

Jesse R. Bateman, of Norfolk, formerly of Plymouth, has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. S. Keith Arnold, and Mr. Arnold this week. He was bruised about the shoulder and head Sunday morning in Norfolk when struck by a hit-and-run driver. The driver, a 16-year-old boy who had stolen the car from his father and been out all night, was later caught.

J. H. Satterthwaite, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Satterthwaite, of Roper, was promoted to the grade of corporal in the United States Army recently, according to a letter received by his parents from his commanding officer, Corporal Satterthwaite, who is 22 years of age, has been in the service since April of last year.

The Plymouth City Council will meet tomorrow (Friday) night, instead of next Monday, it was stated this morning by B. G. Campbell, mayor. Monday is Labor Day and several council members will be out of town, and there are several matters to be decided immediately, the mayor said, hence the meeting was moved up to tomorrow night.

L. S. Thompson went to a Rocky Mount hospital early this week for removal of his tonsils. He was accompanied by Mrs. Thompson and their little daughter. They later went to Scotland Neck, where they are spending several days before returning tomorrow.

A. J. Chesson, of Lake Lure, N. C., and Miami, Fla., was a business visitor here yesterday. He is a native of this county and has a number of relatives living in the Roper section, including his brother, J. Wilson Chesson.

The office of the local rationing board will not be open to the public next Monday, although all employees will be on the job, it was stated yesterday. The force is taking this opportunity to catch up with some office work, and it will be useless to knock on the door, as it will not be opened.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown said this week that someone had borrowed two lifting jacks which belonged to the town, and he requests whoever it was to return them at once.

An outbreak of hog cholera was reported in the Skimmersville section during the past week. Several people have lost every animal they owned, it was stated, while others have managed to save part of their herds.

John W. Darden has been appointed county chairman of the United War Fund, it was announced this week. He succeeds Z. V. Norman, who resigned last week. A nation-wide campaign will be held in October to raise funds for the 17 agencies affiliated with the United War Fund.

The Rev. Lee A. Phillips, pastor of Ludford Memorial Baptist church, is holding a series of revival services at Merry Hill, in Bertie County, this week. It is understood that Mr. Phillips will return in time to hold the regular services at the local church Sunday.

## Number of Stolen Items Recovered

Sheriff J. K. Reid went to Elizabeth City yesterday to get the car stolen from P. C. Trogon here Monday night of last week. A large quantity of goods, believed stolen, was recovered by Elizabeth City police last Thursday along with the stolen car, and the entire lot was turned over to the Washington County sheriff, who now has some of it stored in his office at the courthouse here.

Sheriff Reid has already returned 20 cartons of cigarettes to Percy's store in Roper, along with six rationing books belonging to the Percy family. All these were stolen the same night the car was missed last week. The officer now has in his office 44 cartons of assorted brands of cigarettes, a box of cigars, a carton of chewing tobacco, 12 handkerchiefs and a box of socks recovered from the car. So far they have not been identified, but it is believed that they came from stores or filling stations robbed in other counties.

The sheriff said Elizabeth City police believe they know the identity of the thieves and are on the lookout for them. They were last reported near Elizabeth City, and their arrest is expected in the next few days.

## Surprise Blackout Called Last Night

A lengthy surprise blackout was called last night, the first "blue" signal being sounded at 9:35. Compliance in Plymouth was declared to be excellent by Chief of Police P. W. Brown, chief air raid warden. A few observers in outlying districts said that all motorists did not strictly comply with the various signals, and there was some confusion when the second "red" signal was sounded, but as a whole the test was a success.

The signals were mixed a little last night, for the first time. The first "blue" signal was followed by a "red," then another "blue," another "red," and still another "blue" before the all-clear was sounded about an hour after the initial alarm.

## Local Stores and Offices To Be Closed Monday for Observance of Labor Day

Local stores and business establishments will be closed all day next Monday, September 6, in honor of the Labor Day holiday, it was decided by petition this week. A special meeting of the merchants association was held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock to decide the matter, but not enough were present to get a representative opinion. That afternoon a paper was circulated, and a majority of signers favored closing all day.

Offices at the courthouse, the Branch Banking & Trust Company, and the ABC store also will be closed. The post office will not observe the holiday, however, and all mail deliveries and dispatches will be made as usual.

A special Labor Day program will be held at the courthouse by the six local labor unions at 11 o'clock, when Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, candidate for governor, and several other speakers will be heard.

## County Man Awarded Four Decorations as Gunner on Big Bomber

### HOME ON VISIT



Staff Sergeant Augustus R. Patrick, Jr., has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Patrick, of the Skimmersville section, for the past two weeks. He is recovering from wounds received in a bombing mission over Messina, Italy, last January 31. Sergeant Patrick has received four decorations, including the Distinguished Service Cross, second only to the Congressional Medal of Honor as the highest award for valor made by the United States Government.

## Chas. W. Blount, Sr., Died Last Thursday At Mackeys Home

Was Leading Farmer of His Section; Funeral Held Saturday

Charles Wheeler Blount, sr., well-known farmer of the Mackeys section, died at his home there about 5:30 last Thursday afternoon after a period of declining health lasting for about a year. Mr. Blount was 79 years of age, and had been a resident of Washington County all of his life.

The son of the late Joseph W. Blount and Elizabeth Sleight Blount, he was born near Mackeys in Washington County on July 2, 1864. He became a leading farmer of his section and was prominent in the affairs of his community throughout his long and useful career.

He was married at Creswell on November 5, 1890, to Miss Annie Cornelia Alexander, who survives him. He also leaves five sons, Joseph Blount, of Washington, D. C.; Charlie Blount, jr., of Mackeys; Stanton Blount, of Sunbury; Gerald Blount, of Westfield, N. J.; and Ralph Blount, of Raleigh; and three daughters, Mrs. W. F. Winfield, of Chocowinity; Mrs. W. F. Barnhill, of Portsmouth, Va.; and Mrs. William B. Woods, of Durham. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. W. S. Davenport, of Mackeys, and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Blount was a member of the Methodist church for a number of years.

Funeral services were held from the late home last Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m., by his pastor, the Rev. G. C. Wood, of the Roper Methodist church. Interment was made in the family cemetery at the home place.

Pall-bearers were: Edw. S. Blount, Edison Davenport, W. B. Davenport, O. A. Chesson, J. E. Davenport, W. W. Phelps, and Albert Watson.

## Revival Begins Monday At Mount Zion Church

Revival services will begin at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist church next Monday night, September 6. The pastor, the Rev. R. P. Harris, of Enfield, will do the preaching. The services will continue for 10 days and everyone is invited to attend.

## Sgt. A. R. Patrick Member of Famous Air Force Outfit

Recovering From Wounds Received Last January Over Messina

Staff Sergeant Augustus R. Patrick, jr., this week concluded a two-week visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Patrick, sr., in the Skimmersville section and returned to an Army base hospital at Charleston, S. C., where he is being treated for wounds received in action in the Mediterranean theatre last January 31.

Sergeant Patrick, tail gunner on American heavy bombers, has been in action against all three of our major enemies, Japanese, German and Italian, and has been awarded about as many citations and decorations as any soldier from this state. He wears four decorations, including the Distinguished Service Cross, second only to the Congressional Medal of Honor as the highest award for valor made by the United States Government.

Sergeant Patrick is now 21 years of age and has been in the Army Air Forces since June 18, 1940. His father, A. R. Patrick, sr., is a veteran of the first World War, having served with the 29th Division, which had a prominent role in the battle of Argonne Forest in 1918.

Young Sergeant Patrick received his training at Langley Field, Va., and was stationed there from the time he enlisted until the first of November, 1941, when he went to Newfoundland. He was in New York when the Japs made their attack on Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. His orders were changed shortly afterwards and he flew to India, where he joined the famed Ninth Heavy Bombardment Group.

The Ninth was stationed at Clark Field in the Philippines when the war broke out, and lost many of its "Flying Fortresses" on the ground when that field was partially obliterated by Jap bombers. Colin Kelly and a number of other noted American heroes were members of this group. Patrick was supposed to join the Ninth in Java, but the Japanese overran that country before he could get there, and the remnants of the outfit were sent to India, where he

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## Cpl. Roscoe J. Browning Home From North Africa

Corporal Roscoe J. Browning, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Browning, is at home for the first time since being inducted into the U. S. Army 16 months ago. Corporal Browning entered the Army at Fort Bragg on April 14, 1942 and received his basic training at Camp Wolters, Tex. Since then he has spent 12 months overseas.

He was stationed for a time in Iceland, then England and finally North Africa. He returned to New York by way of England recently and is now at home on a 30-day furlough.

## Everyone Asked To Contribute Articles For Bond Auction Here September 16th

The Plymouth Theatre is planning to hold another bond auction sale, probably Thursday night, September 16, it was announced this week by Miss Marion Brinkley and Mrs. Bernice Hammonds, managers. The auction sale itself will be conducted along the same lines of those held here in the past, but this time, however, farmers and all others the articles that will be auctioned off as premiums for bonds bought at the auction.

Heretofore, local merchants have put up the premiums, and probably many of them will make

## August Bond Sales In County Fall Little Under Month's Goal

Plans Will Be Announced Next Week for Drive to Raise Record Quota

County Chairman of War Bond Sales H. E. Beam said this morning that he believed sales in the county during the month of August will run right around \$20,000, or a little more than \$2,000 short of the quota of \$22,304 for the month. The county also fell down on its July quota, but sales for the year as a whole up to September 1 are still more than \$100,000 ahead of the aggregate quotas for the period.

Mr. Beam said this morning that August sales were divided as follows: Plymouth post office, \$8,493.75; Branch Bank, Plymouth, \$7,575; and Creswell post office, \$1,275. The complete report for Roper was not in, but Mr. Beam had a report from there early in August stating that sales the first week amounted to \$1,612.50, and he believes sales there will amount to more than \$2,000.

No plans have yet been made for the drive to raise the county's quota of \$262,000 worth of bonds assigned for the third War Loan, to be raised during the month of September. This campaign does not officially begin until next Thursday, September 9, and the county chairman said he hoped to have arrangements made for an intensive county-wide campaign by then.

W. H. Woolard, of Greenville, district chairman of War Bond Sales, is expected to be in Plymouth today to aid in getting the big drive underway. Governor Broughton will officially launch the third war loan drive in the state with an address over the state's radio network next Wednesday, September 8. The state has a quota of \$145,000,000.

## Job Certifications Should Be Made By All Registrants

Not Necessary To Wait Until Notice Received To File Information

The Washington County Selective Service Board is now sending out notices to registrants who have not filed their occupational certifications to do so at once. These certificates may be secured at the office and filled out without waiting for notice, it was stated. Employers are requested to get the certificates for their employees if they have not already been filed. They may be secured by either the employer or employee.

Farm registrants are also asked to get their data sheets filled out and sent in as soon as possible in the event they are not up to date. The data sheets may be secured at the office of the USDA War Board in the agriculture building.

It is necessary that the above information be secured by the board, as the work a registrant is now engaged in is the determining factor as to how soon he will be subject to induction into the armed forces. Formerly dependency was a contributing factor, but under recent directives issued the board, the type of work has more bearing than number and class of dependents.

## Brother Mrs. Earle Missing in Action

Flight Sergeant E. S. McCulloch, 23-year-old brother of Mrs. T. W. Earle, of Plymouth, has been reported missing in an air raid over Germany August 24th. Flight Sergeant McCulloch joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in the fall of 1941 and went overseas as a sergeant wireless air gunner in January of this year. He was promoted to flight sergeant in July.

Mrs. Earle has two other brothers in service overseas with the R. C. A. F. One is in northern Africa and the other arrived in England on August 12th of this year.

## County Schools on Short Schedule for Six Weeks' Period

Enrollment Here Is Slightly Under Opening Day Figures Last Year

Washington County schools opened for the new term according to schedule last Tuesday morning, with an enrollment somewhere around the same figures as opening day last year. County Superintendent H. H. McLean could not be reached this morning for enrollment figures on the opening day, but they were said to be about as expected.

The county superintendent said Monday, following the series of six teacher meetings held that day, that all teaching positions throughout the county had been filled except that of commercial teacher at the Plymouth school. So far, no one has been secured to take over this work, but the authorities are still trying to fill the position.

In the Plymouth city schools, enrollment was about 15 less than last year on opening day. Principal R. B. Trotman said Tuesday afternoon. A total of 664 students was enrolled here, 526 in the elementary grades and 138 in the high school. However, the principal said it was known a number of children had not yet been enrolled, and within another week the enrollment is expected to be larger than it was a year ago.

A "short" daily schedule will be in effect at all county schools for the first six weeks of the term, at the specific request of Governor J. M. Broughton and State School Superintendent Clyde Erwin. Due to the shortage of labor on farms, the state officials requested that all schools in the state operate on an abbreviated schedule for the first six weeks of the term in order to give children from the rural sections more time at home. In this county, the schools will all begin the day's session at 8:30 and dismiss for the day at 1:40. The schedule of classes and recess periods will vary according to the various schools, it was stated.

Principal R. B. Trotman said yesterday that the local schools would begin classes at 8:30, have a 20-minute recess for lunch from 12 to 12:20 p.m., and dismiss for the day at 1:30. Children who live in town will be permitted to go home for lunch during the brief recess period or they may eat at the school lunch room, which will begin operating next Monday.

It was also announced that town children in the primary grades at Hampton school would be dismissed at 12:20 p.m. for the day. Children from the rural sections who come in on school buses will remain until the higher grades are dismissed at 1:40, when the trucks will leave. All classes scheduled were arranged here Tuesday, Mr. Trotman said. Textbooks were distributed and lesson assignments given Wednesday, and today school work had settled down to routine for the next six weeks.

## Special Meeting Sunday At Zions Chapel Church

Following Sunday school at Zions Chapel Christian Church near Roper next Sunday, a special meeting of the congregation will be held to issue a call for a pastor for the coming church year and to consider plans for the annual revival next year. All members of the church are urged to be present for this important meeting, according to J. C. Knowles, superintendent of the Sunday school.

Sunday school will be held at the usual hour, 10 a.m., and the church meeting will probably get underway about 11 o'clock.

## Roper Parent-Teacher Group to Meet Tuesday

Roper.—The Roper High School Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first meeting of the new school year next Tuesday night, September 7, in the school auditorium at 8:30 o'clock, it was announced this week. R. B. Forbes, principal of Roper High School, Mrs. Roger Chesson, president of the PTA, and all the teachers urge every parent and patron to attend the meeting, at which time the PTA program for the year will be inaugurated.

## Owners Should Fill in Blanks on Ration Books

Mrs. J. K. Reid, secretary to the rationing board, said yesterday that it was not necessary for anyone to bring his new War Ration Book No. 3 to the office of the local board for any reason. Information as to the height, weight, address, etc., of the person to whom the book is issued should be filled in by the book owners themselves.

It is not necessary for the local board to stamp the book to make it valid. The red lettering on the face of the book takes care of this, it was stated.

## Labor Day Program Is Arranged for Monday; McDonald Will Speak

### Meetings County Boards Put Off

The monthly meetings of the county board of education and the county commissioners will not be held next Monday on account of the Labor Day holiday, it was announced yesterday. Instead both county boards will postpone their meetings for a week and meet on the second Monday, September 13.

Persons who have business matters to bring to attention of the two county governing groups are asked to take note of the change and be on hand Monday, September 13, instead of next Monday. So far as known, only routine business matters were scheduled to be considered at the meetings.

## E. F. Still Resigns This Week as Head Local Ration Board

Has Served Since Group Was First Organized in January, 1942

After serving as a member of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board since it was first instituted early in January, 1942, and as chairman for the past three Eugene F. Still this week forwarded his resignation to the state organization officer, Guy Rawls, of Raleigh.

Mr. Still's resignation leaves two members of the original board, W. L. Whitley, formerly chairman, and A. J. Riddle. The board was reorganized several months ago, and the work divided among several panels. The chairman of each panel serves as a member of the executive committee which directs the activities of the entire board under the present set-up.

It is understood that chairmanship of the board will go to E. H. Hill, present vice chairman, who became a member early this year. At the time Mr. Still accepted the chairmanship three months ago, an agreement was entered into by the then four board members to rotate the chairmanship among them every three months.

In his letter of resignation, Mr. Still stated that he was willing to continue to serve the country in whatever capacity he could, but that he felt it would be well to give someone else in the county an opportunity "to see how easy it is to please and deal fairly in all cases in the rationing of gasoline and tires." He also explained that since his company, the Plymouth Box and Panel Company, operates a fleet of trucks and cars and a number of its employees require supplemental gasoline he does not consider it advisable for him to continue on the board.

The text of his letter to Mr. Rawls follows: "I will recall that when I accepted the chairmanship of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board, that it was for a period of three months and that at the expiration of that time Mr. E. H. Hill, vice chairman, was to be made chairman. My term will expire this week; therefore, I wish to tender you my resignation as chairman and also to ask you to please accept my resignation as a member of the board."

"I have served on the local board since its organization in January, 1942, and while I am still willing to serve my country in whatever capacity I can, I feel that it would be well to give someone else in this county an opportunity to see how easy it is to please and deal fairly in all cases in the rationing of gasoline and tires."

"My company operates a fleet of trucks and cars and also a number of our employees require supplemental gasoline and for these reasons alone I do not think it advisable for me to continue on the board."

"I also wish to take this opportunity of saying that under the present Washington County set-up you have a fine organization here, and in my opinion all of the panels are doing a splendid job."

"At your early convenience I shall appreciate notice of your acceptance."

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From Roper: Fred White, Jr., George Lee Knight, Earl Norman, and William Earl Norman.

From Creswell: Charlie Haywood Rawls.

## Red Hill Hunting Club Plans Barbecue Sept. 29

Members of the Red Hill Hunting Club held their annual meeting in the offices of Dr. C. McGowan Monday night, S. F. Darden was re-elected president, and other officers were named for the coming year. Several new members were accepted. Plans were made for a barbecue to be held on the night of September 29, on the eve of the opening of the deer-hunting season.

## Six Local Unions Join in Sponsoring Day's Observance

Program Is Dedicated To More Than 300 Former Members in Service

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina, will be one of the principal speakers at the annual Labor Day program to be staged here next Monday under the sponsorship of the six local labor unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The program will be held in the courthouse, beginning at 11 a.m., with John W. Darden, former postmaster of Plymouth, serving as chairman, and the general public is invited to attend.

Due to war conditions, the annual Labor Day celebration staged in Plymouth will be curtailed somewhat as compared with previous years. Most of the approximately 1,000 members of the six local unions will be at work in local industrial plants, although only one shift will be on duty at the pulp mill when the program is staged, and many of the others are expected to attend.

Both the parade and barbecue dinner, usual features of the day's observance, have been called off. In former years, union members have held part of the day's program at Albemarle Beach near here, but this has also been eliminated this year on account of gasoline rationing and transportation difficulties. Most rationing caused abandonment of the barbecue, while the parade was called off due to the fact that many union members will be at work most of the day.

The program at the courthouse is the only planned observance of the occasion. The Rev. Lee A. Phillips, pastor of Ludford Memorial Baptist church, will make the invocation. Mr. Darden will introduce the principal speakers, including Dr. McDonald and Dr. D. G. Garland. The latter is a former minister and at present colored representative of the American Federation of Labor at Winston-Salem.

More than 300 members of the six local unions are now in the military service, and officials of the organizations announce that the day's observance is being dedicated to them.

Practically all local stores, offices and business establishments, except the larger plants engaged in manufacture of essential war materials, will be closed for the day.

The program is being sponsored by the following six local unions affiliated with American Federation of Labor craft unions: Plymouth Local, No. 356, and Plymouth Local, No. 356-A, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers; Cherry River Local, No. 423, International Brotherhood of Paper Makers; Plymouth Local, No. 1183, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Plymouth Local, No. 415, International Brotherhood of Operating Engineers; and Plymouth Local, No. 2986, International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

## Call 12 Colored Men To Report Today

Induction notices were sent to 12 colored men in Washington County during the past 10 days ordering them to report here at 10 o'clock this morning, when they boarded a bus for Fort Bragg. Seven of those ordered to report for possible induction this morning are from Plymouth, four others are from Roper, while Creswell was called on for one man.

Following is the list of those called up to leave this morning by the draft board:

From Plymouth: Haywood Boston, John Smith, Joseph Grant Clark, Joseph Frank McNair, Arthur Lee Davenport, Sterling McCray, and James Chappell.

From Roper: Fred White, Jr., George Lee Knight, Earl Norman, and William Earl Norman.

From Creswell: Charlie Haywood Rawls.