

Captain E. W. Furgurson, of the Army Air Forces Medical Corps, is visiting Mrs. Furgurson and friends in Plymouth this week after returning from more than 16 months' service in India...

The regular meeting of the City Council was not held Monday night, due to absence from town of several of the councilmen. A postponed meeting will be held later, possibly next Monday night, the 13th, according to town officials.

For the second time in the last decade or more, there will be no Christmas lights on the streets here this year. Blame it on the war, along with millions of other changes in the usual manner of things in this nation...

Lt. Walter C. Burgess, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Burgess, of Plymouth, has arrived safely at an overseas post, his parents were notified recently...

A number of compliance checks have recently been completed by the price panel of the local war price and rationing board. Most of those checked recently have found to be in line with price regulations...

County tax collections are very good for this time of year, it was learned yesterday from Tax Collector J. E. Davenport. The total property valuation for the current tax year is \$6,424,448...

A post card received yesterday from J. R. Manning, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau states that he and L. E. Hassell, of Roper, arrived in Chicago Sunday to attend the annual convention of the Farm Bureau Federation...

Richard West this week announces that he has secured the services of another barber, A. L. Peele, at the Plymouth Barber Shop. Mr. Peele comes to Plymouth from Bethel, and will begin work at the local shop tomorrow morning.

Will Collect Paper Every Other Week

Collection of waste paper here last Monday morning was the most successful yet held according to the office of the county salvage committee. Nearly a ton of paper was collected. In the future, collections will be made by the city trash trucks every other Monday...

It was also stated a considerable quantity of tin cans had been delivered to the municipal building, where properly prepared cans are collected. The committee expresses its appreciation for the cooperation of the public...

Roper Parents-Teachers To Meet Next Tuesday

The regular meeting of the Roper Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the school auditorium there next Tuesday night, December 14, at 8 o'clock. It was announced this week. All patrons and friends of the school are urged to attend.

A meeting of the executive committee will be held Monday afternoon, December 13, at 3:15 p.m.

Gregg Cherry, Candidate for Governor, Will Speak at Farm Bureau Meet Here

R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina in the primary next year, will be the chief speaker at a barbecue meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau in the Agriculture Building here Thursday night of next week, December 16, at 8 o'clock.

Test Blackout To Begin With "Red" Signal at 9:30 in This Section Tonight

There will be a practice blackout tonight, it was learned today from P. W. Brown, chief air-raid warden for Plymouth. Mr. Brown is getting his organization lined up to try to make the test 100 per cent, as it was the last time one was called by Army officials.

last until 9:45, when the "blue" signal will be sounded, and the "all-clear" will come at 10:10, according to Mr. Brown. The order of signals outlined above is slightly different from past procedure, when a "blue" signal always preceded the "red" one.

Empty Stocking Fund Will Furnish Baskets For Needy This Year

Rally at Creswell Tuesday Success

The "Remember Pearl Harbor" rally at Creswell school Tuesday night, December 7th, was an unqualified success, it was learned yesterday from Mrs. Sidney Smithson, who headed the committee on arrangements for the event.

Movement Backed By Four Ministers Started This Week

W. B. Daniels, Jr., is Chairman; Minimum of \$250 Is Sought

Ministers of the four Plymouth churches met Wednesday for the purpose of starting an "Empty Stocking Fund" to furnish Christmas baskets to the needy families of Plymouth and Washington County.

Safe of H. P. Barnes At Cherry Robbed of \$4,200 Last Saturday

Robbery Took Place Early In Evening, Between 7 And 10 O'Clock

State and County officers are still working in the dark on the robbery at Cherry last Saturday night, when Harry P. Barnes' safe was robbed of \$4,200. An official of the State Bureau of Investigation was in the county Tuesday to make an examination for fingerprints on the safe...

Funds will be solicited from church and civic organizations, business concerns, and individuals. This solicitation will not be in the nature of a house to house canvass, but individuals are asked to give voluntarily. Checks should be made payable to "The Empty Stocking Fund, Lee A. Phillips, Treasurer," Plymouth, N. C.

The Junior Woman's Club has been requested by the chairman to take charge of the task of buying the food and arranging the baskets. One of the other civic organizations will be asked to take charge of the distribution of baskets in cooperation with Mrs. Ursula Bateman, Washington County Welfare Officer.

A minimum goal of \$250 has been set, with the hope that generous contributions by organizations and individuals will swell the total to far beyond that figure.

Roper Observers Will Meet on 17th

Roper.—W. Barton Swain, chief observer of the Roper Aircraft Observation post, announced this week that a meeting of all volunteer observers of the post would be held Friday night of next week, December 17, at 8 o'clock, in the high school auditorium.

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Army personnel will present the awards, and will also present a good moving picture. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

Staff Sergeant C. G. Lehner, of the Norfolk Fighter Wing, was here this week to inspect the local post. He was very complimentary about its work in recent weeks, and urges everyone in Roper to attend the meeting next week.

Mother Has Two Sons Home From War Zones

Mrs. Phillip Ambrose was made very happy recently to have two of her sons in the service home from fighting zones. One of the boys, H. Bennett Ambrose, fireman, first class, of the Navy Seabees, was injured last May while on duty in the Pacific area...

Number of Fathers Accepted by Army From Recent Draft

At Least Five Taken in Past 15 Days; Reports Not Yet Complete

The local selective service board is slow in getting returns on the draft groups sent recently to Fort Bragg. It was learned yesterday that six out of the 18 white men who left here November 23 had been accepted for service with the armed forces...

Of the six accepted from the November 23 contingent, two were fathers and four were non-fathers. All three of those known to have been accepted last week were fathers, and all of them went into the Army.

Those accepted from the November 23 call are as follows: Dennis H. Phelps, Creswell, and Charles Thomas Robbins, Jr., of Plymouth, both non-fathers, to the Army; Merimont Thomas Barnes, Plymouth, and Joseph Baker Davenport, Creswell, fathers, to the Navy; Charles Edward Hill, Plymouth, non father, to the Navy; and Irving Litchfield Tarkenton, Roper, to the Marine Corps.

The three known to have been accepted by the Army from the call last week, all fathers, are as follows: Carl Burton Roberson, Foy Garland Davenport, and Elbert Lee Woodley, of Plymouth. There may be others, but these three are all that are known to have been accepted.

The local board is getting ready to send an estimated 75 colored men to Fort Bragg Saturday of next week, and it was stated that a large number of them will be in the fathers group.

Masonic Lodge Here Elects New Officers For Coming Year

Seek Dispensation for Installation by Grand Master on January 5

Edward L. Owen was elected master of Perseverance Lodge of Masons for the coming year at the annual election of officers last Tuesday night. He will succeed James W. Norman, who has served during the present year.

The lodge is planning to seek a special dispensation from the Grand Lodge to have the newly elected officers installed on Wednesday, January 5, when Grand Master James W. Payne, of Salisbury, is scheduled to visit the local lodge and a district meeting will be held here.

In addition to the five officers elected by the membership as outlined above, several other places are to be filled by the newly elected master. It is expected that he will announce the appointment within the next two or three weeks.

Officers to be appointed by the master include junior and senior deacons, junior and senior stewards, and tiler.

More than 1,000 Masons from 16 lodges within a radius of 60 miles are to be invited to the district meeting to be held here January 5, it was stated by H. H. McLean, district deputy grand master for the third Masonic district.

Roy Stillman Elected County AAA Chairman

Roy W. Stillman, of Roper, was elected chairman of the county AAA committee for 1944 at the meeting held in the agricultural building here last Thursday by delegates elected at community AAA meetings earlier in the week.

School Attendance Law Is Not Being Enforced in County

Creswell School Faces Loss Of Teachers As Result, Reports State

The Washington County Board of Education faces a serious and annoying problem in some sections, it was learned from P. M. Arps, chairman, following the regular meeting of the board here last Monday.

The main trouble seems to center in some sections in the Creswell area, and T. J. Collier, principal of the school there, said that local officials had been unable to correct the matter. It is not a question of transportation, because school buses run right past the homes of some of those who fail to attend regularly.

The matter is somewhat complicated at this time, according to Superintendent H. H. McLean, since there is a dispute between the State Welfare Department and Attorney General McMullan over whose duty it is to enforce the compulsory school attendance law.

Formerly, the county superintendent was charged with bringing indictments against the parents of children who did not attend school. The law still requires attendance of children, but the last legislature practically nullified its effect by not clearly setting out whose duty it is to enforce the law.

Regardless of this jurisdictional dispute, the general feeling is that something should be done to enforce the attendance laws in this county, when its schools are threatened with the loss of teachers through the indifference of some parents as to whether or not their children attend school.

Name Delegates To Southern Albemarle Meeting at Manteo

25 Delegated To Represent County at Annual Session December 17

The names of 25 delegates from Washington County to the annual meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association to be held in Manteo on Thursday, December 17, were announced this week by John W. Darden, vice president.

Mr. Darden stated that the list of names furnished this newspaper would be the only notice given, as he was leaving town Monday morning and would not have time to get formal notices out to them.

The list of delegates follows: W. L. Whitley, president of the association; John W. Darden, vice president for Washington County; E. G. Arps, J. C. Knowles, Harry W. Pritchett, C. N. Davenport, sr., Ben A. Sumner, J. K. Reid, H. H. McLean, B. G. Campbell, J. J. Hassell, A. L. Holmes, P. W. Brown, Harry P. Barnes, L. E. Hassell, W. V. Hays, J. E. Davenport, T. W. Earle, D. B. Kuhe, E. J. Spruill, John H. Allen, C. L. Bailey, Z. V. Norman, H. H. Allen, and W. F. Winslow.

Mr. Darden said that no alternates would be named to the meeting this year, and each delegate will have one vote. For that reason, it is hoped that as large a delegation as possible will attend.

Delegates from this county are reminded that the Alligator River ferry is not in operation, and it will therefore be necessary for the delegation to travel by way of Elizabeth City or to go by Englehard and the ferry over Croatan Sound.

Mrs. Hawkins Resigns As Register of Deeds; J. R. Campbell Named

KILLED IN ACTION



It was announced yesterday that a memorial service would be held in the Christian church here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Corporal Aubrey W. Asby (above), of the Marine Corps, who was killed in action in the South Pacific on November 11, Son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Asby, of Plymouth, Corporal Asby is the sixth Washington County man to lose his life in line of duty during the war.

Change To Become Effective January 1; Announced Monday

Present Term of Mrs. Hawkins Will Expire in December of Next Year

Mrs. Mary Cahoon Hawkins submitted her resignation as Washington County Register of Deeds to the county commissioners at their regular meeting last Monday, and the board shortly afterwards appointed J. Robert Campbell, Plymouth merchant and chairman of the ABC board to fill out the unexpired term.

Mr. Campbell has been in the grocery business in Plymouth since 1909, with the exception of a four-year period early in the thirties. He has been active in county affairs, serving as chairman of the county board of commissioners from 1936 to 1938, and as chairman of the ABC board since that time.

Jury List Is Drawn For January Term Of Superior Court

Begins January 10; Judge C. E. Thompson Scheduled To Preside

The Washington County Superior Court will convene January 10, with Judge C. Everett Thompson of Elizabeth City scheduled to preside. The court will deal with criminal cases the first few days and the civil cases will be on the docket after that.

Plymouth Township: Roy R. Hill, E. R. Bateman, Abe Adler, M. W. Spruill, J. S. Norman, David J. Brown, Vance Harrison, Sam M. Alexander, W. C. Moore, L. C. Walters, A. S. Johnston.

Lees Mill Township: T. W. Norman, Irving Hassell, T. W. Tarkenton, H. E. Furlough, J. S. Davenport, Herbert Hardison, Ronda Lee Davenport, L. S. Brey, Mack Davenport, A. J. Barnes, Raymond Davenport, Joe Phelps, Marvin Peele, G. C. Phelps.

Skinner'sville Township: W. P. Patrick, A. W. Alexander, W. S. Phelps, H. L. Davenport. Scuppernon Township: Lohman Tarkenton, W. T. Phelps, David Furlough, James Spencer, Herbert Phelps, O. D. Hatfield, Stanley Oliver, Joseph Furlough, Earl Furlough, Robert A. McGowan, Mack E. McGowan, Henry T. Woodley, E. Lester Cobb.

The jury list for the second week are as follows: Plymouth Township: L. Tom Harrison, E. H. Hopkins, George L. Chesnon, H. M. Ramsey, C. O. Kelly, Bertie M. Lewis.

Lees Mill Township: W. R. Swain, W. B. Swain, Sylvester Twiddy, W. H. Riddick, J. J. Hassell. Skinner'sville Township: H. E. Clifton, B. O. Oliver, M. B. Davenport, Delbert Patrick, H. E. Ambrose.

Scuppernon Township: H. S. Furlough, Dewey Spruill, M. Coy Davenport, Howard L. Ambrose, Walton C. Spruill, Hoyt R. Davenport, Robert R. Tarkenton, Philip M. Spruill.

Teachers Guests of Lions Last Week

The local Lions Club entertained members of the Plymouth High School faculty at its regular meeting Thursday night of last week. Two new members of the club, the Rev. William B. Daniels, Jr., and the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, were also initiated at the meeting, and two former members, E. L. Walker and Captain E. W. Furgurson, of the Army Air Corps, were present and called on for a few brief remarks.

President B. G. Campbell welcomed the guests and Principal R. B. Trotman responded for the faculty members. Piano music for the occasion was furnished by Shep Brinkley, and all of the teachers were introduced individually.

A delicious turkey dinner was served by members of the Junior Woman's Club. The table was attractively arranged with greenery and burning candles in crystal holders.

Name Tax Supervisor and List Takers At Meeting of County Board Monday

First steps were taken by the Washington County Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday to set up the machinery for listing all real and personal property in the county during the month of January. Former Commissioner E. F. Swain, of Creswell, was again appointed tax supervisor, and the list takers for the various townships were named.

The list takers are as follows: P. B. Belanga, Scuppernon Township; W. W. White, Skinner'sville; Mrs. E. M. Chesson, Lees Mill; and Mrs. Hermine A. Ramsey, Plymouth.

commissioners at the courthouse here in a special session on Tuesday, December 21, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving instructions. All taxes are supposed to be listed during January, and the list takers hope to complete the work during that month.

As a rule, listing is very slow during the early days of the month, with the listers overwhelmed with work during the last few days. There will be no change in real-estate listings, except where property has suffered permanent damage or if improvements have been made. The next quadrennial revaluation of real estate is not scheduled to take place until 1945.