Certificates

Grade III tire purchase certificates, ssued to a large number of Washington County car owners in the past two weeks by the rationing board here, have so far proven practically worthless, as dealers have been unable to secure any tires of this class. It is stated, however, that this will Drafting of manpower from farms be remedied soon, although grade for service in the armed forces is III tires in the future will not be new tires made of reclaimed rubber, as a result of orders received in the as in the past, but used tires taken in by the government recently, when County Selective Service Board. The all tires over five for each car were required to be turned in

The reclaimed rubber tire is now classed as a grade II tire, available only to car drivers engaged in certain essential occupations. Grade III tires-used tires bought in by the government under the "idle-tire' purchase plan-are being released to dealers and will be made available shortly to those with the proper purhave created new problems for both chase certificates. Most of the certificates issued during the past few weeks have been turned over to dealers who are holding them until they receive their stocks of grade III tires. It is pointed out that certificates

See USED TIRES, Page 6)

High School Band noon, when it was taken to South Hill, Va., for the final rites yesterday. To Present Concert Funeral was held at the Crews Here Friday Night South Hill. A number of local people attended the final rites Wednes-

Program of Patriotic Music | conducted by his former pastor, the Methodist minister at South Hill. To Be Given; Thirty in Band This Year

Despite all handicaps, the Plymouth High School Band has conworkers has been decided by the se- tinued to make a great deal of progress during the current school term, L., Willie C., and James W. Crowder, according to L. W. Zeigler, director. all of South Hill, Va. Due to war-time conditions, it has been impossible for the band to make been impossible for the band to make any of the out-of-town trips as in Rector Local Church former years; and it is not likely that the district and state band festivals will be held this year, Zeigler said.

The director said that practice sessions are being held daily for 45 minutes, and some local parades are being planned just as soon as the weather becomes more favorable to outdoor programs. An indoor concert will be given tomorrow night (Friday) in the courthouse at 8 p. m. The program will be of a patroitic various branches of the armed forand urged to attend.

Emblem," march, by Bagley; "America Exultant," march, by Hayes; "Vic- tion service. tory Selection," medley, by Paul Yo-

Various service songs: "Semper Paratus," Coast Guard; "Army Air Shepherd, Wilmington. The Rev. Corps," Army Air Corps; "Semper Edmund T. Jillson, rector of the Fidelis," Marine Corps. "The Bugler's Overture," by Bennett.

Marching Along Together," A. A. C.; "Anchors Aweigh," Navy; 'Marines' March" Marine Corps; 'Cassion Song," Field Artillery Star-Spangled Banner.

This year the band is composed of 30 pieces, much smaller than usual, but it has maintained the balance of a larger organization. Members of the band are as follows:

Trumpets and cornets: Ayers, Charles Brown, Ralph Howell, Raymond Sawyer, Hazel Heynen. Clarinets: Jack House, Frances Bassinger, Iris White, Dewitt Darden, Robert Swain, Joe Reid, Marie Davenport

Drums: Sonny Williford, Charles Robbins, Jack Horton. Trombones: Edward Westray, Bob-

Baritone: Harry McLean. Saxaphones: Frances Spruill, Jun- try, presidents of the parish organiior Leggett, Phyllis Davidson, Helen zations, and out of town guests was Dunning

Tuba: Myron Woodley. Alto horns: Shirley Sexton, Frances Ange.

Drum major: Billy Winesett. ing, Anne Cahoon, Gracelyn Reid. Flag bearers: Thomas Hampton.

Of Heart Attack; Final Rites Wednesday

Joseph M. Crowder owner of Wesern Auto Associate Store and very prominent in business and civic circle of Plymouth, died very suddenly and unexpectedly from a heart attack Monday night about 9:30. Coming here about two years ago from South Hill, Va., Mr. Crowder had made many friends throughout the county who were stunned by the news of his sudden passing.

He was a member of the volunteer fire company here and went with the truck to answer an alarm shortly after 8 o'clock Monday night. It was a minor fire, doing very little damage and on his return he went to his store, remaining there for a short time with a group of his firemen friends. He then went to the office of Dr. Claudius McGowan, who was treating him for a slight rash that had broken out on his arm. It was while at the doctor's office that he was stricken, and he died within a few minutes after suffering the attack. So far as known, he had not previously had any heart trouble, and the sudden attack was said to be a shock to both his family and friends Son of W. H. Crowder and the late Mrs. Ruth Crowder, he was born in South Hill, Va., on November 16, 1912 He was in business there for a number of years, moving to Plymouth

He was married to Miss Mildred Gordon on December 26, 1933, and they have one daughter, little Rosa Mae Affable and friendly, Mr. Crowder quickly established a nice business here. He entered whole-heartedly into the life of the community and could always be depended upon to do his full share in any civic undertaking. In addition to the volunteer fire department, he was an active member of the merchants association

about two years ago to open the

Western Auto Associate store here

outh Methodist church. The body remained at the Horner Funeral Home until Tuesday afternoon, when it was taken to South The funeral was held at the Crews was made at Oakwood Cemetery in day afternoon. The services were conducted by his former pastor, the

and an officer in the local Lions Club

He was also a member of the Plym-

ter, Rosa Mae Crowder, he is survived by his father, W. H. Crowder; step-mother, Mrs. Lucy Crowder and four brothers, John H., Walter

Ordained at Service Held Here Tuesday

Bishop Gribbin and Other Prominent Episcopalians Here for Ceremony

The Rt. Rev. Robert Emmet Gribbin, D.D., S.T.D., Bishop of the Dionature and will feature songs of the cese of Western North Carolina, ordained the Rev. William B. Daniels. ces. The public is cordially invited Jr., to the priesthood last Tuesday at Grace Episcopal Church, Bishop Following is the program to be Gribbin acted for the Rt. Rev. presented Friday night: "National Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, in the ordina-

The ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. W. Harvey Glazier rector of the Church of the Good Church of the Holy Trinity, Hertford, presented the candidate for ordination. The Rev. Charles Williams of New Bern extended a welcome to visitors on behalf of the Plymouth parish.

The epistle was read by the Rev Lewis Schenck, Edenton, and the Rev. John Hardy of Williamston read the Gospel. The Rev. Sidney E Matthews assisted Bishop Gribbin in the administration of the Holy Communion. Several clergymen acted with Bishop Gribbin in the laying on of hands

In connection with the ordination service, Bishop Gribbin administered the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation to Miss Lois Meunier. The candidate for confirmation was presented by the Rev. William B. Daniels.

Following the service a luncheon for clergymen, members of the ves-Bobby held. P. Bruce Bateman, junior warden of the Grace Church vestry spoke on behalf of the local parish expressing his appreciation to Bishop Gribbin for the inspiring service and extending a welcome to out-of-town Drum majorettes: Martha Mann- guests. The Rev. Lewis Scheneck responded to Mr. Bateman's talk. The luncheon was concluded with the benediction by Bishop Gribbin.

Joseph M. Crowder Red Cross Campaign To Hear Complaints on Tax Valuations To Hear Complaints on Tax Valuations To Here Monday Night Here Monday Night To Raise \$2,700 Gets Here Monday Night To Raise \$2,700 Gets To Washington County Com- | next Monday, as it will be diffi- | terial change in the valuation between last year and this year.

IN CALIFORNIA



cently graduated from an intensive course in aviation mechanics at Sheppard Field, Tex., and is now stationed in Long Beach, Calif. He was clerk of the Washington County Superior Court at the time he entered the service last year.

Plane Identification Classes To Begin at Courthouse Monday

Mrs. Claudius McGowan Is in the world it is believed that few Teacher; All Observers Urged To Attend

Mrs. Claudius McGowan, who atended the airplane identification school, conducted by the Army Air Corps in Norfolk last week is now busily engaged in organizing a class to take the identification course here. All volunteer observers of the local aircraft warning post are urged to register and take the course in plane identification which Mrs. McGowan

The first session of the class will the canvassers down. be held next Monday night at 8 o'clock in the courthouse. There the county, both white and colored, will be two classes each week, Mondays and Thursdays, and Mrs. Mc- will contribute. Those who give \$1 In addition to his widow, Mrs. Gowan hopes to complete the course Mildred Gordon Crowder, and daugh- in about three weeks. Meetings were member of the Red Cross. Larger held Monday and Tuesday nights at the courthouse to explain the nature of the course and to enroll as many volunteers as possible. Approximately 30 or 40 out of the 250 or more volunteers have agreed to attend.

> Mrs. McGowan explains that the classes will start promptly at 8 p. m. each Monday and Thursday. Those who complete the course and serve 25 hours as spotters wil receive an arm band, and those who serve 200 hours will be given some form of special recognition by the Army.

The course of study, of course, ceners around the recognition and identification of the various types of military airplanes, both friendly and ty schools are expected to raise \$250. enemy. Examinations will be given several times during the course; and were listed last week. Mrs. Betty shortly after its completion, those who take th ceourse will be expected to recognize and identify the various turned over to a dealer within that types of planes observed while on duty at the observation post. Those who desire to attend are re-

quested to be preseent at 8 o'clock Monday night, in the courtroom, and Canning and Block Leaders bring a notebook and pencil.

Ice Cream Supper at

The Woodley's Chapel Ladies' Aid stration agent, to attend a meeting Society will give an ice cream and at the agricultural building tomorchicken salad supper at the chapel, row morning, Friday, March 12, at near Johnson Spruill's store, in the 10 o'clock. A canning demonstra-New Land section, Friday night, tion will be given by Miss Martha March 12, at 7:30 p. m. The public Smith, associate home management is cordially invited to attend.

Need More Urgent Now Than Ever; All Asked to Contribute

Leaders Hope To Top Goal Set for County Before Saturday Night

Canvassers for the Red Cross War Fund campaign will swing into action throughout Washington County today, with the object of raising the quota of \$2,700 or more before they stop Saturday night. Although the drive will continue throughout the month of March all over the nation, county leaders decided to wage an intensive three-day campaign in the hope of winding it up this week The campaign was started Monday by the Creswell unit of the county chapter and splendid progress toward raising that section's goal of \$450 was reported.

Mrs. T. W. Earle is chairman of the War Fund Drive this year, and workers have been delegated to cover every section of the county. Canvassers are determined to double last year's record if possible, which would put the county well over its quota. The need is much greater at this time; and one of the strongest points in favor of doubling last year's contribution is the record of the Red Cross on all fronts where American soldiers are now fighting. Letters from the men at the fronts are lavish in their praise of the work being done by the Red Cross, and with Washington County men engaged in fighting on practically every front will turn down the request for a liberal donation.

The Red Cross is furnishing the blood plasma that has already saved countless lives; it is furnishing comfort kits, extra clothing, candy, cigarettes, writing materials, books, and countless other items that contribute to the well-being of men in the fighting lines. This county's quota is considered small in the light of the number of men it has in the armed forces who will benefit from activities of the Red Cross, and it is difficult to see how anyone can turn

It is hoped that every person in or more will be enrolled as an annual contributions are solicited, but smaller amounts will be gratefully accept-

The campaign is being conducted through the white and colored schools, as well as through a houseto-house canvass in the business and residential sections of the towns and the farming section of the county. Every employer and employee of industrial establishments will be ask. ed to contribute. It is the aim of the drive in this county to miss no one Individual quotas are as follows Plymouth Township, white, \$1,300: colored, \$250; Roper, white, \$250; colored, \$200; Creswell, white, \$250; colored, \$200. In addition, the coun-

Canvassers for the white people are good only for 30 days after date of issuance; and if they are not time, the county loses that many (See RED CROSS, Page 6)

Meet Here Friday Morning

All canning leaders and block lead-Woodley's Chapel Friday ers in the county are urged by Mrs. Mary Frances Darden, home demonspecialist, of Raleigh, it was stated.

Naval College Training Offered High And Prep School Students, 17 To 20

High school and preparatory school seniors and graduates in Washington County will be given an opportunity to qualify for the Navy College Training program April 2, when examinations will be given at the high school here. it was stated this week by R. B. Trotman, principal of the local school, who will give the examination here.

Known as the V-12 program, its purpose is to produce officers for the United States Navy. Young men between the ages of 17 and 20 are eligible to take the examinations, and Mr. Trotman urges them to give their names to him immediately if they are interested. High school seniors and graduates and college stu-

dents who appear to have potentialities for ultimate selection as Naval ocicers will be chosen for college training. Those selected will receive college training while on active duty, in uniform, receiving pay, and under general military discipline.

Only the following are eligible: ble: High school and preparatory school gradutes, or seniors who will be graduated by July 1, 1943, who have attained their 17th but not their 20th birthdays by July 1, 1943; whether or not they are now attending school or college.

Men now enlisted in any branch of the armed services. including V-1, V-5, V-7 reserves on inactive status, are not eligible to take the test.

County Farmers Urged To Test Seed Cotton And Peanuts for Germination

B. Troy Ferguson, district agent for the State Agricultural Extension Service, was a visitor in Plymouth yesterday. Mr. Ferguson warns farmers in this section to be particularly careful this year to have all cotton and peanut seed tested for germination before planting. He said that the unusually wet weather last season lowered the percentage of germination. Some ots he has tested has run no higher than 24 per cent.

whistle at pulp mill will sound this

signal. Street lights will be turned

on, marking end of test blackout.

Mr. Ferguson was in the county in connection with a survey being made to determine the actual production costs of cer-

tain vegetable corps which are or may soon be subject to price ceilings. The investigation is being made at the instance of the OPA at Washington, and it is expected that dollar-and-cent price ceilings will soon be established for many vegetables, including beans, cabbage, sweet potatoes, and the like. He said that irish potatoes and lettuce were not included in the survey, as they come under special crop

ceilings. to secure a cross-section of opinions about the cost of production of many vegetable crops.

He was here only one day,

Preach Here Sunday

ocal church. . L. Hardwick, the local pas-Rev. tor, will preach at 11 a. m., and the

by Collins