

It was learned this week that W. J. Highsmith, jr., former sanitarian with the district health department here, has been promoted from ensign to lieutenant (junior grade) in the Naval Reserve.

E. E. Harrell, owner of the Plymouth Furniture Company and former councilman from the second ward, has completed his basic training in the Navy at Camp Peary, Va., and is now at home on a brief furlough with his family.

Farmer W. T. Freeman, of Plymouth and Roper, is among the first in the county to begin transplanting tobacco. He started Monday and expected to complete the work by yesterday.

Aviation Student William J. Jackson, son of Mrs. Lula Jackson, of Plymouth, completed a course at the Basic Training Center in Greensboro last week and has been sent to Butler University in Indianapolis, Ind., for further training to become a pilot, bombardier, or navigator in the Army Air Forces.

Pvt. Zeb Vance Norman, jr., came home Monday after completing his basic training at Camp Fannin, Texas. He will be here for about 10 days before leaving for Camp Breckinridge, Ky., where he will receive cadre instruction at an Infantry school.

The local American Legion Post received \$475 as its share of the profits from the festival held at the old Brinkley ball park last week, according to P. W. Brown, finance officer.

Maurice Smith, formerly proprietor of Smith Brothers cleaning establishment here, entered the Marine Hospital at Norfolk last week-end to be treated for sinus trouble.

Staff Sergeant Benjamin F. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jackson, of Roper, is understood to be a prisoner of war in Germany, it was reported here this morning.

Chief Machinist's Mate Lyman Mayo, of Norfolk, spent the week-end here with his father, W. J. Mayo, and other relatives and friends.

Sergeant Tom Brown and Corporal J. K. Clay, of the State Highway Patrol, stationed at New Bern, were here Tuesday to attend recorder's court.

Nutrition Program To Be Sponsored by V. E. P. Co.

A patriotic educational program, stressing health, nutrition and conservation, will be sponsored by the Virginia Electric & Power Company at the American Legion Hut in Williamston Wednesday of next week.

Attractive prizes will be awarded, among them two \$25 War Bonds, one given by the V. E. & P. Company and the other by the Williamston Peanut Company.

Democrats Name Committees in Four Of Five Precincts in County Recently

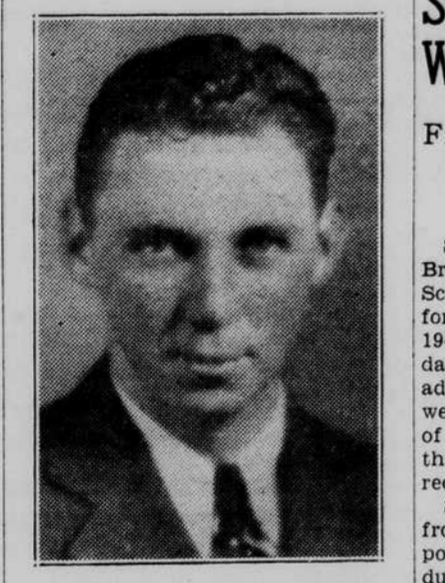
The names of all Democratic precinct committees were secured last Saturday at the county convention, except for Wenona, where no precinct meeting was held on April 22, so far as can be learned here.

Fire Siren To Signal Start of Invasion

When Allied invasion of continental Europe is flashed over the radio and wires, everyone within hearing of the Plymouth fire siren will know about it, according to an announcement this morning by Mayor B. G. Campbell, Chief of Police P. W. Brown, and Fire Chief Miller Warren.

Former Principal of Creswell School Dies In Airplane Accident

DIES IN ACCIDENT



Albert Terrell Brooks, principal of the Creswell schools for five years before he entered the Army in 1942, was killed in an airplane accident in England on April 22, according to a War Department telegram received by members of his family last Friday.

Mrs. Letha Jones Clifton Dies Friday After Long Illness

Funeral Service Held From Methodist Church Here Sunday Afternoon

After a lingering illness of five months, Mrs. Letha Jones Clifton, wife of William Clifton, of Plymouth, died in a Washington hospital last Friday night at 9 p.m. Only 24 years of age, she was universally popular, and her patient and uncomplaining manner during the long period of her painful illness won her many close friends among local people who were grieved at her passing.

Daughter of the late Luther Jones and Hester Mortimer Jones, of Burgaw, Mrs. Clifton was born on May 6, 1919, in Jacksonville, N. C.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church here last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor, assisted by the Rev. A. Lincoln Fulk, of Washington, and the Rev. E. B. Quick, pastor of the local Christian church.

Interment was made in the Windley cemetery.

Pal-bearers were: Messrs. Carlyle E. Hall, Lawrence Swain, Ben Gauderson, David Brown, Henry Gray Mizelle, and Gilmer Ayers.

Pre-School Clinics To Be Held Friday At Hampton School

For Rural Children at 9:30 A. M.; Town and Village Children at 1:30 P. M.

Two pre-school clinics for children who will enter school for the first time next fall will be held in the Hampton School Building here tomorrow (Friday), it was announced the first of this week by R. B. Trotman, principal of the local schools.

Chester Brooks Was Stationed in Britain With Army at Time Fifteenth Man From This County Reported Dead Or Missing in War

Sergeant Albert Terrell (Chester) Brooks, principal of the Creswell High School for more than five years before he entered the Army in October 1942, was killed in England on Saturday, April 22, the War Department advised his family Friday of last week.

Sergeant Brooks, the fifteenth man from Washington County to be reported killed or missing in line of duty since the war began, was principal of the Creswell school for five terms, beginning in 1937, and had started on his sixth year there when he entered the service in October, 1942.

His wife, the former Miss Celia Goss, now lives in Fuquay Springs with her father. Surviving also are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Brooks, of Greensboro, a brother, Robert, who is in the Army, and two sisters.

He was a graduate of Wake Forest College and had just completed his work and received his M.A. degree there the summer before he went into the Army.

A number of routine matters were disposed of Monday at the regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners, which was attended by all three members of the board, E. G. Arps, chairman; J. N. Knowles and Harry W. Pritchett.

A resolution was passed to sell three tracts of land owned by the county through foreclosure of tax liens to Hugh Dudley for \$750 cash. The land is known as tracts Nos. 19, 20 and 21.

Arthur Phelps was allowed \$3.10 each for three sheep which he claimed had been killed by dogs running at large in the county.

The board petitioned the State Public Works and Highway Commission to take over maintenance of a road leading from Highway No. 32, between the Edgar Bateman and Kenneth Hopkins farms, and running eastwardly to the Dismal Road through the McNair, Owens, Sidney Allen and Styons farms.

Reports of work during the past month received and approved from the county home agent, Mrs. Frances M. Darden, and farm agent, W. V. Hays.

The following were appointed to compile the 1944 tax books: Mrs. George Harrison, Mrs. Mattie Swain, Misses Ida Ruth Knowles and Meredith Johnston.

Robt. W. Lewis New Registrar at Roper

Robert W. Lewis, of Roper, will serve as registrar for the Lees Mill voting precinct instead of J. E. Phelps, it was stated this morning by Walter W. White, chairman of the county board of elections.

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Dr. J. J. Croley, head of the district health department, with headquarters in Plymouth, resigned his work in that capacity last week and left immediately to take up private practice in Boothton, Ala.

According to E. G. Arps, chairman of the county board of commissioners, employment of a new health officer to succeed Dr. Croley is up to the State Board of Health, which, it is understood, is trying to secure someone to take over the work here.

Dr. Croley had been here just about a year, coming here early in May last year from Burnsville, in the western part of the state.

Dr. Claudius McGowan, county physician, is helping out for the time being, holding a general disease clinic Tuesday of each week and a clinic for babies and mothers on the first Monday of each month.

The district department serves the counties of Tyrrell and Hyde in addition to Washington. Dr. Chaplin, of Columbia, is helping out with the work in Tyrrell; and Dr. Swindell, at Swan Quarter, is looking after the work in Hyde County until a new health officer can be secured.

History of Library Is Reviewed By Member of Board

Is Growing in Favor With People of County; Urge Cooperation

Two years ago the Washington County Public Library qualified for state aid and at that time a county library board was elected and approved by the county commissioners.

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Senior Class Honor Students Announced

The names of honor students in the 1944 graduating class at Plymouth High School were announced this morning by Principal R. B. Trotman. The valedictorian, salutatorian, and winner of the annual award as best all-round high school senior all had within one-half point of the same scholarship average for their four years in high school.

Rationing Guide For Coming Week

Meats, Fats—Red Stamps A8 through Q8, good indefinitely. Processed Foods—Blue stamps A8 through Q8, good indefinitely. Sugar—Sugar stamps 30 and 31, each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for five pounds of canned sugar through February, next year.

Democrats of County Perfect Organization For Next Two Years

Harmony in Party Stressed at Meeting Here Last Saturday

National, State, and County Administrations Given Endorsement

KILLED IN ACTION



Pfc. Hubert W. Ange, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charlie W. Ange, of near Plymouth, was killed in action somewhere in Italy recently, the War Department advised his sister, Mrs. Isabel Mason, of Tarboro, on April 22.

Two Pedestrians Injured When Hit By Car Saturday

Annie Mae Mobley Suffers Broken Leg; Driver in Court Tuesday

Miss Annie Mae Mobley suffered a broken leg and her sister, Miss Louise Mobley, was bruised last Saturday night shortly after 8 o'clock when they were struck by an automobile driven by Herman Dawson Hartlieb, white, of Norfolk.

Also by unanimous vote, the convention went on record as endorsing the Democratic administrations of national, state and county affairs. A special committee was appointed to draw formal resolutions endorsing the war activities of the State Democratic administration to be forwarded to Governor J. M. Broughton immediately.

Registration Books Opened in County

Registration books opened in each of the county's five voting precincts in the county last Saturday and will remain open through Saturday of next week.

Scout Court of Honor Here Friday Night

The general public is invited and all Boy Scouts and their parents are urged to attend the Court of Honor to be held in the courthouse here Friday night at 8 p.m.

Town Board Provides for Upkeep of Local School Grounds During Summer

At the monthly meeting of the Plymouth City Council last Monday night, a new member was sworn in and appropriations made for upkeep of the local school grounds during the summer months and the county library fund.

One-Cent Sale This Week At Womble's Drug Store

Womble's Drug Store is staging the famous Rexall One-Cent Sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. An annual event for stores handling Rexall products, it is the first time such a sale has been held here in a good many years.