Lieutenant (jg) James A. Chesson

sacola, Fla., spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James A.

He was promoted from ensign to

junior grade lieutenant about three

An appeal for additional volun-

W. Brown, district chief. Duty

teers to man the aircraft observa-

tion post here was issued today by

at the post is not unduly arduous,

and volunteers are required to serve

only once every two or three weeks.

All those who are willing to help are

asked to give their names to Edward

Today is the last day for mail-

ing application for War Ration

Book No. 3. It is reported that

a large number have not com-

plied with instructions in filling

out the blanks, and it is probable

that delivery of the new books to them will be delayed. Book

No. 3 will be mailed directly from

the Charlotte office to heads of

family units between now and

poral in the Army Air Forces. He

was employed by the North Carolina

Pulp Company here before entering

the armed forces. His father, Charles

of bonds had been sold up to today.

Mrs. J. T. Bateman underwent

several serious operations at a Wash-

ington hospital during the past few

days. She was reported to be little

improved this week. Her son,

Thomas Bateman, of Washington, D.

C., and two daughters, Inez and Ru-

by, were called to be at her bed-

Last week-end was one of the

quietest in some time, according

to Chief of Police P. W. Brown.

Coincidentally, perhaps, it was

also one of the hottest week-ends

prior to the storm Sunday after-

noon; and, too, the ABC store

here was entirely out of whiskey

during the latter part of the

Corporal William R. Hampton, jr.

for a few days. Corporal Hampton

located at Camp McCain, Miss.

ting along very well today.

Draft Board Issues

Final Appeal for

Most of Delinquents Among

Farmers Between Ages

Of 38 To 45

properly classified.

side last week.

E. Swain, still resides in Roper.

early in August.

S. (Ted) Blount, chief observer.

jr., Naval aviator stationed at Pen-VOLUME LIV—NUMBER 23 Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, June 10, 1943

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Chesson, sr., near Roper. An in-**Use - Tax Stamps** structor at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Lieutenant Chesson was on a cross-country flight when he For Cars on Sale stopped over at Rocky Mount in order to pay a brief visit to his parents.

Federal use-tax stamps, which must be displayed on every motor vehicle by July 1st, went on sale in the local post office today. according to John W. Darden, postmaster. They cost \$5 each, and are good from July 1, 1943, to June 30, 1944.

Every type of motor vehicle is required to have the stamps, including automobiles, trucks and motorcycles. It is presumed that the owners of motor bikes are also required to have them, although Mr. Darden said he was not sure about them. However, they are required to have state licenses, an indication that they are classed as motorcycles.

Jury List Is Drawn For Superior Court Term Next Month Charles F. Swain, of Roper, was recently promoted to the rank of cor-

Judge Walter J. Bone To Preside Over Session Starting July 12

Preparing for the July term of Washington County's War Bond Washington County Superior Court, quota for the month of June has been the board of commissioners last Monset at \$22,305, only slightly larger day drew the names of 48 citizens than the quota for last month, acwho will serve as jurors The term cording to H E. Beam, county chairwill begin Monday, July 12, with man of bond sales. It is estimated Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, that slightly more than \$6,000 worth scheduled to preside.

The July term of court is a oneweek session, and usually only criminal actions may be scheduled. There are few civil cases on the calendar. and it is expected that the court will docket is cleared. Farmers are gentime this session of court is held, they were a year ago. which is the reason it is cut short after the criminal cases are heard Following is the jury list as drawn by the county board at its meeting

Plymouth Township: Herbert J. nie M. Lilley, Berton F. Ange, William Ronald Tetterton, I. T. Sawyer, David A. Hurley, sr., H. L. Owens, Sam C Styron, Edgar Bateman, J. H. Mizell, Kenneth Allen, S. E. Beasley, C. E. Ayers, E. H. Blatz, H. A. 12 cents Market steady. and Staff Sergeant "Sprat" Hardin Holbrook, H. L. Horton, E. R. Ches-

are visiting relatives and friends here Lees Mill Township: E. R. Oliver, W. A Knowles, J. L. McAllister, M. has been stationed at Camp Wheeler, Furlough, H. W. Tarkenton, C. Ga., but is now on his way to Camp M. Robbins, W. J. Vaughn, Dan I. Hood, Texas. Sergeant Hardin is Marrow, W. R. Price, M. S. Phelps. C. M. Marriner, L. H. Hardison, J. F.

Wilford Whitley, son of Mr. and Carter Skinnersville Township: Thedia Mrs. W. L Whitley, was taken to a Alexander, T. D. Basnight, A. M. Rocky Mount hospital Tuesday af-Chesson, M. F. Davenport, R. E. ternoon for treatment of a nose infection. He was reported to be get-

Scuppernong Township: Archie Craddock, N. C. Herrington, W. W. Bateman, J. R. Davenport, Woodley Ambrose, Russell E Davenport, D. H. Ambrose, Roy U. Davenport, L. W. Bateman, Phillip E. Ambrose, Arthur

Farm Statements Revival Begins at Mackeys Sunday

gin at the Methodist church in Mackeys Sunday afternon, June 13. The Washington County Selective Service Board this week issued its at 3 p. m., it was announced today "last call" to farmers subject to the by the pastor, Rev. G. C Wood, of selective service law to file their farm Roper. Services will be held each night during the following week at statements. These statements are supposed to have been filed with the 8:30 p. m. John C. Brinson, ministerial student at Duke University, board before now, and most farmers have complied, but there are a few Durham, will conduct the services. who have neglected to do so, and they and the public is cordially invited to are urgently requested to get them attend. The revival will be concludin immediately, so that they may be ed Sunday, June 20th, according to the pastor.

The clerk to the local draft board A Daily Vacation Bible school will P. B. Bateman; sergeant at arms, J said yesterday that most of those who also be conducted at the church in H. Swindell; chaplain, D. A. Hurley; had failed to file statements were in Mackeys next week by Mr. Brinson, the age group between 38 and 45. starting Monday morning at 9 o'-While they are not subject to the clock. Classes will be held from 9 draft at present, the age limit may to 11 a. m. each morning during the be raised at any time, and those who week, the school being brought to a have filed no occupational reasons for close Friday. The cooperation of deferment may find themselves in the parents is earnestly requested in havarmy before they have time to make ing all children of the community enrolled in the school.

Almost Entire Winter's Supply of Coal For Schools of County Placed in Bins

Practically the entire winter's supply of coal for Washington County schools has been received and put into the bins, it was learned from County Superintendent H. H. McLean this week. A total of 3391/2 tons has been distributed, Mr. McLean said. About another 100 tons will be needed if the winter is severe.

Wood is usually used in the rural schools of the county, but the superintendent said it was likely that coal would be used in some of them during the coming term if heaters can be secured. The difficulty of securing wood in recent winters has caused authorities to consider mak-

ing the change. Heating systems or stoves using coal are in use in the white and colored schools at Plymouth, Roper, Creswell and Cherry, and the coal received recently has been but into bins at these places.

The coal strike has raised the possibility of coal rationing being instituted throughout the nation next winter. It was for this reason that county school authorities were anxious to get their supply in early, and Mr. McLlean heaved a sigh of relief when the last of the 3391/2 tons was received and placed in the bins Tuesday of this week.

Three Cars Spring Lambs Sold at Co-op Sale Here Tuesday

Farmers From Four Counties Take Part; 370 Lambs Shipped

Three carloads of lambs were haniled Tuesday at the cooperative spring lamb sale held here for producers of Washington and three adjoining counties. A total of 370 lambs, the weight aggregating 26,990 pounds, was shipped in three cars to New Jersey commission firm. The price received by the growers will not be determined until final returns are received from the broker, but Jersey City quotations for Tuesday ranged from 12 cents for common lambs to 17 cents for choice, and it is believed returns will be based somewhere around these figures.

The county agents from Tyrrell and Hyde, H H. Harris and J. T Woodard, respectively, assisted Washington County Agent W. V. Hays with the sale, which was handled through the Plymouth Mutual Livestock Association. L. I. Case, animal husbandry specialist from State College at Raleigh, graded and marked the lambs. Prof. Robert S. Curtis marketing specialist for the N. C. Department of Agriculture, was also here and made arrangements to buy nine buck lambs to be added to his flock. Observers at the sale included H. L. Meacham, director of War Bond sales for North Carolina, and Thompson Greenwood, of Raleigh who handles publicity for the state department of agriculture.

The sale was described as one of the best, although not the largest, ever held here. Last year two sales were held, while Tuesday's sale is be adjourned after the criminal the only one planned this season. Prices are generally expected to be erally busy with field work at the about a cent a pound higher than

Hyde has the largest number of growers, while Washington County producers shipped the largest number of lambs. The breakdown by counties is as follows: Tyrrell, 12 shippers, 104 lambs; Hyde, 16 ship-Sawyer, George T. Sexton, L. W. pers, 103 lambs; Beaufort, 5 ship-Tetterton, Robert L. Bateman, Bon- pers, 51 lamsb; and Washington, 10 shippers, 112 lambs.

Jersey City quotations for lambs Tuesday were as follows: choice, 17 cents: good, 16 1-4 to 16 1-2 cents; medium, 15 1-4 cents; and common

Local Legion Post Elects Officers at

J. Richard Carr Is Elected Commander; Succeeds B. G. Campbell

New officers were elected for the coming year by the James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, American Legion, at a special meeting last Friday night. Delegates were also elected at the same time to the 25th annual convention of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion, which will be held in Charlotte June

J. R. Carr was elected commander of the local post, succeeding B. G. Campbell. M. W. Spruill, Ronald Coburn and J. A. Bratten were elected vice commanders, and J. E. Westray was reelected adjutant.

Delegates to the state convention are J. E. Westray, chairman; B. G Campbell and J. R. Carr. Alternates are W. V. Hays, J. B. Willoughby and R. L. Tetterton.

Others officers elected at the meeting last week are as follows: Finance officer, P. W. Brown; service officer, M. W. Spruill; guardianship officer, historian, P. B. Bateman; athletic officer, P. W. Brown: child welfare officer, J. B. Willoughby; Americanism officer, Goldie Simpson: national defense officer, P. W. Brown; graves registration officer, R. L. Tetterton: employment officer, J. C. Swain; boys' state officer, B. G. Campbell; Boy Scout officer, C E. Ayers; membership chairman, P. W. Brown; publicity officer, B. G. Campbell; and chairman, Sons of Legion, J. B. Wil-

Creswell Observers Urged To Attend Meeting Friday

By Mrs. SIDNEY SMITHSON Creswell.-Earl Davenport, chief observer of the Creswell Observation Post, urges all citizens living in and around Creswell to attend the meeting Friday night in the Creswell High School Building, at 8:30, when Captain Dewitt M. Smith and Sergeant C. G. Lehner, of the Army Air Forces Ground Observer Corps, will have a message of importance for you. There will be a picture shown free of

Let's show our appreciation for the work they are doing and have a large attendance at this meeting.

If you have a member of your you will want to attend this meeting, of July.

Red Cross Issues Appeal for Help

Volunteers are need by the Red Cross here to help make surgical dressings, according to Mrs. R. A. Duvall, who is in charge of this work for the local chapter. A room has been set aside for making the dressings at Red Cross headquarters in the Harney Building, and those who wish to help are asked to report at the room between 2 and 6 and 8 and 9 p.m. daily.

Mrs. Duvall got the work underway Tuesday of this week, and the room is open daily between the hours listed above. The dressings will be prepared for use in any emergency which may occur locally. Workers are urgently needed, and Mrs. Duvall urges all who can to help.

No Relief Forecast In Near Future for Beef Shortage Here amounts to a minimum and make

Call on State Authorities In Raleigh

The beef situation-or, rather, the ack-of-beef situation-in Plymouth was discussed at some length last Thursday afternoon at a special meeting of the local merchants, sevand representatives of local industrial organizations. However, there was little definite information forthcoming which indicated that any improvement could be expected in the immediate future.

Beef has been very nearly impossible to secure at local food-handling establishments for several months, due to a number of conditions peculiar to this section. For one thing, two of the principal sources of beef for local retailers pefore the shortage became acute some time ago have gone out of business. Other distributors are having difficulty in supplying their former ou tomers and hence are not taking on any new ones.

This leaves Plyr outh in the position of having beef quotas which local markets are simply unable to have supplied. The trouble is not in the quotas; it is in finding beef to fill the quotas.

decided to have a delegation from the Norman. association accompany Carl L. Bailey. chairman of the price ceiling panel of the ration board, to Raleigh to see if the Food Distribution Admin-Meet Last Friday strator could be prevailed upon to do something about the local situa-Carolina Pulp Company, was also to accompany the group; with H. A. Williford and Ralph Browning named to represent the merchants associa-

No definite date was set for the delegation to go to Raleigh, and some doubt is expressed as to whether such a trip can hope to accomplish much. as Mr. Bailey has previously been in consultation with the food distribution officials, and they hold out little hope for relieving conditions here unless a slaughter house can be established in the community.

Establishment of a slaughter house here would require an outlay of several thousand dollars, it is indicated; tablished concerns of this nature are county. closing because they cannot make

no immediate relief in prospect, so far as getting more beef is concerned beef being received do not last long. The markets, as a rule, naturally there. take care of their regular customers first, and that leaves little beef to wind and electrical storm Sunday afbe sold to consumers who "shop around" for their supplies.

Cucumbers Will Be Received This Week Masons of District

The local plant of C. C. Lang & Sons will start receiving the new crop of cucumbers this week, it was announced yesterday by C. W. Dinkins. the manager. Farmers are getting ready to pick cucumbers, and Mr. Dinkins expects to receive a number of loads the latter part of the week. There are about 500 acres of cucumbers in the Plymouth, Columbia and Hertford sections under contract to the Lang firm. Receiving stations are located at all three points, and the cucumbers from the Columbia and Hertford sections will be brought here and processed at the

The manager said that the present outlook for the growers is con- ter stated that in the event he could sidered very good. A fairly good not attend, he had designated the yield is expected, with the peak of Rev. C. K. Proctor, superintendent of the season to be reached around the Oxford Orphanage, to represent him first to fourth of July. The plant at the meeting here. will continue to receive cucumbers as long as the quantity justifies. As a lodges in this district, Mr. McLean

Most Pressing Needs For Present

Washington County commissioners, at their regular meeting Monday made \$5,500 available to the county board of education to take care of urgently needed repairs to a number of school buildings. This matter has been hanging fire for several months pending definite estimates of the amount needed to maintain the various buildings and keep them in ope-

Several months ago, when the new board of education members took office, they made an inspection trip of all the school buildings, and it was determined that a unmber of them would have to be repaired very shortly in order to keep them from absolute ruin Only a limited amount of funds was available from the county's current revenue, and the board of education was asked to reduce the specific recommendations.

This was done, and the county Delegation Is Named To commissioners Monday made the amount needed ,\$5,500, available. is expected that the repair work will be undertaken immediately in order to have all the buildings in good shape before school opens next fall.

The county board, at its meeting Monday, also handled a number of routine matters. Arrangements were eral members of the rationing board made to keep the county recorder's court operating by raising the pay of the judge to \$80 per month. In return, Edward L. Owens agreed to continue as judge without the services of a regular solicitor.

The county sinking fund came in for some consideration by the commissioners. The law requires that a certain amount be set aside each year from current revenue to take care of county bonds as they come due. Money put into this fund cannot be used for any current expenses, and since it is laying idle in the bank, the board decided to invest \$10,000 of it county to earn from \$20 to \$25 per \$1.000, and at the same time make the money available to the government for war purposes.

Arrangements were made for work on the 1943 tax books by employing the following to compile the necessary information: Mrs. George Harrison, jr., Mrs. Mattie Swain, Miss At the meeting last week, it was Jean Chesson, and Miss Barbara

> Reports of the county farm and home demonstration agents were received and approved by the commissioners, all of whom were present

Spell of Midsummer Weather Ended by Wind, Rain Sunday

Number of Farmers Lost Revival Series at Account of Heat

The unusually late and cold spring ended abruptly last week and the section was abruptly plunged into mid-summer weather several weeks ahead of schedule, according to the calendar. Thursday, Friday and Saturday were all extremely hot days. and it is considered doubtful that but the heat wave was broken Sunanyone could be interested in such a day afternoon by thunder showers project, in view of the fact that es- which were general throughout the

Thermometers here Thursday, Friday and Saturday recorded tempera-All of which means that there is tures as high as they reached all of last summer, according to reports. Many farmers lost work stock during Local merchants are doing the best the hot spell, not less than 8 to 10 they can, but the little driblets of mules dying in the Roper section alone, according to people from

Wenona was visited by a severe ternoon, reports stating that field crops were damaged and several houses unroofed. There was some wind with a little rain here, but no serious damage was reported.

Meet Here June 16

held with Preservance Lodge, No. 59, here Wednesday afternoon of next week, at 4 o'clock, it was announced vesterday by H. H. McLean, district deputy grand master. Representatives from the seven lodges in the district, including those at Aurora Washington, Belhaven, Swan Quarter. Englehard. Farifield and Plymouth are expected to be present.

The grand master and grand secretary are also expected to be present. A letter received by Mr. Mc-Lean this week from the grand mas

In addition to delegations from family serving our country, I know rule the season ends about the last has also invited leading Masons from Williamston and other near-by towns

Board of Education Rationing Board Here Allowed \$5,500 for Repairs To Schools Is Being Reorganized; Amount Will Take Care of New Members Added

Box Rent To Be Higher July 1st

After July 1st, the cost of a lock box at the local post office will be higher, it was learned this week from John W. Darden, postmaster. The increase was ordered by the Post Office Department at Washington and goes into effect when the box rent again becomes due, on July

There are three sizes of boxes at the local post office. Heretofore they have rented for 45 cents per quarter for the small box, 60 cents for the medium size box and 75c for the large box, or drawer. Beginning July 1, the rates will be 60 cents, 75 cents and \$1 per quarter, respectively.

Mayor and Council Members To Begin New Terms of Office

H. E. Harrison and W. A. Roebuck Are New Members of Council

The Plymouth City Council was upposed to be sworn in and enter upon a new term at its regular meeting Monday night of this week, but the meeting was called off, due to absence from town of Mayor B. G. Campbell. The postponed meeting probably will be held Monday night

Two new members of the council will take office when the group is in War Bonds. This will enable the sworn in, Henry E. Harrison, of the first ward ,and W. A. Roebuck, of the second ward. Mr. Harrison will succeed A. J. Riddle, while Mr Roebuck fills a vacancy on the board created when C. E. Avers moved from the second ward to the village nearly a

Mayor Campbell will be succeeding himself for his fourth consecutive term. Councilmen E. E. Harrell and G. R. Leggett, of the third ward, will be entering upon their second terms: and James W. Norman, of the second ward, will be entering upon his

After taking the oath of office, the mayor and councilmen will proceed to perfect the city organization for the coming two-year period by electing an attorney, clerk, police force, fire chief ,and various other officials. So far as known, no changes in the present organization are contemplated

Nazarene Church

The Rev. Joseph Finger, pastor of the local Church of the Nazarene. announces that a series of revival Rea Wenona; and W. B. Davenport, services will begin at the church here Monday night of next week and continue for two weeks, ending Sunday, June 27. The pastor will do the preaching and Misses Arnie and Royal, of Kannapolis, musicians and singers, will lead the singing.

The Church of the Nazarene is located on the second floor of the building occupied by Byrd's Clothing Store. The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

Only One Accepted Out of Draft Group From Here

Only one man was accepted for five, representing the June white call stock was inducted into the Army at from this county, who went to Fort Fort Bragg in July of last year. Bragg Monday. Carl McLean Modlin, of Plymouth, was accepted and promoted to corporal while stationed chose the Marine Corps as his pref- at Elgin Field, Fla., in January. erence for service.

left at that time.

Eight Panels Set Up To Direct Various Phases of Program

Chairmen of Panels Compose Executive Group to Administer Rationing

The Washington County War Price and Rationing Board is in the process of complete reorganization, it was indicated this week. Eight panels have been set up to handle the various phases of the rationing program, instead of one board of three of four members being charged with the entire responsibility, as in the past. Under the new set-up, it is expected that the chairman of each panel will become a member of the executive committee which will administer the entire rationing pro-

Eugene F. Still has agreed to serve as chairman of the executive group for the first three months, with Edward H. Hill as vice chairman. It s understood that three members of the old board have agreed to rotate in the offices of chairman and vice chairman at three-month intervals.

All sections of the county are represented in the membership of the several panels which will administer the rationing program Appointments to the panels were made by a committee of three men: E. G. Arps, as chairman of the board of county commissioners; W. B. Cox, as acting clerk of the superior court; and P. B. Bateman, as chairman of the county Civilian Defense Council.

While the membership of the several panels has been announced, the names of the chairmen who will comprise the executive committee. are not yet ready for publication. All of the new panel members are to qualify and be sworn in as soon as possible, in order that they may immediately enter upon their work.

The following have been appoin ed to serve on the various panels: Gasoline Panel: A. J. Riddle, W. L. Whitley and Edward H. Hill, all of Plymouth:

Tire Panel: W. L. Whitley, Edward H. Hill and Frank Brinkley, all of Plymouth:

Food Panel: C. L. Morrison and H H. Allen, of Plymouth; C. L. Barnes,

Fuel Oil and Heating Panel: C. E. Ayers, B. G. Campbell and J. W. Norman, all of Plymouth;

Miscellaneous Commodities Panel: H. E. Harrison, H. A. Williford and L. S. Thompson, all of Plymouth;

Price-Ceiling Panel: Carl L. Baiey and J. E Westray, of Plymouth; W. T. Freeman, of Roper;

Hearing and Trial Panel: P. H. Darden and Z. V. Norman, of Plymouth; Clyde Smithson, of Creswell; Community Service Panel: B. W. Gaither, Creswell; H. H. McLean and W. H. Booker, Plymouth: L. E. Hassell, Roper; Miss Emma Felton, Lake Phelps; Harry Barnes, Cherry; J. L.

Creswell Family Has 4 in Service

Corporal Winfred Comstock, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Comstock, of Creswell ,was recently promoted to the grade of sergeant in the United States Army. At the time of his promotion he was stationed at Fort Riley, Kan., but he was afterwards transferred to a Texas post for a brief stay and is now stationed in military service out of the group of Sante Fe, N. Mex. Sergeant Com-His brother, Julian Comstock, was

Mr. and Mrs. Comstock have four Six men were suposed to leave sons in the service, the other two be-Monday, but an appeal was entered ing Hallet Comstock, of the United by Earl Meredith Rea, of Creswell, States Navy, and Private Hilton and only five were in the group which Comstock, who is on duty with the Army outside of the United States.

20 To 25 County School Bus Drivers Get Certificates After Safety Course

Mrs. Alice Futrell, of the Highway Safety Division, recently conducted a series of schools for school bus drivers in this county. About 20 to 25 drivers, including boys and girls and one or two adults, attended the courses, which were held May 26, 27 and 28. The first school was held in Plymouth, the next at Roper and the final one in Creswell.

The course of instruction included lectures on safe driving. rules of the road, proper method

of signalling, and other safety factors. In addition each driver was given a road test before being awarded the certificate which entitles him to apply for position as school bus driver. A written examination was also given. The certificates issued are good for one year, and must be renewed by attending similar schools every year. Mrs. Futrell expressed herself

as well pleased with the showing made by the would-be drivers in the courses conducted in the county.