

J. B. McNair saw a photograph in a Norfolk newspaper last week that made him very glad he had moved back to Plymouth.

Local sportsmen are up in arms over the recent decision of the game division of the Department of Conservation and Development cutting 15 days off the front end of the deer season this year.

The Rev. and Mrs. Nixon A. Taylor, of Durham, spent Saturday and Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Browning.

An increase in the retail ceiling price of potatoes was allowed this week by the OPA, according to announcement by the price panel of the local rationing board.

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.

A young lieutenant from an adjoining 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."

Sergeant Jack H. Britt, formerly of Plymouth, is now stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, according to a letter received by the Beacon this week.

Pfc. David A. Hurley, Jr., is now on Saipan Island, and has been there long enough to receive four copies of The Beacon, he says in a letter received here this week.

Architect Is Suing Board of Education

Drew Plans for School Additions Abandoned Here On Account of War

T. W. Benton, Wilson architect, this week brought suit against the Washington County Board of Education for the balance he alleges is due him for preparing plans in 1941 for the proposed addition to the Plymouth schools.

This matter has been hanging fire before county boards for several years. Two payments were made by the board of education on the account, but there is a balance of slightly more than \$2,000 still due, according to the claim filed in superior court.

According to reports here, the contract with Mr. Benton was signed by the board of education but not by the county commissioners, which is the only county money-raising body. Since the board of education has no power to levy or collect taxes, and the county commissioners have declined to allow the budget items claimed for payment of Mr. Benton's claims, it is presumed the whole matter will have to be ironed out in the courts.

Harold M. Davenport, of Creswell, Gets Promotion

Creswell.—Harold M. Davenport has been promoted to the grade of sergeant while serving with a field artillery 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 is the former Miss Edna Spencer.

Infant Dies Few Hours After Birth Last Week

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hardison, of Plymouth, died in a Rocky Mount hospital last Thursday, August 3. The baby was born the same day, living only a few hours. The parents and two sisters survive.

Overseas Christmas Packages Should Be Mailed Before October 15 This Year

Washington.—Christmas packages for Army and Navy personnel overseas must be mailed between September 15 and October 15 to assure that they will be delivered on time.

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.

'E' Bond Sales Given Boost by Final Figures On 5th War Loan Drive

Rationing Guide For Coming Week

Meats, Fats: Red Stamps A8 through Z8, A5, B5 and C5 good indefinitely. Processed Foods: Blue Stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 good indefinitely.

County 47 Per Cent Over Total Quota; 17 Per Cent Over E Goal

'E' Bonds Sold To Service Men During Drive Was 14 Per Cent of Quota

Washington County exceeded its quota in the Fifth War Loan Drive in June and July by 47 per cent, and its "E" bond quota by 17 per cent, according to the final official figures received this week from the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond.

The injured men were brought to the offices of local physicians and given every attention. The Edenton Marine Air Station hospital was notified, and dispatched an ambulance in charge of a Naval surgeon to render assistance.

No Quarantine Yet Necessary in County On Account of Polio

Voluntary Cooperation Said Satisfactory by Public Health Nurse

Mrs. R. H. Windley, district health nurse, said yesterday that as a whole the 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.

In apportioning the "E" bond sales among the various townships of the county, H. E. Beam, chairman of the War Finance Committee, makes several explanations.

Due to confusion about counting "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.

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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 military services to assist them in securing absentee ballots for the general election in November.

J. N. Mayo Promoted To Lieutenant Junior Grade

Lt. (jg) J. Norman Mayo, U. S. Naval Reserve, was recently promoted to that rank from ensign. He has been stationed in the Southwest Pacific since November, 1943, and is understood to be in command of one of the Navy's famous P-T or "mosquito" torpedo boats.

The Beacon yesterday received the text of a resolution adopted by the executive committee of the State Board of Health on Friday, August 4, as follows: "In view of the grave situation which exists in North Carolina because of the epidemic of poliomyelitis, of which there have been up to this time 453 cases reported in 48 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."

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The Roper community cannery 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 undertaking.

Ernest Roy Sawyer Dies After Accident Here Tuesday Night

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 Tuesday night about 9:45.

Pvt. John Randolph Halsey, of the U. S. Army, suffered a severe cut on his arm and was lacerated about the head, while Pvt. Luther Wilson Bowen, Jr., also of the Army, and driver of the car, escaped with bruises and shock.

According to Patrolman Stewart, the 1931 Ford cabriolet driven by Bowen, headed east, went out of control after hitting the curb on the left side of the street at the intersection of Main and Latham's Lane.

The county commissioners, at the Monday meeting, passed a resolution expressing their willingness "to cooperate in the present school emergency situation as far as possible in providing the requirement of necessary class room as far as legal rights permit."

The board also checked and ordered paid about 80 bills against the county. All members of the board, E. G. Arps, chairman, J. C. Knowles, and H. W. Pritchett, were present for the meeting.

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Seek State and Federal Aid For Local School Conditions

Board Rescinds Its Approval of School 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 between the county boards of education and commissioners over the school budget as submitted last month.

The school budget as submitted last month calls for \$26,159 for current operating expenses of the schools and \$9,183 for capital outlay. However, 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 capital outlay.

The commissioners contend that the budget as it now stands will necessitate an increase in the tax rate, whereas they hope to hold it to its present level, \$1.70 on the \$100 valuation.

Several conferences have been held, but so far no solution has been worked out. The tax rate cannot be determined until the differences between the boards have been reconciled.

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Border Markets 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.

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.

Town Board Studies Budget at Regular Meet Monday Night

Final Adoption Postponed; Tax Rate Likely To Be Same as Last Year

Budgetary details were studied, but final adoption was held up pending further consideration by the city council at its monthly meeting Monday night.

Although the 1944 budget has not been adopted, prospects at this time, indicate that the tax rate will remain the same as it was last year, \$1.80. This rate was 20 cents less than it was for a number of preceding years.

At the last regular meeting, the city clerk, M. W. Spruill, had been directed to order license tags for motor vehicles. At the meeting Monday he reported that acknowledgment of the order had been received and that the tags would be put on sale as soon as they arrived.

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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.

The Federal representative remained yesterday afternoon, securing attendance and enrollment data from the county superintendent, H. H. McLean, and observing local conditions at first hand.

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 conference Friday morning.

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