

Miss Francis, a representative of the American Red Cross, was here yesterday to investigate the need of victims of the tornado which swept over portions of Washington and Martin counties Monday.

Stanford Mizell, former employee of the Plymouth Theatre here, was recently promoted to the grade of corporal and made an airplane-repair crew chief at the Municipal Air Base in Philadelphia, where he is now stationed. He entered the service May 14 last year and attended airplane mechanics schools at Keesler Field, Miss., and Detroit, Mich., before being assigned to Philadelphia.

P. W. Brown, supervisor of the ground observation posts in Washington County, requests the person who borrowed a pair of binoculars from the local post to return them immediately. The missing field glasses, which were only loaned by the owner for the convenience of observers, have been missing for several days.

Mrs. Katherine B. James, a third officer (second lieutenant) in the Woman's Army Auxiliary Corps, has been spending several days here this week. Lieutenant James has been stationed at the induction center at Milwaukee, Wis., since she completed the WAAC training course at Des Moines, Iowa, several months ago.

Thomas Willford Ainsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ainsley, of Mackeys, has been promoted to private first class at St. Petersburg, Fla., where he is now stationed. Pfc. Ainsley entered the Army at Camp Lee, Va., July 8th last year.

Directors of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association at their regular meeting last night voted to invest \$20,000 in the 2 1/2 per cent Treasury Bonds. This amount will help out considerably on Washington County's \$38,900 bond quota for this month.

Major Brook F. Read and daughter, Elizabeth, visited Major Read's mother, Mrs. Claudia Read, here during the week-end. Major Read has been stationed at Camp Campbell, Tenn., but is being transferred to Atlanta, Ga.

Former County Commissioner and Mrs. E. F. Swain, of Creswell, this week visited their daughter, Mrs. W. S. Bowen, and son, Paul T. Swain, and their families near here.

The Red Cross War Fund Drive local was this week boosted to \$4,316.44 by the following contributions: Charlotte McNair \$1, Mrs. J. E. Singleton \$1, and Roper white school \$35.40. The county oversubscribed its \$2,700 quota by \$1,616.44, or 60 per cent.

Ensign C. O. Armstrong, USNR, was here for a few hours on his way to Norfolk, where he was to report for duty Sunday. A former teacher and coach in the local schools, Ensign Armstrong taught for two years at Zebulon before entering the service last December and reporting to Harvard University for an indoctrination course. Mrs. Armstrong is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mayo, of Plymouth.

Private B. Owen Dupree received his honorable discharge from the Ordnance Corps of the U. S. Army this week and has returned to his home here. He entered the service last year and was released under the provision allowing men over 38 years of age to return to civilian work. He has been stationed at Westover Field, Mass., near Boston, for several months.

Julian E. Boyette Died Last Week in Kinston

Funeral rites were held in Kinston last Thursday for Julian E. Boyette, step-son of Mrs. John E. Carlisle, of Plymouth. Mr. Boyette died at his home in Kinston Wednesday afternoon following a brief illness.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Walter C. Ball, Methodist minister there, and burial followed in Maplewood Cemetery.

In addition to his step-mother, Mrs. John E. Carlisle, of Plymouth, Mr. Boyette is survived by his widow, Mrs. Evelyn Justice Boyette, of Kinston; one daughter, Sylvia Jean Boyette, of Indianapolis, Ind.; one sister, Mrs. Harvey E. Wyndham, of Portsmouth, Va.; and two brothers, Samuel Ward and Billie Gordon Carlisle, of Plymouth.

40 Examined, 39 Fitted With Glasses at Clinic Held Here Thursday Last Week

A clinic for the examination of eyes and fitting of glasses was held at the county welfare office in the courthouse here Thursday last week. Miss Ursula Bateman, county superintendent of welfare, said that about 75 persons attended the clinic, although only about 40 of them could be examined by the single physician in attendance. This was the second clinic of its kind to be held here this year, the other having been held in February. Dr. Brown, of Roanoke Rapids, was the examining physician, and glasses were fitted for 39 persons

Employment Office Seeking Labor for Farms and Industries of This Section

Men of this section who want work in essential occupations at good pay no longer need make trips away from home, according to C. M. Taylor, manager of the new United States Employment Service office in the courthouse here. There are plenty of jobs at good pay in the three counties served by the local office, Washington, Bertie and Tyrrell, Mr. Taylor said this week. Both tenant farmers and day laborers for the lumbering industry are urgently needed. The manager said that he had many more requests for labor than he was able to fill, and he urges

all who want work to register to register at the employment service office in the courthouse here as soon as possible. The local office of the employment service was designed to cooperate and work with farmers and industrial concerns in the three counties. The migration of labor from one section to another is not encouraged, as it is hoped to supply employers from a register of men who already live in this area. So far the demand has exceeded the supply, and Mr. Taylor is anxious to have every person who wants work to register at the office here.

Closing Program for Local School Begins Tonight; Finals 30th

\$3.50 Per 1,000 Is Ceiling Price For Tobacco Plants

Farmers are advised that a ceiling price of \$3.50 per 1,000 has been placed on tobacco plants, according to the local war price and rationing board. No farmer may charge more than this amount for tobacco plants this season, and they are warned not to pay more than the \$3.50 ceiling if they have to buy plants.

Again Urge Spotters To Aid in Keeping Post Here Manned

Several Have Neglected To Serve Watches as Scheduled Recently

Things have not been going along any too well at the local spotting post for the past week or so, according to Ted Blount, chief observer, and P. W. Brown, head of observation posts for the district. In the first place, a number of people have neglected to serve their watches; and then some of the observers have not taken proper care of the property while it was in their charge.

It has become necessary to paint the inside of the tower again, due to dinginess caused by allowing the oil stove to burn too high. The pair of binoculars borrowed for the convenience of spotters has been removed, and is being sought by officials.

However, "absenteeism" is one of the chief problems post officials are running up against. Not only do some observers fail to show up for their watches, but they do not notify the officials. This results in the post being left unmanned for several hours at a time, as it has been on several occasions recently.

Observers are earnestly requested to keep up with the schedule, which is published weekly in this paper. If they find they cannot serve the hours delegated to them, they are then urged to notify the captain for their particular day or the chief observer, so that other arrangements may be made.

Although more volunteers are needed for the post here, no one is called to serve more often than two hours every 15 days in the case of women observers, or three hours every 26 days in the case of men observers. This is a very small contribution when all is said and done, and those who have volunteered are asked to carry their share of the load. It is no more one person's job than it is another's; and it entails very little sacrifice when all pull together.

Service as ground observers is purely voluntary, and Army Air Force headquarters declare it is a vitally important work in connection with the training of aviators assigned to the Norfolk defense area. And there is always the possibility that this or some other post may prevent a surprise bombing by enemy fliers if it is always manned and ready.

Check 34 Children At Creswell Clinic

Creswell.—Nearly 40 children were examined at the pre-school clinic held here Wednesday of last week by Dr. S. V. Lewis of the district health department, sponsored by the Creswell Parent-Teacher Association. Dr. W. H. Harrell, local physician, assisted Miss Marie Farley, of the health department, and Mrs. Savage, Supperpong Farm nurse, in examining the children. Thirty-four children were immunized against smallpox and diphtheria. Those helping the local chairman, Mrs. C. L. Hopkins, were Miss Christine Lawrence, Mrs. Mabel Stillman, Mrs. Joe Baker Davenport, Mrs. Clyde Smithson and Mrs. Sidney Smithson. The last three named completed the home nursing course given in February.

Annual Sermon at Episcopal Church Sunday Morning

Senior Play, "Bashful Bobby," at School Auditorium Tonight

The commencement program for the Plymouth High School was announced this week by Principal R. B. Trotman, beginning with the senior class play at the high school auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock and continuing through the graduating exercises on Friday, April 30, which will be the final day of school. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend any or all of the programs. Following is a resume of the commencement schedule:

Thursday night, April 15, at 8 p. m., the seniors will present their class play, "Bashful Bobby," at the high school auditorium. This is the first senior class play to be presented here since 1939, and it is hoped to make it one of the outstanding events of the school year. The class of 1943 has exceptional dramatic ability, and an excellent performance is assured all who attend. A small admission will be charged.

Sunday, April 18, the commencement sermon will be preached in Grace Episcopal church at 11 a. m. by the rector, Rev. William B. Daniels, jr. The commencement sermons are rotated annually among the various churches. It is understood that there will be no other services in town at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning, and all the congregations will join in making this union service a success.

The Plymouth High School Band will give a concert on Tuesday, April 27, at 8 p. m., in the high school gymnasium. The program will be under the supervision of L. W. Zeigler, director of the band.

The class night program will be presented Thursday night, April 29, at 8 p. m., in the high school auditorium. This will be in the nature of a playlet, "The Open Road," and an entertaining program is assured.

Graduation exercises, bringing to a close the school year, will be held in the Plymouth Theatre on Friday morning, April 30, at 11 o'clock. Principal R. B. Trotman will present the diplomas, while the principal speakers will be members of the senior class, including Gerald Furbee, Ruby Bowen, Frances Basinger and Louise Nobles. The salutatory will be delivered by Lois Menuiter, and the valedictory by Vivien Sitterson.

There are 25 members of the graduating class this year, as follows: Geneva Alexander, Myrtle Allen, Frances Basinger, Ruby Bowen, Julia Ruth Brown, Helen Darden, Ruby Grimes, Annie Mable Hooker, Dale McCoy, Lois Menuiter, Louise Nobles, Nancy Paul, Vivien Sitterson, Stella Long, Mamie Clyde Skiles, Joyce Robbins, Iris White, Newman Allen, C. E. Ayers, Jr., Maurice Bateman, Dewitt Darden, Alton Mayo, Gerald Furbee, John Hays.

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\$100,000 Worth War Bonds Sold in Drive For Goal of \$138,900

Roughly Three-Fourths of Quota for Month Has Been Sold

With more than two-thirds of the quota already sold up to today and only half of the month gone, H. E. Beam, county chairman of War Bond sales, is confident that Washington County bond set will reach the goal of \$138,900 sales for the month. Exact figures on sales at this time are not available, since reports are not in from Roper and Creswell, but the bank and postoffice in Plymouth along have already sold around \$100,000 worth of all types of bonds, Mr. Beam said today.

Several large individual sales have been made, one of them to the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, the directors of which last night decided to purchase \$20,000 in the 2 1/2 Per Cent Treasury Bonds.

However, it is the hundreds of small purchasers; those who buy the \$25, \$50, \$100 and once in a while a \$500 bond, who must put the county over the top. No plans have yet been made for a direct house-to-house canvass here, but many of them are already responding in a splendid manner, the county chairman said.

Many workers are already buying bonds regularly out of their current income, but they are now expected to lend extra money to their government during the Second War Loan campaign, which started Monday and continues through the remainder of April. No matter whether they buy the familiar series E bonds or 2 1/2 per cent bonds, or 2 per cent bonds or tax certificates, they will be doing their part to make the drive a success in this county, the chairman said.

The following five bits of advice are offered for the average man in Washington County to remember during the Second War Loan campaign:

- 1. Divert every cent not absolutely needed for food, shelter and other necessities of life during the next two weeks, into the purchase of extra War Bonds and other 2nd War Loan securities—at least one Bond a week.
2. Buy these extra Bonds by sacrificing and foregoing some of the things you have been planning to buy in the next two weeks.
3. The government needs Bond dollars in addition to the amounts you now are investing through Payroll Savings.
4. After you have made personal sacrifices and have bought extra Bonds, see that every member of the family makes similar sacrifices.
5. If you handle all of your household's income, make a blanket purchase of several extra Bonds with the money saved by cutting down on all unnecessary spending.

Guy R. Waters Dies Suddenly Monday At Pulp Plant Here

Funeral Held Wednesday For Well-Known Young Man of Jamesville

Guy R. Waters, popular Jamesville young man, died suddenly while working at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Apparently the victim of a heart attack, Mr. Waters had not complained of being ill, and was thought to be in very good health even up to the time he was stricken.

The son of Lloyd F. and Mrs. Fannie Jenkins Waters, he was born near Jamesville 33 years ago, the 12th of last June. He spent a greater part of his life on the farm. He was married in April, 1932, to Miss Mae Overton, of Jamesville. Soon after the pulp company began operations here, he entered its employ and has been there since, working as a machinist.

Mr. Waters was a member of the Corinth Free Will Baptist church for about 10 years and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. Besides his wife and parents, he leaves four children, Guy, Jr., Dorothy, Helen and Jacquelyn, all of Jamesville, and one brother, Larry Waters, of Savannah, Ga.

Funeral services were conducted from the Corinth church Wednesday by his pastor, the Rev. D. W. Alexander, of Bethel. Interment was made in the church yard there.

Regular Services Sunday At Zion's Chapel Church

Regular services will be held at the Zion Chapel Christian church next Sunday by the Rev. D. W. Arnold, pastor, of Washington. Preaching services will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 8 p. m. Sunday school will be held as usual at 10 a. m. by J. C. Knowles, superintendent. The public is cordially invited to attend all the services.

E. L. Davenport Farm Near Here Struck by Tornado Late Monday

Buildings Totally Destroyed; No One Injured Seriously

Family Miraculously Escaped When House Was Demolished

No lives were lost, but several people were injured and property damage amounting to thousands of dollars was done in this section late Monday afternoon by tornadoic winds which swept over several Eastern North Carolina Counties.

Damage in Washington County centered around the farmsteads of E. L. Davenport and J. H. Allen, about six miles from Plymouth on Highway 97. Every building on the farm of Mr. Davenport was smashed into kindling wood, including his two-story 8-room residence, several hogs and about 40 chickens were killed, his horse and other livestock seriously injured. Mrs. Davenport was slightly hurt when she fell while climbing out of the debris of their home after the storm. A tobacco barn was completely swept away and a tenant house unroofed on the Allen farm.

It is considered nothing less than a miracle that Mr. and Mrs. Davenport and their 7-year-old son escaped death or serious injury. They were in the house at the time, the storm struck, about 6:30 Monday afternoon, and not a single timber was left standing, yet none of them received a scratch. Mr. Davenport stood on the back porch and watched the approach of the "twister," which he described as a funnel-shaped black cloud accompanied by a tremendous roaring noise. Mrs. Davenport and their little son, Fred, remained in the kitchen and held onto the heavy iron range.

The storm cut a swath several hundred feet wide through the woods at the back of their farm, twisting off large trees as if they were twigs. It demolished Mr. Davenport's house, stock barn, corn barn, chicken house, car shelter, and all other outbuildings and then swept on across Highway 97 into the swamp on the other side. The cloud came from the west and traveled almost due east across the farmstead.

One edge of the tornado dipped down and swept away a tobacco barn almost directly back of J. H. Allen's home. Then it apparently lifted over the house and dropped down and took the roof off a tenant house just across the road.

Several large trees around Mr. Davenport's house were twisted off or uprooted and flying debris did considerable damage to his car. One large hog was killed outright, two others were injured so badly they will probably be lost, and his horse was struck by flying timbers and severely hurt. He also had a flock of about 150 white leghorn chickens which was scattered and decimated.

He had picked up more than 40 dead hens and pullets Tuesday morning, and those left alive looked as if they had been beaten alive in mud.

Hail and rain accompanied the storm, but little damage was done other than by the wind. Field crops have not progressed to the point where they could be seriously affected by the hail.

The tornado also did considerable damage in the Anetown section of Martin County, where seven people were slightly hurt and a number of buildings demolished. The roof of one home there was carried to Mount Olive church, a distance of more than a mile. Damage from the storm was also reported as far west as Wilson and Johnston counties.

Early Tuesday night high winds again visited this section, breaking off and uprooting trees, although no other damage was reported.

Cattle Put on Land Of Pulp Company

Cattle raising in this section was advanced another notch this week, when the North Carolina Pulp Company placed 100 head of western beef cattle on land owned by it about four miles south of Jamesville. Although the venture is described as an experiment, it is reported that more of the western cattle are to be brought into the section by the pulp company and placed on its extensive land holdings. The cattle, four carloads, were shipped from Amarillo, Texas, to Jamesville by rail. Unloaded there Sunday afternoon, the event attracted about as much attention as a circus, according to reports. The herd was handled by several horsemen, including Cowboys Archie Riddle, Gene Still, Louis Hassell, Bill Hays, and others from this county, who drove the cattle down St. Andrews Street of the town to the lands of the pulp company.

Your Chances To Pass Army Tests

According to Selective Service mathematicians, one's chances on getting into the armed services are not very good. However, draft registrants are not yet convinced that the mathematicians are right.

However, the Selective Service says that if you are a male and 45 years old you only have 3 out of 20 chances on passing the Army physical tests; if you are 36 years of age, your chances are 6 out of 20. At 21 years of age, it is 14 in 20; at 18 and 19 years, 15 out of 30. Averages are not available, but it is believed that hardly more than 55 per cent of the men called from this county so far were considered fit for military service.

Board of Education Inspects All Schools In County Last Week

Efforts Will Be Made To Have Repairs Made at Most Needed Places

Members of the new county board of education last week accompanied H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, on a tour of inspection of all of the county schools, both white and colored, to acquaint themselves first hand with the problems facing them in their new task. The three members, P. M. Arps, of Plymouth; L. E. Hassell, of Roper; and P. B. Belanga, of Creswell, appointed by the recent legislature were sworn into office Monday of last week and made their first tour of inspection Thursday.

P. M. Arps, chairman of the group, said yesterday that they were impressed with the urgent necessity for immediate repairs at several of the schools, and the board plans to meet with the county commissioners next first Monday with recommendations for specific action to be taken. Only the most urgent needs were catalogued, he said; and unless steps can be taken to remedy them quickly, the county will be put to even greater expense in replacing buildings.

Some of the most pressing cases were listed as follows: Cherry colored school: Roof should be painted to prevent rusting. If not done soon, the entire roof will begin leaking and may have to be replaced.

Cherry white school: Vestibule at rear and two outside toilets need repairing immediately.

Macedonia colored school: Front porch underpinning and main sills rotting. Should be repaired to prevent entire building from collapsing.

Backwoods colored school: The shingle roof is full of holes. Faculty members have agreed to buy paint if county will pay for labor to repaint buildings.

Mount Delane: Totally inadequate in size; 20-foot extension needed. Building now has two small rooms, with 43 pupils in one, 46 in other. Not even sufficient standing room for that many if all were present at one time.

Roper white school: About 1,000 square yards plastering needed immediately. The entire ceiling of one room has fallen.

Board members said there was a bad leak in one of the rooms of the new school building at Creswell which should be repaired immediately.

Mr. Arps said members of the board desired to express hearty commendation of colored teachers throughout the county for keeping the interior of their school buildings in spotless condition. Despite severe handicaps, he said the inside of every colored school was neat as a pin, demonstrating the interest of colored teachers in their work.

Creswell, Over Top in Red Cross Drive, Now Turns Attention to War Bond Sale

Creswell.—Mrs. Sidney Smithson this week addressed the following appeal concerning the Red Cross War Fund Drive and the Second War Loan Campaign to the people of the Creswell section: "As chairman of the recent Red Cross drive, I want to thank all workers who helped to make it a success, not only reaching our goal, but going over the top. I also would like to have a final report of workers by Saturday, April 17, as we are asked now to lend our aid to the cam-

Town Politics Liven Up Today; Contest For Mayor Assured

A. J. Riddle and B. G. Campbell Announce Candidacies Today

Town politics broke wide open this morning, after remaining in a dormant state until only a little more than two weeks before the municipal election set for Tuesday, May 4. The Mayor and five of the six councilmen announced for reelection, while the sixth councilman was entered by a friend as a candidate for mayor, thus assuring at least one contest in the election.

As things stood at noon today, B. G. Campbell and A. J. Riddle were candidates for mayor; and J. R. Manning, J. W. Norman, E. S. Blount, E. E. Harrell and G. R. Leggett were candidates for reelection as members of the town council.

Mr. Campbell has served as mayor here for seven years, and before that 15 years as councilman. Mr. Riddle has been councilman from the first ward for two terms. Mr. Riddle's name was first to be entered in the lists, his candidacy having been filed by a friend of his last night. Shortly before noon today the other five councilmen and Mayor Campbell filed for reelection.

There is one vacancy in the filings for councilmen, in the first ward. J. R. Manning is the only candidate from that ward with two places to be filled. J. W. Norman and E. S. Blount are candidates for reelection from the second ward. E. E. Harrell and G. R. Leggett are seeking reelection from the third ward. Registration books were opened last Saturday, and they will be open again this Saturday and Saturday of next week. Saturday, May 1, is challenge day, and the election will be Tuesday, May 3.

Fire Destroys Home At Little Richwood

The home of C. H. Painter, jr., employee of the North Carolina Pulp Company, on Cherry Street, in Little Richwood Village, was completely destroyed by fire last Friday night between 9:30 and 10 o'clock. The fire had gained such headway before it was discovered that none of the contents of the home could be saved.

None of the family was at home at the time the fire started. Mr. Painter was at work, and the other members of the family were visiting. It is believed the fire started from an off stove, which had been lighted only a short time before. The loss is estimated in excess of \$2,000, and it is understood there was no insurance on the house or the contents.

An alarm was turned in and the local fire department assisted in preventing the blaze spreading to the garage and a near-by house. However, the home itself was blazing all over before the firemen reached the scene. The family lost all of their household effects and all of their clothing except what they were wearing.

1,095 Books Loaned By County Library

There were 1,095 books circulated in Plymouth from the Washington County Public Library during March. This does not include those circulated from the Roper, Creswell, Wenona and Pleasant Grove centers in the county.

About 70 new books have been added to the library's collection during the past month.

The following books have been added to the rental shelf: "Evergreen House," by Louise Platt Hauck; "Jungle Harvest," by Tom Gill; "The Affair at the Boat Landing," by A. B. Cunningham; "A Certain Doctor French," by Elizabeth Seifert.

April 21 Is Set as Work Day at Christian Chapel

Mrs. J. H. Browning announced this week that next Wednesday, April 21, had been set as "Work Day" at the Christian Chapel church.

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