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W. R. Ingram, prominent Williamston tobacconist and father of Mrs. C. C. Hardison, of Plymouth, lost his life in a hotel fire at Fayetteville, early Saturday morning. Funeral services were held for him in Williamston yesterday afternoon.

It was learned here Monday that

While visiting his sister, Mrs. W. B. Cox, here during the Christmas holidays, Charlie Jackson, of Norvated sinus disorder. He underwent

Mrs. Wade H. Johnson, of Plymouth, was this week appointed county chairman for the infantile paralysis drive to be held the last week in January, according to a telegram received yesterday from R. W. Maddry, of Chapel Hill, publicity director, Dr. Ralph W. McDonald is state chairman of the campaign.

Despite the handicap of an arti-ficial leg, acting Clerk of Superior Court W. B. Cox managed to get around all during the snow and ice a couple of weeks ago without falling even once. Then, Monday morning, in his office at the courthouse, he got up from his desk to answer the telephone, stuck his artificial foot into a misplaced cuspidor, lost his equilibrium, dignity and good nature as he made a forced landing that shook the building. He was shaken up but not badly hurt and soon regained his temporarily lost attributes

W. K. Taylor, jr., grandson of Mrs. George Barden, sr., of Plymouth, who was wounded in the Salerno battle in Italy last fall, is now at Atlanta Ga., hospital for plastic-surgery treatment. He is 22 years old.

Plymouth stores observed the first of the Wednesday half-holidays yesterday afternon. Pursuant to a decision reached at the December meeting of the merchants association, local stores will close at noon each Wednesday for the remainder of the day.

County Auditor E. J. Spruill was back at work in his office at the courthouse this week after being out for about two weeks on account of flu and pneumonia. He is still a little weak, but is gaining strength ev-

Staff Sergeant C. G. Lehner, inspector of aircraft spotting posts in this section for the Norfolk Fighter Wing of the Army Air Forces, visited the three observation posts in Washington County this week. He said the Creswell and Roper posts were doing a fine work, and he believes things will be straightened out at the C. Lang & Son pickle plant in Plymlocal post after a special meeting to be held here Friday night by William tracts were now ready for those farm-B. Daniels, jr., the chief observer.

Large Crowd Here For Masonic Meet

officers were unable to attend, as pickles, and another is the acceptscheduled, the Masonic meeting held ance of green "crooks" instead of here Tuesday afternoon and night throwing them out, as was done for was one of the largest ever to be held the past several years. No women with the local lodge. Grand Master graders will be employed, with cu-James W. Payne, of Salisbury, was present; and in addition to installing ery, Mr. Dinkins said. The contract officers of Perseverance Lodge for the coming year made an address at the to be the best since the plant was esnight sesion that was generally con- tablished here. There are only three sidered the high spot of the entire grades, as compared with five in 1943,

in attendance on the barbecue sup- length, as formerly. per, served in the community build-Virginia, and Florida,

Edward L. Owens, newly installed which 80 cents will be paid. master of the local lodge, served as master of ceremonies at the barbecue meeting; and a goodly number of the 1-8 inch smaller than this year's No. visitors were called on for brief talks. 1 grade. The new No. 2 grade in-There were several district deputies cludes what was 2-A and 2-B grades present, including H. H. McLean, of last year, and the price for these having the grand master attend the more, as there are more 2-Bs than meeting here. It was generally 2-As. All over 1 3-4 inches in dithe most outstanding Masonic gatherings ever held in Plymouth.

To Meet Tomorrow Night Sworn in Monday at Beer and Wine Here

pletely reorganize the Ground Obser- persons will be designated to serve hospital for treatment for an aggra- ver Corps in Plymouth at a meeting regular shifts on Wednesday after- Several Other Matters Be- Also Prohibits Boys From to be held in the courthouse here Fri- noons, which will mean only about a series of operations after being ad- day night, it was stated yesterday by one hour on duty each month. The mitted there December 26 and was the Rev. William B. Daniels, jr., chief other eight, four men and four sufficiently recovered to be brought observer. At the present time the lo- women, will be used as alternates. gency should arise.

unteers upon whom he can depend tions require it.

Plans are now underway to com- at the meeting Friday night. Sixteen

back to his sister's home here yes- cal aircraft warning post is operated The purpose of the reorganization only one afternoon each week, but is to have sufficient volunteers avail-Army Air Force officials are asking able to man the post on a continuous that a more permanent organization basis for 48 or possibly 72 hours in be formed, so that the post can go case of emergency. This would give on continuous operation if an emer- the chief observer sufficient time to recruit volunteers to keep the post in Mr. Daniels hopes to secure 24 vol- continuous operation should condi-

Tax Listing Gets Off To Usual Slow Start of the new register of deeds, who was shilled on the stdewarks in the busiappointed to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Mary Cahoon Hawkins, was stand shall pay a privilege tax of \$1 In County This Week approved and accepted. Mrs. Hawbern per year. Colored boys who have kins resigned at the December meeting of the board, as she plans to move shine shoes during the latter part of

Tax Collector In **Creswell Weekly**

The county tax collector, J. E. Davenport, will be at the shoe shop in Creswell every Friday for the next several weeks for the convenience of taxpayers in that section who wish to pay up and save the penalty on delinquent taxes, which becomes effective after February 1. His hours at Creswell wil be from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each Friday.

Mr. Davenport will have the tax books for both Scuppernong Skinnersville Townships with him and will be prepared to issue the official receipts for all taxes paid at the office in Cres-

Improved Contract Now Being Offered

Number Changes Made in and poll taxes must be listed during Grading Regulations For This Year

C. W. Dinkins, manager of the C. outh, announced this week that coners in this section who wish to produce cucumbers for pickling purposes. A number of changes have been made in grading methods and sizes that will have the effect of increasing the price paid for cucumbers, in comparison with 1943 prices.

One of the principal changes is en-Although a number of grand lodge larging the size allowed for No. 1 cumbers will all be graded by machinto be offered farmers this year is said and grades are determined entirely by There were more than 100 Masons diameter of cucumbers, instead of

The green "crooks" will be accepting at 7 o'colck by members of the ed in all three grades. Grade No. 1 Eastern Star chapter. Representa- includes cucumbers from 5-8 to 1 1-8 during the month at H. L. Daventives were here from Elizabeth City, inches in diameter, for which \$3.50 port's store (formerly Nat Rhodes' Edenton, Hertford, Gatesvile, Wind- per 100 pounds wil be paid. Grade store); Tuesdays, January 11 and 18, sor, Fairfeld, Washington, Currituck, No. 2 is cucumbers from 1 1-8 to 1 3-4 at E. W. Patrick's store at the foot and a number of other localities, as inches in diameter, for which \$1.80 of the sound bridge; at A. R. Patwell as visitors from the grand juris- per 100 will be paid. Grade 3 includes rick's store on Highway 64 on Tuesdictions of Maine, Virginia, West all cucumbers, except yellows, of 1 3-4 day, January 25th; and at W. W. Number Apply Tuesday inches in diameter or larger, for

Last year all crooks were thrown out and the No. 1 maximum size was

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Roper Council Votes \$75 To Plymouth Firemen for Response To Two Calls

Christmas is past, but the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department last week received a couple of very nice presents. The Town of Roper councilmen, at a recent meeting, voted to appropriate \$75 for the firemen here as a mark of appreciation for their promptness in answering a couple of calls for assistance dur-

ing recent months Accordingly, Chief Miller Warren last week was presented two checks, one for \$25 for answering a call to Davenport's store in Roper last September, and another for \$50 for answering a call last month, when three colored houses were burned down The local department responded quickly and helped to prevent the

fires from spreading. Chief Warren said the local firemen voted to buy a \$100 War Bond with the \$75 contributed by the Roper council. When the bond matures, the money will be used for equipping the fire company's work shop and club room. The firemen are very grateful to the Roper city fathers for their liberarity and thoughtfulness, and a splendid feeling of neighborliness exists all around.

Schedules Outlined For Month by Four

Approximately 100 Persons Have Listed Here So Far This Month

Township, at least-it was learned to- lands in this county. y 100 property owners had listed a future meeting of the board their holdings here, it is stated.

Tax Supervisor E. F. Swain is still day of this week, however, and it is Cucumber Growers presumed the work is getting along about as rapidly as usual.

All real estate, personal property

days of the month.

Following is the schedules as anthroughout the county:

the month, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, to the entire high school at assembly, over to the grocer. January 19, 20, and 21; at Chesson's Also at 3:30, Mr. Kirkendall will ad-25; and at Roper all other days of the month from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Skinnersville Township, W. W. White, list taker: Each Thursday White's store all the other days in the month.

Scuppernong Township, P. B. Belday, Friday and Saturday at Cres-Thursday, January 27.

agreed that the meeting was one of ameter are classed as No. 3, and the Rev. Perry F. Baldwin New until Tuesday of this week. Pastor at Philippi Church

Creswell.-The Rev. Perry F. Baldwin, of Rockford, Ill., has accepted the pastorate of the Philippi group of churches in this section, including White Chapel, Albemarle and Columbia, it was announced this New Representative Here week. He is expected to arrive with his family within the next 10 days

to begin his work here. The Rev. Mr. Baldwin will reside of Washington, has employed Renn in the parsonage at Creswell which Dupree to handle their laundry pickwas recently occupied by the Rev. Lasker B. Bennett.

Services Announced by Local Methodist Pastor

Rev. T. R. JENKINS, Pastor Services for Sunday, January 9,

County Board Meet Saturday to Monday

fore Commissioners at Regular Meeting

the Superior Court W. B. Cox.

bers, Chairman E. G. Arps, J. C. the future. to New Bern in the near future.

who is in a Norfolk hospital, to as- be placed on the sidewalks. certain how soon he will be able to The councilmen adopted the state resume his duties in connection with law which permits municipalities to throughout the county.

vey a tract of land adjoining the and 7 a.m. Mondays. property of E. R. Blount.

A motion was passed by the commissioners to pay Z. V. Norman the sum of \$1,193.82 and expenses for the balance due as attorney's fees in Tax listing, although at a slow connection with tax suits and setrate, nevertheless started off better tlement of claims against the Roper this year than last—in Plymouth and Norfolk Southern Land Company

day from Mrs. Hermine Ramsey and L. L. Basnight superintendent of Mrs. W. M. Spruill, list takers for the county farm was instructed to Plymouth Township and the Town prepare a detailed report concernof Plymouth, respectively. Up to ing the operations of the county farm the middle of the week, approximate- in the year 1943 and present it at

No reports were available from the remainder of the county, as County Education Specialist in a Norfolk hospital, where it is in a Norfolk hospital h

Speak to Students and PTA Members

County Auditor E. J. Spruill this spend the day at Plymouth High week secured the schedules of listing dates for the various sections with the subjects of social relationom the list takers. Property own- ships and sex education. Mr Kirk ers are urged to study the schedules endall is well acquainted with the and to list their holding when it is instruction of the subjects mentionmost convenient. Early listing is ad- ed, having served as consultant on vocated to lessen the possibility of the committee of social hygene edudelay during the last-minute rush, cation for the State of Oklahoma bewhich always develops the last few fore coming to the North Carolina State Board of Health.

the Parent-Teacher Association will from each housewife. hold a meeting at which time Mr. Meat dealers have agreed to take are urged to be present.

For New Liquor Books

Mrs. Hermine Ramsey, registrar anga, list taker: Each Monday, Tues- for whiskey ration book No. 2, said yesterday that she issued more books well; each Wednesday at Cherry; at Tuesday, when the registration was Mount Tabor on Thursday, January resumed, than she did the entire first 6: at New Lands on Thursday, Jan- four weeks of the registration period Plymouth, who was instrumental in cukes will average 60 cents per 100 uary 20; and at Ambrose Road in October and November. The issuance of books was halted December 1st and no registration was permitted

Those who have not applied for their new liquor books may make application at Mrs. Ramsey's office here any Tuesday. They are advised not to forget to bring their War Ration Book No. 3.

For Washington Laundry

The Standard Cleaners & Laundry up and delivery service here, effective this week. He succeeds Earl Phelps, who left yesterday after volunteering for service in the Navy.

each Monday and Tuesday, it is an- evening of next week, January 12, at nounced, with deliveries to be made 8 o'clock, it was announced this week each Saturday. Patrons are also ad- by Mrs. W. V. Hays. Lester Kikenvised that all laundry bundles must dall, education specialist from the be composed of at least 50 per cent State Department of Health, will ing worship, 11 a. m.; Youth Fellow- flat work in order to secure the pound speak on "Social Relationships and ship, 6 p. m.; Evening worship, 7:30 rate. Otherwise, the charge will be Sex Education." A good attendance made by the piece.

Shining Shoes on Sidewalks Uptown

J. Robert Campbell took the oath Town councilmen passed on a numof office as Washington County Reg- ber of matters at their regular meetister of Deeds at the monthly meet- ing last Monday night, but beer and ing of the county board of commis- bootblacks were the principle topics sioners Monday morning and imme- of discussion. The council adopted diately entered upon his duties, a state law which will ban the sale which include that of ex officio clerk of beer inside the city limits from to the commissioners. The oath was Saturday night until Monday mornadministered by Assistant Clerk of ing, while the swarm of colored boys who shine shoes on the streets here All three of the county board mem- were prohibited from this practice in

Knowles and H. W. Pritchett, were The ordinance relating to bootpresent for the meeting. The bond blacks provides that no shoes may be of the new register of deeds, who was shined on the sidewalks in the busiapproved and accepted. Mrs. Haw- per year. Colored boys who have each week may continue their trade The clerk was instructed to write if they secure a stand and pay the to the tax supervisor, E. F. Swain, \$1 license tax, but the stand may not

the tax-listing work now underway prohibit the sale of wine, beer, and other alcoholic beverages between District List Takers w. w. Ange was appointed to sur-

A complaint was made about the crowds which block the sidewalks in front of the theatre here prior to Navy and Marines Get 3 the civil session, and there are several opening ticket sales, and the council charged the police force with the duty of lining up the theatre patrons in such manner as to keep at least a passageway open.

Dewey Ange and Paul Gurganus asked that cinders or some other material be applied to the dirt street which intersects Wilson street the other side of the railroad crossing. Complaint was also made that trains block this same dirt street sometimes for as long as an hour.

Fire Chief Miller Warren made his annual report to the council. This report showed that while the fire dely required the application of water or ation last week. The various township list takers went to work Monchemicals during the past year. This nest Jones and David Rupert Swain. ed in a number of years.

Lester A. Kirkendall Will In addition to the above matters, again furnished the larger part of routine business was disposed of and those accepted 14 the Navy getting bills ordered paid by the councilmen.

ist of the State Board of Health, will spend the day at Plymouth High Fats Is Increased by as follows:

Cents Pound and 2 Red Meat Points

By Miss HELENE DUVALL OPA Order RSR-14 sets as a max-The Parent-Teacher Association of imum price for househald fats, 4 nounced by the various list takers Plymouth High School has made it cents a pound to the housewife and possible for Mr. Kirkendall to be at 5 cents a pound to the merchant. A jr., by the Navy; Lora Tatem, An-Plymouth Township, Mrs. Hermine the school for one day. These social majority of the rendering firms in drew Bouton, Chester Willie Baum Ramsey, list taker: At her office on relationship lectures are encouraged North Carolina have agreed to pay and George Thomas Brickhouse by Water Street every week day during by the State Board of Health and will the merchant 5 cents per pound, thus the Army. be informing and educational. The enabling the merchant to pay the Lees Mill Township, Mrs. E. M. State Official will speak informally housewife 4 cents. In addition to Chesson, list taker: At Wenona to small groups of representative stu- this, 2 red meat points are given for Webb, by the Army. Monday, January 10; at Mackeys dents during the day, and later speak every pound of waste fats turned

This should tremendously increase store, Westover, Tuesday, January dress the faculty of the school, and the amount of fats collected in North representatives of local civic and re- Carolina, which is exactly what the ligious organizations are urged to be Government is trying to do. The present. At 8 p.m. Wednesday night goal is a pound of waste fats a month

of their waste fats. If one grocer is Harbor fathers. unable to take it because he does not sell meats or because his dealer can- ing out the new procedure in cases not at present take it up, then an- of deferred men who are registered other grocer will readly take it. The here but who are working in localidrive for the collection of waste fats ties where other boards have jurisis on stronger than ever now. They diction over them. Files on such are urgently needed

corrugated boxes will again be collected on Monday, January 17th. Further notice is expected to be given by hand bills.

Waste Paper

Tin Cans Containers for tin cans which were placed at the municipal building have not yet been filled the first time. A ton or more must be collected before they can be shipped, but housewives seem to have forgotten how urgently they are needed by the Army.

Parent-Teacher Association To Meet Next Wednesday

The Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association will hold a meeting in the Laundry bundles will be collected school auditorium here Wednesday is urged at this meeting.

Ask Aircraft Spotters Here New Register Deeds Council Bans Sale of Superior Court Will Convene Monday for Term of Two Weeks

LAPEL BUTTON



Men and women who have been honorably discharged from any branch of the armed services since the present war began are now being authorized to wear the above insignia, of gold-plated plastic, it was announced last week by the War Department.

25 Colored Men Go Into Service From County Last Month

Each: Other 19 Will Go Into Army

Final returns on the December draft call for colored men from this county shows that 25 out of the 62 who made the trip to Fort Bragg were accepted for service with the various branches of the armed forces. Of the 25 accepted, three went to the Navy, three to the Marine Corps, and 19 to the Army. Only three of those accepted were pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, one for the Navy and the other two for the

The two fathers accepted by the Army were both from Plymouth, Er-The other father, Joe Willie Phelps of Creswell, went to the Navy

Of the non-fathers, Plymouth 1, the Marine Corps 3, and the Army on Wednesday, January 12, Lester Kirkendall, educational specialist of the State Point of

> rett and Anthony Alphonso Jordan Housewives Now To Get 4 by the Marines; Johnnie Asa Johnson, Claudius Bratts, Fred Small, McKinley Smith, James McDowell Jordan, James Bruce, Aronious Taylor, William Thomas Moore, Alustus Louis Holley and Willie Lee, by the

Army From Creswell: John Littlejohn,

From Roper Roscoe Boston, Raleigh Chesson, and Wilson Linwood Richwood, W. Va., and

Draft Calls Smaller For Current Month

The Washington County Selective Service Board has received its call Kirkendall will give another address the fat if it is brought in tin cans for both colored and white men to and all interested persons and those and large particles strained out of it. report for possible induction this unable to attend in the afternoon One wholesale meat firm is picking month. The calls have been reduced up the fat in Washington County for January, it was learned, but the and another is trying to make ar- board has been ordered to prepare Norther rangements to move some to their for larger calls in February. A large rendering plant. Housewives should proportion of both calls very likely not have trouble any more getting rid | will be from the ranks of pre-Pearl The local board is now busy carry-

men are being forwarded to appeal Cherry River Paper boards in the sections where they Waste newspaper, magazines, and now live, as directed by regulations recently promulgated

Session Will Be for Trial of Both Civil And Criminal Cases

Judge C. Everett Thompson Of Elizabeth City, To Preside

The Washington County Superior Court will convene next Monday morning at 10 o'clock for the reguar January two-week term. Judge Everett Thompson, of Elizabeth City, is scheduled to preside over the sessions, which will be for the trial of both criminal and civil actions. The first three days of next week have been set aside for the trial of criminal cases, with the remainder of the erm to be devoted to civil actions.

Nine criminal cases are on the docket for trial beginning Monday morning, while the regular civil calndar carries 22 cases, and the moion calendar has 21 more. The civil alendar is set to begin Thursday norning and continue through the ollowing Wednesday. Six divorce cass have been set for the first day of more on the motion calendar, which may be called at the pleasure of the

The criminal docket is as follows: State vs. Mrs. N. C. Walters; reckess driving; continued from last July

State vs. Van B. Martin, breaking and entering; also continued from ast term of court: State vs. Vernon Nixon, white, of

Edenton: Gregory Norman and Raymond Everett, colored, of Mackeys: ndicted by grand jury last July on charges of theft; Lloyd Chappell and Wayland White

white, of Edenton; carnal knowledge of female over 12 and under 16 years of age. They were originally charged with rape, but the grand jury found not a true bill on that count and reurned an indictment as above; State vs. J. D. Vick, white, of Plym-

uth; two cases, both charging car-(See SUPERIOR COURT Page 6)

Harley Johnson, Former Resident, Is Killed in Action

Family in Richwood Notified December 24 of His Death in Italy

News was received here last wee of the death in action of Private H ev Johnson, former resider Plymouth, who was killed in It

November 21, 1943 An emp he was inducted into th December 16, 1942. Aft a newspaper published ras lea co no.

published W. Johnson received a in the War Department telegram To Saturday, stating that her son. rley Johnson had Private. H killed in action on November 21, 1943. Harley had served overseas for the past six months, going over in May of this year. He first landed in Africa, later being trans-

as Republican,

ed to Italy, where he met his te Johnson was inducted into the army on December 16, 1942. He was stationed at the following at the following camps here in the United States, Ft. Bragg, N. C., Camp Sibert, and Rucker. Alabama

"Harley attended Then School. He was yood High by the until their disbandmen being trans-

(See KILLED IN ITALY, Page 6)

Registrants Holding Farm Deferments Must File Farm Plans by January 15

All Washington County registrants who live on farms and wish to continue to held their farm classifications are notified by the local selective service board that they must file their proposed 1944 farm plans with the board not later than January 15. The blanks on which farm plans are to be submitted to the draft board may be secured at the office of the USDA War Board

at the Agriculture Building here. The local draft board also announces that farm operators who have draft registrants working

for them must submit a "master sheet" showing his farm plans for the coming year and the manpower necessary to operate his farm. This also may be obtained at the office of the USDA War Board, and it must be filed with the selective service board on or before January 15.

The draft board is preparing to review all farm classifications; and unless the information outlined above is furnished by the 15th, registrants who live on farms are subject to reclassifieation and possible induction in the armed forces.