Chief of Police P. W. Brown said

in the city pound and unless the owners call for them within the next week, they will be disposed of. Town

policemen have been rounding up stray dogs for the past week or two.

It was learned today that J. Norman Mayo, son of Mr. and Mrs. W

J. Mayo here, graduated from the United States Navy Midshipman's

school in Chicago last Saturday and

was given his commission as ensign.

It is understood that he has been

ordered to Rhode Island and assign-

ed for training with a PT (torpedo)

A Navy Recruiter will be at

the post office in Plymouth to-

day and tomorrow to interview

17-year-olds who are interested

in volunteering for service with

the Navy. Boys between 17 and

18 years of age are urged to see

Members of the Aletheian Society

of Woman's College, UNC, at Greens-

boro, entertained their guests at the

annual society formal dance there

last Saturday evening. Miss Char-

lotte Jones, of Plymouth, one of the

committee chairmen, was escorted by

Wilford Whitley, also of Plymouth.

"Col." W. T. Freeman will conduct

an auction sale of household and

kitchen furniture, farm implements

and mules on the lot at the rear of

C. E. Ayers' office Saturday after-

noon at 2 o'clock, he announced this

week. An advertisement in this pa-

per gives more information about the

An important meeting the the

local Boy Scout troop will be

held Friday night at 8 .lock.

it was announced today by

Scoutmaster B. E. Taylor. The

district camporee at Williamston

May 14, 15, 16 will be discussed,

and those who wish to attend

It was learned here yesterday that

". W. Zeigler had resigned his posi-

cion with the local school and will go

to work at the glider base in Eden-

ton with the Civil Service Commis-

sion next Monday. In his seven

years here as director of the local

school band, he is credited with hav-

ing developed a splendid organiza-

Saturday afternoon, it was stated.

two more weeks, or around May 17.

Byrd's Clothing Store At

office on Washington Street.

quarters Friday morning.

ful meeting.

Revival Begins Sunday

Pvt. James H. Skidmore

on the basis of his aptitude.

Wednesday, while he is moving, and

must register by Saturday.

him while he is here.

boat squadron

today that there were about 15 dogs

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Patriotic Rally Day Being Planned Here

County Tops Its April Bond Quota

The maturity value of all bonds sold in Washington County last month was \$178,525, according to H. E. Beam, county bond sale chairman, against the county quota of \$134,900. However, the county only gets credit for the issue value of bonds, and that amounted to \$158,241.75, or \$23,341.75 over the quota for

Sales were divided among the several series as follows: Series E, \$48,993.75; series F, \$11,248; 7/8 Per Cent Certificates, \$31,-000; 21/2 Per Cent Certificates, \$37,000; and tax anticipation notes, \$30,000.

For the month of May, the county has been assigned a quota of \$21,243. Sales so far this month are around \$4,000, Mr. Beam said. Only series E bonds will count against the May quo-

Red Cross Provides Grants for Victims Of Recent Tornado

\$1,841 Toward Erection Of New Home

Several victims of the tornado which swept through this section April 12 were notified this week that of his theatre for the whole day, with substantial grants had been made by the American Red Cross to assist In addition he is offering a \$25 war them in rebuilding their homes. Only one of those granted aid, E. L. tion, and he has many friends who Davenport, lives in this county, all regret to learn that he does not plan of the others being in the Angetown to auction the bonds, with the highsection of Martin county, just across the line from Washington.

More than 200 dogs have been vaccinated here in the past two Washington County chapter of the The free prizes are to be real values. weeks, it was learned at the police Red Cross, was this week advised One merchant has already agreed to department. Vaccination against rabies is required by state law, and proved a total allowance of \$1,841 owners are advised to have their dogs toward building a home for Mr. treated at once. People who live in Davenport, \$1,241 of which is for phases of the days events have been the country may have their dogs vacmaterial and \$600 for labor. The delegated to committees, and furcinated by bringing them to police home Mr. Davenport lost in the storm ther announcements will be made headquarters here any Friday or was an eight-room two-story frame structure; and while the contribution from the Red Cross of course E. Clyde Hassell, member of the will not replace it. the funds should Hassell Brothers Bakery firm, who come as a great help to him at this has been ill for several weeks, was time.

able to be down town for a short The local chapter had previously while Tuesday. However, he does not made a donation of \$175 to Mr. Davexpect to return to work for about enport, and this will be deducted from the \$1.841 allowed this week, since the latter figure is the maximum permitted by the Red Cross organization.

New Location Next Week It was learned that the families of Arthur Ange and James Perkins, of A. J. Byrd, owner of Byrd's Cloththe Angetown section, had also been ing store, announced this week that granted allowances by the Red Cross. he had rented the Mizelle building Exact figures could not be learned on Water Street, next to the Legion but it is understood the Ange fam-Hall, formerly occupied by Scherr's ily was allowed \$250 for furniture Department Store, and would move destroyed, \$1,629 towards the conto the new location Wednesday and struction of a new home, and about Thursday of next week. At present \$40 for doctors' bills. The Perkins his store is located next to the post family had no interest in the house in which they lived, but they were Mr. Byrd announces that his store allowed about \$76 to replace clothwill be closed both Tuesday and ing and furniture lost in the storm.

he will open for business in his new Infant Dies at Home of

Mary Ann Revels, six-month-old matters. At Woodley's Chapel daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Revels, died at their home near here were present, E. G. Arps, chairman; last Thursday about noon, after an J. C. Knowles, of Roper; and H. W. The Rev. M. L. Ambrose will begin a revival meeting Sunday night at illness of five days. The funeral was Pritchett, of Creswell. Woodley's Chapel, near Johnson held from the home last Friday af-Spruill's store, in the New Land sec- ternoon, with the Rev. B. E. Taylor, membership on the county board of tion. Everyone is invited and urged pastor of the local Christian church, public welfare for a two-year term. to attend and help make it a success- in charge. Burial was made in the

Bowen cemetery, near Williamston. Besides her parents, Lewis Revels and Myrtle Nicholson Revels, the little girl is survived by one sister, Jean At Signal Corps School Revels, two years old

Dr. James J. Crowley, recently Camp Murphy, Fla.—Private James H. Skidmore, son of Mrs. G. T. Skid-elected district health officer to suc- of education, appropriations were more, of Plymouth, has been en- ceed Dr. S. V. Lewis, did not arrive rolled in a special course of instruc- last week to take up his work here tion at the Signal Corps' school at as expected. County authorities Camp Murphy. Private Skidmore was said yesterday they did not know selected for this specialized training exactly when he would arive, but he is expected within the next few days.

Governor To Be Invited To Take Part in Program Here May 21

Committees were appointed and entative plans made at a special meeting of the Plymouth Merchants Association Tuesday afternoon to stage a mammoth county-wide "Victory Day" bond-selling festival here Friday, May 21. Band concerts, speaking, free movies, and a couple of bond auctions with valuable free prizes are just some of the things in store for those who attend, with the details to be worked out in the next few days. It is hoped to have Governor Broughton make the main speech of the day.

Local retailers are doing this as heir part of the nation-wide campaign by storekeepers to boost the sales of war bonds during the month of May. The North Carolina Pulp Company here has agreed to cooperate whole-heartedly with the local merchants in putting over the patriotic effort, and will have a number of displays emphasizing the slogan Pulpwood Goes To War," in addition to furnishing a movie showing the operation of all parts of the local plant, among other things. This is full-length production with the commentary by Lowell Thomas, and t will be the equivalent of a trip hrough the big pulp plant here.

The Washington County Farm Bueau, through its president, J. Roy Manning, has assured its support, and it is hoped to have several hund-E. L. Davenport Allowed red farmers here for the events that day. There will be no accent on selling anything except war bonds, and practically everything else will be

Shep Brinkley, owner of the Plymouth Theatre, is contributing the use the exception of one show at night bond and theatre tickets as prizes for stamp sales and bond auctions. A tobacco auctioneer is to be secured est bidder in bonds receiving free gifts from the merchants. A similar John W. Darden, chairman of the auction last year was a great success

Complete details will not be available for a week or so yet. Various next week.

The following committees were named by President H. H. Allen at the meeting Tuesday: Program: Manning, E. E. Harrell;

Prizes: J. W. Norm: Thompson, Dave Kulman; Advertising: Jack Booker, J. R. Campbell, E. H. Liverman. Decorations: H. A. Williford, Jack

Peele, F. H. Modlin. County Board in **Meeting Monday**

The Washington County Commissioners considered several matters of importance at their meeting Monday, but no definite action was taken. pending further information about some of them. The board discussed the recorder's court situation and held a joint meeting with the board of education about providing funds for repair of certain school buildings. Parents Near Plymouth both of which will be taken up later, and disposed of a number of routine

All three members of the board

J. M. Clagon was reappointed to A report from W. V. Hays, county agent, was read and approved.

Three applications for the office of judge of recorder's court were discussed, but action was deferred, since officially no vacancy existed in the

In the joint meeting with the board asked to make repairs to the following school buildings: Creswell white, Roper white, Backwoods colored, Macedonia colored, Cherry colored, Pritchett colored, Deep Bottom colored, Mount Delane colored, Morrattock colored, Plymouth colored, and Plymouth white. The two boards directed the county superintendent to estimate the costs, by individual projects, and report back before action would be taken.

William Hatfield Assigned To Army Technical School

Creswell.—Pfc. William T. Hatfield, son of O. D. Hatfield and the late Mrs. Hatfield, of Creswell, has been assigned to the Army Air Forces Technical School, Sioux Falls, S. D. for training as a radio operator-mechanic. Inducted into the Army February 6 of this year, Pfc Hatfield was sent from Fort Bragg to Keesler Field, Miss. He is a graduate of Creswell High School and was in construction work prior to entering

Session This Week

Several Apply To County Board for Position as Recorder Judge

is still "up in the air' this week, with J. Riddle, while Henry E. Harrison no immediate prospect in sight of and J. Roy Manning received narrow effecting a settlement. The county pluralities over A. Lloyd Owens for commissioners, while they discussed the siutation at some length at their the only contests in the municipal monthly meeting Monday, took no action on the matter.

There were a number of cases which would have come before the court Tuesday had it been in session, including several which were continued from previous sessions. clerk and sheriff were on hand at the usual time, but no judge or solicitor ever showed up, and the weekly session was finally called off altogether.

It was stated by one of the county action was taken by them Monday was because they had received no official notice that the court would not be held Tuesday. While Edward for councilmen. L. Owens stated last week that he was resigning as judge unless a solicitor could be secured, his resignation was not before the commissioners in only two newcomers among the six writing, and no attempt was made to appoint a successor.

It is known that several persons have applied for the job as recorder, although no one has yet come forward to apply for the solicitor's job. Some of the applicants are not lawyers, and it is believed a layman is both councilmen from the third ward. under consideration for appointment E. E. Harrell and G. R. Leggett. as judge of the court. However, this will not settle the matter, as it is necessary for the solicitor to be a lawyer, and so far it has been impossible to secure one.

In the meantime, cases which should be tried in recorder's court continue to pile up. If it becomes necessary to try them in superior court, which is not in session again until July, the costs doubtless be greatly increased, both to the county and to those defendants who are unlucky enough to be convicted.

Local lawyers are unwilling to continue operation of the court at present rates of pay, it is stated, although it is reported that Mr. Owens has said he would continue as that the national chapte, had ap- give a top grade mattress as a prize. judge provided a regular solicitor is employed. However, at this time the impasse continues, with the lawyers demanding more pay and the commissioners standing pat on the re fusal to increase the salaries above the present rate of \$60 per month each for a judge and solicitor

Shep Brinkley, W. F. Winslow, J. R. Final Exercises for Local High School that she will hold another series of classes on aircraft identification for members of the Ground Observer classes of the Ground Observer roosters are quoted at 21 cents. All Staged Last Friday

Diplomas Awarded To 25 Seniors at Graduation Program in Theatre

Twenty-five seniors of Plymouth of Plymouth High School received their diplomas at graduating exercises held in the Plymouth Theatre here last Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock, bringing to a close the school year here. The diplomas were presented by Principal R. B. Trotman and honor awards made by County

Superintendent H. H. McLean. The central theme of the finals program dealt with the various phases of "Democracy," and several members of the graduating class delivered prepared addresses on Other features of the graduating exercises were the salutatory, delivered by Lois Meunier; an address by the senior class president, Alton Mayo; and the valedictory by Vivien Sitterson.

The complete program was as fol-

Procession of graduates, followed by the invocation by the Rev. B. E.

Salutatory, Lois Meunier. Piano solo, Mrs. Laura S. Johnston "Building Our Democracy," Gerald

(See GRADUATION, Page 6)

State Speed Law Changed Today

Effective at noon today, the state speed law was reduced from 60 to 35 miles per hour for automobiles and trucks. State Highway Patrolmen have been instructed to begin making arrests immediately for violations, and it was stated that the 35mile limit did not mean 36. Heretofore, drivers proceeding

at more than 35 miles an hour have been cited to OPA authorities. The last session of the legislature passed a law bringing the state speed law into conformity with federal regulations for the duration of the war. Those who drive over 35 miles an hour in the future will be cited to the courts instead of to their rationing boards.

Status of Recorder's Campbell Reelected in County Soldier Gets Court Uncertain; No Election Here Tuesday

H. E. Harrison and J. R. Manning Winners in First Ward

B. G. Campbell was reelected The recorder's court problem here mayor by a 75-vote majority over A councilmen from the first ward in election here last Tuesday. Despite the fact that little advance interest in the election was displayed, the total vote cast, 363, was the largest recorded here in recent years. Only 58 votes were cast in the election two years ago.

The closest race developed among the three contenders for the two places as councilmen in the first The two winners, H. E. Harward. rison and J. R. Manning, received commissioners that one reason no 104 and 102 votes, respectively, while A. Lloyd Owens was right behind them with an even 100. There were no contests in the other two wards

Mayor Campbell has already served nine years as councilman and seven years as mayor. There are councilmen, Mr. Harrison and W. A. On Poultry Prices wounded severely in both feet in the Roebuck, the latter being elected On Poultry Prices from the second ward without opposition. The four former members of the council reelected are J. Manning, from the first ward, J. W. Norman, of the second ward; and New Rules Permit Produc-

Following is the official tabulation of votes as canvassed in the city clerk's office yesterday:

For mayor: first ward, Campbell 96, Riddle 74; second ward, Campbell 54, Riddle 24; third ward, Campbell 69, Riddle 46; totals, Campbell 214, Riddle 144.

For first ward councilmen: Harrison 104, Manning 102, Owens 100. For second ward councilmen: Roe-

buck 60. Norman 59. For third ward councilmen: E. E Harrell 80, G. R. Leggett 75.

Classes in Aircraft Recognition To Be Begun Here May 17

New Course Will Consist of Three Classes Weekly For Three Weeks

Mrs. Claudius McGowan announces members of the Ground Observer Corps, beginning Monday night week, May 17. A meeting will be held at the courthouse at 8 o'clock that evening to outline the course and distribute the neces ary material. The class will be limited to 30 members, Mrs. McGowan said, and those who wish to enroll are asked to see her immediately. All those who completed the first course are invited to attend again, and they will not be counted against the quota of 30 new

Sergeant Lehner, of the Army Air Forces, who was here to inspect the local post last week, brought an ample supply of material to enable Mrs. McGowan to begin the new course. She plans to hold three classes each week, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and the course will last about three weeks. Those who successfully complete the work will be awarded diplomas at the end of the course.

Sergeant Lehner will return during the progress of the school and make a talk to those serving as volunteer observers at the local spotting post. The course in aircraft recognition is interesting, and the additional material available at this time should make it even more attractive than it was the first time.

Mrs. McGowan urges all who wish to take the course to be present at the first meeting Monday night, May 17, at 8 o'clock. The clases will begin on time and last for two hours. Those who enroll are requested to do so with the intention of attending every class, as it is impossible to successfully complete the course on a part-time basis.

Tomato Plants at Welaka Plant Friday and Saturday

Farmers who plan to grow tomaoes for delivery to the Welaka Fish and Produce Company plant at Mackeys were advised yesterday that a supply of Georgia plants will arrive this week and be distributed from the plant there Friday and Saturday. Enough plants to set out 60 acres of tomatoes are expected, Mr. Belch, the manager, said vester-

It is also announced that the company can handle about 50 more acres than now signed up in this region. Farmers who wish to plant tomatoes are urged to see Mr. Belch and make arrangements for a contract.

Those who want tomato plants are also urged to come to the plant Friday and Saturday of this week.

Elect Officials at Roper, Creswell

There was only one contest in Roper and none in Creswell in the bi-ennial town elections held there Tuesday. J. J. Hassell defeated Mayor H. S. Everett for reelection in Roper by a vote of 50 to 6, and W. T. Alexander was elected mayor of Creswell without oposition.

The five candidates in the Creswell election received 21 votes each. They are: W. T. Alexander, mayor; H. W. Nor-man, O. D. Hatfield, H. R. Stillman and C. N. Davenport, jr., councilmen. The three candidates for councilmen in Roper had no opposition, and it was impossible to learn the number of votes cast for them. They are Jasper Swain, W. Barton Swain and L. L. Mizelle.

Change Regulations ceived the Purple Heart award given Army officers and men honorably

ers To Charge Higher Price To Consumers

Three major changes in regulations governing poultry price ceilings have been announced by the OPA within the past week. In addition to reduction in a number of classifications, other simplifications were announced, making it easier for poultry producers to determine top prices they may charge wholesalers, retailers and ultimate consumers.

Some changes in price were announced, but in the main prices to wholesalers are substantially the same as announced last week. However, producers are allowed to charge retailers 11/2 cents per pound more than they do wholesale dealers; while an additional 20 per cent may be charged the ultimate consumers by producers. Retailer's prices to consumers are based entirely upon mark-ups, and thus vary, it was

Live broilers and fryers are now treated as one classification, and producers may charge wholesale dealers 281/2 cents per pound for them. instead of two, and the top wholethe above prices are for producers' sales to wholesalers. The price to retailers is 11/2 cents pound higher, and an additional 20 per cent may be charged if poultry is sold by the producer direct to the ultimate consumer. This would make the top prices to consumers 36 cents a pound for broilers and fryers; 31.8 for hens; and 27 cents for stags and old roos-

A couple of OPA investigators were in Plymouth one day this week, but whether or not they plan to take action against alleged violators could not be learned. However, it is known that 12 court actions have been instituted up State against violators in the first 10 days of an intensive drive to stamp out black market sales of fowl. In addition, many other poultry sellers have received warnings.

Billy Wells Bateman

Bateman, of Creswell, was recently he has been in that area since, taktransferred from the Army Air Force ing part in the major actions at Midclassification center to the Army Air way, Coral Sea, Santa Cruz, and Force Pre-Flight School, SAACC, at Solomons Islands. He says Naval San Antonio, Texas. He is the son regulations do not permit him to of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bateman, of go into detail about his experiences

A graduate of Creswell High could tell plenty if permitted. School, Cadet Bateman completed His service ribbon shows he has his freshman year at Campbell Col- taken part in four campaigns: Aflege before enlisting in the Army Air rica-Iceland, American, Asiatic, and Corps last August. His call came in National Defense. He has a star on March and he reported on the 11th his national defense bar, showing one to the classification center, where all year's service before Pearl Harbor; cadets are given rigid mental and and four stars on the Asiatic camphysical examinations before being paign bar, denoting the four major assigned to their training centers. | battle actions he has participated in

DSC for Bravery in Action in Mid-East

Sgt. A. R. Patrick, Jr., Decorated for His Part in Bombing Raid

from Cairo, Egypt, Monday that Staff Sergeant Augustus R. Patrick, ir., of Roper, had received the Distinguished Service Cross in a ceremony at U.S. Air Force headquarters there recently. The medal was pinned on Patrick by Major General Lewis H. Brereton, commander of all U. S. Air Forces in the Middle East, who also cited the sergeant for his action as a tail gunner in a Liberator on a mission January 31.

The DSC is next to the highest award for valor made by the United States Army, and Sergeant Patrick is one of the first, if not the first, soldier from this entire section to receive this award. So far as known here, he is also Washington County's most-decorated man in the service, as he had previously received the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight.' It is presumed that he has also received the Purple Heart award given wounded in action, since he was

Within Past Week According to published reports, the citation accompanying the award of According to published reports, the the Distinguished Service Cross to Patrick recounts that the oxygen system of the Liberator bomber, in which he was tail gunner, was shot out by an enemy fighter in the action January 31, the gasoline line was holed, and the top and tail turrets rendered useless. The sergeant was wounded severely in both feet, but he left his wrecked turret and crawled through the plane and manned one of the waist guns and helped keep up the fight against the enemy interceptors until they were forced to break off the fight.

The Distinguished Service Cross is a bronze cross with an eagle on the center and a scroll below the eagle bearing the inscription, "For Valor." On the reverse in the center of the cross is a space for the name of the recipient within a wreath. The cross is suspended from a ring from a watered silk ribbon. It is awarded to soldiers who display extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Patrick, sr., who live in Scuppernong Township, received a letter from (See GETS MEDAL, Page 6)

Live hens are in one classification Local Youth Home Big Pacific Battles

Ernest Roy Sawyer at Midway, Coral Sea, Solomons And Santa Cruz

After taking part in four major battle actions in the Pacific with the United States Navy, Ernest Roy Sawyer, son of Mrs. Grace Sawyer here, arrived Sunday to spend about 10 days with relatives and friends in Plymouth. It is his first visit home in more than a year and a half.

Young Sawyer-he is only 20 now, after nearly three years in the Navy -is a second-class machinist's mate on a destroyer. He attended Plymouth High School through the 1939 term and enlisted in the Navy not so long afterwards, when he was 18 Assigned to a destroyer, he was in

At Pre-Flight School the Atlantic when the war broke out in December, 1941. His ship left Army Aviation Cadet Billy Wells soon afterwards for the Pacific, and there, although it is evident that he

McLean Reelected Superintendent of Schools by Board Education Monday

H. H. McLean was reelected superintendent of public instruction for Washington County for the coming two years at the monthly meeting of the board of education Monday of this week. Mr. McLean has served as county superintendent for the past eight years. All the members of the board were present, and his reelection was unanimous.

The board of education also went on record to make formal application for the nine-month school term in Washington County beginning next fall. Provision was made at the last session of the legislature for the nine-months school term in all counties which request it. Members of the board of edu-

cation held a joint meeting with the county commissioners relative to securing funds for repairing a number of school buildings. Superintendent McLean was directed to prepare estimates of the total cost by projects and submit them to the boards at a future meeting.

Town and County Tax Collections for 1942 Tax Year More Than Total Levies Wonders never cease! Converthere still remain some 1942 taxes yet to be collected. Too, the sations with the town and counpenalties and interest charged ty tax collectors this week re-

vealed that both had already collected more than the total town and county tax levies since the new tax books were made up

This seeming paradox is explained by the fact that the collectors have been pushing the collection of back taxes as well as current levies; and while the totals are larger than the levies,

on past-due accounts help to swell the totals. P. W. Brown, town tax collec-

tor, said he had collected about \$37,500 since receiving the 1942 books, while the total town levy is only about \$35,500. The county tax collector, J. E. Davenport, reported about \$125,000 had been collected by the county in the same time, while the total levy is only \$115,769.55.