

Private Mahlon S. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore, of Plymouth, Route 1, was promoted to the grade of corporal in the United States Army Tuesday of last week. A volunteer, he entered the service in January of this year and has since been stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C., with the Second Cavalry Regiment.

James A. Chesson, well-known farmer of the Roper section, was first to report finding a cotton blossom this year. He brought in two pink blooms Saturday which he had found in his fields the day before, June 25. He has only a few acres of cotton, but said he would get a splendid return unless boll weevil damage is more severe than at present indicated.

Walter S. Bowen is one of the first tobacco farmers in this county to begin "putting in" tobacco, starting the harvest of this crop yesterday. He has about 15 acres planted this year and said early in the week that he had the best prospects for a good crop he had ever had. His section, only a few miles from here, has had more rain than the area immediately around Plymouth.

The Rev. W. B. Gaither, of Creswell, rector of the Mattamuskeet and Parson Pettigrew Parishes in lower Washington and Hyde counties, was here Tuesday night to attend the reorganization meeting of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board. Mr. Gaither is chairman of the community service panel of the board.

The office of the local rationing board needs a number of volunteers to enter in filing canning sugar applications, ODT certificates and fuel-oil applications. Those who wish to help are urged to see Mrs. Sabrie W. Reid, secretary to the board, who will be very grateful for any assistance.

J. R. Campbell was reelected chairman of the Washington County ABC Board at a special meeting of the board of education, board of county commissioners, and the board of health held at the courthouse yesterday morning. Mr. Campbell's new term of office is for three years from July 1.

The congregation of the local Baptist church has extended a call to the Rev. Leo A. Phillips, of Kelly, to become pastor. It was learned this week. Mr. Phillips preached here several weeks ago and made a very favorable impression on members of the church here. The call was extended Sunday, but no answer had been received from the minister up to yesterday.

Carl L. Bailey chairman of the price ceiling panel of the local rationing board, said yesterday that community dollar-and-cents ceiling prices for Washington County were expected to be established about July 15th. Stores will be required to post and adhere to definite price schedules for many food items.

Staff Sergeant Aubrey W. Liverman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman, of Plymouth, was recently transferred to an Army camp at New Orleans, La. Sergeant Liverman has been in the service for several years, and for more than a year was stationed at one of the foreign bases obtained from England in exchange for destroyers in 1940.

Announce Rally at Zion Chapel Church

A big day is planned at Zion's Chapel Christian Church, Roper, Sunday, when a Sunday school Rally Day program will be presented at 11 o'clock. It was announced this week by officials of the church.

The regular Sunday school session will be held at 10 a. m., under the direction of J. C. Knowles, superintendent. The rally day program will follow at 11, with Postmaster John W. Darden, of Plymouth, scheduled to make the principal talk and be in charge of the service. At this service there will be a presentation of and salute to both the American and Christian flags.

A large crowd is expected to attend. The public is cordially invited.

Big Crowds Expected at Albemarle Beach for Fourth of July Week-End

Luther W. Gurkin, owner of Albemarle Beach near here, announced this week that he was expecting two big days at the resort Sunday and Monday, July 4 and 5. While no special program has been completed for the days' events so far, bathing and boating on Albemarle Sound will be enjoyed both days, while a big dance, with Hal Thurston and his orchestra furnishing the music, has been scheduled for Monday night, starting at 10 o'clock. Mr. Gurkin took occasion Monday to "spike" a rumor going the rounds that the water in Albemarle Sound has been found unfit for bathing. He said that a Plymouth physician had made an

Monday Will Be Holiday Locally

Next Monday, although it is July 5th, will be observed generally in Plymouth as a holiday in commemoration of Independence Day. Stores and business houses, with few exceptions, will be closed, although it is not expected that industrial establishments here, busily engaged with war orders, will suspend operation.

The post office, bank, town and county offices will be closed. Mrs. J. K. Reid announced last week that the ration board office would be open as usual. There will be no rural or city mail deliveries, and the windows at the post office will be closed, but regular dispatches will be made, and mail will be put up for those who have lock boxes.

Bar Extra Gasoline For Driving Under Two Miles To Work

Ruling Sets up Guide for Determining "Reasonable Walking Distance"

There may be some bad news for local industrial plant workers and others in a directive received by the local rationing board this week from the state OPA office. All workmen who live within 1 1/2 to 2 miles from their work may be denied supplemental gasoline allotments for driving to and from their jobs, since this is considered a "reasonable walking distance," in the light of the new instructions. The text of the order reads as follows:

"In view of the critical gasoline shortage in the eastern states, Washington has issued specific instructions to deny applications for supplemental rations for driving short distances to work. A person living within 1 1/2 to 2 miles of his job, or within 30 to 40 minutes walking distance should, generally, be denied supplemental rations for driving to work, since this distance or less, is considered a reasonable walking distance.

"In determining 'reasonable distances' in individual cases, boards must consider such factors as the applicant's age, physical condition, or need for transporting heavy or bulky objects, such as tools.

11 Colored Men in Draft Next Week

Eleven colored men have been summoned by the local draft board to report here next Tuesday morning for possible induction into the armed forces. The number available is but a fraction of the number called for from this county for the month of July, it was stated. Future calls for colored men are dependent on registration of youths as they reach the age of 18.

The group ordered to report next Tuesday will leave at 10:20 a. m. on the regular bus. They will report to the office of the draft board here at 10 o'clock. Five of the eleven men are from Plymouth, four are from Roper, and one each from Mackeys and Creswell.

The list of those summoned is as follows: From Plymouth: Samson Towle Heath, Willie Arthur Norman, William Edward Garrett, William Sanford Harrington, and Melton Spruill. From Roper: William Norman, Roy Hampton King, Ernest Lee Cox, and Charlie Grimes. From Creswell: John Gaston Webb. From Mackeys: Clinton Jackson.

Abattoir in Town Being Considered

The Town Council held a special meeting Tuesday afternoon to consider rescinding a city ordinance against the location of a slaughterhouse within the city limits. A proposal was advanced by P. H. Darden to convert a filling station on East Main Street into a slaughterhouse if the council would grant permission. Several residents opposed rescinding the ordinance, and after considerable discussion the council members agreed to hold the matter in abeyance, pending efforts to secure another location for the proposed slaughterhouse. Plymouth stores have been unable to secure their quotas of meats, especially beef, and the location of an abattoir here would go far toward relieve the existing shortage. It was with this idea in mind that Mr. Darden proposed to build one here, and the old filling station site was the best location he has been able to find. One of the councilmen offered to contribute \$50 toward location of an abattoir here, provided a more suitable site could be found.

New Ration Board Organized Tuesday Night at Meet Here

Eight Panels Are Set Up To Direct Various Phases Of Program

Reorganization of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board was completed at a meeting held at the courthouse here Tuesday night. Practically all members of the various panels appointed several weeks ago were present and heard Chairman E. F. Still outline the broad general principles which will govern the work of the reorganized board.

Only one vacancy exists on the entire board at this time. Clyde Smithson, of Creswell, sending word that he would be unable to serve as a member of the hearing and trial panel. It is expected that another citizen of the Creswell section will be named soon to take his place.

Under the new plan of organization, the work formerly handled by the three members of the rationing board will be divided among eight panels, each concerned with a single phase of the rationing and price-ceiling program. Each of the panels has three members except the community service panel, which has eight. The latter group is concerned with the distribution of information concerning the various rationing programs, and hence has at least one member in each community of the county.

The new rationing board is composed of 30 members, 29 members of the various panels and Chairman E. F. Still. The executive committee of the board is composed of Mr. Still, as chairman; Edward H. Hill, as vice chairman; and the eight chairmen of the various panels.

Each panel will deal with its particular phase of the rationing program, and to that end will hold such meetings as are necessary. It was stated that while some panels will be required to meet every week, others will meet at longer intervals or whenever they are needed. It was left up to each panel to make arrangements for carrying on its share of the work.

Those who have qualified to serve on the various panels are as follows: Gasoline: A. J. Riddle, chairman; W. L. Whitley and Edward H. Hill, all of Plymouth.

Tires: W. L. Whitley, chairman; Edward H. Hill and Frank L. Brinkley, all of Plymouth.

Foods: C. L. Morrison, of Plymouth, chairman; H. H. Allen, of Creswell; and C. L. Barnes, of Plymouth.

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

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

Price Ceilings: Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, chairman; J. E. Westray, of Plymouth; and W. T. Freeman, of Roper.

Hearing and Trial: P. H. Darden, chairman, and Z. V. Norman, both of Plymouth. (One other member to be named.)

Community Service: B. W. Gaither, of Creswell, chairman; H. H. McLean and W. H. Booker, of Plymouth; L. E. Hassell, of Roper; Miss Emma Felton, of Lake Phelps; Harry Barnes, of Cherry; J. L. Rea, of Wenona; and W. B. Davenport, of Mackeys.

13 Scouts From Here on Camping Trip This Week

Somewhat bedraggled by the rain early Wednesday morning, a party of 13 scouts from the local troop returned at noon yesterday after a two-day camping trip on Albemarle Sound. They left Monday afternoon and spent two nights in tents pitched on the property of T. W. Earle, chairman of the troop committee, a few miles below Roper. Scoutmaster B. E. Taylor and Assistant District Executive J. T. Uzzie, of Greenville, were in charge of the camping party. Many of the scouts passed off tests and prepared themselves for advancement during their brief stay at the sound.

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All Asked To Buy Extra \$1 Worth of War Stamps To Build Carrier To Bomb Tokio

More than \$1,000 worth of War Bonds and Stamps were sold in Plymouth yesterday by a group of young girls as a start in the campaign to build a mystery airplane carrier to be named "Shangri-La," and which is to be dedicated especially for the bombing of Tokio. The campaign, nation-wide in scope, will continue throughout July. It is hoped that every American man, woman and child will buy an extra \$1 worth of stamps during the month to build a real "Shangri-La," which will be launched to carry the planes that will lay the Japanese capital in smoking ruins.

Retail clerks, motion picture theatre employees and newsboys throughout the nation are sponsors of the movement. In Plymouth, Mrs. Bernice Hammonds, of the Plymouth Theatre, has taken the lead and secured the help of a number of young girls to canvass the town.

The group yesterday sold a total of \$1,000.15 worth of bonds and stamps. At the start they were soliciting the sale of stamps only, but a great many people asked to buy bonds instead, and at the close of the day it was found they had sold over \$100 worth of stamps and nearly \$900 worth of bonds. The canvass will be continued until everyone in town is given an opportunity to buy an extra dollar's worth of stamps for the purpose of bombing Tokio.

The idea has caught the imagination of people everywhere.

Wilbert S. Blount Died Last Friday At Home in Roper

Had Been in Failing Health For Some Time; Final Rites Sunday

Wilbert S. Blount, 36 years of age, died last Friday about noon at the home of his mother, Mrs. Myrtle L. Blount, in Roper, after an extended illness. Although he had been in failing health for some time, he was confined to his bed only about five days. A heart attack was given as the immediate cause of his death.

Born in Tyrrell County July 3, 1906, Mr. Blount was the son of Mrs. Myrtle L. Blount and the late W. E. Blount, of Roper. He moved to Roper with his parents about 17 years ago, and had many friends in the Roper section and was highly regarded by those who knew him well.

He was an active member of the Roper Methodist church, where funeral services were held Sunday afternoon by the Rev. G. C. Wood, pastor, assisted by the Rev. R. N. McDonald. Interment was made in the family plot at the Went cemetery.

Besides his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Blount, of Roper, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mark S. Polak, of New York City; and Miss Donnie Blount, of the home at Roper. He also leaves one niece.

Active pall-bearers were as follows: Barton Swain, Charlie Chesson, L. L. Mizell, Jasper Swain, Jack McAllister and L. N. Sitterson.

Brother of Ben A. Sumner Dies in Washington City

Herbert W. Sumner, brother of Representative Ben A. Sumner of Plymouth, died suddenly at his home in Washington, D. C., early Sunday after a few hours' illness. He was well known in Plymouth, where he had visited his brother on several occasions.

Funeral services were held in Washington, after which the body was brought to Rocky Mount where interment was made Wednesday afternoon. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Helen Johnson Sumner, of Washington, D. C.; four brothers, W. L. Sumner, of Raleigh; L. E. Sumner, of Fayetteville; A. C. Sumner, of Burlington; and Ben A. Sumner, of Plymouth; and one sister, Miss Rachel Sumner, of Raleigh.

Completes Basic Flying Training

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County Has Small July Tire Quota

The Washington County tire quota for July was received today by W. L. Whitley, chairman of the tire rationing panel. The county was allotted 70 grade I, 38 grade III, and 49 tubes for passenger cars; 23 tires and 21 tubes for trucks.

Washington County had the third smallest quota of any county in eastern Carolina. Only Hyde and Dare county received fewer passenger-car tires. Other small counties in this section fared much better than did Washington and local rationing authorities are unable to understand the reason for the apparent discrimination.

Potato Situation in Area Complicated By Several Factors

Labor Shortage Continues; Break in Market Also Handicap

Already beset by the shortage of labor, potato growers of this section were dealt a further blow the latter part of last week, when the market went to pieces. The Government stepped in and brought some measure of relief by offering to buy the potatoes at the established "floor price" of \$2.25 per 100 pounds, but there are so many other factors entering into the picture that the producers don't know what they can expect in the way of a return for their crop.

For one thing, it has been estimated that about 15 per cent of the crop may never be harvested, due to the shortage of labor, which has grown worse steadily. Some labor piloting was reported in the Tyrrell area, and Governor Broughton Monday ordered the State Highway Patrol to take up stations and arrest those from out of the state suspected of coming here to entice labor away. Some of the laborers were said to have been lured away by false promises of higher prices being paid in other sections. Investigation showed that wages in the Tyrrell area were about as high as those paid in any other potato-growing sections.

The catch to the government-supported price of \$2.25, based on U. S. No. 1s, is the fact that only carlots of any single grades are accepted. When a car is loaded by several farmers, some one has to be secured to do the bookkeeping, since only one check is issued for the entire car, and the amount has to be divided proportionately.

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Cadet Norman attended the local schools and also went to Oak Ridge Military Institute for two years. He was employed as a chemist by the North Carolina Pulp Company before entering the Air Corps. He volunteered for service originally in September, 1940, and went to Fort Jackson, S. C., with the Edenton company of the National Guard, which was mustered into Federal service as a part of the 105th Medical Regiment of the Thirtieth Infantry Division. He served 12 months with that outfit, attaining the grade of sergeant in that time.

Mrs. W. V. Gaylord Found Dead Early Yesterday at Roper

Funeral Services Will Be Held From the Home Friday Afternoon

Mrs. Dora Ballard Gaylord, wife of W. V. Gaylord, was found dead in the dining room of their home at Roper early yesterday morning, the victim of a self-inflicted bullet wound. A .38-caliber revolver, with one shell fired, was lying beside the body, discovered by her husband when he returned home from his work at the Edenton glider base. Coroner Jack Horner made an investigation, but decided that an inquest was not necessary after reviewing the circumstances.

Mr. Gaylord got off from his work at the glider base near Edenton about 1:30 Wednesday morning. When he reached home, the house was locked from the inside, and he had to arouse his seven-year-old daughter, who let him in. He went to his wife's bedroom, and, failing to find her there, started to the kitchen to look for her. The lights were on in the dining room, and Mrs. Gaylord was lying on her back, with the pistol beside her. The bullet entered her head just above the right eye and apparently she died almost instantly. A neighbor, Mrs. Joe Nowarah, reported that she heard a report, probably from the revolver, between 11:30 and 12 o'clock, but that she thought no more about it at the time.

Colored Man Fatally Burned in Fire Here Saturday Morning

Threw Bucket of Gasoline On Blaze, Thinking It Was Water

George James, middle-aged colored man, was fatally burned in an unusual accident here last Saturday morning. His automobile caught fire, and he grabbed what he thought was a pail of water, but which turned out to be gasoline, and dashed it on the blaze, the resulting flare-up burning him so severely about the lower part of his body that he died in a Rocky Mount hospital early Wednesday morning.

James, respected employee of the H. E. Harrison Wholesale Company here, had carried his Ford car to the Plymouth Machine Shop, at the eastern end of Water Street. He was having some welding done on the car, when the flames from the torch set it on fire. James grabbed up the bucket of gasoline, thinking it was water, and dashed it on the fire.

His clothing was enveloped in flames instantly, and he suffered intense burns about his feet, legs and the lower part of his body. His brother-in-law, Leroy Trafton, was burned about the hands when he tried to help beat out the flames. Both men were removed to the office of Dr. T. L. Bray, where first aid was given them and James was later removed to the Rocky Mount hospital. However, there was little hope for his recovery, as Dr. Bray said that he suffered second and third degree burns over about 40 per cent of the surface of his body.

The fire alarm was turned in and the department responded quickly, but there was little it could do except to prevent the fire from spreading. The car was almost totally destroyed.

James was married and is survived by his wife. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon, it was stated today. The Golden Star Quartet, of which he was formerly a member, will sing a number of his favorite hymns at the final rites.

Five Cases Called In County Court

Five cases were called, but only four were tried at the regular session of recorder's court Tuesday of this week. One of the defendants failed to answer when his name was called, and Judge Edward L. Owens directed that a capias be issued for his arrest. Following is a resume of the proceedings:

Lassiter Bowser, colored, of Plymouth, was fined \$10 and costs for operation of a truck and trailer without trailer brakes.

George R. Stillman, white, of Creswell, paid \$5 and the costs for operating a truck without clearance lights.

James Ashby Hairsre, white, of Creswell, was assessed \$20 and the costs for assault with a deadly weapon.

Jesse Garrett, white, of Roper, was fined \$5 and costs for simple assault.

Harold Brown, white, of Plymouth, charged with assault; "called and failed"; capias issued.

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Relatives and friends are unable to account for a motive. No note or message was found. It was said that she had not been in the best of health for a few days, and some of her neighbors remarked that she seemed to be unduly depressed for an unknown reason. Her home life was said to have been very happy; she had three small children, the youngest nine months old, to whom she was devoted, and none could assign any reason for her act.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ballard, Mrs. Gaylord was born in Martin County less than 26 years ago, on October 2, 1917. She was married to Mr. Gaylord on July 30, 1934, at Suffolk, Va., and they have lived in Roper since that time. She was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal church in Roper, and active in the Woman's Auxiliary there. She also took a leading part in the work of the home demonstration club in Roper and was highly regarded in the community.

Mrs. Gaylord is survived by her husband, W. V. Gaylord, and three daughters, Rebecca, aged 7; Dianne, 4; and Judith Ann, 9 months old. She also leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Ballard, of Williamston; two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Smith, of Plymouth, and Lieutenant Edna Ballard, of the U. S. Navy Nurse Corps, stationed at Knoxville, Tenn.; and a brother, William Edward Ballard, of the U. S. Navy, stationed at Athens, Ga.

Funeral services will be held from St. Luke's Episcopal church in Roper Friday afternoon at 4:30. The Rev. William B. Daniels, jr., rector, will be in charge of the rites. Interment will be made in the Gaylord cemetery there.

Pall-bearers are Messrs. Barton Swain, C. H. Floyd, J. C. Knowles, J. A. Chesson, L. E. Hassell, and Roy Stillman.

Returns To West Point After Visit

J. C. Gatlin, jr., cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, returned to his duties there last week after spending a two-week furlough with his mother, Mrs. Alice Gatlin, in Creswell, and father, J. C. Gatlin, in Wilson.

Cadet Gatlin received his appointment to the military academy from Representative Herbert Bonner a little over a year ago, and he was promoted to cadet corporal at the completion of his "plebe" year just before receiving his recent furlough to visit his parents.

Young Gatlin was valedictorian of his class when he graduated from Creswell High School, and he followed that up by becoming an honor student at Oak Ridge Military Institute, which he attended for one year before receiving his appointment to West Point.

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