

Local relatives of Major Brooke P. Read were informed by him this week that he had been ordered to report to an overseas post with the inspector general's department very soon.

John W. Darden, local postmaster and county historian, is in Raleigh today to attend a meeting of county chairmen of historical committees.

County sportsmen are again reminded that the new combination fishing and hunting licenses are now on sale.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox, jr., and little son, W. B. Cox, III, of Staten Island, N. Y., are visiting Mr. Cox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox, here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Womble have as their guests this week Mr. Womble's mother, Mrs. L. M. Womble, of Pittsboro, and brother, W. M. Womble, and Mrs. Womble, of Raleigh.

The local post of the American Legion will hold its regular meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock.

It was reported here this week that First Lieutenant Jack Getsinger, brother to Mrs. George Barden and Eddie Getsinger, of Plymouth, recently was awarded the purple heart medal for wounds received in action in the Sicilian invasion.

W. T. Freeman and Harry McNair left last night with a load of tobacco for Lumberton, where it will be placed on sale today.

Says Service Men Like Old Papers

Staff Sergeant Justin Woolard, formerly of Plymouth, now stationed at Camp McCain, Miss., with an infantry regiment, had the following to say in a letter received by The Beacon this week:

"Last week I was the recipient of several back issues of your paper, sent to me by a friend back in Plymouth. Some of these issues were as much as three months old.

"I'm sure that there are plenty of other Washington County boys in the service who would appreciate these back issues if the people of Plymouth would stop, think and save them for such purposes.

"Pass the word along to your subscribers. It is basically a good morale builder for the boys in camp from coast to coast."

Revival in Progress at Zion's Chapel Church

A series of revival services is underway at the Zion's Chapel Christian church, near Roper. The evangelist, Rev. O. L. Mankamyer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is said to be preaching some strong sermons.

Mail Christmas Gifts for Men in Army Overseas Between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15

Washington County people are advised this week by Postmaster John W. Darden, of Plymouth, that Christmas parcels and Christmas cards for Army personnel overseas should be mailed during the period beginning September 15 and ending October 15.

Patrons are advised to endorse their parcels "Christmas Gift." They may weigh not more than 5 pounds or be more than 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined.

Plans Are Made To Improve Conditions At 'Little Richwood'

Incorporation of Village Is Discussed at Recent Meetings

Citizens of "Little Richwood," settlement of pulp mill employees located just southwest of Plymouth, have taken a number of steps recently to improve conditions in their community.

At a meeting of people who live in the community last week, several officials of the North Carolina Pulp Company and the district health department were present.

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A series of immunization clinics was arranged, with Mrs. T. W. Tarkenton, public health nurse, in charge, assisted by Miss Roberson, the nurse at the pulp mill.

Leaders of the community have taken up the matter of arranging for garbage collection with Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who has charge of that work in Plymouth.

There is some talk of incorporation of the village, but this has not gone to any extended lengths as yet.

Three Fires Here During Past Week

The local volunteer fire department has just had one of its busiest seasons, following a long period of quiet in which not an alarm was turned in for nearly two months.

The first alarm came about 7 o'clock last Friday evening, when a colored tenant house, on Wilson street, owned by G. R. Leggett was completely destroyed by flames.

The Milton Bateman family, Ned Phew family and Lena Weaver family all lived in the frame structure.

Later the same evening, the firemen were called to the Dan Satterthwaite farm, where a tobacco barn burned to the ground.

The paper-lined ceiling in the house occupied by Bertha Downing at 15 Hoggard Court caught fire Tuesday afternoon.

One Man Represents All Available To Answer August Draft Call On County

For some time the Washington County draft contingents have been dwindling in size, but Tuesday of this week the irreducible minimum was reached.

Forest Ray Bland, of Plymouth, was the lone man in the August contingent Tuesday.

MARINE FLYER



Second Lieutenant Reuben Mayo, son of William J. Mayo, of Plymouth, left today for active duty with the United States Marines.

Clyde Tarkenton, of Creswell, Dies After Accident Last Week

Fatally Injured by Runaway Mule; Final Rites Held Last Thursday

Clyde Tarkenton, 38-year-old farmer, of the Creswell section, died in a Washington hospital at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday morning of last week, a few days after he had been severely injured when a mule ran away and threw him to the ground.

The son of Z. T. Tarkenton and the late Mrs. Tarkenton, he was born in Washington County, May 9, 1905.

On February 17, 1921, he was married to Miss Narcissus Phelps, who with five sons and two daughters, survive him.

Funeral services were held at the late home, about three miles from Creswell, Thursday afternoon of last week at 4 o'clock.

In addition to his father, Z. T. Tarkenton, and widow, Mrs. Narcissus Phelps Tarkenton, he leaves two daughters: Mrs. Ruth Louise Pyron and Miss Rosalyn Cleo Tarkenton; and five sons, Robert Michael Tarkenton, S. B. Tarkenton, Roy Earl Tarkenton, Carl Erent Tarkenton, and Albert Bryant Tarkenton, all of the home place.

Pall-bearers were: R. A. Gibbs, T. J. White, W. D. Phelps, Jennings Davenport and H. L. Phelps.

Visiting Minister at Local Christian Church Sunday

The Rev. E. B. Quick, of Sumter, S. C., will preach at the local Christian church both Sunday morning and evening, it was announced today by church officials.

The services will be held in the annex, as the main auditorium is not yet ready for use.

VESTRY OF LOCAL CHURCH TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

The vestry of Grace Episcopal Church will meet Friday night, August 13, at the home of P. B. Bateman.

Will Hold 2 Schools On Tobacco Grading In County August 19

At Farms of E. H. Liverman and L. E. Hassell; Urge Farmers To Attend

Two tobacco-grading demonstrations will be given in Washington County Thursday of next week by W. L. Bradsher, tobacco specialist with the United States Department of Agriculture.

It was announced last week that the afternoon demonstration would be given at the Westover farm, but this has been changed to the L. E. Hassell farm.

According to County Agent W. V. Hays, Mr. Bradsher gave similar demonstrations in the county last year just before the opening of the markets which saved both time and money to those who attended.

In urging county farmers to attend, the county agent says: "There are a lot of tricks about tobacco grading and Mr. Bradsher can give you the benefit of several years' experience and give you some pointers on how to get more dollars for this year's crop."

The tendency has been, in recent years, to simplify grading as much as possible. This is more important than ever this year, due to the difficulty of getting experienced graders, and it is believed Mr. Bradsher will have some valuable pointers to offer in this connection.

Private James Sitterson, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Sitterson, evidently had a choice seat for the battle at Agrigento, Sicily, on July 16, according to newspaper accounts.

A few days ago Mr. Sitterson received a clipping from a Texas newspaper which contained an account of the same battle by another correspondent, C. R. Cunningham, representing the combined American Press, in which Sitterson was again mentioned.

Cunningham's story also gives a

County Man Again Mentioned in Story Of Agrigento Battle

Evidently Had Choice Post To Observe Fight for Sicilian City

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From Creswell: Thomas Preston Palin, volunteer; James Russell Spruill, Walter Clinton Littlejohn, and Hayward Lee Wrighton.

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Bond Quota for August \$22,304

Total bond sales in Washington County during the month of July amounted to \$14,062.50, it was announced yesterday by H. E. Beam, county chairman, following receipt of information that Roper sales amounted to \$1,050 last month.

Mr. Beam also announced that the August quota of bonds for the county has been set at \$22,304, or \$1 less than last month.

Ersel T. Patrick, 25, Fourth From County To Die in Service

Family Advised on July 29 That Young Marine Was Killed in Action

Additional information was secured this week from members of the family concerning Ersel T. Patrick, who recently became the fourth man from Washington County to die in the service of his country during the present war.

A telegram was received July 29th by the young man's father George W. Patrick, of Skinnerville, stating that his son had been "killed in action in the performance of his duty in the service of his country."

The son of George W. Patrick and the late Pearl Patrick, of Skinnerville, Ersel T. Patrick was born in Washington County January 13, 1918.

He lived in this county up to about four years ago. Since that time he worked in New York, Texas, and at Washington, D. C., until he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps about 15 months ago.

Besides his father, he is survived by four brothers and two sisters. Two of the brothers are also in the armed services, and both are overseas.

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11 Colored Men To Go To Fort Bragg From County 19th

Four From Plymouth, Four From Creswell, Three From Roper

Notices to report for possible induction were sent out to 11 colored men in Washington County this week by the local Selective Service Board.

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Hear Fishermen at Morehead Monday

A meeting of the commercial fisheries committee of the State Department of Conservation and Development will be held at Morehead City next Monday morning, August 16, it was announced this week by W. Roy Hampton, of Plymouth, chairman of the committee.

Tobacco Growers Will Be Mailed Marketing Cards This Week-End

NEW PASTOR



The Rev. Lee A. Phillips, recently called to the pastorate of the Baptist church here, entered upon his new duties last Sunday, when he preached at both the morning and evening hours.

Rev. Lee A. Phillips Begins Pastorate at Baptist Church Here

Initial Sermon Last Sunday; Moved Into Parsonage This Week

The Rev. Lee A. Phillips, recently called to the pastorate of the Ludford Memorial Baptist church here, began his work with the regular program of services last Sunday.

Mr. Phillips is a native of Plant City, Fla., and he lived there for a number of years.

His parents were from North Carolina, and Mr. Phillips returned to this state to engage in his ministerial work.

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Accept 5 Out of 11 In July Draft Call

Five out of the thirteen men from Washington County sent to Fort Bragg July 26 were accepted for service in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, it was learned from the office of the selective service board here this week.

Bill Spruill, of Plymouth, and James Adolph Chesson, of Roper, were accepted by the Marine Corps.

Marvin Leo Price, of Creswell, was accepted for service in the navy.

Robert David Sheets, of Creswell, was accepted for service in the Army and will return to Fort Bragg this week.

Eight of the men in the July draft call were rejected.

Half Ton Tin Cans Collected in Drive Last Week; Next Canvass September 30

Approximately 1,000 pounds of prepared tin cans were collected in the campaign here last Thursday, it was learned this week at the office of the county agent.

A number of Boy Scouts assisted the town trash trucks in making the collection last week. The boys went ahead of the truck and helped householders to get the cans out in front of their homes so that the trucks would not be held up when they came along.

Prospects for Crop Considered Best in History of County

Yield Especially High and Quality Good, According To Reports

Marketing cards will be mailed out over this week-end to between 200 and 250 tobacco farmers in this county, it was stated at the office of County Agent W. V. Hays yesterday.

Observers generally agree that Washington County has the best tobacco crop in its history. Farmers are very busy right now with the harvesting and curing operations, but many of them will finish this task by the end of next week.

The crop has ripened very rapidly during the past few days, due to the generally hot dry weather. While labor is scarce, most farmers have managed to get by, although it is agreed this crop will be one of the most expensive to raise of any in recent years.

Advance news from Georgia and the border markets indicate that prices will be satisfactory, although producers in this belt feel that they should receive more per pound than do those in Georgia.

At the present time the OPA has under consideration a request from the Governors of North and South Carolina for a higher ceiling price on tobacco raised in these two states as a result of the added cost of tying and grading tobacco.

According to advance reports, prices paid for low-quality tobacco are said to be very satisfactory.

Housewives Urged To Save Waste Fats

Housewives are reminded that waste fats constitute an important item of salvage needed in the manufacture of explosives.

Several local stores have been serving as receiving stations for waste fats for some time.

It is emphasized that unless the cans are properly prepared, it is a waste of time to save them.

In the future cans will be collected on the last Thursday of alternate months.

Cans collected last Thursday will be shipped to district headquarters in Elizabeth City.