Attorney Z. V. Norman stated Monday that due to the pressure of private professional business he had been forced to resign as chairman of the United War Fund for Washington County. It is understood that his successor in this work will be appointed by Governor Broughton within a

Corporal Nathan Walter Spruill, jr. spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Spruill, sr., near Roper. Corporal Spruill is in the Quartermaster Corps of the Army and returned to his post at Camp Houston, San Aantonia, Texas, this

Army physical requirements were reduced somewhat recently, and the list of all county men classed as 4-F is being reprocessed by the local draft board, it was learned this week. It is possible that some of them will be called up in the near future. It was stated that flat feet are no longer cause for rejection of selectees.

There was no session of recorder's court Tuesday of this week, as Recorder Edward L. Owens was called out of town at the last minute. The five cases on the docket were continued and probably will be called next

Corporal Technician Harold H Brinn is visiting relatives and friends in the Creswell section this week. He was in Plymouth for a short time yesterday afternoon. He is serving with a medical detachment at Camp

Plymouth stores observed their last Wednesday half holiday for the current summer yesterday. Beginning next Wednesday, all local establishments will remain open Wednesday afternoons until the regular 6 o'clock closing

It was learned here this week that Benton Livermen son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman, was promoted to the grade of machinist's mate, first class, in the U.S. Navy the first of this month. He is stationed at Norfolk and was a visitor in Plymouth this morning. His wife will teach in the local schools during the com-

"Andy Brown," one of Plymouth's was a friendly little yellow-haired feist that belonged to J. O. Everett and always followed at Mr. Everett's heels on his trips about town. "Andy" was getting along in years, as dogs go, being somewhere around 12, and his master has about given up hope for his return.

#### Tobacco Prices Are Averaging Around 40-41 Cents in Belt

Farmers Generally Satisfied With Returns; Markets Opened Tuesday

Eastern Carolina tobacco markets opened for the 1943 season Tuesday of this week, with price averages ranging around 40 and 41 cents. Some markets are claiming higher averages, and some individual farmers are getting more for their tobacco but most local observers who attended the opening sales said they believed the average would not exceed

pleased with the prices being paid, the volume these securities have since especially on the lower grades. There attained as "War" bonds and is still some dissatisfaction over the stamps. The payroll savings plan fact that the OPA did not provide for higher prices for graded and tied tobacco, as produced in this section, in comparison with the ungraded and untied tobacco sold in Georgia.

A meeting was held in Washington yesterday, with Governor Broughton, of this state, Governor Darden, of Virginia, and other political big-wigs putting the pressure on OPA to raise the ceiling on flue-cured tobacco. However, it is generally felt in this section that the 41-cent ceiling announced before the markets opened will stand and a majority of farmers are reconciled to that fact.

Quality of offerings on the markets Tuesday was reported from fair to good. Prices ranged usually from around 30 cents for the lowest grades to 45 and 46 cents for high quality leaf. Practically all smoking types, including some very trashy

grades, are bringing 40 cents Sale bills were being displayed here yesterday by a number of county farmers, and the averages they received varied from 42 cents down to 39 and a fraction, that is, for their clear checks. One man had sold over 2,800 pounds for a net check that averaged slightly better than 42 cents, which is about the best sale reported here so far.

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Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, August 26, 1934



**INCOMING AND RETIRING POSTMASTERS** 

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J. Corbett Swain (left) will take over the duties as Plymouth's post-master next Wednesday, September 1, succeeding John W. Darden (right), who is retiring on account of his health. Mr. Swain's appoint-ment was announced several weeks ago by Representative Herbert C. Bonner. Mr. Darden has been serving as postmaster for a little over

### County Has Quota of \$262,000 War Bonds To Sell in September ington Street and stole a black 1938 Ford sedan, belonging to P. C. Trogden, Mr. Trogdon said the key was

### **Detached Stamps Invalid for Shoes**

Local merchants have been warned by OPA not to accept shoe stamps which have been detached from rationing books. Dealers are required to post by next Wednesday a notice as follows: "Rationing regulations prohibit this store from accepting loose war ration stamps for shoes selected or delivered at the

The new amendment specifically prohibits the practice of selecting thoes at the store and mailing a loose stamp for deligery. Stamps which have been accidentally detached from ration books may be replaced by boards when they are satisfied with the explanation offered by the ration holder. In that case a special shoe stamp will be issued by the board.

### best-known characters, has been missing for about two weeks now. He J. Corbett Swain To Become Postmaster share of the September drive is not quite double its quota of \$134,900 for Here September 1st

Will Succeed John W. Darden in Office Here Next Wednesday

There will be no formal ceremony of any kind next Wednesday mornmaster, it was stated this week by before that time. the two men. A postal inspector is that will be that, with the work going on as usual in the post office.

The duties of postmaster have become much more arduous and complicated during the past two years while Mr. Darden has been postmaster. War conditions have brought about a number of changes, especially in the sale of government saving certificates.

When Mr. Darden assumed the death of George W. Hardison on July 31, 1941, the sale of "Defense" As a general rule, farmers are stamps and bonds was nowhere near was unheard of at that time, and sales of the savings certificates constituted only a minor task of the

postmaster. These sales have grown to such ar extent that average weekly sales of savings stamps have ranged up to (See POSTMASTER, Page 4)

### Will Be Necessary Throughout County

Third War Loan Drive Is Scheduled To Begin September 9th

Washington County received its greatest challenge to support the war effort this week, when official county quotas for the Third War Loan Drive in September were announced. This county drew an assignment to sell \$262,000 worth of bonds during the coming month, or an amount nearly equal to the total of quotas for the first eight months of this year.

There is some disposition to regard this amount as being impossible of It was just about out of gas, but had achievement, but it is pointed out not been damaged. that the quotas were worked out on a pro rata basis, and that the gomoney from somewhere to continue the \$62,000,000 goal of the second war loan in April. Washington county's share of the September drive is not the drive in April, which was oversubscribed.

H. E. Beam, county chairman of bond sales, was out of town this week, and plans are yet to be made for the campaign in the county next month. However, it is likely that a house-to-house canvass by determined workers will be required to reach the goal. The big drive is scheduled ing, when J. Corbett Swain succeeds
John W. Darden as Plymouth post-

Washington County had made an expected to be here to check out Mr. exceptionally good record in bond Darden and check in Mr. Swain, and sales up to July and August of this (See WAR BONDS, Page 4)

## Gas Books Invalid

Holders of the old-tyle B and C gasoline rationing books which will be valid after September 1 are adpostmastership following the sudden vised by the local rationing board to bring such books to the office and caught between one of the stakes on have them exchanged for the new type books before next Wednesday, September 1st.

Beginning September 1, the oldtype coupons wil lnot be honored by service stations. However, all the old coupons will be exchanged for new ones at the rationing board office on gallon-for-gallon basis. For instance, if a car owner has an oldtype B or C book with four coupons in it, he may exchange it for a new B or C book with four coupons.

### **Course in Christian Education at Local High School to Be Taught by Ministers**

A course in Christian Education will be offered to all members of Plymouth High School during the 1943-44 term, according to announcement of a decision reached at a conference this week of school officials with ministers of the four local churches.

Plans call for the course to be set up on a denominational basis, with the ministers teaching classes composed of students of their own religious group. The Baptist students are to be taught by the Rev. Lee A. Phillips, pastor of Ludford Memorial Baptist church; Methodists will be in

charge of the Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist church; and the Episcopal class will be taught by the Rev. William B. Daniels, rector of Grace church, . The Rev. B. E. Taylor, of the Christian church, is to leave Plymouth September 1, but it is thought that his successor will take charge of the Disciple students.

Christian education is to be an elective course. Classes will meet for two recitation periods each week, and one-half unit of credit is offered for a satisfactory completion of the year's course.

Physician Is Also Recovered Here

There has been an epidemic of car thefts in this section during the past few days. Two cars were stolen from owners in Plymouth, both of which have since been recovered; and another, stolen from a Tarboro physician, was recovered near here Tuesday by Partolman M. B. Stewart.

The first theft was reported Monday morning, when a grey 1941 Ford coach belonging to the Manning Motor Company was stolen during the previous night from in front of the residence of Mrs. Minnie Cahoon on Main Street. The car had been driven home by W. A. Capehart, and the switch key was left in it by oversight. It was stolen between 11:30 p.m. and the next morning.

This car was recovered in Wiliamston by Corporal W. S. Hunt, of the State Highway Patrol Tuesday. It had been abandoned and, so far as could be learned, had not been dam-

The second theft was reported Tuesday morning. This time the thieves went into the yard of the Raymond Leggett home on Washington Street and stole a black 1938 den. Mr. Trogdon said the key was hard to work and had been left in the switch. It is believed that the Intensive Campaign the switch. It is believed that the car was purhed out of the side yard into the street before the motor was

The Troguon car was recovered in Elizabeth City yesterday, it was learned this morning. The thieves were observed trying to make away with another car, but escaped capture by the police. When recovered, the car contained about 60 cartons of assorted cigarettes and 20 pairs of work gloves, believed stolen from the Piercy store in Roper the same night the car was stolen here. However, few details about the Roper robbery or recovery of the car could learned here this morning.

A passing motorist advised Patrolman Stewart that an abandoned car was in a ditch alongside a road near here Tuesday afternoon. The patrolman investigated and learned that the car had been stolen from Dr. Hooker in Tarboro Monday night.

### a pro rata basis, and that the government has simply got to have the wernment has simply got to have the gin at 1 p. m., and will dismiss at Street provided. The improvements financing the war. The state quota is \$145,000,000, or more than double the \$62,000,000 goal of the second war. Sideswipes 3:30. We urges that parents see that cost a total of about \$2,000. Mr. Taylor is leaving the church in attendance. One high-school teach-splendid condition, both spiritually

H. E. Bellflower, of Williamston, Seriously Hurt In Accident Saturday

about a mile west of Plymouth. The names accident occured at 9:30 Saturday night, and his arm, badly mangled. was amputated above the elbow after he was removed to a Washington

According to Highway Patrolman M. B. Stewart, who investigated the accident, Bellflower was headed toward Williamston, while the Askew truck was coming toward Plymouth. The patrolman said that Bellflower was on the left side of the center line of the road at the point of impact. Bellflower was driving a 1933 Plymouth coupe and his left arm resting in the window of the car. When the vehicles sideswiped, his arm was the truck and the car and badly mangled.

He was brought here to the office of Dr. T. L. Bray, who rendered first aid, and was taken to the Washing- 8 o'clock. ton hospital the same night. Bellflower had been employed at the Central Garage here as a mechanic, but had given up his job and was on his way to his home at Williamston when the accident occured. Robert Earl Manning, of Plymouth was riding with Mr. Bellflower at the time while several persons were said to have been on the truck with Mr.

According to the patrolman, quart bottle containing wine was found in the Bellflower car. The officer also said that Bellflower's license to drive had been revoked in June after he was convicted of hit-and-run

The left side of the car was scraped and scratched up badly, while the truck was damaged very little.

Number From County At Peanut Meeting Today

A large number of Washington County farmers and others interested in peanuts are attending the annual meeting of the Peanut Growers Cooperative in Williamston today. L. E. Hassell, of Roper, is a director and officer of the cooperative and was among those attending.

### Recover Two Autos Nearly 3,500 County Children To Stolen Here Early Part of This Week Return To Schools Next Tuesday

#### Car Stolen From Tarboro Everything Ready For Starting New School Term Here

Teacher Assignments and Schedule Announced by Principal Trotman

Announcing that everything was in readiness for the opening of the local schools next Tuesday, Principal R. B. Trotman yesterday issued the following statement:

"The Plymouth white schools will begin the 1943-44 school term Tuesday, August 31, at 9 a. m. All teaching positions have been filled and the assignments are as follows: First grade, Miss Ethel Perry, Mrs.

Henry Hardison; second grade, Mrs. Leta Liverman, Miss Ella Harper; third grade, Mrs. Katherine Harrison. Miss Gladys Rountrye; fourth grade, Mrs. Janie Dunning, Mrs. Julian Brinkley: fifth grade, Miss Nellie Tarkenton, Miss Marion Allen; sixth grade, Mrs. C. W. Dinkins, Miss Isobel Davenport; seventh grade, Miss Annie James, Miss Eva Bateman; eighth grade, Mrs. Benton Liverman Mrs. Harry Gurkin.

"High-school teachers are as follows: ninth grade, Mrs. L. W. Gurkin, jr., home economics and general science; tenth grade, Mrs. Sara McLean Thomson, library and social science; eleventh grade, Mrs. Thelma Barden, English; twelfth grade, Mrs. Lillian Campbell, mathematics; Mrs Benton Liverman, science; Mrs. E. W. Furgurson, public-school music:

and R. B. Trotman, principal. "Efforts are still being made to secure a commercial teacher. An appropriation has been made for this work, and it is hoped that when the school opens we will have a teacher for this course

"The ministers of the four churches in Plymouth have offered their services to a course in Christian education. This course will be taught two periods each week and will give highschool credit. The minister of each denomination will organize the course for the children from his church, and those who express a preference for that particular course. The course is

Opening-Closing Hours "School will begin each morning er was lost last year, due to irregu-Another Near Here | er was lost last year, due to irregular attendance on the part of high-

"Enrollment in the elementary grades will be divided according to alphabet. It is hoped that the patrons will save themselves, their children and the teachers embarrassment H. E. Bellflower, of Williamston, by not asking that their child be lost his left arm in an automobile ac- changed from one teacher to another cident Saturday night, when the car To do this causes confusion and miswhich he was driving sideswiped a understanding, so we will follow the truck, driven by Joe Askew, on High- policy of placing the pupils where way 64, at the Cool Springs curve, they come, as determined by their

"Pupils entering the first grade must present birth certificates, or other satisfactory proof that they will be six years old by October 1. Each beginner must show satisfactory evi- Plymouth, was cut and bruised about dence of successful smallpox and the head and neck last Saturday diphtheria immunizations.

school pupils is as follows: eleventh grade, Friday, August 27, at 2 p. m.; twelfth grade, Monday, August 30, at

Program of Services at Local Methodist Church

Rev. O. L. HARDWICK, Pastor The Methodist church will resume its evening worship services here next Sunday with a sermon by the Rev. Elizabeth City district, preaching at

The Rev. O. L. Hardwick, local pastor, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour on "Christ for All of Life."

he public is invited to all services.



The Rev. B. E. Taylor, pastor of the local Chrsitian church, will leave next week to become pastor of the Cave City, Ky., church and attend Vanderbilt University. Rev. E. B. Quick, of Sumter, S. C., will succeed Mr. Taylor at the church here Oc-

#### Rev. B. E. Taylor To Hold Final Services At Christian Church

Leaves Next Week for Kentucky; E. B. Quick To Succeed Him

Rev. B. E. Taylor, pastor of the Plymouth Christian church for nearly two years, will preach his final sermons to local congregations Sunday, regularly, since the teacher allotprior to leaving next week for Cave City, Ky., where he will make his attendance instead of enrollment, home while attending Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn.

The renovated and remodeled church building here will be used for the first time Sunday, when Mr. Taylor preaches his farewell sermons Work has been underway for several months on the structure, which has been completely remodeled, refinished and rearranged in the inat 8:30 and will dismiss for lunch at terior, the old steeple has been torn

and materially. During his nearly two years as pastor, about 50 members have been added. Financially, the church raised more than \$5,000 in the past year to pay for the building program, a new Hammond electric organ, and take care of its usual total of some 450 members, including

(See B. E. TAYLOR, Page 4)

### Two Hurt in Auto Collision Saturday

John Wesley Brown, colored, of night shortly before 10 o'clock. "Pre-school registration for high when the car which he was driving when Washington County schools was in collision with another, operated by Daniel Davenport, colored, term, was not quite complete yesof Roper RFD. The accident accurred on the old Mackeys road about changes and resignations, it was two miles from Plymouth. James D. learned from County Superintendent Blount, riding with Brown, suffered H. H. McLean, a sprained ankle. Occupants of the other car were not injured.

According to Patrolman M. B. Stewart, who investigated the accident, the 1938 Ford coach driven by Davenport was three feet left of the staff, two others in Creswell white. W. L. Clegg, superintendent of the center line of the road when the two cars collided head on. Brown was dition, an appropriation has been driving a 1940 Ford coach, and both cars were badly damaged.

Davenport was arrested by the patrolman and charged with reckless Sunday school meets at 9:45, and driving and operating a car without

### Nine Out of 13 Colored Men Who Went To Fort Bragg Last Week Accepted

Nine out of thirteen colored men sent to Fort Bragg last Thursday by the Washington County Selective Service Board were accepted for service with various branches of the armed services. This is the highest percentage of colored men accepted for service of any contingent which has left the county this year, it was stated by the secretary to the local board. Of the nine men accepted, four will go into the Army, three into the Marine Corps, and two into the

Those accepted are as follows: For the Army: Layden Taylor, of Plymouth; Henry Everett Norman, Creswell, Eugene Spruill,

for the Marine Corps: Roy Hampton King, of Plymouth, Samuel Issac Rhodes and Calup Alphonzo Littlejohn, of Creswell: for the Navy; Haywood Lee Wrighton, of Creswell, and Lloyd Dewitt Moore, transfer. One man called up last Thurs-

and William E. Cooper, transfer;

day, William Nathaniel Mitchell, of Plymouth, failed to appear and will be certified to the FBI as delinquent unless he reports to the local board within five

Another group of colored selectees will leave here Thursday morning of next week, but the list of names was not available in time for publication this week.

#### LEAVES NEXT WEEK | Series of Teacher Meetings Are To Be Held Monday

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Few Vacancies in Teaching Positions Expected To Be Filled Soon

More than three thousand Washngton County school children are expected to be enrolled in the 17 white and colored schools when they open for the 1943-44 term next Tuesday morning, according to H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public in-

There are a few vacancies in teaching position, but they are expected to be filled within a few days. Ninetyeight of the 105 teachers allotted the county have been signed up and are ready to begin the term next week. Most of the repairs authorized recently by the board of education and county commissioners have been completed and the several plants are in fair condition for the opening of the new term.

There are five white schools and 12 colored schools in the county. There are two white schools in Plymouth and one each in Roper, Creswell and Cherry. The 12 colored chools are scattered throughout the

Enrollment this coming term is exected to be about the same as last ear, when a total of 3,550 was enolled. It is considered likely that atendance will not be as high right at he start of the trme, but it should continue to gradually increase as farm work slacks off and more children are released from their duties at

Principals are appealing to parents to see that their children are enrolled opening day and attend ments are based on average daily When children are kept at home for any cause, it serves to hold down the number of teachers available to the schools; and, as most of the rooms are overcrowded now, also been work to the deliment of the entire sys

The schedule for each school will be worked out and announced by the principals on opening day. There will probably be some variance from school to school in the hours for opening and closing, as well as in recess periods, etc., as local conditions will determine these factors at

each school. Lean will hold six teachers' meetings Monday at various central points in the county. The schedule for these were announced in this paper last week.

#### obligations. The church now has a List of Teachers for County Schools Not Quite Complete Yet

Only 98 Secured Out of 105 Allotted, Due To Last-Minute Changes

The list of teachers who will be on he job next Tuesday, August 31, open for the beginning of the 1943-44 terday, due to some last-minute

A total of seven vacancies is indicated in the list released by Mr. McLean. It was learned unofficially this morning that four of the vacancies are in the Roper white teaching and one in Plymouth colored. In admade for a commercial course in the Plymouth school, but so far it has been impossible to secure a teacher for this department.

Ninety-eight of the 105 teachers allotted the county are included in the list released by the county superintendent. It is expected that most of the vacancies will be filled within a few days.

Following is the list of 48 white and 50 colored teachers whose names were available vesterday

Plymouth white school: R. B. Trotnan, principal; Thelma G. Barden, Mrs. B. G. Campbell, Annie J. Gurkin, Mrs. Ethel T. Gurkin, Elizabeth K. Liverman, Sarah McLean Thompson, Marion Hazel Allen, Eva Bateman, Mary S. Dinkins, Isabel Dayenport, Janie C. Dunning, Catherine B. Hunt, Clara J. Furgurson, Annie L. James, Nellie Tarkenton.

Hampton School: Mrs. George H. Harrison, Ella Ray Harper, Leta T. Liverman, Gladys Rountrye, Ethel Clyde Perry, principal; Etta B. Hardison.

Roper White School: R. B. Forbes. orincipal; Mattie C. Hassell, Lois M. Thompson, Annie Louise Perry, Chas. H. Floyd, Lucy B. Hudgins Kittrell. Eloise Owens, Mary Eugenia Gregory.

(See TEACHER LIST, Page 4)