

Local merchants are appealing to housewives to bring their red and blue ration tokens with them when they are shopping.

It was learned here Tuesday that Mrs. Mary Cotton Davenport, of Macksays and Plymouth, had been awarded a cup by the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs for the best short story written by a North Carolina woman during the year.

Friends here are in receipt of cards from Pvt. Fletcher H. Modlin, formerly the popular manager of the M. H. Mitchell Furniture Company, who is now stationed with a quartermaster company at Camp Shelby, Miss.

The season for hook-and-line and rod-and-reel fishing in inland waters, closed since April 10th, will reopen Saturday of this week, May 20.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Garrett received a letter from their son, Technician, fifth grade, Harry L. Garrett, announcing that he had arrived safely at an unnamed overseas post.

Ordinarily, Highway Patrolman M. B. Stewart, stationed in Plymouth, is very even tempered and soft spoken. However, there is one motorist in this section who probably never will believe it. Said motorist was proceeding along Highway 64 near here a few days ago just a mile over the 35 miles an hour allowed by law.

Mrs. Sabrie W. Reid, clerk to the local rationing board, this week advises all consumers to be sure to use SPARE stamp No. 37 to secure sugar for canning purposes, and not the regular sugar stamp No. 37.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore received a letter Wednesday of last week from their son, Sergeant Mahlon S. Moore, dated May 1, from somewhere in England.

Friends of Louis Phillip Hornthal, native and resident of Plymouth for 25 years, will be interested in learning that he entered the Army in April and is now stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo.

Two Marine Corps officers who are living in Plymouth while stationed at the Edenton air base received promotions recently, it was learned this week.

Flood of Applications for New Tires Far in Excess of County's May Quota

Eligibility for Grade I tires is not a guarantee that such tires are available, since a recent flood of applications by newly eligible drivers far exceeds the entire county's quota of 71 for the current month.

Water Barrels Blamed for Unusually Large Number Mosquitoes This Week

Despite the oiling program underway here, the town has been overrun with mosquitoes this week. Chief of Police P. W. Brown said yesterday that failure of the public to cooperate by emptying all containers of water is largely responsible for the unusually large number of mosquitoes here.

one place this week, and stated that they provide ideal breeding places for the winged pests. The oiling program is now underway, with two men employed practically full time in this work.

KILLED IN ACTION



Pfc. Alfred Davenport, of Plymouth, was killed in action at Bouganville in the South Pacific on April 16. Son of Queenie Davenport, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., and the late Hubert Davenport, of Plymouth, he is the first colored man from the county to be killed in action during the present war.

Ten Cases Tuesday At All-Day Session Of Recorder's Court

Is Record Session of Court In Recent Months; Few Cases Continued

Ten cases were tried in recorder's court here Tuesday in the busiest and longest session held in quite a while. Judge W. Ronald Gaylord presided, and Attorney W. L. Whitley served as solicitor for the day.

Following is the list of proceedings: Norfeet Pruden, white, of Gatesville pleaded guilty to allowing an unlicensed person to operate his car and was fined \$50 and costs.

Charles Henry Stillman, colored, of Plymouth, was found guilty of operating a car without operator's license and with improper tags. He was fined \$50 and costs.

Lawrence Hilliard, colored, of Plymouth, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$50 and costs and released upon promise of good behavior for the next 12 months.

Fate McAllister, colored, of Plymouth, was given a 60-day sentence, suspended upon payment of \$25 and court costs and a \$15 doctor's bill after being found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon.

J. B. Voliva, white, of Creswell, paid a fine of \$15 and costs for speeding.

James F. Spruill, white, of Creswell, was fined \$25 and costs for careless and reckless driving.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of Gaston Smith, colored, of Plymouth, charged with having failed to report an accident.

Herman Spencer, colored, of Plymouth, entered a plea of guilty to petty larceny in one case and Judge Gaylord is reserving judgment. In

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James L. Morris, 80, Dies From Injuries After Hit by Truck

Accident Happened Near Cherry Tuesday of Last Week

James Leonard Morris, 80-year-old farmer of the Cherry section of this county, died in the Columbia hospital Tuesday afternoon of last week as the result of injuries received when he was struck that morning by a truck operated by James Phillip Spruill, 15-year-old high-school student of Creswell.

Morris was walking on the road near his home when he was hit by the truck, owned by E. F. Turner, of Gatesville. Norfeet Pruden, also of Gatesville, was regular driver of the truck but had permitted young Spruill to take the wheel shortly before the accident occurred.

The accident was not reported to Highway Patrolman M. B. Stewart here until the following day, and he immediately made an investigation, citing Spruill for driving without an operator's license and Pruden for permitting an unlicensed operator to drive his truck.

Mr. Morris was a life-long resident of Washington County and a prominent farmer of the Cherry section. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Kate Allen Morris; five daughters, Mrs. Lewis Sawyer, of Creswell; Mrs. Mittie Roughton, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Vernie Simmons, of East Lake; Mrs. Sara Bowen, of Bertie County; and Miss Edna Morris, of Norfolk, Va.; two sons, George Morris, of Roper; and Robert Morris, of the U. S. Navy; 25 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the late home Thursday.

Horton Cottage at Beach Is Burned

The cottage at Albemarle Beach owned by H. Lewis Horton, of Plymouth, was completely destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. It is believed the blaze started from a smoldering grass fire, the origin of which is not known.

Henry Everett, who lives near the beach, saw the blaze and called the chief of the local fire department, Miller Warren, about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Warren and S. F. Darden, county forest fire warden, went down immediately, but were unable to do anything except put out the brush fire to keep it from spreading.

Spencer admitted taking cigarettes from the Campbell warehouse, the thefts taking place over a period of several months, with the amount of goods taken aggregating in value around \$200. Spencer said he sold the stolen cigarettes to Alton Raynor, white, operator of the Green Oil station here, and Mr. Raynor was indicted for receiving.

Colored Bicyclist Struck by Auto

John Brown, colored man about 50 years old, was seriously injured Sunday morning about 7 o'clock, when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver on the road to the pulp mill. Brown was on his way to work at the mill at the time and was riding a bicycle. He suffered a fractured skull.

Matthew Lee Shepard, also colored, of Plymouth, was arrested a short time later by Highway Patrolman M. B. Stewart and lodged in jail here, charged with drunken driving and failure to remain at the scene of the accident. There were several eyewitnesses to the accident, which occurred about 200 yards west of the Welches Creek bridge, and it was upon information furnished by them that Shepard was arrested. He is being held in jail pending the outcome of Brown's injuries.

KILLED IN ACTION



Private Henry Clayton Marriner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Marriner, of Roper, was killed in action in Italy on January 30. His parents were informed on a Mr. H. 11. Private Marriner, 23 years old, was in the parachute infantry, and had been in the service since June, 1942.

Names of 171 New Registrants Put on Poll Books Here

Brings Total of Qualified Voters in This Precinct To 1,438

No reports have been received from other precincts in the county, but Plymouth Township had a fairly large registration of new voters before the books closed at sundown last Saturday, according to Mrs. Hermine Ramsey, the registrar. A total of 171 new names were put on the books, most of them Democrats. This would indicate there is more interest in the coming primary and elections than has been generally supposed.

At the present time, the registrar said there was a total of 1,438 registered voters in Plymouth Township, of which 1,352 are registered as Democrats and 86 Republicans. This does not represent the true strength of the two parties, however, it is known that a great many voters who are nominally Republicans register as Democrats in order to vote in the Democratic primaries for local officials.

Saturday of this week, May 20, will be challenge day; but this is considered a formality, as very few registrants have been challenged in recent years.

Warns Owners of Personal Property To Pay '43 Taxes

Chief of Police P. W. Brown today served notice on all who owe 1943 poll and personal property taxes that he would take action starting June 1st to garnish wages or seize personal property to satisfy such delinquent tax accounts. There will be no extension and no exceptions made, he said, as he has been given orders to collect these taxes. Taxpayers can save additional costs by paying up their accounts immediately.

Series of Cigarette Thefts Cleared Up

A series of cigarette thefts from the wholesale establishment of B. G. Campbell here was cleared up last week-end by the arrest and confession of Herman Sawyer, colored employee of Mr. Campbell. Around 100 cartons of cigarettes were recovered at various places.

Spencer admitted taking cigarettes from the Campbell warehouse, the thefts taking place over a period of several months, with the amount of goods taken aggregating in value around \$200. Spencer said he sold the stolen cigarettes to Alton Raynor, white, operator of the Green Oil station here, and Mr. Raynor was indicted for receiving.

The cases were called in recorder's court here Tuesday, but no final decision was ever rendered, and it is expected that the matter will be taken up again next Tuesday.

Bar Association Committee Holds Hearing Here Today

A committee from the council of the North Carolina Bar Association convened in the courthouse here this morning to take evidence in a disbarment proceeding instituted sometime ago against Edward L. Owens, Plymouth attorney. The committee is composed of Judge Albion Dunn, chairman, of Greenville; J. A. Pritchett, of Windsor; and John W. Warlick, of Jacksonville.

Indications are that the remainder of the day will be required to complete taking the evidence. The committee will report its findings to the council of the bar association at a future date.

Install New Officers At Final Meeting of P. T. A. Last Week

Committees Appointed and Plans Outlined by New President

The Plymouth Parent-Teacher association held its final meeting of the current term in the school auditorium here last Thursday night, when new officers were installed by the retiring president, Mrs. W. V. Hays. The new officers are Mrs. W. A. Smith, president; Mrs. A. J. Byrd, vice president; and Mrs. Archie Modlin, treasurer.

The association agreed to begin a campaign immediately to raise money for building a coal house at the Hampton Building, in order to prevent the scattering of coal over the playground there.

Plans were also made for launching a drive immediately to raise money for putting the gymnasium building here into condition for athletics and recreational use. A dance in honor of homecoming college students will be given in the gym early in June, with the following committee on arrangements in charge: Mrs. W. A. Davidson, Mrs. J. R. Manning, Mrs. W. V. Hays and Mrs. W. A. Smith.

The president expressed appreciation of the association for the donations made to the lunch room canning project by the senior and junior Women's Clubs, the Eastern Star chapter, and the American Legion Auxiliary. All the money in the association treasury at the end of the school term is to be turned over to this fund, which still will be about \$100 short of the \$600 goal, it was stated.

Mrs. Smith announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Membership and hospitality: Mrs. T. W. Earle, representing the country club village; Mrs. Ray Brown and Mrs. Charles Wyndham, Little Richmond; Mrs. W. C. Stynes and Mrs. Wesley Ange, beyond tracks on Washington Street; Mrs. George Salyer, Washington Street; Mrs. Lester Crofton, Brinkley Avenue; Mrs. Alton Harrison, East Main Street; Mrs. Madeleine Norman, West Main Street; Mrs. Carolyn Doughtie, Jefferson Street; Mrs. Dave Kulman and Mrs. Jack Peelle, Third Street.

Finance committee: Mrs. E. F. Still, W. Frith Winslow, Mrs. W. A. Davidson, Mrs. J. M. Polk, T. W. Earle, Mrs. J. R. Manning.

Parents' Education committee: Mrs. T. R. Jenkins and all grade mothers.

Publicity committee: Mrs. W. V. Hays, W. H. Booker, R. B. Trotman.

Social Hygiene committee: Dr. A. Papineau, Mrs. Arthur Gay, district health officer and nurse.

38 Said Accepted From Last Call

It is unofficially reported that 38 Negroes were accepted for service by the Army and Navy out of the large contingent of men sent to Fort Bragg from this county Friday of last week. It is emphasized that this figure is unofficial, as the final returns have not been received yet by the local draft board. If 38 were accepted, it represents about 70 percent of the number of colored men sent to the reception center for their pre-induction examinations last week.

The local board is in receipt of calls from the Army and Navy for all the colored men available from pre-induction examinations prior to the one last week. They will leave here on June 2nd to begin active service in the branch of service for which they qualified when they were examined. Although the exact number is not made available for publication, it is known that upwards of half a hundred are affected.

Final Rites Held Today For Infant Near Roper

Funeral services are being held this afternoon for Jesse James Garrett, six-day-old infant son of Jesse Garrett and Olean Patrick Garrett, of the Mill Pond section near Roper. The infant died yesterday afternoon after being ill two days, and the final rites are being conducted at the Chesnut cemetery by the Rev. G. C. Wood, pastor of the Roper Methodist church.

Bank Here To Observe Saturday As Holiday

The Branch Banking & Trust Company here will be closed all day Saturday, May 20, in observance of Mecklenburg Day, a state holiday. So far as could be learned, no other local firms will observe the holiday. Merchants are urged by local bankers to get sufficient change Friday to last them until Monday.

Large Group of White Men To Leave Friday For Reception Center

NOW IN ITALY



Corporal Leland L. Riddick, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riddick, of Plymouth Route 1, is somewhere in Italy, according to recent letters. Corporal Riddick, now 25 years of age, has been in the service for four years, two of them overseas. He was first sent to England, then to North Africa and is now in Italy.

Most of Those Called Are Between Ages Of 26 and 30 Years

No Men Over 30 Years Old In Contingent; Call Is Less Than in April

While not quite as large as the list of men sent to Fort Bragg last month, a large number of white men have been ordered to report to the office of draft board here Friday morning of this week for their pre-induction examinations. Last month's white call was somewhere around 80 men, while the call leaving tomorrow will be in the neighborhood of 50.

Most of those called up this month are between the ages of 26 and 30 years old, although there are a few under 26. There are five transfers from the jurisdiction of other boards to go with the county contingent. Pre-Pearl Harbor fathers are slightly in the majority, but the margin is rather slim. There are no men in the call over 30 years of age, it was stated at the office of the board. There are some farmers and farm workers in the list.

Plymouth's share this time is slightly less than half of the total number called, with Creswell and Roper together furnishing most of the others. Macksays is on the list with one name, and, of course, there are the five transfers from other sections.

A special bus or two will be on hand to take the men to Fort Bragg for their examinations. Those accepted will have at least 21 days after they return before they will be called for induction into the branch of service for which they qualify.

Following is the list of those who have been ordered to report tomorrow morning:

From Plymouth: Edmund Culpepper Griffin, Jasper Lee Squires, Samuel Biscoe Mobley, Floyd Lawrence Simpson, Thomas Abram Terry, Daniel Francis Cronin, Jr., Frederick Gilbert Simpson, Dempsey Lee Williams, Woodrow Wilford Goff, Eli Caswell Spruill, Jewel Eustace Wilson, William Ronald Tetterton, Albert Garfield Watson, Russell Orla Butler, Emmett Leon Phillips, Dewey Jasper Hardison, William Thomas Hopkins, Thaddeus Theodore Harrison, Preston Earl Tucker, Emory Latham White, Eli Howard Williams, William Benjamin Grimes.

From Creswell: Joseph Hardy Woodley, Henry Gilbert Snell, Raymond Louis Phelps, Ervin Washington Ambrose, Will Ed Alexander, Benjamin Franklin Wynn, Stanley Everett Oliver, Johnnie Nicholas Williams, Hallet Linwood Davenport, Billy Eugene Spruill, James Walter Peal, Douglas Erwin Phelps.

From Roper: William Warren Spruill, Charles McCoy Hassell, Edgar Joseph Barber, William Woodrow Phelps, Eugene Craddock, Wade Hampton Collins, John William Spruill, Charlie Edward Harris, Asa Pritchett Johnson, Wesley Edwin Halsey, Edgar Llewellyn Spruill, Jr., Richard Harold Craddock.

From Macksays: Daniel Clifton Everett.

Transfers: Abram Elwood Comstock, from Norfolk, Va.; Henry Owen Lovie, from Greenville; Leroy Roosevelt Snell, from Norfolk, Va.; Wilbur Earl Cutler, from Washington; and Donald Wilson Hunt, from Charleston, W. Va.

Playground Equipment Is Installed and in Use

A considerable amount of playground equipment was installed recently on the grounds at the Hampton school here and is being put to good use by children of the town. The equipment was bought and installed by the Parent-Teacher Association with funds largely contributed by the North Carolina Pulp Company. The association and children alike are very grateful to pulp mill officials for making the equipment available.

Edwin Lester Cobb Dies in Accident at Creswell Last Week

Skull Crushed When Chain Breaks, Dropping Car On Him

Edwin Lester Cobb, 34 years of age, was almost instantly killed last Thursday afternoon while at work on an automobile in Earl Davenport's garage at Creswell. He was repairing the engine of a passenger car, and had the front end suspended by a chain hoist, when the chain broke, dropping the car on him and crushing his skull.

Mr. Cobb was a native of Edgecombe County, but had made his home in the Creswell section for about five years. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Cobb, of Rocky Mount.

In addition to his widow, Mrs. Maybelle Cobb, he is survived by five sisters, Mrs. Ethel Shiffert and Mrs. Nannie Winston, of Charlottesville, Va.; Mrs. Sallie Bowden, Mrs. Nellie White and Miss Mitchell Cobb, of Rocky Mount; and three brothers, James Cobb, of Rocky Mount; Joseph Cobb, of Weldon; and Sergeant Mahlon Cobb, of the U. S. Army, now somewhere in the South Pacific.

Funeral services were conducted at Christ Episcopal church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and concluded at People's Chapel, near Rocky Mount Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment was made in the family cemetery, near Rocky Mount.

Revival To Begin Sunday at Roper

A one-week series of revival services will begin next Sunday evening, May 21, at 8:15 in the Roper Methodist church. It was announced yesterday by the Rev. G. C. Wood, pastor. The Rev. W. Ray Anderson, of Laurins, S. C., will be the guest preacher for the week, with the series to be brought to a close on Sunday, May 28.

A song and prayer service will begin each evening throughout the week at 8:15, with the preaching service to begin at 8:30. "The Rev. Mr. Anderson is a man of God and a great Bible preacher," Mr. Wood said yesterday, "and we desire the cooperation of the other churches in helping to make this meeting a success." The public is cordially invited and urged to attend all services.

Memorial Service for Hubert W. Ange At Mount Olive Baptist Church Sunday

A memorial service for Pfc. Hubert W. Ange, formerly of Plymouth, killed in action recently on the Italian battlefront, will be held next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 in the Mount Olive Free Will Baptist church. It was announced this week. Private Ange was a member of this church and a regular attendant until he went into the service in 1942.

Son of the late Charlie W. Ange and Mamie Browning Ange, he was born in Washington County near Plymouth on

November 29, 1912. His mother died when he was about 12 years old and his father about two years later. He afterwards lived with relatives in the county for a number of years.

He was employed at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here for about four years before he entered the army on May 14, 1942. After he went into the service he was married to Miss Thelma Heath, of Tarboro, who, with an infant daughter, survives him. He also leaves three brothers and three sisters.