Farmers who slaughter livestock for home use are not required to secure a permit, according to County Agent W. V. Hays. However, a permit is required after April 1 when livestock is killed by farmers or any other persons for delivery or sale, either wholesale or retail.

News was received here yesterday of the death of Fred M. Shute, father of Mrs. E. A. Harrison, at Booneville, Ark., on March 14. Mr. Shute, who formerly lived in Williamston, had been in declining health for several years, and his death was not unexpected. It is understood that the final rites will be held in Arkansas.

Brinson Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox, is expected home today after completing the first phase of his training as a Naval aviator at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C. He is expected to be here for a few days before leaving for another school to resume his training course.

Plans are being made for a joint meeting of the County War Board and the Washington County Selective Service Board sometime this week or next to decide on methods for handling draft registrants who list farming as their occupation. Mrs. Mirlam Kimbrough has been named clerk to the war board.

County Game Warden J. T. Terry said this week that the closed season for taking fish by rod reel, hook and line in inland waters begins April 6 and continues closed until May 20. Bass and "speckled perch" are now biting, and some very good catches have been reported by local fishermen during the past week or so.

Miss Helen Harrison, of Plymouth, was one of the 238 members of the junior and senior classes who made the "Dean's list" this year at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. This honor entitles students to unlimited "class cuts" and special academic and social privileges for the coming

Test Blackout Will Off Australian Coast Be Called in Section Has Been in Four Battles; ing the total valuation of the tract Friday Night at 8:50

Chief Air Raid Warden Requests All Citizens To Learn Signals

Chief Air Raid Warden P. W. Brown said today that everything was in readiness here, so far as he knew, for the test blackout scheduled for Friday night, starting at 8:50 and class, on a destroyer, has been in at continuing until 9:22 p.m. Local people are urged to familiarize themselves with the signals and cooperate in every way possible to make it a 100 per cent success.

A meeting of auxiliary police, firemen and air raid wardens was held last Thursday night, and they were again instructed in their duties by the chief. To avoid possible confusion, the general public is warned not to turn on their lights on any audible signal made by the fire siren. The all-clear, at 9:22 p.m., will be sounded by a steam whistle at the ago, and the elder Mr. Losh is em- mon McNair tract, Plymouth, from pulp mill and the street lights will ployed at the plant of the North Ca- \$224 to \$160; 55 acres A. D. McNair be turned back on, marking the end rolina Pulp Co.

Other signals and the time are: 8:50, "blue" signal, two-minute steady at Pearl Harbor June 18, 1942, is as blast of fire siren; turn out house and store lights; traffic may continue slowly, with lights on dim; 9 p.m., "red" signal, rising and falling initiative and bravery in diving overblasts of fire siren; total blackout, traffic halted, pedestrians take cover; 9:10, second "blue" signal, two-minute steady blast of fire siren, same as before; 9:22, all-clear, sounded by pulp mill whistle and street lights this ship to clear area in which an turned back on.

Mr. Brown said a surprise test would be called, without warning, sometime between March 22 and April 1st.

Red Cross Drive To Be Continued At Creswell

The Red Cross War Fund Campaign will be continued in the Cres-

Red Cross stickers in the window of house in McRae Quarter, near Ro- displayed, and all parents of Cubs every home in their respective communities. Those who have not been called on will be canvassed, and all parents of Cubs are invited and urged to attend the meeting by Cubmaster William B. the people of the community are ask- time to catch Wrighton coming out of the back door. ed to do their part.

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County Has Already Oversold March War Bond Quota, Despite Income Tax

Washington County has "dood" it again. Overscribed its monthly War Bond quota, with nearly half of the month remaining to swell the total . H. E. Beam, county chairman of War Bond sales, said early this month that he feared income-tax payments during March would put a severe crimp in bond sales and that the county might fall down in raising

The chairman's fears proved groundless, however, as sales in Plymouth alone up to today amounted to \$26,750, while the March quota is \$21,234. Of this total the local bank has averaged over \$1,000 a day, sales to this morning amounting to a little over \$18,000. The post office

here has sold all the bonds it had on hand, \$8,750 worth, but is expecting another shipment today. And Creswell and Roper are still to be heard from.

Postmaster John W. Darden said last Saturday was the biggest day he has ever had for band sales, approximately \$5,000 worth having been sold then. Very few bonds have been "cashed in" locally, although a number of people have turned in stamps in order to raise money

for their income taxes, it is said. The postmaster said war stamp sales were about normal so far this month. Since he assumed the office about two years ago, defense and war stamp sales have totaled about \$188,000, he said yesterday.

Adjustments Made in Tax Values by Board He also named a new board of education and secured appointment of

4 Days To Apply For Ration Books

Applications for War Ration Books Nos. 1 and 2 will be received at the office of the local War Rationing Board the first four days of next week, March 22, 23, 24 and 25, it was announced this week by Mrs. J. K. Reid, secretary. Persons who, for any reason, have not previously received such books may make application on these four dates; and Mrs. Reid announces that if application is not made at that time, it will be two months before another opportunity to apply is

Applications for ration books for babies must be made within 30 days after birth, it was stated, and such applications may be made at any time. The office of the ration board is open to the public each week-day except Frida; from 10 a. m. until 12 noon, and from 1 until 3 p. m.

Son of Local Couple Wounded in Action

Was Cited for Bravery in Action at Midway

Mrs. Howard Losh, of Plymouth, is acre, leaving valuation at \$375; recovering in a New Zealand base hospital from wounds received in road, 130 acres reduced to \$10 acre action while in service with the United States Navy off the coast of Australia last November 21, according to advices received by his parents here. Mr. Losh, a metalsmith, first least four battle actions in the Pa- 189.4, account error. cific since the start of the war.

He was in the battle north of Midway Island last June and received a \$195 to \$95, house burned; commendation from his commanding officer for "bravery and initia- township, reduced from \$1,321 to tive" while picking up survivors be- \$881, account of fire; lieved to have been from the "Yorktown," aircraft carrier sunk in this all on account of forest-fire damage action. He enlisted in the Navy Oc- 25 acres Tetterton tract, Plymouth, tober 10, 1938, and has been on ac- from \$250 to \$167; 80 acres Modlin tive duty since that time. His par- tract, Plymouth, from \$800 to \$534; ents, Mr. and Mrs. Losh, moved here 400 acres Johnston tract, Plymouth, from Fenwick, W. Va., some time from \$6,420 to \$4,280; 32 acres Solo-

from his commanding officer, dated Skinnersville, from \$4,320 to \$3,428;

"1. The commanding officer takes pleasure in commending you for your board in oily seas after action north of Midway Island on 4 June 1942 and carrying a line from this ship to a raft loaded with survivors, thus expediting the rescue and permitting attack from enemy submarines or aircraft was apparent.

"2. A copy of this commendation is being filed in your service record."

Colored Man Held for Fort Bragg Authorities

Monroe Wrighton, colored sergeant, \$1,720 to \$1,290, timber cut. was arraested this week by Sheriff J. K. Reid and is being held for Army well section throughout next week, authorities at Fort Bragg. Wrighton Mrs. Sidney Smithson, chairman of is charged with being absent without the drive for the Creswell chapter.

official leave and was picked up by said yesterday. All workers there are the sheriff at the request of Army ofsaid yesterday. All workers activities requested to redouble their activities ficials at Fort Bragg.

Sheriff Reid had been on the look-

Mrs. Smithson said that two can-vassers had succeeded in placing the when he learned that he was at a lore made by the various dens will be

Few Raises, Many Reductions Effected

Fire Damage, Timber Cutting and Improvements Cited as Reasons

Meeting last Monday as a board of of changes were effected in valuations as they were put on the tax books during the month of January. considered, the only changes being made dealing with real property damaged by fire, cutting timber, or where improvements had been made during serve without compensation; the past year.

A recapitulation shows that 10 persons secured lower valuations on 18 tracts of land, while the tax value was raised in the case of four pieces of property due to improvements havng been made.

Following is a review of the pro-

John L. Roper Lumber Company property reduced as follows on account of damage to timberland by fire: 19,000 acres in Skinnersville, reat \$81,485; 5,745 acres in Scuppernong Township, reduced from \$5 to \$4 per acre, leaving valuation at \$22,-980: 371/2 acres in Lees Mill Town-Clyde Ray Losh, son of Mr. and ship, reduced from \$14 to \$10 per

L. C. Waters property, Long Ridge account of timber cut; Thomas G. Exum (colored), Plym-

outh, township, reduced by \$350, account house burned; Lily M. Ambrose, Plymouth town-

ship, acreage reduced from 1931/2 to Milton Ambrose,

township, valuations reduced from T. M. Bowen timberland, Plymouth

Owens property reduced as follows tract, Plymouth, from \$870 to \$605; The text of the commendation 210 acres M. L. Davenport tract, 229 acres Mrs. T. G. Moore tract,

Plymouth, from \$3,435 to \$2,748; The valuation of Plymouth Peanut Co. property, Plymouth, was raised from \$7,000 to \$9,000, account of improvements and machinery added; Laura Nixon property, Lees Mills, listed at \$330, raised to \$830, for

house improvements; Mrs. D. R. Livington property, Plymouth, raised from \$300 to \$500,

for house improvements; 1,800 acres timberland listed to Harry Baker Estate, Scuppernong township, reduced from \$18,000 to \$15,750, timber cut;

50 acres timberland of Elliott heirs, Skinenrsville, reduced from \$1,000 to \$750, timber cut; 86 acres timberland of Mrs. M. J Elliott, Skinnersville, reduced from

Local Cubpack To Have Parents' Night Monday

The Plymouth Cubpack will observe Parents' Night at its meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m., in the Ameri-

J. T. Uzzle, scout field executive for the district, will be present.

tion and Justices of Peace Appointed

Representative Ben A. Sumner returned last Thursday night from Raleigh, where the biennial session of the state legislature completed its work the day before. The session this year was marked by few controversies, and the work of the body was completed in only a few days over the 60-day term for which members are entitled to draw compensation.

Mr. Sumner, attending his first term as representative from Washington County, secured the passage of six bills relating to county affairs and had one other to die in the hands of the calendar committee at the close of the session. In addition, he had his name on several state-wide measures which were enacted into aw, and he was active helping to block or secure passage of other bills. 10 justices of the peace for the county by including their names in omnibus bills passed near the end of

was named by the county representative, consisting of the following: P. At Meeting Monday M. Arps, of Plymouth; L. E. Hassell, of Roper; and P. B. Belanga, of Creswell. The terms of all three of the new members are to run for two years, Mr. Sumner said.

Justices of the peace, appointed for the several townships, are as follows: Plymouth: W. H. Peele, E. L. McNair J. T. McNair, and C. V. W. Ausbon; equalization and review, the three Lees Mills: Thomas W. Norman, E Washington County Commissioners A. Everett and W. A. Swain; Skinhad quite a busy day listening to ap- nersville: M. F. Davenport: Scuppeals for adjustments, and a number pernong: T. F. Davenport and J. A Combs

County bills introduced by Mr Sumner and passed by the legislature The changes cut both ways, although include the following: (1) abolishing more was taken off than put on the the office of county treasurer, effecbooks. No general revaluation was tive the first Monday in December 1944, and appointment of the local branch of the Branch Banking & Trust Co. as county depository, to

(2) Appointing the clerk of the superior court (or his assistant) as judge of the juvenile court at a salary of \$25 per month;

(3) Providing for apportionment of 15 per cent of the net profit of whiskey stores in the county to the towns in which such stores are located. provided adequate police protection is furnished by the towns; and, provided further, that funds derived

(4) Increasing the fee of recorder's court jurymen from 50 cents to \$1.50 per day;

(5) Fixing the pay of the deputy sheriff located at Creswell at \$75 per month, instead of \$50 as at present. (See LEGISLATURE, Page 6)

Colored Child Killed ing steadily from his wounds. The as a chemist at the plant of the nature of his injuries was not spe-

James Robert Alexander, two-yearder, colored, of Westover, was instantly killed last Friday afternoon, when he was crushed beneath a pile lough is reported to be at an emof wood which fell on him. The ac- barkation port, expecting to leave for cident was witnessed by several other foreign service in the immediate fuchildren who were playing in the ture. He is Woodson Furlough, who Alexander yard.

yard and stacked, one piece of which three-year enlistment, however. lodged crossways and held up the remainder. It is believed some of the Aircraft Spotters' Classes children accidentally dislodged the crossed stick, releasing the remainder of the wood which fell on the little boy. The children said the wood started falling of its own accord. lodged and the crosed stick, releas- Sidney Smithson will explain the

said the wood started falling of its course. All volunteer observers are own accord before the wood could be removed, and Coroner Jack Horner was called. Smithson said, "You are needed not Officers Elected at PTA

No inquest was deemed necessary, only to alert the population in case however, and the child was brought of approach of the enemy, but to help here to the office of a physician.

Also Had Board of Educa- Number Is 20 Short of 55 Originally Called for From County

> Unable to fill the March call for 55 white men in its entirety, the Washington County Selective Service Board is this week sending out notices to 35 men to report here for induction on Friday of next week, March 26. Thirty-one of the number are Washington County registrants, and the other four are transfers from local boards in other sections.

It was explained that more than 31 registrants in the county are subject to induction at this time, but the board mas unable to have 55 men reclassified and examined in time for the call next week. Another call, for 35 men, is on hand; and preparations are underway to have sufficient men ready to answer the summons on April 12, when that group will be sent to Fort Bragg.

One of the contingent scheduled to leave next week is a volunteer. Samuel Oliver Lucas, of Plymouth. Of the 31 county registrants called

up. 16 are from Plymouth: 10 are A complete new board of education from Creswell; 4 are from Roper; and one gets his mail at Pungo, just across the line in Beaufort County The transferees are from Norfolk, Va. Portsmouth, Va., Springfield, Ohio and Garfield, N. J. The compelte list is as follows:

From Plymouth: Carl Leroy Bailey, jr., Samuel Oliver Lucas, Paul Jerome Thomas Weede, jr., Joseph Eugene Case, John Lewis Carr, Delbert Roosevelt Wolf, John Walter Ward, Warren Denby Robbins, Joseph Leon John Bernard Brown, Joseph Paisley Corey, Gray Strickland Willis, Felton Eugene Magee.

From Creswell: Harry Augustus Hassell, Justus Bryant Jordan, jr. Lee Irskel Clifton, Charles Rowe Gaither, William Ammon Spruill Smithson, William Avery Barnes, Otis Odel Spruill, Chester Lewis Hopkins, Julian Russell Holton, William Clyde Spruill, jr.

From Roper: Charlie Dinnard Spruill, Olan A. Cammon, Arthur Randolph Spruill, Paul Alton Tarkenton.

From Pungo: Charlie Stephen Phelps, from Norfolk, Va.; James Martin Hays, Portsmouth, Va.; Joseph Allen Hill, jr., Springfield, Ohio; and Frank Anthony Mulholland, Garfield, N. J.

from the liquor stores by the towns shall be used for law enforcement; Parents Get Letter

who was wounded in action in North Africa February 2, stating that he is cifled in the letter to his father and Plymouth. In Accident Friday mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Furlough, of Roper. He simply stated that he

hours flying time. Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Fur-Wood had been hauled into the ago. He had previously served a

Will Be Held in Creswell

Creswell.-A meeting will be held at the Creswell School Building Friday evening at 8 o'clock, when Mrs. ing the remainder of the wood which course in aircraft identification and fell on the little boy. The children enroll those who wish to take the urged to attend and those who would The child was crushed to death like to become observers are invited

In appealing for volunteers, Mrs train our fighter pilots-possibly The Alexanders live on the West- your son, brother, or some other over farm. Funeral services were mother's son, who will soon leave for held Saturday afternoon and inter- the theatre of war. You can help by ment was made at White Marsh volunteering in the Ground Observer

Demonstrations Last Thursday-Friday For County Block and Canning Leaders

According to Mrs. Frances Darden, home demonstration agent, Washington County last Thursday and Friday had the distinction of being the first county in the United States to have the two-day conservation workshop. Other counties in the state and nation are to have these two-day meetings. They were held in order to train block leaders and canning leaders in their work of teaching housewives to conserve the surplus fruits and vegetables that will be grown this

Miss Martha Smith, home economist, of Raleigh, was in charge of the meetings and gave the demonstrations. The first day's meeting was for teachers of home economics and for home economists. Block and canning leaders attended the second day session. There were 22 of the latter present at the meeting Friday. The meetings were termed very successful, and the demonstrations should result in an increase in canning and conserving surplus foods throughout the county this year.

Sumner Had 6 Bills Call 35 White Men to Early Reports Indicate Relating To County Report for Induction Passed by Assembly Friday Next Week Red Cross Campaign In County Successful

LEAVES FOR OHIO



Ensign William J. Highsmith, jr., left this week for Columbus, Ohio, where he will enter the University of Ohio for special training. He was commissioned last month when he graduated from a Navy midshipman's school in New York City.

Jr., Samuel Oliver Lucas, Paul Jerome Lyttle, Stuart Earl Nestor, Joseph Thos. W. Davis, Jr., Well Known Roper ren Denby Robbins, Joseph Leon Ange, jr., James Edward Hooker, Man, Died Sunday

Had Been Ill For Several Months; Funeral Held Monday Afternoon

Thomas Warren Davis, jr., 25, one f the leading young citizens of the Roper comunity, died at the home of his father there at 7 o'clock Sunday morning after an illness of about four months. Several months ago it was learned that he was suffering from cancer; and although he made several trips to specialists in Durham, Baitimore, and other places, none of them was able to afford him relief. He grew steadily weaker until the end came early Sunday morn-

The son of Ida Chesson Davis and Thomas Warren Davis, sr., he was born at Plymouth on September 19, 1917. His parents moved to Roper the War Drive for all parts of the From Wounded Son shortly after his birth and he lived there for the remainder of his life. About two and a half years ago he A letter has been received by his was married to Miss Rosa Lee Stillparents from Bob Thomas Furlough, man, of Creswell, who with one daughter, Carolyn Ann, about six Africa February 2, stating that he is now at a base hospital and improvious time he became ill he was employed Lift Ban on Pleasure as a chemist at the plant of the

was getting along fine after being re- church and quite active in civic and moved to a base hospital by airplane. religious circles there. He was teachold son of Thomas and Neola Alexan- He said that the trip required 41/2 er of the Bible class and assistant superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school for several years.

The funeral service was held at the Roper Methodist church Monday afternoon at 3:30 by the pastor, the Rev. G. C. Wood, assisted by the entered the Army only about a month Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist church, and the Rev. S. B. Wilson, of Creswell. Interment was made in the Windley cemetery near Plymouth. A large concourse of friends attended the final rites and the profuse floral offering attested the esteem in which he was held throughout the section.

In addition to his widow and little daughter, Mr. Davis is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Warren Davis, sr., and his grandmother, Mrs. Lonnie Chesson, all of Ro- from the state administrator, con-

Plymouth Parent-Teachers Associa- past 30 days that cannot be filled due tion, held Thursday night of last to lack of tires. We have just receivweek, officers were elected for the ed information to the effect that it coming year, as follows: Mrs. C. L. will possibly be the latter part of this Morrison, president; Mrs. Archie month or the first of April before the Modlin, secretary; and Mrs. J. R. dealers will receive any stock of Manning, treasurer.

Service To Be Held Sunday

The Rev. William B. Daniels, jr., sale and retail establish will be the celebrant at a service of been provided. The board been provided. The board issue a certificate in weight

Roper Quota Nearly Doubled; Plymouth And Creswell Lag

Only Complete Report Received So Far Is From Colored Schools

Incomplete reports, some from all sections of the county, indicate today that Washington County will "go over the top" in the campaign to raise \$2,700 for the Red Cross War Fund although it is now expected that the campaign will be continued in some communities for the remainder of the month. The only complete report yet filed is for the colored schools of the county, outside of Creswell, and a total of \$154.60 was raised by them. Since the quota for all schools, both colored and white, was only \$250, it is known that more than this amount will be realized before the campaign is over. None of the white schools had reported up to yesterday, H. H. McLean, county superintendent, said

Roper white people have already nearly doubled their \$250 quota, the total yesterday standing at \$488.55 This is by far the best record yet reported. The Plymouth white quota was \$1,300; and up to yesterday \$837.22 was on hand. It is known that more than \$300 has been collected at the plant of the Plymouth Box & Panel Company, which is not included in the amount on hand; and about \$200 in pledges are to be collected at the plant of the pulp company here. This will top the local quota. In addition, no report has been received from the American Fork and Hoe Co. plant, which raised about \$75 last year, and several individual canvassers in the township are still to be heard from.

No reports have been received from the colored people, other than the schools, but it is known they have been working like beavers, and it is confidently expected they will more than meet their quotas. Plymouth and Roper colored groups had quotas of \$200 each. The only report received from Creswell indicated that the work was a little slow in getting underway, and it is stated that the drive will continue throughout next week there. Creswell whites have a quota of \$250, while the colored people there have a quota of \$200.

Mrs. T. W. Earle is chairman of county except Creswell, and Mrs. Sidney Smithson is campaign chairman for the unit there. They have been

(See RED CROSS, Page 6)

Driving, But A Gas For a number of years he was a Rations Cut Monday member of the Roper Methodist

Local Board Also Gets Information About Grade II and III Tires

It was announced this morning that the ban on pleasure driving would be lifted next Monday, March 22, but at the same time the basic A gasoline ration will be halved, and motorists will get only about 11/2 gallons per week instead of 3 gallons as at present. The ration reduction is effected by expanding the period in which No. 5 coupons are good from two to four months. The eight No. 5 tickets in A books must last from March 22 until July 22. Each cou-

pon is good for 3 gallons of gasoline. The local rationing board is in receipt of the following information cerning grade II and III tires:

"As you are aware, the stocks of Grade II and III tires in the hands of the tire dealers have been prac-Meeting Here Thursday tically exhausted, and, no doubt, in your territory there are many out-At the regular meeting of the standing certificates issued in the Grade III tires to even take care of A splendid patriotic program was the certificates now outstanding. The presented by pupils from the rooms original supply of Grade II's has of Miss Tarkenton and Miss Allen, been practically exhausted, and since assisted by students from other rooms this type of tire has not been in prounder the direction of Mrs. Furgur-son. Frances Spruill and Helen Carr also played several piano duets for the entertainment of the gathering. Since the production of the pr under the direction of Mrs. Furgur- duction since January 1, 1941, there classed as a Grade II tire.

The local board has also been ad-At Roper Episcopal Church vised that an increase in the allow able inventory of sugar for whole Luke's Episcopal church, Roper, on to 50 per cent of the allowed the Second Sunday in Lent, March tory. It is stated that this ruling has 21. The service will begin at 11:15 no affect on industrial or institutional a. m. A meeting of the vestry will users, and it has no time limit, albe held immediately following the though it may be cancelled on 30-day