Give at Least a Half Day's Pay To the United War Fund---They Are Giving Their All!



was recently promoted to the rank of

parents here.

THE ROANOKE BEACON

Silas S. Rasmusson, son of Mr. and VOLUME LV-NUMBER 41 Mrs. S. R. Rasmusson, of Plymouth,

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, October 12, 1944

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captain in the United States Army Captain Rasmusson volunteered at Chicago on October 14, 1940, and he Little Change in Local School Situation During Past Week; Few Repairs Made Democrats Will Be has been overseas for about 14 months. His wife and young son, of Haddonfield. N. J., are visiting his

Miss Ada Virginia Hopkins, of Plymouth, is one of the 67 new members accepted for the vested choir of Woman's College at Greensboro out of 175 students who tried out. The choir sings for university sermons. commencement exercises and other epecial events, and gives annual Christmas and Easter concerts.

S/Sergeant Hubert Britton, AAF of Plymouth, who is now serving as a gunnery instructor at El Paso. Texas, is spending a furluogh here with his wife. Sergeant Britton served as an air gunner on a Liberator on New Guinea for about a year and participated in the battle of Bismarck Sea. He has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and several Oak Leaf Clusters.

Highway Patrolman E. B. Stewart will not be in town next week, and no driver's license examinations will be given again until Monday, October 23.

Pvt. F. H. Modlin, formerly manager of the M. H. Mitchell Furniture Store here for a number of years, is visiting his wife and children this week. This is his first furlough home since he was inducted into the Army last April. He is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., with a quartermaster outfit. Incidentally, Mr. Modlin was one of the 13 registrants who passed their physical examinations on March 13th. He was inducted into the Army on April 13th, and was assigned to KP duty for the first time on May 13th.

Staff Sergeant Williams E. Waters is visiting Mrs. Waters here this week. Bill is now stationed at Camp Shanks, N. Y., a port of embarkation, where men are processed for overseas duty. He was promoted to the grade of staff sergeant about two months

Private Junior Ratheis home for 10 days from his station in Florida. He has been assigned to the Army Transportation Corps, and is in the engine room of a Liberty ship operated by the Army.

Tobacco farmers are still having a time getting their tobacco sold on the markets of the eastern belt. All markets are crowded and tobacco must be put on the floors well in advance of the sale date. Last week, the U.S. on c

There is very little new in the school situation here this week. The Hampton Academy building is still closed: 212 children enrolled there the first week of the new term are still out of school; and, so far as could be learned yesterday, nobody in authority knows when anything definite will be done about it. H. H. McLean, county superin-

tendent of public instruction, said vesterday that repairs suggested by the state authorities had been made. He also said that he had been instructed by the county board of education to resume school as soon as the condemnation notice placed on the door nearly three weeks ago by Fire Chief Miller Warren was removed. Mr. McLean said state school

authorities had informed him they were not willing to give him written authority to use the building or remove the notice placed there by the fire chief. Mr. Warren, the fire chief, says the matter is out of his hands and up to the State Fire Marshal, Sherwood Brockwell, to say whether or not the building is safe. And Mr. Brockwell is standing by the report of his inspection, made in March, 1941, following which the insurance department declared the entire building subject to condemnation.

It was learned yesterday that an electric extension cord has

been removed from the hall on the first floor and minor repairs made to the outside wooden stairways leading to the second floor. The county superintendent says this constituted all the repairs recommended by Mr. Credle for reopening the building temporarily. However, neither Mr. Credle nor Clyde Edwin, state superintendent of public instruction, seems willing to accept responsibility for reopening the building since these changes were made.

The county board of education is likewise unwilling to assume responsibility for reopening the Hampton Building and has given up efforts to find another location. Thus the matter stands.

Will Get Underway in Held Here Monday **County Next Monday** Practically All Nominees on State and District Tickets Expected To Be Here **Parent** - Teacher

Washington County Democrats will be hosts to the First Congressional District party rally in Plymouth next Monday. The program will be presented in the courtroom here, beginning at 3 p.m., and a barbecue Plymouth Parent-Teacher Assodinner will be served on the grounds ciation will be held in the high at 6 p.m. In addition to the party school auditorium here Thursday leaders of the state and 14 counties night of this week at 8 o'clock. it was announced yesterday by Mrs. W. A. Smith, president, All parents and patrons of the school. as well as teachers, are invited and urged to attend.

attend, with the principal speech to be made by either R. Gregg Cherry. nominee for governor, or Clyde R. Hoey, nominee for United States Senator. The Elizabeth City High School band has been invited to at-Mrs. A. R. Patrick, tend and provide music for the occasion.

Jr., Fatally Hurt in From 55 to 20 pigs will be barbe-cued by some of the county's leading exponents of culinary art, which means there will be plenty to eat. A meeting was held last Monday night

when various committees were named to handle all phases of the program. and everything is in readiness for a are being placed at all tire inspec- big day next Monday, according to W. Popular Local Young Man are being placed at an the inspect of the hard and the hard at the hard and the hard at the hard ing stations throughout the county mittee on arrangements. More than

Mrs. Betty Gertrude Patrick, 18, \$500 has been raised to take care of wife of T/Sgt. Augustus R. Patrick, the expense of the meeting, and a jr., was fatally injured and five other number of pigs were donated for the persons less seriously hurt shortly af- Monday, the special gifts committee barbecue. E. G. Arps is vice chair- ter midnight Sunday in an automo- began work sometime ago, and local man of the committee on arange- bile accident that occurred about a business and industrial firms, stores, ments; L. E. Hassell, of Roper, is mile and a half east of Roper on and various other organizations are treasurer; and J. R. Campbell is sec- Highway 64. According to Highway being solicited this week. It is unretary.

The program has not been com- vestigated the accident. Sergeant sidered uniformly satisfactorily. pleted. Mr. Hampton said vesterday, Patrick, driver of the car, stated that as it is subject to approval by William he dozed off and the car failed to ning to take a leading part in the has been invalidated and will not be B. Umstead, chairman of the Demo- make a curve, running off the road campaign. Every man on salary or cratic state executive committee. into a grove of trees.

> of party leaders of the state, district, in addition to several addresses

The list of distinguished guests expected to be here includes the following: Wilkins P. Horton, national committeeman, who will represent Marine Base in Edenton. She died chairman of the state executive com- without regaining consciousness.

tin, nominee for lieutenant governor:

New Jersey Home

Plant Here Was Ill for

Only Few Days

Sergeant Patrick escaped with volunteering for service in the Ma-rines, especially active in athletics, change in validation periods is be-nominee for governor: L. V. Ballen-suffered injuries to her back; and a change in validation periods is be- nominee for governor; L. Y. Ballen- suffered injuries to her back; and a nne Finnegan, had two rib

Plan Quick Drive To Realize \$5,000 **Meeting Tonight**

War Fund Camgaign

The regular meeting of the

Mrs. Smith said that 37 mem-

bers were enrolled at the first

meeting of the PTA held last

month, and she hopes this num-

ber will be substantially increas-

Five Other Less Seriously

Hurt in Accident Near

Roper on Route 64

ed at the meeting tonight.

USO Is Principal Beneficiary; Local Agencies Share in Proceeds

Washington County's campaign to raise \$5,000 for the United War Fund will get underway next Monday morning. While no definite time limit has been set for the drive, County Chairman P. Bruce Bateman is hopeful that the entire quota can be realized and the campaign officially closed within a week or so.

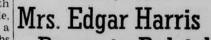
Community meetings to perfect the canvassing groups have been held this week, and a general county-wide rally of workers met in the Agriculture Building here last night to get better understanding of the type of work made possible by the fund. James T. Little, of Greenville, district chairman of the United War Fund, spoke briefly and showed a Crash Sunday Night moving picture to those who attend-ed. Attendance was not as large as moving picture to those who attendexpected, and a good many persons who should have been there were absent. Mr. Bateman said all sections were fairly well organized except Roper, and that the Roper Ruritan Club will be asked to handle the drive

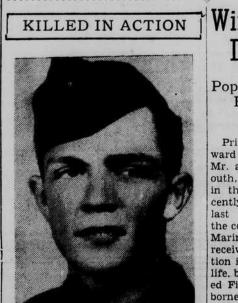
in that community. Although the general campaign does not officially begin until next Patrolman M. B. Steward, who in- derstood that the response is con-

> Local labor organizations are planwages is being asked to donate a half

Mrs. Patrick suffered head injur- day's pay, and comparable amounts ies and was brought to Plymouth for are requested from those whose inand various counties in the district, first aid. Later she was taken to the come is derived from other sources. home of Sergeant Patrick's parents If this goal is achieved, the county in the Skinnersville section, and quota should be realized before the when she failed to rally as expected. end of next week

was removed to the hospital at the Since this campaign is made but once a year and embraces 17 na-(See WAR FUND DRIVE, Page 4)



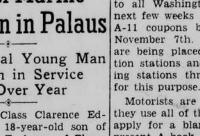


Pfc. Clarence E. Ayers, jr., one of Plymouth's most popular young men, was killed in action in the Pacific area recently, according to a telegram from the commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ayers, last Thursday.

Is Reported Killed in **Action in Pacific Area** Arrangements are being made for With First Marine

Had Been in Service Little Over Year

Marine Corps. No details have been received by the family about the aclife, but he was serving with the famlands approximately 600 miles east of come good. the Philippines.



the commandant of the United States to the applicant.

"Skinner," as the young man was and one of the best-liked boys ever

Clarence E. Ayers, Jr. Plan Reissuance of **Basic A Gas Books** Motorists Urged To Make

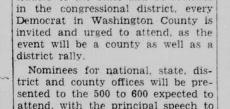
Application Soon as All A-11 Coupons Used

ith First Marine Division in Palaus November 7th. Application blanks

Motorists are advised, as soon as Private First Class Clarence Ed- they use all of their A-11 coupons, to ward Ayers, jr., 18-year-old son of apply for a blank and attach their Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ayers, of Plym- present A book to it. After the apouth, was killed in action somewhere plication has been filled out, it should in the central Pacific war zone re- be mailed or sent to the local war cently, his parents were informed price and rationing board, which will last Thursday in a telegram from issue a new A allotment and mail it

The A-12 stamp in current A books tion in which the young man lost his used. Three A-13 stamps in the new books will become valid for four gal- However, it will include recognition ed First Marine Division, which has lons of gasoline each on November borne the brunt of recent battles for 8th, and will continue good until De-Peleliu, one of the Palau group of is- cember 21, when A-14 stamps be-

Although the value of each coupon in the new book will be good for four popularly known to local people, was gallons of gas, the allotment is the leader in all phases of activity at same as at present, since there are the national ticket: Mr. Umstead, the Plymouth High School before six stamps of each numerical series. volunteering for service in the Ma- instead of eight worth three gallons mittee; Clyde R. Hoey, nominee for



1st District Rally of

one-day holiday on sales each week, and no sales are being held on Mondays in the belt.

Ensign Jack Stubbs is visiting his family here for a few days before reporting for duty at Camp Bradford, Va. He has just returned from a Diesel engineering school at Flint. Mich., where he received his commission as ensign. He has been in the Navy since May 19, 1942, when he entered the service as a fireman He had a tour of duty over-1/c. seas before he went to the school at Flint.

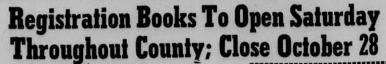
overseas, it is announced at the Joseph C. Snell, boatswain's mate post office here. Mailings of packages 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. have increased steadily and yester-Snell, is spending 30 days at home here with his family. In service with day upwards of 75 were handled for Navy amphibious forces, Mr. Snell one mail through the local office. The total number of packages sent had an active part in the invasions of from the county during the mailing Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Elba and southern France. After 18 months over- period probably approaches 2,000. After Saturday, a written request seas, he was returned to the United States for rehabilitation leave and from the addressee must be presented in order to mail packages to men reassignment to duty.

Roper Parents-Teachers To Meet Next Tuesday at any time without requests, al-

The Roper Parent-Teacher Asso- Christmas mail after Saturday. ciation will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, October 17, mailings to men in the Army over- his death.

at 8 o'clock, in the school auditorium. seas after Saturday is in the case of An award will be given to the grade soldiers who are being sent overseas having the most parents present. Pa- after October 15. Packages may be have been 74 years of age on Novemtrons of the school are cordially in- sent to them without written request ber 4th this year. Long active in Re-

up to December 15th vited and urged to attend.



month.

at his home.

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Registration books for the November 7th general election will be open for the next two weeks. beginning Saturday of this week, October 14, and remaining open through Saturday, October 28th, it was announced this week by Walter W. White, chairman of the Washington County Board of Elections. The Saturday before the election, November 4, will be challenge day.

One change in registrars has been made since the registration period before the primary in May; John S. Brown succeeding Mrs. Hermine A. Ramsey as registrar for the Plymouth precinct. Mrs. Ramsey tendered her resignation recently.

It is not necessary for citizens

Saturday Last Day and sympthy during the past few To Mail Packages days Son of Clarence Edward Ayers, sr., After Then Written Request born in Plymouth on January 7, 1926,

Necessary To Send Parcels Overseas

ing the age of 17. His father is a Saturday of this week, October 14. s the last day for mailing Christmas parcels to men in the armed forces

who have registered and voted in

recent elections or primaries to

register again, but those who

have moved from one precinct to

another or who have become of

age since the last election will

find it necessary to register in

order to be eligible to vote next

Following are the registrars

and registration places for the

five precincts in the county:

Plymouth, John S. Brown, at his

establishment on Washington

Street; Lees Mill, R. W. Lewis,

at Barton's Soda Shop, Roper;

Skinnersville, Mrs. M. A. White

at her residence; Scuppernong:

John A. Combs at Phelps' Shoe

Shop; and Wenona, W. L. Furbee,

(See C. E. AYERS, JR., Page 4) W. J. Manning Dies Suddenly at Bethel

> For Father of J. R. Manning, of Plymouth

in the Army overseas. However, William J. Manning, of Bethel, fapackages may be sent to men in the ther of J. Roy Manning, of Plymouth, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard died at his home at 1:30 Tuesday morning, following a brief illness. He dist church in New Bern by the Rev was stricken suddenly Sunday after- Leon Russell, followed by interment though they will not be handled as

The only exception for Christmas hemorrhage, which was the cause of Mr. Manning had extensive farming operations near Bethel and would publican politics in the first Congressional district, and a frequent visi-

tor in this section, he was well known and had many friends throughout the county. Mr. Manning was delegate from the First District to the Republican National convention in Chicago a few months ago. He was also an

active member of the Methodist church at Bethel.

Funeral services were held from the late home Wednesday afternoon at 4 Building and Loan Association will of ill health. He had fully recovered final rites yesterday afternoon. Besides his widow, Mrs. Anna E. elected by the stockholders, and the

Clayton; Mrs. H. J. Stephens, of Wil- fiscal year. low Springs; four sons, J. Roy Manning, of Plymouth; E. X. Manning and W. H. Manning, of Bethel; and

one great-grandson.

ing made so that stamps of the sam reared here. News of his death was a stunning blow to the entire community; and the high esteem in eastern and western parts of the United States. At present there is a Johnson, state treasurer: Harry Mcwhich he was held is attested by the liberal allotments allowed those in on his parents to express condolence the west.

Motorists are urged to apply for he new basic A books as soon as they use their last A-11 coupons so that bert Bonner, First District represenand Eleanor Chesson Ayers, he was the board may get the new ones istative; senatorial district and county sued without delay. Remember to nominees and officers from the 14 man. Sergeant Patrick told him he and lived here all of his life until he attach the old A-book to application enlisted in the Marine Corps on for the new book. March 15, 1943, shortly after reach-

counties in the first congresisonal district. Individual invitations will not be L. L. Brinson Dies sent out locally and all county Demo-Mr. Arps to accept this notice as a At New Bern Home

ner

Leonidas Lafayette Brinson, 75, father of Mrs. Mary Horton, of Plymouth, died suddenly in his sleep Mon- Otis H. Cox Dies at Final Rites Held Yesterday day night at his home in New Bern. Mr. Brinson, prominent hardware merchant in New Bern for many years, was a frequent visitor at the

home of his daughter here and had a number of friends in the section. Funeral services were held Wednes day afternoon at Centenary Metho-

er in the Masonic fraternity and a rington Brinson, he is survived by Leslie L. Brinson and Albert W. Brinson, both of New Bern.

Building and Loan

Stockholders Meet Kieckhefer plants in Three Rivers, Mich., and shortly afterwards spent some time in a hospital on account

o'clock and interment was made in hold their annual meeting in the mu- however, and his death last weekthe Bethel cemetery. A number of nicipal building tonight at 8 o'clock, end was said to have been entirely people from this section attended the immediately after the Lions Club unexpected. meeting. A board of directors will be

Republican Candidate for Manning, he is survived by two directors, in turn, will elect officers daughters, Mrs. J. B. Robertson, of of the association for the ensuing

VISIT IN CRESWELL

Creswell .- John and Grayson Col- will speak in the courthouse here G. D. Manning, of Durham. He also lins, both of the United States Navy, tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 leaves one sister, Mrs. Getrude M. visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. o'clock, according to J. C. Tarken-Jones; one half- brother, R. W. Bul- Ralph Collins, here recently. John ton, chairman of the Washington lock; two half-sisters, Mrs. Lula has been with the Pacific fleet for County Republican Executive Com-Whitehurst and Mrs. Minnie Man- three years, while Grayson only re- mittee.

ning, of Bethel; 11 grandchildren and cently completed his basic training The general public is cordially inat the San Diego, Calif., Naval Base. vited and urged to hear Mr. Ferree.

broken. They were taken to a hos-Ross Pou, state auditor; Charles M. pital in Elizabeth City. The other two passengers, Sergeant Baines and Corhundreds of people who have called difference on account of the more Mullan, attorney general; Clyde Er- poral Grover, were able to return to win, superintendent of public in- their station at the Marine Corps Air struction; W. Kerr Scott, commis- Base in Edenton, although suffering sioner of agriculture; William P. from head and leg lacerations and Hidges, insurance commissioner; Her- bruises. The car, a 1941 Pontiac sedan. was completely demolished.

According to the highway patrolhad been up all night the night before and that he dozed off while running about 35 miles an hour. He

about the time of her arrival there

awoke when the car ran off the left crats are urged by Mr. Hampton and side of the pavement at a right-hand curve, but was unable to pull it back into the road. Patrick has been citpersonal invitation at attend both the speaking and the barbecue din-

(See AUTO CRASH, Page 4)

Dr. Phelps Returns To Creswell Home

Former Manager of Pulp S. Army Air Forces, Medical Corps, last rites. Interment will be made was placed on the reserve list last in the Harris family cemetery near week and has returned to his home Pinetown.

in Creswell to resume the practice Pall-bearers will be John W. Darof medicine. Dr. Phelps had 29 den, J. K. Reid, E. H. Hill, Frank

months' service in the AAF, includ- Brinkley, Ed Ricks and Bill Clifton. ing seven months overseas during the Company from 1938 to 1940, died African and Sicilian campaigns.

final rites took place at his former a field near Coral Gables, Fla. **Delivery Zones To Be Set Up Here at**

Local wholesale and retail merchants of all kinds who maintain delivery services will meet at the municipal building here next Tuesday night at 8 p.m., to disduss and work out delivery Senate Will Speak Here zones in this section. John R. Ingram, private carrier specialist with the Office of Defense The Hon. A. I. Ferree. Republican Transportation, of Raleigh, will candidate for United States Senator. explain how directives issued during the past year affect deliveries. Harvey R. Roseman. district director of the ODT, also of Raleigh, may also be present. About a year ago an order was issued by the ODT limiting the frequency of deliveries by mer-

Passes in Raleigh

Funeral Service Will Be Held Here Friday Afternoon at 2 o'Clock

Mrs. Iva Harris, 42, wife of E. H. Harris, of Plymouth, died at a Raleigh hospital Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock after an illness of three years. She had been confined to the Raleigh hospital during that time.

Daughter of the late Frank Mc-Aulay and Pattie Ingram McAulay. she was born in Mount Gilead on September 28, 1902. Married in 1930 at Albemarle to E. H. Harris, they came to Plymouth and have since made their home here. She was a member of the local Methodist church.

Funeral services will be held from he Horner Funeral Home here Friday afternoon at 2 p.m., with the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor of the Captain John M. Phelps, of the U. Methodist church. in charge of the

> Besides her husband, E. H. Harris she is survived by three children, Mc-

Here on a visit Monday, Dr. Phelps Aulay Harris, of Plymouth; Edgar donfield, N. J., after an illness of on- said that he might be called back into Harris, jr., of Pinetown; and Jane Besides his widow, Mrs. Lizzie Bar- ly a few days, it was learned here the service if the war takes a turn Harris, of Winston-Salem. She also this week. At the time of his death, for the worse, but that he did not leaves two sisters, Mrs. Margaret one daughter, Mrs. L. O. Horton, of Mr. Cox was manager of the Delair, think this was probable. He and Whitley, of Morehead City; Mrs. Plymouth and Norfolk; and two sons, N. J., plant of the Kieckhefer Con- Mrs. Phelps returned to Creswell Sun- Ethel Harris, of Charlotte; one brotainer Company. It is understood that day. Lately he has been stationed at ther. Frank McAulay, of Columbia, S. C., and several uncles and aunts.

> Meeting To Be Held Tuesday Night chants as a means of conserving motor equipment. This order has not been generally obeyed in this section, principally because it was not understood. Mr. Ingram was here this week and sug-

gested a meeting be held to discuss the order and possibly to work out a joint-action plan, as well as a zoning arrangement for deliveries.

All wholesalers and retailers who have delivery services are urged to attend the meeting next Tuesday. _Every type of business is affected, grocery, hardware, furniture, dry cleaners, milk, ice, coal, soft drink dealers, etc.

Stockholders of the Plymouth

home in Anderson. Ind. Mr. Cox was very popular with local people and had many friends here. He left here in April, 1940, to take over management of one of the

Otis H. Cox, manager of the local noon about 5 o'clock with a cerebral in Cedar Grove Cemetery with Maplant of the North Carolina Pulp sonic rites. Mr. Brinson was a leadlast Saturday at his home in Hadsteward in the Methodist church