First Sergeant Grady "Sprat" Harden, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harden, arrived Monday to spend about 10 days here with relatives and friends. He is in a Medical Corps unit and at the present time is stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. Sergeant Harden has been in the service for about three years.

The use of Italian prisoners of war for work at the plant of the Farmers Cotton & Peanut Company here was held up for some reason this week, it was learned from James E. Davenport, a member of the firm. They were due to begin work at the plant Monday, but it is not known now when they will be secured.

Captain Leon Ganderson, of the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps, visited his brother, Ben Ganderson and sister, Mrs. J. S. Shugar, here last week. He had just returned from the Alaskan and Aleutian Islands area, where he has been stationed for 21 months, during which he took part in the Attu and Kiska campaigns against the Japanese. He was home for only a few days, and returned to his duties this week.

Most county farmers have completed preparation of their tobacco plant beds, according to County Agent W. V. Hays. Mr. Hays said he believed the yardage planted to seed beds was probably the largest in a number of years, and he believes growers will have enough plants, with a normal season, to amply take care of the 20 per cent acreage increase allowed.

Staff Sergeant Hanley Hayes, of Hampton, Va., is visiting Shep Brinkley here this week. For the past 27 months he has been in Jamaica, British West Indies, but is now back for six months duty in the United

Luke A. Armstrong, second-class machinist's mate in the U.S. Navy was recently transferred to Murray Ky., where he is receiving training for service in the Naval air arm. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S.

H. W. "Pop" Taylor, alumni secretary, and J. Y. Lassiter, extension horticulturist, of State College, Raleigh, were here to see County Agent W. V. Hays Wednesday morning. They had been down to Columbia for Attempt Occurred Saturday a meeting with State alumni Tuesday night and were on their way back to

The practice blackout Tuesday night was declared to have been a success here. A few isolated instances of failure to cooperate were reported shortly after the first alarm sounded, but they were all cleared up in a short time, according to P. W. Brown, chief air-raid warden.

Irvin Respass, first-class shipfitter able cause until the July term of suwith the U. S. Naval "Seabees," re- perior court. cently underwent an operation on Miss White was alone in the store his hip while in the Southwest Pa- at the time the Negro came in and cific and is now in a Long Beach, demanded money. She testified in Calif. Naval hospital, it was learned recorder's court that he pointed a from his wife here this week. He en-pistol at her and fired several shots tered the service in November, 1942, when she screamed and ran. Her and was in the South Pacific for near-brother, C. T. White, who was a short ly a year. Claude Jones and Hugh distance away, testified that he heard Roberson, also of Plymouth, were in the shots and ran to her assistance. the same unit and all three of them served on the same island until Respass was recently brought back to the

Chief Petty Officer Carlton Peele, a pistol. Officers stated that they of the United States Navy, visited his had been unable to locate the gun or brother, W. H. Peele, and family find bullet holes inside the store. here last Friday. Chief Peele is only 31 years of age, but has 141/2 years later made his way to Plymouth. He service in the Navy to his credit. He remained here over Sunday and then has seen considerable battle action returned to the Skinnersville section in the Pacific, including the conquest Monday morning, where he was pickof Attu Island in the Aleutians.

signed up with C. C. Lang & Son to camp for a robbery understood to the flue to burn out Wednesday afgrow cucumbers during the coming have been committed in Beaufort season, it was learned this week from County. C. W. Dinkins, manager of the local plant. About 300 acres are being Whiskey Books Issued on sought in this section, he said.

Degree Work at Local Masonic Lodge Tuesday week, but in the future they will be

There will be a regular meeting of days of each week, it was announced Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & yesterday by P. M. Arps, new chairo'clock, followed by work in the third Board. Mrs. H. Marion Ramsey is degree, it was announced today by the issuing agent, and books may be Edward L. Owens, the master. All obtained only at her office on Wa-Master Masons are cordially invited ter Street here on Tuesdays and and urged to attend.

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L. E. Hassell, sr., of Roper, was named acting chairman of the Washington County Board of Education at its regular meeting here Monday, after the resignation of P. M. Arps was accepted by the board. Mr. Arps presided over the board meeting for the last time, and imediately afterwards was sworn in as chairman of the county ABC board by Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court W. B. Cox.

Mr. Hassell will continue to serve as acting chairman of the

Creswell.-A most successful

March of Dimes campaign was

conducted at the Creswell school

Wednesday of last wek for the

benefit of the National Infantile

Principal T. J. Collier offered

to raise the pennant of every

grade that gave 100 per cent to

the cause. When the school was

assembled in front of the school

building at the conclusion of the

drive, penants of all the 12 grades

Every student in the school

gave a dime or more, and a total

of \$48.62 was realized. While

asembled, Mr. Coliler led the stu-

dent body in singing "Happy

Birthday" in honor of President

Superior Court for

At White's Store in

Skinnersville

from the Washington County prison

camp at 8:30 the same morning. He

admitted demanding money from

Miss White, but denied that he had

Crew ran out the front door and

ed up on the highway by Deputy

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Issuance of whiskey rationing

books No. 2 will be resumed next

issued only on Tuesdays and Wednes-

Paralysis Foundation.

were flying.

Roosevelt.

education board until Mr. Arps successor is appointed by the county Democratic executive committee. Paul B. Belanga, of Creswell, is the other member, and it is expected that the board will be reorganized on a permanent basis after a new member is appointed.

No meeting of the county Democratic executive committee has yet been called to select a successor to Mr. Arps. County Commissioner E. G. Arps is chairman of the executive com-

County and Town School at Creswell Tax Collections Set **Leads Dime Drive**

Approximately 80 Per Cent Of Levies Collected Up To February 1st

Nearly as many people have already paid their 1943 taxes as have

of the levy has been collected. tor, yesterday was still adding up figures on the amount of taxes colfelt, will reduce the number of ma-Negro to Be Tried in lected during the last few days of laria cases here, as well as afford a alty was added, and said that he of mosquitoes. could not at this time give an exact figure, although he estimated about had expressed themselves as favoring

been before in a comparable period pense of the program. of time. Better economic conditions Frank Crew, 21-year-old Negro, of of course, are reflected in the tax col-Washington, Ga., was arrested Monlections, and there is a disposition on day by Deputy Sheriff W. D. Peal, of the part of most taxpavers to pay Creswell, and lodged in the county their accounts before the penalties jail here, charged with attempting are added.

to hold up and rob Miss Alice White at the store of her brother, W. W. White, in Skinnersville last Saturday added to unpaid 1943 accounts beabout non. He was given a prelimi- ginning March 1st, making the peniay and ordered held on probrule, are greatest in December and tokens retailers are additional to be called at any time to enter the bonds. nary hearing in recorder's court here alty 2 per cent. Collections, as a January, when taxes are payable at par. March is said to be an unusually poor month, since Federal and state income taxes are also due not later than the 15th.

Firemen Called Out Twice in Past Week secure tokens only from their banks, and none will be issued at the office

Accumulation of soot in a chimney Sheriff Peal. Officers said that Crew of the home of C. L. Blount, in the of next week. A number of county farmers have had served 16 months in the prison apartment of Keith Arnold, caused ternon. The firemen answered the alarm and the fire was soon under control. No damage was done to the

P. M. Arps Sworn in as Chairman of ABC Board

Aubrev R. Phelps, of Roper, and

Ceiling Price on Eggs Is 48 Cents This Week

current week is 48 cents per dozen, it was learned at the office of the Washington County War Price and dointed out that 48 cents is the maximum price, and that lower prices than this may be charged legally. It was reported Monday that a few sellers had the idea that 48 cents was the least they could charge for eggs. A number of retail establishments here are selling eggs for several cents a dozen less than the maximum price.

Committee Named To Determine Costs and Seek Cooperation of Plants

Members of the city council unanimously expressed themselves as being favorable to the mosquito-control project recommended for Plymouth health at the regular council meet- Shotgun Shells, Silk Hose ing Monday night. A committee was named to ascertain the probable cost and to confer with representatives of local industrial plants about cooper-

neau and Mayor B. G. Campbell. The February 17, at a clock. district health officer, Dr. J. J. Cro-ley, and district sanitarian, W. B. Mesdames M. C. Davenport, Eloise New High Record ley, and district sanitarian, W. B. Mesdames M. C. Davenport, Eloise Gaylord, were also present in an ad-Owens and Roy Hopkins. Charles E.

It was suggested that men be em- and ladies' silk hose. ployed to cut down weeds and do a At a meeting of the local campaign small amount of ditching, as well as committee early this week, L. E. Has-P. W. Brown, chief of police and spray oil on standing water. The sell, sr., chairman of the Fourth War tax collector for the Town of Plym- group which made the investigation Loan for the Roper community, statouth, said that he collected about about two weeks ago found a number ed that he was well pleased with the \$28,000 in 1943 taxes up to February of conditions surrounding the town progress of the drive thus far and ex-1, when the 1 per cent penalty be- that will facilitate he breeding of pressed the hope that the Roper seccame effective. The total levy for mosquitoes as the weather grows tion would play a prominent part in the town is approximately \$35,000, warmer. The health officer suggest- aiding Washington County to overwhich means that around 80 per cent ed that a program be launched early subscribe its quota in the spring, possibly in April, in or-J. E. Davenport, county tax collec- der to head off the pests before sum-

After all members of the council 80 per cent of the levy had been col- the recommendations, Mayor Camplected. The total county levy is bell named E. E. Harrell and J. R. Manning to assist him in arriving at Both the collectors said that the a tentative estimate of the cost. They amount of taxes collected at this time was far greater than it had ever industrial plants in thating the ex-

Stores May Start Getting

close the stamps which they wish to schools turned in \$38.

It is emphasized that retailers may ing the total \$75. secure tokens only from their banks, of the rationing board.

Ganderson's Quality Shop Moving To New Location

The store building on Water Street formerly occupied by J. R. Campbell's Red Front Grocery is being renovated and remodeled for occupancy by Ganderson's Quality Shop, Ben Gancolored school building. The fire was derson announced last week. He hopes to have all arrangements completed and be ready to move in his new quarters sometime about the first

Mr. Ganderson states that he will South. greatly enlarge his line of men's furnishings and clothing when he moves to his new location. The building is much larger than the one home which is located on Main Street. he now occupied, and he will have more space to properly display his

Chicken Salad Supper in

There will be a chicken salad supper at the Community Building in religious circles. Roper Thursday night of next week, February 17, proceeds to be used for

Parent - Teacher **Meeting Tonight**

The Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association will meet in the school auditorium here tonight (Thursday) at 8:15, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. W. V. Hays, president. . The topic to be discussed is "How Can the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association Better Serve the School and Community?"

Paper and pencil will be needed by those who attend, Mrs. Hays, said, and she urges as many patrons as posible to present for the meeting.

L. E. Hassell, of Roper, Elected Acting City Council Favors County \$40,000 Short of 'E' Program This Year To Curb Mosquitoes Bond Goal in Current Drive Has Sold More Than

War Bond Rally at Roper High School Set Next Thursday

Among Items To Be Auctioned Off

Roper .- A Fourth War Loan rally, ating with the town in putting over including an auction sale, has been planned for the Roper community The board of health was represent- and will be held in the Roper High ed at the meeting by Dr. Alban Papi- School west the Thursday night,

visory capacity. Dr. Papineau acted Mizelle will serve as master of cereas spokesman for the health board, monies and auctioneer a number of describing conditions found on a recent inspection tour and recommend- the occasion by local merchants and ing that the council take the lead in others to stimulate interest in the planning a campaign to eliminate as drive. There will be a long list of many mosquito-breeding places as valuable prizes to be auctioned off, including a box of gun shells, a goat

January, before the 1 per cent penmeasure of relief from the nuisance For Paralysis Fund

Most of the funds raised in the county for the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation have been turned in, and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, county chairman, reports the total as \$175.85, against a quota of \$308. The drive was concluded last week without a benefit dance, as originally planned, since conditions made it impossible to hold one.

On a per capita basis, Creswell led Tokens on February 21st in contributions, Mrs. Sidney Smithson, chairman there, reporting that Washington County retail mer- an even \$75 had been raised. Conchants will begin getting their blue tributions in Plymouth amounted to and red ration tokens from their \$100.85, including that received from banks on February 21, it was an- the schools and containers placed in nounced this week by the local ra- local business houses. Contributions vised to en- \$22.37, while children of the white branch of service for which they Both Mr. Still and Mr. Beam ex-

they do when buying from whole- ing break-down of donations from other are classed as non-fathers and the are cooperating in the campaign, and Mrs. Smithson reported the followsalers. Tokens will be issued only in Creswell: High school, \$49.52; Cherry amounts of 250 and multiples of 250; school, \$5.12; Creswell colored school and 250 is the minimum amount is- \$5.67; Cherry colored school, \$1.10; and containers in stores, \$13.59, mak-

Earle Is Official of Conservation Group

T. W. Earle, manager of the Wood and Land Department of the North liam Penn Smith, Joe Nathan Phelps Carolina Pulp Company, of Plym- Jesse Lou Murphy, Jesse Norman outh, last week received a signal Robert Lee Toodle, Helton Armstrong honor at the annual meeting of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association held in Atlanta. He was elected vice president of the asociation which is taking a leading part in the development and conservation of forest lands throughout the

Mr. Earle has been with the pulp built in 1937. In the intervening seven years he has become well known was consumed by fire. Mr. Harris' canvassers and "free-lance" canvassthroughout the southern and southeastern areas, where he is recognized Washington highway about 15 miles portant meeting at the Agricultural as an authority as well as a leader in southern forestry conservation methods. His personality and prog-Roper Thursday Night ressiveness has brought him prominence not only in the pulp and paper industry but in local civic, social and

C. O. Brown, of Mobile, Ala., was elected president of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association; and W. J. M. Damtoff, of Canton, N C., was named a director-at-large

Routine Matters Before County Board Monday

Routine matters were about al that came before the regular first Monday meeting of the County Board of Commisioners at the courthouse here last Monday. Only two members of the board were present, E. G. Arps chairman, and J. C. Knowles, of Roper. Commissioner Harry W. Pritchett, of Creswell, was reported to be absent on account of illness. County Farm Agent W. V. Hays

read his report on activities for the month of January, and it was receiv ed and approved by the board.

T. E. Furlough was granted a li cense to sell beer at the place formerly operated by Louis Bateman Seven or eight miles east of Roper on Highway 64.

GETS PROMOTION

Mahlon S. Moore, son of Mr

and Mrs. W. C. Moore, of Plym-

outhRoute 1, was recently pro-

moted to the grade of line ser-

geant in a cavalry unit now

stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Sergeant Moore has been in the

51 Colored Men Go

To Fort Bragg for

Pre-Induction Test

Is First Group From County

Called Under New In-

duction Process

Fifty-one county colored men went

to Fort Bragg Tuesday morning for

the pre-induction physical examina-

tions, it was learned at the office of

Newport and 3 from Norfolk, Va.

Non-Fathers

Clyde Wynn, Harry Augustus Walker,

Ernest Sumler, Aloumd James Wil-

See DRAFT LIST, Page 6

The home and belonging of Henry

which left Tuesday:

south of Plymouth.

the fire is unknown.

Fletcher Harris, of Plymouth.

service less than a year.

Quota of All Other Types of Securities

Sales Up To Today More Than \$15,000 Above Overall Quota

Although Washington County went 'over the top" Monday, so far as the aggregate goal of the Fourth War Loan campaign is concerned, it was still about \$40,000 short of its "E" bond quota at the close of business vesterday afternon, according to H. E. Beam, county chairman of the War Finance Committee.

Eugene F. Still, county chriman of the Fourth War Loan drive, this morning called on all workers to redouble their efforts to reach the "E"

H. E. Beam, chairman of the county war finance committee. this morning received the following telegram from C. T. Linebach, chairman of the state com-

"Cumulative sales to individuals, as of February 8, 64 per cent of quota: "E" bond sales are only 54 per cent of quota. Overall state sales satisfactory but North Carolina individual and "E" bond sales, while as good as national average, are lagging. This situation rather disturbing. . . . Suggest you adopt every expedient for increasing sales of "E" bonds. as well as other securities, to individuals. . . . Please assist in intensive campaign to increase sale even though your county may have already reached its overall quota, as situation continues critical in "E" bond and individual field. I am counting on your assistance to improve North Carolina's record. Thanks."

the Washington County Selective Service Board. This is the first group bond goal, since this is considered of to be called under the new method of first importance in the campaign. inducting men for the armed serv- While he expressed his gratification ices which became effective Febru- that the overall quota had been realized, Mr. Still pointed out that near-Those who pass the physical tests by \$100,00 represented tax certificates will be classified for service in the bought by various firms. In effect, Army or Navy, but will not be in- these firms are only pre-paying their ducted at this time. They will re- taxes by a few months, and such sales turn to their homes for at least 21 do not represent the long-term gain days, after which they are subject to the government as do sales of "E"

press appreciation for the finer man-Thirty of those who left Tuesday ner in which workers and bond buyers other 21 are Pre-Pearl Harbor fa- both are confident that the county thers. Twenty-eight of them are will set a new high mark before the from Plymouth, 9 from Roper, 7 from drive closes. The quota for "E" bonds Creswell, 3 from Mackeys; 1 from is \$129,500, out of the overall quota of \$229,000. Up to this morning Following is the complete list of sales of "E" bonds totalled \$87,806.25 those who made up the contingent not including sales in Roper and Creswell this week, and not including several pledges which it is known will be fulflilled. Sales of other type From Plymouth: Cleophus Hudson, bonds amounted to \$156,666.50. against a quota of \$98.500.

The campaign is still going on in liamson, John Alfred Wooden, Wilfull blast. Convassers are still at See BOND SALE, Page 6

jr., Walter Lee Dixon, Edison Spru Local Canvassers to Meet Friday Night Farm Home Destroyed by Fire 15 Miles From Here

Shep Brinkley, chairman of the Fourth War Loan campaign in the Hunter Harris were totally destroyed Plymouth section, this morning urged company here since the plant was last Saturday night when the house all members of the Plymouth Fourth which he and his family occupied Loan committee, all captains, all area home was located on the Plymouth- ers of the town to attend a most im-Building Friday night at 7:30 p. m The house was the only building Everyone is asked to be ready to rethat was burned, the barn and other port the exact number of homes canbuildings around the farm being un- vased, the number of home purchasdamaged. The loss was estimated at ing bonds and the number of homes \$5,000, and only a small amount of not purchasing bonds.

insurance was carried. The cause of Any home that has not been canvassed by Friday at noon is request-Henry Harris is the brother of ed to telephone Shep Brinkley at

Hunting Season Comes To End Today; All Trapping Must Cease February 15

key and rabbit comes to an end today, County Game Protector J. T. Terry said yesterday. He also stated that the trapping season would close on February 15, and all traps are supposed to be taken up by that time, according to a ruling by the State Department of Conservation and Development.

The season as a whole has been very satisfactory-for those who had or could get shotgun shells. Game was fairly plentiful, although bird hunters report most quail are wild, which makes for difficult shooting.

Unless the ammunition prob lem is solved, it is expected that there will be comparatively very little hunting next season. Shotgun shells are reported to be bringing all sorts of fancy prices. ranging upwards to \$10 for a box of 25. At these prices, most local sportsmen will be forced to forego their favorite recreation next fall, although there is some slight hope that the government may permit a few shells to be manufactured for sale to hunters before then.

H. H. McLean Appointed Supervisor Of Aircraft Warning Service in County

Wednesdays.

Following the recent resignation of P. W. Brown, of Plym-Warning Service in Washington County, it was announced last week that the First Fighter Command at Norfolk, Va., had approved the appointment to that post of H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruc-

It is explained by the First Fighter Command that Mr. Mc-Lean will be the middleman in partnership between the

Army Air Forces and the civilian population in keeping intact the organization of the Ground Observer Corps. This organization is being kept on an "alert" basis, with the four spotting posts in the county manned one afternoon each week. However, it is suposed to be able to go into operation on a 24-hour basis if the need should arise.

Mr. McLean, as area supervisor, Roper, Creswell and Wenona.

has jurisdiction over the observation posts located in Plymouth,

listed their property for 1944, it was learned this week at the offices of the county and town tax collectors.

Another 1 per cent penalty will be

Crew testified that he was released

The local volunteer fire department was called out twice recently to extinguish fires in this section Neither fire did any serious damage according to Fire Chief Miller War-

Last Saturday night the fire department was called to a fire in the woods and underbrush behind the not serious and soon burnt out of its own accord.

P. M. Arps formally qualified las Monday for the office of chairman of the Washington ABC Board and en-A. M., next Tuesday night at 8 man of the Washington County ABC tered upon his new duties. Mr. Arps resigned as chairman of the county board of education at its regular meeting that morning and began his benefit of St. Luke's Episcopal church. work immediately after taking the The public is invited and urged to oath of office before Assistant Clerk attend. of Superior Court W. B. Cox.

> Mrs. Viola Smithson, of Creswell, are the other members of the ABC board.

The maximum retail ceiling price for ungraded country eggs for the Rationing Board yesterday. It is