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Charles Brown, son of Chief of Police and Mrs. P. W. Brown, enlisted in the Army Air Corps at Durham last Friday.

First Lieutenant Joe Leggett returned yesterday to his station at Washington, D. C., after visiting relatives here for a few days.

Members of the county board of commissioners, county board of education and the town council will hold their September meetings next Monday.

County tobacco farmers are said to be catching up with their curing and grading operations.

Drivers of school busses in the county will meet at the Plymouth High School Wednesday of next week.

Lumber is being placed on the lot for the new Methodist parsonage here, and work will get underway within a few days.

Beginning this week, the local Lions Club will resume its regular program of having meetings every week.

A Virginia car failed to make the highway turn at the intersection of Main and Washington Streets here at 3 o'clock Sunday morning.

Funeral Today for Mrs. G. W. Chesson Died at Her Home in Roper Section Wednesday Night

Mrs. Nicie Ann Chesson, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the Roper section, died at her home there at 10 o'clock Wednesday night after six months of declining health.

Funeral services are being held from her late home at Roper this afternoon at 4 p.m., by the Rev. S. B. Wilson, of Creswell, pastor of the Roper Baptist church.

Roper Cannery Is Kept Busy; Total of 1,300 Quarts Fruits-Vegetables Canned

Roper is being kept pretty busy on the regular canning days, it was learned yesterday from R. B. Forbes, principal of the school there.

Farm Bureau Membership Drive Now Underway; Barbecue on Friday, 15th

The Washington County Farm Bureau's annual membership drive got off to an excellent start this week, according to President J. Roy Manning.

By that time the membership solicitors hope to have the goal of 500 members reached, Mr. Manning said.

Billy Wells Bateman Of Creswell Reported Missing Over France

Rationing Guide For Coming Week

Meats, Fats.—Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through G5, good indefinitely.

On Italian Front Past Two Months

Was Pilot of P-47 'Thunderbolt' Fighter; Missing Since August 18

Creswell.—Second Lt. William (Billy) Wells Bateman, of the United States Army Air Corps, who has been stationed in Italy for the past two months, has been missing in action over France since August 18.

211 Absentee Ballots Mailed by Chairman

21 Have Been Marked and Returned; One Is Mailed To Saipan in Pacific

Walter W. White, chairman of the county board of elections, said yesterday that so far 211 absentee ballots have been mailed by him to men and women from the county now in the armed forces.

Mr. White said that most of the applications were coming to him through the office of the secretary of state at Raleigh.

Others have gone to men in the service in the European theater of operations, which includes those on the Italian, French, and Belgian battlefronts and will likely include some on German soil before so very much longer.

Large Crowd at Labor Day Dance at Albemarle Beach

The dance held Monday night at Albemarle Beach attracted one of the largest crowds ever to attend a dance there.

According to recent letters from him, Lieutenant Bateman had been on at least eight missions over enemy territory since he was assigned to the Italian theatre of war in June of this year.

Lieutenant Bateman enlisted in the Air Force in the fall of 1942 and was called into service on March 8, 1943.

After a brief leave with his parents in Creswell, he was assigned to an air field in Florida for tactical training.

Relatives of men in the service who have not yet applied for the ballots to be sent them are asked to do so as soon as possible.

Ammon Smithson Given Promotion

Has Been in Foreign Service Since October of Last Year

Creswell.—William Ammon Smithson, of Creswell, was recently promoted to the grade of sergeant in the Army of the United States.

In a recent letter to his parents, Sergeant Smithson said he had been in foreign service since October 4, 1943.

In the same letter, the sergeant told of going to an Indian movie recently. He said that during the show the picture was stopped for a while and boys came through the theatre selling hard-boiled eggs.

Housing Project Is Being Held Up by Legal Technicality

Arrangements Complete for 10 at Village, But Others Being Held Up

The status of the housing development planned here was still in a somewhat muddled state today.

If it is necessary to secure the signature of a man now serving in England with the Army Air Forces before title to some of the East Third Street property can be cleared.

There still remains the problem of getting sewer and water connections to the Third Street property, as location of the 30 houses there depends on these facilities being made available.

The contracting firm is beginning to get impatient over the delay. It was unofficially learned, as it is ready to send its crew here and begin work immediately.

Theodore Wallace Dies at Mackeys

Funeral Tomorrow for Veteran of First World War; Died Wednesday

Theodore B. Wallace, prominent resident of Mackeys and an overseas veteran of World War I, died at his home Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, following a period of ill health that continued for about three years.

A native of Beaufort County, Mr. Wallace had lived in Mackeys for 13 years, going there from Craven County.

Son of the late Levin and Amanda Waters Wallace, he was born in Beaufort County.

The funeral services will be held from his late home Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m., by the Rev. G. C. Wood, of Roper, pastor of the Mackeys Methodist church.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Bessie W. Wallace, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Charles Ullinsky, of Philadelphia, Pa.; a son, Murrill Wallace, of the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex.; three brothers, Alex, Finney and Mayhew Wallace, all of Pinetown; and one sister, Mrs. Hiram Boyd, of Pinetown.

Former Resident Dies in New Jersey

Funeral Service To Be Held Here for John L. Burt, Of Wilmington, Del.

John L. Burt, former resident of Plymouth and a veteran of the First World War, died suddenly at his home in Wilmington, Del., at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Born in Roper on January 19, 1900, Mr. Burt was the son of Mrs. W. T. Burt, of Plymouth, and the late W. T. Burt.

The remains will arrive in Plymouth Saturday afternoon about 2 o'clock, and the funeral will be held from the First Christian church here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Under the present inland fishing regulations, it would be unlawful to take fish by any means whatsoever out of Lake Phelps other than by hook and line or rod and reel.

Local Health Board Outlines Efforts To Improve Conditions

Says Other Agencies Responsible for Carrying Out Regulations

A spokesman for the Washington County Board of Health this week addressed the following open letter to the public, regarding that agency's efforts to improve local sanitary conditions:

"The county board of health feels that the public should be acquainted with the facts regarding its efforts to improve sanitary conditions.

"It has been known for some time that certain unsanitary conditions exist in the town of Plymouth.

"Last spring several privies were found in particular to be serious hazards to health. In some cases, the owner cooperated and the privy was made sanitary.

"There has been one case of typhus fever in the county recently. This is spread by infected fleas on rats.

"In the last analysis, the county board of health can recommend and advise. The carrying out of procedures to improve sanitation rests with other agencies."

Final Rites for Roy Lucas at Creswell

Retired Merchant Died Last Thursday in Veterans' Hospital at Hampton

Creswell.—Funeral services for Roy Lucas, 51-year-old retired merchant, were held at this late home here Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. Perry P. Baldwin, pastor of the Phillippi Christian church.

Mr. Lucas, prominent retired merchant and veteran of the First World War, died in the Veterans Hospital at Hampton, Va., Thursday following an illness of about three and a half years, the last five months of which he was confined to his bed.

On April 2, 1918, while in Texas, he was married to Miss Marie Dare, of South Bend, Ind., who survives him.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Marie Dare Lucas, he is survived by two sons, Everett Lucas, of the U. S. Army, who is stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Ronnie Lucas, of Creswell; one daughter, Miss Lazette Lucas, of Creswell; a brother, Milton Lucas, of Norfolk; four sisters: Mrs. Emma Spruill and Mrs. Ethel Ange, of Plymouth; Mrs. Blanche Phillips and Peggy Lucas, of Norfolk, Va.

James Snell Final Rites At Rehoboth Tuesday

Skinner'sville.—James Snell, 70 years of age, died at his home in Belhaven Monday after an illness of several years, it was learned here this week.

Cannot Trap Fish At Lake Phelps

Ruling Received by Game Warden From Official of State Department

In response to a large number of requests, County Game Protector J. T. Terry last week secured a ruling on the legality of setting fish traps and baskets in Lake Phelps.

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Local Students Asked To Register at School Friday of Next Week

Hunting Seasons Same as in 1943

It was erroneously reported last week that the squirrel season would open this year on October 15th.

The Department of Conservation and Development game regulations have not yet been published, but it has been announced by the game division that practically all hunting seasons will be exactly the same this year as they were last year.

No Canning Sugar After September 30

Applications Must Be Filed Before That Date; Large Amount Allotted

No applications for canning sugar will be received after September 30, it was announced this week by Mrs. J. K. Reid, chief clerk in the office of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board.

Nephew of Roper Woman Receives Army Air Medal

Roper.—First Lt. Billy Aldridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Aldridge, of Hamlet, and nephew of Mrs. J. W. Marrow, of Roper, a bombardier stationed somewhere in England, was awarded the Air Medal recently.

High School Students To Hold Mass Meet Tonight

It was announced yesterday that there would be a mass meeting of all boys and girls who will be in high school this year at the courthouse tonight at 8 o'clock.

The nature of the meeting was not explained, but high school students who have any interest in the school are asked to attend the meeting in the court room promptly at 8 o'clock tonight (Thursday).

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To Begin Classroom Work September 18

Pupils Also Asked To Pay Required Fees Prior To Opening of School

Principal Roy I. Boyd, of the Plymouth City schools, announced yesterday that a series of registrations will be held at the local white schools Friday of next week, September 15, in order that pupils and teachers may get as many of the preliminary details over with and enter immediately upon class-room work when the school officially opens the following Monday, September 18.

All teachers will be on hand on the 25th to register the children who will attend schools here this year. The registration for those who will be in the first through the third grades will be held in the Hampton Academy Building from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 4 p.m.

"The purpose of the pre-registration is to enroll all students planning to attend Plymouth schools this year, and to collect the necessary fees," Mr. Boyd stated.

"It is hoped that all students and parents will cooperate to help make the pre-registration a success.

County Cattle Hit By 'Swamp Fever'

Several Herds Affected; 10 To 15 Head Said To Have Been Lost

County Agent W. V. Hays reported this week that many herds of cattle in the county had been affected by anti-plasmosis, or "swamp fever," in recent weeks.

When treatment is begun in time, most of the cattle is saved, Mr. Hays said, but 12 to 15 head have been lost thus far.

According to the county agent, the disease affects cattle in much the same manner that malaria does humans.

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Officials of the company had advised that it would be necessary to secure such an engineer before a repair crew would be sent here.

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Selection of the place and time of the district gathering is up to the chairman of the Democratic state executive committee, and Mr. Hampton is in Raleigh today to see about the matter.