

TOWN TOPICS

Their many friends throughout the county will be glad to learn that Mr. and Mrs. W. R. White returned home Sunday after spending about four months in Atlanta, Ga., where they underwent medical treatment.

Milyer Warren was in Greensboro yesterday on a buying trip for the Western Auto Associate store here.

The local draft board has only one delinquent on its list at this time. He is Leroy Woods, colored, of Plymouth, whose last known address was in Norfolk, and who has been delinquent since last December.

Although the Fifth War Loan campaign officially did not begin until June 12th and ends July 8, all the bonds sold in the county during the months of June and July will be credited to the county's quota.

Pfc. Carl L. Bailey, jr., of the Army Air Forces, is spending about a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Bailey.

Ensign J. Brinson Cox, U. S. Navy, is spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox.

It's probably an exaggeration, but the story is being told locally about one of the Plymouth mosquitoes that was blown off its course and landed on the runway at the Marine Air Station over in Edenton one day last week.

Back From Pacific After 21 Months

Sgt. Pearly Craddock Home After Being Injured in Accident

Sergeant Pearly Craddock, son of Asa Craddock, of the Long Acre section, returned to a government hospital at Swannanona yesterday after spending a couple of weeks at home.

Entering the service on February 24, 1941, Sergeant Craddock went overseas nearly two years ago and saw considerable action on Bougainville Island.

Sergeant Craddock was rather reticent about his experiences, simply stating that conditions overseas were "rugged" and that it was no picnic at any of the points he was stationed.

Men Inducted Into Service No Longer Given Choice Between Army and Navy

Announcement was made this week by the Selective Service system that, effective July 1, there would be no more separate calls for selectees for the Army and Navy.

The new ruling also means that selectees will no longer be given their choice as to the branch of service they prefer to enter.

THE ROANOKE BEACON AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS

VOLUME LV—NUMBER 24

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, June 15, 1944

ESTABLISHED 1889

Dr. McGowan Elected Acting Health Officer at Board Meeting Thursday

Dr. Claudius McGowan was elected acting health officer at a special meeting of the county board of health held here last Thursday night.

E. G. Arps, chairman of the county commissioners and board of health, said yesterday that so far state officials had not been

able to secure a physician to serve as district health officer, but that they had promised a sanitarian for the department here in the very near future.

The work of the district department is being carried on under the direction of Mrs. R. H. Windley, public health nurse, with the assistance of local physicians in various parts of the county.

Gold Star Fathers and Mothers To Be Guests Of Legion at Banquet

NOW IN ENGLAND



Sergeant Leland Barber, son of W. B. Barber, of the Skinnerville section, is now serving with the Eighth Army Air Force in England.

Will Be Held Here Friday, June 23rd

Dr. W. R. Burrell, Veteran and Gold Star Father of Last War, Speaker

Gold Star fathers and mothers of Washington County will be special guests of honor at a banquet to be given by the James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, of the American Legion.

P. Bruce Bateman, past commander and chairman of the committee on arrangements for the banquet, said yesterday that the post considered itself fortunate in securing Dr. William R. Burrell, of Williamston, as the chief speaker of the occasion.

Roy McMillan, of Raleigh, past commander of the State Department of the Legion, and present national vice commander, has also been invited and may be able to attend.

The local post now has between 95 and 100 members, about 20 of them being veterans of the second World War.

Officers elected at a recent meeting of the Legion and who will be inducted into the post are: (See LEGION BANQUET, Page 4)

500 Pounds Paper Collected by Scouts

Troop Earns Little Over \$5 For First Week's Work; Cooperation Urged

Members of the Plymouth Boy Scout troop collected a little over 500 pounds of waste paper last week. While the amount is not as large as that collected in other towns of similar size, it marks a start.

Few people are properly preparing the paper, which is causing the scouts considerable difficulty in sorting and bundling it. Different kinds of paper should be kept in separate lots; old newspapers in one pile, old magazines in another and waste cartons in still another.

The salvaged paper is urgently needed for making paper needed in the war effort, and local people are urged to cooperate and encourage the Scouts in their work.

KILLED IN ACTION



Technical Sergeant Raymond Theodore Davenport, husband of Mrs. Rosamond Phelps Davenport, of Creswell, was killed in action May 12 on the Italian battlefield.

Local Merchants Already at Work Selling War Bonds

Each Store Assigned Quota Of \$300 Per Clerk; Several Offer Prizes

Whole-hearted support for the Fifth War Loan campaign in Washington County was unanimously voted by members of the Plymouth Merchants Association at their regular June meeting held Monday night in the municipal building here.

In addition to selling bonds, local business houses are also sponsoring Fifth War Loan advertising in various ways. Every establishment is displaying posters, a series of page advertisements in this newspaper is being paid for by the merchants, and those who carry regular advertising space are devoting part of their ads to promotion of war bond sales.

Order blanks have been given to clerks in local stores, and a number of merchants are offering prizes to the employee who sells the most bonds. Individual store quotas are based on \$300 for each employee, and quite a number of bonds have already been sold by clerks.

W. F. Winslow's store here, with a total quota of \$900, was already more than half-way toward its goal yesterday at noon, with \$487.50 worth of bonds sold at that time.

Owners of the three local drug stores got together and decided to give a \$25 War Bond to the clerk in their stores who sells the largest amount of bonds.

To Advertise Real Estate On Which Taxes Not Paid

Town Tax Collector P. W. Brown announced yesterday that real property on which taxes had not been paid for 1943 and prior years would be advertised beginning July 1.

Siren Will Signal Start Bond Drive

Local residents are warned not to be alarmed next Tuesday when the fire siren is sounded at intervals throughout the day. It is planned to sound the siren for two minutes every hour, beginning at 10 a. m. and continuing through 4 p. m., as a reminder to people here of the Fifth War Loan canvass.

The siren will be sounded first at 10 o'clock, heralding the start of the canvass; and it is hoped that factory whistles and church bells will join in to make sure that no one misses the start of the drive.

War Bond Campaign Begins In County Tuesday Morning

Quota Is \$268,000; Outline Plans for Complete Canvass

Local Workers To Meet at Agriculture Building Friday Night

County and township leaders have been secured, and a complete organization is rapidly taking shape to conduct the Fifth War Loan Campaign in Washington County, which has a quota of \$268,000 worth of bonds to sell between now and July 8.

T. W. Earle, of Plymouth, Tuesday night agreed to accept chairmanship of the county campaign; and township chairmen have been named as follows: W. Frith Winslow, Plymouth; L. E. Hassell, sr., and J. C. Tarkenton, Lees Mill; Walter W. White, Skinnerville; and Mrs. Sidney Smithson, Scuppernon.

A meeting of all workers and canvassers will be held here Friday night, when definite plans for the canvass will be announced. Every person who can and will help is earnestly urged to attend.

Sounding of the fire siren here next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock will herald the beginning of the canvass throughout the county. Committees are being organized to cover every community, road, and neighborhood. Here in Plymouth, there will be committees for every block.

The fire siren will be sounded for two minutes every hour between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. here next Tuesday, to remind local people of the drive. It is also hoped that church bells and factory whistles will join in heralding the start of the canvass.

Admittedly, this is not the best time of the year to conduct a bond drive in this section. However, there can be no question about the

Funeral Held for Stewart Woodley

One of Leading Farmers in Cherry Section; Died Last Saturday

Creswell.—Stewart Woodley, prominent farmer of the Cherry section of Washington County, died in Columbia hospital last Saturday morning at 2 o'clock, after a lingering illness.

Mr. Woodley was a prosperous farmer and stockholder and manager of the Peoples Milling Company at Cherry. He took an active interest in civic affairs and was a leader in all undertakings for the betterment of his community.

Funeral services were held from the Phillips church Sunday afternoon at 3:30, a large gathering of friends and relatives attending the service in which he was held in the community.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eva Davis Woodley; four daughters, Mrs. P. J. Cerre, of Suffolk, Va.; Mrs. Guy Markley, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Russel Chesson, of Roper; and Miss Mildred Davis, of the home; two sons, Pfc. Harold Stewart Woodley, of the U. S. Army, stationed in Hawaii; and Larry Woodley, of the home; and four grand-children.

HEADS BOND DRIVE



T. W. Earle, of Plymouth, is Washington County Chairman of the Fifth War Loan Campaign, which opens here next Tuesday, with a quota of \$268,000 to be raised between then and July 8.

County Court Has Another Big Day

11 Defendants Given Road Sentences or Fines; All Plead Guilty

The rush continues in county recorder's court every Tuesday, last week's record session being followed Tuesday by another big session. Judge Gaylord called eight cases, none of which was contested, and all of the 11 defendants were given fines or road sentences.

George Blount, colored, of Plymouth, admitted attempting to break in Levi Johnson's Cafe sometime last Saturday night, but noted an appeal when he was sentenced to 12 months on the roads.

William James, colored, of Jamesville, was fined \$100 and costs, and his license to drive was revoked for one year after he pleaded guilty to operating a truck while under the influence of intoxicants and leaving the scene of an accident in which property damage was done.

Nephew of Ted Blount Wounded Invasion Day

Ensign Edward Hyman, son of Mrs. Stella Blount Hyman, of Scotland Neck, and nephew of Edward S. (Ted) Blount, of Plymouth, was wounded in action on invasion day while serving with an amphibious landing unit. It was learned this week.

Ensign Hyman graduated in 1943 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received his naval training at Northwestern University in Chicago. His great-grandfather was the first Washington County man to graduate from the University and he was the next member of the Blount family to complete the course there.

County Soldier at Texas Camp Resents German Prisoners Wearing Swastikas

Pfc. Thurman O. Mobley, formerly of Washington County, but stationed at Camp Howze, Texas, is one man who doesn't like to see German prisoners of war continue to sport their Nazi party emblems on their arm bands while they are in this country.

Organization Set Up In Each Community; Earle Heads Drive

Names of Volunteer Chairmen and Workers Are Announced

Organization of community committees to conduct the Fifth War Loan Campaign in Washington County was announced last night as very nearly complete by T. W. Earle, county chairman.

The chairman said last night that he had not had time to complete the list of colored chairman and co-workers, but that it would be ready for publication next week. It is also announced that some additional co-workers may be added from time to time by the local leaders as the campaign progresses.

The county committee requests all ministers in the county to announce at their services Sunday that the campaign will get underway throughout the county Tuesday. The county has an overall quota of \$238,000, with an "E" bond goal of \$130,000, and it must be met before the drive ends.

W. F. Winslow is chairman of the committee for the town of Plymouth, with R. B. Trotman and P. B. Bateman as assistants. A meeting of all local workers will be held in the agricultural building here at 8 o'clock Friday night, when the block committees will receive their assignments and other plans explained.

Dry Spell Broken by Showers Yesterday

Some Crops Said Damaged By Drouth; Rain General Throughout County

The drought that has prevailed in this section for the past three weeks was broken yesterday by fairly general rains throughout the county, it is reported. Crops in general were reported parching, and the rain was worth a lot of money to farmers of the county.

The Plymouth section had a comparatively light shower, but even that did a lot of good, while a considerably heavier rain was reported in the section between Roper and Creswell. Plymouth also had a good shower last night. County Agent W. V. Hays said yesterday morning before the rain that some crops were already damaged considerably by the dry spell.

Spring oats also suffered some damage, the county agent stated. Winter grains, including wheat, oats and barley, have mostly been harvested, and good yields are reported. Tobacco and corn crops were suffering before the showers yesterday; and while some of them may have been damaged, it is believed that most will revive. Cotton, for the most part, was thriving on the dry hot weather prevailing.