

Lieut. Olga B. Taylor, of Bragg, will establish the first Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps recruiting office in Plymouth Friday of this week. She will be here for one day, and during her brief stay will be glad to answer any questions relative to service in the WAACs. Washington County women who are interested in this branch of the service are urged to see Lieutenant Taylor while she is here.

Lost ration books continue to a problem to local rationing authorities. Consumers are asked to take every care of them, as they are difficult to replace. Anyone finding a lost ration book should turn it over to the raitioning board immediately.

Chief Petty Officer G. M. Ellis, of New York City, is visiting his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse E. Bowen, near here. Chief Ellis has been a printer in the Navy for many years and he plans to return to this section to live when he is retired. At the present time he is superintendent of a Naval print shop in New York City

Certificates for the purchase of four new cars were issued by the Washington County Rationing Board during the month of March. Three of the new cars went to the North Carolina Pulp Company, while the Plymouth Box and Panel Company secured the certificate for the purchase of the other one.

The Farmers Cotton and Peanut Company has closed it peanut plant here for the time being. Repairs and alterations are being made to the equipment to have it in better shape than ever for the next crop. The company had a very good season, one of the officials said yesterday, despite the fact that it was handicapped in securing needed equipment when it first began operation last fall.

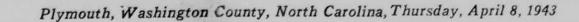
Brinson Cox left Tuesday for Atlanta, Ga., where he will report to the Navy to begin training as a naval aviator. He recently completed a pre-flight course at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Miss Camille Burgess will leave next Sunday for Daytona Beach, Fla., where she will enter the WAAC training school. She enlisted at Fort Bragg several weeks ago and received orders this week to report at the Daytona Beach training center.

The Plymouth High School Band is planning to give an open-air concert in front of the community building here Sun-day, April 18, according to L. W. Zeigler, director. The concert will begin at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and the public is invited to attend, Mr. Zeigler said.

County Game Protector J. T. Terry last week received a memorandum from state Department of Conserva-Development officials rela

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Red Cross Campaign Second War Loan Drive To Begin **Local Rationing Board Needs Several** Is Closed With Total Of \$4,279.04 Raised Monday; County Has Bond Quota **Volunteers To Help With Office Work**

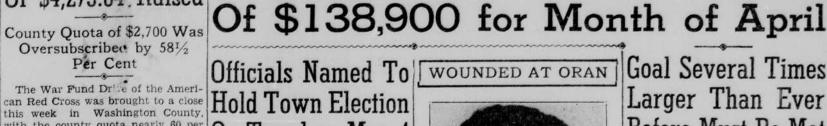
Dr. Lewis Resigns as

Mrs. J. K. Reid, secretary to the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board, said this week that a number of volunteer workers could be used to help with the work in the office of the board at the courthouse here. Heretofore, some assistance has been furnished by students in the schools, but it is now so near the end of the term that Mrs. Reid said it would be an imposition to expect them to continue helping with the work when they are busy themselves. The office is now engaged in getting out renewals of fuel allotments for cooking and light-

Reid said that it was "humanly impossible for the regular force to get out this issuance and keep the rest of the work going." The assistance of volunteers will be sincerely appreciated by the board.

ers are needed each day. Mrs

A great many people have the idea that the ration board office force works only while the office is open to the public. Mrs Reid points out that everyone there works from 8:30 until 5:30 for six days a week and at least one night in addition. As a general rule, they work several nights each week in order to keep up with the work. ing, and several volunteer work-



with the county quota nearly 60 per On Tuesday, May 4 cent oversubscribed. The grand total of collections up to this mornning, according to John W. Darden, Registration To Be Held chapter chairman, was \$4,279.04, Next Three Saturdays: while the chapter quota was only \$2,700. This represents an oversub-List of Officials scription of \$1,579.04, or 581/2 per

Arrangements for holding the an-There are still a few loose ends to nual biennial election of municipal assemble before the report is entireofficers were completed by the Town ly complete. Creswell unit had over-Council at its regular meeting here subscribed its \$450 quota by sending Monday night. The election will be in \$507 early this week, and it is unheld May 4, the first Tuesday in that derstood that workers there have Head of Health Work derstood that workers there have raised at least an additional \$100, which is not included in the county month, and a mayor and six aldermen are to be selected at that time by the qualified voters of the town. total shown above. In addition there So far, no one has announced for Effective April 30th are some outstanding pledges which will be collected, and the final total will be collected, and the final total election. is expected to be somewhere around \$4,400 or \$4,500. Included in the to-The council appointed a registrar

The registration will take place the

next three Saturdays, April 10, 17

and 24, while Saturday, May 1, will

be challenge day. It is not necessary

for those who have registered and

voted in previous municipal elections

in order to vote on May 4.

and Whit Harrison.

Has Been Director tal announced above is \$285.85 raised by collections at the Plymouth theand two pollholders for each of the three wards in the town and designated the dates and places for the atre during the past week. registration preceding the election.

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Since Set Up in 1937 School Committees County Officials Awaiting Named Monday by Board of Education or who have become eligible to vote

> man County Board at Its Initial Meeting

First Ward: polling place, court-Members of the new county board sey; pollholders, Whit Stubbs and A of education were sworn into office R. Dupree. Monday and immediately entered ties, which are also served by the upon their duties. A number of mat-Second Ward: polling place, Hasell Bros. Bakery; registrar, L. C.

first meeting, but, outside of naming Dr. Lewis organized and has been the three local school committees, the and W. H. Peele. director of the health work in this new members postponed action on section since it was inaugurated on other items of business until they Darden's store; registrar, Mrs. James July 1, 1937. For a time there were had a chance to familiarize them- Mizelle; pollholders, A. R. Latham

> The three new members of the board, who took the oath of office that portion of the town lying east from Assistant Clerk of Superior Court W. B. Cox, are P. M. Arps, of ward is that portion west of Wash-

Plymouth; L. E. Hassell, of Roper; and P. B. Belanga, of Creswell. Imeffective April 30. However, he said mediately afterwards the board proyesterday that possibly he might have ceeded to perfect its own organization by electing Mr. Arps chairman.

County Superintendent H. H. McLean is ex-officio secretary to the board. All three of the men who entered limits over a year ago. upon two-year terms of office Mon-



William Robert Darden, of Plymouth, is recovering in a Naval hospital in New York from wounds received at Oran last November, it was learned this week. He was visited in New York last week-end by his brother, Harold Darden.

to register again, but those who have **Town Council Talks** noved from one precinct to another, since the last election, must register Taxes, Busses, Dogs Polling places, registrars and pollfollows: At Meeting Monday

house; registrar, Mrs. Hermine Ram- Trying To Effect Solution To Number Difficult

Old Problems

Town councilmen had a lengthy Hassell; pollholders, G. H. Harrison ession at the monthly meeting last Monday night, and in addition to Third Ward: polling place, P. H. making provision for the biennial municipal election next month considered a number of other matters, some of which have been hanging

The first ward is composed of all fire for many months. Foreclosure of delinquent tax acof Washington Street. The second counts was one of the first things to

receive consideration. The commitington Street and north of Fourth tee appointed sometime ago to look Street. The third ward is that portion west of Washington Street and not been able to secure a local atsouth of Fourth Street. The division orney to handle the delinquent acbetween the second and third wards was moved from Third to Fourth Street following extension of the city

counts, then to try to secure the services of a lawyer from out of town. At Home Near Here The delinquent tax accounts under consideration are for 1940 and prior years. It is estimated that they represent a total of possibly \$15,000. Ira L. Roberson, well-known farmer, died at his home near here early although some of the accounts are Sunday morning at 12:50 a.m. Mr. not regarded as collectible. Roberson had been ill for some time The bus station problem again before the end came. A native of came up for discussion. Parking of Pitt County, he was 57 years old and busses in front of the drug store had lived in this section for a umber which serves as a station here came in for considerable criticism, as well Mr. Roberson is survived by his as lack of adequate facilities for the wife: one daughter. Doris: and six comfort and convenience of the travsons, Ira Roberson, jr., of the home; eling public. A member of the board G. S. Roberson, of Tarboro: A. L. stated that permission was given the Roberson, of Elizabeth City: Henry | bus company to park busses there and Hugh Roberson, who are in serv- for one year, while the company was ice with the Navy: and Tom Rober- to make other arrangements. The son, of Maryland. He also leaves two councilmen seemed to feel that the sisters. Mrs. Ashley McLawhorn, of company had apparently abandoned Rea, jr., and C. E. Ayers. Mr. Ayers Grimesland; and Mrs. Fleming, of efforts to provide more suitable arefforts to provide more suitable ar-rangements; and a committee was Died Last Tuesday The remains were carried to Bethel delegated to take the matter ... with Monday, when funeral services were the State Public Utilitie Commisconducted at a funeral home there sion. Councilmen E. E. marrell and by the Rev. G. W. Alexander, Free Raymond Leggett and Mayor B. G. Will Baptist minister. Interment was Campbell comprise the committee.

Officials Named To WOUNDED AT ORAN Goal Several Times Larger Than Ever Before Must Be Met

> Is County's Part of Nation-Wide Effort to Raise 13 **Billion Dollars**

Washington County this week received its greatest challenge of the war, from a financial standpoint. As part of the nation-wide effort to raise 13 billion dollars in the three weeks beginning next Monday, April 12, this county's quota was fixed at \$138,900. according to H. E. Beam, county chairman of War Bond sales.

To sell \$138,900 worth of War Bonds during the month of April in Washington County will require some doing, and Mr. Beam indicates that every type of apeal will be directed to people of the section in an effort to meet the challenge. So far the county has failed to raise its monthly quota only one time since they began setting up quotas nearly a year ago. As a rule the quotas are usually oversubscribed early in the month. Last month, for instance, the county quota was just about doubled.

There is one advantage this month. Every type of government security will count in the total. Heretofore. only series "E" bonds have been credited. Every person in the county is urged to buy his absolute limit of bonds this month; fill out incompleted War Stamp books and trade them in for bonds; buy to the limit of ability of all types of bonds, and there are seven of them.

It is possible that a house-to-house and door-to-door campaign will be resorted to before the month ends. although no plans to that end have yet been perfected. It has been suggested that the organization which put over the Red Cross Drive recently be asked to assume the job of raising the bond quota this month. Rallies and auction sales have also been suggested, and it is probable that some of these methods

will be adopted. In announcing the second War after this matter reported that it had Loan campaign starting April 12 the Treasury Department has issued the following grim statement: "We've counts, but that it was still trying. got to match, as best we can, the The board passed a resolution direct- sacrifices of those Americans who ing the committee to obtain a local are toiling and sweating on a dozen lawyer, if possible, but if none of battlefronts—with the bloodiest yet them wanted to handle the old ac- to come. The blunt fact is this: to

keep our war machine going, we've

got to dig up 13 billion extra dollars

this month: 13 billions over and

above our regular War Bond buying."

Mr. Beam. as county chairman, is-

sued the following appeal: "In the

next few weeks you may be visited

by one of the many volunteers who

are contributing their time and effort

to this drive. But don't wait. Make

up your mind right now and march

right down to your nearest bank, post

office, or other place where bonds are

on sale, and do your duty. And

don't ever forget this: that in doing

your duty, you're doing yourself one

of the biggest favors of your life. For

U. S. War Bonds are the greatest in-

vestment in the world-bar none.

Mrs. Emma Owens

At Daughter's Home

Funeral Held At Methodist

Church Here Yesterday

Afternoon

Mrs. Emma Owens, widow of the

late C. W. Owens, died Tuesday

morning at the home of her daugh-

ter, Mrs. W. W. Whitson, in Arling-



Pfc. Harry L. Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Garrett, is now directing the new orchestra at Camp White, Oregon, according to a letter received from him last week.

Local Man Nearly Well From Wounds

Dr. S. V. Lewis, head of the district health department, which has its P. M. Arps Elected Chairheadquarters in Plymouth, tendered his resignation to the Washington County Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday. It is understood that similar letters of resignation were sent to the boards of com-

district department.

Suggestions by State Health Officials

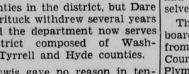
five counties in the district, but Dare selves with the duties. and Currituck withdrew several years ago, and the department now serves

ington, Tyrrell and Hyde counties. Dr. Lewis gave no reason in tendering his resignation, which becomes

a statement next week. His resignation leaves the proba-

the district composed of Wash-

Received at Oran bility of continuing the health servtime Employment of a successor



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cent.

tive to the sale of game fish. A paragraph in the letter states: "As the law stands at present no game fish with the exception of white perch taken in commercial waters may be sold, offered for sale or transported for the purpose of sale. This regulation covers speckled perch, or crappie, and it is unlawful to sell these fish at any time in North Carolina."

Draft Deferment for Farmers, Essential Workers Is Studied kin Darden, of Plymouth.

14 War Units Required for Farmers To Get "C" Classification

Reclassification of both single and married farmers and married men with children who are engaged in essential occupations is now occupying the attention of the Washington vas there. County Selective Service Board, it was learned yesterday. The draft board is working with the county war board in its consideration of men engaged in farming, and those who have 14 war units or more are being placed in the 2-C or 3-C classification; while those with less than 14 are being placed in classifications which will make them liable for military service at a much earlier time.

Some farmers who did not have decoration, it was stated. the required number of units for a C classification have been put in class 2-B or 3-B for the present. If they can step up the number of war units by increasing their acreage or livestock cared for they will be put in

here.

held up.

Must Bring Tire

Inspection Blank

Automobile owners who apply

for supplementary gasoline al-

lotments must file their tire in-

spection record with their ap-

plication, Mrs. J. K. Reid, secre-

tary to the local rationing board,

said this week. A great many

people have neglected to do this

class C, it was stated. Those in class C are deferred from military service for a year, while those in class B get a maximum deferment for six months at a time. The latter classification may be reopened for consideration at any time.

When a registrant is placed in a deferred classification because of performing essential work, he must remain at that work or be subject to immediate reclassification and possible induction, it is stated. He can change jobs only with the approval of the draft board and retain his deferred classification.

There are 35 occupations which are non-deferrable, regardless of the activities in which they may be found. Even married men with children who are engaged in these occupations must change to essential work or be

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To Bill Darden in New ians by the armed services may make York Hospital on its present basis.

William Robert Darden, seriously The county commissioners took no wounded at Oran early last Novemaction at their meeting Monday beber, when American forces launched yond accepting the resignation, and their North African invasion, is steadthey are understood to be awaiting ily improving at a Naval hospital in

suggestions or recommendations from New York and hopes to be able to the State Health Department before return to his home here soon for a going further into the matter. The visit with his family. He is the son state and federal governments coof Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Darden and operate with the counties in provid-

the husband of Mrs. Melba Ruth Guring funds for operation of the department. For the fiscal year end-His brother, Harold Darden, visited ing last June 30, the county provid-Bill—as he is familiarly known here ed \$2,500 for the department: while in New York last week-end. He refor the current fiscal year, ending ported on his return that Bill had June 30, 1943, the appropriation was

completely recovered from five or six only \$2,000. machine-gun bullet wounds in his legs, but is still being treated for his

ear drums, which were burst. Bill is County Board Holds not confined to the hospital and accompanied his brother on several Its Regular Meeting outh over a year ago. Mr. Bateman trips around New York City while he Its Regular Meeting outh over a year ago. Mr. Bateman recently announced that we was companied his brother on several

Announcement was made by the The Washington County Commis-Navy Department in January that sioners approved a resolution at their Mr. Darden had been promoted to regular meeting Monday to sign an ireman first class for "meritorious agreement with the United States onduct under fire" during the invas-Government providing for a lumpon attempt at a North African port. sum payment in lieu of taxes on the It was later learned that he received tax-exempt property owned in the his wounds while swimming ashore county by the Farm Security Adminunder heavy machine gun and shell istration. The amount of the payfire after his ship had been sunk. ment was not set out in the minutes Since his return to this country, he of the board, but it is presumed to be has been awarded the Purple Heart about the same as that made in previous years. Before enlisting in the Navy, Mr.

The resignation of Dr. S. V. Lewis Darden was employed in the water as district health, officer, effective purification department at the plant April 30, was accepted by the board. of the North Carolina Pulp Company appropriation of \$75 for the building

of an aircraft observation post in Roper and approved the March reports of the county farm and home agents, W. V. Hays and Frances M. Darden,

respectively.

Recruiter for Navy Here Tomorrow and Saturday

U. S. Navy Recruiter D. A. Taylor will be stationed at the post office in Plymouth Friday and Saturday of this week to interview persons seeking information concerning the United States Navy. All men and women seeking infor-

and have had their applications mation concerning the Navy, Waves or Spars are invited to come to the Mrs. Reid said it is now manpost office between the hours of 8 datory to present the tire record, and consideration cannot be giva. m. and 6 p. m. for an interview en a request for supplementary gasoline allotment without it. with the recruiter on the above dates

Brother Returns From Visit is understood to be in the hands of day are new to the board. They IraL. Roberson Dies is believed that demands for physic- Creswell; R. C. Peacock, of Roper; and Walter H. Paramore, formerly of it impossible to continue the work Plymouth. Mr. Paramore was chairman of the old board until he moved

from Plymouth nearly a year ago, since which time Mr. Davenport has been serving as chairman.

Local committees were named for Plymouth, Roper and Creswell, in order that the committees could begin consideration of teaching staffs for the schools next term. Teachers for the ensuing term are usually elected before the end of the current term, and it is presumed the new committeemen will qualify and enter upon this work in the immediate future. Members of the local committees are as follows:

Plymouth: P. B. Bateman, J. L is the only new member of the committee here. He succeeds Dr. E. A. Harper, who moved away from Plymouth over a year ago. Mr. Bateman submitting his resignation as a member of the committee, and it could

not be learned here yesterday whether or not he had accepted the new appointment.

Roper: Aubrey Phelps, W. B. Davenport and F. C. Tarkenton. Mr. Phelps and Mr. Tarkenton are new members, while Mr. Davenport has served on the committee for many years. J. A. Chesson and Norman Chesson were members of the old board, in addition to Mr. Davenport. Creswell: O. D. Hatfield, H. P. Barnes and H. L. Davenport. Mr. Davenport is the only old member of

the committee reappointed here. Messrs. Hatfield and Barnes succeed The commissioners also made an J. F. Snell and T. W. Tarkington as members.



election less than four weeks away, not a single candidate has announced for any of the seven offices to be filled. None of the present town officials, including the mayor and six councilmen. have stated definitely that they would or would not be a candidate; and while there has been some "don't-quote-me" talk on the part of others, not a single candidacy has developed to date. of years.

Greenville.

made in the Stancil cemetery in Belvior township, Pitt County.

Colored Man Dies

In Accident at Mill Arthur Brooks, 33-year-old colored be drafted forbidding owners to perman, was instantly killed last Thurs- mit any dogs to run at large. day afternoon while at work in the Company. Brooks was employed maps of the town, and the clerk was and friends here. She was visiting around the barking drum at the pulp directed to have them furnished to her daughter, Mrs. Whitson, at the plant and was engaged in his work the department. when a log thrown from the drum

struck his head, killing him instantly. The accident occurred about 4:30 in the afternoon.

The son of John Brooks and wife, of Roper, he moved to Plymouth about 12 years ago. He is survived by his widow Catherine Brooks, six children, his parents, six brothers and wo sisters. Final rites were held at New Chapel Baptist church Sunday afternoon by the Rev. A. R. Winborne, pastor, and interment followed at the colored cemetery here.

Recognition Class Meets At Creswell Friday Night

Creswell.-The aircraft recognition lass at Creswell will be held Friday night of this week at 8 o'clock sharp, according to Mrs. Sidney Smithson, who i in charge of the course

Next, somebody mentioned the prevalence of wandering dogs, and the perennial canine problem arose to plague the councilmen again. They finally passed a motion to employ a dog-catcher to impound unlicensed dogs; and it was stated that if this did not provide some measure

Senior Class Play

Set for April 15th

The senior class of Plymouth

High School will present a three-

act comedy, "Bashful Bobby," at

the High School auditorium here

Thursday evening of next week,

April 15, at 8 o'clock. This is the

first senior class play to be pre-

sented locally since 1939, and ef-

forts are being made to make it

one of the outstanding events of

The 1943 class has exceptional

dramatic ability, and an excell-

ent performance is promised.

The cast of the play will be an-

the school year.

nounced later

of relief, an ordinance would have to ton. Va. Mrs. Owens, 69 years of age, had been in declining health for some time, but her condition was Consideration was given a request not considered serious and news of plant of the North Carolina Pulp from the War Department for 10 her death was a shock to relatives

> time of her death. The daughter of the late William

and Priscilla Layton, Mrs. Owens was born in Bridgeville, Del., 69 years ago. She moved to Plymouth more than 40 years ago and had lived here since that time. Her husband, the ate C. W. Owens, died in September, 1937

She was very active in the Methodist church, especially in the work of the women's organizations, throughout her lifetime. The remains were brought to Plymouth. and funeral services were held from the Methodist church Wednesday afternoon by the pastor, the Rev. O. L. Hardwick. Interment followed in the Methodist church yard here.

Mrs. Owens is survived by two children, a son C. L. Owens, of Norfolk; and a daughter, Mrs. W. W. Whitson, of Arlington, Va. She leaves two grandcheildren, Billie and Priscilla Whitson, of Arlington, Va.



Town politics are still on the quiet side. With the municipal