



War Fund Campaign Will Get Underway in County October 16th

Ferree To Speak Here October 13

Announcement was made this week by J. C. Tarkenton, chairman of the Washington County Republican Executive Committee...

October 14 Last Day For Mailing Parcels

Upwards of 500 Christmas Packages for Men Overseas Mailed Here

Post office workers here estimate that between 400 and 500 Christmas packages have been mailed to men in the service overseas since September 15th.

Saturday of next week is the last day for mailing the Christmas packages. The closing date for mailing officially is October 15, but since that falls on Sunday, when windows are not open...

Max Darden Was In Recent Invasion

On Destroyer Engaged in Supporting Landings in Southern France

Max A. Darden, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Darden, of Plymouth, was on a destroyer that had an active part in the invasion of southern France a little more than a month ago...

According to a mimeographed memorandum issued by the commanding officer, the ship on which Max is serving, in the 24-hour period ending September 4, fired 366 rounds against enemy strong points, batteries and troops in the area between Cape Martin and Monaco.

Wood and Coal Stoves Off Ration List October 15th

Wood and coal burning cooking and heating stoves will go off the rationed list on October 15, it was learned at the office of the rationing board here this week.

Stoves that use oil or gasoline, for heating or cooking, will continue to require certificates, it is announced, even after the October 15 date.

Voters Who Will Be Out of Precincts on Election Day May Get Absentee Ballots

Qualified civilian voters who expect to be absent from the county on November 7, General Election Day, may secure absentee ballots if application is made between October 7 and November 5...

Committees Named; To Meet Wednesday

Full Attendance of Workers Urged To Plan Quick Campaign

The United War Fund Drive will get underway in Washington County Monday, October 16, with a goal of \$5,000. County Chairman P. Bruce Bateman this week announced the appointment of canvassers and chairmen for all sections of the county...

Full details of the campaign will be explained, and materials needed in the canvass, including receipt forms and report blanks, will be distributed at the meeting next Wednesday night.

It is the hope of the executive committee and workers to canvass every portion of the county and give each person the opportunity to contribute to the fund, the major portion of which goes directly to the benefit of men in the armed forces, prisoners of war, etc.

Of the \$5,000 total quota, \$3,800 will go directly to the National War Fund for use in the 17 agencies making up the organization. The other \$1,200 goes to the community chest fund of Washington County for the Empty Stomach Fund, Boy Scouts and other charitable purposes in the county.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Amount. Includes Creswell (\$600), Plymouth Township (\$300), Wenoona (\$750), Roper (\$600), Pleasant Grove (\$150), Mackeys (\$750), Skimmersville (\$200), Plymouth (\$3,000).

Canvassing committees for various sections of the county have been appointed as follows:

Business and Industrial Committee: J. Roy Manning, chairman; W. F. Winslow, H. H. Allen, P. W. Brown, L. S. Thompson, Z. V. Norman, E. F. Still, H. A. Williford, W. A. Davidson, T. W. Earle, A. J. Riddle, J. H. Newkirk, James Mizelle, S. J. Rasmussen, Clyde Wynn (colored), Richard P. Bear, Jr.

Plymouth Block Committees: Mrs. J. R. Manning, chairman; A. Lloyd Owens, chairman, Durand Keel.

Mrs. George Barden, chairman; Mrs. T. L. Bray, chairman; S. D. Davis.

Mrs. Ernest Arps, chairman; Mrs. Kathleen Nobles; Mrs. Lawrence Jones, chairman; Mrs. J. H. Newkirk.

Mrs. H. A. Williford, chairman; (See WAR FUND DRIVE, Page 4)

Son of Willie Holton Is Killed in Accident

Occurred in European Theater of War; No Details Available

It was learned here this week that Mr. and Mrs. William Holton, of the Pea Ridge section, were notified by the War Department on September 24th that their son, Sgt. William Alton Holton, had been killed in an automobile accident in the European theatre of war.

No member of the immediate family could be reached to learn any details as to the length of service of the young man or other particulars. However, it is understood that he was chauffeur to a high-ranking officer, and it is presumed that he lost his life in connection with his duties. He is the nineteenth Washington County man to be reported killed or missing since the war began.

Holding Revival Meet at Baptist Church This Week

REV. LEE A. PHILLIPS, Pastor The revival at the Ludford Memorial Baptist Church is making fine progress and will continue through Sunday morning, Rev. W. C. Frances, the visiting minister, is bringing great spiritual messages and everyone is invited to come and worship with us.

Three Marines Die In Airplane Crash On Farm Near Here

Commanding Officer of Edenton Station Victim; Occurred Last Night

Lt.-Col. J. C. Peters, commanding officer of the Marine Corps Air Station at Edenton, and two Marine enlisted men were instantly killed in a forced landing of their airplane on the farm of Sheriff J. K. Reid, 4 miles east of Plymouth on the Mackeys road, about 8:30 o'clock last night.

According to unofficial reports, Colonel Peters and the two enlisted men were en route from Jacksonville, Fla., to the Edenton base. They were flying a single-motored Howard ship and were said to have radioed the Edenton base at 8:08 that they were circling Plymouth and would be forced to land. The base was unable to contact them by radio after that.

About 8:30 members of the family of James Harrison, who live on Sheriff Reid's farm, saw the ship circle a field about 150 yards from their house and then come in for a landing. It struck a ditch at the edge of a cornfield, und-looped and skidded for 50 or more yards. The motor was torn off and dug a hole several feet deep, and the plane was almost completely demolished. The two enlisted men were thrown clear of the machine, while Major Peters was found imprisoned in the wreckage. All three had been instantly killed.

The ship did not burn, and personnel from the air base were said to have expressed the belief that it had run out of gas. Members of the Harrison family said the motor was cutting off and as the ship circled to land. Names of the victims have not been released by Marine officials, and no official account of the accident is available. Bodies of the three men were brought to the Horner Funeral Home and the wreckage was cleared away during the night by Marine Corps personnel.

Joseph F. Long Dies Suddenly Last Week

Life-Long Resident of Cherry Section Stricken in Washington Friday

Joseph F. Long, 41, life-long resident of the Cherry section of Washington County, died suddenly last Friday night at 8:30 in Washington, where he had gone about four weeks ago to work as carpenter in the shipyard. Mr. Long was stricken while at a movie show with a fellow workman and died before reaching a hospital. He had not been ill, and news of his sudden passing came as a shock to his family and friends in the county.

Son of the late H. L. and Victoria Ambrose Long, he was born in Washington County on April 29, 1904. He was a carpenter by trade and had a host of friends in the lower part of the county. On September 13, 1922, he was married to Miss Lettie Barnes, also of the Cherry section, who survives.

Funeral services were held from his late home Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. N. M. McDonald, pastor of the Creswell Methodist church. Interment was made in the Ambrose cemetery near Cherry.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Lettie Barnes Long, he is survived by four sons, Harold, Floyd, Eugene and Leroy Long, of the home; and five daughters, Mrs. Gyrlyn Bright, Misses Vickie Long, Joyce Long, Maudie Long, of the home; and Mrs. Euora Buckley, of Baltimore, Md. He also leaves one brother, Willie Long, of the U. S. Army, now stationed in England.

Three Cases Tried In County Court

After the lengthy session last week, Judge W. Ronald Gaylord had an easy day in recorder's court Tuesday of this week, when only three cases were booked for trial, and the defendant in one of them had a mighty good reason for not showing up. The proceedings were as follows:

Buck Sykes and Lee Gaskins, both colored, of Plymouth, plead guilty to simple assault and were fined \$5 and the costs each.

D. W. Ange, white, of Plymouth, entered a plea of guilty to drunken driving of an auto after his license had been revoked and was fined \$125 and the costs.

Nolle pros with leave was taken in the case against Herman Webb, colored, of Pea Ridge, charged with vagrancy, after it was learned that he had been sentenced at Elizabeth City Monday to a year and a day in Federal prison after conviction on a Federal charge. It was decided that he could hardly be convicted of vagrancy in view of the fact that he had at least a year's steady work ahead of him.

School May Be Resumed in Hampton Building Monday

ABC Board Refuses Town's Request for Part Liquor Profits

Action Taken at Special Meet Saturday; Reasons Are Cited

The Washington County ABC Board held a special meeting last Saturday and voted unanimously not to pay 15 per cent of the net profits of the Plymouth ABC store to the Town of Plymouth, it was learned Monday. Previously, the town had called on ABC officials for a settlement under the terms of a special act passed at the last session of the legislature.

In refusing to pay the town a portion of the net profits from the operation of the local store, the ABC board cited that the store received no more police protection than any other store or business in Plymouth; that town police officers had been paid a cash reward for every arrest and conviction of liquor law violations; and that 15 per cent of the local store's profit would be more than the entire budget of the police department. It is also claimed that the tax reduction effected by the present method of turning profits into the county's general fund is shared equally by all the people of the county.

The special act passed by the legislature in 1943 provided that 15 per cent of the net profits of liquor stores in Plymouth and Creswell should be paid to the respective towns for police protection only. It also provides that no payment shall be made if the county ABC board rules that such police protection is not "adequate." The town of Creswell has made no claim for payment of 15 per cent of the profits from the Creswell store. However, in preparing its new budget, the Town of Plymouth included an item of \$4,000 as expected revenue from this source and called on the ABC officials for settlement. Profits of the local store for the quarter ending June 30th were \$6,506.75; and for the last fiscal year were \$32,853.30. This would yield \$5,078.09 per annum at last year's rate of profit.

The town's claim for a portion of the profits is based on the fact that the ABC board pays no municipal tax on its store or stock, that most arrests and court actions for drunkenness are instituted by town police, and that the very nature of the business of the ABC store calls for additional policing at various times.

Following is the text of the special act, introduced by Representative Ben A. Sumner and passed at the last session of the legislature: Section 1. From and after January 1, 1944, 15 per cent of all the net profit derived from the operation of Alcoholic Beverage Control Store in the town of Plymouth, Washington County, shall be paid quarterly to the town of Plymouth and 15 per cent of the net profit derived from the operation of the Alcoholic Beverage Control store in the town of Creswell, Washington County, shall be paid quarterly to the town of Creswell. The Washington County Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control shall make quarterly settlements with the above-mentioned towns and the profits so allocated shall be paid into the general fund of the respective towns to be used for the exclusive purpose of defraying the expense of police protection in the two towns: Provided, no profits shall be paid to a town as set out above, unless such town (See ABC BOARD, Page 4)

Number Oil Leases Secured in County

Representative of Oil Firm Has Leases for 6,432 Acres Recorded

A representative of the Shell Oil Company, of Houston Texas, was in town this week to register leases for 6,432 acres of Washington County land, it was learned from Register of Deeds J. Robert Campbell. The leases were delivered at the courthouse for registration Tuesday. Some time ago, a number of other leases were made in the county by representatives of other firms.

The leases embraced 25 tracts, ranging downward from 900 acres. No prediction would be made as to when or where drilling of test wells would be started. Each landowner received 10 cents per acre per year until drilling is started or the lease abandoned. In the event oil or other valuable product is located the landowner receives a percentage as royalty.

The representative declined to speculate on the probability that oil would be located in this section, but said that he didn't think his company would spend a lot of money on leases, labor, equipment and the like unless there was a distinct possibility of some return.

Bonner To Speak At Lions Meeting

The Hon. Herbert C. Bonner, of Washington, Representative in Congress from the First Congressional District, will be the main speaker at the weekly meeting of the Lions Club tonight at 7 o'clock. It is expected there will be a large turnout of club members for the meeting, for the Congressman is very popular locally. It could not be learned what his topic would be.

At the meeting last week, club members raised \$78 in a few minutes to cover the cost of publishing the October issue of the Boy Scout council newspaper. Each of the 12 districts contributes the cost of printing the monthly paper once a year.

District Democrats To Meet Here 16th

Leading Democratic Candidates Will Attend Rally And Barbecue

The Democratic rally for the First Congressional District will be held in Plymouth on Monday, October 16, it was announced in Raleigh Tuesday by William B. Umstead, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee. The rally will begin at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and a big barbecue dinner will be served at 6 o'clock according to present plans.

The district rally here will be the first to be held in the eastern part of the state, and follows a week's tour of the western districts by party leaders and candidates for various state and national offices. Tentative plans were made for the rally here a couple of weeks ago, after it was learned the rally would be held here although the date was not set by the state chairman until Tuesday.

Among prominent Democrats expected to be here and make brief speeches will be Clyde R. Hoey, nominee for United States Senator; R. Gregg Cherry, nominee for Governor; Thad Eure, nominee for secretary of state; Charles Johnson, nominee for treasurer; Herbert Bonner, candidate for reelection as First District Representative; as well as other nominees for county and district offices and members of the state headquarters staff, including Chairman Umstead.

Several hundred visitors from other counties in the first district are expected to attend the rally, which is the first one to be held here in a dozen or more years. Details of the meeting will be announced next week.

Pulp Mill Employee Is Killed in Shooting

John Dave Davenport Shot By Bryant Cherry in Martin County Monday

John Dave Davenport, 34 years old, employee of the North Carolina Pulp Company here, was shot and fatally injured near his home a few miles from Williamston Monday night about 8 o'clock by Bryant Cherry, young white man of the same general neighborhood. Cherry, claiming to have acted in self-defense, surrendered to officers in Williamston three hours later and was placed in jail there. Preliminary hearing was scheduled sometime this week.

It was reported to officers that the two men had been drinking and that the shooting followed an argument earlier in the evening. Davenport was shot in the stomach with a load of No. 8 shot from a shotgun at close range and died a few minutes after reaching the Williamston hospital. He is survived by his wife and six small children.

Peanut Harvest Underway in Section; Both Quality and Yield Reported Good

Peanut harvesting is now in full swing throughout the county, reports indicating that both yield and quality of the crop is higher than usual this year. The labor shortage is affecting the work, but most farmers are making some kind of arrangements to get their peanuts dug and stacked. Some farmers report that peanuts are shedding badly and many are being left on the ground when they are dug. County Agent W. V. Hays said yesterday that he had been receiving a good many applications for German prisoner-of-war labor for harvesting work. When it was first announced that such labor would be available, not a single application was filed, but in the past few days the office has been swamped. Only two crews of 10 men each were allotted for peanut harvesting in the county, and they are being kept busy. However, Mr. Hays said it was possible that some additional crews would be obtained from near-by counties which are not using all the prisoners allotted them. The digging season will continue for about two more weeks.

Reopening Depends On State Authorities

Proposed To Use Building Temporarily After Repairs Are Made

County school officials said yesterday it was hoped that arrangements could be completed for reopening the Hampton Academy school building here for the three primary grades next Monday morning. However, such action depends on receiving approval from state school and insurance department officials, following a conference to be held this afternoon or tomorrow morning. It is stated that if permission to use the building is granted, it will be on a temporary basis and after certain conditions there have been remedied.

W. F. Crede, director of school-house planning for the state department of education, came to Plymouth Tuesday and discussed the situation with the county superintendent of schools and members of the board of education. He also went to the building and examined the floor joists, the bad condition of which was listed as one of the five reasons for condemning the building. A part of the flooring was removed to make the inspection, and it is reported the joists were in as good condition as they were when the building was erected.

Mr. Crede promised local officials to confer with Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal, on his return to Raleigh either this afternoon or Friday morning and notify them immediately if the building could be used temporarily. If approval is secured, it is planned to correct certain wiring defects and repair the wooden stairways on the outside of the building in time to reopen the building to the 212 children in six primary classes Monday morning.

A member of the board of education said yesterday that if the building can be used temporarily, an architect will be secured in the immediate future to assist in planning and determining costs of new buildings here and in other sections of the county. Arrangements will then have to be made to finance the program, possibly through a special election on a bond issue.

In the event state officials refuse permission to use the building, even temporarily, it is not known what can be done about securing classrooms for the primary children. At present time the board of education has no other plan, so far as could be learned yesterday.

The Hampton building was closed by the chief of the Plymouth Fire Department, I. M. Warren, Saturday before last, after he had been presented a petition, signed by 136 persons, requesting him to take such action if necessary. The fire chief acted on the basis of an inspection made March 21, 1941, by Mr. Brockwell and Mr. Crede.

Following that inspection, Mr. Brockwell made a report to the Insurance Department, which immediately (See LOCAL SCHOOL, Page 4)

County Board in Meeting Monday

A resolution releasing the county tax collector from responsibility for taxes on personal property that could not be collected was adopted at the meeting of the county commissioners here Monday. All the members, E. G. Arps, chairman; J. C. Knowles, and H. W. Pritchett, were present. This was the only action taken by the board, besides the paying of some bills.

The board resolved that "Since J. E. Davenport was unable to collect certain taxes on personal property, he should not be held accountable for these taxes." However, the resolution provided that this did not apply to taxes already collected or that could be collected.

Bills against the county general fund were checked and ordered paid.