At Charleston, S. C.

Hospital

inguished Service Cross

ed in both feet by the explosion of

millimeter cannon. His left foot has

completely healed, but a small place

on his right food became infected.

and the Army doctors are not yet

The young man was described as

being in excellent spirits and anxious

to return to action, especially agains

the Japs. He has been in the serv

ice about three years and has taken

Far and Middle East and in North

Africa since the United States enter

ed the war. The heavy bomber

group to which he was attached has

raids against Marshal Erwin Rom-

Much of the time his heavy bomber

group was without fighter support

and had to do its own fighting against

pursuit ships. Besides engaging in

it was in the hands of Axis forces, his

bombardment group transferred to

Tunisia for a time and was engaged

resulted in freeing the African con-

Brigadier General Timberlake "for

presented to him by Major General

U. S. Air Forces in the Middle East.

and the Purple Heart award made

last week was given to him by Col.

Servic

light" The Distinguished

tinent of Axis armies.

the top-flight German and Italian

pounding its way toward Cairo.

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#### here when Plymouth was in the old Albemarle League some 8 or 10 years ago, was a visitor here this week. He is an ensign in the Navy now, and was on his way to Morehead City, where he is to be stationed in the future after serving on the West Coast for some time.

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. He will join his wife there who was already visiting his mother.

The James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion will hold its regular meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Legion Hall. Officers elected at the last meeting will be installed at this time. J. Richard Carr is the new commander of the post.

Lieutenant W. E. Hays is spending several days this week with his parents. County Agent and Mrs. W. V Hays. Lieutenant Hays is a pilot with the Army Air Forces Ferrying Command and has been stationed in Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Norman B. Spruill, price clerk at the rationing board office here, is spending her vacation with her husband, Private R. T. Spruill, who is stationed at Nashville, Tenn. She was accompanied by Mrs. Paul Swain, whose husband is also in the Army there but who expects to be home for a few days' furlough in the near

There will be an important meeting of the local Boy Scout troop at 8 o'clock Friday night, Scoutmaster B. E. Taylor announced today. All Scouts are urged to be present, as plans are to be made for the three-day camping trip next week

The Rev. William B. Daniels, rector of Grace Episcopal church here, is expected to return today from Kanuga Lake, near Hendersonville, where he has been teaching during the Episcopal Young People's conference for the past wto weeks.

It was learned here this week that More Recapping of W. Blount Rodman was promoted from second to first lieutenant in the Army recently. He has been in Truck Tires Will Be the service for a little more than a year and is now stationed at Fort Required in Future Sill, Okla., with an artiflery outfit.

#### Majority Consumers Quota New Tires Reduced; 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, it was stated this week by Mrs. J. K. Reid, secretary to the Washington County War not had their old tires recapped in Price and Rationing Board. Sugar the past will find it imposible to get obtained by these stamps may be new tires in the future. Truck ownused only for canning and preserving ers are given a final warning not to fruits, Mrs. Reid points out, and those who are buying sugar with them with no idea of using it for canning are violating OPA regulations and are subject to the penal-

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. In other words, there is no "bonus" sugar for current consumption. Sugar obtained for use in carning, whether by direct allotment or by use of nied certificates for purchasing new No. 15 and 16 stamps, may be used tires, it was stated. only for canning, and those who use it for any other purpose are making This Immediate Section themselves liable for prosecution.

The secretary further stated that applications will be received now for further allotments of canning sugar where needed, but only if conclusive dry conditions prevailing in some of proof is shown that such sugar is the near-by sections, but right here actually needed for canning. No in the Plymouth area the drouth conone who really needs additional su- tinues unabated. Victory gardens gar for canning fruits will be denied, and field crops are said to be sufshe said, provided they can show fering for lack of moisture, and the that previous allotments have been continued hot weather is creating properly used.

In making applications for additional allotments of sugar, each ap- part of the week west of here, extendplicant is required to present a list of ing down as far as Jamesville, and fruits canned with sugar obtained by the Roper section benefited by a good stamps 15 and 16, it was stated

#### Stores and Business Houses Here To Observe Monday, July 5, as Holiday on Water Street to the service With a large majority of memstation formerly operated by ber firms represented, the Plym-John Swinson, at the corner of outh Merchants Association last

Monday afternoon voted unanimously to observe Monday, July 5th, as Independence Day holiday. Practically all stores and business establishments, with the possible exception of drug stores and service stations, will be closed all day. Since the national birthday, July 4th, fall on Sunday, it was decided to observe Monday, the 5th, as a holiday.

Several other matters were discussed by the merchants at the special meeting Monday afternoon, but no action was taken on any of them. Removal of the bus station from Arps Drug Store

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 pota-

toes; but the number started

dwindling early this week and

by Tuesday afternoon there were

only three left on the list. It was

decided that this number would

not be sufficient to justify pro-

viding transportation, and the

by those withdrawing their

names. Most of them said that

their husbands had talked them

out of it, while others cited the

abnormally hot weather prevail-

ing for the past week as their

Trucks Rolling

Washington County has received a

for the next month, it was stated

ing board, and owners of trucks are

therefore warned to use the recap-

ping service so far as possible in or-

It was stated by one of the ration-

ng board officials that the allotment

system has now been in use long

enough to get a check on the tires of

all trucks. Those owners who have

tions are acted upon very quickly, and

capped will have no difficulty in se-

However, all applications for new

truck tires will be examined very

closely in the future, and if owners

have deliberately driven tires beyond

the recapping stage, they will be de-

Is Badly in Need of Rain

Local rains during the early part

Heavy rains were reported the early

of the week relieved the extremely

new ones to replace them.

curing such certificates.

considerable discomfort

"seasoning" Monday.

der to keep their trucks running.

reason for not going.

Various reasons were assigned

whole project was called off.

Monroe and Third Streets, was one of them. Most of the merchants said they had lost some business by reason of the change, which moved the station from the center of the business district some three or four blocks away. There was some criticism of town officials for advocating the change without getting an expression from the merchants first. \_However, since it was realized that the bus company had gone to considerable expense to make the change, the merchants did not take any action to request it to reconsider and seek a downtown location.

#### 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 cricically injured here ready to release him, his parents said early Wednesday morning, when his car failed to make the curve at Cool Springs, about one mile west of Plymouth on Highway 64, and was almost completely demolished as it crashed into a tree and apparently turned part in many actions in both the over a time or two.

So far as could be learned yesterday. Mr. Boyd was alone when the accident occured, although shortly after he was removed to a Washington literally fought its way around the hospital, and while he was in a semiconscious state, he' indicated that Pacific when the war broke out, latone and possibly two other men were with him. However, a search was made for several hundred yards about the wreck and no other per- engaged in a number of bombing son was found, and those who reached the scene of the accident imme- mel's Afrika Korps when it was diately after it occurred reported that they found no one except Mr

The car, a 1940 Chevrolet coach was headed west when it left the curve. As it went off the left side of a small embankment there, it crashed into a gum tree, about 7 inches in very small quota of new truck tires diameter, breaking it off and pulling the stump out of the ground. The car then plunged on for 30 or this week at the office of the ration-40 feet before it came to a stop, almost completely demolished by the impact. Mr. Boyd was found in front of the machine with severe cuts and lacerations about the back and shoulders and it was said that he possibly suffered internal injuries Physicians at a Washington hospital, where he was taken shortly after the accident, said they thought he would recover, barring complications.

Albert Williams, pulp mill employee who lives at Cool Springs, said that drive their tires past the recapping

#### stage before aplying to the board for Forty-Eight Hour It was stated that while it is necessary to apply for certificates to have Trip From Africa truck tires recapped, such applicathose who can have their tires re-

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, but after reaching Miami, it took him about 28 hours to reach his home in this county, where he is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan W. Spruill, sr. Leaving Africa about noon last Wednesday, he arrived in Florida sometime Friday afternoon covering a distance of some 5,700

10 days with his parents in Roper before leaving to enter an officer's training school . He his been in Africa for about 13 months with the Army Finance Division. Before going into the armed forces he was employed in Durham.

## Local Scouts Will

will go on a three-day camping trip next week at the lodge of T. W. Earle on Albemarle Sound. Scoutmaster B. E. Taylor will be in charge of the camp, and he will be assisted by scout executive, of Greenville, who Thomas, of Mackeys will come here Monday to accom- By towns, Mackeys led all others pany the local troop.

The boys will live in tents, and the three from there accepted for servonly expense will be cost of food, ice. Plymouth was next with two out which will be borne by each scout of seven; Roper came third with attending. It is planned for the scouts to leave here Monday after- a blank with six rejectees. noon about 4 o'clock, and they will return sometime Wednesday after- hand for both its white and colored Mr. Taylor said that a definite program has been worked out, of filling the calls, it was stated ear-

and other camping activities.

# Gets Another Medal Be Completed Soon

Gets Purple Heart Award State Officials To Be Here To Explain Work of Various Panels

Staff Sergeant Augustus R. Patrick. Reorganization of the Washington r., of Roper, Route One, now has County War Price and Rationing another medal to wear beside the two Board is expected to be completed others previously won. He received within the next few days, just as the Purple Heart Award last week at soon as members of the recently ana hospital in Charleston, S. C., where nounced panels sign the oaths of ofhe is recovering from wounds receiv- fice sent them and their appointments ed January 31, while serving as an are confirmed by the state OPA ofaerial gunner with the Middle East fice. Bomber Command. He previously

So far as known, no one has defireceived the Air Medal and the Dis- nitely refused to accept appointment to the various panels, although sev eral have shown hesitation in exe-His parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R cuting the oaths of office, which were Patrick, sr., learned only last week mailed to them last week by the state that their son was back in the Unitoffice. The new set-up will relieve ed States. They left immediately members of the old board of a great and visited him in the Charleston, S deal of detail work, since panels have C., hospital for a couple of days, rebeen designated to handle the variturning last Friday. They said that ous phases of the rationing program the young man had just about rethus spreading the work out so that covered from his wounds and that it will not be unduly burdensome or they expected him home within a a few men, as in the past few weeks for a visit before he re turned to active duty. He was wound

E. F. Still, who has agreed to serve as chairman of the entire program a shell from a Messerschmidit's 20- for a three-month period, said this week that just as soon as the nev members are qualified, he will en deavor to have state officials of the OPA come here to hold a meeting and outline to each of the panel just what is expected of the members. Their duties will be explained to them, as well as the regulations governing their particular phases of the rationing program.

Under the new plan of organization, the chairman of each panel will serve as a member of the executive committee which will administer the the chairmen have not yet been announced.

world. He was stationed in the Far Following is a list of the various panels and the members appointed er falling back on India and then recently by a committee, consisting proceeding to the Middle East in the of the chairman of the county board vicinity of Cario, Egypt, where he was of comimssioners, the clerk of the superior court and the chairman of he county Civilian Defense Council 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 many bombing raids on Tobruk while H. Allen, of Plymouth: C. L. Barnes of Creswell:

Fuel Oil and Heating Panel: C. E Ayers, B. G. Campbell and J. W. in many of the final actions which Norman, all of Plymouth;

Miscellaneous Commodities Panel H. E. Harrison, H. A. Williford and He was awarded the Air Medal by L. S. Thompson, all of Plymouth; Price-Ceiling Panel: Carl L. Baimeritorious achievement in aerial ley and J. E. Westray, of Plymouth;

W. T. Freeman, of Roper; Hearing and Trial Panel: P. H. Cross, next to the highest award made by the American government Darden and Z. V. Norman, of Plymfor valor on the field of battle, was outh; Clyde Smithson, of Creswell; Community Service Panel: B. W Lewis H. Brereton, commander of all Gaither, Creswell; H. H. McLean and W. H. Booker, Plymouth; L. E. Has sell, Roper; Miss Emma Felton, Lake Phelps: Harry Barnes, Cherry; J. L. W. W. Vaughn, commanding officer Rea Wenona; and W. B. Davenport, of the Charleston hospital where of Mackeys.

## **Bond Sales Quota** Is Nearly Reached

Washington County is running retty close this month, but it is ex-By Army Last Week pretty close this month, but it is expected to reach its War Bond sales quota before next Thursday, according to H. E. Beam, county chairman. Percentage of Rejections Is With a goal of \$22,343 for June, sales up to today totaled \$16.874.50, issue price, he said; these figures being only for sales in Plymouth.

With six more working days to go. and reports to be received from Creswell and Roper, it is expected that age of selectees sent to Fort Bragg the county will reach its goal without difficulty. In addition to the above sales of series E bonds, more than \$6,000 worth of F and G bonds have week. All those accepted went into been sold, but these are not credited to the monthly quotas.

Sales in Plymouth so far this Wilkins, of Mackeys, declined the month were made by the post office two-weeks furlough offered all newly and bank as follows: Post office, \$5, inducted men and entered imme- 587.50; bank, \$11, 287; total, \$16,diately upon his training, while the 874.50. The maturity value of the other four returned the next day and E bonds sold here amounts to \$22,

#### 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 in the county by having two out of 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, and get one out of ten; and Creswell drew the new TT coupons, which will be good starting July 1st. The T coupons will be exchanged for the same number of TT coupons, it was stated

Filling stations and dealers are also advised that they must turn in

The local rationing board will not observe Monday, July 5th, as a holiusual, it was announced this week

## Sgt. A. R. Patrick, Reorganization of Shortage of Labor in Jr., Is Back in U. S.; Rationing Board to Potato Sections More Acute Now Than Ever

#### Few Are Buying **Use-Tax Stamps**

Very few of the Federal usetax 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 o have a complete report available entire program. The names of all 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 continuing their efforts to find more townships are coperating very well in the task, Miss Julia Daniel, of the reach the Weeksville camp some time county agent's office, stating yesterday that more than two-thirds of all relieve the local situation. farmers had filed their compliance

All those who have not made their eports will now find it necessary to plants here to close some departvisit the county office here, as the ments and allow their laborers to community committeement have al- work in potatoes for the next week ready completed their part of the or two work and are no longer in the field or this purpose.

the measurements of their fields, and tatoes. An act passed by the at the county office. Measurements should be taken of all fields of cotton, tobacco, irish potatoes produced for market, and commercial vege-

Applications must also be made for incentive payments before July 1st, it was stated at the county of fice. 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 aplication 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.

## Head of Employment

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 cal office

Mr. Fletcher is putting in most of diers on the trip to Huntsville. his time in the potato-growing sec- He was inducted into the Army in tions, where a serious shortage of April and received his basic training labor has developed in recent weeks. at Camp Lee, Va.

#### 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 lapor "crisis" in connection with harvesting the irish potato crop of this section continues this week. It was stated that there was 40 per cent less labor available this week than last, while the demand has increased upwards of 100 per cent.

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 he grounds, and unless steps are aken to remedy conditions within he next week or so, it is apparent that a considerable quantity of potatoes will rot in the fields.

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. The lower part of Washington County is considered part of the Tyrrell area, and there is need of much labor right in the Plymouth section, according to producers

Comparatively few migatory laborers have arrived at camps spotted throughout the section, but employment and recruiting agencies are slow start, farmers in most of the workmen for immediate needs. It was stated that 300 Bahamians would this week, but this is not expected to

It is understood that officials of the local employment office are planning to appeal to industrial

Oscar Pitts, state penal director,

has received several telegrams from Compliance reports are required on farmers in the Tyrrell section askwar crops" by June 30, which is ing for labor. They are regarded as Wednesday of next week. All that forerunners to a request that prison is necessary is for farmers to bring labor be used in harvesting the pothe necessary blanks will be filled in legislature provides that prison labor may be used if the county agent certifies it is needed, the governor declares a state of emergency and the highway department can spare prisoners

> 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 where 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. A rain 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 Office Is Transferred could be gotten out of the ground under existing conditions.

#### Pfc. Ammon Smithson At College in Texas

Ammon Smithson, son of Mr. and Johnson is now in charge of the lo- Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell, last week reported to the State J. E. Fletcher continues in his ca- Teachers College at Huntsville, Tex, pacity as consultant on farm place- where he will study Army Adminisments for the three counties served tration. Young Smithson was reby the local office, Washington, Tyr- cently promoted to private first class rell and Bertie. At the present time, and was in charge of a group of sol-

#### 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 he here the latter part of this week to see if some better arrangements connot 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 preceeding two weeks. The local Civilian Defense organization, the chief observed of the local post, and the district chief observer have all tried hard to keep the post manned at all times, and most of the volunteers have been

many watches were reported missed by the sergeant when he The inspector indicated that he

might call on the American Legion and Auxiliary here to help out in the task of keeping the post operating on a 24-hour basis. In many places, he said. the Legion has taken over entire responsibility for operating local spotting posts, and their work has been most effective. He discussed the matter with some of 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 co-

### 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 following is quoted from the letter signed by the Petroleum Ad-

"The Petroleum Administration for War has long recognized the importance of furnishing farmers in the tobacco growing areas with an adequate supply of fuel oil to enable them to cure their tobacco. The War Food Administration, as a claimant agency, recently included in their request to this office that the fuel oil requirements of farmers for curing tobacco in the Carolinas be considered. Consequently we have arranged for the allocation of an adequate supply of fuel oil for this pur-

"In view of the foregoing, consumers in your area should have no difficulty in obtaining fuel oil for tobacco curing purposes. However, if I may be of further assistance to you at any time, please let me know."

(See AUTO WRECK, Page 6)

miles by airplane. Sergeant Spruill will spend about

Have 3-Day Camp

The Plymouth troop of Boy Scouts

all those who wish to attend the weeks, but contingents from Wash- gasoline. camp be given to the Scoutmaster ington County will continue to be not later than tomorrow night, when very, very small until orders are rethe scouts hold their regular meet- ceived to begin drafting "pre-Pearl day, but will be open for business as

Sergeant Patrick is recovering from 5 Out of 23 Negroes From County Kept

Continuing at High Figure

The Army continued its recent procedure of rejecting a big percentby accepting only 5 out of a contingent of 23 colored men who left Washington County Thursday of last the Army.

One of those accepted, Herman Lee are now at home with orders to re- 500 turn to Fort Bragg the later part of

next week. The four who were accepted and took advantage of the 14-day furlough were as follows: Daniel Hog gard, of Plymouth; James Earl Ful ler, of Roper; Stewart Oneal Bow James T. Uzzle, assistant district ser, of Plymouth; and Johnnie

The draft board now has calls on July quotas, but there is no prospect including the passing of scout tests lier in the month. It is probable T coupons to their distributors by that a few will be rounded up and July 5th. After that date they will It is necessary that the names of sent off in the next three or four not be accepted for new supplies of Harbor" fathers.