

Mrs. Ruth Vick Everett, information officer for the State OPA organization, and the Rev. B. W. Gaither, of Creswell, community service member of the rationing board, visited 11 county schools Tuesday and Wednesday, when Mrs. Everett spoke on the "Home Front Pledge Campaign."

Statements of county taxes for the year 1943 are being received this week by Washington County property owners. However, the news is not quite as bad as it has been for the past dozen or so years, as a 10-cent reduction in the rate was made by the county commissioners when the new budget was set up.

It was announced this morning that the Plymouth High School football team would play the Williamston school there tomorrow night, starting time being at 8 o'clock. Coach Hall was unable to get a game here for tomorrow night. It is hoped that a good-sized delegation of supporters will go with the local boys.

Patrolman and Mrs. M. B. Stewart are visiting relatives and friends in Lillington and vicinity this week. Mr. Stewart is on his vacation from the Highway Patrol. They are expected to be back in Plymouth the first of next week.

Edward L. Owens returned yesterday from Wilmington, where he attended the launching of the steamship "Kathay," at the ship yards there Tuesday. The ship was built by funds raised through sale of war bonds to members of Sudan Shrine Temple, of New Bern, of which Mr. Owens is a member. He was accompanied by Charles Davenport, of Jamesville.

It is understood that schools throughout the county will go on their regular daily schedules next Monday, October 25, after operating on a "short" schedule since beginning of the term. The abbreviated daily schedule was put into effect in order to give rural children an opportunity to help with the harvest of farm crops.

The Tri-County Medical Society held its regular meeting at the country club here last night. The society is composed of physicians of Tyrrell, Washington and Martin Counties. Dr. A. Papineau, of Plymouth, is president of the group, and Dr. J. J. Croley, district health officer, also of Plymouth, is secretary.

Corporal Wilbur M. Darden, of the U. S. Army Air Forces, stationed at Homestead, Fla., is expected to arrive this afternoon to spend 10 days with his wife and other relatives here. He is clerk of the Washington County Superior Court, but was granted leave from that post "for the duration" when he entered the service more than a year ago.

Dewey A. Spruill Dies Near Creswell

Dewey A. Spruill died at his home near Creswell last Sunday afternoon about 2 o'clock after an illness of about three months. He was 34 years old.

The son of the late Absalom Spruill and Nancy Davenport Spruill, he was born in Washington County on April 1, 1909. He lived in the county all of his life. He was a member of the Episcopal church at Galilee Mission.

Funeral services were held at the late home Monday afternoon at 2:30, with the Rev. B. W. Gaither in charge of the rites. Interment was made in the family plot at the Davis cemetery, near the home.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Anna Spruill, he is survived by four children, two sons, J. D. and Jimmie Spruill, and two daughters, Violet and Lydia Spruill, all of Creswell, R. F. D. He also leaves six brothers, Lewis, Charlie, Ernest, and Zephie Spruill, of Creswell; Joseph Spruill, of Roper; and Elzie Spruill, of Norfolk; four sisters, Mrs. Jennie Tarkenton and Mrs. Annie Curling, of Creswell; Mrs. Claude Bridgeman of Columbia, and Maggie Pierce, of Norfolk, Va.

More Sportsmen Hunting Gun Shells Than Game, According To Reports

There is plenty of hunting in Washington County these days. Those who have gun shells are finding plenty of game, while those without ammunition are having plenty of hunting—for shells. According to reports, there is more game than ammunition available.

A large number of squirrels and deer have been killed, and also quite a few raccoons, although the hides of the latter are said to be very poor until the weather gets colder. Dry weather has caused a great many leaves to fall from the trees, and it is becoming difficult for squirrel hunters to get through the

All Motorists Who Have Not Done So Asked To Apply for 'A' Books at Once

The office of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board requests all car owners who have not applied for their basic "A" gasoline ration books to do so as soon as possible, so that the books may be issued in time for use by November 8, when the new books become valid. The old "A" books will expire on November 7.

Application blanks for the new gasoline books may be secured from stores, filling stations and garages in various parts of the

county. They should be filled out, the cover of the old "A" book and the old tire inspection record attached, and mailed or taken to the office of the ration board in Plymouth.

The new "A" books will be mailed out just as soon as the office force can get them issued, it is stated. There may be a delay in some instances, as a great many people failed to file their applications before October 15, when all of them were supposed to be in the hands of the board.

Farm Bureau Begins Drive To Get More Members in County

Compliance Check To Be Made Next Week by Panel

A compliance check of community ceiling prices in effect at food-handling establishments in Washington County will be made next week, it was said yesterday by Mrs. Norma Spruill, price clerk at the office of the local war price and rationing board.

The check is to be made by the price-panel assistants, Mrs. T. W. Earle, Mrs. A. Papineau, Miss Mary Elizabeth Bray, and Mrs. H. A. Liverman, it was stated.

Ticket Sale Begins For Local Premiere Of "This Is Army"

Entire Proceeds of Film To Go To Army Emergency Relief Fund

Washington County has slightly more than 700 men in the military service, and county people are being called on to buy at least one ticket to the premiere showing of "This Is the Army" in honor of each of them. The premiere will be presented at the Plymouth Theatre Sunday night, November 7, at 9 p.m., and the entire proceeds, except for Federal tax, will go to the Army Emergency Relief Fund, according to Mrs. Eliza Daniels, who is in charge of the ticket sale.

The local theatre holds just about 700 persons at capacity, and the ticket sales committee hopes to have a complete sell-out for the premiere. A flat price of \$1.10 per seat has been fixed for the showing, which means that the Army Emergency Relief Fund should get about \$700 from this county, as not a cent will be deducted for expenses, according to Miss Marian Brinkley, manager of the theatre.

The picture itself, studied with a cluster of Hollywood stars and the Army's original stage cast, glowing in Technicolor and equipped with a battery of bright new tunes and a brand-new story, can lay claim to top rank among the screen's recent musicals. While George Murphy, Joan Leslie, Lt. Ronald Reagan.

No Session of Recorder's Court Held Last Tuesday

There was no session of recorder's court Tuesday of this week, due to absence from the county of Recorder Edward L. Owens and illness of the acting clerk of the court, W. B. Cox. There will be no session of the county tribunal next week, either, as superior court will be in session at that time.

Only one session of recorder's court has been held this month, and it is expected that a large docket will greet court officials the first Tuesday in November, when it is scheduled to convene next.

Over 100 Farmers At Annual Meet Here Last Night

R. Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, Was Speaker; Officers Relected

"Organization is the most important thing facing farmers at this time," R. Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, told more than 100 members of the county Farm Bureau at their annual meeting in the courthouse here last night. Pointing out that every other occupational group in the country was organized and developing its own individual program, sometimes at the expense of farmers' interests, Mr. Shaw said it was absolutely necessary for farmers to organize in self-defense.

"When we are organized, we can go to our governmental officials with reasonable demands, and our wishes will be granted," he said. Following Mr. Shaw's speech and a splendid barbecue supper in the agricultural building, the bureau members got together and persuaded J. Roy Manning to serve as president for another year by 10 community leaders pledging to secure at least 10 new members each.

It was stated at the meeting that the county organization had about half of its quota of 250 members so far. An intensive campaign is to be waged within the next two weeks to bring the total to at least 250, and it was suggested that the sights be raised and the bureau go after a minimum membership of 500 in the county.

In his speech, Mr. Shaw reviewed the work of the Farm Bureau for the

Accept No Fathers From First Group For Armed Forces

But 4 Accepted Out of Last Week's Contingent of 16, Board Is Advised

As far as the first group of Washington County fathers summoned to answer the draft call Wednesday last week is concerned, many were called, few even went to Fort Bragg and none were chosen for military service, according to the office of the local selective service board. Only 25 per cent, or 4 out of 16, of the registrants who left last week were accepted, and none of the four was classed as a pre-Pearl Harbor draftee. Three of those accepted were from Washington County, two from Creswell and one from Plymouth, while the fourth man was a transfer from West Virginia.

Those accepted, as certified to the draft board, are as follows: Lonnie James Stokesberry, of Plymouth, for the Navy; James Carlton Jernigan and John Norman Wooten, both of Creswell, for the Army; and Albert Lee Ratcliffe, a transfer from Somerville, Va., for the Army.

When induction notices were originally sent out by the local board, there were 27 men on the list, 16 of them bona fide pre-Pearl Harbor fathers of from one to eight children each. Then when time came to leave Wednesday last week, the list had dwindled to 16, due to postponements of induction, transfers, and three who just simply failed to show up. The latter three, incidentally, were all classed in the "fathers" group. Now, when all the returns are in, it is learned that only four "stuck," and none of them is a dad. So, all of Congress' recent fulminations against drafting fathers was for a hopelessly lost cause, so far as the first contingent from this county is concerned. William Shakespeare had a title for it, "Much Ado About Nothing."

Ration Books No. 4 Are Being Issued at Schools This Week

Registration Ends Friday Afternoon; Everyone Is Urged To Apply

Washington County citizens are reminded that the registration for War Ration Book No. 4 is underway at all schools in the county through tomorrow (Friday) afternoon. Issuance of the new books began yesterday, and after tomorrow it will be impossible to obtain the new books until about the middle of November. Since some of the coupons become valid November 1, it is important that every person get the new book from one of the schools before Friday night, or they may be seriously inconvenienced.

Applicants are also reminded to bring the No. 3 book for every person for whom they seek a new No. 4 book. In other words, it is necessary to present a No. 3 book for every member of the family unit for whom a No. 4 book is wanted. This is important, and the No. 4 books will not be issued unless the No. 3 books are presented at the registration site.

Hours for the registration are from 2 until 6:30 p. m., at all schools except those in the Creswell and Cherry sections, where the hours are from 2:30 until 6 p. m. each day.

It is stated at the office of the local rationing board that those who fail to get their No. 4 books at the registration sites by tomorrow night will not have a chance to register for them for about two or three weeks, as the board will be engaged in issuing the basic "A" gasoline books during that time and will not be able to handle any other requests.

Book No. 4 will be issued to all those for whom application is made at the schoolhouses, except members of the armed forces eating in organized messes, or who are members of an officer's mess, persons confined to institutions, and persons residing 60 days or less in the United States.

Many Packages Mailed Soldiers

Every Washington County man in service overseas should receive at least one gift package this Christmas, and many of them will receive several, it was learned at the Plymouth post office this week. It is estimated that upwards of 600 Christmas packages were mailed through the local office alone through last Friday, final day for mailing gifts to men in the Army overseas.

A sizeable "last-minute rush" developed Thursday and Friday, when more than 100 packages were sent through the local office. Since only a few more than 700 men from the county are in all branches of the military service—in this country and overseas—it is considered improbable that any were overlooked. No reports have been received from the other post offices in the county, but doubtless a goodly number of packages were mailed through them, too.

Christmas gifts for men in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard may continue to be mailed until November 1.

Postmaster John W. Darden said yesterday that packages also may be mailed until December 10 to men in the Army who leave the United States for foreign posts between October 15 and 26.

Junior Class Play To Be Presented Next Tuesday

The Junior Play, which will be presented by the Plymouth High School junior class, will be given next Tuesday night in the High School auditorium. The admission will be 15 cents and 35 cents and tickets will be on sale by the members of the junior class.

The play is a comedy entitled, "Pigtails." For an evening of pleasing and hilarious entertainment, see "Pigtails."

Rob Bus Station Here Last Night

Thieves broke into the Norfolk Southern Bus Station on Monroe Street here some time last night and made away with a radio, a quantity of cigarettes, sandwiches, and the heavy cash register, which contained only \$3 or \$4, according to Gilmer Ayers, operator of the station.

The cash register was later recovered intact, with the small amount of cash missing. It was found in the cemetery just back of the station, where they robbers evidently carried it to open it unobserved. The station was ransacked, and Mr. Ayers said it was difficult this morning to determine just how much had been stolen.

The thieves gained entrance by breaking a glass in a back window and then raising the sash. Local officers are working on the case, but no arrests have been made yet.

United War Fund Campaign Last Three Days of Next Week

Superior Court Will Begin Week's Term Here Next Monday

Judge Bone To Preside; 22 Cases on Calendar; For Civil Actions Only

The October term of Washington County Superior Court will convene here next Monday morning with Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, scheduled to preside. It will be a one-week term, for the trial of civil actions only, and 22 cases have been placed on the calendar, it was learned at the office of W. B. Cox, assistant clerk of the superior court.

Eight cases are set for trial Monday, five Tuesday, six Wednesday, and three Thursday. However, it is considered likely that the session will continue through most of the week unless more cases are settled out of court or are continued than seems probable at this time.

The calendar follows: Monday, October 25: Ben A. Davenport vs. Jessie E. Davenport; Marshall J. Spruill vs. Hulda Spruill; Martha Whidbee Davenport vs. Macon Ward Davenport; Virginia Barnes vs. William Lloyd Barnes, William H. Tarkington vs. Rosa Mae Tarkington, H. R. Miller vs. M. E. Miller, Alethia Blair vs. William T. Blair, and Mary Jones vs. Willie Jones.

Tuesday, October 26: J. K. Reid vs. Claudius McGowan, Annie and Mae Spruill vs. W. J. Bell, Beulah Bland vs. David Dudley, Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co. vs. H. W. Bowen, J. S. Shugar vs. W. S. Bowen.

Wednesday, October 27: The Texas Company vs. J. C. Herrington, National Cash Register Co. vs. L. V. Fagan, T. P. Thompson vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.; Freeman Hyman et al. vs. J. S. Shugar; Klein Hat Corporation vs. Ben A. Sumner; M. G. Waters et al. vs. James Polk Spruill et al.

Thursday, October 28: Industrial Bank vs. V. E. Everett; James T. Adams vs. A. J. Byrd; James Norman vs. N. W. Spruill.

Three From County In First State Group Accepted by WAC

Sworn in at Special Ceremony in State Capitol Last Tuesday

Three young women from Plymouth were among the 33 recruits sworn into the Women's Army Corps Tuesday as the first contingent of Wacs signed up in the state in the current intensive enlistment campaign in which the State Office of Civilian Defense is cooperating.

The three from Washington County were Misses Roberta Spencer, Hope Vail and Agnes M. Cutrell, all of Plymouth, and all formerly employed by the North Carolina Pulp Company. They represented the full quota of three assigned Washington County to be recruited by the 15th of October. All three of them went to Camp Butler, near Durham, Thursday last week for their physical and mental examinations, and all of them were accepted. They returned to Plymouth Friday and then went back to Raleigh Monday for the induction ceremony in the State Capitol Tuesday.

The swearing in ceremony was held at the eastern entrance to the Capitol and participants included

Funeral for Miss Kathleen Baxter

Miss Kathleen Baxter, 44 years of age, died at 1 a. m. last Monday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Baxter, on the Long Ridge Road near Plymouth, after an illness extending over the past 10 months.

The daughter of D. B. Baxter and Missouri Anse Baxter, she was born in Washington County on February 21, 1899. She lived all of her life in the county except for 12 years, when she was in Chowan County. She was a member of the Ludford Memorial Baptist Church in Plymouth.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m., at Anse Cemetery, near Jamesville, where interment was made in the family plot. The Rev. Lee A. Phillips, pastor of the local Baptist church, was in charge of the last rites.

Besides her parents, D. B. and Mrs. Missouri Anse Baxter, she is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Ruby Browning and Mrs. Frances Mizell, of near Plymouth; Mrs. Edmund Hopkins, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Madeline Ferguson, of California.

Roper Tax Rate \$1.05 This Year

It was learned here this week that the Town of Roper recently authorized a reduction in the town tax rate of 40 cents for the current year. The rate last year was \$1.45, while the rate for 1943 taxes will be only \$1.05 on each \$100 worth of property valuation.

The new rate will effect a considerable saving for property owners in Roper. In addition, they will have the benefit of a 10-cent reduction in the county rate, giving them a total saving of 50 cents on each \$100 worth of real and personal property they own.

Reelect Officers and Directors at Meet of Building and Loan Association Had Good Year Despite Restrictions on Building

Despite the fact that the war put a stop to practically all building operations nearly two years ago, the Plymouth Building and Loan Association has had a very successful year, it was learned from reports made at the annual meeting of stockholders, held in the municipal building here last night.

The association is rounding out its sixth year in business, and it will mature its first series of stock some time next year. At the present time, it has 1,491 share of installment stock in force in the 23 series outstanding. Approximately 240 shares will mature next spring, if the present rate of earnings holds up, it is stated. This means that \$24,000 in stock or loans will be paid off in about six and a half years, which reflects a net earning to stockholders of upwards of 5 per cent annually.

Not all of the \$24,000 worth of maturing stock will be paid off in cash, however, as there are about \$6,000 to \$8,000 worth of loans outstanding against stock in the first series. This will reduce the cash to be paid out when the series matures to from \$16,000 to \$18,000.

The last auditor's report showed that the association earned roughly 6 per cent for the stockholders during the preceding year. However, only about 5 per cent is usually applied to installment stock, the remainder being used to set up a reserve fund to take care of any contingencies that may arise. At the present time, the association has about \$10,000 cash on hand and another \$25,000 invested in government bonds.

It has plenty of money available for making loans on local improved real estate, but building restrictions naturally limit its operations in this respect. Total resources of the association, as of September 30, were \$95,738.22.

At the annual meeting of stockholders Wednesday night, the entire directorate was reelected, with one exception. Moye W. Spruill, having been elected secretary and treasurer of the association, was not eligible to serve as director, and he was replaced by W. H. Booker. The board of directors for the coming year is as follows: B. G. Campbell, J. C. Tarkenton, H. E. Beam, W. A. Davidson, P. W. Brown, E. F. Still, J. R. Manning, Z. V. Norman and W. H. Booker.

At the directors' meeting immediately following, all officers were reelected for another year, as follows: Z. V. Norman, president; P. W. Brown, vice president; and M. W. Spruill, secretary and treasurer.

Local Peanut Plant Began Operations Monday; Buying, Cleaning, Shelling

Operations were begun Monday morning at the plant of the Farmers Cotton and Peanut Company here, with practically a full crew of workmen on hand, according to E. J. Broughton, manager. The machinery was given a test run last Friday, and everything went off very smoothly when it was started up Monday morning.

Owned by J. E. Davenport and Mr. Broughton, the local plant provides a convenient market for the peanut farmers of the section. The firm has signed a contract with the Commodity Credit Corporation which authorizes it to buy peanuts for clean-

Liberal Giving Is Required To Raise \$4,050 for County

Money Goes To USO, War Prisoners' Relief and 15 Other Agencies

Upwards of 100 canvassers will be at work in Washington County Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, October 28, 29 and 30, campaigning for the first appeal to be made by the United War Fund. This county has a quota of \$4,050, which County Chairman John W. Darden hopes can be raised in the three days by workers throughout the section.

It is the first campaign in which county people have been called upon to give anything, and they are asked to be as liberal as possible. Funds collected will be used to supply the needs of men in the military forces, prisoners of war, merchant seamen and the victims of aggression in 14 Allied countries. Seventeen national agencies have gotten together to make a concerted drive to avoid having a multiplicity of individual campaigns.

A large proportion of funds raised throughout the nation will go to local social services, including child and family welfare, health, hospitals and recreation. More than half of the \$125,000,000 to be raised in the nation will go directly to the men on the fighting fronts, through the USO, War Prisoners Aid and United Seamen's Service; with the remainder being divided among agencies for the relief of victims of aggression in Greece, China, France, Poland, Norway, Yugoslavia, and other Allied countries.

Under the direction of Postmaster John W. Darden, the Junior Woman's Club here, home demonstration clubs and other organizations throughout the county will conduct the canvass in all sections. Community quotas have been assigned as follows: Plymouth, \$2,100; Roper, \$700; Creswell, \$500; and the colored people of the county have been assigned the job of raising \$750, bringing the county total to \$4,050.

President Roosevelt officially opened the united campaigns throughout the nation on Tuesday evening, October 5, over the combined radio networks of the nation. The drive continues throughout the month of October, with the most intensive part of the county campaign set for the last three days of next week.

Already some of the large chain organizations which have stores in the county have indicated their support.

Barber Shops Here Set New Price List

Plymouth barber shops this week announced a new schedule of prices, all of which are the same as in the past, with two exceptions. Children's hair cuts were made the same price as cuts for adults, an increase of 10 cents, and shampoo prices were raised 10 cents. The new schedule goes into effect immediately.

The barbers state that the slight increase is made necessary by the shortage of help and increased cost of supplies. They ask patrons to cooperate with them by getting as much of their work done early in the week as possible, in order to lessen the rush on the last three days of each week.

Auxiliary To Serve Supper At Roper Next Thursday

Roper—Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church will serve a chicken salad supper from 6 to 9 p. m. next Thursday, October 28. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend.