

The Woman's Club will meet tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock instead of the usual time.

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

Next Monday is the final day for filing income tax returns—both state and national.

Lieutenant Walter C. Burgess is spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Burgess.

Melvin Boyd, formerly of Plymouth, visited relatives and friends here Saturday.

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.

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.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox, jr., returned Tuesday to their home in New London, Conn., after visiting Mr. Cox's parents here.

Everyone Urged To Be Ready for Test Blackout Next Week

Meaning of Various Signals Reviewed by Chief Air Raid Warden

The second practice blackout to test operation of the new system of signals will be held in this section on Friday night of next week, March 19.

The exact time for the various signals, and their meanings, are as follows:

The first "blue" signal will be sounded at 8:50 p. m. This will be a steady two-minute sounding of the fire siren.

The "red" signal will be sounded at 9 p. m. by short rising and falling blasts of the fire siren.

The "white" or "all-clear" signal will be sounded at 9:22 p. m.

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.

He was here only one day, to secure a cross-section of opinions about the cost of production of many vegetable crops.

County Board Will Meet Next Monday To Hear Complaints on Tax Valuations

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

next Monday, as it will be difficult to have adjustments made after that time.

There have been very few instances of valuation changes from two years ago, when the quadrennial revaluation of real estate was made.

terial change in the valuation between last year and this year.

The total valuation of all taxable property in the county last year was \$6,431,643.

War Board Will Pass On Farm Registrants

12,008 War Ration Books No. 2 Issued

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.

New Orders Certain To Complicate Farm And Draft Problems

May Mean Temporary Deferral, at Least, for Many Farmers

Drafting of manpower from farms for service in the armed forces is believed halted, temporarily at least, as a result of orders received in the past few days by the Washington County Selective Service Board.

Draft Board Work Is Made More Difficult By New Directives

Difficulty Being Experienced In Obtaining Sufficient Number for Calls

Receiving new orders or directives almost every day, the Washington County Selective Service Board hardly knows now just where it stands, so far as filling the next two calls for white men are concerned.

The board is reopening the cases of men deferred because of dependency incurred on or after December 8, 1941, and some fathers in this lot will very likely receive summons to answer the April 12 call.

Conflicting statements from men high in government circles have been reported in the newspapers during the past week or so.

The local board also received a directive week before last stating that dependency was not to be considered as a claim for deferment after April 1.

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Then this week, the board received

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 method for handling farm registrants.

The USA 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.

In the past, deferment of farm workers has been decided by the selective service board, based on the number of "war units" produced. Under 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.

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.

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 requirements will remain about the same as they were when classification was solely in the hands of the draft board.

Rev. W. L. Clegg Will Preach Here Sunday

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.

Used Tires Soon To Be Made Available; Classed as Grade III

New Tires Will No Longer Be Available for Grade III Certificates

Grade III tire purchase certificates, issued 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.

The reclaimed rubber tire is now classed as a grade II tire, available only to car drivers engaged in certain essential occupations.

High School Band To Present Concert Here Friday Night

Program of Patriotic Music To Be Given; Thirty in Band This Year

Despite all handicaps, the Plymouth High School Band has continued to make a great deal of progress during the current school term, according to L. W. Zeigler, director.

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.

Following is the program to be presented Friday night: "National Emblem," march, by Bagley; "America Exultant," march, by Hayes; "Victory Selection," medley, by Paul Yoder.

Various service songs: "Semper Paratus," Coast Guard; "Army Air Corps," Army Air Corps; "Semper Fidelis," Marine Corps; "The Bugler's Overture," by Bennett.

Marching Along Together, W. A. C.; "Anchors Aweigh," Navy; "Marines' March," Marine Corps; "Casson 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.

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

Joseph M. Crowder Died Unexpectedly Here Monday Night

Prominent Merchant Victim Of Heart Attack; Final Rites Wednesday

Joseph M. Crowder owner of Western Auto Associate Store and very prominent in business and civic circles of Plymouth, died very suddenly and unexpectedly from a heart attack Monday night about 9:30.

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.

Son of W. H. Crowder and the late Mrs. Ruth Crowder, he was born in South Hill, Va., on November 16, 1912.

Affable and friendly, Mr. Crowder quickly established a nice business here. He entered wholeheartedly into the life of the community and could always be depended upon to do his full share in any civic undertaking.

The body remained at the Horner Funeral Home until Tuesday afternoon, when it was taken to South Hill, Va., for the final rites yesterday.

Bishop Gribbin and Other Prominent Episcopalians Here for Ceremony

The Rt. Rev. Robert Emmet Gribbin, D.D., S.T.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina, ordained the Rev. William B. Daniels, Jr., to the priesthood last Tuesday at Grace Episcopal Church.

Rector Local Church Ordained at Service Held Here Tuesday

The ordination sermon was delivered by the Rev. W. Harvey Glazier, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Wilmington.

The epistle was read by the Rev. Lewis Schenck, Edenton, and the Rev. John Hardy of Williamston read the Gospel.

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.

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.

Red Cross Campaign To Raise \$2,700 Gets Under Way in County

IN CALIFORNIA



Private Wilbur M. Darden recently graduated from an intensive course in aviation mechanics at Sheppard Field, Tex., and is now stationed in Long Beach, Calif.

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.

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.

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.

It is hoped that every person in the county, both white and colored, will contribute. Those who give \$1 or more will be enrolled as an annual member of the Red Cross.

The campaign is being conducted through the white and colored schools, as well as through a house-to-house canvass in the business and residential sections of the towns and the farming section of the county.

The course of study, of course, centers around the recognition and identification of the various types of military airplanes, both friendly and enemy.

Canning and Block Leaders Meet Here Friday Morning

All canning leaders and block leaders in the county are urged by Mrs. Mary Frances Darden, home demonstration agent, to attend a meeting at the agricultural building tomorrow morning, Friday, March 12, at 10 o'clock.

Ice Cream Supper at Woodley's Chapel Friday

The Woodley's Chapel Ladies' Aid Society will give an ice cream and chicken salad supper at the chapel, near Johnson Spruill's store, in the New Land section, Friday night, March 12, at 7:30 p. m.

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