

TOWN TOPICS

Friends of W. Henry Gaylord will be pleased to learn that he is reported to be improving this week after undergoing a very serious operation at a Rocky Mount hospital last Thursday. He was reported to be much improved today.

Corporal Leon G. Ange, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Ange, of Roper, is at home on a furlough. He is stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. Corporal Ange recently received the Army good-conduct medal.

The local rationing board says a great many people are still having trouble about the ceiling price for eggs. The ceiling price for ungraded country eggs is 53 cents a dozen. Cold-storage egg prices are slightly different, depending on the cost to the retailer. Class 1 retail stores may add 17 per cent of their net cost as profit, while class 2 retailers may add 15 per cent to their net cost, it is stated.

Mrs. W. H. Smith, president of the Junior Woman's Club, announced yesterday that the club would meet Friday night of this week, instead of next Monday night, as originally scheduled. Members are asked to take note of the change and attend the meeting tomorrow night.

Technical Sergeant W. Ronald Gaylord, of the Army Air Forces, of Palm Beach, Fla., arrived last weekend to be with his father, W. Henry Gaylord, who is in a Rocky Mount hospital. Sergeant Gaylord himself was only recently discharged from an Army hospital after being confined there for about two months. Mrs. Gaylord accompanied him on his trip home.

The Tank Destroyer Replacement Training Center at North Camp Hood, Texas, this week announced the promotion of Corporal William R. (Pete) Hampton, jr., of Plymouth, to the grade of sergeant. Sergeant Hampton is a cadetman in an Army specialized training battalion at the Texas camp, where new trainees undergo basic training prior to assignment to various colleges throughout the nation.

Violators of OPA Rules Pay Total \$155 in Penalties

Penalties Ranged From 24 Cents To \$121.46; Red Cross Gets \$28.25

Approximately 20 Washington County retail grocers, cited to appear before the price-ceiling panel of the local rationing board Wednesday and Thursday for violations of the price-ceiling and posting regulations, were let off by payment of penalties totalling \$155.37. The amount of the penalties ranged from 24 cents to \$121.46.

The panel determined that none of the violations were willful, and the violators were let off by payment of the estimated amount of the overcharges. In several instances, no overcharging was alleged, but the violations hinged around the proper posting of prices on individual articles.

About the only penalty that amounted to anything was the one assessed the fine of \$121.46. The next highest amount was \$5.66. Amounts over \$5 assessed against violators were made payable to the Treasury of the United States, while those under \$5 were turned over to the Red Cross. Only two payments exceeded \$5, and the government collected a total of \$127.12, while the Red Cross was made the beneficiary of \$28.25.

After violations of the regulations were determined, the accused presented their invoices and estimates were worked out of the amount of the overcharges. If a willful violation had been discovered, the violator would have been cited to the state OPA office, where it is understood the minimum penalty is three times the amount of the overcharge.

Retailers are warned to get their prices in line with ceiling prices and to comply with posting regulations, as compliance checks will be made at regular intervals in the future, and those cited for second offenses may find the going harder than they had it last week.

Here Are Top Prices That Legally Can Be Charged for Thanksgiving Turkeys

The State OPA this week fixed dollars-and-cents ceiling prices on that Thanksgiving and Christmas turkey, and, according to the local war price and rationing board, the prices are approximately the same as were allowed on turkeys during the same period last year.

Following are the top prices which both retailers and farmers may charge for turkeys during November and December, according to the rationing board: Young turkeys—Live, 45 cents light weight, 43 cents medium, 42 cents heavy. Dressed, 53 cents

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Bond Sales Here Last Month Totaled \$32,487.50; Quota This Month \$25,650

Bond sales in Plymouth alone during the month of October reached a total of \$32,487.50, it was learned yesterday from H. E. Beam, chairman of War Bond sales in the county. The above figures include only series E and G bonds sold at the Plymouth post office and bank, as no reports have been received from the Roper and Creswell post offices during the period. Series G bond sales amounted to \$2,000 during the month, while the other \$30,487.50 represented the issue price of E bonds. The county was not assigned a quota for the month, and it is

believed that all sales during the month will be added to the Third War Loan total. This will bring the county just about up to its quota for that campaign. The county has been assigned a quota of \$25,650 worth of bonds for the month of November, \$17,955 in series E bonds, and the other \$7,695 in series F and G bonds, Mr. Beam said. If sales hold up as well this month as last, the county will go well over its quota. During October, the bank sold \$24,525 worth of E bonds, \$2,000 worth of G bonds, and the post office sold \$5,962.50 worth of series E bonds.

Two Armistice Day Programs Presented In Plymouth Today

Memorial Service Held by Legion; Plaque Unveiled At Pulp Plant

Plymouth had two Armistice Day programs here today. One was held in the Legion Hall, sponsored by the James E. Jethro post of the American Legion, while the other was at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company, where a plaque containing the names of 500 employees of the company now in the service was unveiled.

Former State Legion Commander June Rose, of Greenville, was the principal speaker at the program up town, while Lt. Col. David F. Sellards, jr., of Camp Davis, was the speaker at the plant. There was a large crowd on the streets here for the parade and memorial services staged by the Legionnaires, and practically all employees of the pulp mill and relatives of some of the men from there in the service were on hand for the program at the plant.

The parade which started the local program was composed of the high school band, Boy Scouts, school children and ex-service men of the county. Assembly was at the high school grounds, and the parade proceeded from there to the intersection of Water and Washington Streets, in front of the Legion Hall, where the roll call of departed comrades was read to the accompaniment of rolling drums.

A dinner was served in the Legion Hall by the post for all ex-service men at noon, and Commander Rose made his address immediately afterwards. All stores and business houses in the town were closed from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in honor of the occasion.

Rev. T. R. Jenkins Assigned To Local Methodist Church

Arrives Today From Maxton To Succeed Rev. O. L. Hardwick

The Rev. T. R. Jenkins was assigned to the Plymouth Methodist church by the annual conference last week, while the Rev. O. L. Hardwick, popular minister here for the past four years was assigned to the Northampton Methodist circuit, with headquarters in Jackson. The changes become effective this week, and Mr. Hardwick and family are leaving for Jackson this morning, while Mr. Jenkins and his family are expected to come here sometime during the day.

The Rev. G. C. Wood was returned to the Methodist charge at Roper, while the Rev. N. M. McDonald was assigned to the churches in the Creswell section at the conference last week. Announcements of the appointments were made Friday.

The local church has made splendid progress under the leadership of Mr. Hardwick during the past four years. It has developed from part of a circuit to a full station charge, and 112 new members were added to the membership during his pastorate here. From a financial standpoint, it has a remarkably successful four-year period, increasing its budget for all purposes practically every year, and in addition a new organ was bought and paid for, new heating system installed in the church, and a parsonage fund has been started, as well as one to build an educational building after the war.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardwick and their two small daughters have made numerous friends in this section who regret to see them leave. He returned from the conference last Sunday to preach his farewell sermons to the local congregation.

Very little could be learned about the new minister, except that he is a comparatively young man and that he is married and has a small child.

Parent-Teacher Meeting Will Be Held Tuesday

The regular meeting of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the high school auditorium here next Tuesday evening, November 16, at 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. W. V. Hays, president.

Dr. J. J. Croley, district health officer, will speak on "Juvenile Delinquency." All patrons and friends of the school are urged to be present.

Roper Parents-Teachers Meet Next Wednesday

Roper.—The regular meeting of the Roper Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the school auditorium Wednesday evening of next week, November 17, at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by Lois M. Thompson, chairman of the publicity committee. All patrons are invited and urged to attend.

County Considerably Short Of Quota in War Fund Drive

Italian War Prisoners Available for General Farm Work in This County

It was announced this week by County Agent W. V. Hays that Italian prisoners of war stationed at Windsor are now available for general farm work in this section. They may be used for cleaning off ditch banks, ditching, building fences, pea-picker and general farm work. The prisoners may be employed in groups of not less than 10 at 25 cents per hour for the time actually worked on the farm. Mr. Hays said that it would be necessary for the farmers to provide transportation for the prisoners from their camp at Windsor to the farms where they were to work. All tools and equipment must also be furnished by the employing farmer.

Contracts for this type of labor and any other information desired may be secured at the office of the county agent in the Agricultural Building here. Those interested are requested to get in touch with Mr. Hays as soon as possible.

Reports Incomplete, But Less Than Half Of Amount Collected

County Chairman Asks All Workers To Report by Next Tuesday

The Washington County United War Fund Drive is still lagging, despite efforts made last week to add new interest. So far no complete reports have been received by Treasurer H. H. Allen from any of the canvassing committees, and only a little more than \$800 has been turned in. However, it is known the final total will exceed this amount, although it was difficult to determine this morning just how the various canvassing groups were making out.

John W. Darden, county chairman of the campaign, has extended the campaign period, but requests all committees and organizations which are working on the drive to submit reports of their progress by next Tuesday, November 16. It is known that home demonstration club women throughout the county have been canvassing their respective sections during the past week, but reports were in from only two of them. Approximately \$500 was raised from local mercantile establishments, through the work of the Junior Woman's Club and a committee from the merchants' association.

The Junior Woman's Club has done most of the canvassing work so far in Plymouth, and it collected more than \$600. Several large donations have not yet been turned over to the treasurer, so the \$800 now on hand in no wise reflects the true status of the campaign. All contributions will be acknowledged through this newspaper, starting next week, if possible.

Workmen at none of the local industrial plants have been solicited so far, but this is supposed to be done over the coming week-end. A committee is also at work among local professional men, and its report should be made by the last of the week.

The colored division of the War Fund Drive is planning a county-wide drive at the New Chapel Baptist church here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The complete program has not been announced, but several leaders of the race will speak, including school officials, the Rev. A. R. Winborne, and Attorney P. H. Bell. Mr. Darden, as chairman of the county drive, will preside at the meeting. In addition to the addresses, patriotic songs and spirituals will be features of the program.

Mr. Darden hopes that it will be possible to make a complete report on the progress of the drive by the middle of next week, after the reports are received up to Tuesday night.

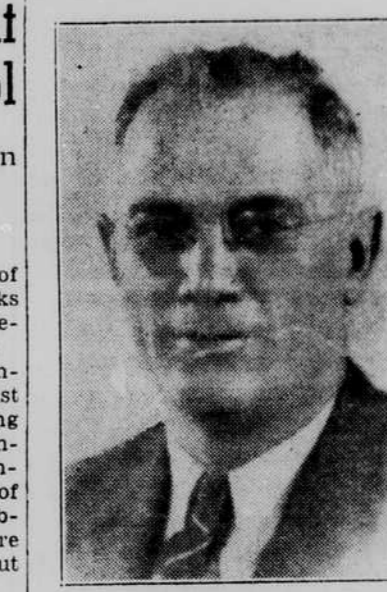
Burns Prove Fatal To Infant Sunday

Jimmie Lee Davis, 11-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Davis, died Sunday night at 9:15 at the home of his parents on the Mill Pond road as the result of burns suffered about a week before. According to reports, the child was fatally burned when he pulled a lighted lamp over on himself.

Funeral services were held from the late home Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. G. C. Wood, pastor of the Roper Methodist church, and interment was made in the Singleton cemetery.

Besides his parents, Joe W. and Mrs. Edna Spruill Davis, he is survived by eight brothers, John Edward, Dennis, Joseph, Lewis, Bobby, Leonard, Grayson and Howard Davis, and three sisters, Callie Mae, Julia and Eva Davis, all of Roper.

POSTMASTER



J. Corbett Swain this morning entered upon his duties as Plymouth postmaster, succeeding John W. Darden, who was originally appointed to the post and served for more than two years. Mr. Darden was unable to pass the physical examination to continue in the office.

Asks Cooperation of Parents To Prevent Vandalism at School

Principal Says Destruction Of Property Here Is on Increase

Vandalism and destruction of school property here in recent weeks has prompted the following statement by Principal R. B. Trotman: "The acts of vandalism and wanton destruction committed against the Plymouth High School building which have been called to the attention of the public before are increasing. Such willful destruction of public property should arouse public indignation to the point where definite steps would be taken to put an end to such acts.

"It is thought that this destruction is committed by elementary pupils of the white and colored schools. During the last two weeks rocks have been thrown through ten window panes on the rear of the building; last week the wire covering the windows on the back of the Agriculture Shops was cut and entrance forced. The electric wiring in the shop was cut in nine places. Last Saturday a pane of glass in one of the doors was broken and entrance forced, the marauders destroying and stealing science equipment.

"These forced entrances and destruction of property occur after the building is locked for the day and during week-ends. Teachers and the principal check the building each afternoon to see that it is locked.

"This matter has been brought to the attention of the County Superintendent, the Town Council and the Chief of Police. It is not suggested that a special night watchman be assigned to this property, but it is felt that the same protection should be given the school building that is given other public property by having it patrolled at intervals during the night. If this is done the destruction which is prevalent now would be stopped and the acts of immorality, of which we find evidence many mornings, would be checked.

"School pupils have been called in to assembly and warned that they must not be found in or about the building after school hours under penalty of being reported to town officers.

"This is a matter about which school people are concerned, and we feel that the citizens of Plymouth and Washington County should take an active part in eradicating these practices."

A Books Going Out To Late Applicants

Late applicants for basic A gasoline ration books are advised by the local war price and rationing board not to become impatient about receiving their books, as the board is getting around to them just as rapidly as possible. It is pointed out that the applications were supposed to have been made during the week of October 11-16, and those who failed to apply at that time are advised not to go to the board office for their A books as they will be mailed out just as soon as possible.

The delay was occasioned by the fact that the board had to halt work on the gas books in order to issue about 12,000 No. 4 War Ration Books. Now that this job is just about over, the office force will be able to get back to the task of issuing the last of the A books.

Incidentally, those who did not receive their War Ration Book 4 during the registration at the various schools several weeks ago may now make application at the office of the board for such books. Several hundred failed to apply then, and the board began receiving applications from the late comers yesterday.

Supreme Court Rules For Plaintiff in Suit Against Pulp Plant

WINS COMMISSION



Leslie B. Spruill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan W. Spruill, of Roper, received his commission two weeks ago as a second lieutenant in the finance department of the Army of the United States. The following day he was married to Miss Frances Butler, of Salisbury, and Lieutenant and Mrs. Spruill visited his parents near Roper last week.

Episcopal Women Of Convocation in Annual Meet Here

Held Yesterday at Grace Church; Mrs. S. A. Ward Presides

The Episcopal Church Woman's Auxiliary, of the Convocation of Edenton, held its annual meeting at Grace church here yesterday, with a large number of delegates and ministers from all parts of northeastern North Carolina in attendance. Mrs. Sidney A. Ward, of Plymouth, is president of the group and presided over the session here.

Holy Communion service was held at 10 a.m., with the Revs. Lewis Schenck and W. B. Daniels, jr., as celebrants. The first session of the auxiliary meeting was held at 11 a.m., when the convocation fund was presented prior to the following program:

Greetings, Mrs. Z. V. Norman; response, Mrs. A. W. Welch; roll call; minutes, Mrs. T. W. Earle; appointment of committees; president's message, Mrs. Sidney Ward; reports from the Triennial meeting by Mrs. L. J. Poisson and Miss Hennie Long; department of promotion, Mrs. Charles Green; plans of the Diocese, Rev. W. R. Noe; noonday prayers.

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Two Points of Law Decided in Batch of Opinions This Week

Court Rules Cause of Action Exists and State Courts Have Jurisdiction

The North Carolina Supreme Court yesterday handed down decisions upholding the contentions of counsel for W. R. Hampton in one of his suits for damages against the North Carolina Pulp Company here. While the decisions do not settle the matter, plaintiff attorneys regard them as the first definite turn in their favor in the long and complicated legal tangle, which has been pending in State and Federal courts for upwards of three years. Previous decisions in the courts had been in favor of the defendant company almost without exception.

The case has involved an array of leading attorneys of the county and state, including United States Senator Josiah William Bailey, of Raleigh, and Former Representative Zeb Vance Norman, of Plymouth, who argued the case for the defendant concern in the supreme court early in September; while Former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, now of Raleigh, and Former State Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, appeared for Mr. Hampton. Malcolm K. Whyte, of Milwaukee, Wis., general counsel for a national paper manufacturers' association, is also associated with the defense counsel.

The supreme court decisions yesterday were based on rulings made by Judge Walter J. Bone, resident judge of the second judicial district, following a hearing in chambers at Nashville in July. At that time he made two rulings, one favoring the defendant and the other favoring the plaintiff, and both parties to the suit appealed. The supreme court decision affirmed the decision in favor of the plaintiff and reversed the one favoring the defendant.

The matter grew out of a suit instituted in 1941 by Mr. Hampton.

Noah B. Williams, of Wenona, Died There Last Sunday Night

Had Been Leading Farmer Of Community for About Quarter Century

Noah B. Williams, of Wenona, 78 years of age, died at his home there Sunday night at 11:30 o'clock after an illness of about two weeks. A native of Hyde County, Mr. Williams came to the Wenona section from Beaufort County about 25 years ago and has been a leading farmer of the community since that time.

He was born in Hyde County on August 9, 1865. His wife, the late Lovey Smith Williams, preceded him to the grave some years ago. Mr. Williams was an active member of the Wenona Christian church.

Funeral services were held at the Union Chapel Christian church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, by the Rev. J. R. Lee, of Pinetown, and interment was made in the family plot at Davis Landing. His grandchildren served as pall-bearers.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. F. Carter, of Wenona; Mrs. E. M. Bishop, of Pungo; and Mrs. R. B. Taylor, of Hopewell, Va.; and two sons, O. W. Williams and Golden Williams, both of Newport News, Va. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Henry Berry, of Ramsville, Beaufort County, and one brother, Lafate Williams, of Creswell.

Mothers of Service Men Honored Here At Home Clubs Meet

Annual Achievement Day For County Clubs Held Last Thursday

An impressive recognition service, honoring mothers who have sons and daughters in the military service was a special feature at the annual achievement program held by Washington County Home Demonstration Club women here last Thursday afternoon. The meeting was largely attended and considered one of the most successful held in recent years.

The Rev. E. B. Quick, pastor of the Plymouth Christian church, spoke to the gathering and offered a special prayer. The roll of mothers, numbering 90, who have sons and daughters in the service, was called; and a poem, "The Mother of Men," was read by Mrs. Edison Davenport.

Special club achievement reports were given by Mrs. Joe Browning, for the Hoke Club; Mrs. Sam Lucas, for the Cool Spring Club; Mrs. M. E. Lewis, of the Lake Farm Club; Mrs. A. R. Latham, of the Chapel Hill Club; and Mrs. Jim Allen, of the Alba Club.

Alba Club had the largest number of members present, and was awarded the \$5 offered to the club having the best attendance.

It was announced that Mrs. Jim Leary, of the Roper Club, who was previously elected secretary, would not be able to serve, due to illness in

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McLean To Head Northeastern District Teachers Association in Coming Year

H. H. McLean, Washington County Superintendent of Schools, has no opposition for the office of president of the Northeastern District Teachers Association at its annual convention in Greenville Thursday of next week, according to a letter accompanying the program sent out this week.

The meeting will convene at East Carolina Teachers College there at 9:30 a.m., November 18, and several prominent educators, including State Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin, have places on the program for the day. Another session will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and the President's Dinner will be held in Hotel Proctor at 6:30 p.m. Miss Agnes Watson, classroom teacher of Lucama, is opposed for the office of vice president, and G. E. Love, principal of the Columbia High School, likewise has no opposition for the secretaryship.

The Northeastern District Teachers Association is a unit of the North Carolina Education Association. It is composed of teachers, principals and superintendents of 22 counties, as follows: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Cartaret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Green, Hertford, Hyde, Lenoir, Martin, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington and Wilson.