a Norfolk newspaper last week that made him very glad he had moved back to Plymouth. It was of the

house he formerly lived in near

Creeds, in Princess Anne County, and a large part of the roof had been torn

off when a Navy plane crashed into

it. Five persons in the upstairs rooms narrowly escaped death in the accident, while the pilot of the plane

emerged with only a few scratches.

Local sportsmen are up in arms

over the recent decision of the game

division of the Department of Con-

servation and Development cutting

15 days off the front end of the deer

season this year. Several petitions,

signed by scores of hunters, have

been forwarded to the department,

asking that the opening date be

restored to October 1, same as last

year, even if it is necessary to end

the season 15 days earlier. It is

understood also that a delegation is

planning to go to Raleigh to present

The Rev. and Mrs. Nixon A. Tay-

Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. W.

tor of the First Christian church here

An increase in the retail ceil-

ing price of potatoes was allowed

this week by the OPA, according

to announcement by the price

panel of the local rationing

board. The ceiling of 29 cents

for 5 pounds of potatoes was

raised 4 cents to 33 cents for 5

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Boyd and baby

son, of Henderson, arrived Monday

and have an apartment in the home

of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Harrison on

Main Street. Mr. Boyd is the newly

elected principal of the Plymouth

schools and is now engaged in at-

tempting to fill the three vacancies

A young lieutenant from an adjoin-

ing town, now with an Army ground

forces unit in France, last week wrote

to his cousin, an Army Air Forces

captain stationed in this country, as

follows: "Better stay in the States as

long as you can. They are playing

for keeps over here now-and some

Sergeant Jack H. Britt, formerly of

Plymouth, is now stationed in the

on Saipan Island, and has been there

long enough to receive four copies

of The Beacon, he says in a letter re-

an anti-aircraft artillery battery,

Private Hurley has been in the Pa-

Architect Is Suing

ditions Abandoned Here

On Account of War

of all WPA building projects.

Harold M. Davenport, of

Creswell, Gets Promotion

Creswell.-Harold M. Davenport

has been promoted to the grade of

sergeant while serving with a field ar-

tillery unit in Italy, it was learned

this week. Sergeant Davenport is

the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G.

Davenport, of Creswell, and his wife

Thursday, August 3. The baby was

born the same day, living only a few

hours. The parents and two sisters

is the former Miss Edna Spencer.

in the teaching staff here.

of 'em are cheating, too."

tached to an infantry outfit.

tacked on December 7.

er pastorate several years ago.

claims for the earlier opening.



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Board Rescinds Its

Budget for 1944-45

County Tax Rate Cannot Be

Fixed Until Adjustment

Is Worked Out

The fixing of the 1944 county rate

is being held up by differences be-

tween the county boards of education

rent operating expenses of the schools

and \$9.183 for capital outlay. How-

ever, some of the commissioners have

said that they voted to approve the

budget because they thought it called

for a total of \$26,159, including capi-

tal outlay. At the meeting Monday,

The county commisisoners, at the

emergency situation as far as possi-

they voted to rescind their previous

can be made.

rights permit.

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Overseas Christmas Packages Should Be Mailed Before October 15 This Year

ages for Army and Navy personnel overseas must be mailed between September 15 and October 15 to assure that they will be delivered on time. Postmaster General Frank C. Walker reminded this week.

Urging that more care be taken in wrapping and packing parcels securely, and addressing them clearly and correctly, he suggested these mailing rules:

The address of the sender and addressee should be written inside the package as well as outside to assure delivery in case the outside wrapper is lost.

Containers made of metal wood or fiberoid are preferable.

Parcels must not exceed five pounds, nor be more than 15 inches in length or 36 in length and girth combined.

marked plainly on the outside. One sender may mail no more than one parcel a week to the same addressee.

Perishable goods, intoxicants, inflammable materials and anything that may damage other mail may not be sent. Sharp instruments must be protected

Ernest Roy Sawyer Seek State and Federal Aid Dies After Accident Here Tuesday Night For Local School Conditions

Naval Petty Officer Home After 7 Battle Actions Is Killed in Auto Crash

Ernest Roy Sawyer, 22, second-class machinist's mate in the U.S. Navy. was fatally injured and two other service men were hurt, one seriously, in an automobile accident on East Main Street here Teusday night about 9:45. Young Sawyer was crushed about the shoulders and head and died about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning in a U.S. Naval ambulance which was taking him to the Marine Air Station hospital at Edenton.

Pvt. John Randolph Halsey, of the and commissioners over the school U. S. Army, suffered a severe cut on budget as submitted last month. his arm and was lacerated about the The minutes of the county commishead, while Pvt. Luther Wilson sioners show that the school budget Bowen, jr., also of the Army, and was approved at their last meeting, driver of the car, escaped with but this action was rescinded by the bruises and shock. Following an in- comissioners at their monthly meetvestigation by Highway Patrolman ing Monday, and another budget sub-M. B. Stewart, a warrant was issued mitted by the board of education was eckless driving and manslaughter. Preliminary hearing is scheduled to be held in recorder's court next Tues- last month calls for \$26,159 for cur-

According to Patrolman Stewart, Over Total Quota; 17 the 1931 Ford cabriolet driven by Bowen, headed east, went out of con-Per Cent Over E Goal trol after hitting the curbing on the left side of the street at the intersection of Main and Latham's Lane. The car then skidded back across the E' Bonds Sold To Service street, hitting the curb on the right, where it turned over, throwing all three of the occupants out, and then the budget as it now stands will righted itself, 168 feet from where necessitate an increase in the tax Washington County exceeded its it first hit the curb on the left, the

The injured men were brought to E" bond quota by 17 per cent, ac- the offices of local physicians and members say they have been as concording to the final official figures given every attention. The Edenton received this week from the Federal Marine Air Station hospital was no-Reserve Band at Richmond. Total tifled, and dispatched an ambulance sales were \$394,151.75, against a quota in charge of a Naval surgeon to renof \$268,000; while 'E" bond sales der assistance. After several blood amounted to \$151.875.25, against a plasma transfusions had been given 'E" bonds sold to men in the armed he died while on the way without reciled.

Young Sawyer had been in the of the county quota. This is regard- Navy just about four years, enlisting ed as an exceptionally good record for before he reached the age of 18 in the men in the armed forces, who 1940. He had taken part in a numare not only doing all of the fighting ber of Pacific campaigns, including Necessary in County but also "backing their own attack" seven major battle actions, and had worked his way up from seaman to In apportioning the "E" bond sales a second-class petty officer. Station-Pfc. David A. Hurley, jr., is now on On Account of Polio among the various townships of the. ed on a destroyer, he had been at county, H. E. Beam, chairman of the home on leave since July 27, and was War Finance Committee, makes sev- planning to leave next Tuesday to

Son of Mrs. Grace Sawyer and the and H. W. Pritchett, were present for ice men and \$2,981.25 unclassified are late Henry B. Sawyer, he was born the meeting. Mr. Beam said that he was attended school here, leaving just be-

Harold Woodley Is See. AUTO ACCIDENT. Page Six Son of Mrs. Eva Woodley, County Likely Be Delayed by Polio

Of Creswell; Overseas Two and Half Years

Creswell.-Pfc. Harold S. Woodwhile engaged in the battle at Sai- reported that so far they had not pan, the War Department advised been able to get anyone to submit his mother, Mrs. Eva Woodley, Friday such a bid. of last week. On the same day Mrs. in his left arm while in action on worth of "E" bonds against an as- to open all county schools on August Saipan and that he was now in a hospital on New Caledonia. The young man said he was receiving the best attention possible, getting along Although no definite postponement fine, and he asked his mother not to worry about him.

Private Woodley also stated in his etter that he received the sad news of his father's death while he was on Saipan just a few days before he was woundd. His father, the late Stewart Woodley, died in June. The letter from young Woodley was the first his mother had received from her | Sergeant Luther Jett son in nearly two months.

Private Woodley has been in the Army for three years and has never had a furlough since he was inducted. For the past two and a half nue, Plymouth, N. C., has been provide an estimate of the anticipatyears he has been stationed in Ha- awarded the Purple Heart for wounds

Border Markets Approval of School Open This Week

The first tobacco markets in North Carolina opened Tuesday of this week in the border belt. with prices paid said to be averaging nearly \$44, slightly above this year's ceiling. Opening sales were reported to be very light. and the quality of the leaf offered was good, with farmers generally reported as well pleased with their averages.

The 1944 selling season for this section opens on August 28. Producers are still busy harvesting and curing the crop at present, recent rains having caused tobacco to take on new life and to ripen much more slowly than was indicated a few weeks ago. As a rule, farmers are expecting good yields.

Town Board Studies Budget at Regular

Tax Rate Likely To Be Same as Last Year rate, whereas they hope to hold it to

it present level, \$1.70 on the \$100 Budgetary details were studied, but valuation. The board of education final adoption was held up pending further consideration by the city servative as possible in their requests. council at its monthly meeting Monand do not see where further cuts day night. The mayor, B. G. Campwere present, including H. E. Harri-Several conferences have been held, but so far no solution has been son and J. R. Manning, of the first worked out. The tax rate cannot be ward; Shep Brinkley and W. A. Roe- plants. Priorities granted for build-Mr. Sawyer, it was decided to remove determined until the differences be- buck, of the second ward; Raymond ing 40 houses immediately, to be folhim to the hospital at Edenton, but tween the boards have been recon- Leggett and C. O. Kelly, of the third lowed by 110 others according to pres-

> Although the 1944 budget has not been adopted, prospects at this time. Monday meeting, passed a resoluindicate that the tax rate will retion expressing their willingness "to main the same as it was last year. cooperate in the present school \$1.80. This rate was 20 cents less than it was for a number of preceedble in providing the requirement of necessary class room as far as legal

At the last regular meeting, the city The board also checked and ordered to order license tags for motor ve- Board. ed paid about 80 bills against the At the meeting Monday he county. All members of the board, reported that acknowledgment of the E. G. Arps, chairman, J. C. Knowles, order had been received and that the tags would be put on sale as soon as they arrived. The tags were supposed to be on all cars by July 1, but due to inability to get the tags by that date, the time has been extend-Wounded at Saipan ed. They will be required, however, just as soon as they become available

> Request by Fire Chief Miller Warren that the town pay the expenses of a delegation to the state firemen's convention in Charlotte on September 12, 13 and 14 was granted and a motion passed to this effect.

The committee appointed to obley was wounded in action July 8th tain bids for painting the water tank

Owner of Cows in Town

owners of cows who have not re- next two to three years. moved such animals outside the city In support of claims for additional limits by next Monday, August 14, classrooms and other facilities, the Chief of Police P. W. Brown said following exhibits were sumbitted to yesterday. The cooperation of those the county commissioners at a joint who have been keeping cows inside meeting with the board of education the town is requested, as further de- Monday by members of the civic imlay will lead to embarrassment and provement and Lion Club committees, additional cost.

Awarded Purple Heart

geant Luther Jett, of 34 Oakford Ave- do not contemplate any growth.

waii. He was sent to Saipan in June and was injured a few days later.

He graduated from Creswell High School and was engaged in farming in the Cherry section of the county in the Cherry section of the

for each No. 2 can, this cost covering both the cost of cooking and the can. The cannery will open each Tuesday and Thursday at 8 o'clock in the morning, and no food will be accepted after

Situation Will Be Explained at Meet In Raleigh Friday

County Authorities Indicate Willingness To Do What They Can

The Plymouth school situation was explained in detail to Dr. W. H. Coleman, representative of the Federal Works Agency, of Richmond and Washington, at a meeting in the courthouse yesterday morning by members of the county board of education and a special committee from the Lions Club and civic improvement organization. Admitting the seriousness of conditions existing here, which call for immediate action Dr. Coleman nevertheless held out little hope for securing a Federal grant under existing law since the local situation cannot be classified as due primarily to the impact of the war on the community

The Federal representative remained yesterday afternoon, securing attendance and enrollment data from Meet Monday Night the county superintendent, H. H. Mc-Lean, and observing local conditions the county superintendent. H. H. Mcat first hand. He agreed to go before Final Adoption Postponed; state school authorities tomorrow morning in Raleigh with the three state school authorities tomorrow members of the board of education and some of the special committee members in an effort to find out just what can be done to adjust the situation here.

Facts were presented showing the complete inadequacy of the local plant, which is being and will conbell, and all members of the council tinue to be aggravated by additional families moving here to engage in essential war work at local industrial ent plans, were cited; and it was in these projects that hope for Federal aid was based. Dr. Coleman said these things would be of most help in securing Federal aid, but pointed out that he could consider only the 40 houses for which priorities have been granted at this time, as future plans have no bearing until priorities clerk, M. W. Spruill, had been direct- housing agency and War Production

As things now stand, the county superintendent, all three members of the board of education, and several members of the civic improvement and Lions Club committees will present the situation to the state board of education in Raleigh at a confered. They will be required, however, to Raleigh is more in the nature to find out what can be done than anything else, and if there is any basis on which claims for state or federal aid can be justified.

The county commissioners adopted a resolution at their meeting Monday, expressing their willingness to do whatever they can under existing law to finance additional classroom facilities. However the commissioners are limited by constitutional provisions to borrowing only up to twothirds of the amount of bonds retired each preceding year. At the present time, this would amount to only After Monday To Be Cited about \$20,000, while it is estimated that approximately \$140,000 to \$150 -The local police department has 000 will be required to add the facilbeen instructed to issue warrants for ities actually needed here within the

the first being a statement prepared by H. H. McLean, county superintendent of schools, as follows

Exhibit A The plans now in the hands of the Board of Education will take care of With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Ser-only the present needs. These plans do not contemplate any growth. To ed growth in the schools, I wish to submit the following information

> 50 families. Using the U.S. Federal Census average this means an additional 130 children from this source

The Pulp Mill has recently secured priorities for the erection of 150 homes for new comers. Using the same Federal Census averages, there will be 350 children in these homes.

The Pulp Mill has 442 persons commuting daily whom they call inmigrants whom they are averages. migrants whom they are encourag-ing to find homes within the school it is safe to estimate that one-fourth of this 442 will become residents of the Plymouth School District. If this is true, there would be 110 additional homes established and using the same Federal Averages, this would mean 250 school children from

this source. This study does not attempt to estimate the number of children that will be brought into this school community by allied trades and industry that will necessarily come with the enlarged pulp mill. On the basis of

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"Christmas Parcel" should be

lor, of Durham, spent Saturday and "E" Bond Sales Given w Browning. Mr. Taylor was pas-Boost by Final Figures before moving to Durham and a larg-On5th WarLoanDrive M. B. Stewart, a warrant was issued for Private Bowen, charging him with tabled until a future date.

Rationing Guide For Coming Week

Meats, Fats: Red Stamps A8 through Z8, A5, B5and C5 good indefinitely.

Processed Foods: Blue Stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 good indefinitely.

Sugar: Sugar stamps 30, 31 and 32, each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40. good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next

Gasoline: In 17 East Coast States, A-11 coupons, good

through November 8. Fuel Oil: Period 4 and 5 coupons, good through September 30. New period 1 coupons now

Shoes: Airplane stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

Hawaiian Islands, according to a letter received by the Beacon this week Sergeant Britt writes that he is more appreciative of The Beacon than ever No Quarantine Yet now that he is out of the States. He is with a company of "medics" at-

Voluntary Cooperation Said Satisfactory by Public ceived here this week. Member of · Health Nurse

Mrs. R. H. Windley, district health tion. cific area very nearly three years. He nurse, said yesterday that as a whole unable to credit the \$2,981.25 to was near Honolulu when the Japs atthe people of Washington County were very cooperative in keeping children under 16 at home for 14 days after having traveled or visited in polio-infected areas of the state. She Board of Education added that it was not likely a quarantine would have to be enforced in this county, as long as conditions remain as they are at present.

Drew Plans for School Ad-No infantile paralysis or poliomyelitis has been reported in this county, although three adjoining counties reported one case each last week-T. W. Benton, Wilson architect, end. They were Beaufort, Hyde and this week brought suit against the Bertie. Rumors have been prevalent Washington County Board of Educa- that cases had been reported in tion for the balance he alleges is due Jamesville and other Martin County him for preparing plans in 1941 for towns, but this was declared to be an the proposed addition to the Plymerror in Williamston yesterday, as outh schools. The plans were preno cases had developed there up to pared but never used when the out- that time. As a precautionary measbreak of war resulted in cancellation ure, the swimming pool at Williamston has been closed and children un-This matter has been hanging fire | der 16 barred from attending all pub-

years. Two payments were made by schools and theatres. the board of education on the ac-Mrs. Windley says it is not necescount, but there is a balance of sary to quarantine persons over 16 in slightly more than \$2,000 still due, this county as they are not as suscep- Naval Reserve, was recently promoted authorities requesting postponement according to the claim filed in su-According to reports here, the con- not be permitted to visit in infected cific since November, 1943, and it is the health officials doubtless would be tract with Mr. Benton was signed by sections of the state. It is reported understood that he is now in com- followed by the county board of edu-

the only county money-raising body. which have cases of polio. Since the board of education has no power to levy or collect taxes, and that she expected to have some book- western University in Chicago, Ill., Board of Health on Friday, August the county commissioners have de- lets dealing with facts about polio and was married in June, 1943, to 4, as follows: clined to allow the budget items soon and that they would be dis- Miss Martha Parrott. of Kinston. calling for payment of Mr. Benton's tributed in the county. These book- His home is in Plymouth, while his which exists in North Carolina beclaims, it is presumed the whole mat- lets have been revised by the state wife at present is a member of the cause of the epidemic of poliomyboard of health and brought up to news staff of the Daily Free Press at ter will have to be ironed out in the

County 47 Per Cent day

Men During Drive Was 14 Per Cent of Quota

quota in the Fifth War Loan Drive in officer said. June and July by 47 per cent, and its quota of \$130,000

Included in the above sales were services, and credited to this county, gaining consciousness. amounting to \$18.616, or 14 per cent

by buying bonds. eral explanations. In the first place, rejoin his ship at a Pacific port. the \$18,616 worth of bonds sold servnot credited to any particular sec- in Plymouth on Aug specific communities since he did not

know where these purchasers lived. Due to confusion about counting School Opening in "F" and "G" bond sales with the "E" bond totals earlier in the drive, the final community figures which appear below may be less than have been reported earlier. Mr. Beam first counted all "E", "F" and "G" bond sales, but was advised near the end of the

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before county boards for several lic meetings, including Sunday J. N. Mayo Promoted To Lieutenant Junior Grade

the board of education but not by that a number of adults have post- mand of one of the Navy's famous cation. the county commissioners, which is poned trips to sections of the state P-T or "mosquito" torpedo boats.

Mrs. W. J. Mayo, of Plymouth.

Relatives and Friends of Service Men Asked To Apply for Absentee Ballots

Walter W. White, chairman of the county board of elections, this week appealed to all mothers, fathers, sweethearts and friends of men and women in the securing absentee ballots for the

know that they are entitled to vote in the general election, while others may not know how to apply for ballots. Therefore he urges the folks back home to

take care of this matter for them. It is not necessary for the men and women in the service to make the application. If they are old enough and were citizens of this county when they entered the service, ballots will be sent to them upon application of any member of their family or a close friend. Mr. White urges cooperation in getting ballots to all the service men and women possible. Address requests for ballots to W. W. White, Roper, and he will do the rest.

date in view of recent discoveries Kinston. He is the son of Mr. and this time 453 cases reported in 48

"This action is taken after consultation with Dr. James A. Leak, of contagious diseases

quested to prepare for the press, for subsequent publication, a statement in which he shall give more in detail the sound reasons for this action in connection with the emergency now existing.

Community Cannery at Roper Will **Begin Operating Tuesday Next Week**

will be opened next Tuesday, August 15, it was announced yesterday by Charles H. Floyd, agriculture teacher at the Roper school, who has been supervising the work on the community under-

The Roper community cannery

cannery to supervise the canning, and those who bring products to be canned will be required to help prepare them. The cans will be furnished by the can-

p.m. the same day. Mr. Floyd urges all people in the community to bring foods and use the facilities of the cannery, "to save time and labor. and

drive that nothing but "E" bonds State Board of Health Asks could be credited to the "E" bond Postponement Until quota. This cut down the amounts September 18 reported earlier from some sections of the county, he explains. The Washington County Board of Woodley received a letter from her The Roper section was away out in front in the list of communities on Education, at its meeting Monday, son stating that he had been injured the honor roll, selling \$33,543.75 amended an order adopted July 24th

signed goal of \$20,000, or 68 per cent | 30th so that the opening date is made over its quota. No other township or contingent on the poliomyelitis concommunity quite reached its assigned dition here and throughout the state. was decided upon, it is expected that recommendations of the State Health

Department will be followed. County Superintent H. H. McLean said Tuesday that he had received Lt. (jg) J. Norman Mayo, U. S. no official communication from state tible to the disease as children. How- to that rank from ensign. He has of the opening date, but that whatever, it is recommended that children been stationed in the Southwest Pa- ever recommendations were made by

The Beacon vesterday received the Lieutenant Mayo is a graduate of text of a resolution adopted by the The public health nurse here said of the Midshipmen's School at North- executive committee of the State

> "In view of the grave situation elitis, of which there have been up to counties since June 1, and which has resulted in 21 known deaths, it is the sense of this committee that the local boards of education and those charged with the administration of all private and parochial schools defer the opening of any and all such schools until September 18, and then only if the epidemic has subsided to such an extent as to permit their opening with safety.

> Washington, Epidemiologist of the United States Public Health Service, and a nationally-known authority on "The State Health Officer is re-

Mr. Floyd said that people who have foods they wish to can may start bringing them next Tuesday. There will be a lady at the

nery, and the cost will be 7 cents

foods for victory."

Infant Dies Few Hours military services to assist them in After Birth Last Week general election in November. Mr. White suggests that some The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hardison, of Plymouth. of those in the service may not died in a Rocky Mount hospital last