

The next collection of waste paper in Plymouth will take place next Monday morning, January 17, when the town trash trucks will canvass the town to pick up all bundles. Townspeople are asked to make separate bundles of old newspapers, magazines and cartons and place them in front of their houses in time for the trucks to pick them up early Monday.

Mrs. T. L. Bray announced yesterday that the local chapter of the UDC will meet at her home Friday afternoon, January 21, instead of on Friday, January 14, as originally stated.

It was announced this week by the state Office of Price Administration that new maximum retail price of ungraded country eggs is 50 cents per dozen for this section. The maximum wholesale price is 43.2 cents per dozen.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Chesson, sr., of Roper, last week received a telegram announcing the birth of a son, James III, to Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. James A. Chesson, jr., on Tuesday, January 4, in Jacksonville, Fla. Lieutenant Chesson is a Naval aviator and has been stationed in Florida for some time. The telegram from him contained the information that his wife "and baby fine. Father surviving."

Herbert M. Kleckhefer, secretary and treasurer of the Kleckhefer Container Co., of Delair, N. J.; T. W. Earle, manager of the wood and land department; and D. B. Kuhe, resident manager of the North Carolina Pulp Company, went to Conway, S. C., on a hunting trip last week-end.

Draft registrants who wish to retain their farm classifications are reminded that they have only two days left in which to get their 1944 farm plans signed and filed with the draft board here. Saturday, January 15, is the last day for filing them. Blanks may be obtained at the office of the USDA War Board in the agricultural building.

Dr. Al Shaw and L. I. Case, of the animal husbandry department of State College, Raleigh, were in the county yesterday. They nominated several bulls from E. F. Still's herd of pure-bred Herefords for the Alabama Black Belt Hereford Bull sale to be held in the spring. North Carolina breeders will send three carloads of cattle to this sale.

Local service men who have been visiting relatives and friends here during the past week include Corporal Tom Gardner, of a military police detachment at Fort Jackson, S. C.; Private William E. Waters, of Camp Shanks, N. Y.; and George W. Harrison, jr., second-class electrician's mate, of Norfolk, Va.

## George Barden Now Has Interest in Firm

Announcement was made this week that George T. Barden had bought an interest in the firm of House Chevrolet Company, local Chevrolet dealers, effective January 1. Mr. Barden has been bookkeeper and parts manager of the firm since January, 1939; and it was stated that he would continue in this capacity, as well as assume more responsible duties with the firm.

Mr. Barden has hundreds of friends throughout the county who will learn with interest that he has become financially interested in the firm by which he has been employed for the past five years. He is regarded as a most promising young business man, and his friends wish him every success in his new connection with the automobile agency here.

## Dance for Visiting Service Men Each Saturday Night

A dance was held in the American Legion Hall here last Saturday night for the service men who happened to be in this vicinity at the time. The dance was sponsored by about 20 local girls. A goodly number of service men was present. Soft drinks and cookies were served by the girls. It is planned to hold similar dances each Saturday night in the Legion hall beginning at 8 o'clock and all servicemen are cordially invited to attend. Chaperones will be school teachers and other interested townspeople.

## Hogs Cannot Be Butchered for Own Use Point-Free Unless Owned 60 Days

A statement was issued yesterday by the local rationing board relative to persons who buy live hogs to be butchered for their own use. OPA regulations require that hogs be owned at least 60 days before they can be butchered for the owners' use without ration points being surrendered for such meat. In the event the owners do not actually feed and care for the swine themselves, they are required to exercise supervision by visiting the place such hogs are kept at least twice each week.

For information of farmers who have fresh pork for sale, following is the table of points to

## Section Has Second Heavy Snow Last Saturday; Highway Traffic Blocked

This section had its second big snowfall of the season last Saturday. Although a few flakes fell intermittently all day, it did not really begin to snow until after 4 o'clock. Then in less than an hour the ground was completely covered, and by nightfall it had reached a depth of three or four inches. Later it began sleeting, and as the temperature continued to drop, everything was completely covered by an icy blanket.

Some damage was reported to trees, which gave way beneath their heavy coating; and most of the telephone circuits from here to Williamston were out for

a time due to the wires breaking from the weight of ice. Bus traffic was suspended until Monday, except from here to Williamston; and none of the white schools were open Monday, as the school trucks were unable to make their trips.

Temperatures continued below freezing through Sunday, but some of the snow melted Monday, and by Tuesday traffic was resumed, although at a slow pace, as the roads were still slippery. A warm sun yesterday brought conditions just about back to normal, but dirt roads throughout the section are said to be very muddy and treacherous.

## Method of Inducting Registrants Changed By New Regulations

### BUYS INTEREST



George T. Barden purchased an interest in the House Chevrolet Company here January 1, it was learned this week. Mr. Barden has been bookkeeper and parts manager for the firm since January 1, 1939.

## To Name Chairman County ABC Board At Meeting Tonight

### Members of Three County Boards Will Elect Successor To Campbell

A meeting will be held tonight at the courthouse to elect a chairman for the Washington County ABC board to succeed J. R. Campbell, who is resigning due to the fact that he was appointed by the county board recently to fill out the unexpired term of Mrs. Mary Cahoon Hawkins as register of deeds.

The meeting was called by H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction. Election of ABC board members is made by a special group, composed of members of the county board of commissioners, county board of education, and county board of health. The three boards are composed of the following: E. G. Arps, P. M. Arps, B. G. Campbell, Dr. W. H. Johnson, Dr. A. Papineau, and H. H. McLean, of Plymouth; J. C. Knowles and L. E. Hassell, of Roper; H. W. Pritchett and P. B. Belanga, of Creswell.

It is understood that there will be upwards of a half dozen candidates for the post, including one or two members of the boards which compose the above group. The complete list of candidates has not been made public, and there is little advance "dope" that indicates who has the inside track for the vacant post.

be required per pound for the various kinds of meat: Fresh pork sausage, 4 points; smoked pork sausage, 4 points; tenderloin, 7 points; hams, whole or sliced, 5 points; spareribs, 1 point; and lard, 2 points per pound.

It is also announced that spare stamp No. 2 in ration book No. 4 is now good for 5 points in the purchase of fresh pork or all pork sausage.

Anyone who wishes further information relative to butchering hogs, either for his own use or for sale, is invited to call at the office of the rationing board in the courthouse here.

## Deferments for Men 18 to 21 Years Old Practically Banned

### "Screening" Examinations To Be Eliminated After February 1st

Recent directives received by the Washington County Selective Service Board will have far-reaching effects in the methods of deferring registrants and processing selectees called into service from the county after February 1. One of the effects is practically eliminating occupational deferment for men between the ages of 18 and 21, while another is the change in method of examining and inducting men into the service.

Under the regulations, it will be just about impossible for any man, father or non-father, between the ages of 18 and 21, to secure an occupational deferment that will keep him out of the armed forces if he is physically fit. It is understood that those engaged in farm work are not affected by the new orders, although it was explained at the office of the board here that nothing whatever was said about men holding 2-C or 3-C classifications.

About the only exceptions so far as occupational deferment for 18 to 21 years olds is concerned are men in the U. S. merchant marine or Army Transportation Corps. The regulations governing deferments for school or college students in this age group are said to be practically prohibitive. However, those who now hold deferments are not likely to have their cases reviewed until their present deferments expire, it is stated.

Procedure for induction of selectees will be changed after February 1. After that date the "screening" examination by a local physician will be done away with, and men in class 1-A will be called to go to the induction center at Fort Bragg for their pre-induction examination. Those who pass will have at least 21 days before they are called back into the service, whether they go into the Army, Navy or Marines.

It is hoped that a reserve pool of men acceptable by the various branches of the service can be built up to allow selectees 45 days between the time of examination and induction. However, it will require a considerable period of time to get this pool built up; and those who pass the physical examination in the near future may reasonably expect to be called back to begin training in 21 days, it was stated.

Those who pass the physical examination will designate their preference as to branch of service, and be classified accordingly for the Army, Navy or Marine Corps. Separate calls will be received by the local board for each branch. Calls will be received for so many men for the Army, so many for the Navy, and so many for the Marine Corps. Then those who have been examined and passed will be called up for induction into the branch of service for which they were classified.

Not all details of the new plan have been cleared up yet, it was stated here this week, but they are substantially as outlined above.

## Roper Parents-Teachers To Meet Next Tuesday

Roper.—The regular meeting of the Roper Parent-Teachers Association will be held in the school auditorium next Tuesday evening, January 18, at 8 o'clock. It was announced this week by Miss Lois M. Thompson, publicity chairman.

Mrs. Alice Futrelle, vice president of the state parent-teacher association, will be the principal speaker at the meeting, and all patrons of the Roper school are urged to attend.

## 2 Members Local School Committee Resigned Recently

### Cite Lack of Cooperation by County Board Over Long Period as Reason

It was learned this week that two of the three members of the Plymouth local school committee resigned recently, and that their resignations had been accepted by P. M. Arps, chairman of the county board of education. The two members who resigned are P. B. Bateman, chairman, and C. E. Ayers, both of Plymouth; leaving James L. Rea, of Wenona, as the only member of the local committee at this time.

In their letters of resignation, it is understood that both men disclaimed any personal antagonism to members of the county board, although they cited lack of cooperation between the county and local authorities as their reason for resigning. They stated that no single incident brought about their decision to resign, but that in a number of instances during the past year or more decisions were made by the county board about matters affecting the local schools in which they felt they should have been consulted.

There seems to be some difference of opinion as to matters over which the local committee has jurisdiction. Its members considered they exercised authority over the school plant; while a county school official says the duties of a local board are confined almost exclusively to the election of teachers, upon recommendation of the principals.

It was learned that the differences between the two groups were brought to a head during the Christmas holiday period at the school. Due to repairs being made to the heating system in the high school building, the local committee recommended that the schools here reopen on January 3rd. However, county officials rushed the repair work and insisted upon the schools reopening December 29th, as originally announced. This was done, and the two committees resigned shortly afterwards.

So far, no action has been taken to fill the two positions made vacant by the resignations.

## Tax Listing Faster Than Last Year

Tax listing, while still slow, is proceeding at a more rapid pace than last year in Plymouth Township. It was learned this morning from Mrs. Hermine Ramsey, tax lister for this township. It is evident that there will be as soon as possible to avoid having to wait later on in the month.

Mrs. Ramsey said that more farmers had listed so far this month than in the same period last year. However, there are a great many taxpayers who live right here in town who have not listed. They are requested to list as early in the week as possible, in order to keep Fridays and Saturdays open for people who get to town only once each week.

The listers have not been run over with work so far, but they manage to keep fairly busy. Mrs. Ramsey also issues whiskey ration book No. 2 in her office here each Tuesday, and she said this fact had caused a great many people to list who otherwise might have put it off until later. Each applicant for a liquor book is reminded about listing his taxes, and a great many of them are "killing two birds with one stone" by listing their property and securing their whiskey books at the same time.

## Grand Jury Report Filed With Superior Court Here Tuesday

### Most of County Property Is Said To Be in Good Condition

The Washington County grand jury, named at the opening of superior court here Monday morning, completed its work and was discharged for the term Tuesday afternoon. In its report to the grand jury states that it passed on all bills and presentments brought to its attention, and in addition made a personal examination of the jail, county home, offices of the courthouse, agriculture building, prison camp and all schools in the county, both white and colored.

As a general rule, most of the county owned and operated properties were found to be in good condition, although suggestions were made for improvements and repairs in some instances. Excerpts from the report, filed with the clerk Tuesday afternoon, are as follows:

"Jail is clean and well kept. We wish to commend the keeper for its splendid condition. Offices of courthouse were found to be in satisfactory condition."

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## Criminal Docket Is Cleared Tuesday in Superior Court Here

### Recessed Until This Morning, When Trial of Civil Cases Was Begun

Despite a half-day delay Monday, the Washington County Superior court made rapid progress once it got underway, and the criminal docket was cleared by 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, when the court recessed until Thursday morning. The delay Monday was caused by the absence of Solicitor Donnell Gilliam, of Tarboro, who was unable to get here until the afternoon, on account of the icy condition of the roads between here and Tarboro, where he lives.

Judge C. Everett Thompson, of Elizabeth City, is presiding. He was on hand and had the court called to order on time Monday. The grand jury was organized and charged shortly afterwards, following which the court marked time until after noon, when the solicitor arrived.

Nine cases were on the docket for trial, but only four were tried. The others were continued for various causes. Following is a resume of the proceedings up to this morning, when work was begun on the civil calendar:

The case against Mrs. N. C. Walters, charged with reckless driving, was continued for the state.

The case against Van B. Martin, for breaking and entering, was continued by consent.

Continuance was also granted in the case against Vernon Nixon, white, of Edenton; Gregory Norman and Raymond Everett, colored, of Mackeys, charged with larceny, due to inability to locate Nixon.

The first case actually tried was that against Lloyd Chappell and Wayland White, young white men of the Hertford section. They were originally charged with rape, but the grand jury at the July term of superior court returned a true bill charging them with carnal knowledge of a girl under 16 years of age. In the trial this week, the State accepted a plea of guilty to assault upon a female; and the young men were sentenced to 18 months on the roads, suspended upon payment of the court costs and \$200 each to the father of the complaining witness for her use. As a further judgment, they were put on probation for a period of three years.

The grand jury at the last July term of court made a presentment against J. D. Vick, white farmer near Plymouth, charging him in two cases with carnal knowledge of a female over 12 and under 16 years of age. At the court this week, the grand jury was unable to act upon the presentment, due to absence of both the state's principal witnesses.

Herman Lee Wilkins, colored, of Mackeys, was found guilty of stealing a pocketbook. He was fined \$50 and costs and ordered to pay \$45 to A. L. Watson, the complaining witness.

Henry Patrick, colored, of the Pea Ridge section, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on A. R. Patrick, sr., white, changed his plea to guilty after trial was begun and was fined \$150 and costs.

Willie Lee Credle, colored, of Plymouth, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, pleaded guilty to simple assault and was fined \$50 and costs.

## Stores Here Not to Close Wednesdays

Plymouth merchants decided at a special meeting of the merchants association Monday afternoon not to begin observance of the Wednesday half-holidays until April. Members of the association voted early in December to begin closing Wednesday afternoons the first Monday in January, but considerable opposition to the idea developed last week, when some of the stores closed and some others did not. Therefore, a special meeting was called Monday of this week to straighten the matter out.

Following a lively discussion, it was voted almost unanimously to begin the weekly half-holidays the first Wednesday afternoon in April. There was some talk of the several grocery stores closing anyway, as they did last fall, but it was finally decided that all stores would remain open all day Wednesday, until April, at least.

## Services Announced for Local Christian Church

REV. E. B. QUICK, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; H. H. Allen, superintendent.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock; sermon subject, "The Supreme Task of the Church."

Junior society meeting, 6 p.m.; Mrs. Rudolph Beasley, superintendent.

Young people's society meeting, 6 p.m.; Mrs. Henry Hardison, leader.

Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.; sermon subject, "The Certainty of the Gospel."

The pastor will conduct services at Chapel Hill, 2:30 p.m., Sunday.

## County Has Quota of \$228,000 in Fourth War Loan Campaign

### GETS PROMOTION



Paul E. Phelps, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phelps, of the Holy Neck section, was recently promoted from private to the grade of sergeant in a Ranger battalion as a result of his conduct while in action in Sicily. Husband of Mrs. Ruby Phelps, of Plymouth, he entered the service December 16, 1942, and remained in this country only about four months before going overseas.

## Used-Truck Buyers Advised To Check With Office of ODT

### Truck Operations in Nation Virtually Frozen by Recent Order

The Raleigh District Office of Defense Transportation yesterday reiterated its warning that all persons contemplating the purchase of used trucks should check in advance with ODT before buying such equipment.

Hundreds of persons who have bought used vehicles without checking in advance with ODT have later found they were ineligible for Certificates of War Necessity and gasoline allotments without which the vehicles cannot be operated, the ODT District Office said.

Under a recent order, the ODT District Office pointed out, truck operations throughout the nation were virtually frozen and gasoline will not be allotted for the operation of newly acquired vehicles except in exceptional circumstances. The freeze order applies to vehicles acquired for the extension of an old route and to trucks purchased for opening a new business.

Newly acquired vehicles will be allotted gasoline only when it is shown that the proposed service—either new or the extension of an old operation—is "absolutely essential to the war effort or to the maintenance of necessary civilian economy."

"Quite frankly," Harvey R. Roseman, ODT District Manager in Raleigh, declared, "it is the opinion of this office that very few of the applications made so far to this office meets this requirement."

"In view of the absolute nature of the order, we are thus forced to decline such applications, even though it often means financial hardship for the applicant, who may have invested money in a business for which motor vehicles are essential and whose use he is denied."

Mr. Roseman urged that all persons considering the purchase of new vehicles first file a request with the ODT for permission to inaugurate or extend truck service. Such requests will be considered without delay and the applicant given a quick ruling as to whether he is eligible to operate new or additional vehicles.

## Starting This Week, Post Office Closes Every Saturday Afternoon at 1 o'Clock

Postmaster J. Corbett Swain announced Monday that beginning Saturday of this week, January 15, the Plymouth post office would close at 1 p.m. each Saturday afternoon until further notice. The regular dispatches will be made and mail will be put into lock boxes as usual, but all the windows will close at 1 p.m., and there will be no afternoon deliveries by the city carriers.

It is explained that this action is taken to reduce the operating expense of the local office. Since employees must be paid time and a half for all hours worked in ex-

## Begins Next Week; County Chairman Not Yet Appointed

### Quota Is Somewhat Smaller Than in Third War Loan Drive Last Fall

The Fourth War Loan Drive will begin in Washington County, as well as throughout the nation, next Tuesday, January 18, and continue throughout the remainder of January and February. The county has been assigned an overall quota of \$228,000, including \$106,500 in series "E" bonds, according to H. E. Beam, chairman of the War Finance Committee.

The quota for the drive beginning next week is slightly smaller than it was for the third War Loan campaign conducted last fall, when the goal was \$262,000. The County fell down nearly \$50,000 in this campaign, a total of \$205,131.50 worth of bonds having been sold then. Sales of "E" bonds during the Third War Loan amounted to \$105,056, which is just \$1,444 short of the "E" bond quota for the drive beginning next week.

Mr. Beam said this morning that he had been unable to secure anyone to serve as chairman of the new bond drive in the county; and no plans have been developed as yet for canvassing the county. However, something must be done very quickly if the county is to meet its obligations in this respect. The chairman said he had approached at least 25 men in the county and asked them to assume leadership of the drive, but all of them declined because they were so busy.

In assigning the quota of \$228,000 to Washington County, State Chairman C. T. Linebach, of Winston-Salem said that the county sold \$86,024 worth of bonds in January and February of last year, when no special drive was on, and he said the county should not have too much difficulty in reaching its goal during the Fourth War Loan if the campaign was properly organized and a real effort put forth.

## Infantile Paralysis Drive To Begin in County Next Week

### Mrs. Wade H. Johnson Is Chairman; \$308 Quota Assigned

The annual campaign to raise funds for the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation will get underway in the county by the latter part of next week, it was learned yesterday. Mrs. Wade H. Johnson, of Plymouth, has been appointed chairman of the county drive, but she said yesterday no definite plans had been made yet, although she expects to be able to announce them by the latter part of next week.

The county has been assigned a quota of \$308 this year, which is about \$100 more than it was last year. Mrs. Johnson indicated that the "March of Dimes" drive will be handled through the schools of the county, but said that no material had been received so far.

Local chairmen for each town and community will be appointed as soon as possible, and the drive is expected to be launched by the latter part of next week, with the campaign to continue through the remainder of the month. The county made a very poor showing last year, but it is hoped county people will lend their whole-hearted support this year and put it across, for it is a very worthy cause. Anyone who would like to make a contribution is urged to get in touch with Mrs. Johnson immediately.

of 40 per week, the resulting saving will be considerable with little resulting inconvenience to patrons.

The half-day closing has been customary in the past at the office here, although they were discontinued during the period of the Christmas rush. Mr. Swain said that observance of the half holidays might be changed from Saturdays to Wednesdays next spring, when local stores begin closing at noon on that day, although he was not sure at this time. Practically all other post offices close one afternoon each week.