

"Tex" Edens, who played baseball here when Plymouth was in the old Albemarle League some 8 or 10 years ago, was a visitor here this week.

J. F. Rogers, manager of the local Pender store, left yesterday for Farmville, where he will spend his vacation with his mother, Mrs. J. T. Rogers.

The James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion will hold its regular meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Legion Hall.

Lieutenant W. E. Hays is spending several days this week with his parents, County Agent and Mrs. W. V. Hays.

Mrs. Norman B. Spruill, price clerk at the rationing board office here, is spending her vacation with her husband, Private R. T. Spruill.

There will be an important meeting of the local Boy Scout troop at 8 o'clock Friday night.

The Rev. William B. Daniels, rector of Grace Episcopal church here, is expected to return today from Kanuga Lake, near Hendersonville.

It was learned here this week that W. Blount Rodman was promoted from second to first lieutenant in the Army recently.

Majority Consumers Said Misusing Sugar Alloted for Canning

Stamps 15 and 16 May Be Used To Get Sugar for Canning Only

A great many people have a misconception about the use of Sugar Stamps Nos. 15 and 16.

Mrs. Reid also stated that those who applied for supplementary allotments of sugar to be used for canning, before stamps 15 and 16 were authorized to be used for that purpose, were bound by the same rules.

The secretary further stated that applications will be received now for further allotments of canning sugar where needed, but only if conclusive proof is shown that such sugar is actually needed for canning.

In making applications for additional allotments of sugar, each applicant is required to present a list of fruits canned with sugar obtained by stamps 15 and 16, it was stated.

Bonner Says Adequate Fuel Oil Will Be Made Available for Tobacco Curing

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner of the First Congressional District of North Carolina, today stated that for sometime he had been constantly in contact with the Petroleum Administrator for War in behalf of the tobacco farmers who use oil for curing.

Mr. Bonner received a letter today, assuring him that adequate oil would be available.

"The Petroleum Administration for War has long recognized the importance of furnishing farmers in the tobacco growing areas with an adequate supply of

Stores and Business Houses Here To Observe Monday, July 5, as Holiday

With a large majority of member firms represented, the Plymouth Merchants Association last Monday afternoon voted unanimously to observe Monday, July 5th, as Independence Day holiday.

Several other matters were discussed by the merchants at the special meeting Monday afternoon, but no action was taken on any of them.

Trip To Potato Fields Called Off

About 25 Plymouth ladies last week agreed to go to the potato fields in the lower part of this county yesterday to pick up potatoes; but the number started dwindling early this week.

Various reasons were assigned by those withdrawing their names. Most of them said that their husbands had talked them out of it.

More Recapping of Truck Tires Will Be Required in Future

Quota New Tires Reduced; Must Recap To Keep Trucks Rolling

Washington County has received a very small quota of new truck tires for the next month, it was stated this week at the office of the rationing board.

It was stated by one of the rationing board officials that the allotment system has now been in use long enough to get a check on the tires of all trucks.

This Immediate Section Is Badly in Need of Rain

Local rains during the early part of the week relieved the extremely dry conditions prevailing in some of the near-by sections.

Heavy rains were reported the early part of the week west of here, extending down as far as Jamesville.

The Plymouth troop of Boy Scouts will go on a three-day camping trip next week at the lodge of T. W. Earle on Albemarle Sound.

The boys will live in tents, and the only expense will be cost of food, which will be borne by each scout attending.

It is necessary that the names of all those who wish to attend the camp be given to the Scoutmaster not later than tomorrow night.

Staff Sergeant Augustus R. Patrick, Jr., of Roper, Route One, now has another medal to wear beside the two others previously won.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Patrick, Sr., learned only last week that their son was back in the United States.

Under the new plan of organization, the chairman of each panel will serve as a member of the executive committee which will administer the entire program.

Sgt. A. R. Patrick, Jr., Is Back in U. S.; Gets Another Medal

Gets Purple Heart Award At Charleston, S. C. Hospital

Staff Sergeant Augustus R. Patrick, Jr., of Roper, Route One, now has another medal to wear beside the two others previously won.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Patrick, Sr., learned only last week that their son was back in the United States.

Archie E. Boyd, of Pinetown, Seriously Hurt in Wreck Here

Car Failed To Make Curve At Cool Springs Early Wednesday

Archie E. Boyd, young man of Pinetown, was critically injured here early Wednesday morning.

So far as could be learned yesterday, Mr. Boyd was alone when the accident occurred, although shortly after he was removed to a Washington hospital.

The car, a 1940 Chevrolet coach, was headed west when it left the curve.

He was awarded the Air Medal by Brigadier General Timberlake "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight."

He was awarded the Air Medal by Brigadier General Timberlake "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight."

He was awarded the Air Medal by Brigadier General Timberlake "for meritorious achievement in aerial flight."

Forty-Eight Hour Trip From Africa

It required Master Sergeant Leslie B. Spruill, of Roper, only 48 hours to make the trip from North Africa to the United States last week.

Sergeant Spruill will spend about 10 days with his parents in Roper before leaving to enter an officer's training school.

Local Scouts Will Have 3-Day Camp

The Plymouth troop of Boy Scouts will go on a three-day camping trip next week at the lodge of T. W. Earle on Albemarle Sound.

The boys will live in tents, and the only expense will be cost of food, which will be borne by each scout attending.

It is necessary that the names of all those who wish to attend the camp be given to the Scoutmaster not later than tomorrow night.

Staff Sergeant Augustus R. Patrick, Jr., of Roper, Route One, now has another medal to wear beside the two others previously won.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Patrick, Sr., learned only last week that their son was back in the United States.

Reorganization of Rationing Board to Be Completed Soon

State Officials To Be Here To Explain Work of Various Panels

Reorganization of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board is expected to be completed within the next few days.

So far as known, no one has definitely refused to accept appointment to the various panels.

Under the new plan of organization, the chairman of each panel will serve as a member of the executive committee which will administer the entire program.

Following is a list of the various panels and the members appointed recently by a committee.

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

Fuel Oil and Heating Panel: C. E. Avers, 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. Bailey 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. Rea Wenona; and W. B. Davenport, of Mackeys.

Bond Sales Quota Is Nearly Reached

Washington County is running pretty close this month, but it is expected to reach its War Bond sales quota before next Thursday.

With six more working days to go, and reports to be received from Creswell and Roper, it is expected that the county will reach its goal without difficulty.

Sales in Plymouth so far this month were made by the post office and bank as follows: Post office, \$5,587.50; bank, \$11,287; total, \$11,875.00.

T Gas Coupons To Expire June 30th

All truck owners are advised by the local rationing board that T gasoline coupons will be invalid after next Wednesday, June 30.

Owners of trucks are advised to turn in such unused T coupons to the board not later than Monday, July 5th.

Filling stations and dealers are also advised that they must turn in T coupons to their distributors by July 5th.

The local rationing board will not observe Monday, July 5th, as a holiday, but will be open for business as usual, it was announced this week.

Shortage of Labor in Potato Sections More Acute Now Than Ever

Number Available This Week Is 40 Per Cent Less Than Last

Little Relief in Sight, According to Reports; Ask Prison Labor

Despite efforts of the United States Employment Office, state agriculture department officials, county agents, and individuals, the shortage of labor "crisis" in connection with harvesting the Irish potato crop of this section continues this week.

Potato digging should be at full tide right now. Many farmers who have been unable to secure labor are permitting their crops to remain in the grounds.

Reports from Raleigh yesterday were to the effect that 40 workers had been recruited in the whole of Eastern North Carolina to be sent to the Tyrrell area, termed "most critical" in the potato growing section.

Comparatively few migratory laborers have arrived at camps spotted throughout the section, but employment and recruiting agencies are continuing their efforts to find more workmen for immediate needs.

It is understood that officials of the local employment office are planning to appeal to industrial plants here to close some departments and allow their laborers to work in potatoes for the next week or two.

Oscar Pitts, state penal director, has received several telegrams from farmers in the Tyrrell section asking for labor.

They are regarded as forerunners to a request that prison labor be used in harvesting the potatoes. An act passed by the last legislature provides that prison labor may be used if the county agent certifies it is needed.

State Farm Labor Commissioner Harry Caldwell said that interested agencies were trying to avoid use of prison labor.

That would be a "last resort," he said, when all other efforts to secure labor fail.

Floyd E. Cohoon, of Columbia, who was in Plymouth yesterday, said that when farmers formerly had 40 and 50 men and women in the field picking up potatoes, they were now having to get along with 4 and 5.

This week would mean the loss of \$150,000 to \$200,000 in Tyrrell County alone, he said, as most of the potatoes have already matured and they would quickly rot before they could be gotten out of the ground under existing conditions.

Head of Employment Office Is Transferred

C. M. Taylor, director of the United States Employment Service Office in the courthouse here, was recently transferred to the New Bern office and has already entered upon his duties there.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson is now in charge of the local office.

J. E. Fletcher continues in his capacity as consultant on farm placements for the three counties served by the local office.

Mr. Fletcher is putting in most of his time in the potato-growing sections, where a serious shortage of labor has developed in recent weeks.

Legion and Auxiliary May Be Asked To Help Keep Spotting Post Operating

Sergeant C. G. Lehner, of the Ground Observer Corps, U. S. Army Air Forces, is expected to be here the latter part of this week to see if some better arrangements cannot be worked out to keep the local spotting post operating on a more satisfactory basis than it has been recently.

Here on an inspection trip June 11th, Sgt. Lehner learned that the local post had missed upwards of 80 hours in the preceding two weeks.

The local Legionnaires, and he said at that time that he would return Friday night of this week to speak to members of the local post about securing their cooperation.

Few Are Buying Use-Tax Stamps

Very few of the Federal use-tax stamps, which must be displayed on all motor vehicles by July 1st, have been sold by the local post office so far.

Postmaster John W. Darden said today, less than a week remains for owners to buy and have them placed on their cars, trucks and motorcycles.

The stamps cost \$5 each, and every type of motor vehicle must have them. They are valid from July 1, 1943, to June 30, 1944.

It is considered probable that proof of purchase will be required before future gasoline rations will be issued, as was the case last year.

Farmers Have Few More Days to Make Compliance Reports

Measurements Should Be Reported at County Office by July 1

Directed by the State AAA office to have a complete report available by the first of July, the office of the county agent here today issued an appeal to all farmers who have not already done so to measure their field for compliance and submit the measurements to the proper authorities at once.

After getting off to a slow start, farmers in most of the townships are cooperating very well in the task.

Miss Julia Daniel, of the county agent's office, stating yesterday that more than two-thirds of all farmers had filed their compliance reports.

All those who have not made their reports will now find it necessary to visit the county office here, as the community committee have already completed their part of the work and are no longer in the field for this purpose.

Compliance reports are required on "war crops" by June 30, which is Wednesday of next week.

All that is necessary is for farmers to bring the measurements of their fields, and the necessary blanks will be filled in at the county office.

Measurements should be taken of all fields of cotton, tobacco, Irish potatoes produced for market, and commercial vegetables.

Applications must also be made for incentive payments before July 1st, it was stated at the county office. The payments will be made on acreages planted to Irish potatoes of 2.7 acres or more, and on commercial vegetables except cucumbers and tomatoes produced for processing.

It was stated that comparatively few farmers in this county have made application for the incentive payments, and those who are eligible are urged to get in touch with the county office before July 1, after which it will be too late.

Ammon Smithson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell, last week reported to the State Teachers College at Huntsville, Tex., where he will study Army Administration.

Young Smithson was recently promoted to private first class and was in charge of a group of soldiers on the trip to Huntsville.

He was inducted into the Army in April and received his basic training at Camp Lee, Va.

Ammon Smithson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell, last week reported to the State Teachers College at Huntsville, Tex., where he will study Army Administration.

Young Smithson was recently promoted to private first class and was in charge of a group of soldiers on the trip to Huntsville.

He was inducted into the Army in April and received his basic training at Camp Lee, Va.

Few Are Buying Use-Tax Stamps

Very few of the Federal use-tax stamps, which must be displayed on all motor vehicles by July 1st, have been sold by the local post office so far.

Postmaster John W. Darden said today, less than a week remains for owners to buy and have them placed on their cars, trucks and motorcycles.

The stamps cost \$5 each, and every type of motor vehicle must have them. They are valid from July 1, 1943, to June 30, 1944.

It is considered probable that proof of purchase will be required before future gasoline rations will be issued, as was the case last year.

Farmers Have Few More Days to Make Compliance Reports

Measurements Should Be Reported at County Office by July 1

Directed by the State AAA office to have a complete report available by the first of July, the office of the county agent here today issued an appeal to all farmers who have not already done so to measure their field for compliance and submit the measurements to the proper authorities at once.

After getting off to a slow start, farmers in most of the townships are cooperating very well in the task.

Miss Julia Daniel, of the county agent's office, stating yesterday that more than two-thirds of all farmers had filed their compliance reports.

All those who have not made their reports will now find it necessary to visit the county office here, as the community committee have already completed their part of the work and are no longer in the field for this purpose.

Compliance reports are required on "war crops" by June 30, which is Wednesday of next week.

All that is necessary is for farmers to bring the measurements of their fields, and the necessary blanks will be filled in at the county office.

Measurements should be taken of all fields of cotton, tobacco, Irish potatoes produced for market, and commercial vegetables.

Applications must also be made for incentive payments before July 1st, it was stated at the county office. The payments will be made on acreages planted to Irish potatoes of 2.7 acres or more, and on commercial vegetables except cucumbers and tomatoes produced for processing.

It was stated that comparatively few farmers in this county have made application for the incentive payments, and those who are eligible are urged to get in touch with the county office before July 1, after which it will be too late.

Ammon Smithson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell, last week reported to the State Teachers College at Huntsville, Tex., where he will study Army Administration.

Young Smithson was recently promoted to private first class and was in charge of a group of soldiers on the trip to Huntsville.

He was inducted into the Army in April and received his basic training at Camp Lee, Va.

Ammon Smithson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell, last week reported to the State Teachers College at Huntsville, Tex., where he will study Army Administration.

Young Smithson was recently promoted to private first class and was in charge of a group of soldiers on the trip to Huntsville.

He was inducted into the Army in April and received his basic training at Camp Lee, Va.