Miss Mary Cotten Davenport daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edison Davenport, of Mackeys, enlisted in the Marines last November and was called to report for duty on January 25th. She is the first Washington County girl to enlist in the Marine Corps, and is now stationed at Camp Lejeune, near Jacksonville. Her brother, Bill Davenport, is a first-class

Ensign James Harold Ward, of the U. S. Naval Reserve, visited his mother, Mrs. S. A. Ward, and sister, Miss Becky Ward, here from Sunday until Wednesday of this week. In the Naval transport service, Ensign Ward took part in the Mediterranean action during the Sicilian and Italian invasions last year and has crossed the Atlantic several times.

radio technician in the Navy.

A representative of the Collector of Internal Revenut will be at the local post office on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 17, 18 and 19, to asist people of this section in filing their Federal income tax returns, it was announced this week. He will be at the post office from 8:30 a.m. until 5:15 p.m. each

A total of \$743.47 was collected from the 15 chewing gum vending machines operated in local business places by the Lions Club. This represents sales since December 24th. Profits from the sale of the gum goes to the fund raised by the Lions to assist needy children being fitted with

The maximum retail ceiling price for ungraded country eggs for the current week is 48 cents per dozen, it was announced yesterday by the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board. The maximum wholesale price is 41.2 cents per doz-

Several bunches of keys have been found and turned over to the police station here during the past year or so, Chief P. W. Brown said this week. The owners may obtain them by seeing the chief and describing the

Recently promoted to the grade of sergeant in an infantry company at Camp San Luis Obispo, California, Allen J. Spear, formerly of Creswell, Allen J. Spear, formerly of Creswell, was also awarded the Army's Good Six Accepted Out Conduct Medal for "exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity while serving in the Army of the United

H. M. Kieckhefer, secretary and treasurer of the Kieckhefer Container Co., of Delair, N. J., was a business visitor at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here this

Boys Admit Theft Of Gum Machines

Three young white boys, ranging in age from 12 to 14 years, rounded up by police this week, confessed to fled to the board here. breaking into a pool room and service station here about two weeks ago and stealing two chewing gum Roper, who goes into the Navy. The that a program be worked out are vending machines. Their cases were disposed of in juvenile court here yesterday by W. B. Cox, assistant Roper, and David Marion Styons, of Gaylord accompanied the group last clerk of superior court; the findings Plymouth, non-fathers. Grover Lee Sunday in an advisory capacity. and judgment not being made pub- Sawyer, of Plymouth, was accepted

The boys got a total of about \$12 understood that about \$8 or \$9 was recovered by police. One of the man transfer from King William Courthouse, Va. recovered by police. One of the machines was taken from Owens pool room, while the other came from the Services Announced for Standard Service Station.

Fire Department Called Out Twice in Past Week

The Plymouth volunteer fire Department was called out twice last 6 p.m. (a supper meeting); Evening week to extinguish grass fires in the worship, 7:30 p.m. locality of the A. C. L. Station on turned in Saturday morning and the every member of the church living Davenport Infant age done in both cases was negligible. Please be present.

The drill is being called for the purpose of testing complete mobilization of civilian protection

Local people are reminded of the three types of signals: A steady wail of the fire siren here for aproximately 2 minutes denotes the "Blue" signal; when traffic may move slowly and with dimmed lights. The "Red" signal is made by rising and falling notes of the siren; under this all traffic must halt, people must get off the streets, and everything must be blacked out. The "allclear" is signalled by the street lights being turned on and the whistle at the pulp mill will be sounded. All homes must be blacked out under both the "blue" and "red" periods of alert.

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Draft Board Gets Call for White Men To **Report for Pre-Induction Examination**

The local draft board has received a call for a number of white men to report to Fort Bragg for pre-induction physical examination later this month. Previously a call had been received for a substantial number of colored men to report for the same purpose earlier in February.

These two groups will be the first called under the new plan, which became effective February 1st. Men called will go to Fort Bragg. for their physical examinations and those accepted put in one of three classifications: Army general service; Navy general service: or Army limited service. The Navy general service classification includes those accepted for service in the Marines or Coast Guard.

Those accepted will not be inducted at the time of their examination, but will be returned to their home for a minimum of 21 days. The local draft board later will receive called for a certain number of men for the Army or Navy, and those on the accepted list will then be called up and returned to the camp to be-

examined early in this month, and some of them may be called into service about the last of

To Collect Waste Paper on Monday

Another waste paper collection will take place in Plymouth next Monday, it was announced yesterday by Miss Helene Duvall, secretary to the Washington County Salvage Committee. Town trash trucks will pick up bundles of old paper, magazines and paperboard boxes Monday morning, if householders will place them in front of their homes at that

The need for waste paper is growing more acute, acording to letters received by the salvage officials this week. Old newspapers should be placed in one bundle, old magazines in another, and paperboard boxes in still another. They should be folded and stacked as neatly as posible in bundles not more than 12 inches in

Of White Draft Call Here Last Month cost by proper in minor ditching.

Report Not Yet Complete; 3 To Navy, 1 To Army, 2 To Marine Corps

been received yet by the local draft there were 64 cases of malaria of- Tuesday of this week. While a big throughout the county schools to board, at least 6 were accepted out ficially reported in the town during majority of all the property in the boost "E" bond sales, under the leadof the 17 white men who went to the past calendar year, and it is be-Fort Bragg January 24th. Three of lieved there were three or four times the six will go into the Navy, one that many cases unreported. to the Army and two to the Marine | Members of the investigating group Corps. Possibly others were accepted whose names have not been certi- which encourage breeding of mos-

by the Army; while the Marines claimed Garland Edward Pierce, of from the two machines, but it is Plymouth; and Thomas L. Carter, a

Local Methodist Church

Rev. T. R. Jenkins, Pastor The following services are announced for Sunday, February 6: worship, 11 a.m.; Youth Fellowship,

Sunday is designated, "Back To Water Street. The first alarm was Church Sunday," we sincerely hope firemen put out a fire in the marsh within the vicinity of the church near the shore. The firemen were community will be present. We are also called out Sunday evening about expecting every available pew to be 7 p.m. and extinguished a grass filled to capacity. The sacrament of fire along the river shore. The dam- the Lords Supper will be administered.

Practice Air-Raid Drill and Blackout To Be Staged in Section Next Tuesday

The Army has ordered a practice air-raid drill and blackout for this section next Tuesday night, February 8, it was announced this week by Chief Air Raid Warden P. W. Brown. All wardens in Plymouth are asked to be ready for the test, which will begin at 9:30 p.m. and continue for 40 minutes, with the "all-clear" set for 10:10. The order in which the various signals will be given was not an-

forces within the shortest period of time, Mr. Brown said. Similar drills are being held at least once every 12 weeks.

gin active training immediately. The number of white men called to report for examination the latter part of this month is smaller than expected. It will probably be sometime in March before any of them actually are called into the service. _A fairly large colored contingent will be

February.

Mosquito Control Program Here To Be Recommended

Four Members of Board of Health Inspect Breeding Places Near Town

A recommendation will be made to the town council at its regular meeting next Monday night that a program be worked out to eliminate or control mosquito-breeding places in and around Plymouth. The recommendations are the outgrowth of an inspection trip made last Sunday by four members of the county board of health, district health offi cer and santiarian.

The group of men who investigated conditions last Sunday included Dr. A. Papineau, Dr. W. H. Johnson, B. G. Campbell and H. H. McLean, members of the board of health; Dr J. J. Croley, district health officer; and W. B. Gaylord, district sanitarian. In recommending that a mosquito-control program be work-ed out, these men state it is their opinion that existing conditions can be remedied at comparatively small cost by proper methods of oiling and

Year before last, such a program was put into practice here, and the townspeople were bothered very little by mosquitoes. Last year, very little work of this nature was done, Although a final report has not mosquitoes. It is also learned that came to an end in the county

express their belief that conditions quitoes, particularly the malarial Only one of the six accepted was type, can be eliminated at relatively a father, Sullivan Green Lilley, of small cost. The recommendations other two who were accepted by the being sponsored by the board of Navy were Harvey Reid Bowen, of health members. Dr. Croley and Mr.

> Territory inspected included the (See Mosquito Control, Page 4)

List of Essential Crops

It was announced this week by the local draft board that cucumbers produced for processing purposes have been added to the list of essential corps, with one unit allowed for each acre of cukes grown. Heretofore, Church school, 10 a.m.; Morning cucumber acreage was not included on the list of essentials and producers were not given credit for this crop when they applied for deferment.

Dies in Hospital

Little Georgia Fay Davenport, fivemonth-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. (Bill) Davenport, of Mackeys, died in a Rocky Mount hospital last Friday morning, after a week's illness with bronchial pneumonia. The little girl was taken to the hospital

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davenport, she was born on September 1, last year, at the home of her parents in Mackeys. Her father, Bill Davenport, radio technician, first class, in the United States Navy, has been stationed in the South Pacific war zone since before her birth and never saw his daughter.

Besides her parents, the little girl is survived by a sister, Bettie Blount Davenport, 5 years of age; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Collins and Mr. and Mrs. Edison Davenport, all of Mackeys. She also leaves several uncles and aunts.

Funeral services were held from the home of her parents in Mackeys Saturday at 3 p.m., by the Rev. G. C. Wood, pastor of the Roper Methodist charge. Interment was made in the Davenport cemetery at Mackeys.

Tax Listing Ended Last However, Sales of Slightly Higher

Tax listing was brought to a close throughout the county Tuesday of this week, with the task estimated to be from 80 to 90 per cent com-plete in all townships, it was learned this morning from County Commissioner J. C. Knowles, Poper, who is acting as tax supervisor during the illness of E. F. Swain, of Creswell.

Mr. Knowles estimated that 90 per cent of all property had been put on the books in Scuppernong Township which led all others in the listing work. Skinnersville, Lees Mill and Plymouth Township lists were estimated at from 80 to 85 per cent complete, with Plymouth probably trailing slightly. Mrs. Marion Ramsey local list taker, estimated Wednesday morning that about 80 per cent of taxpayers in this township had listed.

The books are now closed, and the listing work will be reviewed by the county commissioners at their regular meeting Monday morning. It has been indicated that no extension of time will be granted delinquents and those who have not listed their holdings probably will be required to pay a small penalty for their delay This matter will be decided at the board meeting Monday.

Mr. Knowles believes the total valuation will show a small increase this year, due to increased values of personal property. There is no change in real estate valuation this year, except where damage has occured by fire or like causes or if improvements were added during the past year.

Regular Meetings Of Various Boards Set Next Monday

Number Methra To Come Before Town and County Governing Bodies

Regular first-Monday meetings are cheduled next Monday for the Washington County Board of Commissioners, Board of Education, and the City Council of Plymouth.

In addition to routine business matcounty was listed during January, as required by law, there were enough delinquents to constitute a problem for the county governing body. It is not expected that any additional time for listing will be allowed, and the penalties provided by law doubtless will be applied to the delinquents.

P. M. Arps will preside over the board of education for the last time, as he expects to qualify for his new job as ABC board chairman shortly afterwards, and that will disqualify him as a member of the board. Appointment of his successor is up to the county Democratic executive committee, but no meeting of this oody has been called as yet

At the town council meeting Monday night, a recommendation will be made by the county board of health for launching a mosquito-control profar advanced. In addition, several | windows or doors of their homes. The other matters, including tax listing, probably will receive some considera-

Plymouth Girls' Team To Play Farm Life Tomorrow

The Plymouth High School girls' team will meet the Farm Life team in a return game at the local gymnasium Friday night of this week. There will be no boys' game, as the local boys' team has been disbanded.

Groundhog Says Winter Not Over

If there's anything to the groundhog legend, then this section is in for six more weeks of winter weather, starting Wednesday at noon. February 2nd at noon is the time when tradition says the groundhog comes out of his burrow and takes a look around. If he sees his shadow, it frightens him back into the ground and there will be six more weeks of bad weather; while if it is cloudy and he does not see his shadow then an early spring is forecast.

Wednesday at noon, the sky was clear and the sun shone brightly-at least, here in Plymouth. So here's hoping there's nothing to the whole groundhog business. This section has had just about enough winter for one

Property in County County at Halfway Mark on Now on Tax Books Quota for Fourth War Loan

'E' Bonds Lagging Up To Yesterday

Complete Organization for Campaign Effected at Meet Last Week

With the county completely oranized, prospects are considered very oright for Washington County to surpass its quota of \$228,000 in bonds during the Fourth War Loan Campaign. Eugene F. Still, county chairman of the drive, yesterday expressed confidence that the challenge would be met, provided volunteer workers and bond buyers continue to show the spirit manifested during the past week.

Up to yesterday, bond sales at the ocal bank alone amounted to approximately half of the total county goal. However, only about one-fourth of the "E" bond quota had been sold at that time; and a house-to-house canvass to raise the remainder of this quota will get underway tomorow. The county has an "E" bond quota of \$129,500, with sales to yeserday at the bank amounting to approximately \$30,000. The overall county quota is \$228,000, and sales of all other type bonds are less than \$100,000, which leaves three- fourths of the "E" bonds and about half of the total goal yet to be realized.

The organization meeting held in the argiculture building last Thursday night was well attended, and a number of suggestions for conductng the campaign adopted. Mr. Still presided and announced appointment of the following local chairmen for the various communities: Plymouth, Shep Brinkley; Roper, L. E. Hassell; Mackeys, W. B. Davenport and R. H. Chesson; Creswell, Mrs. Sidney Smithson; Pleasant Grove, J. C. Tarand Wenone, Mrs. C. L. Heynen, Mrs. . L. rica. Other members of the Plymouth committee are W. F. Winslow, W. B. Daniels, W. V. Hays, and Mrs. Frances Darden.

E. V. Wilkins was named to head the drive among colored people in the Roper section: while the Plymouth colored committee is composed of P. H. Bell, William Johnson and ters, the county commissioners prob- A. R. Lord. Other communities had and there was a marked increase in ably will discuss tax listing, which no colored representatives present.

A special drive is being waged ership of H. H. McLean, county superintendent, and the various principals. Literature about this phase of the campaign was mailed out last do not live right in Creswell who have week.

A house-to-house method of canvassing was decided upon, and it is proposed that every person who lives Davenport, Lake Farms; Clyde Woodin Washington County be given an opportunity to buy a bond during this drive. Buyers of the small-denomination bonds are particularly sought, as it is hoped to give every-

Canvassers will have application blanks and will collect he money for the bonds, which will be mailed to the buyer by the regular issuing agencies in the county. All those who buy bonds will be given a Fourth War Loan "Shield," which ject here before the spring gets too they are requested to display on the shield may be obtained from the band here or at any of the post offices upon purchase of a bond, and in addition will be distributed by the canvassers.

A large "thermometer," painted by W. F. Winslow, is being erected in front of the community hall in Plymouth on which the progress of "E" bond sales will be charted each

Price Violations Found Negligible

The price panel of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board this week tabulated the results of the latest ceiling price check made in grocery stores of the county and found them to be very good, indeed. The check was made last week by price panel assistants of the board in all sections of the

The retail price of 1,001 items in 57 stores were checked. Of this number, but 25 were found to be overpriced, and they by from 1 to 2 cents. On the other hand, 114 items were found to be selling beow the maximum ceiling price.

This is by far the best showing ever made by county merchants in a price check, according to Carl L. Bailey, chairman of the panel. He extended his congratulations to the merchants and stated that they were showing a very real desire to cooperate with the OPA in maintaining present price levels

Real Patriotism Kept On Display

A couple of local men who visited the humble home of a colored farmer in the county during the past week found evidence of a real patriotic spirit. They went to the home to have some papers signed, and were invited into the living room, where they noticed a large framed photograph of the colored man's brother, who is in an Army unit overseas. In one corner of the picture frame was the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the American flag. In another corner were several United States War Bonds.

Such a display might well appear in many homes of Washington County pepole, although it marks the first time the local men had seen War Bonds displayed in a picture frame. It leaves no doubt about that particular man "backing the attack" to the best of his ability.

Bond Rally To Be Held in Creswell Wednesday Night

Variety Program Will Be Presented; Mrs. Sidney Smithson Chairman

A special War Bond Rally will be eld in the high school auditorium at Creswell Wednesday night of next veek at 8 o'clock, it was announced oday by Mrs. Sidney Smithson, chairman of the Fourth War Loan Campaign in this community. Alhough plans for the event have not that a variety of entertainment would be presented, and every person in the ection is urged to attend.

The program will consist of musial numbers, vocal and instrumental and a good speaker will be on hand it was indicated. Mrs. Smithson asks everyone to attend, whether or not they have bought bonds. The program will be given for the benefit of those who have already bought, as well as for those who, it is hoped, will Period From February 1 To buy bonds during the drive.

Mrs. Smithson said that a he to-house canvass would be made in that community, but that the names of all those assisting were not available at this time. Among those who indicated they will help in their respective communities are the following: W. D. Moore and Rev. T. F. ley, Mrs. Elwood Davenport, Mrs. Jennings Davenport, Mrs. Bessie White and Mrs Ab Spruill

one a chance to help in the undertak- No Report Yet on Paralysis Drive

The infanilte paralysis drive in the Sunday, February 6, and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, chairman, requests all orfar is from the Plymouth schools, training over this entire area. where \$38 was received.

The March of Dimes containers have been placed in the schools and county chairman in a day or two. | woods from getting too dry again

Complete Canvass of Plymouth Section Is To Begin Tomorrow

Committees Are Named for House-To-House Drive; Other Plans

Plans were completed Tuesday night at a meeting of the local committee and workers for the Fourth War Loan drive in Plymouth. The town has been divided into four areas. with a captain over each, and the start of a house-to-house drive will be signalled Friday morning at 9 o'clock by ringing all the church bells of the town. In addition to the four areas, a "free-lancers" group was appointed to solicit sales of bonds at any time anywhere.

The Plymouth Theatre yesterday announced it would award a \$25 War Bond to the individual canvasser who sold the most bonds during the drive. County Chairman E. F. Still announced that he would give a \$25 bond to the colored worker who sold the most bonds.

In addition to the canvass, booths are to be placed on the streets here each Friday and Saturday from which bonds will be sold. Mrs. E. F. Still will have charge of the booths. Booths will also be placed at the main gate of the pulp plant on Fridays and Saturdays. Industrial concerns hare have promised full co-operation, with E. F. Still in charge at the Plymouth Box & Panel Company and George A. Shannon at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company. Boy Scouts will assist in all the Friday and Saturday bond sales and help to keep advertising

material in the stores. It is hoped to revive the high chool band and have it play on the streets each Friday and Saturday

(See Plymouth Drive, Page 4)

Burning Permits For Brush Fires Are Now Required

May 31 Considered Forest-Fire Season

S. F. Darden, county forest warden, this week reminds farmers that it is necessary to secure a permit before burning off fields or forest land, beginning February 1 and continuing through May 31. The permits may be secured from the county forest warden, deputy wardens or forestfire towermen.

The county warden said that deputies and towermen are located in practically all sections of the county. and it is not difficult to secure the permits, which are required by state law during the season when forest fires are most likely to occur.

Mr. Darden emphasiszes that prevention of forest fires is more urgent county is scheduled to end by next than ever this year on account of war conditions. Not only is the timber needed for production of war maganizations to turn in the money they terials, but forest fires create a very have collected by that date. The real hazard to Army, Navy and Maonly report of collections received so rine aviators now engaged in flight

From the standpoint of material loss and number of fires, last year was one of the best in the history of in stores around town, so that peo- the forest-fire protection service; ple may make donations of small while year before last was one of the change to the fund. It is hoped that worst. For one thing, 1942 was a the county quota of \$308 will be very dry year, while in 1943 conraised before the drive ends. No re- ditions were more nearly normal, the ports have been received as yet from warden stated. At the present time, either Roper or Creswell. The con-there is plenty of water in the tributions collected by the Plymouth swamps, although Mr. Darden said colored school have not been turned that rain would be needed in the in yet, but will be reported to the not-too-distant future to keep the

Stamp 40 in Book 4 Now Good for Five Pounds of Sugar for Canning Fruits

Ration Book 4 became valid Tuesday of this week. February 1, for the purchase of 5 pounds of sugar which may be used only for home canning of fresh fruits, it was announced at the office of the Washington County Rationing Board this week. The stamp will continue to be good for this purpose for 13 months. or until February 28, 1945, it is

stated. In this connection, consumers are advised that the 5 pounds allowed by stamp No. 40 will be considered as part of any home canning allotment of sugar which may be made later in the season.

Mrs. J. K. Reid, clerk to the ra tioning board here, said that no registration will be held this year, as was done in 1943, but that applications would be received for additional amounts of sugar for home canning. However, the 5 pounds of sugar secured by each stamp No. 40 will be considered as sufficient for canning 20 quarts of fruit, and this amount will be deducted from any allotments made later. Each applicant wil be required to show that he or she has canned 20 quarts of fruit or fruit juices for each No. 40 stamp before he is entitled to any additional allotment of sugar.