



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ange, of Roper, have received word from their son, Corporal Leon G. Ange, that he has arrived safely at a base in the Pacific.

Announcement is made this week that the American Legion Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting next Monday night, April 17, in the Legion Hall here at 8 p.m.

The Easter holidays passed very quietly in this section. Attendance at the special Easter services was said to be unusually good.

Second Lieutenant Margaret Pegram, of Durham, was in Plymouth yesterday in the interest of the WAC recruiting program.

Up to yesterday, 161 dogs had been vaccinated against rabies at the police department here.

Washington County's War Bond quota for the month of April is exactly the same as it was last month, \$22,305.

Mrs. Leroy Bateman left Monday to visit her husband, Corporal Leroy Bateman, of the United States Army, in New York City this week.

An uncle of Miss Annabell Dawson, new home economics teacher in the local school, died at his home in Dunn Monday.

Saturday, April 15, is the final day for filing income-tax estimates for the calendar year of 1944 and making the first quarterly payment of the tax.

William M. Bond Dies in Edenton

William M. Bond, 58, former resident of Plymouth, died early Monday morning at his home in Edenton, after a period of ill health that continued for several years, following a stroke of paralysis two years ago.

After graduating from the University of North Carolina in 1906, he practiced law in Plymouth for four or five years. When he left here he went to Denver, Colo., where he became a prominent lawyer and trust officer.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Louise McMullan Bond; a son, William M. Bond, Jr.; a brother, Lym Bond, of Tarboro; and a sister, Mrs. Minton H. Dixon, of Norfolk.

Begin Mosquito-Control Work Today; Cleaning Out Ditches Around Town

The mosquito control program for Plymouth will get underway today, it was learned yesterday from Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who is in direct charge of the work.

The clean-up program has not been as successful as it should have been, Chief Brown said, but he explained that the weather has not been at all favorable during the past week and that he ex-

James W. Norman Recommended for Board of Education To Succeed Arps

It was learned this week that James W. Norman will be recommended for appointment to the Washington County Board of Education to serve out the unexpired term of P. M. Arps, who resigned February 1 to become chairman of the county ABC Board.

Appointment of a successor to Mr. Arps is now up to the State Board of Education; since the county Democratic executive committee lost its power to make the appointments by failing to fill the vacancy within 30 days.

Recent Draft Rulings Affect Relatively Few Registrants in County

Stores to Resume Half-Day Closing

Local stores and business establishments will return to their regular schedule of Wednesday half-holiday closings next week after having been thrown out of gear by the Easter Monday holiday this week.

Former Local Man Blinded in Battle in Italy November 8th

Leslie C. Stotesberry Now At Valley Forge Hospital in Pennsylvania

An article about United States soldiers blinded in battle, appearing in a Philadelphia, Pa., evening newspaper last Sunday, was illustrated by a photograph of Leslie C. Stotesberry, former Plymouth, and Pike Road man, learning to read a Braille map.

Although Leslie lost the sight of both eyes during action in the Italian campaign last November 8 and returned to this country in January, he has many friends throughout the county who have not learned of it.

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Discuss Betterment Of Schools Monday At Meeting of PTA

Around 100 members of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association were present at the school auditorium Tuesday night, when a proposal for needed improvements to the local school plant was discussed and endorsed by the organization.

A number of reports were made by various committees, and Principal R. B. Trotman made several recommendations which were adopted.

Mr. Trotman recommended that some action be taken for upkeep of the grounds during the summer months, while school is not in session.

Men Over 26 May Be Given Deferment If In 'Essential' Work

The latest directive provides that the induction of all registrants 26 years of age and over, including those already instructed to report for actual duty, be postponed if such registrants are engaged in an "essential" or war-supporting occupation.

Just what the board in this county plans to do about those over 26 could not be learned immediately, but a meeting is being held in Edenton today for board members and clerks, and it is expected that a definite course will be charted for them there.

It is apparent from the new orders that the armed services are seeking young men for replacements, and if the reserve of young men is exhausted, Selective Service will then step up the age possibly to 29 years, and even to 33 or more, if necessary.

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Filing Time Ends Saturday, 6 P.M.

Candidates for all county and township offices must file their pledges and notices with the county board of elections by 6 p.m., Saturday of this week, April 15, in order to be eligible to take part in the primaries and general election this year.

Arrangements will be made within the next week to have the ballots printed, Chairman White indicated yesterday, so that absentee ballots may be sent to service men and women who have applied for them.

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Loss of One Teacher Next Term Indicated by Report on Attendance

Mr. Trotman reported on school attendance for the past month, stating that it showed a marked improvement; although the school will lose at least one teacher next year, due to drop in average daily attendance for the term.

His report showed a total enrollment, at the end of the seventh month, of 717 pupils; 507 in the elementary and 147 in the high school.

Creswell Red Cross Fund Now Stands at \$623, Chairman Says

A few additional contributions have been reported in the past week by canvassers for the Red Cross in the Creswell section.

Review of Collections by Communities Made by Mrs. Smithson

Mrs. Smithson reported the following contributions by communities and roads in the Creswell area: Newland Road, \$33.75; Ambrose Road, \$33.35; Creswell, \$25.93; Cherry, \$38.50; Lake Farms, \$19.25; Mount Taber, \$33.28; Mount Pleasant, \$18; Creek Road and Mountain Canal, \$65; Star Route, \$17.50; Scuppernon Road, \$10; and colored people, \$129.41.

Damage to the Reason car was estimated at \$150, while the truck was damaged slightly. No one was hurt and no arrest was made.

Later in the day, cars driven by Lomas K. Reason, of Williamston, and Dr. L. S. Mitchell, colored, of Plymouth, sideswiped on the highway at Little Ripwood Village.

Spotting Post Here Is Being Manned

Staff Sergeant Charles Lehner, in Washington County this week in connection with the observation posts, announces that Mrs. W. A. Davidson has been appointed chief observer for the Plymouth post.

The Army deems this training period necessary to maintain the Aircraft Warning Service in the event an emergency should arise. It helps to keep observers efficient in their particular work.

Number Candidates File for County Offices in Past Week

Creswell ABC Store Is Robbed for Fifth Time Friday Night

Reward of \$100 for Information Is Offered by Chairman of Board

The Creswell ABC store was robbed for the fifth time in the past several years last Friday night, when unknown persons carried away 28 cases and two bottles of whiskey and rum.

Recurring robberies of the Creswell store are posing a serious problem for the ABC Board. While losses so far have been taken care of by insurance, it is feared that such insurance will be difficult to obtain in the future unless arrests and convictions follow the latest robbery.

Three Accidents in County Probed by Patrolman Tuesday

Edenton Man Suffers Broken Leg and Collarbone At Mackeys

Tuesday was a hard day for automobile drivers in this county, no less than three accidents, involving six cars, having been investigated by Highway Patrolman M. B. Stewart.

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Ben A. Sumner, Washington County representative at the last session of the General Assembly, this week formally filed notice of his candidacy for reelection, subject to the Democratic primary on May 27.

Sumner Announces Platform in Filing Formally for House

States He Will Work for Complete Repeal of Sales Tax If Elected

Formally announcing Tuesday that he would be a candidate in the Democratic primary for renomination as Washington County Representative to the General Assembly, Ben A. Sumner, of Plymouth, stated that he planned to begin actively campaigning for the office at once.

Mr. Sumner made his debut in county politics two years ago, when he defeated W. T. Freeman and Edward L. Owens for representative in the primary. Mr. Freeman was eliminated in the first primary, when Mr. Owens was the high man; but in the run-off Mr. Sumner defeated Mr. Owens by a vote of 856 to 736.

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But One Contest Has Developed So Far; Others in Prospect

Three Announce for County Commissioners; Two for Board of Education

The rush of candidates to file for county offices is beginning to develop, it was learned yesterday from Walter W. White, chairman of the county board of elections. At that time there were 12 candidacies officially filed with him, although only one contest had developed, that for representative. However, there are candidates for all county offices to be filled in the primaries and elections this year except for one member of the board of education from the Lees Mill district.

Judge W. Ronald Gaylord started the ball rolling last Saturday, when he filed for renomination as judge of the recorder's court. The same day friends filed the name of W. Blount Rodman, now a first lieutenant in the Army somewhere in England, for nomination as solicitor of the county court.

A lull developed after these two filed which was not broken until Tuesday, when Ben A. Sumner filed for county representative, to be followed within the next 24 hours by three men filing for county commissioners and two others for membership on the board of education. In addition, Z. V. Norman and W. R. Hampton have filed as candidates for the state senate.

The three who filed for county commissioners are H. H. ("P-D") Allen, of Plymouth, district No. 1; J. C. Knowles, of Roper, district No. 2; and Harry W. Pritchett, of Creswell, district No. 3. Mr. Allen is the only new man in this group, as Messrs. Knowles and Pritchett are present members of the board seeking reelection. Chairman E. G. Arps, of Plymouth, has stated that he would not be a candidate for reelection.

The two who filed for membership on the board of education are James W. Norman, of Plymouth, from district No. 1; and P. B. Belanga, of Creswell, from district No. 3. L. E. Hassell, of Roper, is chairman and present member of the board from district No. 2, but he has not yet indicated whether or not he would be a candidate for reappointment. Mr. Belanga is a member of the present board, and it is understood that Mr. Norman has been recommended for appointment to the board to fill out the unexpired term of P. M. Arps, who resigned recently to become chairman of the county ABC board.

Time for filing expires at 6 p.m. Saturday of this week, April 15th, and it is understood that there are several other prospective candidates who may announce before the deadline. Their entry would develop contests for several of the offices, which at present are uncontested. It is also rumored that practically a full slate of Republican candidates will be filed before the time expires to assure competition in the general election in November.

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