in the county recorder's court here

W. D. Moore, manager of the FSA

Scuppernong Farm Project in the

Lake Phelps region of this county,

was a visitor here Tuesday. A tour

of the project and a fish fry was held

and last night, and a large number

The Department of Conservation

and Development recently authoriz-

ed extension of the shad and herring

commercial fishing season. An exten-

sion of 15 days was granted for tak-

ing shad, from April 25 to May 10.

while 10 additional days were allow-

State law requires all dogs to

be vaccinated against rables each

year. Chief of Police P. W.

Brown announced this week that

dogs will be vaccinated any af-

ternoon if brought to the police

station here. A charge of 75

cents is made at the time the

vaccination is given, but this

amount is deducted from dog

W. S. (Bill) Davenport, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Davenport, of

Plymouth and Mackeys, was recent-

ly promoted to radio technician, first

class, in the Navy. Mr. Davenport is

now serving on a ship in the Atlan-

J. C. Tarkenton, of Pleasant Grove,

was a business visitor in town Tues-

day afternoon. As chairman of the

Republican executive committee of

Washington County, he urges every-

one to listen to a debate on the ques-

tion of a fourth term for any Presi-

dent, which will be heard on the

"Town Meeting of the Air" radio

Luther W. Gurkin, owner of Albe-

marle Beach, said this week that he

was getting ready for the coming

summer season at this popular re-

sort, located only a few miles from

Plymouth on Albemarle Sound. Ex-

tensive repairs and painting will be

completed before the beach is for-

mally opened, probably about the

Beginning next Monday, May 3

the ABC stores in Plymouth and

Creswell will close each afternoon at

6 o'clock, instead of 7 as at present

The change was made in order to

enable clerks to complete their check-

ups of daily sales before going home

**WAAC** Recruiting

Minn., recruiters.

Unit Here '3 Days

This is a return trip for all mem-

bers of the unit except Auxiliary

Stauffer, and they said this morning

they were looking forward to meet-

ing friends made previously and to

talking with more of the citizens of

Plymouth. Lieutenant Taylor said

the central location of the post office

should permit anyone interested in

securing information about the

WAAC to reach them today, tomor-

row and Saturday mornign, while

they are there. The unit has been

invited to attend the Lions Club din-

Qualifications for enrollment in

must be 21 years of age or over, be a

years of high school education or its

alertness test and physical exami-

a court order can be furnished show-

ing proof of another person's cus-

ner meeting tonight.

tody of the child.

local women in pos

program Thursday night.

tic war zone.

of invited guests were present.

Tuesday afternoon.

man, and Chief of Police Poston, of VOLUME LIV—NUMBER 17 Columbia, were witnesses in a case

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, April 29, 1943

Only Two Contests in Town Election Tuesday; One Candidate Withdraws

at the farms yesterday afternoon velopment in the local political situation during the past week; Councilman Edward S. Blount withdrawing from the race in the second ward and leaving the field clear for James W. Norman and W. A. Roebuck, the two remaining candidates in that ward. Mr. Blount decided to withdraw for personal reasons, he said yesed for herring fishing, from May 10

> Mr. Blount's withdrawal leaves only two contests to be decided in the municipal election next Tuesday. Mayor B. G. Campbell is opposed for reelection by Councilman A. J. Riddle; while there are three candidates for the two places in the first ward, J. Roy Manning, incumbent, A.

Lloyd Owens and Henry E. Harrison. Mr. Riddle is giving up his place on the council from the first ward in order to make the race for mayor.

In the third ward, E. E. Harrell and Raymond Leggett are unopposed: as is now the case in the second ward, where Messers. Norman and Roebuck are the only candidates at this time.

Upwards of 200 new voters have registered in the three wards for the election next Tuesday, and a comparatively large vote is indicated. All the candidates with opposition are working to get out the voters, although interest right now is not as high as indicated when there was prospect of contests in at least two of the three wards.

Whose Resignation Is

Effective Tomorrow

Dr. James J. Crowley, of Burns-

here last Friday. Dr. Crowley's elec-

tion is contingent upon his accept-

ance by the other two counties in

this district. Tyrrell and Hyde, and

it is understood that favorable ac-

tion has already been taken by Tyr-

rell, with Hyde expected to follow.

Dr. Crowley was here to attend the

neeting held last week, and it is un-

derstood he made a very favorable

he came in contact. He will succeed

Dr. S. V. Lewis, whose resignation as

head of the district health work be-

comes effective April 30, and Dr.

Crowley is expected to be here the

latter part of the week to take up

Dr. Lewis has been health officer

for this district since 1937, when the

(See HEALTH WORK, Page 4)

John T. Liverman

Died Last Week at

Home in Conway

Former Resident of County:

Was Father of E. H.

Liverman

John Thomas Liverman, former

esident of Washington County, died

a native of Tyrrell County but lived

years before moving to Conway about

The son of the late Enos and Rox-

anna Liverman, he was born in

January of 1870 in Tyrrell County,

Washington County shortly thereaf-

Mr. Liverman was married twice.

His first wife was the former Miss

Mary Jane Craddock, who preced-

ed him to the grave about 25 years

ago. In 1933 he was married to Miss

Mr. Liverman was a member of

the Plymouth Christian church and

his life wherever he happened to be,

and he was highly esteemed as a

neighbor and citizen at the various

The funeral was held in Scupper-

nong Christian church, this county,

followed in the church yard there.

Pall-bearers were E. H. Liverman,

Besides his widow, Mr. Liverman

man, of Edenton ; and two daugh-

and several great-grandchildren.

Ferona Martin, who survives him.

last January.

the state.

places he lived.

Benton Liverman.

he work immediately.

# New Health Officer Is Expected to Begin Work Here May 1st

BREAKS RECORD



Pvt. Howard Ange, of a cavalry regiment stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., formerly of Roper and the son of Mrs. N. S. Harrington, broke a world's rec-ord April 3rd in putting a .30calibre machine gun into action. It was put in action, changed gunners three times and taken

#### B. B. Spencer Died by Lieut. Olga B. Taylor, who was here on a similar mission about two weeks ago ,and she is accompanied Last Sunday After by the following auxiliaries: Eudora B. Stauffer, of Athens, Ohio, driver; Elvira Jaramillo, of Los Angles, Illness of Two Years Calif.; and Claire Johans, of St. Paul,

Funeral Held Monday for Former Postmaster At Roper

B. B. Spencer, prominent farmer last Thursday morning at his home and former postmaster at Roper, died in Conway after an ilness from a at a Washington hospital Sunday af- heart and kidney ailment lasting termoon following a period of de- about two weeks. Mr. Liverman was clining health that lasted for upwards of two years. Seventy-three in the Creswell section for many years old, Mr. Spencer was a native of and had lived all of his life in 10 years ago. He was 73 years of age Roper, where he was a leading figure in all phases of community life.

the WAAC are as follows: Applicants for 13 years and was very active in citizen of the United States, have two the Zion Chapel Christian church, of which he was an elder and superequivalent, pass the Army mental intendent of the Sunday school for a ter. For many years he was a farmnation, submit proof of birth, have no financial dependents, and no children under 14 years of age unless practically all of his life.

(See B. B. SPENCER, Page 4)

#### Arriving in Plymouth this morning. a smartly dressed and equipped reout of action in 19 seconds. cruiting unit will be at the post of-Private Ange entered the Army fice here for the remainder of the last January. He is 20 years sible service with the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. The unit is headed

He served as postmaster of Roper moving to the Creswell section of considerable period of time. He was er, but for the last 10 or 12 years has a member of the church for over 50 been with the State Highway Comyears. He was also prominent in mission, and his work in that capacounty Republican party activities city carried him to various parts of

### **Those Who Want Pressure Cookers Can Get Certificates If They Find Cookers**

A great many Washington County farm women have been interested in securing a pressure cooker this season, according to a spokesman for the county farm rationing committee, and it was announced this week that certificates for the purchase of such cookers will be granted to all those who have an opportunity to buy them.

It was stated that the Department of Agriculture does not control the distribution of pressure cookers. Manufacturers may distribute them through their usual dealers in accordance with their usual distribution practices. However, because war needs for the materials used in the construction of pressure cookers do not meet demands, only a limited number will be

The issuance of purchase certificates by the county farm rationing committee is dependent upon the ability of those applying to locate pressure cookers from their dealers who will fill their orders. Each applicant is required to notify the committe, in writing, if he or she can obtain the pressure cooker; and when such notice is filed, purchase certificate will be is-

The manufacturer of pressure cookers began about April 1, it was stated, and it will be September before all authorized will be made. Those who want them are urged to get in touch with their dealers and purchase certificates will be issued if the dealer says he can made deliv-

# At School Here Is Proving Expensive

Number Windows Broken Gym Doors Wrecked Last Week-End

Wanton Vandalism

Each year about this time there seems to be an increased disregard for and destruction of public school property in Plymouth, it was learned in a conversation with county and local school officials this week Wanton and deliberate breaking of window panes in the high school buildings is costing the taxpayers heavily, it is pointed out, and so far local authorities have been unable to

The local school principal said that some of the windows are broken out at this time during school hours by boys and girls playing ball on the over-crowded school grounds, but this is not a problem, as such instances are reported and the panes replaced by those who broke them.

Mr. Trotman, the principal, said that Monday morning of this week while making his regular inspection, he found 12 panes of glass broken that were not broken Saturday at noon, when a check was made. That it was wanton destruction was shown by the fact that rocks and cinders were found in the classrooms where Dr. Jas. J. Crowley the panes were broken.

Elected at Meet of gymnasium, which was erected by Board Last Friday has been all but demolished. It was found impossible to keep window panes in this building, so county authorities had all the windows board-Succeeds Dr. S. V. Lewis, ed and all doors, except one, barred from the inside. Yet doors at the back of the building have been torn off and broken up on several occassions, and the light bulbs put in by the county and local school boards rille, was approved for the position have been broken out by rocks. The of district health officer at a joint doors were repaired only last week meeting of the county comissioners and during the week-end they were and the county board of health held again broken open.

Such acts of pure vandalism should arouse the indignation of the community to the point that measures would be taken to put an end to such wanton destruction and utter waste of the taxpayers' money. The school officials care for the buildings during the school day, and something should be done after school hours to impression on all those with whom protect public property.

### Local Laundry To Cease Operations After This Week

Reason; Lilley to Serve Town by Truck

After operating for just about one year, the Plymouth Steam Laundry will close at the end of the current week, J. B. Willoughby, the owner, announced yesterday. Mr. Willoughby said that the difficulty of obtaining labor was forcing him to close the place here. He has several prospective purchasers for the plant, but all of them plan to remove the equipment to another town, and there is little likelihood that it will be reopened for business here, he

However arrangements for local patrons to receive laundry service were completed yesterday by J. Eason Lilley, of Lilley's Laundry in Williamston. Mr. Lilley said that he would inauguarate a weekly call-forand-delivery service in Plymouth the town every Tuesday morning to made arrangements for Smith Brothers, local dry cleaners, to serve as a sub-station for his laundry. Laundry may be left at Smith Brothers and picked up there by those who Accepts Call To Memorial may not be at home when the laundry truck calls Tuesdays and Fridays. Instructions to call for laundry may also be telephoned to the local sub-station.

Mr. Willoughby opened the Plymouth Laundry around May 1st last year, with a completely new plant. The shortage of labor has made it almost impossible for him to keep going in recent months, he said yeswas very active in church work all terday; and as he had several chances to dispose of his equipment, he has decided to take up one of the offers.

The laundry here has rendered a splendid service, and many local people will regret to learn that it is being closed

last Friday. The Rev. L. B. Bennett, of Creswell, was in charge of the last 1,065 Library Books in rites, assisted by the Rev. B. E. Tay-Circulation Last Month lor, of Plymouth, and the Rev. Zeph Deshields, of Pantego. Interment

There were 1.065 library books cir culated in Plymouth during March Luther Liverman, Joe Liverman, by the county library. Of the total, Dewey Phelps, Luther Hand, and 699 were adult fiction, 71 adult nonfiction, 44 juvenile non-fiction. "Chicken Every Sunday," by Rose

is survived by three brothers, E. H. mary Taylor, and "Dress Rehearsal," Liverman, of Plymouth; Luther Liv- by Quentin Reynolds, are new books erman, of Creswell; and Joe Liver- recently added.

Miss Elizabeth Carroll, district li- new organization, with a wide field ters, Mrs. Eva Koonce, of Roper; and brarian, sent off an order for \$100 of usefulness among young people Mrs. Ozella Hand, of Norfolk. He worth of new books for the library especially, and it is felt that they also leaves a number of grandchildren this week, including books for both have made a splendid choice in calladults and juveniles

### County Has Already Gone "Over Top" With Record-Breaking Sales of Bonds

With today and tomorrow remaining before the end of the second war loan campaign, Washington County has already gone "over the top" in raising its quota. On the basis of incomplete figures tabulated here this morning the county has already sold at least \$153.291.75 worth of bonds and treasury certificates of various kinds, against a quota of \$134.900.

Incidentally, corrected figures on the county quota were received this week. The original quota was given as \$134,900; then it was changed to \$138,900; and this week it was stated that the correct quota was \$134,900. The figures on sales cited above represent the issue price of bonds and certificates, and H. E. Beam. county chairman of war bond sales, said this morning that the maturity value would be somewhere around \$170,000.

Although the county quota has been raised, efforts are continuing to make the overscription as much as possible. It was announced from Washington this week that the original goal of 13 billion dollars during the drive had been increased to 14 billions. Mr. Beam expects total sales of bands in this county to reach \$175,000, issue price, or \$200,000 maturity value, before the drive ends Friday.

The \$153,291.75 total above includes sales in Roper and Creswell up to last Saturday night.

## Violations of Price Ceiling Regulations Reported To Board off to the wars.

# other school officials say that the Filed, But Check by WPA funds on the school grounds, has been all but demolished. It was

Ceiling Prices Which May Be Charged by Poultry Producers Outlined

According to Carl L. Bailey, chairman of the price-ceiling panel of the local war price and rationing board, investigations are in prospect very soon or reportedly wholesale violations of price-ceiling regulations in Washington County, as well as in other sections of this state. For the most part, the alleged violations in the county are mostly charged against producers and small dealers rather than against the retail stores although all phases of compliance will be checked when OPA investigators come into this section. Prosecution of violators has already been started in a number of counties in the central part of the state, according to

One of the matters that is bringing charged up to 45 cents per pound for chickens. These prices were the subject that brought about a special Labor Shortage Cited as meeting of the price ceiling panel ere last Friday night, and since then producers of poultry, as well as retailers, have been warned not to exceed the price ceilings allowed by regulations recently announced by the OPA.

> Under these regulations, a schedsold by the producer. Retailers are mittee. not allowed to charge more than their highest prices in the period from September 26 to October 2, 1942.

chickens cannot charge dealers more cultural production," Chairman May 1, it was announced this mornhens over 4 pounds. These prices farmers in any other county.'

(See PRICE CEILINGS, Page 4)

### and-delivery service in Plymouth next week. His truck will canvass Rev. J. H. Johnson fice on forms to be provided by the office. Farmers also will report acrepickup laundry and return it every Friday morning. In addition, he has Resigns as Pastor of Baptist Church Here

Church in Durham; To Leave Last of May

The Rev. J. M. Johnson, pastor of Ludford Memorial Baptist church in Plymouth, last Sunday announced his resignation to accept the pastorate of the Memorial Baptist Church in Durham. His resignation was announced at the Easter morning service and is to become effective after the fourth Sunday in May.

Mr. Johnson came to Plymouth from Momeyer nearly two years ago, in October, 1941, and the local church has made considerable progress in the intervening time under his direction. He has been in the active ministry since graduating from Wake Forest College in 1938. Both he and Mrs. Johnson and their two children have made many friends during their stay in Plymouth who sincerely regret their decision to leave. However, it is recognized that he has been called to a larger field and the best wishes of his entire congregation will go with him and his family.

The church to which he has been called in Durham is a comparatively ing Mr. Johnson to serve them.

## Must File Menus **Before Saturday**

All restaurants, cafes, board-ing houses, soda fountains and like places in Washington County which serve meals or fountain drinks must file a list of their ceiling prices with the local war price and rationing board not later than Saturday, May 1, Mrs. J. K. Reld, secretary to the board, stated yesterday.

The complete list of prices or menus must be filed, showing prices prevailing during the week of April 4-10. Mrs. Reid said that a printed list was preferable if the establishment had them. but those who do not may make up the list themselves. Up to yesterday, only two out of an estimated 50 such places in the county had filed their menus with the board.

### Farmers Will Make One of the matters that is bringing attention to bear on price-ceiling villations is runaway poultry prices. Their Own Reports per day, which county authorities have always reckoned to be a fair In this section only last week, reports were heard of consumers being On '3-A' Compliance

Individuals Placed on Hon- have agreed to consider accepting for or In Move To Save Travel, Manpower

In an effort to reduce travel and use of manpower, farmers of Washington County this year will report their own compliance with provisions ule of definite price ceilings is fixed nounced today by W. D. Phelps, for various grades of poultry, when chairman of the County AAA Com-

"Under this plan, which may be called an honor system, we hope to save money, travel, tires, gasoline and According to the local board, the the time of persons who otherwise person in this section who raises probably would be engaged in agrithan 28 cents per pound for broilers Phelps said. "This paln is being put ing by the local war price and rationunder 3 pounds; 29½ cents for fry- into effect over the entire nation this ers over 3 pounds: 24 cents for old year, and we in Washington County hens under 4 pounds; or 27 cents for certainly can meet up to standards of

Under this program he said, each farmer will measure his acreage and will report it to his County AAA office on forms to be provided by the crops, such as peanuts, soybeans for beans, and sweet potatoes for market must be measured and reported for

See COMPLIANCE, Page 4)

### E. L. Owens Resigns As Recorder Judge After Court Tuesday

ESTABLISHED 1889

May Mean Abandonment of County Court for Duration of War

Washington County Recorder's court, already much battered and badgered around by the fortunes of war, yesterday received what well may be its death blow, for the duration, at least. Acting Recorder Edward L. Owens tendered his resignation verbally to the chairman of the county board of commissioners, E. G. Arps; and, as things now stand, there will be no recorder's court next week, or in succeeding weeks, unless some changes not now in sight are effected.

The whole situation can well be blamed on Hitler and Hirohito. To begin with, the solicitor of the court W. Blount Rodman, volunteered for the Army a few months after Pearl Harbor and was granted leave of absence "for the duration" by the county commisioners. Sidney A. Ward was appointed acting solicitor, and shortly thereafter he, too, went

The court operated for sometime without the services of a regular solicitor, and then the judge, W. Ronald Gaylord, became the next to volunteer, and he likewise received leave of absence for the duration. Edward L. Owens was named acting judge. and the court continued to operate without the services of a regular solicitor. Either Carl L. Bailey or W L. Whitley has been serving in that capacity when a case was contested the one not employed by the contesting defendant usually serving as solicitor

This system rocked along very well until Tuesday of this week, when one astute defendant employed both the attorneys who had been alternating as solicitor. This left Mr. Owens to be both judge and solicitor in a case contested by two attorneys. He refused to try the case under these conditions and continued it. Yesterday he declared he could not go on under existing conditions and tendered his verbal resignation to Mr. Arps, as chairman of the board of commissioners, effective imme-

At the present time, the salary of both judge and solicitor of the county court is \$60 per month each. Since the court is usually in session one day a week, this is equivalent to \$15 rate. However, none of the local attorneys is willing to serve as either judge or solicitor at this figure, although it is understood two of them

\$80 per month. Thus the matter stands time. The county commissioners will hold their regular monthly meeting

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### of the 1943 AAA program, it was and nounced today by W. D. Phelps For Grade I Tires

All Washington County motorists who have allowed mileages of 241 or more miles per month will be eligible to apply for Grade I tires after ing boar. Heretofore only those who were permitted to drive more than 540 miles per month were eligible for the top grade tires.

It is also announced that manufacture of Grade II tires has been halted, and all county motorists who have certificates calling for the mirages of crops grown for soil-building buy Grade I tires after May 1. In purposes and for which there is a payment made under the AAA program. Marketing quotas will be in effect this year only on cotton and effect this year only on cotton and for grade I tires after May the future, applicants for tires who are allowed gasoline to drive 241 miles or more per month are eligible for grade I tires or grade III tires. at the option of the applicant.

Beginning May 1, dealers are authorized to sell either grade I or the purpose of determining if goals grade III tires on a grade I or grade were met. Commercial truck crops II certificate: on a grade III certificate, only a grade III tire may be

### All County Schools Close Tomorrow; **Total of 97 in 1943 Graduating Classes**

Friday is the last day of the 1942-43 school term in Washington County, for both white and colored children. Commencement exercises have been in progress at some of the schools for more than a week, with finals at all of them, except Roper, to be completed by Friday night. The graduation exercises at the Roper school will be held next Menday night, May 3. at 8 o'clock.

A total of 97 boys and girls will be graduated from the six high schools, 68 white and 29 colored. Plymouth High School has the largest senior class, with 25; while Creswell and Roper follow closely with 22 and 21, respectively. In the colored schools, Plymouth leads with 13; Creswell has 9 and Roper 7 to round out

the list. All the graduates are completing 12 years of work in the public school system. There is a difference in the

graduation prospect this year from those in the past. Many of the young men who receive their diplomas expect to enter the armed services within a very short time, while the young girls plan to take up some form of war work. Of course a few of the latter will go to college and finishing schools, but by far the greater majority are looking forward to business courses or immediate work at essential occupations. Very few of the boys have made any plans for college. as lowering the draft age limit to 18 just about precludes any possibility of being able to finish