

A special orphanage program will be presented at the Methodist Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, it was announced today by James W. Norman, superintendent. The young people will be in charge of the program, and the public is invited to attend.

Mrs. Margaret Waters this week received a card from her husband, Corporal Dallas G. Waters, stating that he had arrived safely overseas. Corporal Waters has been in the service for nearly three years, and this marks his first trip across.

Tuesday's casualty list issued by the Navy Department carried the name of David Whitford White, seaman first class, U. S. Naval Reserve, as missing in action. The young man was the son of Mrs. Bessie Aline White and the late Charlie White, of near Cherry in this county. Few details could be learned here, and it is not known how long he had been in the Naval service.

Earl Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bowen, of Plymouth, was recently elected president of the YMCA at State College, Raleigh, where he is a student. Bowen is also president of his Sunday school class at the Hilyer Memorial Christian Church in Raleigh. Before he entered State College last fall, he was employed at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Moore announce the birth of a son, Hilton Farrow, Jr., Saturday January 22. Mrs. Moore is the daughter of Mr. and H. W. Dixon, of near Plymouth. Mr. Moore is a second-class petty officer in the United States Navy and has been stationed at Morehead City for some time.

Private William Joseph Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Brown, of Plymouth, has been overseas for about two months, it was learned recently. His parents have received several letters from him, one last week declaring that Ireland was no "rose garden" to him. He is in an infantry outfit.

A meeting of the Plymouth Boy Scout troop committee will be held next Monday night in the courthouse at 8 o'clock. It is imperative that a meeting be held to arrange for a board of review and to secure new headquarters for the scout troop here, the chairman of the committee announced this week.

J. O. Everett, of Plymouth, is still having fresh tomatoes from his last year's garden. Shortly before the first frost, Mr. Everett pulled up his tomato plants and hung them in his smokehouse. They had a number of green tomatoes on them at the time, and as fast as they ripen, he has fresh tomatoes on his table.

Mrs. Fleta Freeman, 74, widow of the late H. L. Freeman, who lives with her son, W. Thomas Freeman, near Roper, fell and broke her leg early Monday morning. She was taken to a Rocky Mount hospital after receiving first-aid treatment at the office of a local physician, and is reported to be getting along as well as could be expected.

Creswell Churches Get New Minister

Creswell.—The Rev. Perry F. Baldwin, formerly of Rockford, Ill., has arrived in Creswell to begin his work as pastor of the Creswell and Columbia group of Christian Disciple churches. At the present time Mr. Baldwin and his family are making their home in the Disciples parsonage in Creswell.

The Rev. Mr. Baldwin has been a pastor for the past 30 years. He is a native of Wisconsin and graduated from Phillips University, in Oklahoma. Besides engaging in evangelistic work for 10 years, Mr. Baldwin has served as pastor of churches in Washington, Montana, Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi, before coming to Creswell.

During World War I the minister served as chaplain of the 335th Field Artillery Battalion.

Basketball Doubleheader In Roper Monday Night

Roper.—The Roper and Columbia High School basketball teams will play a doubleheader in the Roper gymnasium next Monday night, January 31, with the first game called at 7:30 p. m.

Number Colored Men To Get Physical Tests at Fort Bragg Early in February

It was learned this week that the local draft board has received a call for a large number of colored men to go to Fort Bragg early in February for their pre-induction examinations. No call has been received for white registrants so far, but it is understood that one is expected later in the month.

Under the new regulations, those who pass the pre-induction physical examination will have at least 21 days before they are ordered to report for training.

Fire Chief Asks Local People To Check On Fire Hazards About Their Homes

After answering seven alarms in the past five days, Fire Chief Miller Warren today issued an appeal to local householders to check up on the fire hazards that exist in far too many local homes. He particularly asks that no fire be built in heating equipment connected to chimneys which have unplugged openings. At least two of the fires in which which property loss was caused in the past few days originated from this cause, he said.

Another frequent cause is accumulations of trash, old paper, and the like back of fireboards—or anywhere else, for that matter—according to the chief. Care-

lessness with matches or cigarettes is believed to have started two grass fires, which might have gotten out of hand and destroyed adjacent property.

In addition to the above causes, which may be prevented by using a reasonable amount of care, there is always danger from defective flues and electric wiring, and it might be a good idea to check on these things every once in a while, Mr. Warren said. He pointed out that the firemen are not asking this for their own sake, as they can better afford to answer alarms than the average property owner can afford a fire loss.

Local Firemen Called Out Seven Times in Five Successive Days

Begin Review of 1944 Farm Plans

The Washington County Selective Service Board Tuesday night began reviewing the 1944 farm plans of registrants who hold "C" classifications. It is announced that all registrants will be notified immediately after their cases have been considered whether or not their farm classifications are being continued by the board.

At the meeting Tuesday, the board members reviewed the farm data sheets of about 75 registrants, continuing the deferments of most of them. There are still upwards of 200 to be considered, and each of those affected will be notified as soon as possible after his case is reviewed.

Problems of Schools Discussed at Lions Club Meet Thursday

Delegation From Parent-Teacher Association in Charge of Program

The local Lions Club entertained a committee from the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association at its regular meeting Thursday night of last week. The meeting was held at the Country Club of Plymouth, and the PTA was represented by the following committee: Mrs. W. V. Hays, Mrs. W. A. Smith, Mrs. B. G. Campbell, Mrs. A. J. Byrd, Mrs. Archie Modlin, Mrs. A. Papineau and Mrs. J. R. Manning.

Following the regular luncheon, Dr. A. Papineau, program chairman, introduced the visiting delegation, members of which discussed problems facing educational authorities, as well as some of the particular needs in the local school system.

County Superintendent H. H. McLean, a member of the club, explained recent school legislation, as well as some proposed legislation which should be supported by the club members. A paper on compulsory attendance, written by Principal R. B. Trotman, who was unable to be present, was read by a member of the committee.

Mrs. W. A. Smith spoke of the need of recreational facilities for children of all ages in the Plymouth schools. She urged purchase of playground equipment for the smaller children and securing a community center which can be used as a meeting place by those in the teen-age group. The latter is also needed to further the work of boy and girl scout troops, as well as any similar organizations.

There were several other speakers on the program, and the meeting as a whole is considered one of the most enlightening held by the Lions in recent months.

However, future calls for men to go to Fort Bragg for examination are expected to be much larger than in the past few months in order to build up the reserve pool of men physically acceptable for service.

As the reserve pool increases in size, the length of time between examination and induction will be extended, according to present plans. It is hoped that eventually men called into service will have up to 45 days in which to wind up their affairs.

Damage Done To Five Homes; One Totally Destroyed

Loss of \$3,000 Caused at Plymouth Box & Panel Plant Tuesday

The Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department had the busiest five days on record in its history, beginning last Saturday morning. The company was called out seven times, once each on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and three times Sunday. Two of the calls were to extinguish minor grass fires that did little or no damage, but there was some property loss in all of the other five, ranging from a few dollars to upwards of \$3,000.

Although two cases of attempted incendiaryism have been reported, in neither was the department called out. Chief Miller Warren definitely established the cause of several fires as due to neglect and carelessness, with the cause not definitely known in one or two other instances.

First in the series of alarms was last Saturday morning at 3:10, when the company was called to a house on Wilson street, owned by Mrs. S. A. Ward and occupied by A. M. Walker. This was one of the most serious of the series. The house was completely destroyed and the Walker family barely escaped with a few articles of clothing. The fire started from an unplugged opening in the chimney. Total damage was estimated in the firemen's report at more than \$2,000. Mrs. Ward carried some insurance on the house, but Mr. Walker had none on his personal belongings, practically all of which were lost.

Considerable damage was done to the roof of an adjoining house, occupied by the family of Hope Harrison. The loss there is estimated at \$150 to \$200. Firemen were handicapped by the length of hose necessary to reach the blaze, and two sections burst under the pressure needed to pump water through the 1,500 feet of hose laid.

A grass fire in the woods back of the colored school called out the department for its first time Sunday, about noon. There was a negligible amount of damage.

At 3:30 Sunday afternoon the fire-

Attempts To Fire Buildings Reported

Two attempts at incendiaryism have been reported here in the past few days. An attempt was believed made to burn the Spencer fish house, near the A. C. L. station here, sometime Saturday night, but the fire went out of its own accord. Kerosene had been poured on the floor of the porch and there were signs that a fire had started there.

A similar attempt was made on the front steps of the old Riverview Hotel on East Water Street Sunday night. Chief of Police P. W. Brown and his son, Charles, happened to pass that way and saw a blaze on the steps. They extinguished it and found that kerosene had been poured on the steps where the fire had started. Several families live in the old frame hotel building.

Investigations are underway of both occurrences by police. Local people are asked to notify the authorities immediately if they observe anything suspicious along similar lines.

Although the firemen have been called out an unusually large number of times in recent days, it is not believed that any of the alarms which they answered were caused by "fire bugs." In most of the cases, Fire Chief Miller Warren definitely established carelessness or neglect as the cause.

County Tax Listing Will End Tuesday; Far From Complete

No Extension of Time Authorized; Last-Minute Rush Developing

J. C. Knowles, assistant tax supervisor, said last night that no extension of time had been granted for the listing of taxes; but Washington County property owners will get an extra day, anyway. Due to the fact that January 1 was a legal holiday and listing did not actually begin until Monday, January 3, he has ruled that the list takers shall remain on the job through Tuesday, February 1, which takes the extra day on at the end of the tax-listing period, where it will do the most good.

Mr. Knowles said a large number of property owners still had not listed, and he looks for a big last-minute rush during the four days remaining—Friday and Saturday of this week and Monday and Tuesday of next. However, after next Tuesday, February 1, the books will be closed, and those who have not listed by then will be subject to the penalties provided by law for their delinquency.

Mrs. Hermine Ramsey and Mrs. Moya W. Spruill, list takers for Plymouth Township and the Town of Plymouth, respectively, estimated yesterday that possibly 60 per cent of the property in the town and township have been listed so far. They are kept busy now, and are expecting a land-office rush during the remaining few days as late listers stampede to get under the wire.

There were no direct reports from list-takers in other sections of the county, but Mr. Knowles said he understood some of the townships were not as far advanced in the work as this one. However, it is believed that a big majority will get their holdings listed before the books are closed Tuesday night, although it will mean a lot of waiting for some of those who have delayed so long.

Girl From Here in Cadet Nurse Corps

Miss Ruby Robinson, of 308 Washington Street, Plymouth has enlisted for training in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps. For the past few months, Miss Robinson, whose home is in the Farm Life section of a Martin County, has been employed at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here.

She will enter the School of Nursing at Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount next Tuesday, February 1, when a new class is to be organized.

The Cadet Nurse Corps provides an excellent opportunity for high school graduates who are interested to help their country and themselves. The need for nurses becomes greater every day, and girls who have good scholastic records and are in good health are urgently needed. Each girl who becomes a student nurse receives a graduate nurse for military or other duties.

Pic. James E. Harrison Visiting Mother Here

Pfc. James E. Harrison, of the U. S. Marine Corps, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Harrison, who lives on Park Avenue at Little Richmond. Harrison enlisted in the Marine Corps in January of last year, when he became the five thousandth Marine to be sworn in at the Raleigh recruiting office. He is a member of a military police company now stationed at Parris Island, S. C., where he received his training.

It is expected that two of his brothers, Marvin Harrison, machinists' mate, second class, of the U. S. Navy, Norfolk, and Pfc. L. B. Harrison, of the Marine Corps, will be home to join him later in the week. Pfc. L. B. Harrison, who enlisted in the Marine Corps in July of last year, was recently assigned to sea duty on the Atlantic. Marvin Harrison, the other brother, enlisted in the Navy in September, 1942.

Plenty of Wool at Red Cross Room

There is plenty of wool on hand at the Red Cross room in the Harney Building, but few persons are calling for it, it was stated this week by Mrs. T. W. Earle, chairman of the local chapter. More local women are needed in order for the chapter to complete its quota of knitted articles for men in the military service, and the chairman urgently requests volunteers to call for the wool as soon as possible.

The Red Cross room will be open every morning for the next week between 10 and 12 o'clock. Mrs. Earle said. There are eight boxes of wool on hand here, while other chapters are said to be running short; and if the local supply is not called for soon, it will be packed up and returned.

Meet Tonight To Map Plans For Fourth War Loan Drive

District Meeting of Christian Churches Will Be Held Here

Roanoke Convention Convenes With Local Church Saturday, Sunday

The Roanoke District Convention of Christian churches will meet with the local Christian Church Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 30. There are 59 churches in the 9 counties of the district. Twenty-seven ministers serve a total church membership of 11,192. The total Bible School enrollment is 5,267.

The theme of the convention will be, "Evangelism." B. F. Leggett, sr., of Washington, is the president of the convention. Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, will be song leader. The convention will open Saturday at 10:30 a. m., with a service of song followed by a devotional service led by the host pastor, Rev. E. B. Quick. The morning sermon will be delivered by Rev. W. O. Henderson, of Elizabethtown, on the subject, "Evangelism In The New Testament Church." At the close of the session a barbecue dinner will be served.

The Saturday afternoon session will begin at 1:30 p. m., with a devotional service led by Mrs. E. B. Quick. Rev. John L. Goff, of Williamston, will deliver the afternoon sermon, "Evangelism With Youth." Other features of this session will be reports of churches and other organizations, special music by Zion's Chapel church choir and reports of committees and other business.

The Sunday morning session will begin at 9:45, with a devotional service led by H. H. Allen, superintendent of the local Sunday School. The Sunday School lesson will be taught by J. H. Latham, of Tranters Creek Church. The president's address, a devotional service led by Rev. F. A. Lilley, of Washington, special music by the Elizabeth City and Plymouth church choirs, the Communion service and sermon by Rev. D. W. Davis, of Williamston, on "Personal Evangelism" will be additional features of the Sunday morning session which will close at 11:30 a. m. (See CHRISTIANS, Page 4)

Thieves Break in Two Places Here

Two chewing-gum vending machines were stolen from places of business here during the past week. The Owens pool room on Water Street was entered sometime Saturday night and one machine stolen from there. An identical machine was stolen from the Standard Service Station at the corner of Main and Washington Tuesday night.

It is believed that young boys broke into the two places of business, as nothing was taken from either except the chewing-gum machines. The machines are owned by a syndicate which leases them to the Local Lions Club. Profits from their operation go to the fund raised by the Lions to provide glasses for children who are unable to pay for them.

Several other cases of attempted break-ins have been reported recently. Leroy Ange, who lives at the corner of Jefferson and Main Streets, heard someone prowling about his house last Friday night and took a shot at the intruder with a .22 rifle.

Landmark Is Being Razed This Week

The old Brinkley Building, located on the north side of Water Street at the intersection of Jefferson, is being torn down and moved away this week. Built some 35 to 40 years ago by the late D. O. Brinkley, the old structure has housed a variety of business establishments in that time and has become one of the Water Street landmarks.

It was bought five or six years ago by John L. Phelps and held by him early this month to J. R. Manning, owner of the Plymouth Motor Company. A two-story frame and galvanized iron structure, the building was condemned some years ago by the town council, and has seen little use since.

Mr. Manning said this week that he hoped to be able to build a two-story brick building on the lot, which he plans to utilize as a used-car department in connection with his garage business. If he can secure permission from the WPB, he wants to start construction of the new building immediately.

The lot has a frontage of 50 feet and extends back 67 feet to the Norfolk Southern right of way bordering the river front. Mr. Manning sold the old building to Ivory Keyes, who is tearing it down and selling the lumber and other material.

RECEIVES WINGS



Billy Wells Bateman, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bateman, of Creswell, received his silver wings and commission as second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces after graduating at an advanced pilot school in the Randolph Field, Texas, area earlier this month. He recently returned to duty after spending a brief leave at his home in Creswell.

No Change Effected Yet in Personnel of Two County Boards

Arps To Continue on Board Education Until He Assumes ABC Job

There has been some discussion, but no action yet on the changes to take place in two county boards in the immediate future. P. M. Arps, present chairman of the county board of education, who was elected chairman of the ABC board recently, has not yet qualified for his new office and is continuing his work as chairman of the school-governing board.

Mr. Arps has indicated that he will not take over his new duties until after the next regular meeting of the board of education, which is scheduled for the first Monday in February. When he formally qualifies as chairman of the ABC board, he will automatically vacate his place on the school board, and his successor on the latter group is to be named by the county Democratic executive committee.

The law provides that vacancies on the board of education shall be filled by action of the county Democratic executive committee, and that a person so appointed shall serve until the next session of the legislature.

The Washington County Democratic Executive Committee is composed of the following: E. G. Arps, of Plymouth, chairman; W. Ronald Gaylord, Plymouth precinct; W. Edson Knowles, Lees Mill precinct; Walter W. White, Skippersville precinct; C. N. Davenport, Jr., Sepperson precinct; and Jesse Vaughn, of Wenona precinct.

Eastern Union at Concord Church

The Eastern Union meeting of the Primitive Baptist church will be held with the church at Concord, between Creswell and Cherry, Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 30, it was announced this week by Noah L. Ambrose, assistant clerk of the church. Elder S. Gray, of Kingston, the pastor, will be in charge of the services, it was stated.

In addition to Elder Gray, Elder J. R. Baker, of Rocky Mount, and Elder A. B. Ayers, of Williamston, will also be present and take part in the services. Dinner will be served on the church grounds Sunday if the weather is favorable.

The public is cordially invited.

Pulp Company Gives \$200 for Purchase Playground Equipment at School Here

It was announced this week that the North Carolina Pulp Company had authorized a contribution of \$200 for the purchase of playground equipment to be placed at the local school. The Plymouth Parent Teacher Association is sponsoring the movement to raise money for the playground equipment.

The local Lions Club last fall authorized a contribution of \$100 for the same purpose. Definite plans for the purchase of the equipment have not been made,

E. F. Still Accepts Task of Heading County Campaign

Upwards of \$50,000 Worth of Bonds Sold Here This Week

Eugene F. Still, president of the Plymouth Box and Panel Company, this week accepted the task of serving as chairman of the War Loan Campaign in Washington County; and complete plans for the drive will be worked out at a meeting of interested persons in the agriculture building here tonight at 8 o'clock. Mr. Still is confident that Washington County will not only reach but surpass its goal of \$228,000 in bonds during the remaining period of the drive.

H. E. Beam, chairman of the county war finance committee and cashier of the local bank, said yesterday that sales had already begun to pick up, and up to that time the bank alone had sold upwards of \$50,000 worth of bonds, which will be credited to the county during the drive. By the end of the week, it is hoped that at least one-third of the county quota will have been raised.

In announcing his acceptance of the chairmanship of the campaign, Mr. Still addressed a letter to a number of leading citizens throughout the county, asking them to lend their help in carrying on a successful campaign by attending the meeting tonight, when the organization will be perfected and plans formulated.

Mr. Still explained that when he was first approached about serving as chairman, his first thought was that there was possibly someone else who could give more time to the drive than he could. However, "after considering the fact that the most one can do towards furthering the war effort is not enough when we think of the sacrifices that our fighting boys are making," he accepted, calling upon all who feel the same way to work together in the drive, which is already underway throughout the county.

With nearly two weeks of the campaign already lost, it behooves every loyal citizen of the county to rally to the support of the workers by not only buying all the bonds possible, but to see that everyone in the county has the same opportunity. There is little point in reviewing here the reasons why everyone should buy all the bonds he possibly can. It has been done over a thousand times through the press, radio and every other means of communication. With millions of soldiers and sailors poised to launch the big invasion of Europe—scores of them from Washington County—it is the least we can do to lend our money to furnish the supplies on which their lives may depend.

To sell \$228,000 worth of War Bonds in the next few weeks is a job for all of Washington County, and this is a direct appeal to you to do all you can—which is your full part.

Nephew of Mrs. S. F. Darden Missing

Wesley Allen, Jr., of LaGrange, nephew of Mrs. S. F. Darden, of Plymouth, was reported missing in action after an aerial raid over Germany on January 5th, it was learned here this week. The young man, an aerial gunner on a heavy bomber, was the son of Mrs. Darden's brother, Wesley Allen, sr., of LaGrange.

He had been in the Army Air Forces for a little more than a year and had been overseas only about two months. Mrs. Darden said Tuesday. His grandmother, Mrs. J. D. Allen, who lives here with Mrs. Darden, received a letter from the young man last week. It was dated January 2, only three days before the raid over Germany in which he was reported missing. His relatives and friends here are hopeful that he landed safely in Germany and was taken prisoner.