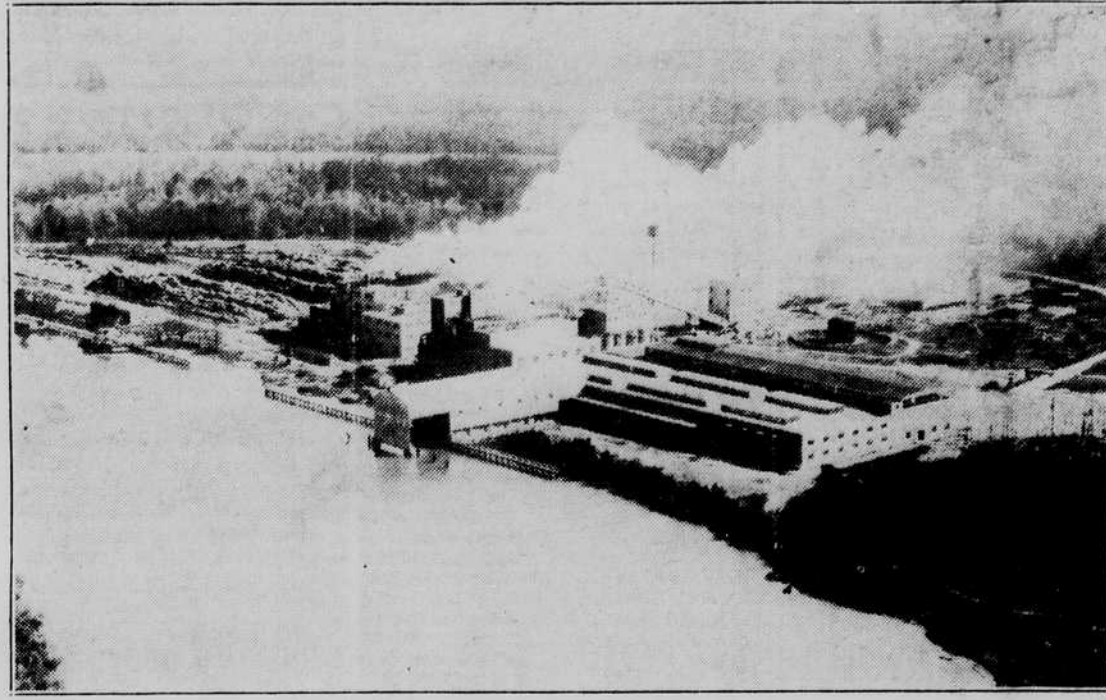


AIR VIEW OF NORTH CAROLINA PULP COMPANY PLANT



Above is the latest air-view photograph of the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company near Plymouth. Engaged almost wholly in the production of pulpwood for vital war materials needed by the armed services, this firm is also taking a leading part in the Victory Pulpwood campaign being conducted throughout the nation. This drive is designed to stimulate the cutting of pulpwood for use in the manufacturing of munitions, containers, and other necessary war materials.

The county tax sale will be held at the courthouse door here next Monday at 12 noon, by J. E. Davenport, tax collector. Property on which county taxes for the year 1942 have not been paid will be offered to the highest bidder. The list is considerably shorter than it has been in several years.

Ensign and Mrs. Norman J. Mayo are spending this week here with Mr. Mayo's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mayo. Ensign Mayo is skipper of a PT boat in the Navy, and has made one trip to the Mediterranean war zone while on convoy duty. Mrs. Mayo lives with her parents in Goldsboro.

Attention is again called to the fact that the bag limit on squirrel is the same as last year—10 per day. Some of the daily papers ran an article several weeks ago stating that there was no limit on squirrel this season, but game officials say this was an error, and that those who take more than 10 each day are subject to prosecution.

Eugene F. Still, president of the Plymouth Box and Panel Company, returned home Tuesday of this week after spending several days with his father, J. A. Still, in Senatobia, Miss. He attended several cattle sales in the Far South while he was away.

C. A. Wortham, manager of the local A & P store, and Mrs. Wortham returned Monday after spending their vacation in Henderson with relatives. J. A. Broom, acting manager of the store while Mr. and Mrs. Wortham were away, has returned to his home in Greenville.

Sergeant Joe T. Vail, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Vail, of Plymouth, is visiting his parents and other relatives and friends here this week. An instructor in radio for the Army Air Corps, he is stationed at Trux Field, near Madison, Wis. He arrived last Monday and will be here about a week.

Highway Patrolman M. B. Stewart announces that he will not be in his office here Monday to examine applicants for driver's licenses as usual. He will be attending Federal court in Washington at that time. Applicants for licenses are advised to wait until the following Monday for their examinations.

Mrs. Claude Norman, highly respected local woman, fell at her home here Sunday night and broke her wrist. Although the break is quite painful, she was said to be getting along very well at last reports. A small piece of loose coal on the floor caused her to fall.

Ensign James H. Ward of the U. S. Navy, spent a couple of days last week here with his mother, Mrs. S. A. Ward, and sister, Miss Becky Ward. Ensign Ward recently returned with a convoy that took part in the Sicilian invasion.

Ganderson's Quality Shop and Dave's Cash Store are closed today for observance of a religious holiday. They will be open again Friday morning, as usual.

Back in U. S. After Wounded in Sicily

Mrs. Hubert E. Bowen, jr., of Knoxville, Tenn., and Plymouth, Route 1, received word this week that her husband, First Lieutenant Hubert E. Bowen, jr., recently reported wounded in action in Sicily, was safely back in the United States. The telegram to Mrs. Bowen came from Fort Devens, Mass., and reported that Lieutenant Bowen would be assigned to a hospital in the South for convalescence from his wounds. She plans to join her husband as soon as she is advised to which hospital he is assigned.

Lieutenant Bowen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bowen, sr., of Plymouth Route 1. He was reported to have been wounded in Sicily on August 4, according to a telegram from the War Department received by his wife on September 2nd. He has been in the Army for more than three years, about a year of which has been in overseas service. He served throughout the North African campaign and then took part in the invasion of Sicily. It could not be learned here in which branch of the Army he serves.

High School Football Team Working Out Daily Here With Volunteer Coach

Although Plymouth High School does not have an athletics instructor of any kind on its staff this year, plans are underway for the organization of a football team. W. Carlyle Hall, manager of the Economy Auto Supply store here, has volunteered to serve as coach for the boys, and about 20 of them are holding daily workouts under his direction.

No games have been scheduled as yet, as the team has not been completely organized. The boys are reflecting a good spirit, and a creditable team can be expected. They report for practice every afternoon at 5 o'clock, and Mr.

Eight Cases Called At Tuesday Session Of Recorders Court

Court Lasted All Day; Four Defendants Assessed Fines and Costs

Eight cases were called in recorder's court here Tuesday by Judge Edward L. Owens. The session lasted all day, one of the cases being heard before a jury. One case was continued, one defendant was discharged due to failure to find probable cause, the defendant in the case that went to the jury was acquitted and another case was dismissed for lack of evidence. Fines were levied in the other four actions after the defendants either were found guilty by the court or entered pleas of guilty on their volition.

The proceeding were as follows: Pearl Phillips, charged with assault with a deadly weapon; case dismissed for lack of evidence.

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Funeral at Saints Delight Yesterday For Mrs. Barnes

Wife of R. P. Barnes, of Mackeys, Died Tuesday Morning

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Mary Jane Barnes, wife of R. P. Barnes, of near Mackeys, at the Saints Delight Christian church. The Rev. Will Swain, of Mackeys, was in charge of the services, and interment was made in the Saints Delight cemetery.

Mrs. Barnes, 47 years old died at her home near Mackeys Tuesday morning at 10:20 o'clock after an illness of five and a half years with Mrs. Barnes was born in Tyrrell County, she had lived in the Mackeys section for about 28 years.

The daughter of the late Charles T. and Elizabeth Davenport Sawyer, Mrs. Barnes was born in Tyrrell County on June 21, 1896. She was married twice, her first husband, the late B. F. Spruill, preceding her to the grave many years ago. About 13 years ago she was married to Mr. Barnes, who survives her. For a number of years she was a member of the Roper Methodist church.

In addition to her husband, R. P. Barnes, of Mackeys, Mrs. Barnes is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Haywood L. Spruill, of Roper; Mrs. Dallas J. Spruill, of Portsmouth, Va.; and one son, Robert W. Barnes, of Mackeys. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Dewey Riddick, of Mackeys, and a brother, Isaac Sawyer, of Norfolk, Va.

Hall joins them as soon as he closes his store, about 6 o'clock. Some of the boys have played football in former years, while there are also several newcomers. Practice has not been underway long enough to list the probable starters in the opening game, but the following boys are among those working out daily: Merritt Browning, Raymond Leggett, Robert Swain, Phil Ayers, Paul Spencer, Lyman Ange, Ralph Basnight, Henry Sawyer, Wesley Nooney, Renn Dupree, Tom Hampton, Leon Gray Sexton, Billy Swain, Paul Frymier, Bobby Losh, Frank Landing, Wayne Browning, and Bobby Pierson.

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Elmhurst Farm Will Be New Site of State Experiment Station

Legal Difficulties for Purchase by State Cleared Last Week

Legal difficulties were finally cleared away by a state supreme court decision last week, and most of the activities of the Blackland Experiment Station will soon be transferred from Wenona to the Elmhurst Farm, near Roper, formerly owned by W. H. Thompson, of Lynchburg, Va.

The Elmhurst deal has been in process of negotiation for more than a year. At that time, the State Board of Agriculture and officials of the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station selected the Elmhurst Farm, located about 5 miles east of Plymouth, on Highway 64, from a number of sites proposed for the relocation of the Blackland Station.

At the time the selection of the new site was made, it was hoped that the land could be purchased and work started at an early date. However, legal matters could not be cleared up so that the site could be purchased according to the original plans. These technicalities now have been cleared and the outright purchase of the land will be completed within the next few days, it was stated this week by an Agriculture Department official.

It was learned from James L. Rea, assistant director in charge of the Blackland Test Farm, that plans for the new station have not yet been completed. It is expected, however, that the work at the new location will cover a much larger field than that now carried on at the Wenona location. In addition to the animal husbandry and agronomy work that has been carried on in the past, new work will be started by the departments of horticulture, plant pathology, and agricultural engineering, it is stated.

It is also learned that in addition to the Elmhurst Farm, the State expects to purchase a large tract of land for grazing purposes. As soon as the necessary fences and buildings can be erected, the beef cattle work that has been carried on at another location will probably be combined with the work at the new station.

Due to scarcity of labor and materials, it will not be possible to develop the new station as rapidly as it could be done in normal times. However, every effort will be made to get the new station in operation as quickly as possible. There are many advantages in favor of the new location, as compared with the one at Wenona. One of them is the matter of accessibility. Elmhurst Farm is located on a modern paved highway, whereas the old site was almost inaccessible at certain seasons until an improved road was built five or six years ago. It became necessary to select another location due to the prevalence of ground and forest fires in the Wenona section in dry years. In some places, the soil has been burned to a depth to make cultivation impossible for years to come.

Legion Auxiliary Installs Officers at Meeting Monday

Standing Committees Are Appointed by Mrs. J. F. Jordan, President

New officers were installed by the local American Legion Auxiliary at a 7 o'clock supper meeting held in the Legion Hall here last Monday night. Mrs. C. B. Fagan and Mrs. J. Frank Jordan were joint hostesses to the meeting.

Mrs. Landing, the retiring president, opened the meeting with the usual formal proceedings. Mrs. W. V. Hays, in an impressive ceremony, installed the following officers, who will be in charge of the auxiliary's work here during the coming year: Mrs. J. Frank Jordan, president; Mrs. Lee Landing, president; Mrs. C. B. Fagan, secretary; Mrs. Jack Willoughby, treasurer; Mrs. John Williams, historian; and Mrs. G. H. Harrison, chaplain.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the new president Mrs. Jordan announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

- Rehabilitation: Mrs. Katherine Harrison and Mrs. Wade Johnson;
- Americanism: Mrs. W. V. Hays and Mrs. C. Simpson;
- Legislative: Mrs. Lee Landing and Mrs. C. McGowan;
- National Defense: Mrs. John Williams and Mrs. C. Rogers;
- Community service: Mrs. P. W. Brown and Mrs. H. A. Williford;
- Membership: Mrs. Jack Willoughby and Mrs. Charles Weeks;
- Child Welfare: Mrs. J. Carlyle, Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Dick Harrison;
- Finance: Mrs. W. C. Jones, Mrs. C. B. Fagan, and Mrs. M. W. Spruill;
- Music: Mrs. W. B. Cox.

After the business meeting a "Stab the Axis" contest was enjoyed. Mrs. G. H. Harrison and Mrs. W. V. Hays winning theatre tickets for two direct stabs at Hitler and Hirohito. Mrs. W. B. Cox struck near enough to Tojo to win a jar of strawberry preserves. Sixteen members of the auxiliary were present at the meeting.

Ration Board Office Closed Each Friday

The office of the Washington County Rationing Board is closed to the public every Friday in order that the staff can mail out allotments made by the board at its regular meetings every Thursday night. In this connection, Mrs. Sabrie W. Reid, secretary, said this week that it would be useless for patrons to knock on the doors or otherwise try to attract the attention of those on the inside, as they could not, under any circumstances, stop their work in order to wait on the public at that time.

In the past several weeks, people seeking to get into the office of the rationing board on Fridays have gone to other offices in the courthouse and sought their help. This interrupts their work, and rationing board officials respectfully ask patrons not to do this, but to come to the office on any other day during the hours when it is open to the public.

Gospel Singers at Mount Eprew Church Sunday

The Living Stone Gospel Singers, of Elizabeth City, under the direction of the Rev. Raymond Griffin, will appear in a musical concert next Sunday, October 3, at 3 p. m., in the Mount Eprew Baptist Church at Roper. The pastor, Rev. A. W. Lamb, invites the public to attend.

Number Fathers Get Notice to Report for First Physical Tests

Several Expected To Be in Draft Call Next Month; One Has 8 Children

Although there has been ample warning during the past several weeks, consternation was thrown into the ranks of fathers between 18 and 38 years of age this week, when notices were sent out to an undetermined number ordering them to report to the local examining officer for their "screening" examination, the first step in calling up men for induction into the armed forces.

That the directive removing dependency as a cause for deferment meant exactly what it said is proven by the fact that one of the first fathers ordered to report for preliminary examination was a man with eight children. Several others with from one to four or five children received like orders.

It is learned on reliable authority that a number of fathers will be included in the draft quota called from this county early in October, although the exact number and date are not yet known. Some of the fathers have children in the teen-age group, while the children of others are still in the infant stage.

Under present regulations, men accepted for service at the induction center are given 21 days in which to wind up their affairs. In exceptional cases, it is stated that the local board can recommend an extension of this time, although it is warned to make a thorough investigation before making such recommendations. It is thought likely that consideration will be given men who own their businesses and must make arrangements to dispose of them or secure operators of them while the owners are in the service.

That there will be cases of exceptional hardship being worked on some fathers is almost certain. However, this must be proven beyond any doubt before a man is entitled to deferment for this reason, and it is believed that very few will be placed in this classification. Many fathers will be granted at least temporary deferment due to the essential nature of their work, or the fact that they are practically irreplaceable in an essential occupation. Those engaged in work classed as non-deferrable, however, were warned to change their occupations before September 15 in order to be entitled to postponement of their induction.

Mrs. Della Latham Died Last Saturday At Home Near Here

Member of Family Prominent in History of Local Christian Church

Mrs. Della Latham, widow of the late Lewis Latham, died at her home near here last Saturday morning at 6:30, after a lingering illness which kept her confined to her bed for the past eight weeks. She was 63 years old and a member of a family which had a prominent role in the establishment and maintenance of the Disciples Church in Plymouth.

Born in Washington County on July 3, 1880, Mrs. Latham was the daughter of the late Joe Gray Gurganus and Mrs. Annie Swain Gurganus, both of whom were natives and life-long residents of the county. On December 23, 1902, she was married to the late Lewis Latham, who died on June 17, 1904.

At a very early age she became a member of the Plymouth Christian church, following in the footsteps of her parents. Her father, the Rev. Joe Gray Gurganus, was a Christian minister; and, although only 33 years of age when he died in 1883, he left an imprint on the memories of his people that has lasted until this day. After the death of her father, her mother was left with a large family of children to care for. This she did, despite the odds of hard times against her, always keeping first and foremost before them to always love the Lord and His church. Mrs. Latham and the family had much to do with the organization and progress of the church in Plymouth, which she loved, faithfully attended and helped to support to the best of her ability for upwards of 50 years.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. D. D. Ambrose, of Plymouth; a foster-son, B. F. Ange, also of Plymouth; two brothers, Jim Gurganus, of Plymouth, and Ben Gurganus, of Sanford; one sister, Mrs. Sam Beasley, of Plymouth; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Saints Delight Christian Church, near Plymouth, Sunday afternoon at 3:30, with the Rev. John L. Goff, of Williamston, in charge of the rites, assisted by the Rev. Lee A. Phillips, pastor of the local Baptist church. Interment was made in the Saints Delight cemetery.

County Over \$68,000 Short of Quota in War Bond Drive for Month

Many Lose Their Rationing Books

There have been so many requests for replacement of lost War Rationing Books Numbers 1, 2 and 3 that the local rationing board this week decided to require a much more thorough search for the lost books in the future before issuing replacements.

Ration books should be valued the same as currency or money by those to whom they are issued, it is stated. If any person finds a ration book, it should be returned to the person to whom it was issued or to the local rationing board within three days.

County Youth, at 16, Is 'Retired' Veteran Of World War No. 2

Wounded Twice in Sicilian Invasion; Given Honorable Discharge

Although he will not be 16 years old until next Sunday, October 3, James M. Hardison, of near Plymouth, holds honorable discharges from both the Navy and the Army, and has a record of more than 13 months' service in the latter, during which he took part in the invasion of Sicily, receiving two wounds which led to his eventual "retirement" as a veteran, although he is still isn't old enough to enlist in the first place.

Young Hardison is the son of Mrs. Della Waters, of near Plymouth, but lives with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie T. Chambers, on the Long Ridge Road near here. He attended the Plymouth Graded Schools, going as high as the sixth grade before he decided to join the Navy and "see the world." James didn't get very far in this branch of the service, however. He enlisted before he was 14 years old and had served about two months when his age was found out, and he was discharged with the advice to "come back later."

He didn't take that advice. Instead, a little over a year ago—August 8th, 1942, to be exact—he volunteered and was inducted into the Army at Fort Bragg. Assigned to a coast artillery outfit, he went to Fort Bliss, Texas, where he received his basic and preliminary training, attaining the rating of private first class. He job was that of lateral.

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Bond Sale Reports From Two Sections

W. W. White, chairman of canvassers for the Third War Loan Drive in the Skimmersville section, this week reported that a maturity value total of \$6,450 worth of War Bonds was sold in that community last week. The maturity value of bonds sold by the individual canvassers was as follows: Mrs. Minnie Spruill, \$2,025; A. R. Patrick, \$2,250; E. O. Arnold, \$1,025; C. T. White, \$500; and S. A. Holton, \$650.

J. C. Tarkenton, chairman of the drive in the Pleasant Grove section, reported that a maturity value total of \$3,825 worth of bonds was sold in his community. The report by individual canvassers was not given.

So far, these are the only reports made to H. E. Beam, chairman of the county War Finance Committee, by the chairmen of the various sectional committees. Mr. Beam said he regarded these two reports as highly satisfactory.

Sale of Hunting Licenses in County Is Expected To Be Less Than Last Season

There has been a rush to buy game licenses during the past week or so, despite the shortage of shells, it was learned from the local issuing agent, E. S. Blount, yesterday. Mr. Blount said that up to this time he has sold about as many hunting licenses this year as he did last year.

County Game Protector J. T. Terry said early this week that he expected the number of licenses issued in Washington County would be about 25 per cent less than it was last year. Two years ago a record \$2,300 was realized from the sale of hunting licenses in the county.

Incomplete Reports Indicate \$193,353.75 Worth Sold To Date

Believed Hardly Possible That Full Quota Will Be Reached

Washington County was exactly \$68,646.25 short of its goal of \$262,000 for the Third War Loan Drive at the close of business yesterday, it was learned from H. E. Beam, chairman of the county War Finance Committee. Total reported sales at that time stood at \$193,353.75.

It is apparent at this time that the county will wind up short of its quota unless some unexpectedly large sales materialize before Saturday night, when the campaign officially ends. The state committee this week announced that all sales this week would be included in the Third War Loan Drive, which was supposed to end Thursday, September 30. This gives workers two extra days in which to reach the goal.

The figures quoted above for Washington County are not entirely complete, since the reports from Creswell and Roper were not entirely up to date yesterday. The last report from Creswell was received about two weeks ago, Mr. Beam said, when sales totaled only about \$1,625. It is regarded as certain that the final figures from there will be much larger than this.

Through last Saturday sales at Roper amounted to \$8,718.75, according to the report to Mr. Beam. It is known that this amount has been increased since this week. All figures quoted above are for the actual cash value of series E bonds, and the maturity value of course, is higher. However, the county is only credited against its quota with the actual cash received for the bonds.

Sales at the post office here, all series E were \$7,782.50 up to yesterday, while the bank has sold \$60,637.50 worth. In addition the bank sold \$5,000 worth of series G bonds, \$1610 worth of series F and \$108,000 worth of Treasury 2 and 2 1/2 per cent certificates and series C bonds.

The small bond buyers have responded very well in Washington County so far, Mr. Beam said. A total of 407 bonds have been issued by the bank, representing \$60,637.50 in series E bonds, or an average of about \$150 per bond buyer. Mr. Beam said he wrote nearly a hundred \$100 bonds night before last and yesterday. He has had trouble keeping the \$100 denomination bonds on hand, as the buyers call for them about as fast as he can get them.

The sales above do not show the breakdown by all the individual communities.

Rev. E. B. Quick To Arrive Tomorrow

According to a letter received today, the Rev. and Mrs. E. B. Quick, of Sumter, S. C., expect to arrive in Plymouth tomorrow, when the Rev. Mr. Quick will begin his service as pastor of the local Christian church. He succeeds the Rev. B. E. Taylor, who resigned the first of September to become pastor of a Kentucky church and attend Vanderbilt University.

Mr. Quick announces the following schedule for services at the Christian church here Sunday:

- Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Hubert H. Allen, superintendent.
- Morning worship, 11 a.m.; sermon subject, "The Church With a Goal."
- Young people's junior and intermediate meetings at 7 p.m.
- Evening worship, 9 p.m.; sermon subject, "The Gracious Invitation."

Members and friends, also strangers without a church home, are cordially invited to attend.