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Chief of Police P. W. Brown said today that there were about 15 dogs in the city pound and unless the owners call for them within the next week, they will be disposed of.

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.

A Navy Recruiter will be at the post office in Plymouth today and tomorrow to interview 17-year-olds who are interested in volunteering for service with the Navy.

Members of the Athletic Society of Woman's College, UNC, at Greensboro, entertained their guests at the annual society formal dance there last Saturday evening.

"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 afternoon at 2 o'clock.

An important meeting of the local Boy Scout troop will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock. It was announced today by Scoutmaster B. E. Taylor.

It was learned here yesterday that W. Zeigler had resigned his position with the local school and will go to work at the glider base in Edenton with the Civil Service Commission next Monday.

More than 200 dogs have been vaccinated here in the past two weeks. It was learned at the police department.

E. Clyde Hassell, member of the Hassell Brothers Bakery firm, who has been ill for several weeks, was able to be down town for a short while Tuesday.

Byrd's Clothing Store At New Location Next Week

A. J. Byrd, owner of Byrd's Clothing store, announced this week that he had rented the Mizelle building on Water Street, next to the Legion Hall.

Mr. Byrd announces that his store will be closed both Tuesday and Wednesday, while he is moving, and he will open for business in his new quarters Friday morning.

Revival Begins Sunday At Woodley's Chapel

The Rev. M. L. Ambrose will begin a revival meeting Sunday night at Woodley's Chapel, near Johnson Spruill's store, in the New Land section.

Pvt. James H. Skidmore At Signal Corps School

Camp Murphy, Fla.—Private James H. Skidmore, son of Mrs. G. T. Skidmore, of Plymouth, has been enrolled in a special course of instruction at the Signal Corps' school at Camp Murphy.

Town and County Tax Collections for 1942 Tax Year More Than Total Levies

Wonders never cease! Conversations with the town and county tax collectors this week revealed that both had already collected more than the total town and county tax levies since the new tax books were made up last fall.

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,

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.

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; 2 1/2 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.

Red Cross Provides Grants for Victims Of Recent Tornado

E. L. Davenport Allowed \$1,841 Toward Erection Of New Home

Several victims of the tornado which swept through this section April 12 were notified this week that substantial grants had been made by the American Red Cross to assist them in rebuilding their homes.

John W. Darden, chairman of the Washington County chapter of the Red Cross, was this week advised that the national chapter had approved a total allowance of \$1,841 toward building a home for Mr. Davenport.

The local chapter had previously made a donation of \$175 to Mr. Davenport, and this will be deducted from the \$1,841 allowed this week.

It was learned that the families of Arthur Ange and James Perkins, of the Angetown section, had also been granted allowances by the Red Cross.

Infant Dies at Home of Parents Near Plymouth

Mary Ann Revels, six-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Revels, died at their home near here last Thursday about noon, after an illness of five days.

Dr. James J. Crowley, recently elected district health officer to succeed Dr. S. V. Lewis, did not arrive last week to take up his work here as expected.

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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.

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

Committees were appointed and tentative 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.

Local retailers are doing this as their part of the nation-wide campaign by storekeepers to boost the sales of war bonds during the month of May.

The Washington County Farm Bureau, through its president, J. Roy Manning, has assured its support, and it is hoped to have several hundred farmers here for the events that day.

Shep Brinkley, owner of the Plymouth Theatre, is contributing the use of his theatre for the whole day, with the exception of one show at night.

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.

Final Exercises for Local High School 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.

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 the subject.

All three members of the board were present, E. G. Arps, chairman; J. C. Knowles, of Roper; and H. W. Pritchett, of Creswell.

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 court.

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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.

Status of Recorder's Court Uncertain; No Session This Week

Several Apply To County Board for Position as Recorder Judge

The recorder's court problem here is still "up in the air" this week, with no immediate prospect in sight of effecting a settlement.

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.

It was stated by one of the county commissioners that one reason no action was taken by them Monday was because they had received no official notice that the court would not be held Tuesday.

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Tomato Plants at Welaka Plant Friday and Saturday

Farmers who plan to grow tomatoes 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.

Campbell Re-elected in Election Here Tuesday

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

B. G. Campbell was re-elected mayor by a 75-vote majority over A. J. Riddle, while Henry E. Harrison and J. Roy Manning received narrow pluralities over A. Lloyd Owens for councilmen from the first ward in the only contests in the municipal election here last Tuesday.

The closest race developed among the three contenders for the two places as councilmen in the first ward. The two winners, H. E. Harrison and J. R. Manning, received 104 and 102 votes, respectively, while A. Lloyd Owens was right behind them with an even 100.

Mayor Campbell has already served nine years as councilman and seven years as mayor. There are only two newcomers among the six councilmen, Mr. Harrison and W. A. Roebuck, the latter being elected from the second ward without opposition.

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 89, Riddle 46; totals, Campbell 214, Riddle 144.

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

For second ward councilmen: Roebuck 60, Norman 59.

For third ward councilmen: E. E. Harrell 80, G. R. Leggett 75.

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Elect Officials at Roper, Creswell

There was only one contest in Roper and none in Creswell in the biennial town elections held there Tuesday.

The five candidates in the Creswell election received 21 votes each. They are: W. T. Alexander, mayor; H. W. Norman, O. D. Hatfield, H. R. Stillman and C. N. Davenport, Jr., councilmen.

Change Regulations On Poultry Prices Within Past Week

New Rules Permit Producers 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.

Some changes in price were announced, but in the main prices to wholesalers are substantially the same as announced last week.

Live broilers and fryers are now treated as one classification, and producers may charge wholesale dealers 28 1/2 cents per pound for them.

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Billy Wells Bateman At Pre-Flight School

Army Aviation Cadet Billy Wells Bateman, of Creswell, was recently transferred from the Army Air Force classification center to the Army Air Force Pre-Flight School, SAACC at San Antonio, Texas.

McLean Re-elected Superintendent of Schools by Board Education Monday

H. H. McLean was re-elected 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.

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.

County Soldier Gets DSC for Bravery in Action in Mid-East

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

A delayed announcement was made from Cairo, Egypt, Monday that Staff Sergeant Augustus R. Patrick, Jr., of Roper, had received the Distinguished Service Cross in a ceremony at U. S. Air Force headquarters there recently.

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.

According to published reports, the citation accompanying the award of 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 Distinguished Service Cross is a bronze cross with an eagle on the center and a scroll below the eagle bearing the inscription, "For Valor."

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Patrick, Sr., who live in Scuppernon Township, received a letter from the War Department on May 4.

Local Youth Home After Part in Four 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.

Assigned to a destroyer, he was in the Atlantic when the war broke out in December, 1941. His ship left soon afterwards for the Pacific, and he has been in that area since, taking part in the major actions at Midway, Coral Sea, Santa Cruz, and Solomon Islands.

His service ribbon shows he has taken part in four campaigns: Africa-Iceland, American, Asiatic, and National Defense. He has a star on his national defense bar, showing one year's service before Pearl Harbor; and four stars on the Asiatic campaign bar, denoting the four major battle actions he has participated in.