

Lieut. Olga B. Taylor, of Fort Bragg, will establish the first Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps recruiting office in Plymouth Friday of this week.

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.

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.

Certificates for the purchase of four new cars were issued by the Washington County Rationing Board during the month of March.

The Farmers Cotton and Peanut Company has closed its 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.

Brinson Cox left Tuesday for Atlanta, Ga., where he will report to the Navy to begin training as a naval aviator.

Miss Camille Burgess will leave next Sunday for Daytona Beach, Fla., where she will enter the WAAC training school.

The Plymouth High School Band is planning to give an open-air concert in front of the community building here Sunday, April 18, according to L. W. Zeigler, director.

County Game Protector J. T. Terry last week received a memorandum from state Department of Conservation and Development officials relative to the sale of game fish.

Draft Deferment for Farmers, Essential Workers Is Studied

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 County Selective Service Board.

Some farmers who did not have the required number of units for a C classification have been put in class 2-B or 3-B for the present.

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.

There are 35 occupations which are non-deferrable, regardless of the activities in which they may be found.

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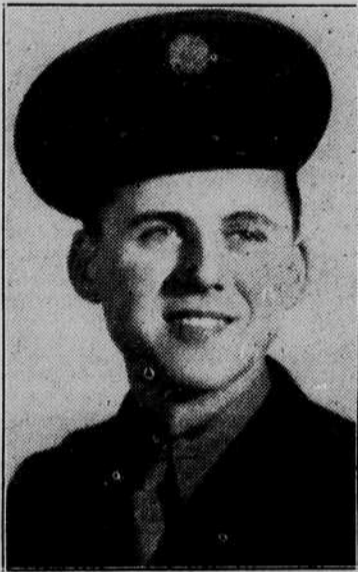
Local Rationing Board Needs Several Volunteers To Help With Office Work

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.

Mrs. Reid said that it was "humanly impossible for the regular force to get out this issuance and keep the rest of the work going."

Dr. Lewis Resigns as Head of Health Work Effective April 30th

LEADS ORCHESTRA



Pfc. Harry L. Garrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Garrett, is now directing the new orchestra at Camp White, Oregon.

Local Man Nearly Well From Wounds Received at Oran

Brother Returns From Visit To Bill Darden in New York Hospital

William Robert Darden, seriously wounded at Oran early last November, when American forces launched their North African invasion, is steadily improving at a Naval hospital in New York and hopes to be able to return to his home here soon for a visit with his family.

His brother, Harold Darden, visited Bill—as he is familiarly known here—in New York last week-end. He reported on his return that Bill had completely recovered from five or six machine-gun bullet wounds in his legs, but is still being treated for his ear drums, which were burst.

Announcement was made by the Navy Department in January that Mr. Darden had been promoted to lieut. first class for "meritorious conduct under fire" during the invasion attempt at a North African port.

Must Bring Tire Inspection Blank

Automobile owners who apply for supplementary gasoline allotments must file their tire inspection record with their application.

Mrs. Reid said it is now mandatory to present the tire record, and consideration cannot be given a request for supplementary gasoline allotment without it.

Has Been Director District Department Since Set Up in 1937

County Officials Awaiting Suggestions by State Health Officials

Dr. S. V. Lewis, head of the district health department, which has its headquarters in Plymouth, tendered his resignation to the Washington County Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday.

Dr. Lewis organized and has been director of the health work in this district since it was inaugurated on July 1, 1937.

His resignation leaves the probability of continuing the health service in this section up in the air at this time.

The county commissioners took no action at their meeting Monday beyond accepting the resignation, and they are understood to be awaiting suggestions or recommendations from the State Health Department before going further into the matter.

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The resignation of Dr. S. V. Lewis as district health officer, effective April 30, was accepted by the board.

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 information concerning the Navy, Waves or Spars are invited to come to the post office between the hours of 8 a. m. and 6 p. m. for an interview with the recruiter on the above dates.

Red Cross Campaign Is Closed With Total Of \$4,279.04 Raised

County Quota of \$2,700 Was Oversubscribed by 58 1/2 Per Cent

The War Fund Drive of the American Red Cross was brought to a close this week in Washington County, with the county quota nearly 60 per cent oversubscribed.

There are still a few loose ends to assemble before the report is entirely complete. Creswell unit had oversubscribed its \$450 quota by sending in \$507 early this week, and it is understood that workers there have raised at least an additional \$100, which is not included in the county total shown above.

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School Committees Named Monday by Board of Education

P. M. Arps Elected Chairman County Board at Its Initial Meeting

Members of the new county board of education were sworn into office Monday and immediately entered upon their duties.

The three new members of the board, who took the oath of office from Assistant Clerk of Superior Court W. B. Cox, are P. M. Arps, of Plymouth; L. E. Hassell, of Roper; and P. B. Belanga, of Creswell.

All three of the men who entered upon two-year terms of office Monday are new to the board.

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.

Plymouth: P. B. Bateman, J. L. Rea, Jr., and C. E. Ayers. Mr. Ayers is the only new member of the committee here.

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.

No One Has Filed For Town Offices

Town politics are still on the quiet side. With the municipal election less than four weeks away, not a single candidate has announced for any of the seven offices to be filled.

Second War Loan Drive To Begin Monday; County Has Bond Quota Of \$138,900 for Month of April

Officials Named To Hold Town Election On Tuesday, May 4

Registration To Be Held Next Three Saturdays; List of Officials

Arrangements for holding the annual biennial election of municipal officers were completed by the Town Council at its regular meeting here Monday night.

The council appointed a registrar and two pollholders for each of the three wards in the town and designated the dates and places for the registration preceding the election.

First Ward: polling place, courthouse; registrar, Mrs. Hermine Ramsey; pollholders, Whit Stubbs and A. R. Dupree.

Second Ward: polling place, Hassell Bros. Bakery; registrar, L. C. Hassell; pollholders, G. H. Harrison and W. H. Peele.

Third Ward: polling place, P. H. Darden's store; registrar, Mrs. James Mizelle; pollholders, A. R. Latham and Whit Harrison.

Ira L. Roberson Dies At Home Near Here

Ira L. Roberson, well-known farmer, died at his home near here early Sunday morning at 12:50 a. m.

Mr. Roberson is survived by his wife; one daughter, Doris; and six sons, Ira Roberson, Jr., of the home; G. S. Roberson, of Tarboro; A. L. Roberson, of Elizabeth City; Henry and Hugh Roberson, who are in service with the Navy; and Tom Roberson, of Maryland.

The remains were carried to Bethel Monday, when funeral services were conducted at a funeral home free by the Rev. G. W. Alexander, Free Will Baptist minister.

Colored Man Dies In Accident at Mill

Arthur Brooks, 33-year-old colored man, was instantly killed last Thursday afternoon while at work in the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company.

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 two sisters.

Recognition Class Meets At Creswell Friday Night

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

WOUNDED AT ORAN



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.

Town Council Talks Taxes, Busses, Dogs At Meeting Monday

Trying To Effect Solution To Number Difficult Old Problems

Town councilmen had a lengthy session at the monthly meeting last Monday night, and in addition to making provision for the biennial municipal election next month considered a number of other matters, some of which have been hanging fire for many months.

Foreclosure of delinquent tax accounts was one of the first things to receive consideration. The committee appointed sometime ago to look after this matter reported that it had not been able to secure a local attorney to handle the delinquent accounts, but that it was still trying.

The delinquent tax accounts under consideration are for 1940 and prior years. It is estimated that they represent a total of possibly \$15,000, although some of the accounts are not regarded as collectible.

The bus station problem again came up for discussion. Parking of busses in front of the drug store which serves as a station here came in for considerable criticism, as well as lack of adequate facilities for the comfort and convenience of the traveling public.

Next, somebody mentioned the prevalence of wandering dogs, and the perennial canine problem arose to plague the councilmen again.

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.

The 1943 class has exceptional dramatic ability, and an excellent performance is promised. The cast of the play will be announced later.

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 appeal will be directed to people of the section in an effort to meet the challenge.

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 uncompleted 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.

In announcing the second War Loan campaign starting April 12 the Treasury Department has issued the following grim statement: "We've got to match, as best we can, the sacrifices of those Americans who are toiling and sweating on a dozen battlefronts—with the bloodiest yet 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, issued 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 investment in the world—bar none."

Mrs. Emma Owens Died Last Tuesday 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 daughter, Mrs. W. W. Whitson, in Arlington, Va. Mrs. Owens, 69 years of age, had been in declining health for some time, but her condition was not considered serious and news of her death was a shock to relatives and friends here.

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 late 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 grandchildren, Billie and Priscilla Whitson, of Arlington, Va.