

# TOWN TOPICS

It is unofficially reported that around 45 colored men were accepted for service in the Army and Navy out of the contingent of 54 which left here for Fort Bragg last Friday morning. Several were held over, and it could not be learned definitely how many were rejected.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jordan returned to their home in Dardens last Thursday night after spending some time at Hot Springs, Ark. Friends will be glad to learn that Mrs. Jordan is much improved after suffering intensely with arthritis and neuritis.

Major R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor in the primary May 27, was a visitor in Plymouth last night and this morning. After spending the night here and meeting a number of local people this morning, he went on to Manteo, where he will speak tonight.

Pfc. Clarence E. Ayers, jr., of the U. S. Marine Corps, was recently graduated from the mortar gunnery school at the Camp Elliott, San Diego, Calif., training center with a rating of high expert. Pfc. Ayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ayers, of Plymouth, made an exceptional record at the gunnery school. It is announced by the Marine Corps public relations sections.

Lee V. Landing, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Landing, of Plymouth, advised his parents by telegram Monday that he had arrived at a U. S. Maritime Service cadet school in Mississippi, where he will receive training. He left here Saturday.

The Rev. Lee A. Phillips returned yesterday after undergoing a medical examination at the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem. He announces that the regular schedule of services will be held at the local Baptist church Sunday.

Announcement was made this week that an important meeting of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association will be held next Tuesday night, April 11, at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the high school. All patrons of the local school are urged to attend.

Pfc. Delbert D. Allen arrived Tuesday to spend a few days here with his father, P. D. Allen, and brother, H. H. Allen. Private Allen is stationed at Camp Shanks, N. Y., with a provost marshal's detachment.

No new candidates for county offices announced this week, and filing time for such candidates expires on Saturday of next week, April 15, at 6 p. m. At the present time, only three candidates are in the field: Edward L. Owens and Ben A. Sumner for county representative, and J. Robert Campbell for register of deeds.

## Four Cases Tried In County Court

Four cases were tried Tuesday in recorder's court here by Judge W. Ronald Gaylord. The various charges included theft and escape from the county prison camp, in addition to traffic violations. Following is the list of proceedings:

Willie Brown, colored, of Plymouth, charged with theft; assessed the court costs.

Robert Chase, colored, was given an additional six months for escaping from the county prison camp.

For allowing a minor to operate his car without driver's license, R. I. Collins, white, of Maceys, was fined \$10 and costs.

E. H. Spruill, white, found guilty of operating a motor vehicle after his license had been revoked, was fined \$100 and costs.

## Easter Services at Methodist Church

T. R. Jenkins, Minister  
Church School, 10 a. m., Easter program given by choir.

Morning worship, 11 a. m., sermon topic: "He Saved Others—Himself He Could Not Save."

Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p. m.

Evening worship, 8 p. m., sermon topic: "The Burning Heart." Junior choir and possibly adult choir in charge of music.

You are cordially invited to all these services.

## Zeph N. Deshields, Former Resident, New Manager of Employment Office

Zeph N. Deshields, former resident of Plymouth, arrived in Plymouth last Saturday to become manager of the local United States Employment Office, succeeding Mrs. Elizabeth DeKay Johnson, who was recently promoted to area analyst for the War Manpower Commission.

Mr. Deshields is a native of Washington County and lived here until 1907. He has recently been connected with the Federal employment service as an inter-

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## Relatives of Service Men Are Urged To Have Absentee Ballots Sent To Them

In an effort to get absentee ballots to as many service men and women as possible, the county board of elections this week delegated Mrs. Hermine Ramsey, of Plymouth, and Mrs. H. W. Pritchett, of Creswell, to assist in filling out and distributing applications. They will also receive the applications from relatives of those in service and mail them to the chairman of the county board of elections.

Walter W. White, chairman of the board of elections, said this action was taken for the convenience of relatives who wish to apply for ballots for members of

their families now in the service. Any member of the immediate family of those in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Merchant Marine may apply for the ballots. An application blank is printed in this issue of *The Beacon* which may be clipped and used, or an official blank may be secured from Mrs. Ramsey or Mrs. Pritchett.

Mr. White urges that relatives of service men eligible to vote take advantage of the plan to provide them absentee ballots. If application is made now, ballots for both the primary in May and general election in November will be sent.

## Equalization Board Ups Tax Values of 31 Firms in County

Action Adds Total of \$22,150 To Personal Property Valuation

A total of \$22,150 was added to the listed values of 31 business establishments in Washington County at the meeting of the Board of Equalization and Review held here on March 13, it was learned this week. When the amended valuations were recorded in the minutes of the board's meeting. Prior publication was withheld, it was stated, until those affected had been notified directly of the increases.

Practically all of the increases dealt with the valuation of stock, fixtures and equipment of the various business establishments. It was stated by one member of the board that the additions were made to bring the personal property valuations of those affected into line with other similar enterprises. No fixed percentage was used in making the increases, as each was individually fixed by comparison with similar establishments or concerns.

Following is a list of the increases in valuation ordered by the equalization board:

Plymouth Township: Abe Adler, \$750; Arps' Pharmacy, \$500; C. E. Ayers, \$1,000; Allen's Store, \$750; J. S. Brown, \$250; Byrd's Clothing Store, \$1,000; R. S. Browning, \$2,000; B. G. Campbell, \$2,000; Economy Cleaners, \$1,250; Ganderson's Quality Shop, \$500; Hassell Brothers Bakery, \$500; Plymouth Furniture Co., \$500; H. E. Harrison Wholesale Co., \$2,200; Kelly's Economy Auto Supply, \$250; Kelly's Grocery, \$500; Kulman's store, \$500; E. H. Liverman, \$1,000; Plymouth Hardware Store, \$500; Satterthwaite Motor Co., \$750; Outten & Tetterton, \$500; Womble's Drug Store, \$500; Winslow's, \$500; White & Bowen, \$500; Lees Mill Township: W. A. Blount, \$500; Mrs. M. H. Mizell, \$1,700; W. Bruce Blount, \$100; H. L. Lewis, \$350; Mrs. Joe Nowarah, \$300; Scuppernon Township: O. D. Hatfield, \$200; H. R. Stillman, \$200; Mrs. H. H. Bateman, \$100.

## Weather Hampers Clean-Up Drive in Town This Week

Hope More Progress Can Be Made Latter Part Of Week

Clean-Up Week got off to a bad start this week, rain and cold keeping most folks indoors during the first three or four days. However, town and health department officials hope that more progress will be made during the last three days, if better weather conditions prevail.

The clean-up drive is a necessary prelude to the mosquito-control program to be conducted here this year, and every local resident is urged to clean-up his premises and remove all possible breeding places by the elimination of tin cans or any other type of container where water can stand.

Vacant lots should be cleaned off, holes filled in, and weeds kept down in order to lessen the mosquito nuisance. The town is preparing to do its part by oiling all low places and ditches where water stands during the summer months. An early start is necessary to keep ahead of the pests, and everyone is urged to do his part in the drive by cleaning up his premises just as soon as the weather improves.

## Ammon Smithson, Now in India, Receives Promotion

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell, were informed last week that their son, Ammon Smithson, had been promoted to the grade of corporal while serving with the United States Army in India. Corporal Smithson has been in New Delhi, doing administrative work, since last December.

## County Board in Regular Meeting

The Washington County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting here last Monday adopted a resolution approving a map filed by representatives of the State Highway & Public Works Commission, showing all public roads maintained directly or indirectly by the state. A few changes were explained by the highway commission representative, and the county commissioners agreed that they were made for the best interests of the county road system.

The board also authorized County Tax Collector J. E. Davenport to effect a settlement with the Town of Roper for property which had been sold under tax lien by the town and which had failed to bring the total amount of back taxes due the town and county. The collector was authorized to settle the tax accounts on a pro rata basis, and he was relieved of the difference.

Mrs. Frances M. Darden made her report on county home demonstration work during the month of March which was accepted.

All notices of candidacy must be in the hands of the county board of elections by 6 p. m., Saturday, April 15, to be accepted. Chairman Walter W. White emphasized yesterday.

## Two County Men Announce For State Senator, Subject To Democratic Primary May 27

### W. L. Whitley Will Resign as Member Local Ration Board

Member of Original Board, He Has Served for More Than Two Years

W. L. Whitley, Plymouth attorney, yesterday announced that he was resigning as a member of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board, after having served continuously since the board was first established over two years ago, in January, 1942. He will submit his resignation at the regular meeting of the board tonight, and it is to become effective immediately.

Mr. Whitley is one of the two original members of the board now serving, the other being A. J. Riddle. E. F. Still, who resigned due to the pressure of other work several months ago, was the other member of the original board.

Mr. Whitley served as chairman of the board for the first 17 months of its existence, during the period when its duties were being constantly expanded. At the start it had only to deal with the rationing of new autos and tires; but as time went on it became necessary to add gasoline, fuel oil, sugar, rubber boots, shoes, bicycles, and all types of food items.

At times the board was required to remain in almost continuous session, and an enormous amount of time was required of the members. They served faithfully and without any compensation whatever, much of the time in the face of unfounded criticism. Within the past year, the board has been reorganized with various phases set up to handle the various phases of the rationing program. This has reduced the amount of time required of members by spreading the work over a much greater number of people. Since the reorganization, Mr. Whitley has served as chairman of the tire panel.

Mr. Whitley said yesterday that he felt he had been called upon to make about all the sacrifices that could reasonably be expected of anyone and that he was stepping aside to let someone else accept the responsibility. He said he intended to devote his time to rehabilitating the losses he had incurred by reason of his service on the board.

## Registrants Now Classified by Age

Whether a registrant is a father or non-father no longer makes any difference in preparing calls of registrants for induction, it was learned this week at the local draft board office. The determining factor at this time is the age group to which the registrant belongs.

Those under 26 years of age get the first call, according to the sequence of their order numbers; those over 26 and under 38 are next, in their order-number sequence. Practically every registrant in the county under 26, who has not been examined in the past 90 days, will be called to go to Fort Bragg the latter part of this month, as well as some who are over 26. The fact that a man is unmarried or married and a father no longer has any bearing as to when he will be called.

## Monday Will Be Holiday Locally

Easter Monday, April 10, will be observed as a general holiday in Plymouth, with the bank, most business houses and stores to be closed all day. The stores and business houses will not observe the Wednesday half-holiday next week, however, but will resume them the following week, on Wednesday, April 19th.

The post office will not be closed Monday, and mail deliveries will be made as usual. The white and colored schools in Plymouth will be closed both Friday and Monday, in order to give teachers who live out of town a chance to get a few days at home. It could not be learned this morning whether other schools in the county would close Monday or not, as this was left optional with local authorities.

Next Wednesday, April 12, is Hall-fax Day, which is usually observed as a holiday by state banks. Mr. Beam, cashier of the Branch Bank here, said this morning, however, that the local bank would not observe it as a holiday this year on account of the Easter holiday falling in the same week.

### MISSING IN ACTION



Staff Sergeant Benjamin W. Robertson has been missing in action over Germany since March 8, the War Department informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. (Dock) Robertson, of near Plymouth, on March 25th. Sergeant Robertson was top turret gunner on a B-17 "Flying Fortress" bomber.

## Red Cross Campaign Is Brought To Close; \$163.15 Over Quota

Chairmen for County and Various Communities Express Thanks

The Red Cross War Fund Campaign in Washington County was declared officially closed yesterday by Chapter Chairman John W. Darden, with total collections of \$5,163.15, representing an over-subscription of \$163.15 of the county's \$5,000 quota. Mr. Darden said that there might be a few more dollars outstanding, but that so far as he knew then the reports were complete and the campaign closed.

Mr. Darden expressed his thanks and paid high tribute to the various community chairmen for their part in making the county drive a success. J. Shepherd Brinkley headed the campaign in Plymouth Township; Mrs. C. L. Everett was chairman for Skippersville; Mrs. Sidney Smithson for Scuppernon; and Mrs. J. L. Rea and Mrs. C. S. Heynen, co-chairmen in Wenona.

For their part, all the community chairmen gave credit to their canvassers and workers for putting the county "over the top." The goal was really achieved nearly two weeks ago, although reports were a little late in being made in some instances.

The final tabulation, made yesterday, showed cash collections of \$5,113.15, plus credit for \$50 from the national organization for two donations made direct. Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell, reported a total of \$608.95 for Scuppernon Township, \$123.25 of which was raised by the colored people there. Last week donations there stood at \$525.01. The list of contributors is being continued on another page of this paper, but it will be several more weeks before publication of the names of all donors is completed.

## Farm Bureau Meeting To Be Held Tomorrow

The Washington County Farm Bureau will hold an important meeting in the agriculture building here Friday night at 8 o'clock. J. R. Manning, president, urges all members to attend. He said that some very important information would be discussed, including prices of tobacco, peanuts, Irish potatoes and the draft situation as it applies to farmers.

## Local Draft Board Has Number Calls To Be Filled During Month of April

The Washington County Selective Service Board has a flock of calls on hand, it was learned yesterday. Included are two calls for pre-induction examinations and two others for men who have already been examined to report for induction during the month of April.

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## Zeb Vance Norman And W. R. Hampton Enter District Race

Both Men Have Had Considerable Experience in Public Affairs

Two well-known Plymouth men, Z. V. Norman and W. R. Hampton, announced Tuesday that they would be candidates for the Democratic nomination as senator from the Second Senatorial District, which includes the counties of Washington, Martin, Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Pamlico. Two senators are to be chosen in the district, but it has been the usual custom not to elect two from the same county.

The district was represented at the 1943 session of the General Assembly by Hugh G. Horton, of Williamson, and E. A. Daniel, of Washington. It has been reported that Mr. Horton, who has served two terms, will not be a candidate this year; while Mr. Daniel's intentions are not known here at this time. Mr. Daniel has served only one term, and it is unofficially reported he will be a candidate again this year. The last senator from Washington County was Carl L. Bailey, who served at the 1933 and 1935 sessions of the legislature.

Both Mr. Norman and Mr. Hampton have had considerable experience in public affairs, and both have received assurances from other counties of substantial support in the May primary. At the present time Mr. Hampton is a member of the State Board of Conservation and Development and chairman of the committee on commercial fishing for that agency. He was chairman of the county board of commissioners from 1933 to 1935 and has served as chairman of the county board of elections and Democratic executive committee. He is also a member of the Hatteras Seashore National Park Commission and a director of the Carolina Motor Club.

Mr. Norman had a lengthy legislative experience in 1931, when he represented Washington County in the house during the record five-month session. In the county, he served as solicitor of the recorder's court for five years, as judge of the same court for another five years, and for 10 years or more was county attorney. Until last year, he had been

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## Two Vacancies on City Council Filled By Recent Action

C. O. Kelly Succeeds E. E. Harrell; J. S. Brinkley Is Appointed

The regular meeting of the town council last Monday night was featured by the election of one councilman and the swearing-in of another to fill unexpired terms of members who have resigned.

Clarence O. Kelly, who was elected last month to succeed E. E. Harrell, of the third ward, took the oath of office and entered upon his new duties. Mr. Harrell left last month to enter the service of the United States Navy.

J. Shepherd Brinkley was elected by the council to serve out the unexpired term of W. A. Roebuck, of the second ward, who resigned February 1st to move to Bethel.

Various reports were received by the council, including one that the town had paid off all the bonds and interest due during the current year. Policeman Paul Basnight also reported that eight dogs were caught and impounded last month.

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