

News was received here this week that Ensign W. A. Davidson, jr., had been recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant (junior grade) in the United States Navy. Lieutenant Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davidson here, is a Naval aviator and recently was serving on an airplane carrier in the Southwest Pacific.

County farmers are said to be just about through with their planting tasks in connection with this year's field crops. Much tobacco had to be reset after the first transplanting, but as a whole the present outlook is not bad, according to reports.

To relieve retailers of an "end-of-the-month" buying rush, the time for using blue stamps G, H and J in War Ration Book 2 has been extended one week. Instead of expiring May 31, blue stamps G, H and J will be good through June 7. The next three sets of blue stamps—K, L and M, totaling 48 points—became valid last Monday and will continue good through July 7. This means that blue stamps G, H, J, K, L and M are all good during the two-week "overlap" period from May 24 through June 7.

In announcing this week the validity of sugar rationing stamps Nos. 15 and 16 for securing sugar for canning fruits and fruit juices, the local OPA board secretary emphasizes that such sugar can be used only for canning purposes. It is strictly a violation of regulations to use sugar obtained on stamps Nos. 15 and 16 for any other purpose.

William R. Darden, who was severely wounded at Oran last November, when the United Nations launched the North African invasion, was this week given an honorable discharge from the United States Navy and has returned to his home here. He received five machine-gun bullet wounds in the legs, numerous shrapnel wounds, and his ear drums were burst in the Oran action. He was cited and given two promotions in grade for meritorious conduct under fire at the time.

Fred W. Bateman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bateman, of Skippersville Township, will graduate from the United States Naval Midshipman's School at Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind., today. Upon graduation he will be commissioned an ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve and assigned to active duty.

Joseph A. Vall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vall, was recently promoted to the grade of sergeant in the United States Army Air Forces. He entered the Army in September of last year and is now stationed at Madison, Wis., with an academic squadron.

Albemarle Beach To Open Friday Night for Season

Dance Tomorrow Night Is Free; Formal Opening Week Later

Plans are complete for the informal opening of Albemarle Beach, about 7 miles from Plymouth on Albemarle Sound, with a free dance tomorrow night, the music furnished by latest recordings, and the public is urged to attend.

The formal opening of the beach has been set for one week later, Friday night of next week, June 4, with Hal Thurston and His Orchestra providing music for the dance, Mr. Gurkin said.

Mr. Gurkin has had a crew of men busy at the resort for the past week or more, repainting, repairing and otherwise getting everything all set for the new season. Bathing, boating and dancing are the main attractions at the beach, and they will all be available to patrons this weekend.

Albemarle Beach is expected to have a banner season this year, since its location so near to Plymouth will doubtless make it more popular than ever. Mr. Gurkin has made every preparation to take care of the large crowds expected; and he announces that special rates will be put into effect for service men home on furlough.

Cottages at the beach have been repaired and put into shape for the coming season, and the owner says that he has several for rent at this time.

OPA Inspectors Here Last Week To Check All Gas Supplement Requests

Several OPA officials were here last week to check over all applications for gasoline supplements on file in the office of the local rationing board. A written report on findings will be sent to the board here within the next few days, it was indicated. Those making the survey included W. K. Bernhard and Mr. Johnson, from the Raleigh office, and Frank Copeland, field rationing officer, of New Bern.

County Bond Sales Probably Will Be Three Times Quota for Month of May

Washington county will very probably triple its bond quota for this month, it was learned this week from H. E. Beam, county chairman of War Bond sales. Total sales throughout the county, as reported by the Federal Reserve Board, up to May 15 stood at \$13,500, issue value, while the quota for the month is \$21,243.

Sales here last Friday amounted to \$48,000, maturity value, or \$36,000 issue price; and it is known that several additional thousand dollars' worth of bonds have been sold since then. It

is estimated that the issue value of series E bonds sold in the county this month is around \$60,000 at this time. The maturity value of that amount of bonds would be \$80,000.

Since official quotas were first issued about a year ago, Washington County has "gone over the top" every month except one; and the deficit for that single month was more than made up the next month. In the matter of buying its share of bonds, Washington County ranks well among the leaders throughout the nation.

Speed Limit Violators May Lose Gas Rations

Theatre To Have Weekly Bond Day

Beginning next week, every Monday will be War Bond Day at the Plymouth Theatre, it was announced today by Marlan Brinkley, manager, and Bernice Brinkley. The total receipts of the theatre on Mondays will be put into United States War Bonds.

Miss Brinkley said that every penny taken in at the box office on Mondays would be used to buy War Bonds, and thus will go directly into the war effort. Patrons are urged to remember this in making their plans to attend shows at the local theatre in the future.

Funeral Services for Cecil A. Swain Held In Creswell Sunday

Prominent County Citizen Died in Norfolk Hospital Last Thursday

Creswell.—Funeral services for Cecil A. Swain, 53, were conducted Sunday afternoon at Christ Episcopal Church by the Rev. C. E. Williams of New Bern assisted by the Rev. B. W. Gaither, rector of the church.

Mr. Swain, life long resident of Washington County died in a Norfolk hospital Thursday after being in ill health for a year. He was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church and was a vestryman at the time of his death. He was former mayor of the town of Creswell, serving for six years.

During the service the church choir sang "Hark, Hark, My Soul" and "There Is a Blessed Home." Mrs. Milton Starr, Mrs. R. T. Hopkins, Mrs. A. C. Harris, R. L. Litchfield and Harry Pritchette sang "Abide With Me."

Burial was made in St. David's Church cemetery. Pallbearers were Edgar S. Woodley, Josh G. Woodley, Walter D. Peele, Sidney C. Smithson, Webb L. Davenport and Clyde S. Smithson.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. C. A. Swain, two daughters, Mrs. John S. Armfield, of Chicago, and Miss Betty Swain, of Creswell, and one brother, Frank Swain of Creswell.

Fuel-Oil Applications Will Be Mailed Soon

Mrs. Sabrie W. Reid, secretary to the Washington War Price and Rationing Board, said this week that she was planning to mail out applications within the next week or so to all those who use fuel oil for heating. Application blanks for this purpose were supposed to be in the hands of local board by May 20, but they have not yet been received here.

When they do come in, it will not be necessary for applicants to go to the ration board office for them, as they will be mailed out.

Fuel-oil allotments for the coming season will be substantially the same as last year, it was indicated.

cation for supplemental gasoline allotment in the files here. They stated before they left that the work of the local board was on parity with the best they had found anywhere in the state.

When their report is received, it is possible that a few supplemental allotments may be called in for correction, but the inspectors indicated that the Washington County Board had scrupulously observed the regulations in issuing supplements and that there would be hardly any changes made.

Special Panel To Be Set Up To Consider Future Such Cases

Those Convicted of Improper Use Tires and Gas May Be Severely Penalized

Improper use of gasoline and tires is likely to cause some Washington County motorists to lose the use of their cars for stated periods ranging up to the duration of the war, as soon as instructions received this week from state OPA headquarters are carried out. The local war price and rationing board was directed to hear violators cited for violation of the regulations or to take steps to have a special panel set up to hear such cases.

Such hearings in other counties of this section have resulted in cancellation of all gasoline rations for specific periods. Persons convicted of exceeding the 35-mile speed limit have constituted a majority of the victims, and the first offense in some counties brings a 30-day suspension of gasoline rations for the violator. Repeated violations or more serious offenses in a few cases have resulted in cancellation of all gasoline and tire rations for the duration of the war.

Members of the Washington County Rationing Board have indicated that they would decline to serve as a court to hear such cases. It is expected that state OPA officials will call on the chairman of the local Civilian Defense Council, the clerk of the superior court, and the chairman of the county board of commissioners to recommend the appointment of a panel to hear and pass on cases of gasoline rationing violations.

Just when such a panel will be set up and begin functioning is not known. It is expected that action will begin very shortly, however, as a number of county people have already been convicted in justice of the peace courts for violating the 35-mile speed limit; and in all such cases the violators are to be certified to the rationing board for a hearing as to whether or not their gasoline rations should be suspended.

In this county, P. B. Bateman is chairman of the Civilian Defense Council; W. B. Cox is acting clerk of superior court; and E. G. Arps is chairman of the county board of commissioners. It is expected that they will be called on to nominate members of a special panel to hear and pass on citations for abuse of gasoline and tire allotments.

Local Scouts Won Awards at Camp

Local Boy Scouts made a splendid showing at the district camporee in Williamston recently, it was learned this week from Louis Trunzo, who accompanied the two patrols from here. Both the Wolf and Silver Fox patrols won blue ribbons for all-round camping excellence, the highest award given at the camporee.

The local group was quite proud of its record at the camporee, both patrols getting a total of more than 800 points out of a possible 1,000 for participation in the camporee activities. There were 15 boys, Mr. Trunzo and the Rev. W. B. Daniels in attendance.

Mr. Trunzo and the boys who attended the camporee from here say that it is possible to have a camporee held in Plymouth in the near future. He is enthused over the prospect, quoting J. T. Uzzle, assistant council executive, as saying that from 250 to 300 boys would attend such an event in Plymouth. The boys would come from troops throughout the whole section, including those in Greenville, Washington, Belhaven, Williamston, Robersonville, Jamesville, Creswell and Columbia.

Mr. Uzzle will be here within another week or so, and it is likely that the idea may be further discussed then.

Sessions Recorder's Court Resumed Last Tuesday by Owens

To Carry On Without Services of Solicitor for Next Few Weeks

After a three-weeks lay-off, the Washington County Recorder's Court convened Tuesday morning at its regular time. Edward L. Owens, who announced his resignation as judge nearly a month ago, returned to the bench for the session Tuesday.

Judge Owens announced that he would hold sessions this week and next, pending action by the county commissioners next first Monday on his request that a regular solicitor be appointed. For the next two Tuesdays, at least, the court will be without the services of a solicitor, and Mr. Owens said that in the event a jury trial was demanded in the interim sessions, he would direct the jury as to the type of verdict to bring in; reminding protesting attorneys that they still had the right of appeal to the superior court.

Continuance of the county recorder's court as at present constituted hinges on the ability of the county commissioners to secure the services of a solicitor. Mr. Owens has announced that he will not continue to serve as judge unless a regular solicitor can be secured. For the past several months, the court has operated without a regular solicitor; the judge designating one of the local attorneys to serve when the occasion required it.

The latter procedure worked very well until about a month ago, when one defendant employed to represent him both the attorneys who had been serving as solicitor. This left the court without a prosecuting attorney, and Judge Owens at first announced that he was resigning, later deciding to continue for the time being until the commissioners had a chance to secure a regular solicitor.

The job as solicitor has "gone begging"; none of the local attorneys being willing to serve regularly in that capacity at the present rate of pay, \$60 a month. It is understood that the county board is willing to raise the "ante" to \$80, but whether or not that is sufficient to assure continuance of the court is not known at this time.

Final Rites Sunday For Warren Griffin

Warren Griffin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Griffin, of Mackeys, died last Thursday in a Norfolk hospital after an illness of about a week. Born in Martin County 37 years ago, he moved with his parents to Mackeys shortly afterwards and lived there until he went to work with the Virginia Electric & Power Company in Norfolk about two years ago.

He was born March 3, 1906, at Jamesville in Martin County. However, he was raised in the Mackeys section, and he and his family were well known and highly regarded throughout this section. He was never married.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the home of his brother, J. T. Griffin, at Mackeys by the Rev. G. C. Wood, pastor of the Roper Methodist church, and interment made in the cemetery at Saints Delight church. A large crowd of relatives and friends attended, and there was a profuse floral offering.

Mr. Griffin is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lyman Mayo, of Plymouth and Norfolk; Miss Ludie May Griffin, of Norfolk; and three brothers, James Griffin, of the U. S. Army, stationed at Little Rock, Ark.; J. T. and Jessie Griffin, of Mackeys.

Number Local Merchants Visit Wholesale Markets

Quite a number of local merchants are visiting wholesale markets in various parts of the country this week to replenish stocks of their stores.

James W. Norman, of the Norman Furniture Company, is in High Point on the furniture market; L. S. Thompson and Abe Adler left Sunday night for New York to get in touch with wholesalers there; and A. J. Byrd is in Baltimore to buy summer clothing for Byrd's Clothing Store.

NYA Training Courses Available To Youths

The United States Employment Office here announces that Miss Isabelle B. Warren, NYA representative, will interview all youths interested in taking NYA training courses at the local courthouse every Friday, between the hours of 10 and 11 a. m.

Boys from 16 years to 17 years, 4 months; and girls from 16 years, 9 months, to 25 years old are eligible. Those who are interested in machine shop, foundry, sheet metal, aircraft woodwork, welding, or radio will find this to be a wonderful opportunity to learn a trade that will further the war effort.

Those who want further information are urged to come to the United States Employment Office, located in the basement of the courthouse here.

Army Air Force Officers To Conduct Meeting at Courthouse Here Friday

P. W. Brown, district chief, and Edw. S. (Ted) Blount, chief observer of the Plymouth Observation Post, urge all volunteer airplane "spotters" to attend the meeting in the courthouse here tomorrow night (Friday) at 8 p. m. Staff Sergeant C. G. Lehner, of the Norfolk Air Defense Wing, and other Army Air Force officers will be present to conduct the meeting.

The importance of the Ground Observer Corps and suggestions for carrying on the work in this section will be dealt with at the

meeting. If possible, a movie pertaining to the work will be shown.

All volunteers are especially requested to be present, and the general public is invited. Additional volunteers are needed to man the local post, and it is hoped that many local citizens who are not now serving will attend the meeting and sign up to help do their part. An interesting and entertaining program will be presented, according to a letter from the visiting officers.

Bond Sale Last Friday Totals Nearly \$50,000

Was Most Successful Event of Its Kind Ever Held in County

Bids on Individual Prizes Ranged Up To \$5,600; Many Over \$1,000

Washington County Victory Bond Day here last Friday was an unqualified success. According to H. E. Beam, county chairman of War Bond sales, more than \$48,000 worth of bonds were sold at the two auction sales, which was more than double what even the more optimistic thought would be sold. Other features on the day's program were well received by the large number of people who came here to attend the observance.

Although disappointed by last-minute cancellation of plans to have a battery of field artillery and an Army band here for the day, members of the local merchants association, who sponsored the program, made other arrangements for entertainment of the visitors throughout the day.

The Edenton High School Band was here and contributed very substantially in helping out the local high school band in putting over the pet and bicycle parade in the morning. Billie Peele won first prize in the pet parade, \$3 worth of theatre tickets; and Jimmie Allen won second prize, \$2 worth of tickets. In the bicycle parade, Bill Duke Gay won \$3 worth of tickets as first prize, and Shelton Owens \$2 worth as second. All the prizes were donated by the Plymouth Theatre.

Large crowds were on hand for the free shows at the theatre, made possible by the North Carolina Pulp Company, the M-G-M Film Corporation and the management of the Plymouth theatre. The film showing the operation of the pulp plant here came in for special commendation, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number who attended.

However, it was the two big bond auctions that proved the most successful events of the day. Local merchants, business houses and a few patriotic individuals contributed more than \$500 worth of prizes which were auctioned off to the highest bidders for bonds. At the afternoon auction, approximately \$2,500 worth of bonds were sold, while the big sale took place at the night show.

"Jakie" Taylor, tobacco auctioneer from Robersonville, conducted the bond auctions, assisted by J. Roy Manning, L. S. Thompson, W. H. Peele and other members of the merchants association. The most popular

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Army Accepts 6 - 8 Out 21 From Here

Six men were accepted, the status of two others is not known, and thirteen were rejected out of the May draft contingent of white men from this county who were given their examinations at Fort Bragg last Monday. At least one and possibly two of them were held over for further examination, while the others returned Tuesday night.

Those who were accepted are as follows: Charlie F. Lefever, of Weldon; Bailey Caswell Phelps, of Creswell; Charles Rowe Gaither, of Creswell; Marshall Gray Ange, of Plymouth; Charles Wilbert Davenport, of Creswell; and Harold Ray Holton.

Originally, 26 men were scheduled to leave here Monday for possible induction, but there were a number of last-minute transfers to other boards, which reduced the actual number to 21.

Silver Tea at Roper Next Tuesday Night

Roper.—The Woman's Society of Christian Service will sponsor a silver tea at the Community Building here next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Local Ration Board Without Chairman; All Refuse To Serve

Matter Is Now in Hands of State OPA Office at Raleigh

No one has yet been found to serve as chairman of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board. W. L. Whitley, who has served in that capacity since the board was first named more than a year ago, resigned last week; and the chairmanship has since been offered to the other three members, all of whom declined to serve.

It is not known what steps will be taken to straighten out the local situation, as the matter has been thrown back into the hands of the state OPA office at Raleigh. It may be necessary to add another member, who will agree to serve as chairman, to the board; or some other action may be taken. It is necessary that the local board be completely organized by the election of a chairman, but all of the present members have been canvassed and all of them have declined positively to serve.

W. L. Whitley, E. F. Still and A. J. Riddle are the members of the original board. Since they were named, the Rev. B. W. Gaither, of Creswell, was added as public relations director, and Edward H. Hill volunteered to become a member.

Members of the board serve without compensation. They have rendered a patriotic service, working long hours in considering the various applications for rationed articles, and they are many times unjustly accused of showing favoritism, when as a matter of fact, their decisions necessarily are based on regulations which they are sworn to uphold. They have no power or authority to change the regulations, and most thinking people who know what they are up against concede that the Washington County board members have rendered a splendid unselfish service.

Poppies To Be Sold Here Saturday in Memory War Dead

Legion Auxiliary in Charge Of Sale; Funds Used for Benefit of Veterans

Poppies in tribute to America's battle dead of two wars will be sold on the streets here Saturday of this week, the sale to be sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. It was announced this week by Mrs. L. V. Landing, president.

The poppies worn this year will honor the men who have given their lives in the present conflict as well as those who fell among the poppies of France and Belgium 25 years ago.

The nation-wide sale of memorial poppies was begun by the Legion and Auxiliary in 1921. At first, silk poppies made in France by French widows and orphans were used. In 1922 the first poppies made by American veterans were produced in the hospitals of Minnesota, and this work has steadily expanded until poppies are being made in more than 50 hospitals and disabled veterans' workrooms in 40 different states. The money contributed for the flowers will go entirely for the rehabilitation and child welfare funds of the auxiliary, where they will support efforts to assist disabled fighting men of both wars and the children of the dead and disabled.

The poppy sale in Plymouth will be under the direction of Mrs. Wade Johnson, chairman, and volunteer workers of the auxiliary. Five hundred poppies have been ordered, and it is believed all will be disposed of.

Subscription Rates Advance Tuesday

Effective June 1, 1943, there will be a general increase in subscription rates of the Roanoke Beacon to everyone except men in the armed forces. It is with regret and reluctance that the publishers make this announcement. For more than a year every effort has been made to maintain the present \$1.50 base rate, which is the same as it was even during the depression years of the early thirties. It is no longer possible to do so, in the face of greatly increased costs of everything that goes into the printing of a newspaper—labor, paper, ink, cuts, type, and supplies for the maintenance of equipment.

Therefore, effective June 1, 1943, the following schedule of rates will prevail:

To persons living in Washington, Tyrrell, Beaufort and Martin Counties: One year, \$2; six months, \$1.25; and single copies, 5 cents. No subscriptions will be accepted for less than six months.

To persons living outside of Washington, Tyrrell, Beaufort and Martin Counties: One year, \$2.50; six months, \$1.50.

A special rate of \$1.50 per year will be granted to men in the armed services of the United States.

Subscriptions will continue to be accepted at the old rate until June 1, but for no longer than two years in advance. Pursuant to postal regulations, all subscriptions are strictly cash in advance.

Notices are being mailed out to approximately 150 subscribers whose subscriptions expire this month; and they may renew at the \$1.50 rate if they come in before the first of June; otherwise the new schedules will apply.