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Lieutenant (j.g.) Cleaton O. Armstrong, of the United States Navy, is spending a few days here with his wife and family. Lieutenant Armstrong, former teacher and coach at the local school, has seen considerable action with the Navy in the Atlantic and Mediterranean war zones.

F. Elmo Mayo, Naval Aviation cadet, who has been attending school at the University of Georgia at Athens, is spending a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mayo. He recently dislocated his right shoulder while playing basketball and has his arm in a sling at this time.

Fred M. Davenport, senior in the Creswell High School, was enlisted in the Naval Reserve at New Bern, Tuesday. It is reported by Recruiter Dallas M. Taylor. After being sworn in he was allowed to return home to complete the current term of school and graduate this spring.

Local police recently recovered a black bicycle believed to have been stolen. It is now at the police station here and will be returned to the owner upon proper identification.

The special 20 per cent Federal war tax on cosmetics, billfolds, wallets, and other items of leather goods, jewelry, theatre admissions, club dues, etc., becomes effective Saturday of this week, April 1. Thousands of items are affected by the new tax, and many merchants are advising their customers to buy before Saturday to avoid the levy.

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 today amount to only \$12,131.25. Roper and Creswell post offices are still to be heard from, but it is considered doubtful that total sales this month will exceed \$15,000.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chapin, of Plymouth, formerly of Kinston, received a cable this week from their son, Sgt. Howard Chapin, of the Army Air Corps, announcing that he had arrived safely overseas. A graduate and former athletic star at Grainer High School in Kinston, Sergeant Chapin attended Atlantic Christian College in Wilson before entering the service last October.

Announcement is made by Chief of Police P. W. Brown that dogs will be vaccinated at the police station here, beginning next Monday, April 3. The law requires all dogs over 6 months of age to be vaccinated against rabies each year. A fee of 75 cents will be charged, 50 cents of which will be returned when county taxes are paid, if the dog is listed.

J. R. Manning, chairman of the membership committee of the County Club of Plymouth, reminds members that they can save 9 per cent on their club dues by paying them before April 1, when a Federal tax of 20 per cent becomes effective. The rate at present is 11 per cent. The \$10 initiation fee for new members will also be required after April 1st.

**Attempted Assaults on Colored Girls Reported**

Attempted assaults on two colored girls by a white man near Roper Tuesday were reported to police here yesterday. According to the reports, the man stopped a truck he was driving at intersection of the Cross Road and Highway 64 and grabbed a 20-year-old senior from the Roper colored school who was on her way home. She managed to get away, and later he attempted to grab another girl, who also escaped. It was indicated by police that an arrest would be made shortly.

**Canning Meeting To Be Held in Roper April 5th**

Roper.—All those interested in the establishment of a community cannery at Roper and members enrolled in course No. 15, production, conservation and processing of food for farm families are urged to attend next Wednesday, April 5, at 8:30 p.m., the final meeting in a series of classes being conducted at the Roper school building.

**Arrangements Made for Service Men And Women To Vote in May Primary**

Walter W. White, of Skippersville, chairman of the Washington 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.

**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.

to get three red stamps worth thirty points every second Sunday and five blue stamps worth fifty points the first of every month. 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.

**Sgt. B. W. Robertson Gunner on Fortress Lost in Raid March 8**

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.

**Democratic County Convention Will Be Held Here April 29**

Democrats of Washington County will hold their bi-ennial county convention in the courthouse here on Saturday, April 29, at 11 a.m. It was announced this week by E. G. Arps, chairman of the Democratic executive committee. The county convention will be preceded by the precinct meetings on Saturday, April 22, also at 11 a.m., at the various polling places in the county.

**Call 65 Colored Men To Go To Fort Bragg From Here Friday**

54 of Number Are Classed as Non-Fathers; 34 From Plymouth. Sixty-five Washington County colored men have been ordered to report to the office of the local draft board Friday morning of this week, when they will go to Fort Bragg for their pre-induction physical examinations. Only 11 fathers are included in the list, while the other 54 are classed as non-fathers.

**Infant Daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Coltrain Dies**

Eddie Fay Coltrain, one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Coltrain, died at the home of her parents on West Main Street here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 after being ill for two weeks with pneumonia. The little girl was exactly one year old, having been born on March 26, 1943.

**Program of Services at Local Baptist Church**

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.

**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.

**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.

**Decorations and Citation Awarded To Roper Man Reported Missing in Action**

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**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 to attend.

**Name Registrars for Primary at Meeting Of Board Elections**

Books Will Be Open Three Saturdays, Beginning April 29th. Members of the Washington County Board of Elections, appointed March 18 by the state elections board, met here last Saturday to perfect their organization and make preliminary 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 be named at a later meeting.

**County 'Over Top' In Red Cross Drive With \$5,087 Raised**

Reports Not All in; Campaign Will Be Closed Saturday. Washington County this week went "over the top" in raising its quota of \$5,000 for the Red Cross War Fund Drive. John W. Darden, chairman of the county chapter, said yesterday that funds on hand and amounts reported collected in the various sections totaled \$5,087.87, with a number of workers still to report.

**Program for Mosquito Control to Begin Next Week With Clean-Up**

**MISSING IN ACTION**



**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.

**James Harris Hurt Fatally in Accident At Plant Saturday**

Died Early Sunday at Rocky Mount Hospital; Final Rites Monday. James Harris, 36 years old, died at a Rocky Mount hospital at 1:15 Sunday 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 revolving machine at the mill and suffered a fractured skull and badly mangled shoulder in addition to other injuries. He was conscious for a short while after the accident.

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**New Deputy Scout Executive Visitor**

Mr. Scrivener, assistant Scout executive of the Eastern Carolina Council, was here this week to visit local scouting officials. Mr. Scrivener only recently entered upon the work in this section, succeeding J. T. Uzzle, who is now in the Army, and he was here to become acquainted with leaders of the local Scout troop.

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