

Chief of Police P. W. Brown, Highway Patrolman M. B. Stewart and Policeman Paul Basnight attended a meeting of law enforcement officers in Elizabeth City Monday night.

Representative Ben A. Sumner said yesterday that he had been advised by telephone that the committee of state and federal school officials would be here Thursday to go over the local school situation.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Test Blackout Will Be Called in Section 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 continuing until 9:22 p.m.

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.

Other signals and the time are: 8:50, "blue" signal, two-minute steady 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 blasts 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 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 Creswell section throughout next week, Mrs. Sidney Smithson, chairman of the drive for the Creswell chapter, said yesterday.

Mrs. Smithson said that two canvassers had succeeded in placing the Red Cross stickers in the window of every home in their respective communities. Those who have not been called on will be canvassed, and all the people of the community are asked to do their part.

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

Washington County has "dood" it again. Oversold its monthly War Bond quota, with nearly half of the month remaining to swell the total.

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.

here has sold all the bonds it had on hand, \$8,750 worth, but is expecting another shipment today.

Postmaster John W. Darden said last Saturday was the biggest day he has ever had for bond sales, approximately \$5,000 worth having been sold then.

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

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.

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.

Son of Local Couple Wounded in Action Off Australian Coast

Has Been in Four Battles; Was Cited for Bravery in Action at Midway

Clyde Ray Losh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Losh, of Plymouth, is recovering in a New Zealand base hospital from wounds received in 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.

He was in the battle north of Midway Island last June and received a commendation from his commanding officer for "bravery and initiative" while picking up survivors believed to have been from the "Yorktown," aircraft carrier sunk in this action.

The text of the commendation from his commanding officer, dated at Pearl Harbor June 18, 1942, is as follows: "1. The commanding officer takes pleasure in commending you for your initiative and bravery in diving overboard 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 this ship to clear area in which an 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, was arrested this week by Sheriff J. K. Reid and is being held for Army authorities at Fort Bragg. Wrighton is charged with being absent without official leave and was picked up by the sheriff at the request of Army officials at Fort Bragg.

Sheriff Reid had been on the lookout for Wrighton for several days when he learned that he was at a house in McRae Quarter, near Roper. Knocking loudly on the front door the sheriff stepped off the porch and walked around the house just in time to catch Wrighton coming out of the back door.

Few Raises, Many Reductions Effected At Meeting Monday

Fire Damage, Timber Cutting and Improvements Cited as Reasons

Meeting last Monday as a board of equalization and review, the three Washington County Commissioners had quite a busy day listening to appeals for adjustments, and a number of changes were effected in valuations as they were put on the tax books during the month of January.

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 having been made.

Following is a review of the proceedings:

John L. Roper Lumber Company property reduced as follows on account of damage to timberland by fire: 15,000 acres in Skinnerville, reduced from \$5 to \$4 per acre, leaving the total valuation of the tract at \$81,485; 5,745 acres in Scuppernon Township, reduced from \$5 to \$4 per acre, leaving valuation at \$22,980; 37 1/2 acres in Lees Mill Township, reduced from \$14 to \$10 per acre, leaving valuation at \$375;

L. C. Waters property, Long Ridge road, 130 acres reduced to \$10 acre account of timber cut;

Thomas G. Exum (colored), Plymouth, township, reduced by \$350, account house burned;

Lily M. Ambrose, Plymouth township, acreage reduced from 193 1/2 to 189.4, account error.

Milton Ambrose, Scuppernon township, valuations reduced from \$195 to \$95, house burned;

T. M. Bowen timberland, Plymouth township, reduced from \$1,321 to \$881, account of fire;

Owens property reduced as follows, all on account of forest-fire damage: 25 acres Tetterton tract, Plymouth, from \$250 to \$187; 80 acres Modlin tract, Plymouth, from \$900 to \$534; 400 acres Johnston tract, Plymouth, from \$6,420 to \$4,280; 32 acres Solomon McNairst tract, Plymouth, from \$224 to \$160; 55 acres A. D. McNairst tract, Plymouth, from \$870 to \$605; 210 acres M. L. Davenport tract, Skinnerville, from \$4,320 to \$3,428; 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. Livingston property, Plymouth, raised from \$300 to \$500, for house improvements;

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

50 acres timberland of Elliott heirs, Skinnerville, reduced from \$1,000 to \$750, timber cut;

86 acres timberland of Mrs. M. J. Elliott, Skinnerville, reduced from \$1,720 to \$1,290, timber cut.

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 American Legion Hall.

Sumner Had 6 Bills Relating To County Passed By Assembly

Also Had Board of Education 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.

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.

A complete new board of education was named by the county representative, consisting of the following: P. M. Arps, of Plymouth; L. E. Hassell, of Roper; and P. B. Belanga, of Creswell.

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. Aushon; Lees Mills: Thomas W. Norman, E. A. Everett and W. A. Swain; Skinnerville: M. F. Davenport; Scuppernon: T. F. Davenport and J. A. Combs.

County bills introduced by Mr. Sumner and passed by the legislature include the following: (1) abolishing the office of county treasurer, effective the first Monday in December, 1944, and appointment of the local branch of the Branch Banking & Trust Co. as county depository, to serve without compensation;

(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 whisky stores in the county to the townships in which such stores are located, provided adequate police protection is furnished by the towns; and, provided further, that funds derived from the liquor stores by the towns shall be used for law enforcement;

(4) Increasing the fee of recorder's court juries 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.

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Colored Child Killed In Accident Friday

James Robert Alexander, two-year-old son of Thomas and Neola Alexander, colored, of Westover, was instantly killed last Friday afternoon, when he was crushed beneath a pile of wood which fell on him.

Wood had been hauled into the yard and stacked, one piece of which lodged crossways and held up the remainder. It is believed some of the children accidentally dislodged the crossed stick, releasing the remainder of the wood which fell on the little boy.

The child was crushed to death before the wood could be removed, and Coroner Jack Horner was called. No inquest was deemed necessary, however, and the child was brought here to the office of a physician.

The Alexanders live on the Westover farm. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon and interment was made at White Marsh church.

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.

Call 35 White Men To Report for Induction Friday Next Week

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.

It was explained that more than 31 registrants in the county are subject to induction at this time, but the board was unable to have 55 men reclassified and examined in time for the call next week.

One of the contingents 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 from Creswell; 4 are from Roper; and one gets his mail at Fungo, just across the line in Beaufort County.

From Plymouth: Carl Leroy Bailey, jr., Samuel Oliver Lucas, Paul Jerome Lyttle, Stuart Earl Nestor, Joseph Thomas Weede, jr., Joseph Eugene Case, John Lewis Carr, Delbert Roosevelt Wolf, John Walter Ward, Warren Denby Robbins, Joseph Leon Ange, jr., James Edward Hooker, 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 Odell 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 Fungo: Charlie Stephen Phelps, from Norfolk, Va.; James Martin Hays, Portsmouth, Va.; Joseph Allen Hill, jr., Springfield, Ohio; and Frank Anthony Mulholland, Garfield, N. J.

Parents Get Letter From Wounded Son

A letter has been received by his parents from Bob Thomas Furlough, who was wounded in action in North Africa February 2, stating that he is now at a base hospital and improving steadily from his wounds.

Another son of Mr. and Mrs. Furlough is reported to be at an embarkation port, expecting to leave for foreign service in the immediate future.

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 Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist church, and the Rev. S. B. Wilson, of Creswell.

Aircraft Spotters' Classes Will Be Held in Creswell

Creswell.—A meeting will be held at the Creswell School Building Friday evening at 8 o'clock, when Mrs. Sidney Smithson will explain the course in aircraft identification and enroll those who wish to take the course.

In appealing for volunteers, Mrs. Smithson said, "You are needed not only to alert the population in case of approach of the enemy, but to help train our fighter pilots—possibly your son, brother, or some other mother's son, who will soon leave for the theatre of war. You can help by volunteering in the Ground Observer Corps."

Early Reports Indicate 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.

Thos. W. Davis, Jr., Well Known Roper Man, Died Sunday

Had Been Ill For Several Months; Funeral Held Monday Afternoon

Thomas Warren Davis, jr., 25, one of the leading young citizens of the Roper community, died at the home of his father there at 7 o'clock Sunday morning after an illness of about four months.

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 shortly after his birth and he lived there for the remainder of his life.

For a number of years he was a member of the Roper Methodist church and quite active in civic and religious circles there. He was teacher 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 Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist church, and the Rev. S. B. Wilson, of Creswell.

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 Roper.

Officers Elected at PTA Meeting Here Thursday

At the regular meeting of the Plymouth Parent-Teachers Association, held Thursday night of last week, officers were elected for the coming year, as follows: Mrs. C. L. Morrison, president; Mrs. Archie Modlin, secretary; and Mrs. J. R. Manning, treasurer.

A splendid patriotic program was presented by pupils from the rooms of Miss Tarkenton and Miss Allen, assisted by students from other rooms under the direction of Mrs. Furgurson. Frances Spruill and Helen Carr also played several piano duets for the entertainment of the gathering.

Service To Be Held Sunday At Roper Episcopal Church

The Rev. William B. Daniels, jr., will be the celebrant at a service of Holy Communion to be held at St. Luke's Episcopal church, Roper, on the Second Sunday in Lent, March 21. The service will begin at 11:15 a. m. A meeting of the vestry will be held immediately following the service.

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.

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.

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.

Mrs. T. W. Earle is chairman of the War Drive for all parts of the county except Creswell, and Mrs. Sidney Smithson is campaign chairman for the unit there. They have been (See RED CROSS, Page 6)

Lift Ban on Pleasure Driving, But A Gas Rations Cut Monday

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 1 1/2 gallons per week instead of 3 gallons as at present.

"As you are aware, the stocks of Grade II and III tires in the hands of the tire dealers have been practically exhausted, and, no doubt, in your territory there are many outstanding certificates issued in the past 30 days that cannot be filled due to lack of tires.

The local rationing board is in receipt of the following information from the state administrator, concerning 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 practically exhausted, and, no doubt, in your territory there are many outstanding certificates issued in the past 30 days that cannot be filled due to lack of tires. We have just received information to the effect that it will possibly be the latter part of this month or the first of April before the dealers will receive any stock of Grade III tires to even take care of the certificates now outstanding. The original supply of Grade II's has been practically exhausted, and since this type of tire has not been in production since January 1, 1941, there is very little likelihood of any stocks to speak of appearing in the market since the production of the victory tire has been curtailed which is now classified as a Grade II tire."

The local board has also been advised that an increase in the allowable inventory of sugar for wholesale and retail establishments has been provided. The board may now issue a certificate in weight up to 50 per cent of the allowable quantity. It is stated that this ruling has no effect on industrial or institutional users, and it has no time limit, although it may be cancelled on 30-day notice.