strong, of the United States Navy,

is spending a few days here with his wife and family. Lieutenant Arm-

strong, former teacher and coach at

the local school, has seen consider-

able action with the Navy in the Atlantic and Mediterranean war zones.

F. Elmo Mayo, Naval Aviation ca-

det, who has been attending school

at the University of Georgia at Ath-

ens, is spending a week here with

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mayo.

He recently dislocated his right

shoulder while playing basketball and

Fred M. Davenport, senior in the

Creswell High School, was enlisted in

the Naval Reserve at New Bern, Tues-

day, it is reported by Recruiter Dal-

las M. Taylor. After being sworn in

he was allowed to return home to

complete the current term of school

Local police recently recovered a

black bicycle believed to have been

stolen. It is now at the police sta-

tion here and will be returned to the

The special 20 per cent Federal

war tax on cosmetics, billfolds, wal-

lets, and other items of leather goods.

jewelry, theatre admissions, club

dues, etc., becomes effective Saturday

of this week, April 1. Thousands of

itmes are affected by the new tax,

and many merchants are advising

their customers to buy before Satur-

Washington County continues

to lag in War Bond sales this

month. With a quota of \$22,-

305 for March, sales at the local

post office and bank up to to-

day amount to only \$12,131.25.

Roper and Creswell post offices

are still to be heard from, but

it is considered doubtful that to-

tal sales this month will exceed

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chapin, of

Plymouth, formerly of Kinston, re-

ceived a cable this week from their

son, Sgt. Howard Chapin, of the

Army Air Corps, announcing that he

had arrived sefely overseas. A grad-

uate and former athletic star at

entering the service last October.

law requires all dogs over 6 months

bies each year. A fee of 75 cents will

be charged, 50 cents of which will be

returned when county taxes are paid,

J. R. Manning, chairman of the

will also be required after April 1st.

colored school who was on her way

home. She managed to get away,

and later he attempted to grab an-

Canning Meeting To Be

men are also invited to attend.

would be made shortly.

school building.

Attempted Assaults on

if the dog is listed.

day to avoid the levy.

owner upon proper identification.

and graduate this spring.

has his arm in a sling at this time.

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Food Ration Stamps Good Indefinitely After April 1st; No Expiration Dates

Theodore S. Johnson, Raleigh OPA district director, declared this week that expiration dates for food ration stamps are out for the duration. Beginning April 1, Johnson said, red and blue stamps in War Ration Book No

Four will be good indefinitely. There will be no change in the way in which stamps become valid. Housewives will continue to get three red stamps worth thirty points every second Sunday and five blue stamps worth fifty points the first of every

Johnson said the change is in line with similar changes in other rationing programs. The expiration date of shoe stamps was removed last September and sugar expiration dates were done away with three weeks ago.

Another County Man Reported Missing in **Action Over Germany**

Half-Holidays To **Begin Next Week**

Local stores and business places will begin observance of the weekly half-holidays Wednesday of next week, April 5. Stores will be closed at noon, and patrons are asked to cooperate by doing their shopping during the morning hours.

It is announced that the stores will not observe the half-holiday on the following Wednesday, April 12, on account of the Easter Monday holiday falling two days before then. However, starting April 19th, stores will close each Wednesday at noon during the months of April, May, June, July and August. Hours on other week days will remain the same as at present.

Grainger High School in Kinston Sergeant Chapin attended Atlantic Democratic County Christian College in Wilson before Convention Will Be Announcement is made by Chief of

of age to be vaccinated against ra- Precinct Meetings Will Be Held April 22, County Chairman States

membership committee of the Country Club of Plymouth reminds mem try Club of Plymouth, reminds members that they can save 9 per cent on their club dues by paying them be staturday, April 29, at 11 a.m., it was a membered here, especially by his schoolmates. For a number of years chairman of the Democratic execution was a member of the high school here. their club dues by paying them be-fore April 1, when a Federal tax of 20 per cent becomes effective. The rate at present is 11 per cent. The rate at present is 11 per cent. The story at 11 a.m., at the various polling plac-\$10 initiation fee for new members es in the county.

At each precinct meeting, five men Colored Girls Reported that committee automatically be- Harlingen, Texas, Salt Lake City, Attempted assaults on two colored tive committee. At the county con- Wash., Pendleton, Oregon, and Rapid girls by a white man near Roper vention on April 29 the county ex- City, S. Dak. He was last home for Tuesday were reported to police here ecutive committee elects a chairman one day and night last September, yesterday. According to the reports, who will serve for the coming two while he was receiving operational the man stopped a truck he was years. Delegates to the state Demo- training at Rapid City, S. Dak. driving at intersection of the Cross cratic convention are also elected at Road and Highway 64 and grabbed the county convention. a 20-year-old senior from the Roper

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Infant Daughter of Mr. other girl, who also escaped. It was And Mrs. Coltrain Dies

indicated by police that an arrest Eddie Fay Coltrain, one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Coltrain, died at the home of her par- N. Womble and Mrs. J. W. Armstrong, ents on West Main Street here Sun- of Plymouth. Held in Roper April 5th day afternoon at 2:30 after being ill for two weeks with pneumonia. Roper.—All those interested in the The little girl was exactly one year establishment of a community can-old, having been born on March 26, nery at Roper and members enrolled 1943.

in course No. 15, production, conser- Funeral services were held Monvation and processing of food for day afternoon at 3:30 at the Colfarm families are urged to attend train cemetery near Jamesville, the next Wednesday, April 5, at 8:30 p.m., Rev. W. B. Harrington, Baptist minthe final meeting in a series of class- ister, officiating. Interment was es being conducted at the Roper made in the cemetery there.

Besides her parents, M. C. and Lau-Miss Elizabeth Williams, assistant ra Watson Coltrain, of Plymouth, the in home management extension serv- little girl is survived by two brothers, ice, will be present. Her subject will Willie and Robert Coltrain, and three "Storage in the Home." The sisters, Ruby Gray, Annie and Marie, all of the home in Plymouth.

Sgt. B. W. Robertson Gunner on Fortress

Parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Robertson, Plymouth, Notified Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Robertson received a telegram from the War Department last Saturday morning, informing them that their only son, Staff Sergeant Benjamin Wilson Robertson, 21 years of age, had been missing in action since March 8th over Germany. Sergeant Robertson, top turret gunner on a B-17, "Flying Fortress" bomber, is the eleventh Washington County man to be reported missing or killed in line of duty during the present war.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson said that their son went overseas shortly after January 5th, this year. They received several letters from him since then, indicating that he was stationed in England, but he was unable to tell them whether or not he Police P. W. Brown that dogs will be vaccinated at the police station here, Held Here April 29 had been on any pombing incisions. Their last letter from him, received recently, was dated March 1.

The young man graduated from the Plymouth High School in May 1942, and volunteered for the Air Corps in August, entering the service at Camp Lee, Va., on August 12, 1942. Democrats of Washington County Prior to entering the service, he workwill hold their bi-ennial county con- ed for a short time at the pulp mill here and at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

He is well and very favorably reand, in which he played the bass of Plymouth.

After entering the Army Air Corps, will be elected to serve as the pre- Sergeant Robertson trained at Camp cinct committee. The chairman of Lee, Va., Miami, Fla., Amarillo and comes a member of the county execu- Utah, Boise, Idaho, Walla Walla,

Born on January 21, 1923, he was the only son of W. W. (Dock) Robertson and Fannie Bell Robertson, of near Plymouth. He lived with his parents on a farm near here until about a month before he entered the service, when he went to th Navy Yard at Norfolk to work. Besides his parents, he has three sisters, Mrs. C. E. Hall, of Harriman, Tenn.; Mrs. L.

The young man has many friends in the community who join with his parents and other relatives in the hope that he parachuted to safety in Germany, although it undoubtedly means that he is a prisoner of war of

Brinson Cox Gets Navy Commission

Joseph Brinson Cox, son of Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court and Mrs. W. B. Cox, of Plymouth, graduated Wednesday of last week from the Naval Air Training Center at Corpus Christi, Texas, and was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve

After receiving his "Wings of Gold" and commission, Ensign Cox was assigned to duty at an unannounced station. Before entering the service he was a student at Wake Forest College. He was home on a visit for a few days about two weeks ago.

Each Naval Aviator is an expert flyer, navigator, aerologist, gunner and radio operator, according to the public relations office at Corpus Christi. They fly carrier-based and land-based planes in the combat zones and at Naval Air Stations at

home and abroad. Types of planes in Naval Aviation include fighters, dive bombers, scout and observation, multi-engined bombers, patrol planes and air transports. Whether in the Marine Corps or in the Navy, Naval Aviators wear the famous "Wing of Gold."

Of Board Elections

Books Will Be Open Three Reports Not All in; Cam-Saturdays, Beginning April 29th

Members of the Washington County Board of Elections, appointed board, met here last Saturday to perliminary arrangements for holding the primary in this county on May 27. Registrars for the five election precincts were appointed, with the judges of election, or pollholders, to

Walter W. White, of Skinnersville, was reelected chairman of the county election board and J. M. Clagon, of Roper, was named secretary. J. Richard Carr, of Plymouth, is the Republican member of the board.

The books will be opened for rewho have changed their places of residence on three Saturdays before the primary. The books will be open 13. Saturday, May 20, will be chal-Lost in Raid March 8 13. Saturday, May 20, will be challenge day, and the primary will be

gistration in the five county precincts are as follows: Plymouth, Mrs. Hermine Ramsey

at her office on Water Street; Wenona, H. J. Furbee, at his home; Lees Mill, J. E. Phelps, at his filling station in Roper; Skinnersville, Mrs. M. A. White, at

shoe shop in Creswell.

Mr. White was in Plymouth Tuesone candidate for county had filed with his at that time. He is Edward L. Owens, candidate for representaday for candidates to file for county

Call 65 Colored Men To Go To Fort Bragg ty by the Virginia Electric & Power Company.

54 of Number Are Classed as Non-Fathers; 34 From Plymouth

Sixty-five Washington County colored men have been ordered to reboard Friday morning of this week. when they will go to Fort Bragg for he was a member of the high school their pre-induction physical examinations. Only 11 fathers are includ-

It is considered likely that a number of those who have received notices will be transferred to the jurisdiction of other boards before time for leaving tomorrow, since at least 14 of them are now living in other sections, although they were criginally registered from this county.

Plymouth will furnish 34 of those called up, 25 non-fathers and 9 fathers. Roper comes next, with 19 nonfathers and 2 fathers for a total of 21. Four of the number are from Mackeys, all non-fathers: and Creswell is listed as the home of six nonfathers who received the summons. Following is the entire list of those

Plymouth, non-fathers: Jesse Ver-(See DRAFT LIST, Page 4)

Program of Services at

Lee A. Phillips, Pastor The following outline of services are announced at the Ludford Memorial Baptist Church for Sunday, April 2: Sunday School, 9:50; Morning worship, 11; B. T. U., 7 p.m.; Evening worship, 8 p.m.

Prayer meeting on Wednesday night at 8 c'clock. Deacons meeting Monday, 8 p.m.

of the evening services. Everyone cordially invited to all our services.

Farm Bureau To Meet Next Week

J. R. Manning, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau, announced this week that an important meeting of that organization would be held at the Agriculture Building in Plymouth Friday night of next week, April 7, at 8 o'clock. He urges all members to make plans

Topics to be discussed at the meeting include ceiling and support prices for tobacco, peanuts, and potatoes. Another timely topic will be draft deferments for young farmers who are producing the necessary number of war units. These are all matters of the utmost importance to farmers of this section, and a large attendance is expected.

With \$5,087 Raised

paign Will Be Closed Saturday

Washington County this week went over the top" in raising its quota March 18 by the state elections of \$5,000 for the Red Cross War Fund Drive. John W. Darden, chairman fect their organization and make pre- of the county chapter, said yesterday that funds on hand and amonuts reported collected in the various sections totaled \$5,087.87, with a number of workers still to report.

The campaign will be continued through Saturday, the chairman said, in order to secure complete reports from all sections. Collections are still being made daily at the local theatre, with \$307.41 reported on hand there prior to the show last night. Mr. Darden also said that the report from the Creswell colored gistration of new voters and those canvassers was not yet complete, and there are a few other scattered returns to be received.

Mrs. Sidney Smithson, chairman Saturdays, April 29, May 6 and of the campaign in Creswell reported yesterday that \$525.01 had been raised by the white people there, held the following Saturday, May 27. While colored collections so far re-Registrars and the places for re- ported amounted to \$45.45. Due to the bad weather which has prevailed, some of the workers there have not been able to complete their work, but Mrs. Smithson expects all reports to be completed by the week-end.

It was the Creswell report, coupled with the collections at the theatre and a \$50 donation by the local merchants association plus a few others Scuppernong, John Combs, at his that put the county over yesterday Mr. Darden summarized the report as follows at that time: Previously reday and said while here that only ported, \$4,100; Creswell (white) \$525.01; Creswell (colored), \$45.45; Plymouth Merchants Association, \$50; American Legion \$10; theatre coltive. Saturday, May 15, is the last lections, \$307.41; and miscellaneous credits, \$50.

The miscellaneous credits represent amounts sent direct to the national Red Cross but credited to this chapter. Included in this was a this chapter. Included in this was a \$40 contribution credited to the coun-

Darden expressed his appreciation to all who had helped make the campaign a success. When the county quota was first assigned, it was felt that the amount was a little steep, since the quota last year was only \$2,700. However, all sections pitchport to the office of the local draft result that nearly all of the community quotas have been reached.

Mr. Darden said that the funds raised would be divided 70-30 between the national Red Cross and the county chapter, including all the oversubscription. He hopes to be able to present the final result in next week's

Phil Liverman in Pacific Invasions

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman, of Plymouth, this week heard indirectly from their son, Phillip G. Liverman, petty officer in the U.S. Navy, on duty in the Pacific war theatre. On his return to the United States, Jamesville, who, with three small a shipmate and friend of Phil, who is still in the war zone, wrote Mr. and Mrs. Liverman about some of their Harris, 4; and Brenda Ann Harris, 2 scouting officials. Mr. Scrivener onexperiences.

According to the young man. Phil volunteered to remain on one of the ed by U.S. forces from the Japanese He said that both he and the local two brothers, Wheeler Martin Har-Local Baptist Church young man were in the thick of two major actions recently, and that Phil in Italy; and J. B. Harris, of the U. week, when plans will be made for a was one of the very first to hit the S. Maritime Service. enemy beaches, " and that wasn't any picnic." Both escaped without a scratch, and when Phil volunteered to remain on the island, his shipmate promised him to write to Mr. and Mrs. Liverman when he returned to

Please note the change in the time Mrs. W. M. Stubbs Dies at Pinetown

Mrs. Sarah D. Stubbs, 60 wife of Elder Wilmer M. Stubbs, of Pinetown, died in a Washington hospital last Sunday after an illness of about two months following a stroke of paralysis. Elder Stubbs is a prominent Primitive Baptist minister and both he and Mrs. Stubbs were very well known in this county.

Daughter of I. D. and Sarah Jackson. Mrs. Stubbs was born in Pinetown on January 5, 1884. She was a loval member of the Primitive Baptist church for many years. In June, 1903, she was married to Elder Stubbs, who, with a son and daughter, survives. The son is S/Sgt. Wilmer Stubbs, of the Army Air Forces. stationed at Bruning, Neb.; while her daughter is Mrs. W. K. Browning, of Washington. She also leaves two grandchildren.

Funeral services are being held at the late home in Pinetown this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Elder A. B. Ayers, of Martin County. Interment is to follow in the family cemetery.

Name Registrars for County 'Over Top' Program for Mosquito Primary at Meeting In Red Cross Drive Control to Begin Next Week With Clean-Up

MISSING IN ACTION

S/Sgt. Benjamin F. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jackson of Roper, was reported by the War Department on March 16 to have been missing in action over Germany since February 24. He was assistant engineer and gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber and had been in the service since August, 1942.

James Harris Hurt Fatally in Accident At Plant Saturday the standing water in low places which surround the town, and the

Rites Monday

From Here Friday with the amount in sight already a record day morning as a result of injuries past the county quota of \$5,000, Mr. day morning as a result of injuries sustained Saturday afternoon while at work in the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company. It is understood that he was caught in a rewinding machine at the mill and suffered a fractured skull and badly for the program. The town is to magled shoulder in addition to other furnish an additional 1,200 gallons ed in and worked loyally, with the injuries. He was conscious for a and to employ the necessary labor. short while after the accident.

> rushed immediately to the hospital at weeds. Rocky Mount, where he died about 12 However, the whole matter comes hours later.

> 3, 1907, Mr. Harris was the son of about homes and on vacant lots are Ben and Clara Rawles Harris. He eliminated, all the work of the town lived near Williamston until about 15 months ago, when he moved here to work at the pulp plant. He was a member of the Roberson's Chapel can be practically eliminated, as well Presbyterian church, of near Williamston. During his short stay at the mill he had been promoted New Deputy Scout er and well liked in the community.

> On Novermer 14, 1935, he was married to Miss Blanche Modlin, of Miss Evelyn Harris, of Plymouth; and ers of the local Scout troop. ris, of the U.S. Army, now stationed will be held Friday night of next

> recently reported missing in action of Scouts are ready for advancement, in New Guinea since January 28th. Funeral services were held from the scoutmaster. home here Monday afternoon at 2:30 The local troop is very active at by the Rev. D. C. Crawford, jr., Pres- the present time. The boys are interbyterian minister of Edenton. Inter- ested in the program, and many of ment was made in the Modlin ceme- them are working for higher ranktery near Williamston.

Mayor and Health Officials Urge All In Town To Help

To Begin Oiling Low Places Last of Next Week If Weather Favorable

Next week. April 3 to 6, has been officially proclaimed Clean-Up Week in Plymouth by Mayor B. G. Campbell and the District Health Department. It also marks the beginning of the mosquito-control drive, which will be continued throughout the community until next fall.

City trash trucks will make their collections every day next week, instead of twice a week as usual. Those who have unusually large amounts of trash on hand may have it removed at any time by leaving a call for the trucks with Chief of Police P. W. Brown, he said this morning.

Local people are earnestly requested to clean up their premises, including front and back yards and va. cant lots, during the week. All types of containers that will hold water should be removed holes should be filled, gutters checked, and every effort made to eliminate every possible breeding place for mosquitoes.

Town and health department officials state that the entire success of the mosquito-control drive hinges on the cooperation of the general public. Unless a general clean-up is undertaken, it will be useless to oil the standing water in low places program will be a failure.

Mr. Brown said yesterday that the oiling program would get underway the latter part of next week, if the weather improved. Under present conditions, it would be useless to oil the low places, as water is running James Harris, 36 years old, died at off too fast. If the rain ceases and the sun comes out for a few days. however, mosquitoes will begin to breed in standing water, and oiling will begin immediately.

It was learned yesterday that the North Carolina Pulp Company had agreed to furnish 400 gallons of oil In addition to oiling standing water. The accident occurred at 1:15 ditch banks along the streets and in Saturday afternoon, and he was outlying sections are to be cleared of

right back to the individual citizen. Born in Martin County on August Unless potential breeding places

Executive Visitor

Mr. Scrivener, assistant Scout exchildren, survives him. Their ecutive of the Eastern Carolina Counchildren are Jack Harris, 7; Alonza cil, was here this week to visit local years of age, all of Plymouth. He ly recently entered upon the work in also leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. this section, succeeding J. T. Uzzle, Ben Harris, of Plymouth; two sis- who is now in the Army, and he was islands recently invaded and captur- ters, Mrs. Eston Baker, of Edenton: here to become acquainted with lead-

A meeting of the local committee board of review and court of honor Another brother, Hilton Harris, was for the Plymouth troop. A number according to the Rev. Lee A. Phillips.

ing.

Decoration and Citation Awarded To Roper Man Reported Missing in Action

An Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal was awarded to Staff Sgt. Benjamin F. Jackson, of Roper, shortly before he went on a bombing mission following which he was reported missing in action over Germany, it was learned last week-end by a press release sent to The Roanoke Beacon from an Eighth Air Force Liberator Base in England. Sergeant Jackson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Jackson, of

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were informed by the War Department on March 16 that their son had been missing in action over Germany since February 24th. The press release announcing Sergeant Jackson's decoration and citation cleared the press censor in England on February 25th,

Announcement of the award was made by Brigadier General James P. Hodges, commanding general of the Eighth Air Force Liberator Division, and the cluster was presented to Sergeant Jackson by Brigadier General Leon W. Johnson, Liberator Wing Commander and recent recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor. The citation which accompan-

ied the Oak Leaf Cluster reads as follows: "For exceptionally meritorious achievement, while participating in five separate bomber combat missions over enemy-occupied Continental Europe. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this man on these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United

Arrangements Made for Service Men And Women To Vote in May Primary Walter W. White, of Skinnersville, chairman of the Washing-

ton County Board of Elections, was here Tuesday to complete arrangements for members of the armed services to register and vote absentee in the May primaries and November general election. He placed an order for application blanks and instruction about the procedure.

All men and women of North Carolina now in the armed services, their auxiliaries or the merchant marine, who will be 21 years of age by November 7, 1944, are eligible to vote in both the primaries and general

A regular application blank is

being printed, but it is not absolutely necessary that it be used. Any application which furnishes the required information will be honored, according to the elections board. An application form is being printed on another page of this newspaper which may be clipped and used by service men or their families. However, they are urged to make application as soon as possible, in order that the ballots may be mailed out in

this year. Application for absentee ballots may be made by them or any member of their immediate families.