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The local war price and rationing board is still seeking volunteer workers to help out during rush periods at its office here. Few have been registered so far, and officials hope others willing to help will register at the office in the courthouse by Saturday, when the registration period ends.

Sugar Stamp 32 in War Ration Book Four will become good indefinitely on June 16 for 5 pounds of sugar, it was announced by the OPA this week. The validation continues distribution of sugar to household consumers at the same rate as previously—5 pounds per person each two and a half months.

Assistant Clerk of the Superior Court W. B. Cox received a telegram from his son, Ensign J. Brinson Cox, last week-end, stating that he had been transferred from Deland, Fla., to Chicago, and that he expected to be home on leave in the near future. Ensign Cox received his commission as a Naval aviator last March.

Due to lack of space, a number of regular news items, including the "Home and Club News" and some correspondence that came into the office late, are being left out of the Beacon this week. The omission is regretted, and it is hoped that it can be published later. Correspondents are urged to get their material in early in order to insure publication.

In counties which are not under the rent control regulations, persons who feel that they are being overcharged for rents may submit their complaints to the OPA on forms which are available at the office of the local War Price and Rationing Board, it was announced recently.

Several local people attended the funeral in Williamston last Thursday for Ensign William E. Ballard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ballard, of Williamston, and brother to Mrs. J. C. Smith, of Plymouth. Ensign Ballard was fatally injured in an airplane accident in Texas on May 25, dying two days later. He received his commission only a few weeks previously, on April 29.

Chief of Police and Mrs. P. W. Brown and daughter, Peggy, went to Norfolk Monday where Miss Brown underwent a nasal operation. The chief returned Tuesday, but Mrs. Brown remained there with her daughter, who is reported to be getting along very well.

Carpenter's Mate First Class H. A. Robinson, of the U. S. Navy, arrived last week to spend a 30-day leave here with his mother, Mrs. Allie Robinson. Mr. Robinson is back in the States after 16 months' service in the north Pacific, where he has taken part in a number of actions against the Japanese. He entered the service in April, 1942.

County Superintendent of Schools H. H. McLean was recently elected a delegate by the North Carolina Education Association to the annual convention of the National Education Association, which will be held July 3-7 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Regular Meeting Of County Board**

Routine Business Occupies Most of Board's Time; Roper Lot Sold

The Washington County Board of Commissioners held their regular meeting Monday morning in the courthouse, with all members present. E. G. Arps, chairman; J. C. Knowles and H. W. Pritchett. Routine business constituted the bulk of the day's proceedings, including the drawing of a jury list for the July term of superior court.

The commissioners ordered the sale of a lot in the Town of Roper to Annie Bennett for the sum of \$164.23. Township tax lists were ordered to ascertain the amount of non-taxable property in their respective townships and report to the commissioners. For this work they will be allowed their regular per diem pay, plus mileage.

A report was received from W. A. Swain, justice of the peace in Lees Mill Township, covering the months of April and May. The board approved the appointment of Mrs. Norma B. Spruill as

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**All Spotting Posts Discontinued Last Week Upon Orders of War Department**

The aircraft observation post here, erected and placed in operation in February of last year, was ordered discontinued by the War Department as of May 29, along with similar posts in thousands of communities throughout the United States. The volunteers who have been manning the local post have been notified of its discontinuance, and letters from Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, have been sent to them, extending the War Department's thanks for their services.

**Local Lions Club Will Hold Annual Election of Officers at Meet Tonight**

The Plymouth Lions Club will hold its annual election of officers at its regular meeting tonight. Nominations for the various offices were made by a special committee at the last meeting of the club, and they will be balloted on tonight.

Officers nominated were as follows: For president, T. W. Earle; first vice president, Dr. A. Papineau; second vice president, H. H. Allen; third vice president, H. H. McLean; secretary and

treasurer, W. C. Hall; tail twister, Jack Horner; Lion tamer, W. L. Whitley; directors, terms expiring June 30, 1946, D. B. Kuhe and P. W. Brown.

At its last meeting in May the club voted to meet only twice each month during June, July and August. The meetings are to be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. In September the club is to return to its regular weekly meetings.

**Creswell Man Killed In Action on May 12**

**Rationing Guide For Coming Week**

Meats, Fats: Red stamps A8 through W8, good indefinitely. Processed Foods: Blue Stamps A8 through V8, good indefinitely. Most plentiful foods: Eggs. Plentiful foods: Onions, carrots, spinach, white potatoes, oranges, peanut butter and citrus marmalade. Sugar: Sugar stamps 30 and 31, each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp 32 becomes good for five pounds, June 16. Sugar stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next year. Gasoline: A-10 coupons good through August 8. Fuel Oil: Periods 4 and 5 coupons, good through September 30. New Period 1 coupons for the 1944-45 heating year may be used as soon as they are received from local boards. Shoes: Airplane stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

**40 White Men Go Into Service Soon**

17 Go To Army June 16th And 23 To Navy on June 26

Announcement was made this morning by the Washington County Selective Service Board that 40 white men will go from the county to induction centers this month to begin their active service in the military forces. Seventeen will go to the Army on Friday of next week, June 16th, while the other 23 leave June 26 to begin training for the Navy.

Out of the 40 men leaving this month, 22 are from Plymouth, 9 from Roper, 8 from Creswell, and 1 is from Wenona.

The following men will leave for the Army induction center on Friday, June 16: Henry Ciero Gurganus, Luther Newman Allen, Paris Jack Frymier, Albert Turner Ange, Henry Matthew Daniel, Wilbur Davenport, Jr., Pearley Jackson Oliver, Miles Edward Sitterson, Harold Latham Willford, Edmund Richard McCombs, and William Benjamin Grimes, of Plymouth; Coleman O'Neal Flynn, Arel Lee Ambrose, Carol Edison Woodley, and Ephraim Henry Woodley, of Creswell; Charles Wesley Spruill and Clarence Julian Barber, of Roper.

Leaving Monday, June 26, for the Navy will be the following: Linwood Modlin, Eugene Henderson Basnight, Johnnie Wesley Garrett, William Herbert Phelps, Jr., Thaddeus Theodore Harrison, Walton Edmondson Swain, Leon Clark Respass, William Riley Sawyer, Jake Brannon Clifton, Emory Latham Whidbee, and Elie Howard Williams, of Plymouth; Rhodes Spruill, Raymond Earl Phelps, Charlie Warren Ange, Jerold Carlyle Spencer, Norman Worth Cheson, and John Raymond Stillman, of Roper; Benjamin Franklin Wynn, Wilton Edward Spear, John Herbert Hufton, and James Walton Peal, of Creswell; Edison William Patrick, of Wenona.

Secretary Stimson said the department's reason for discontinuing operation of the posts was to release trained soldiers and equipment now engaged in supervising the work for offensive operations against the enemy. The post here was operated on a 24-hour basis from February to October of last year, since when it has been in operation only on Wednesday afternoons of each week. Mrs. W. A. Davidson was chief observer of the local post at the time of its discontinuance.

**Sgt. R. T. Davenport Is 14th From County**

Wife Notified Last Thursday of His Death on Italian Front

Mrs. Rosamond Phelps Davenport, of Creswell, was notified last Thursday by the War Department that her husband, Technical Sergeant Raymond Theodore Davenport, had been killed in action on May 12 on the Italian battlefield. The telegram gave no details of his death but stated that a letter would follow.

Mrs. Davenport had received a letter from her husband only a short time before stating that he had been wounded in the hand but that he had recovered and was to return to the battlefield. His letter stated that he had been awarded the Purple Heart medal and that he was forwarding it home.

Sergeant Davenport was the son of the Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Davenport, of Creswell. Born in Creswell on May 4, 1916, he was nearly 28 years of age at the time of his death. He lived all of his life in the Creswell community before entering the service on May 14, 1942. For about a year prior to that time he was employed at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company in Plymouth.

He graduated from the Creswell High School in 1937 and later went into the employ of the State Highway and Public Works Commission. For about 10 years he was a member and regular attendant of the Mount Taber Free Will Baptist church. On June 21, 1941, he was married to Miss Rosamond Phelps, also of Creswell, who survives him. They have one child, Phyllis Rae, 16 months old.

After going into the Army in May, 1942, he trained at several camps in this country before going overseas in November of last year. He was in North Africa for three or four months and then was transferred to Italy, where he served for about four months with an infantry outfit. His last visit home was early in November last year, shortly before he went overseas.

Besides his wife and daughter, Sergeant Davenport is survived by his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Davenport, of Creswell; six brothers and three sisters. His brothers are Gilbert, of Boston, Mass.; Phillip, of Plymouth; Lonnie and Roger, of Creswell; Seaton, of Knoxville, Tenn.; and Cpl. Thomas Davenport, of the Marine Corps, stationed somewhere in the South Pacific. His sisters are Mrs. D. H. Furlough, of Creswell; Mrs. Virginia Spencer and Mrs. Callie Swain, of Columbia.

It is announced that a special meeting will be held at the post office here.

**Substitute Clerk-Carrier Position Is Open Here**

Applications are being received at the local post office for the position of substitute clerk-carrier, it was announced this week. A civil service examination to fill the vacancy in the local office will be held at a date to be announced later.

The basic rate of pay for substitutes is 65 cents an hour, and appointments generally will be for the duration of the war and in no case for longer than six months beyond the end of the war. Those interested in applying for the appointment may secure additional information from Miss Mary Gardner at the post office here.

**Bible School in Progress At Methodist Church**

Rev. T. R. Jenkins, Minister The following services are announced at the Plymouth Methodist Church for Sunday, June 11: Church school, 10 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Youth Fellowship, 7 p.m. At 8 o'clock there will be held a program in the form of a Commencement service for the Vacation School. At this time certificates will be given those children who have won them by their attendance and satisfactory work. Much interest has been manifested in the school during the week.

**Town Contracts for Immediate Delivery Of New Fire Truck**

Number of Other Matters Considered at Meeting Monday Night

The Plymouth City Council had a busy time at its regular meeting last Monday night, placing an order for a new fire truck, filling a vacancy in the council, appointing a budget committee, hearing the first report of the city sanitary inspector as well as a couple of delegations, and passing on several other matters. All members of the council were present.

The first business was election of W. A. Roebuck as councilman from the second ward to fill out the unexpired term of James W. Norman, who resigned some weeks ago when he was appointed to the county board of education. Councilman G. R. Leggett was elected mayor pro tempore in Mr. Norman's stead.

At a recent meeting an ordinance was passed that provided for resuming the sale of town auto license tags beginning July 1st this year. The proceeds from this will be used in connection with the mosquito control program. The city clerk was instructed to get the prices on some type of tags, if the metal plates are not available, so that they may be put on sale here July 1.

Mayor B. G. Campbell appointed H. E. Harrison and M. W. Spruill to work with him in preparing the budget for the coming year.

A delegation, headed by Carl L. Bailey, appeared before the board to request repeal of the ordinance prohibiting the stabling of cows within the city limits. However, the council declined to take such action.

An appropriation of \$25 for upkeep of the colored school grounds was authorized after request was made by a delegation from the colored P. T. A. Similar action was taken recently in regard to the white school property.

Some time ago the American Fork & Hoe Company, the North Carolina Pulp Company and the Plymouth Box & Panel Company contributed \$1,000 toward the purchase of a new fire truck. It was impossible to secure such equipment at that time, however, and the fund was set aside. Since then, an additional \$1,400 has been added to the fund. At Monday's meeting a representative of a concern making fire apparatus was present to complete arrangements, and the council placed an order for immediate delivery of a 500-gallon pumper at a cost of \$4,995.

J. A. Bratten, appointed city sanitary inspector at a special meeting several weeks ago, made his first report Monday night. He said that a number of places were found to be in a deplorable condition, conducive to the breeding of flies and mosquitoes, and he was instructed to enforce compliance with sanitary conditions.

The perennial doggone dog situation came up again; and after a review of existing ordinances, the city dog catcher was ordered to begin strict enforcement of statutes now on the books, especially those providing for the impounding of dogs running at large and those that constitute a public nuisance by constant barking and howling. It is emphasized that this is being done for the benefit of the entire community, and dog owners are asked to cooperate by keeping their dogs at home and as quiet as possible.

**Several From Here To Attend Meet Tuesday**

The Rev. Lee A. Phillips, chairman of the community service panel, Mrs. J. K. Reid and Miss Mary Elizabeth Bray and possibly some other officials of the local rationing board are to attend an all-day meeting in Elizabeth City next Tuesday. Proposed changes in the rationing program are to be discussed, as well as ways and means of recruiting and training additional price panel assistants.

It has been announced that the OPA will soon direct its main attention to the control of clothing prices. In the past, emphasis has been placed chiefly on food prices, but it is believed this program is now pretty well under control, while there is considerable complaint about unwarranted increases in the cost of clothing items.

**Licenses Required For Threshers and Combines**

Operators of threshing machines and combines in the county are again warned by Register of Deeds J. R. Campbell that they are required by state law to secure a license for their machines and keep certain records. The licenses and record books may be secured at his office without cost. Each machine must be licensed, even if it is used only for threshing his own grain crops by the owner. About 25 persons in this county are affected, and so far only one has said anything about getting the license required. Mr. Campbell stated,

**Prayers for Men in Service Mark Invasion Day Locally**

**Next Monday 'D-Day' For People of County**

**5th War Loan Drive Starts; Goal \$268,000**

**Quota Is Slightly Larger This Time Than in Preceding Drive**

Last Tuesday was "D-Day" for the invasion of Europe by the combined military forces of the United Nations, including no small number of men from Washington County. It was described as one of the best-planned undertakings of all times.

Next Monday, June 12, Washington County has its own "D-Day," when the Fifth War Loan Drive is scheduled to begin; but, so far as could be learned here yesterday, not one plan has been made here for this campaign. As a matter of fact, H. E. Beam, chairman of the county War Finance Committee, said he had not been able to get anyone to serve as chairman for the drive.

The county has a quota of \$268,000 worth of War Bonds to sell during the drive, which begins June 12 and continues through July 31st. Of that amount, \$130,000 of the quota is in "E" bonds. In the fourth War Loan campaign, held in February and March of this year, the county had an overall quota of \$268,000, \$139,500 of which was E bonds.

In the last campaign, which got away to a late start by two weeks, the county oversold its quota by 46.7 per cent. However, conditions were much more favorable then, and it is generally agreed that it will require a well-organized and well-conducted drive to raise the county quota this time.

Mr. Beam says the committee will face a difficult but not an impossible task, by any means. While \$268,000 is a lot of money for a small county like Washington to raise, it is emphasized that this is only a little more than \$20 per person; and if a determined effort is made, it is believed the goal can be reached. Other counties in this section have quotas that range up to \$40 and \$50 per capita.

Washington County has made an impressive record in War Bond sales during the past two years, falling down on its campaign and monthly quotas only a very few times. It has surpassed its overall quotas during the entire two-year period by a very substantial margin. It is earnestly hoped that this record can be maintained, especially at this time when the invasion of Europe, the culmination of all war plans of the past two years, is just getting underway.

Mr. Beam hopes to be able to announce complete plans for the county-wide campaign during the Fifth War Loan by next week.

**Passenger Tire Quota Is Little Larger This Month**

Although the number of new passenger tires available for rationing in June is slightly larger than in May, demand still far exceeds production or the available quota, it was learned at the office of the rationing board here this week. The necessity for continued tire conservation is emphasized.

Fewer heavy duty truck tires will be rationed in June than in May. The June passenger tire quota for Washington County is 192.

**30,680 Meals Served by Lunch Room at Creswell**

The report of the Creswell school lunch room for its first year's operation under private supervision was made this week. It showed that a total of 30,680 meals were served during the term at a total cash outlay of \$2,787.25, or less than 10 cents per meal. Total receipts amounted to \$2,812.25, leaving a balance on hand of \$25.

A breakdown of the expenses shows that the payroll for labor amounted to \$966.57; supplies cost \$56.60; and groceries, \$1,764.08; making a total of \$2,787.25.

**Lions Defeat Firemen in Couple Games This Week**

After dropping two out of three games of softball to the volunteer firemen last week, the local Lions Club team came back to win a couple straight this week. Monday afternoon late the Lions defeated the firemen, 16 to 3; and Wednesday afternoon they again won by a count of 13 to 3.

**News Heralded by Blast of Fire Siren**

Special Services at All Local Churches During Day Largely Attended

News that allied military forces had begun the long awaited invasion of continental Europe was heralded to most Plymouth people Tuesday morning by the town fire siren. Although the announcement was made several hours earlier, the siren was not sounded until 6:30 a.m.

The steady five-minute blast of the fire siren was almost instantly recognized as the invasion signal by people here, and they repaired immediately to their radios, which continued broadcasting information all day long. While invasion quickly became the chief topic of conversation, the news was received with calm, not to say relief that the long period of waiting was over.

Many people went at once to their churches for special prayers in behalf of the men engaged in the mammoth military undertaking. All local ministers had previously announced that special services would be held and the churches kept open all day.

A series of services was held at the Episcopal church, beginning at 6:30 and continuing for an hour or more. Another service was held there at 5:30 in the afternoon and a special communion service was held Wednesday morning.

The Baptist church held four services at various times during the day, and the Methodist and Christian churches each had two services. Comparatively large crowds were on hand for all the special prayers; and in addition many people dropped in at other times to make private pleas for the welfare of loved ones probably engaged in the invasion.

There was very little real news, except that the invasion had begun. Official statements by leaders of the allied military forces were conservative in tone, and it likely will be several days, possibly weeks, before the full story is known. It was officially announced that several landings were effected, and that the allied forces immediately began fighting their way inland along the coast of Normandy, between Cherbourg and the Seine Estuary across from LeHavre. There were rumors of many other landings along the French coast between Cherbourg and Calais, but no official confirmation.

The invasion was preceded by mammoth bombing raids along the French coast, an estimated 11,000 airplanes being used by the allies to cover the landings, with little or no opposition by the Germans. It was stated that initial losses were less

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**Bible School Finals To Be Held Sunday**

120 Children Enrolled; Program Sunday Set for Baptist Church

Commencement exercises of the Union Daily Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday evening, June 11, at Ludford Memorial Baptist Church, according to announcement by Miss Rachel Hassell, superintendent of the school. This service will be attended by members of the Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Christian churches, and will begin at 8 p.m.

Approximately 120 children and young people are enrolled in the daily vacation Bible school, and leaders of the enterprises have expressed satisfaction at the interest displayed and work accomplished thus far in the program. The school began last Friday and will hold its final session tomorrow.

Various departments of the school will exhibit projects completed during the sessions at the commencement exercises.

**Organize Troop Scouts at Roper**

The Roper Ruritans Club voted last Thursday night to sponsor the organization of a Boy Scout troop there, naming the troop committee and other officials at its regular meeting.

It was announced this week by Mr. Armstrong that a meeting would be held at the community house in Roper next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock to secure the names of boys who wish to become charter members of the troop. All boys in that section 12 years of age and over who wish to become members are urged to be present at the meeting next Tuesday.

**Summer Not To Call For Second Primary**

Concedes Democratic Nomination To High Man in First Primary

There will be no second primary in Washington County. Representative Ben A. Sumner, who ran 23 votes behind W. H. (Jack) Peele in the first primary May 27, announced while here last week-end that he would not ask for a run-off. He had previously stated that he would call for a second primary, and arrangements were going forward for calling it when he changed his plans last week-end.

Mr. Sumner stated that he did not feel the expense to the county of a second primary was justified, in view of the fact that only one office was involved. He said this was the same position he took two years ago, when he entered a second primary only after he learned there would be at least one other contest anyway. He also stated that he was employed in an important war industry and did not feel that he should take the time off to make the two campaigns that would be necessary if he won the Democratic nomination in a second primary.

Mr. Sumner extended his congratulations to Mr. Peele, who now becomes the Democratic nominee for representative, and assured the latter his support in the general election this fall. Mr. Peele will run against the Republican nominee, J. Roy Manning, in November.

There were three candidates for the Democratic nomination as representative in the first primary Saturday before last, and the results were as follows: Peele, 337; Sumner, 314; and Edward L. Owens, 275.

**Siren Signals Invasion To People in Creswell**

Creswell—The people of Creswell were warned by the siren early Tuesday that the invasion of France had begun. Church bells rang, and many people went to their churches for prayer. At 10 o'clock an hour of worship and prayer was conducted at the Episcopal church by the rector, the Rev. B. W. Gaither.

**Services Announced for Local Baptists Sunday**

Lee A. Phillips, Pastor Sunday School, 9:50; Morning worship, 11 o'clock; B. T. U., 7 p.m.; and Evening worship, 8 p.m. At the evening worship the Commencement service of the Union Daily Vacation Bible School will be held. Prayer service and choir practice will be held on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

**Local Boy Scout Troop Made Its First Collection of Waste Paper on Tuesday**

The Plymouth Boy Scouts began the collection of waste paper here Tuesday, a large quantity having been picked up and stored in the room at the courthouse in the first day's drive. They will make their collection in the business area twice every week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while collections will be made in residential sections on Tuesdays only.

The North Carolina Pulp Company here has agreed to send a truck for the paper at least once each week, and more often if it becomes necessary. The company will pay the Scouts regular rates for the paper, and people here are asked to cooperate by bundling their paper and keeping it for the Scouts to collect.