

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." They are seeeking to enlist the cooperation of housewives and merchants in pledging support to the rationing program. They visited all four of the white schools and seven colored schools during the two days.

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. The Town of Plymouth notices are being prepared and will probably be mailed in the very near future.

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. Stew art 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 at- Spruill, price clerk at the office of tended the launching of the steamship "Kathay," at the ship yards board. 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 the Plymouth Theatre Sunday night. Plymouth, is secretary,

Corporal Wilbur M. Darden, of the U. S. Army Air Forces, stationed at lief Fund, according to Mrs. Eliza Homestead, Fla., is expected to ar-Daniels, who is in charge of the ticrive this afternoon to spend 10 days ket sale. and other relatives The local theatre holds just about bring the total to at least 250, and

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Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, October 21, 1943

Registration Ends Friday

Afternoon; Everyone Is

Urged To Apply

Washington County citizens are re

schools in the county through to-

morrow (Friday) afternoon. Issu-

ance of the new books began yester-

day, and after tomorrow it will be

impossible to obtain the new books

until about the middle of November.

ry sections, where the hours are from

It is stated at the office of the lo-

fail to get their No. 4 books at the

registration sites by tomorrow night

will not have a chance to register for

as the board will be engaged in is-

2:30 until 6 p. m. each day.

inconvenienced.



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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 to be in the hands of the board. 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

Farm Bureau Begins Drive To Get More Members in County

Over 100 Farmers Compliance Check To Be Made Next Week by Panel At Annual Meet 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

the local war price and rationing 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

reasonable demands, and our wishes Washington County has slightly will be granted," he said. Following more than 700 men in the military Mr. Shaw's speech and a splendid service, and county people are being barbecue supper in the agricultural called on to buy at least one ticket building, the bureau members got toto the premiere showing of "This Is gether and persuaded J. Roy Manthe Army" in honor of each of them. ning to serve as president for an-The premiere will be presented at other year by 10 community leaders mas, and many of them will receive Three From County November 7, at 9 p.m., and the enmembers each.

will go to the Army Emergency Re-

R. Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, Was Speaker; Officers Reelected 'Organization is the most important thing facing farmers at this time" them for about two or three weeks, R. Flake Shaw, of Greensboro, execu-

Here Last Night

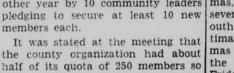
tive secretary of the North Carolina suing the basic "A" gasoline books Farm Bureau, told more than 100 members of the county Farm Bureau at their annual meeting in the courtnouse here last night. Pointing out that every other occupational group developing its own individual pro-

to organize in self-defense.

tire proceeds, except for Federal tax.

700 persons at capacity, and the it was suggested that the sights be

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 to men in the Army overseas.

In his speech, Mr. Shaw reviewed

Week's Contingent of 16,

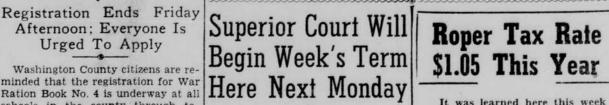
Board Is Advised

to handle any other requests. Book No. 4 will 1 issued to all those for whom application is made at the schoolhouses, except members in the country was organized and of the armed forces eating in organized messes, or who are members of gram, sometimes at the expense of an officer's mess, persons confined to farmers' interests, Mr. Shaw said it institutions, and persons residing 60

was absolutely necessary for farmers days or less in the United States. "When we are organized, we can go to our governmental officials with Many Packages

> Mailed Soldiers Every Washington County man in service overseas should receive at least one gift package this Christ-

several, it was learned at the Plym outh post office this week. It is es timated that upwards of 600 Christmas packages were mailed through the local office alone through last Friday, final day for mailing gifts



Ration Books No. 4 United War Fund Campaign

Are Being Issued at Schools This Week Last Three Days of Next Week

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 val-

The new rate will effect a con-

siderable 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

Reelect Officers and

Directors at Meet of

Building and Loan

Association Had Good Year

Despite Restrictions on

Building

to from \$16,000 to \$18,000.

only about 5 per cent is usually ap-

plied to installment stock, the re-

mainder being used to set up a re-

serve fund to take care of any con-

tingencies that may arise. At the

present time, the association has

about \$10,000 cash on hand and an-

other \$25,000 invested in government

It has plenty of money available

real estate, but building restrictions

naturally limit its operations in this

respect. Total resources of the as-

uation.

own.

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

Since some of the coupons become The October term of Washington valid November 1, it is important County Superior Court will convene that every person get the new book here next Monday morning, with from one of the schools before Fri-Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville day night, or they may be seriously scheduled to preside. It will be

one-week term, for the trial of civil Applicants are also reminded to actions only, and 22 cases have been pring the No. 3 book for every per- placed on the calendar, it was learned son for whom they seek a new No. 4 at the office of W. B. Cox. assistant book. In other words, it is necessary clerk of the superior court.

to present a No. 3 book for every Eight cases are set for trial Monmember of the family unit for whom day, five Tuesday, six Wednesday a No. 4 book is wanted. This is imand three Thursday. However, it is considered likely that the session wil portant, and the No. 4 books will not continue through most of the week be issued unless the No. 3 books are unless more cases are settled out o presented at the registration site. ourt or are continued than seems Hours for the registration are from until 6:30 p. m., at all schools ex- probable at this time. cept those in the Creswell and Cher-

The calendar follows Monday. October 25: Ben A. Dav

enport vs. Jessie E. Davenport; Mar shall J. Spruill vs. Hulda Spruill; Martha Whidbee Davenport vs. Macal rationing board that those who con Ward Davenport; Virginia Barnes vs. William Lloyd Barnes, William H

during that time and vill not be able Spruill vs. W. J. Bell, Beulah Bland vs. David Dudley, Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co. vs. H. W. Bowen, S. Shugar vs. W. S. Bowen.

Company vs. J. C. Herrington, National Cash Register Co. vs. L. V Fagan, T. F. Thompson vs. Atlantic mature its first series of stock some Coast Line Railroad Co.; Freeman time next year. At the present time Hyman et al vs. J. S. Shugar; Klein it has 1,491 share of installment Hat Corporation vs. Ben A. Sumner; stock in force in the 23 series out-M. G. Waters et al vs. James Polk standing. Approximately 240 shares

will mature next spring, if the pres-Thursday, October 28: Industrial ent rate of earnings holds up, it is Bank vs. V. E. Everett; James T. Adams vs. A. J. Byrd: James Norman stock or loans will be paid off in s. N. W. Spruill about six and a half years, which

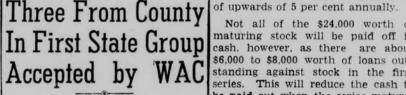
mony in State Capitol

Last Tuesday

Three young women from Plym-

outh were among the 33 recruits

sworn into the Women's Army Corps



\$4,050 for County It was learned here this week that the Town of Roper recently Money Goes To USO, War authorized a reduction in the Prisoners' Relief and 15 town tax rate of 40 cents for the

Other Agencies

Liberal Giving Is

Required To Raise

Upwards of 100 canvassers will be at work in Washington County Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. October 28, 29 and 30, ampaigning 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 ounty peole have been called upon o give anything, and they are asked o be as liberal as possible. Funds collected will be used to supply the needs of men in the military forces. risoners 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.

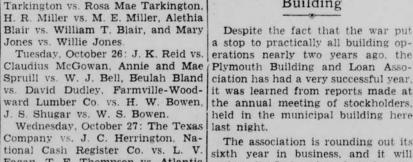
A large proportion of funds raised throughout the nation will go to local social services. including child and family welfare, health, hos-

Despite the fact that the war put a stop to practically all building oppitals and recreation. More than half of the \$125,000,000 to be raised erations nearly two years ago, the in the nation will go directly to the men on the fighting fronts, through ciation has had a very successful year. the USO, War Prisoners Aid and it was learned from reports made at United Seamen's Service; with the the annual meeting of stockholders, remainder being divided among agenheld in the municipal building here cies for the relief of victims of aggression in Greece, China, France, The association is rounding out its

Poland, Norway, Yugoslavia, and sixth year in business, and it will 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. Comstated. This means that \$24,000 in munity quotas have been assigned as follows: Plymouth, \$2,100: Roper \$700: Creswell, \$500; and the colored people of the county have been asreffects a net earning to stockholders signed the job of raising \$750, bringing the county total to \$4.050.

Not all of the \$24,000 worth of President Roosevelt officially openmaturing stock will be paid off in ed the united campaigns throughout cash, however, as there are about the nation on Tuesday evening, Oc-\$6,000 to \$8,000 worth of loans out- tober 5, over the combined radio netstanding against stock in the first words of the nation. The drive conseries. This will reduce the cash to tinues throughout the month of Ocbe paid out when the series matures tober, with the most intensive part



Spruill et al.

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 cluster of Hollywood stars and the about 2 o'clock after an illness of Army's original stage cast, glowing in about three months. He was 34 years Technicolor and equipped with old.

and Nancy Davenport Spruill, he was top rank among the screen's recent born in Washington County on April musicals. While George Murphy 1, 1909. He lived in the county all of Joan Leslie, Lt. Ronald Reagan his life. He was a member of the Episcopal chcurch 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 Sprutwo sons, J. D. and Jimmie Spruill, acting clerk of the court, W. B. Cox. and two daughters, Violet and Lydia There will be no session of the coun-Spruill, all of Creswell, R. F. D. He ty tribunal next week, either, as sualso leaves six brothers, Lewis, Char- perior court will be in session at that was classed as a pre-Pearl Harbor lie, Ernest, and Zephie Spruill, of time.

Creswell; Joseph Spruill, of Roper; Only one session of recorder's court and Elzie Spruill, of Norfolk; four has been held this month, and it is sisters. Mrs. Pennie Tarkenton and expected that a large docket will while the fourth man was a transfer Mrs. Annie Curling, of Creswell; Mrs. greet court officials the first Tuesday from West Virginia. Claude Bridgeman of Columbia, and in November, when it is scheduled to convene next. Maggie Pierce, of Norfolk, Va.

ticket sales committee hopes to have raised and the bureau go after a mina complete sell-out for the premiere. mum membership of 500 in the coun-A flat price if \$1.10 per seat has been fixed for the showing, which means that the Army Emergency the work of the Farm Bureau for the

Relief Fund should get about \$700 from this county, as not a cent will (See FARM BUREAU, Page 4) be deducted for exepnses, according to Miss Marian Brinkley, manager of Accept No Fathers

the theatre. The picture itself, studded with a From First Group For 'Armed Forces bath of bright new tunes and

The son of the late Absalom Spruill brand-new story, can lay claim to But 4 Accepted Out of Last (See TICKET SALE, Page 4)

> As far as the first group of Wash-No Session of Recorder's ington County fathers summoned to Court Held Last Tuesday answer the draft call Wednesday of

last week is concerned, many were There was no session of recorder's called, few even went to Fort Bragg court Tuesday of this week, due to and none were chosen for military absence from the county of Recorder service, according to the office of ill, he is survived by four children, Edward L. Owens and illness of the 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 Three of those accepted were dad.

from Washington County, two from Creswell and one from Plymouth,

Those accepted, as certified to the draft board, are as follows: Lonnie Rob 'Bus Station the Navy; James Carlton Jernigan and John Norman Wooten, both of Creswell, for the Army; and Albert Lee Ratcliffe, a transfer from Som-

erville, W. Va., for the Army. When induction notices were orig-

inally 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 heavy cash register, which contained each. Then when time came to leave Wednesday of last week, the list had Ayers, operator of the station. 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 stolen. for a hopelessly lost cause, so far as the first contingent from this county is concerned. William Shakespeare Nothing.'

A sizeable "last-minute rush" de- Sworn in at Special Cereveloped 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 packiges 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.

vesterday that packages also may be quota of three assigned Washington mailed until December 10 to men in County to be recruited by the 15th the Army who leave the United States of October. All three of them went for foreign posts between October 15 to Camp Butner, near Durham,

Junior Class Play To Be Presented Next Tuesday

and 26.

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. Funeral for Miss

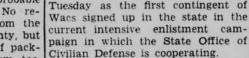
The play is a comedy entitled 'Pigtails." For an evening o pleasing and hilarious entertainment see "Pigtails."

Thieves broke into the Norfolk

The cash register was later recov-

ered intact, with the small amount

cemetery just back of the station,



The three from Washington County were Misses Roberta Spencer, Hope Vail and Agnes M. Cuthrell, all of Plymouth, and all formerly employ-

ed by the North Carolina Pulp Com-Postmaster John W. Darden said pany. They represented the full

\$95.738.82. At the annual meeting of stockholders Wednesday night, the entire goes into effect immediately. Thursday of last week for their physical and mental examinations, and all of them were accepted. They rebeen elected secretary and treasurer turned to Plymouth Friday and then went back to Raleigh Monday for the of the association, was not eligible to induction ceremony in the State by W. H. Booker. The board of di-Capitol Tuesday.

The swearing in ceremony was rectors for the coming year is as held at the eastern entrance to the follows: B. G. Campbell, J. C. Tar-Capitol, and participants included kenton, H. E. Beam, W. A. David-

bonds

(See THREE IN WAC, Page 4) Manning, Z. V. Norman and W. H. Booker.

At the directors' meeting immediately following, all officers were re- Auxiliary of the Episcopal church elected for another year, as follows: will serve a chicken salad supper Kathleen Baxter Z. V. Norman, president; P. W. from 6 to 9 p.m., next Thursday, Oc-Brown, vice president; and M. W. tober 28. The public is cordially in-Spruill, secretary and treasurer.

of the county campaign set for the The last auditor's report showed last three days of next week.

that the association earned roughly Already some of the large chain 5 per cent for the stockholders durorganizations which have stores in ing the preceding year. However, the county have indicated their sup-

See WAR KUND, Page 4)

Barber Shops Here Set New Price List

Plymouth barber shops this week for making loans on local improved 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 sociation, as of September 30, were as those for adults, an increase of 10 cents, and shampoo prices were raised 10 cents. The new schedule

directorate was reelected, with one increase is made necessary by the The barbers state that the slight shortage of help and increased cost of supplies. They ask patrons to coopserve as director, and he was replaced by W H Booker The heard of di-of their work done early in the week as possble, in order to lessen the rush on the last three days of each week.

son, P. W. Brown, E. F. Still, J. R. Auxiliary To Serve Supper At Roper Next Thursday

Roper.-Members of the Woman's vited and urged to attend.

Local Peanut Plant Began Operations

Monday; Buying, Cleaning, Shelling

Miss Kathleen Baxter, 44 years of age, died at 1 a.m., last Monday morning at the home of her par-Here Last Night ents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Baxter. on the Long Ridge Road near Plymouth,

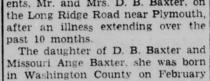
past 10 months. The daughter of D. B. Baxter and Southern Bus Station on Monroe Missouri Ange Baxter, she was born Street here some time last night and in Washington County on February made away with a radio, a quantity 21, 1899. She lived all of her life in of cigarettes, sandwiches, and the the county except for 12 years, when only \$3 or \$4, according to Gilmer she was in Chowan County. She was

a member of the Ludford Memorial Baptist Church in Plymouth. Funeral services were held Tuesof cash missing. It was found in the day afternoon at 3 p.m., at Ange Cemetery, near Jamesville, where in-

where they robbers evidently carried terment was made in the family plot. it to open it unmolested. The sta- The Rev. Lee A. Phillips, pastor of tion was ransacked, and Mr. Ayers the local Baptist church, was in said it was difficult this morning to charge of the last rites.

Besides her parents, D. B. and Mrs. determine just how much had been Missouri Ange Baxter, she is sur-

The thieves gained entrance by vived by four sisters. Mrs. Ruby breaking a glass in a back window Browning and Mrs. Frances Mizell, and then raising the sash. Local of- of near Plymouth; Mrs. Edmund had a title for it, "Much Ado About ficers are working on the case, but Hopkins, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Madeline Ferguson, of California. no arrests have been made yet.



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 cleaning and shelling. It has already made some purchases from the new crop, and it is maintaining buyers in several near-by counties as well as locally.

When the new firm began operations here last year, the old plant was gope over thoroughly and much new equipment installed that just about doubled its capacity. Since closing down at the close of last season, the machinery has been given a thorough overhauling. The plant is equipped for shelling and cleaning all grades of peanuts and otherwise process them for regular trade channels except for crushing them for oil purposes.

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 having plenty of hunting-for shells. According to reports, there is more game than ammu-

PL.

A large number of squirrels and deer have been killed, and also quite a few raccons, 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

woods without making a lot of

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noise. It is still a little early to

begin hunting with dogs, how-

son for 'coon, 'possum, mink and muskrat will be open from No-

vember 15 to February 15. Gun-

ning for duck and geese will be-

come legal November 2 and the

season will extend until January

those without ammunition are nition available.

ever, as leaves on the trees are still 'most too thick for easily spotting squirrels. The season on quail. rabbit and turkey opens November 25th. Thanksgiving Day, and continues open until February 10. Here is where the shell shortage will really cut down hunting to a large extent. The trapping sea-