

Soy bean harvest is getting underway in the county this week, and the crop is beginning to move to the markets. Two carloads have been shipped from here during the past week. The yield is said to be falling under earlier estimates. Prices generally are around \$1.80 per bushel delivered in Plymouth or \$1.75 at the farms.

Gilbert Leon Nobles, third-class petty officer in the United States Navy, returned last Monday to his station at New Orleans, La., after spending a 15-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Nobles.

All applicants for a gasoline books who made their applications during the days set aside for this purpose in October have received their books. It is stated at the office of the rationing board here. Some of those who applied late have not yet received theirs, but they are being issued just as rapidly as possible.

The pupils of both the Plymouth High School and the Hampton Academy are having a holiday today. The holiday is due to a teacher's meeting which is being held in Greenville. School will be resumed Friday.

Luther Adolph Armstrong, son of Oscar Silas Armstrong, of Plymouth, was recently promoted to the grade of aviation machinist mate second class at the Naval Air Station in Banana River, Fla. It was announced by his commanding officer this week. He enlisted in the Navy on October 6, 1942, at Raleigh.

Mrs. Bernice Hammonds, of the Plymouth Theatre management, accompanied her projectionist, Barclay Smiley, to Warrenton last Tuesday, when she appeared before the draft board in an effort to have Mr. Smiley deferred in order that the theatre might at least continue to operate through the Christmas holidays.

Reports were current here Tuesday that the Italian prisoners of war now working in this strike Monday. However it was learned yesterday from responsible officials that there was not a word of truth in the report.

Staff Sergeant C. G. Lehner, of the Norfolk Fighter Wing, Army Air Forces, was in Plymouth the early part of the week to inspect the local aircraft warning post. He also checked the Ground Observer Corps organization here to determine if the post was being manned Wednesday afternoon of each week.

William B. Watts, Jr., formerly of Plymouth and Williamston, now with the Marine Corps in the Southwest Pacific, was recently promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Lieutenant Watts, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Watts, was born in Plymouth, but later moved to Williamston with his parents and lived there until he enlisted in the Marine Corps early in 1940. He received a field commission as second lieutenant on Guadalcanal during the heavy fighting there in November of last year.

Technical Sergeant James E. Short, of the U. S. Marine Corps, stationed at the Cherry Point Air Station, visited two of his uncles in Plymouth over the week-end. His uncles are J. A. Holbrook and W. V. Holbrook.

Observation Posts In County Checked

W. Barton Swain was this week appointed chief observer of the aircraft warning post at Roper, with Mrs. Mary Swain delegated to assist him, according to Staff Sergeant C. G. Lehner, of the Norfolk Fighter Wing, Army Air Corps, who is in the county this week checking on the operation of the posts by the Ground Observer Corps.

Mr. Swain succeeds C. H. Floyd, who has been so busy with his school work that he was unable to look after operation of the post there, it is stated.

Spotting posts are being manned only one afternoon each week at the present time, but local officials of the Ground Observer Corps have been requested to keep their organization intact so that full-time operation may be resumed at any time if an emergency arises.

Want More Washington County Women To Volunteer for Service in WAC

The Women's Army Corps is still seeking additional recruits from Washington County. Mrs. Eliza Daniel, of Plymouth, and Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell, civilian WAC recruiters for the county, announce that practically all women, married or single, except those with small children, are eligible for enlistment, and they will be glad to talk with any who are interested. The present campaign for another North Carolina contingent will continue through the month of November. Washington County

Issuance of No. 2 Liquor Rationing Books Proceeding at Very Slow Pace

A good many Washington County people are going to come up short with their Christmas whiskey this year, judging from reports on issuance of the No. 2 ABC books in Plymouth. No books will be issued after November 30th until January 4, and so far less than a third of those who had books last year have applied. It was learned from ABC officials here this morning. At the present time, the No. 2 whiskey book is being issued by Mrs. Hermine Ramsey at her office on Water Street across from the ABC store. Three clerks will be on duty to issue them Friday and Saturday of next week and Monday and Tuesday of the

following week at the ABC store. J. R. Campbell, county ABC chairman, said this morning. It is emphasized that positively no books can be issued from December 1 to January 3, both inclusive. Those who do not apply by Tuesday, November 30, will have to wait until January 4, by order of the State ABC board. Approximately 1,000 books have been issued here so far, against 3,000 last year. No reports on the number issued at the Creswell store have been received by the county chairman, but he believes that not more than a couple of hundred have been issued there.

The city sanitary department will pick up waste paper next Monday morning, November 22. Local people are asked to save old papers, magazines and corrugated boxes and put them in front of their houses to be picked up by the trash trucks early that morning. Old papers and magazines should be kept in separate lots. Old papers should be folded and tied into bundles about 12 inches high. Old magazines should be kept separate and also tied in bundles about 12 inches high. Corrugated boxes should be flattened and likewise tied in separate bundles about 12 inches high. Unless the above instructions are followed, there is no point in saving waste paper. Odd lots of assorted papers and magazines cannot be used. However, waste paper is urgently needed if it is prepared as above outlined.

County Schools Collecting Metal

Considerable scrap metal has been assembled at schools in the county, it was learned from the county salvage committee this week, although no definite reports as to amounts have been received. The campaign has been in progress for little more than a week throughout the white schools. At its meeting last Thursday night, the Lions Club agreed to accept the responsibility for transporting the scrap from the schools to designated central collection points. A committee, consisting of T. C. Burgess, H. H. McLean and E. H. Liverman, was appointed to handle the matter.

Farm Leaders Meet Today To Consider 1944 Food Program

Meeting Is Being Held at Agricultural Building This Afternoon

Invitations were sent out last week to about 80 farm leaders of the county to attend a meeting here this afternoon at 1:30, when plans are to be worked out for getting the 1944 food and feed program before the farmers of the county. The invitations were sent out by County Agent W. V. Hays, and the meeting is being held in the agricultural building here.

Quite a number of district and state farm leaders will be here to take part in the meeting and help work out a program for this county. H. A. Patten, of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, who has sat in on several similar programs, will lead the discussion here. Miss Pauline Smith, district agent for the Extension Service; J. W. Crawford, of the food and feed program, and Miss Mabel Lacy, head of home economics work in the state, are also expected to be present, Mr. Hays said.

The government is asking all farmers to increase their production of food and feed crops during 1944. While it is felt that the farmers of this section will cooperate and make every effort to reach the goals allotted to them, it is felt that they need to be more fully acquainted with the problems involved.

The program will require the effort of all agencies, public and private, and the individual effort of every farm family to reach the production goal, it is said. Meetings on national and state levels have already been held, and it is to work out plans for bringing the program to the attention of every farmer in the county that this meeting is being held today.

Service Sunday Morning at Episcopal Church in Roper

The Rev. William B. Daniels, Jr. will celebrate the Holy Communion and deliver the sermon at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Roper, on Sunday, November 21, at 11:15 a.m.

The Vestry will hold its regular monthly meeting following this service.

Status of Registrants In 'C' Classifications Is Being Reviewed

Recent Changed Rules Considered by War and Draft Boards at Joint Meet

The Washington County Selective Service Board and the county USDA War Board held a joint meeting Tuesday night of this week to consider some recent changes in selective service regulations, particularly as they relate to farm classifications. No official statements have been made by either board as to the results of the meeting, but it is understood that the changes are designed to "weed out" some marginal producers and those who apparently have used their farm classification for dodging the draft. It has been reported that some half million young men throughout the nation are believed to have turned to the farm to gain "C" classifications but have failed to live up to their production obligations.

Reports have been received on all farm registrants in this county covering their 1943 production records, and the USDA War Board and the draft board are expected to begin reviewing all farm classifications in this light very shortly. It is probable that those who have not produced the required number of units will be subject to induction calls at some time in the not-far-distant future.

One of the major changes in regulations relates to diversification of crops. It is understood that no single crop can account for more than 50 per cent of the production units required for a "C" classification, which is 14 in this county. No two crops combined may account for more than 75 per cent of the required units.

Farm registrants are also warned not to move from one farm to another unless they have permission from selective service officials. It is a fairly well established rule that a farmer will not be allowed to change farms, unless he can increase the number of units by so doing or present some other acceptable reason.

Industrial workers included in replacement schedules can no longer leave an essential industry and go to the farm. If he does make such a change without permission, he is subject to immediate induction.

The county draft board plans to hold a closed special session Saturday afternoon this week to start checking the list of all registrants who hold farm classifications. No one will be permitted to appear before the board at this session, it is emphasized, as the entire time of the board will be required for the specific task it is meeting to consider.

Two Young Men Enlist In Navy Here This Week

Two young men from near here were enlisted in the Navy by Recruited D. R. Taylor, of the New Bern office, who was here Tuesday and Wednesday. They are Phillip Leon Swinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Swinson; and Hallet Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Davis. The young men are cousins and both live in the Dardens section of Martin County. They will go to New Bern Monday for their physical examination, and if accepted there will then go to Raleigh to be sworn into the service.

Julian W. Allen Completes Aircraft Mechanics' Course

Seymour Johnson Field, N. C.—Completing a five months course in aircraft maintenance and repair. Private First Class Julian W. Allen, Jr., was graduated this week as an aircraft mechanic from this technical school of the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. The son of J. W. Allen, Plymouth, Route 1, Pfc. Allen was sworn into the Army March 22, 1943, at Baltimore, Md. He resided at Baltimore, and was employed as an inspector at the Glenn L. Martin Company. He graduated from the Belhaven High School.

Salvage Campaigns Are Now Underway Throughout County

Public Requested To Help By Properly Preparing Waste Materials

The Washington County Salvage Committee is faced with a multitude of problems at this time. Simultaneously campaigns are being conducted for the salvage of old newspapers, magazines, and corrugated boxes; collapsible metal tubes; tin cans; and scrap metal. All are needed urgently, according to advice from government agencies, but few people are taking the trouble to read and pay attention to the different methods of handling them.

The city sanitary department will pick up waste paper next Monday morning, November 22. Local people are asked to save old papers, magazines and corrugated boxes and put them in front of their houses to be picked up by the trash trucks early that morning. Old papers and magazines should be kept in separate lots. Old papers should be folded and tied into bundles about 12 inches high. Old magazines should be kept separate and also tied in bundles about 12 inches high. Corrugated boxes should be flattened and likewise tied in separate bundles about 12 inches high.

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Tin-can salvage is another thing that has caused some headaches. They can be used as salvage material only if the labels are removed, both ends cut out and the cans are flattened. They should be delivered to the municipal building in Plymouth, where containers have been prepared for them.

The committee this week picked up several hundred pounds of collapsible metal tubes from merchants throughout the county. These tubes have a very high content of tin, which is one of the metals on which a serious shortage exists. Merchants are supposed to require their customers to bring an empty tube before they can buy a new tube or tooth paste, shaving cream, or other product in such tubes.

Some merchants are sticking to this rule, while others are more or less disregarding it. A WPB ruling requires that an empty tube be presented before a new one can be sold, and those who violate the rule are subject to prosecution.

Then there is the matter of scrap iron and steel salvage. This can be sold directly to junk yards or scrap dealers at any time. However, a collection campaign has been underway in the schools of the county and a considerable quantity was turned in, it is understood.

The committee earnestly requests all citizens to cooperate in saving the needed scrap materials, but it also earnestly asks them to comply with the instructions for handling the various materials.

Union Thanksgiving Day Service To Be Held Here

At 11 a.m. Thanksgiving Day, November 25, the Baptist and Christian churches will unite in a Thanksgiving service at the Christian Church. The Rev. Lee A. Phillips, pastor of the Baptist church, will deliver the Thanksgiving sermon and Rev. E. B. Quick, pastor of the Christian church, will preside. The service will last one hour and will also include an appropriate worship service, the reading of the President's Thanksgiving Proclamation and special music by a choir composed of members of the choirs of both churches.

The public is cordially invited to attend and join in giving thanks to Almighty God for the blessings we enjoy in a world where there is so much of suffering and privation.

100 Attend P. T. A. Meet in Creswell

There were about 100 members present at the monthly meeting of the Creswell Parent-Teacher Association, held Tuesday night of last week. The meeting was social in nature and was intended as a get-together for teachers and patrons of the school.

The vice president, Mrs. A. S. Holmes, presided. A short business session was held first in order to elect a president to succeed Mrs. L. B. Bennett, who has moved from the community. Mrs. E. S. Woodley was elected president for the coming year and immediately entered upon her duties.

A moving picture, "Son of the Navy," was shown, after which hot coffee and cookies were served in the home economics room. The parents present were introduced to the teachers, and all patrons are urged to visit the school whenever possible.

Less Than Half of County War Fund Quota Is Realized

Chairman Out of Town and Present Status of Drive Not Known

The status of the United War Fund drive in the county could not be learned here this morning, as the county chairman, John W. Darden, has been out of town all this week; and it is not known what progress has been made. It is believed, however, that little more than one-third of the county quota of \$4,050 has been reported to date.

Mr. Darden said last week-end that he had received only very sketchy reports from the various canvassing committees up to that time, and he was unable to determine just where the county stood. He said before he left Monday that he planned to end the campaign by the last of this week; and he urges all workers to report by that time.

Those who have not been solicited and who wish to make a contribution are requested to mail or give their donation to H. H. Allen, treasurer of the fund.

Mr. Allen said that less than \$1,000 had been turned over to him so far, but it is known that there are several large contributions outstanding which have not been reported. However, it is not thought that the total reached by the end of the week will be more than half of the fund.

Washington County has fallen down in this campaign worse than in any similar drive since the start of the war. As a rule, the county has been in the forefront of those reaching their quotas in money-raising activities for the support of the war, which makes failure in this instance difficult to understand.

With the exception of those making the actual canvass, there has been little interest displayed by the public in general. Some firms and individuals responded very liberally, while others have disregarded it entirely.

Contributions will be acknowledged as soon as the lists can be checked for duplications. It was planned to start publishing the names and amounts of contributions this week, but it has been impossible to get the reports together for the final check.

Farm Bureau Now Has 282 Members in Washington County

Largest in History of Organization; Want Minimum of 300

Membership in Washington County Farm Bureau reached a new high of 282 last Tuesday, when reports were sent to state headquarters, according to J. R. Manning, president. This does not represent all the members that have been signed up, however, Mr. Manning said, as several who have been soliciting memberships have not yet reported. He expects that more than 300 members will be included in the organization before the end of the month.

Reservations have been made for three representatives from this county to attend the national convention of the Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago early in December. Two of the delegates will go at the expense of the bureau, while the other one will get special reduced rates for his expenses. Mr. Manning said it had not yet been decided who would represent the local organization at the Chicago meetings.

The county unit had about 225 members last year. It has grown steadily since it was first organized about four years ago, with less than 100 members. The national organization is considered one of the most powerful in the farm groups, and it has considerable influence in framing laws relating to the welfare of farmers, particularly in getting higher prices for the various field crops grown in this section.

During the past year, the Farm Bureau was instrumental in having the ceiling price of peanuts raised from 6 cents to the present prevailing maximum of around 7.62 cents. The membership campaign is still in progress, and Mr. Manning hopes that at least 300 farmers will sign up during the time remaining. The larger the organization, the more effect it will have in putting its program across.

Prices Charged by Eating Establishments Checked

Prices charged by restaurants, boarding houses and other eating places in Washington County are being checked this week by the ceiling-price panel of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board. Menus and price lists of the various establishments have been assembled and will be checked for compliance with ceiling-price regulations at a meeting of the price panel, probably Thursday night of this week.

Nine Fathers in Draft Group To Leave Here First Part Next Week

Post Office Says Few Mail Early

Although the Post Office Department has requested the general public to begin mailing Christmas packages and greeting cards during November, there is little indication that the request is being heeded here, according to Postmaster J. Corbett Swain. With more than half of the month gone, there has been little or no Christmas mailing at the Plymouth post office, he said; that is, except packages and cards for men in the military service.

Both the Post Office Department and transportation authorities have warned that it will be humanly impossible to handle the usual Christmas rush in December alone this year. Those who wait until December 1 and later to mail their Christmas gifts and greetings have no assurance that they will be delivered before Christmas, but many undoubtedly are planning to take the chance.

Boy Scout Work in County Reorganized At Meeting Monday

Interest Increases, With About 60 Boys in Cubs And Scouts Here

Reorganization of the Boy Scout work in Washington county was worked out at a meeting of district and troop officials here Monday night. The progress made during the past year was reviewed, and men were appointed to head up the various phases of the work during the coming year. James T. Uzzle, of Greenville, assistant field executive for the East Carolina Council, was present and assisted in setting up the new organization.

Interest in Scouting has grown considerably among boys here recently, and it was announced Monday that there were about 35 members of the local Scout troop and some 20 to 25 in the Cub organization at the present time. For several years, the program has been confined almost exclusively to the troop in Plymouth, but it is now hoped that the program can be extended to other parts of the county, especially in Roper and Creswell, where some interest has been manifested in the past.

In the reorganization, several phases of work are left off, possibly for the duration of the war, including the senior and sea scouting programs. It is impossible to secure leaders for these activities under present conditions, and many boys eligible to participate are now going into the Army and Navy, anyway.

T. W. Earle, who has served as district chairman for the past two years, declined reelection to that post, due to the fact that his work necessarily keeps him out of the county much of the time, and Jack Booker was named to succeed him. One man was named to head each department of work, instead of a committee being named, as in the past.

Dr. A. Papineau was named district commissioner; Rev. W. B. Daniels, Jr., head of the Cubbing program; B. G. Campbell and P. W. Brown, civic service; C. W. Dinkins, advancement; Dr. J. J. Croley, health and safety; W. H. Smith, camping and activities; J. W. Norman, organization and extension; and Z. V. Norman, finance.

Rev. Lee A. Phillips is Scoutmaster of the local troop; W. H. Smith is assistant scoutmaster; Rev. W. B. Daniels, Jr., is Cubmaster; and the local troop committee is composed of the above named departmental heads and T. W. Earle.

Notices Mailed To 17 To Report Tuesday For Fort Bragg Trip

Two or Three Volunteers Included in Group; Other Calls Are Pending

Notices have been mailed out by the Washington County draft board for 17 white men to report for possible induction into the armed forces next Tuesday, November 23. In addition, there is one more young volunteer who will probably be included in the contingent from this county. The orders call for the men to report at the office of the draft board here at 10 a.m., Tuesday, with departure for Fort Bragg set for 10:20 on the regular morning bus to Williamston.

Although notices went out to 17, it is more than likely that about a half dozen of them will be transferred to the jurisdiction of boards in the localities where they are now working. One of the number is a transfer to the board here from another section. Eight of the 17 are listed as non-fathers, while the other 9 are pre-Pearl Harbor dads. Most of the non-fathers are young men who have only recently registered upon reaching the age of 18.

Another call for white men is pending with the board here, the group to leave early next month. This call is much larger than the one this month, and draft board officials indicate that most of the men who will get their notices in December will be fathers.

The board received its call for the colored December quota yesterday. It is a whopper, and beyond doubt, there will be quite a number of colored dads in the group to leave next month.

It is considered possible that some of those who leave for Fort Bragg next Tuesday will have their Thanksgiving Day spoiled for one or more reasons. Since they are leaving Tuesday and Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, it is probable that some of them will be held over until then to receive their examinations. If recent experience is any guide, there was a time when inductees went off one day and came back the next. However, in recent months, some of them are usually held over for two or three days before the Army makes up its mind whether or not it wants them.

There are two volunteers in the group scheduled to leave next Tuesday, one non-father and one father. If Phillip Avers, the latest volunteer, is included in the group, there will be three volunteers.

Following is the list of those ordered to report next Tuesday:
Non-Fathers
 Dennis H. Phelps, of Creswell; W. I.
 (See DRAFT LIST, Page 6)

OPA Speaker at Colored Schools

The Rev. B. W. Gaither, chairman of the community service panel of the county war price and rationing board, announced Monday that a series of three meetings would be held at colored schools in the county this week to acquaint colored people with the work of the OPA. Dean James Taylor, colored assistant to Mrs. Ruth Vick Everett, chief of the State OPA information department, was scheduled to speak at three schools according to the following schedule:

Creswell, Wednesday, November 17, at 8 p.m.; Plymouth, Thursday, November 18, at 8:30 p.m.; and Roper, Friday, November 19, at 8 p.m.

In addition to the speaking by Dean Taylor, Mr. Gaither said the meetings would afford an opportunity to hear some remarkably good singing by the trained voices of colored youth.

Grocers and Barbers Observe Last of Half-Holidays Until After Christmas

Plymouth grocery stores and barber shops observed their last Wednesday half holiday until after Christmas yesterday, according to the plan made about the middle of September. At that time it was announced that the firms affected would close each Wednesday at noon until Thanksgiving week but that the store would remain open each Wednesday afternoon through December.

The stores and shops will therefore be open until 6 p.m. each Wednesday, the same as other weekdays, beginning next

Wednesday and continuing throughout December. Nothing was said about closing after that time, but it is believed the groceries and barber shops will resume the Wednesday half holidays after the first of the year.

It has been suggested that all stores here close at noon each Wednesday, beginning in January and continuing until the tobacco markets open next fall. However, this matter has never been decided by the merchants, although it will probably be discussed at the December or January meeting of the merchants' association.