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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.

The use of Italian prisoners of war for work at the plant of the Farmers Cotton and Peanut Company here was held up for some reason this week, it was learned from James E. Davenport, a member of the firm.

Captain Leon Ganderon, of the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps, visited his brother, Ben Ganderon, and sister, Mrs. J. S. Shugar, here last week.

Most county farmers have completed preparation of their tobacco plant beds, according to County Agent W. V. Hays.

Staff Sergeant Hanley Hayes, of Hampton, Va., is visiting Shep Brinkley here this week.

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.

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.

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.

Irvin Respass, first-class shipfitter with the U. S. Naval "Seabees," recently underwent an operation on his hip while in the Southwest Pacific and is now in a Long Beach, Calif., Naval hospital.

Chief Petty Officer Carlton Peelle, of the United States Navy, visited his brother, W. H. Peelle, and family here last Friday.

A number of county farmers have signed up with C. C. Lang & Son to grow cucumbers during the coming season, it was learned this week from C. W. Dinkins, manager of the local plant.

Degree Work at Local Masonic Lodge Tuesday

There will be a regular meeting of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & A. M., next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, followed by work in the third degree, it was announced today by Edward L. Owens, the master.

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

Following the recent resignation of P. W. Brown, of Plymouth, as head of the Aircraft 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 instruction.

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

L. E. Hassell, of Roper, Elected Acting Chairman of Education Board Monday

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.

School at Creswell Leads Dime Drive

Creswell—A most successful March of Dimes campaign was conducted at the Creswell school Wednesday of last week for the benefit of the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation.

Negro to Be Tried in Superior Court for Attempted Robbery

Attempt Occurred Saturday At White's Store in Skinnersville

Frank Crew, 21-year-old Negro, of Washington, Ga., was arrested Monday by Deputy Sheriff W. D. Peal, of Creswell, and lodged in the county jail here, charged with attempting to hold up and rob Miss Alice White at the store of her brother, W. W. White, in Skinnersville last Saturday about noon.

Miss White was alone in the store at the time the Negro came in and demanded money. She testified in recorder's court that he pointed a pistol at her and fired several shots when she screamed and ran.

Crew testified that he was released from the Washington County prison camp at 8:30 the same morning. He admitted demanding money from Miss White, but denied that he had a pistol. Officers stated that they had been unable to locate the gun or find bullet holes inside the store.

Crew ran out the front door and later made his way to Plymouth. He remained here over Sunday and then returned to the Skinnersville section Monday morning, where he was picked up on the highway by Deputy Sheriff Peal. Officers said that Crew had served 16 months in the prison camp for a robbery understood to have been committed in Beaufort County.

Whiskey Books Issued on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Issuance of whiskey rationing books No. 2 will be resumed next week, but in the future they will be issued only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each week, it was announced yesterday by P. M. Arps, new chairman of the Washington County ABC Board. Mrs. H. Marion Ramsey is the issuing agent, and books may be obtained only at her office on Water Street here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Ceiling Price on Eggs Is 48 Cents This Week

The maximum retail ceiling price for ungraded country eggs for the current week is 48 cents per dozen, it was learned at the office of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board yesterday. It is pointed 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.

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.

County and Town Tax Collections Set New High Record

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

Nearly as many people have already paid their 1943 taxes as have listed their property for 1944, it was learned this week at the offices of the county and town tax collectors.

P. W. Brown, chief of police and tax collector for the Town of Plymouth, said that he collected about \$28,000 in 1943 taxes up to February 1, when the 1 per cent penalty became effective. The total levy for the town is approximately \$35,000, which means that about 80 per cent of the levy has been collected.

J. E. Davenport, county tax collector, yesterday was still adding up figures on the amount of taxes collected during the last few days of January, before the 1 per cent penalty was added, and said that he could not at this time give an exact figure, although he estimated about 80 per cent of the levy had been collected. The total county levy is \$114,851.59.

Both the collectors said that the amount of taxes collected at this time was far greater than it had ever been before in a comparable period of time. Better economic conditions, of course, are reflected in the tax collections, and there is a disposition on the part of most taxpayers to pay their accounts before the penalties are added.

Firemen Called Out Twice in Past Week

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 Warren.

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

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

P. M. Arps formally qualified last Monday for the office of chairman of the Washington ABC Board and entered upon his new duties. Mr. Arps resigned as chairman of the county board of education at its regular meeting that morning and began his work immediately after taking the oath of office before Assistant Clerk of Superior Court W. B. Cox.

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?"

City Council Favors Program This Year To Curb Mosquitoes

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 and its environs by the board of health at the regular council meeting Monday night. A committee was named to ascertain the probable cost and to confer with representatives of local industrial plants about cooperating with the town in putting over the project.

The board of health was represented at the meeting by Dr. Alban Papineau and Mayor B. G. Campbell. The district health officer, Dr. J. J. Croley, and district sanitarian, W. B. Gaylord, were also present in an advisory capacity. Dr. Papineau acted as spokesman for the health board, describing conditions found on a recent inspection tour and recommending that the council take the lead in planning a campaign to eliminate as many mosquito-breeding places as possible.

It was suggested that men be employed to cut down weeds and do a small amount of ditching, as well as spray oil on standing water. The group which made the investigation about two weeks ago found a number of conditions surrounding the town that will facilitate the breeding of mosquitoes as the weather grows warmer. The health officer suggested that a program be launched early in the spring, possibly in April, in order to head off the pests before summer begins. Such a program, it is felt, will reduce the number of malaria cases here, as well as afford a measure of relief from the nuisance of mosquitoes.

After all members of the council had expressed themselves as favoring the recommendations, Mayor Campbell named E. E. Harrell and J. R. Manning to assist him in arriving at a tentative estimate of the cost. They will also seek the cooperation of local industrial plants in sharing the expense of the program.

Stores May Start Getting Tokens on February 21st

Washington County retail merchants will begin getting their blue and red ration tokens from the banks on February 21, it was announced this week by the local rationing board. In applying for the tokens, retailers are advised to enclose the stamps which they wish to trade for tokens in envelopes, just as they do when buying from wholesalers. Tokens will be issued only in amounts of 250 and multiples of 250; and 250 is the minimum amount issued.

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 Ganderson announced last week. He hopes to have all arrangements completed and be ready to move in his new quarters sometime about the first of next week.

Earle Is Official of Conservation Group

T. W. Earle, manager of the Wood and Land Department of the North Carolina Pulp Company, of Plymouth, last week received a signal honor at the annual meeting of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association held in Atlanta. He was elected vice president of the association, which is taking a leading part in the development and conservation of forest lands throughout the South.

Mr. Earle has been with the pulp company here since the plant was built in 1937. In the intervening seven years he has become well known throughout the southern and southeastern areas, where he is recognized as an authority as well as a leader in southern forestry conservation methods. His personality and progressiveness has brought him prominence not only in the pulp and paper industry but in local civic, social and religious circles.

Chicken Salad Supper in Roper Thursday Night

There will be a chicken salad supper at the Community Building in Roper Thursday night of next week, February 17, proceeds to be used for benefit of St. Luke's Episcopal church. The public is invited and urged to attend.

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County \$40,000 Short of 'E' Bond Goal in Current Drive

War Bond Rally at Roper High School Set Next Thursday

Shotgun Shells, Silk Hose Among Items To Be Auctioned Off

Roper—A Fourth War Loan rally, including an auction sale, has been planned for the Roper community and will be held in the Roper High School auditorium Thursday night, February 17, at 8 o'clock.

The program is being prepared by Mesdames M. C. Davenport, Eloise Owens and Roy Hopkins. Charles E. Mizelle will serve as master of ceremonies and auctioneer a number of prizes which have been donated for the occasion by local merchants and others to stimulate interest in the drive. There will be a long list of valuable prizes to be auctioned off, including a box of gun shells, a goat and ladies' silk hose.

At a meeting of the local campaign committee early this week, L. E. Hassell, sr., chairman of the Fourth War Loan for the Roper community, stated that he was well pleased with the progress of the drive thus far and expressed the hope that the Roper section would play a prominent part in aiding Washington County to oversubscribe its quota.

County Gives \$175.85 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 in contributions, Mrs. Sidney Smithson, chairman there, reporting that an even \$75 had been raised. Contributions in Plymouth amounted to \$100.85, including that received from the schools and containers placed in local business houses. Contributions at the local colored school totaled \$22.37, while children of the white schools turned in \$38.

Mrs. Smithson reported the following break-down of donations from Creswell: High school, \$49.52; Cherry school, \$5.12; Creswell colored school, \$5.67; Cherry colored school, \$1.10; and containers in stores, \$13.59, making the total \$75.

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Routine Matters Before County Board Monday

Routine matters were about all that came before the regular first Monday meeting of the County Board of Commissioners 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.

GETS PROMOTION



Mahlon S. Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore, of Plymouth, was recently promoted to the grade of line sergeant in a cavalry unit now stationed at Fort Jackson, S. C. Sergeant Moore has been in the service less than a year.

51 Colored Men Go To Fort Bragg for Pre-Induction Test

Is First Group From County Called Under New Induction Process

Fifty-one county colored men went to Fort Bragg Tuesday morning for the pre-induction physical examinations. It was learned at the office of the Washington County Selective Service Board. This is the first group to be called under the new method of inducting men for the armed services which became effective February 1.

Those who pass the physical tests will be classified for service in the Army or Navy, but will not be inducted at this time. They will return to their homes for at least 21 days, after which they are subject to be called at any time to enter the branch of service for which they were classified.

Thirty of those who left Tuesday are classed as non-fathers and the other 21 are Pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. Twenty-eight of them are from Plymouth, 9 from Roper, 7 from Creswell, 3 from Mackeys; 1 from Newport and 3 from Norfolk, Va.

Following is the complete list of those who made up the contingent which left Tuesday:

Non-Fathers From Plymouth: Cleophus Hudson, Clyde Wynn, Harry Augustus Walker, Ernest Sumler, Almond James Williamson, John Alfred Wooden, William Penn Smith, Joe Nathan Phelps, Jesse Lou Murphy, Jesse Norman, Robert Lee Toodie, Helton Armstrong, Jr., Walter Lee Dixon, Edison Spruill. See DRAFT LIST, Page 6

Farm Home Destroyed by Fire 15 Miles From Here

The home and belonging of Henry Hunter Harris were totally destroyed last Saturday night when the house which he and his family occupied was consumed by fire. Mr. Harris' home was located on the Plymouth-Washington highway about 15 miles south of Plymouth. The house was the only building that was burned, the barn and other buildings around the farm being undamaged. The loss was estimated at \$5,000, and only a small amount of insurance was carried. The cause of the fire is unknown.

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

The open season on quail, turkey 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.

Has Sold More Than 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 yesterday afternoon, according to H. E. Beam, county chairman of the War Finance Committee.

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

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

"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."

bond goal, since this is considered of first importance in the campaign. While he expressed his gratification that the overall quota had been realized, Mr. Still pointed out that nearly \$100,000 represented tax certificates bought by various firms. In effect, these firms are only pre-paying their taxes by a few months, and such sales do not represent the long-term gain to the government as do sales of "E" bonds.

Both Mr. Still and Mr. Beam express appreciation for the finer manner in which workers and bond buyers are cooperating in the campaign, and both are confident that the county will set a new high mark before the drive closes. The quota for "E" bonds is \$129,500, out of the overall quota of \$229,000. Up to this morning, sales of "E" bonds totaled \$87,806.25, not including sales in Roper and Creswell this week, and not including several pledges which it is known will be fulfilled. Sales of other type bonds amounted to \$156,666.50, against a quota of \$98,500.

The campaign is still going on in full blast. Convoys are still at See BOND SALE, Page 6

Local Canvassers to Meet Friday Night

Shep Brinkley, chairman of the Fourth War Loan campaign in the Plymouth section, this morning urged all members of the Plymouth Fourth Loan committee, all captains, all area canvassers and "free-lance" canvassers of the town to attend a most important meeting at the Agricultural Building Friday night at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is asked to be ready to report the exact number of homes canvassed, the number of home purchasing bonds and the number of homes not purchasing bonds. Any home that has not been canvassed by Friday at noon is requested to telephone Shep Brinkley at 254-1.

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