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Corporal Walter (Ducky) Lloyd, formerly of Plymouth, was a visitor in Plymouth this week. He has been in the service for about 13 months, and is now attached to the Army Air Forces, stationed at Barksdale Field, La.

Pfc. Bailey C. Phelps returned to duty with a combat engineer battalion at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., last Saturday after spending a week in the county with his wife and parents. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey P. Phelps, of near Creswell, and has been in the service since June 1, 1943.

W. H. (Jack) Peele spent last week in Atlanta, Ga., where his little son, Billy, underwent an operation on his foot at the Crawford W. Long Hospital. The youngster is reported to be getting along all right. Mr. Peele said that his wife's father, W. R. White, of Plymouth, is not getting along so well at this time. Mr. White has been at the home of his son, Dr. Ryland White, in Atlanta, for several weeks, after undergoing treatment at a hospital there.

Chief of Police and Town Tax Collector P. W. Brown is making arrangements to garnish the wages of all persons who have not paid their 1943 poll taxes, he stated this week. Those who have not paid such taxes can save the additional cost by making payment immediately.

Announcement was made last Thursday by officials of the Washington County Red Cross Chapter that a contribution of \$50 had been made to the War Fund drive by William F. Lindsey, manager of the Garrett and Company farms at West-over.

Mrs. Bonnie Bowen has received word from her husband, Pfc. Bonnie R. Bowen, stating that he has arrived overseas safely and is stationed somewhere in England.

Retailers of beer in Washington County are reminded that their old licenses expire on April 30. Licenses may be renewed upon application to the county auditor, E. J. Sprull, in the courthouse here. It is illegal to sell beer after midnight April 30 unless a new license has been secured.

J. B. McNair is returning to Plymouth to live after working in Norfolk for several years. Mrs. McNair and daughter, Anna Ruth, will move back to Plymouth after the close of the present school term in Norfolk, while Mr. and Mrs. McNair's son, Thomas Edwin McNair, plans to continue living in Norfolk, where he is employed at the Navy Yard.

It now looks as if Washington County will fall down on its War Bond sales this month even worse than it did in March. With the same quota it had last month, \$22,305, sales at the local bank, principal issuing agency in the county, amounted to only \$5,156.25 up to yesterday.

James H. Hamilton, courthouse fishing expert, took a few hours off Monday to catch a "mess" of herrings. Jim garnered a total of 104 "Roanoke chickens" with his dip net, which, while not a record, does pretty good. It will be remembered that Mr. Hamilton and the then Judge of Recorder's Court, John W. Darden, went down to Conaby Creek on a similar expedition some five or six years ago and caught so many herrings that they finally sank the boat, herrings, Judge, Jim and all. Survivors included the Judge, Jim and the boat, but they never did get all their herrings back.

According to Walter W. White, chairman of the county board of elections, about 75 applications for absentee ballots for men in the armed forces have been received. State and county ballots for the primaries have already been printed and are being mailed to those for whom applications have been made.

Service at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church Sunday

Services will be held Sunday morning at the usual hour at Pleasant Grove Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. G. C. Wood, of Roper, it was announced this week. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Nineteen Men Now Held for Robberies Of Whiskey Stores in East Carolina

The two Negroes arrested in New Bern last week for robbery of the Creswell ABC store on April 7 now have plenty of company, according to reports reaching here. When the last tally was made, a total of 19 men had been rounded up in connection with the robbing of 10 or 12 legal liquor stores in the eastern part of the state. Thirteen of the number are colored, and the other three are white, according to the reports.

The men wanted for the robbery in this county will be held in jail at Greenville until superior court convenes here in July, when they will be brought here for trial, it is understood. It seems

Big Proportion of Selectees Sent To Fort Bragg This Week Said Accepted

According to unofficial reports, 82 Washington County white men made the trip to Fort Bragg for their pre-induction examination last Monday. And from unofficial sources it is also reported that all except about 10 of them were accepted for duty with the Army and Navy.

Tax Penalty Up Again on May 1

Another one-half per cent will be added to unpaid 1943 taxes after Saturday, county and tax collectors remind taxpayers. Beginning Monday, the penalty on delinquent taxes will be 3 per cent.

Two Big Draft Calls Must Be Filled by County Next Month

Looks as if Many Between 26 and 30 Will Have To Be Summoned

After sending off two large contingents of selectees their pre-induction examinations this month, one of white and one of colored men, the local draft board has recently received two more big calls for the month of May. It was announced last week that a big call for colored men on May 12th had been received by the local board, and this week the board received another big call for white men to leave during May.

Young Woman Dies Suddenly Monday

Mrs. Jackie Riggle, member of the personnel of the W. C. Kaus Shows, which are playing here this week, died suddenly at the show grounds here Monday afternoon about 2:30 p.m., as the result of cerebral hemorrhage. Wife of John H. Riggle, also of the Kaus Shows, she was 23 years of age and was stricken only about four hours before her death.

Mrs. Riggle was born in New York City on August 26, 1920, but listed Fitchville, Conn., as her home. She had been with the Kaus shows about three years and was very popular among members of the organization. Besides her husband, John H. Riggle, she is survived by her mother, Mrs. A. Rukalsky, of Fitchville, Conn., three brothers and two sisters.

A member of the Catholic faith, funeral services were held in New Bern this morning (Thursday) at 11 o'clock by Father Elwood, of that city. Interment was made in a New Bern cemetery.

No More Releases From Farm Work War Board Rules

Policy Adopted at Meeting Of USDA War Board Friday Night

There will be no more releases from agricultural work of selective service registrants in Washington County who hold farm classifications, it was decided last Friday night at a meeting of the USDA War Board. At least, there will be no more releases granted before next July 15th, after which date all applications will be considered on their individual merits, the board ruled.

Registration Books Open Saturday for Primary May 27th

Registrars in the five voting precincts of Washington County are preparing for the registration of new citizens during the coming two weeks, starting Saturday, April 29, and continuing through Saturday, May 13, according to Walter W. White, chairman of the county board of elections. Persons expected to register are those who have attained voting age since the last election and those who have moved into the county or from one precinct to another.

Work Out Program For Discharged Men Returning to County

Committee To Assist Men In Filing Claims and Securing Jobs

Meeting in Edenton recently, representatives of the Selective Service System, Veterans Bureau, and armed services outlined a comprehensive program to assist in reemployment and return to civilian occupations of men being discharged from the military forces. The meeting was attended by members of local selective service boards throughout the district and instructions were given for setting up the program in the various counties.

J. W. Comstock Died Recently at Home In Creswell Section

Native and Life-Long Resident of County; Was 88 Years of Age

Creswell.—Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, April 15, at 3 o'clock for J. W. Comstock, 88, who died at his home near here the Wednesday preceding, April 12, at 5 p.m. The services were held from the late home by the Rev. F. F. Baldwin, pastor of the Christian church.

Mr. Comstock was a native and lifelong resident of Washington County and had been ill for only a short time before his death. He is survived by one son, Milton L. Comstock, eight grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. Five of the eight grandchildren are in the armed services and another, Leroy Comstock was to report for service in the Navy on April 14, but was given leave to attend the funeral of his grandfather. The other grandchildren are Mrs. Millard Davenport and Jimmy Comstock, of Creswell; Corporal Julian Comstock, of Eglin Field, Fla.; Hallet Comstock, of the U. S. Navy, Washington, D. C.; Private Wink Comstock, of Santa Fe, N. Mex.; Pvt Raymond Comstock, of Panama; and Hilton Comstock, of Fort Benning, Ga.

At the funeral service, the Christian church choir sang, "Where We Never Grow Old," "Sometime We'll Understand," and "Sweet Bye and Bye." Pall-bearers were H. P. Barnes, H. R. Stillman, Phillip Sprull, Mitchell Spear, Jim Davis and Frank Swain. Interment was made in the family cemetery.

Superior Court Adjourned Last Thursday Afternoon

The April term of Washington County Superior Court adjourned here last Thursday afternoon at 3:30, after clearing the entire calendar. Most of Thursday was taken up with the trial of the case of J. S. Shugar vs. Freeman and Christopher Hyman, the jury returning a verdict in favor of the defendants. A judgment for the plaintiff was entered in the case of Washington County vs. Annie E. Blount and others. Judge C. Everett Thompson, of Elizabeth City, presided over the one-week term, which was for trial of civil actions only.

Hubert W. Ange Is Reported Killed on Italian Battlefield

Fourteenth County Man To Be Killed or Missing in Service of Country

It was learned here yesterday that Mrs. Isabel Mason, of Tarboro, received a telegram from the War Department last Saturday, stating that her brother, Pfc. Hubert W. Ange, had been killed in action recently somewhere in Italy. Mr. Ange was a native of Washington County, and lived in the Long Ridge and Long Acre sections before entering the service in 1942.

Son of the late Charlie W. Ange and Mrs. Mamie Browning Ange, he was born near Plymouth on November 29, 1912, making him a little over 31 years of age. His mother died when he was about 12 years old and his father about two years later. After their deaths, he lived with relatives for several years until he was old enough to take care of himself.

He entered the Army on May 14, 1942. For the preceding four years he had been employed at the plant of the North Carolina Company here and lived with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ange, of the Long Ridge section. After he went into the service, he was married to Miss Thelma Heath, of Tarboro, who, with an infant daughter, survives him. He was a loyal member of the Mount Olive Free Will Baptist church and attended services there regularly whenever possible.

He had numerous friends in this part of the county, where he was well and favorably known as a conscientious industrious citizen. He made his last visit here in September, shortly after his daughter was born in Tarboro. At that time he was in an infantry regiment stationed at Fort Dix, N. J., and he went overseas shortly afterwards.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Thelma Heath Ange, he is survived by a daughter, Jessica Ruth Ange, of Tarboro; three sisters, Mrs. Isabel Mason, Mrs. Robert Earl Quincy, and Miss Mamie Ange, all of Tarboro; and three brothers, Charlie Ange, of Wilmington; Robert and Oscar Ange, of Baltimore, Md.

Pfc. Ange is the fourteenth Washington County man to be reported killed or missing in line of duty during the present war. Others are as follows: Ernest J. Davenport, Army, of Creswell; Bosley Aydtel Bateman, Navy, of Creswell; Ersel T. Patrick, Army, Roper; Aubrey W. Asby, Marine Corps, Plymouth; Reuben E. Mayo, Marine Corps, Plymouth; Orville Lee Simmons, Army, Roper; David Whitford White, Navy, Creswell; Henry C. Marrison, Army, Roper; Webb Jones, Jr., Army (since reported prisoner), Plymouth; Woodrow Collins, Army Air Forces (since reported prisoner), Mackays; Benjamin F. Jackson, Army Air Forces, Roper; Harley Lee Johnson, Army, Plymouth; and Benjamin W. Robertson, Army Air Forces, of Plymouth.

Leslie Stotesberry Home for 30 Days

Private Leslie C. Stotesberry arrived last Thursday to spend about 30 days in the county with his brother, Raleigh Stotesberry, of Plymouth, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stotesberry, near Wenona. Private Stotesberry was totally blinded by a fragment from a high explosive shell in the Italian campaign last November 8th and has been in the Valley Forge General Hospital at Phoenixville, Pa., near Philadelphia, since January of this year.

The young man will be at home for about 30 days, after which he will return to the Phoenixville hospital, where he will remain until he has become accustomed to his new state and trained for some useful work. The government will provide for his vocational training and he will be furnished a "Seeing-Eye" dog before he leaves the service.

Quarterly Conference at Jamesville Church Sunday

The Rev. W. L. Clegg, of Elizabeth City, district superintendent, will preach at the Methodist church in Jamesville next Sunday, April 30, at 8 p.m., and will conduct the second quarterly conference at the close of the service.

RATIONING REMINDERS

- Meats, Fats—Red stamps A8 through Q8, good indefinitely. Processed Foods—Blue stamps A8 through K8, good indefinitely. Sugar—Sugar stamps 30 and 31, each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next year. Gasoline—In 17 east coast states, A-9 coupons, good through May 8. Fuel Oil—Periods 4 and 5 coupons, good through August 31. Shoes—Stamp 18 in Book One, good through April 30. Airplane stamp 1 in Book Three, good indefinitely. Airplane stamp 2 becomes good May 1, and remains good indefinitely.

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Shows and Rides Will Be Half Price for Children Saturday Afternoon

The American Legion Festival at the old Brinkley Baseball Park is off to a good start this week, it was learned this morning from officers of the James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, sponsors of the event. A large crowd was on hand Tuesday and Wednesday nights, and the opening crowd Monday night was larger than usual.

The W. C. Kaus Shows is presenting the entertainment features, and plenty of shows and rides are available for those who attend. The rides include the old favorites, two big ferris wheels, a merry-go-round, roller, chair-o-plane, kiddie ride and roll-o-plane, and there are a large number of shows and concessions.

A special feature will be the Kiddies' Jamboree, to be held Saturday afternoon, April 29, from 1:30 until 5 o'clock. All children will be admitted free during this period and the admission charges for all shows and rides will be half price.

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Court of Honor for Scouts Next Week

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Only two boys completed their records for advancement to second-class Scouts. They were Roger Byrd and James Polk Sprull. However, several others passed off all their work except for one or two minor tests, and it is expected that there will be about six or eight up for advancement when the quarterly court of honor is held in the courthouse here Friday night of next week.

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