the district health department and

his new home is in the quarters for-

merly occupied by the department.

Major Lawrence Bonner Clark was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps last week. Colonel Clark graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis in 1934 and is now stationed at Quantico with a Marine Corps aviation unit. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clark, of Plymouth. Mrs. Clark returned this week after spending two weeks with her son and his

Firemen were called out late Monday afternoon to a small fire on east Third Street. Some shingles on the roof of the house occupied by Edison Towe blazed up, but very little damage was done. Flying sparks from a flue were said to be the cause.

Lieutenant Sidney A. Ward, of Plymouth, was recently transferred from a military police detachment at Fort Custer, Mich., to the office of the Provost Marshal General in Washington, D. C. He entered upon his duties at his new post last

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Burgess are expecting both of their soldier sons home this week-end. They will be here for several days. Lt. Walter C. Burgess is with the air-borne engineers at Camp Mackall, near Southern Pines; while Pvt. Thomas C. Burgess, jr., will be home from Fort Leavenworth, Kans., where he is on duty with a military police unit. Their daughter, Pvt. Camille L. Burgess, is at Camp Wright, N. Y., with a WAC detachment.

An honorable discharge from the Army during the present war will be signified by a lapel button, the War Department annonnced this week. Both men and women, officers or enlisted personnel, will be eligible to wear the button if they hold an hon-orable discharge, it was said.

Staff Seigeant Raiph G. Davenport, of Washington, D. C., and Cadet Midshipman Carol Lee Davenport. USNR are visiting their parenport is a member of the Washing-

Ronald Nichols, of Farmville, arrived here Tuesday and entered up- Not To Hold County-Wide upwards of a dozen years. Soybeans on his duties as manager of the local Pender store. He succeeds Leon Davis, who is planning to attend a business school at Raleigh this fall.

Chief of Police and Mrs. P. W Brown left this morning for Norfolk to be with Mrs. Brown's father, A. R. Dupree, who is to undergo an operation in a hospital there today. Mrs. Dupree is also in Norfolk to be with her husband.

Funeral at Saints Delight This Morning for Infant

Funeral services for little Sybil Sue Moore, six-month-old daughter of Corporal and Mrs. Joseph H. Moore of Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. were held from the Saints Delight Christian church in this county this morning at 11 o'clock.

The child died at 11:40 Monday morning, and the body arrived here yesterday afternoon.

Surviving, besides the parents, are the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Woodley, of Plymouth.

Program of Services at Grace Episcopal Church

The regular order of services will be observed at Grace Episcopal Church Sunday, August 22, with celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., church school at 9:45 a.m., Morning Prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock, and Evening Prayer and ser-

The Collect, Epistle, Gospel, Psalter, and lessons for the Ninth Sunday after Trinity will be used in the course of the various services scheduled for the day.

holidays throughout the fall and

winter months. Most of them

were in favor of it provided other

towns in this section would do

The last of the Wednesday half-holidays for the current all day Wednesday, however, it

> The merchants went on record unanimously as being vigorously opposed to a national sales tax, and a committee was appointed to wire both United States Senators and Representative Herbert Bonner, urging them to fight such a proposal when it comes before the Congress. It is regarded as fairly certain that such a tax will be proposed when Congress reconvenes after the present re-

THE ROANOKE BEACON EVERY PAYDAY WAR BONDS WAR BONDS



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Important Meeting of Farm Bureau Here Friday Night; To Elect Officers

excess acreage. This should be done before the farmer applies for his marketing card.

Farmers who overplanted their allotments will be required to pay a penalty of 10 cents per pound on all tobacco raised on the excess acreage. In most cases it will be better for the farmer to pay the penalty in advance and secure a regular marketing card. If this is not done, an "excess card" will be issued, and the penalty will be deducted when the farmer offers the tobacco for sale on the warehouse floor.

Over 225 tobacco marketing cards have been mailed out this week to Washington County farmers. They should be in the hands of all tobacco growers, with few exceptions by the lat-

ter part of the week. Cards were not mailed to farmers who overplanted their allotted acreage, and they will have to apply at the county office for them. They are advised that it will be necessary to have the community AAA committeeman visit the farm and estimate the number of pounds raised on the

Outlook for Crops in General Is Said Best In History of County

Marines Get All **August Draft Call**

Finally it has happened-100 per cent of a draft call from Washington County has been accepted for service in the armed forces, and in the Marine Corps,

Forrest Ray Bland, of Plymouth, was the lone selectee available to answer the August draft call on this county. He left here for Fort Bragg Tuesday of last week, was accepted for service in the United States Marine Corps, and is now at home for a few days before returning to begin

Br. Bland set several new records in selective service annals here. He comprised the smallest number available to answer a call; marked the first time 100 per cent of a call was accepted; and it was also the first time that the Army did not get a man out of a call from this county.

Schedule of Teacher ents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davenport, near Creswell, this week. Mr. Davton County Selective Service Board. Outlined by McLean mated value of \$125,000 this year,

Session, Due to Transportation Difficulties

Departing from the usual custom, there will be no county-wide teacher meetings preceding the opening of schools August 31, it was announced this week by County Superintendent H. H. McLean. Instead, he plans to hold six meetings in various localities on Monday, August 30, the day

Mr. McLean made arrangements to carry the meetings to the teachers on account of gasoline rationing and transportation difficulties. He points out that it will be necessary for each of the scheduled meetings to begin on time, as the schedule is necessarily crowded in order to get all six of them into one day.

Following is the schedule of meetings, all of which are to be held on Monday, August 30:

8:30 a.m., at Creswell colored Cherry and Pritchard colored schools: 9:30 a.m., at Creswell white school: for teachers of Creswell and Cherry white schools:

10:45 a.m., at Roper colored school; for teachers of Roper, Sound Side, Backwoods, Mount Delane, and must be secured as a necessary pre-

Macedonia colored schools; 11:45 a.m., at Roper white school

for teachers of Roper white school 1:30 p.m., at Plymouth colored ber 15, 1942. school; for teachers of Plymouth, Morrattock, Brooks and Deep Bot- press and on the radio about Contom colored schools

2:45 p.m., at Plymouth High School, for teachers of Plymouth However, there has been no official high and Hampton white schools.

Last Wednesday Half-Holiday Will Be Observed by Local Stores Next Week

year will be observed by Plymouth stores and business houses next week. Beginning September 1, stores will observe regular week-day hours on Wednesdays, opening at 9 a.m. and closing at 6 p.m. The mid-week half-day closing has been in effect since the first of April. Local merchants held a special meeting Monday to consider extending the Wednesday half-

that most of them remain open was decided that stores here would do the same.

Estimated Peanuts

Most All Crops Are in Good Condition and Yields Should Be High

And Tobacco Will

Be Worth Million

Despite a number of handicaps and adverse features, farm prospects for the current year are considered the County. Gross farm income, based should be 25 to 30 per cent higher ially offset by greatly increased costs of production, but even so, farmers should finish up the year with more cash on hand than they have been accustomed in the past.

The county has three crops that should be worth around a half million dollars each this year. They are, in order named, peanuts, corn and tobacco. Next comes hogs, which will return an estimated \$225,000; cattle will bring in an estimated \$150,000, and a like sum should be ealized from the sale of poultry and poultry products. Cotton, the former king of all crops, now ranks well down in this county with an estibut even that is considerably more than it has been worth annually for are expected to be worth \$120,000 or more; sweet potatoes, \$65,000; and

irish potatoes \$35,000. In addition to all these major crops, there are numerous "patches," including many truck crops, and

(See CROP OUTLOOK, Page 6)

before the schools are scheduled to Draft Status of Dads In Next Few Days

Local Board Preparing To Begin Induction Fathers After October 1

The first step toward drafting of Pre-Pearl Harbor fathers in this county will be taken within the next few days when requests for additional information will be mailed to those first on the list, it was stated at the school: for teachers of Creswell, office of the local selective service board this week. These requests will be for information concerning the nature of work, number of children, family status, and other particulars

about the registrant. It is stated that this information liminary before considering the possible reclassification of registrants between the ages of 18 and 38 whose children were born prior to Septem-

There is still much talk in the daily gress taking action to block induction of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. notice sent to local boards other than that of a few weeks ago, which ordered them to take steps to begin inducting such men after October 1. if necessary to fill calls.

In this county, it will be necessary to draft such fathers in order to fill calls after October 1. As a matter of fact, this county long since exhausted its list of available single men, married men without children ing to the beach. and men whose children were conceived since December 7, 1941.

Most of the registrants making up recent calls from this county were young men who had just become 18 years of age, men whose temporary deferments or postponements has ex- stated. pired, and men who had been previously been rejected but placed in classes subject to recall.

It is evident that if so-called pre-Pearl Harbor fathers are called into service return home. More than 300 service anywhere. Washington County will be among the first to be af- unions are now in the armed forces.

Get Permit to Work

Will Lose "C" Classification Unless Definite Procedure Is Followed

Washington County farm regisrants who hold 2-C and 3-C classifications in the draft may accept temporary employment in industry during periods when farm work slacks off, but only by complying with certain very definite conditions, it was decided Monday night at a meeting here of county members of the selective service board and the United States Department of Agriculture War Board.

It is emphasized that the specific the letter before a farm worker can accept employment in industry. Those who do not comply, jeopardize their classification as essential farm the opening. workers and are subject to reclassification and immediate induction into the Army, regardless of number of dependents or other conditions.

Due to the labor shortage, a numemploying farm workers during periods when they could be spared from the farms. This has presented a board and selective service board, and joint meeting was held Monday.

The procedure agreed upon at the meeting requires the farm worker to secure the notarized permission of his landlord or farm employer, agreeing to release 1 in for a certain definite period of time. This must be approved by 1. th the war board and the draft board and a statement of best in the history of Washington availability secured from the U.S. Creswell some time ago, but he said employment office. Unless all these on the value of the principal crops, steps are taken, the farm worker who goes to work in industry may find than last year, it was indicated by a his "C" classification revoked and survey of the principal individual his induction into the armed forces crops. Of course, this gain is part- will follow immediately, it was stat-

The only exception is that farm registrants may be employed for brief periods up to 14 days without going through this procedure.

A special form is being mimeographed and will be available at the office of the draft board for the convenience of farm workers who have some spare time and wish to apply for temporary work in essential industry or with another farmer. Following are the steps such workers should take in order to retain their

"C" classification: (1) Apply to draft board for special form; (2) Have landlord or regular farm employer fill out this form ber as last year. Of the total enagreeing to release such farm worker rollment for the 1942-43 term, 2,800 for a definite length of time and were in the elementary and gram-have it notarized: (3) Get approval mar grades and 750 in the high of county USDA war board: (4) Get approval of county draft board; and (5) Secure statement of availability from U.S. employment office.

Those present at the meeting Monday night, when the above procedure was worked out were: W. D. Phelps. of Creswell, John Allen, S. F. Darden, W. W. Bowen and W. V. Hays, of Plymouth, members of the war board; Chairman R. L. Tetterton, of Plymouth, and A. W. Davenport, of Creswell, members of the selective service board. Also in attendance were Mrs. Eliza Daniels and Miss Miriam Ausoon, secretaries to the draft board and war board, respectively.

Ralph W. McDonald Will Be Speaker at Labor Day Program

Tentative Plans for Observance Made by Local Union Officials

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in the primary to be held next year, will speak at the Labor Day celebration in Plymouth on Monday, September 6, it was learned this week from James Mizelle, secretary of the local pulp workers' union. Plans are being made for joint observance of the day by the several local unions, although the celebration will be on a much more modest scale than in the past, it was stated. Details of the program have not been compelted, Mr. Mizelle said, but it is planned to do away with usual picnic and barbecue, on account of to have the entire observance here in ternoon session at Albemarle Beach, and difficulty of securing transportation were cited as reasons for not go-

In addition to Dr. McDonald, several other speakers will be heard during the day. Dr. D. G. Garland, American Federation of Labor representative, of Winston-Salem, will

real big celebration to be planned by war program should be impeded bethe war, when union members now in should be 'too little' and 'too late.' former members of the several local

Getting Everything KILLED IN ACTION Ready for Opening

Practically All Teaching Postions Filled, According to Superintendent

Of Schools August 31

Everything will be in readiness for opening of all county schools on Tuesday, August 31, according to a statement made this week by H. H conditions must be complied with to McLean, county superintendent of public instruction. Practically all teaching positions have been filled and other arrangements made for

Authorized recently by the board of education and the county commissioners, extensive repairs are being made to a number of schoo buildings. While not all of this prober of industrial concerns have been gram will be completed before the opening date, inside work is being done first, and the remainder can be carried on after the schools opening problem to both the county war without interfering with classroom activities. The repair work is prot was to work out a solution that the gressing satisfactority at this time Mr. McLean said.

The superintendent said that so far as he knew, practically all teaching positions have been filled. He said there was not a single vacancy in the staffs of the white schools in Plymouth, nor in any of the colored schools. There were a few vacancies in the white schools at Roper and he thought they had been filled in the past week or so, although he was not sure about this. The complete roster of teachers will be available for publication next week, he indicated.

The county has been allotted 105 teachers to start the school term this year. This is one less than the 106 employed in the county during the 1942-43 term. The loss was in the colored teaching staff, 54 being allotted this year against 55 a year ago. The number of white teachers remains the same, 51.

County schools are beginning their first nine-month term this year. By opening August 31st, it is expected that the term will end somewhere about the midle of next May.

Approximately 3.550 children are expected to be enrolled during the coming term, or about the same num-

It is considered possible that attendance may be below normal for sometime after the term begins, since the shortage of farm labor may result in many children being kept at home to help with farm work, especially during the harvest seasons.

Pulpwood Shortage Is Reaching Critical Stage, Earle States

Drive To Increase Output Begun in Three Major Producing Areas

"The shortage of pulpwood in the United States is rapidly reaching a critical state which will hamper the national war effort" T W Earle head of the wood department of the North Carolina Pulp Company, declared this week.

In an effort to overcome this shortfor possible induction into the armed age the War Production Board, with forces. One man in the list last the assistance of four other Federal week was transferred from the board departments and agencies, has un- here to New York, leaving 14 to board dertaken an intensive campaign to the bus here this morning. increase pulpwood cutting in the htree major producing areas of the South, Northeast and Lake States. The pulpwood industry is cooperating through a committee representing the mills, while independent committees have been set up by the American Newspapers Publishers Association, to publicize and advertise the program in daily, weekly and farm papers in the pulpwood regions.

"The pulpwood problem is solely one of production." said Mr. Earle. "Its solution depends entirely upon the meat shortage. It is also planned more manpower and more cutting in the woods. WPB Chairman Donald Plymouth, instead of holding an af- M. Nelson has asked the 3,800,000 farmers in the pulpwood states to as in the past. Gasoline rationing help overcome a threatened shortage of 2,500,000 cords and to provide sufficient quantities of this raw material to meet both the military and domestic war requirements.

"There is no way of determining what the demand of our fighting forces for pulp wood products will be as invasion operations are intensihave a place on the program, it was fied in Europe and the South Pacific But it would be a sad commentary According to the secretary, the next on the American home front if our the local unions will take place after cause pulpwood for military uses

"Alarming shortages in supplies of pulpwood were recently reported by

(See PULPWOOD, Page 6)

Farm Workers Must Tobacco Farmers of County At Any Other Jobs Prepare for Opening Sales

Ersel T. Patrick, of the U. S.

Marine Corps, son of George W

Patrick and the late Pearl Pat-

rick, of Skinnersville, is the

fourth Washington County man

to lose his life in World War II.

His father received a telegram

July 29 announcing that the

young man had been killed in

County Bond Sales

Far Behind Quota

So Far This Month

About \$8,500 Worth Sold

Against Goal of \$22,304

For August

goal.

It now looks as if Washington

Of the total so far, the post office

here is leading the bank in sales.

Sales at the post office amount to

\$4.818.75, while only \$3.637.50 worth

Stamp sales at the post office here

are holding fairly steady around \$1,

200 each week, and Mr. Darden said

that very few of the stamps were be-

ing "cashed in" at this time, which

is considered an encouraging factor.

At one time, stamp sales ran much

higher per week than now, but a con-

siderable quantity of them were

It is noted that comparatively few

farmers have bought bonds so far

his year. Now that the tobacco

markets are opening and other farm

products will soon be harvested, it is

expected that purchases of bonds by

farmers will show a considerable in-

14 Colored Men Off

To Ft. Bragg Today

There have been four additions in

the past few days to the list of color-

turned in for cash redemption.

progress being made there

action in the Pacific area

More County Tobacco Than Usual To Be on Sale Opening Day

Expect Good Prices

For Crop: Markets

Open Next Tuesday

Tobacco will hold the center of the tage next week, when sales get unlerway on the Eastern Carolina auction markets. A casual review this week indicated that more Washington County tobacco than usual will be placed on the opening sales Tuesday, when the markets have their first sales, and local farmers generally are very optimistic over prospects, both for the yield and the prices expected.

The season opened in Georgia nearly a month ago and in the border belt about two weeks ago. Price averages in both sections have hovered around the 41-cent ceiling set by the OPA before the markets opened. While most farmers in this section think they should get more for their tobacco than is paid in the Georgia belt, most of them believe they will make a nice profit even at a 41-cent aver-

Georgia tobacco is sold loose and ingraded, while tobacco in this secion is both tied and graded, operaions that this year add from 4 to 6 ents per pound to the cost. The OPA eiling of 41 cents was set for all flueured tobacco; and, although it was ontemplated that the buying companies would take grading and tying into consideration, they evidently did not, but pitched in and paid just about 41 cents for the loose ungraded Georgia tobacco, which means that farmers in this section can expect but little, if any more, for tobacco in much better shape.

Last week, OPA set a 38-cent fig-County will fall down on its bond ure for loose ungraded tobacco and quota again this month. Only \$8,- 44 cents for the type marketed in 456.25 worth of bonds have been this belt. The catch is that most of sold so far in August, against a quo- the Georgia crop has already been ta of \$22,304. Sales will have to pick sold; and, since the season's buyings up rapidly during the last 10 days cannot average more than 41 cents. of the month in order to reach the the average will be about the same in

The Washington County crop is said to be one of the best yet raised here. The yield will be high and See TOBACCO MARTS, Page 6)

of bonds have been sold at the bank up to today. It is understood that sales have picked up some in Four Cases Tried Roper this month, but no report has In County Court been received from Creswell as to the

Three of the four cases tried in reorder's court this week dealt with violations of traffic laws, while the other was a simple assault case Judge Edward L. Owens had an easy time of it, as all four defendants entered pleas of guilty, and fines totalng \$90 were imposed

The following cases were tried and isposed of:

James Davenport, colored, of Creswell, entered a plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle without proper equipment and without a driver's cense. He was fined \$35 and costs. Vance Satterthwaite, white, of Plymouth, paid a fine of \$25 and costs after pleading guilty to simple ssault

Thomas Erie Haste, white was fined \$20 and costs after pleading guilty to speeding.

Alton Milton Spear, white, of Portsmouth, Va., entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding and was fined \$10 and costs.

ed men leaving today for Fort Bragg Eastern Union To Be Held With White Plains Church

The Eastern Union will be held with the Primitive Baptist Church at White Plains, near Acre Station, on Two of those added to the list the fifth Saturday and Sunday, Auwere volunteers, Calup Alphonzo Lit- gust 28 and 29, it was announced this tleiohn, of Creswell, and Lloyd Dewitt week by officials of the church. El-Moore, a transfer from another sec- der W. M. Stubbs will be in charge tion. Samuel Isaac Rhodes and Hen- of the services, assisted by Elder S. ry Everett Norman, both of Creswell, Gray, of Kinston, and several other were the other two men added to the well-known ministers of the Primi-James R. Spruill, formerly of tive Baptist faith also are expected

Plymouth, was removed from the list to be present and take part. and transferred to a New York board. Dinner will be served on the The remainder of the list is the grounds Sunday at noon. The public same as that published last week. Is invited to attend.

Marketing Cards Sent to All Growers Except Those With Excess Acreage

meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau at the agriculture building here Friday, August 20, at 8 p.m., it was announced Monday by J. R. Manning, president. Officers for the coming year will be elected, and a well-known speaker is to be present to discuss farm prob-

lems and needs. In urging all members to be present for the first meeting of the new year. Mr. Manning said that the Farm Bureau has been very active in recent months in farmers. He points out that the organization has been on the job in Washington all during the recent session of Congress, helping to secure passage of favorable legislation, and for that reason alone he feels the organization merits the support of county farmers.

The name of the speaker was not available yesterday, as Mr. Manning was out of town, but he said before he left that a good one would be secured and that it would be well worth while for all farmers to attend.