Sale of Federal use-tax stamps, re

quired to be displayed on all motor vehicles, have about come to a standstill at the local post office. Several

motorists have been heard to declare

they had no intention of buying the stamps, since some people got away

Private David E. Craddock, of the

ceived their renewal blanks should

fill them in and return them to the

Produce sales in grocery stores

here have declined considerably

in the past few weeks, since Vic-

tory Gardens have begun to come

into production. Practically ev-

ery family in this section has

its own garden and home-grown

vegetables are displacing the

Miss Mildred Owens and Mrs. Eliza

Daniel accompanied Lieut. S. A.

Ward to Washington, D. C., last Sun-

day. He was returning to Camp

Custer, Mich, after spending a week

here with his mother, Mrs. S. A.

Ward. Miss Owens and Mrs. Dan-

"Brownie" Brown, son of Mr. and

Mrs. J. S. Brown, has been spending

a few days here with his parents and

other relatives. An electrician's mate.

third class, in the United States Na-

vy, he has been stationed at Norfolk.

Staff Sergeant Aubrey W. Liverman

returned yesterday to his station in

New Orleans after spending a few

weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.

E. H. Liverman. He recently return-

ed to the United States after more

Mrs. Warnie Gurkin and little son,

time in Americus, Ga., where Mr.

Air Corps. The latter expects to com-

be sent to another field and Mrs.

Gurkin and the baby will return to

To Install Officers

Commander at Ceremony

Tomorrow Night

and on time for the meeting.

who will be installed

P. W. Brown; service officer, M. W.

Spruill; guardianship officer, P. B.

Legion Post Here

their home here.

than two years in foreign service.

iel returned to Plymouth Monday.

store-bought varieties.

board immediately.

with not buying them last year.

at Fort George E. Meade, Md.

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### Liquor-Making Equipment Seized and Man Arrested Inside City Limits Here

United States Army, returned to his post recently after spending a few Chief of Police P. W. Brown and Policeman Paul Basnight lodays with his wife and other relatives near Plymouth. He is stationed cated the principal components of a small liquor-making outfit inside the city limits late yester-It was announced today by the loday afternoon, when they raided cal rationing board office that no the premises of George Agnew, applications for fuel oil for heating colored, on West Main Street, purposes would be accepted after adjoining the property of the next Monday. Those who have re-American Fork & Hoe Company.

Tipped off in advance, the offlicers nearly caught Agnew redhanded. One of them saw the colored man throw the worm to a still over his fence as they drove up, and it was recovered

as evidence, but the policeman were unable to locate the kettle. They found one barrel of mash, made from honey and corn meal, which was just about ready to run, and they also located an oil stove used in heating the ket-

Agnew was arrested later and released under bond for his appearance in recorder's court next Tuesday. He was convicted in this county on a liquor-making charge five or six years ago, when he lived in the country near here, the officers said.

Nearby Town Yesterday

Afternoon

Plymouth firemen answered a call

or help from Roper shortly before

hreatened destruction of a large two

was being used as an apartment

The fire was just about under con-

trol when the local truck reached the

scene after an 8-minute run to Roper

A bucket brigade was formed to keep

the booster tank on the fire truck

filled while the hose was used to com-

oletely extinguish the blaze after

damage estimated at upwards of \$1,-

000 had been done to the building.

Most of the household effects of ten-

ants had been removed when the

Firemen said they understood that

ng gutters on the building, and they

hought the fire probably was started

by a blow torch used in the work

roof and many of the rafters were burned.

When the call to the local depart-

they had plenty of manpower avail-

able, so Fire Chief Miller Warren took

only six firemen to operate the truck.

leaving the remainder of the force

Fire on River Here

Two Couples Have Narrow

Escape in Accident Here

Monday Afternoon

Mr and Mrs. Jack Horner and Mr.

drowning in Roanoke River here

was set ablaze by backfire from the

engine and they were forced to jump

overboard. Mr. Horner and Mr.

Mr. Horner and Mr. Harden had

Albemarle Sound a week ago last

Mr. Horner said that there was

he had just leaned over to turn on

the pump when the motor backfired

and set the whole boat afire. All of

them jumped overboard immediately

but not before being painfully burn-

ed. They managed to remain afloat

until the rescue craft reached them

Their boat continued burning and

Union Daily Vacation Bible School

will be held at Grace Episcopal

church here Sunday night, July 25.

at 8 o'clock. This is to be a union

Other services scheduled for the

Fifth Sunday after Trinity are as

follows: Holy Communion, 8 a. m.;

church school, 9:45 a. m.; morning

prayer, 11 a. m.

service of all the local churches.

Grace Church Sunday

finally sank after drifting down-

stream a short distance.

Bible School Finals at

water.

louse, belongs to W. B. Davenport.

6 o'clock yesterday afternoon and as-

#### Local Firemen Help **Gasoline Coupon** Control Fire in Store No. 6 Now Valid

After what has seemed to be a long, long time to many A-card holders, gasoline coupons No. 6 in A books become valid today. However, the 8 coupons in the book must last for the next four months, under present regulations, which means that there is mighty little driving in sight for them. Coupon No. 5 expired yesterday and is no longer valid.

Each of the eight coupons is good for three gallons of gas, but since there are 17 weeks in the next four months, this means that A-card holders can only use slightly less than 11/2 gallons a week. When originally issued in July of last year, each A coupon was good for 4 gallons of gas and each series of 8 tickets had to last only two months. Maybe some time those happy days will return again.

#### L. W., III, have been spending some Gurkin is in training with the Army Get Death Certificate plete his primary flight training there in about a week, after which he will For Soldier Missing Since First Day War

Mother Also Receives Purple Heart Medal From War Department

Mrs. A. L. Clifton, of Creswell, re-At Meeting Friday cently received from the War Department the death certificate of her son. Private Ernest J. Davenport, who was to take care of a possible emergency J. Richard Carr To Become reported missing at sea since December 7, 1941. At the same time she received a purple heart medal, which Officers elected recently will be intalled at the regular meeting of the american of the Ameri stalled at the regular meeting of the James E. Jethro Post of the American

Legion in the Legion Hall here Friday Private Davenport enlisted in the night at 8 p.m., it was announced today by B. G. Campbell, the retiring United States Army in June, 1939 when he was 21 years old, and was commander. Mr. Campbell urges a large attendance, and he especially assigned to duty in the Medical Corps. No information has been rerequests that all officers be present leased as to the manner in which he lost his life, but a United States Ar-There probably will be several other matters for consideration. The local my cargo ship was reported torpedoed by the Japanese several hundred post is sponsoring its annual Fun Fesmiles off the Pacific coast on the ful burns and narrowly escaped tival here this week, and a movement opening day of the war, December 7 was launched at the last meeting of

the past to have an "Honor Roll" billboard, containing the names of all Since advices from the War De-Washington County men in the arm- partment to Mrs. Clifton indicate ed services, erected at some local pub- that young Davenport has been missing since December 7, it is believed here that he was on the ship lost Following is the list of officers and department heads elected last month that day. The initial telegram from the War Department to Mrs. Clifton in February, 1942, stated that the J. Richard Carr, commander; M. ship on which he sailed from Seattle, W. Spruill, Ronald Coburn and J. A. Wash., had been overdue at its des-Bratten, vice commanders; J. E. tination since December 10, 1941. Westray, adjutant; finance officer,

A letter confirming the telegram announcing that young Davenport Bateman; sergeant at arms, J. H. was missing was received by Mrs. chaplain, D. A. Hurley; Clifton the latter part of February, historian, P. B. Bateman; athletic of- 1942.

ficer, J. B. Willoughby; Americanism Washington County man in the arm- coe Gaylord and Ronald Waters pilot- active duty. officer, Goldie Simpson, national de- ed services to lose his life in World ed the boat to them that brought fense officer, P. W. Brown; graves War II. Bosie Aydlett Bateman, also them ashore. registration officer, R. L. Tetterton; of Creswell, was reported "missing in employment officer, J. C. Swain; boys' action," early this year. He was in just bought the motorboat a few state officer, B. G. Campbell; Boy the Navy and is believed to have days before and were taking their Scout officer, C. E. Ayers; member- been lost when the cruiser "Juneau" first ride in it when it caught fire ship chairman, P. W. Brown; pub- was sunk in a sea battle in the Solo- It is the same boat from which Merlicity officer, B. G. Campbell; and mons about the middle of November. rill Ward fell and was drowned in chairman, Sons of Legion, J. B. Wil- His parents are Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bateman, of Creswell.

## Motorists Required To Endorse All Their Gasoline Coupons by July 22nd

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dorse immediately all their gasoline coupons, in compliance with instructions from the rationing board which require such action by July 22. Passenger car owners will write the license number of their cars and the State of registration on the back of their coupons, while truck and fleet owners endorse their coupons with their ODT certificate number. Owners of E and R, nonhighway, gas coupons, are required to write their names and addresses, as they appear on the face of their books, on the back of coupons they now have.

There is a space on the front

ing the required information, and each motorist is required to fill this in as soon as they receive them. However, in the case of old coupons now outstanding, which do not have this space, the information will be filled in on the back.

Hany motorists wait until they buy gasoline before endorsing their coupons. After July 22nd, it is required that the endorsement be written in at the time they receive the books.

The local rationing board also advises that bulk coupons are no longer valid. The new gasoline deposit certificates are being used

## Community Ceiling Nearly 500 in County Eligible To Prices for Most Food Items Now in Force Vote in Referendum Saturday on

Said by Grocerymen To Be About Same as Those Already in Effect

Community ceiling prices for pracically all food items sold in county grocery stores became effective last week, it was announced by Carl L. Bailey, chairman of the ceiling price panel of the local War Price and Rationing Board. Schedules are being furnished all retailers showing the prices in dollars and cents, and each store is required to display the entire schedule at a convenient place where it can be easily consulted by

More than 300 items are enumeratweek, but there are few county stores included in these two groups.

Group 1 stores are independent re tail stores with annual gross sales of less than \$50,000. Class 2 stores are sisted in subduing a blaze which independent stores with annual sales in excess of \$50,000 but less than story frame store building there. It \$250,000. Class 3 includes chain s understood that the building, which stores with gross sales of less than \$250,000. Class 4 stores are all retail stores with gross receipts of more than \$250,000. It is provided that farmers shall be considered class 1 retailers.

It was stated by leading grocers ere that the community price ceilings set up in the new schedules are substantially the same as prices now prevailing. Some items are a little nigher and others are a little lower, but it is reported that most prevailing prices are in line with the sche-

Most of the items quoted are the same for both class 1 and 2 stores. vorkmen had just completed repair- although in a few cases class 1 stores may charge 1 cent more than class 2 stores. A few examples of the new ceiling prices are cited below; The blaze ignited under the metal

Chase & Sanborn, Lord Calvert and Luzianne Coffee are all quoted at 33 cents pound; Maxwell House, 35 cents. Jewel and Wesson oil are ment was made, Roper officials said 34 cents pint, 63 cents quart. Practically all grades salmon in tin containers are quoted at 29 cents pound. Pure lard in paper containers, 21 cents pound, except that class 2 stores may not charge more than 83 cents for 4 pounds.

Evaporated milk in 6-oz, tin containers, 2 for 11c; 141/2-oz. tin conreceived a purple heart medal, which is awarded to personnel of the U.S. Four Suffer Burns tainers, 11 cents. Crisco and Spry shortening, 26 cents pound; 3 pounds pound; 5 pounds in cloth bags, 37 Butter, all brands except Land O'Lakes, 51 cents pound; Land O'Lakes, 52 cents pound; quarter pound, all brands, 13 cents.

> lows: live broilers and fryers, 37 cents pound; same, picked, 46 cents; same, fully drawn, 61 cents; live hens, 33 cents; same, picked, 43 cents; same and Mrs. Bill Harden suffered pain- fully drawn, 53 cents.

## drowning in Roanoke River here Monday afternoon, when their boat Reuben E. Mayo Is Now Marine Flyer

Harden were burned about the face and arms, while their wives suffered Atlanta.—Reuben Elbert Mayo, son burns on their legs. Mrs. Horner of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Mayo, of also injured her back when she jumped from the flaming boat into the second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and assigned to The accident occurred over half active duty with a flying squadron way across the river in front of the of the fighting Leathernecks. The town dock. Their cries for help new Marine flyer received his combrought a big crowd to the river mission after graduating from an front and they were rescued by hold- advanced flight training school of the United States Navy at Corpus Christi, ing to the sides of a small outboard motorboat and being towed to the Texas, and he was given a 15-day ficer, P. W. Brown; child welfare of- Private Davenport was the first shore on this side of the river. Ros- leave of absence before reporting for

Only 15 per cent of Naval Aviators completing the training course are given the opportunity of transferring to the Marine Corps,

Lieutenant Mayo attended the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering at Raleigh before he entered the Naval service about a year ago.

#### **Cannot Keep Hogs** oil or gasoline in the bilge water, and **Inside City Limits**

Chief of Police P. W. Brown this week called to the attention of several residents a town ordinance which forbids the keeping of hogs within the corporate limits. They are warned that unless the swine are removed, owners will be prosecuted.

This is the first time in a number of years that this ordinance has been violated, and it is understood that all of the cases originated in the territory added to the town when the corporate limits were extended a couple of years ago. The chief of police said that several complaints had been registered with him in the past week or so; and, meat shortage or not, the hogs will have

## Program for Control of Tobacco Farm Organizations And Leaders Favor

Indifference Rather Than Outright Opposition Is Said Main Threat

Quotas for Tobacco

Practically all farm organizations farm leaders and business men have endorsed the idea of having tobacco quotas continued for the next three years. This matter will be decided in the referendum Saturday of this week, when tobacco farmers will tas for three years, for quotas for one

The North Carolina Farm Bureau is taking the lead in favoring the tobacco program, and it is supported by state organizations of tobacco warehousemen, bankers, and many local groups of business and professional

The principal threat against quotas is said to be indifference on the part of many growers. This same condition prevailed in 1939, when quotas were defeated, and it is cited as the main raeson for the 10 per cent reduction in acreage made when the control program was restored the next year.

According to well-versed farm leaders, abolition of the control program at this time would result in large plantings of tobacco in areas not now producing this crop. This in turn would mean either a smaller tobacco acreage for eastern Carolina or ruinously low prices brought about by overproduction. In the event quotas were later returned, further acreage reduction would necessarily be made in this section.

The record for the past 12 years i also cited in support of the program. During the six years when quotas were not in effect, tobacco prices averaged 16 cents per pound; while in the six years when quotas were applied the average price was 25.5 cents per pound. The average peracre value of tobacco has risen from

\$57 in 1931 to \$393 in 1942. Tobacco quotas have saved North Carolina flue-cured growers many millions of dollars in recent year and have encouraged farmers to produce larger vields of all crops

(See FAVOR QUOTAS, Page 6)

# Health Department

Work is proceeding very satisfactoily on the new heaquarters for the district health department. The carpenters are finishing their work at this time, and it was said that the painters hope to complete their part of the job by the last of the week If everything is ready, arrangements Plymouth, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the United the health department equipment next week

The new quarters are right in the

The county commisioners made arsince that time extensive alterations and repairs have been underway. The space has been divided into 11 rooms There will be an office, where all the records are kept, white and colored waiting rooms; an examination room X-ray room, dressing rooms and a number of private offices, in addition

Health department officials hope to be in their new quarters by the first of next month. The rooms at the county home now occupied by the health department are to be used by Dr. Croley, the health officer, as

#### Two Local Men Enroll In Merchant Marine

on July 6th and have been assigned to the U.S. Maritime Training Station at Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn,

## War Bond Sales Continue Slow

Unless there are some unexpectedly large sales of War Bonds within the next week, Washington County will fall far short of its quota for the month of July. H. E. Beam, county chairman of War Bond sales, said this morning that less than half the July quota has been sold so far this month, with only a week remaining.

Sales picked up slightly at the post office this week, but Mr. Beam said not a single bond had been sold at the bank since last Saturday, not even a \$25 one. Sales in Plymouth to date total about \$10,000, while the quota for the month is \$22,305.

## 13 White Men To Leave County for Ft. Bragg Monday

Nine Are From Washington W. Bowen will be in charge. County: Other Four Transferred

Thirteen white men, four transfers from other sections and nine from Washington County, have been ordered to report at the office of the local draft board next Monday, July 26, when they will be sent to Fort Bragg for their final physical and mental examinations to determine their fitness for service with the armed services. They will report to the draft board office at 10 a.m. Monday and leave on the regular bus at 10:20, it was stated.

This is the first contingent of white selectees to be called up since early in June. It does not represent the entire quota called for July, as the local board does not have sufficient men available to fill the quotas.

Creswell will furnish most of those from this county in the call next Monday. Six are from there, while the other three are from Plymouth. None of the other county towns is represented in the contingent.

The nine men from this county called to report Monday are as fol-

Darlow Sawyer, Meredith Earl Rea Carroll Riddick Spruill, Ernest Woodson Furlough and Robert David

From Plymouth: Wilbur Clinton Spruill, Duncan McBray Getsinger and William Harlond Hudson.

The four transferees are as follows: George Ollis, from Morganton; Flournoy Efton Cleveland, from West Jefferson; James Adolph Chesson, from Wilmington, Del; and Frank Edward Ocheltree, from Washington,

## Red Cross Rooms Reopen Next Week

The Red Cross rooms in the Harney Building here will be reopened next Monday for volunteers who wish or refusing to surrender it to the to help in the production work being carried on by the local chapter. Very little work has been done for several weeks, due to illness in the counts, one for assault and the other family of Mrs. R. A. Duvall, chairman for resisting an officer. He was fined of the surgical dressing committee.

the building was used as a church by be made and very few women are

The rooms wil be open each afternoon except Saturday and Sunday rangements to get the building for from 2 until 6 p.m. Those willing to the health department July 1st, and help are asked to put in two hours Percy Lamont in a fight here last at the time

## Committeemen To Supervise Voting

May Vote for One or Three Year Quotas or Against Quotas Entirely

d in the new price list, which applies to stores in practically all counties of eastern North Carolina. The Building at Roper ties of eastern North Carolina. The list as furnished gives the highest prices at which all classes 1 and 2 have an opportunity to vote for quostores may sell the specified items. Made Eight-Minute Run to Class 3 and 4 stores are not covered year, or against quotas. in the list which became effective last

Grade A poultry is quoted as fol-

## Almost Completed

Expect To Be at New Location by First of Next Month

center of the business district, being located in the Mizelle building upstairs over Byrd's Clothing Store. Drs. Papineau and Furgurson had their offices there prior to construction of the Plymouth Clinic Building. Since then, the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers union had its local chapter. At the present time, neadquarters there, and afterwards the congregation of the Church of helping.

to two rest rooms.

The office of the local selective service board has been notified that two Plymouth men recently enlisted in the United States Maritime Service. They are Lloyd Graham Mc-Nair and J. B. Harris.

They joined the merchant marine

# At Three Places

Approximately 500 landlords, tenant and sharecroppers of Washington County are eligible to vote in the referendum Saturday on tobacco quoas, it was learned at the office of he county agent here this week. The rote will be for or against flue-cured obacco marketing quotas for the 1944 crop or for the three-year period 1944-1946, inclusive. In order for the quotas to become effective, they must be approved by a two-thirds maority of all eligible farmers voting.

There will be three polling places in Washington County, and every eligible person is urged to vote in the referendum. The producers will ote by secret ballot and the election s to be held under the supervision of AAA county committeemen.

Farmers of Plymouth Township will vote at the agriculture building here. R. C. Jackson, H. G. Simpson and C. Lees Mill Township farmers will

vote at W. N. Piercy's store at Roper; with R. L. Stillman, R. W. Lewis and one other tobacco farmer in charge there. In Creswell the voting will be at

W. D. Phelps' store, under the supervision of Mr. Phelps. Very little tobacco is raised in that section, and it is understood that only nine producers are listed in that area.

In the referendum three years ago, few less than 300 votes were cast in Washington County, all of them except about 10 in favor of the imposition of quotas. However, there s understood to be more opposition and considerably less interest in the

(See TOBACCO VOTE, Page 6)

### Vick Freed Under \$2,500 Bond After Waiving Hearing

Several Other Cases Disposed of in Recorder's Court Tuesday

Recorder Edward L. Owens had a few cases for trial at the regular session of county court last Tuesday but they were quickly disposed of and court adjourned well before the noon hour. Attorney W. L. Whitley served as solicitor for several of the cases.

The case which commanded most attention in advance was that against J. D. Vick, farmer of near Plymouth, who was charged with carnal knowledge of two step-daughters. Two warrants were issued against him, but he waived preliminary hearing on both counts and was released under bond of \$1,250 in each case, pending trial at the next session of superior court, scheduled for January, 1944.

A nol pros was entered in the case against Jesse Seaton Twiddy, for "making away with personal property owner when demanded. Said property being an outboard motor.'

Harold Bowen was tried on two \$5 and costs on the assault charge, Mrs. Duvall said this week that For resisting an officer, he was senmore volunteers were needed by the tenced to six months in the county jail, suspended upon payment of \$20 there are many surgicial dressings to and costs and conditioned upon his good behavior for the next two years.

The case against Leroy Sherrod, colored, for assault with a deadly weapon, was continued pending the outcome of knife wounds inflicted on Friday afternoon

## Soldier From Plymouth Helped Direct Artillery Fire at Fall of Sicilian City

At least one former Plymouth man has had a part in the invasion of Sicily, it was learned from the report of an Associated Press correspondent, dated July 16, and published this week. He is Private James Sitterson, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. George Sitterson, of Plymouth, Route 1.

The AP correspondent, Harold V. Boyle, was describing the fall of Agrigento, heavily fortified key city of Southern Sicily and one of the oldest in Europe, when he mentioned that Private Sitterson, of Plymouth, and Major George Quarles, of Leavenworth, Kans., were helping to spot artillery targets in a forward observation post for the 155-mm. guns, which were largely responsible for the easy victory of the

American Seventh Army over the Italian defenders

Boyle wrote that the success of the 155-mm. "Long Tom" rifles in breaking up reinforcement battalions climaxed a three-day artillery duel "in which the Italians were taught lesson No. 1 in a branch of warfare in which they are acknowledged to be no

slouches." Although it is believed there are a number of Washington County men in the Army now overrunning Fascist Sicily, Sitterson is the first one to be mentioned in any dispatches from that front, so far as known here.

Young Sitterson volunteered on November 4, 1940, and was accepted and entered the service on January 7, 1941.