

TOWN TOPICS

Silas S. Rasmusson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Rasmusson, of Plymouth, was recently promoted to the rank of captain in the United States Army. Captain Rasmusson volunteered at Chicago on October 14, 1940, and he has been overseas for about 14 months. His wife and young son, of Haddonfield, N. J., are visiting his parents here.

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 special events, and gives annual Christmas and Easter concerts.

Sergeant Hubert Britton, AAF, of Plymouth, who is now serving as a gunnery instructor at El Paso, Texas, is spending a furlough 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 ago.

Private Junior Rath is 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. Tobacco Association ordered a 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 1/c. He had a tour of duty overseas before he went to the school at Flint.

Joseph C. Snell, boatswain's mate 2/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Snell, is spending 30 days at home here with his family. In service with Navy amphibious forces, Mr. Snell had an active part in the invasions of Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, Elba and southern France. After 18 months overseas, he was returned to the United States for rehabilitation leave and reassignment to duty.

Roper Parents-Teachers To Meet Next Tuesday

The Roper Parent-Teacher Association will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, October 17, at 8 o'clock, in the school auditorium. An award will be given to the grade having the most parents present. Patrons of the school are cordially invited and urged to attend.

Registration Books To Open Saturday Throughout County; Close October 28

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

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Little Change in Local School Situation During Past Week; Few Repairs Made

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 superintendent of public instruction, said yesterday 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.

Clarence E. Ayers, Jr. Is Reported Killed in Action in Pacific Area

KILLED IN ACTION



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.

With First Marine Division in Palau

Popular Local Young Man Had Been in Service Little Over Year

Private First Class Clarence Edward Ayers, Jr., 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ayers, of Plymouth, was killed in action somewhere in the central Pacific war zone recently, his parents were informed last Thursday in a telegram from the commandant of the United States Marine Corps. No details have been received by the family about the action in which the young man lost his life, but he was serving with the famous First Marine Division, which has borne the brunt of recent battles for Peleliu, one of the Palau group of islands approximately 600 miles east of the Philippines.

"Skinner," as the young man was popularly known to local people, was a leader in all phases of activity at the Plymouth High School before volunteering for service in the Marines, especially active in athletics, and one of the best-liked boys ever reared here. News of his death was a stunning blow to the entire community, and the high esteem in which he was held is attested by the hundreds of people who have called on his parents to express condolence and sympathy during the past few days.

Son of Clarence Edward Ayers, sr., and Eleanor Chesson Ayers, he was born in Plymouth on January 7, 1926, and lived here all of his life until he enlisted in the Marine Corps on March 15, 1943, shortly after reaching the age of 17. His father is a

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W. J. Manning Dies Suddenly at Bethel

Final Rites Held Yesterday For Father of J. R. Manning, of Plymouth

William J. Manning, of Bethel, father of J. Roy Manning, of Plymouth, died at his home at 1:30 Tuesday morning, following a brief illness. He was stricken suddenly Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock with a cerebral hemorrhage, which was the cause of his death.

Mr. Manning had extensive farming operations near Bethel and would have been 74 years of age on November 4th this year. Long active in Republican politics in the first Congressional district, and a frequent visitor in this section, he was well known and had many friends throughout the county. Mr. Manning was delegate from the First District to the Chicago 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 o'clock and interment was made in the Bethel cemetery. A number of people from this section attended the final rites yesterday afternoon.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Anna E. Manning, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Robertson, of Clayton; Mrs. H. J. Stephens, of Willow Springs; four sons, J. Roy Manning, of Plymouth; E. X. Manning and W. H. Manning, of Bethel; and G. D. Manning, of Durham. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Gertrude M. Jones; one half-brother, R. W. Bullock; two half-sisters, Mrs. Lula Whitehurst and Mrs. Minnie Manning, of Bethel; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Plan Reissuance of Basic A Gas Books

Motorists Urged To Make Application Soon as All A-11 Coupons Used

Arrangements are being made for reissuing basic A gasoline allotments to all Washington motorists in the next few weeks before the present A-11 coupons become invalid after November 7th. Application blanks are being placed at all tire inspection stations and a good many filling stations throughout the county for this purpose.

Motorists are advised, as soon as they use all of their A-11 coupons, to apply for a blank and attach their present A book to it. After the application has been filled out, it should be mailed or sent to the local war price and rationing board, which will issue a new A allotment and mail it to the applicant.

The A-12 stamp in current A books has been invalidated and will not be used. Three A-13 stamps in the new books will become valid for four gallons of gasoline each on November 8th, and will continue good until December 21, when A-14 stamps become good.

Although the value of each coupon in the new book will be good for four gallons of gas, the allotment is the same as at present, since there are six stamps of each numerical series, instead of eight worth three gallons each as in the present book. The change in validation periods is being made so that stamps of the same number will be good both in the eastern and western parts of the United States. At present there is a difference on account of the more liberal allotments allowed those in the west.

Motorists are urged to apply for the new basic A books as soon as they use their last A-11 coupons so that the board may get the new ones issued without delay. Remember to attach the old A-book to application for the new book.

L. L. Brinson Dies At New Bern Home

Leonidas Lafayette Brinson, 75, father of Mrs. Mary Horton, of Plymouth, died suddenly in his sleep Monday 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 Wednesday afternoon at Centenary Methodist church in New Bern by the Rev. Leon Russell, followed by interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery with Masonic rites. Mr. Brinson was a leader in the Masonic fraternity and a steward in the Methodist church.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Lizzie Barrington Brinson, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. L. O. Horton, of Plymouth and Norfolk; and two sons, Leslie L. Brinson and Albert W. Brinson, both of New Bern.

Building and Loan Stockholders Meet

Stockholders of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association will hold their annual meeting in the municipal building tonight at 8 o'clock, immediately after the Lions Club meeting. A board of directors will be elected by the stockholders, and the directors, in turn, will elect officers of the association for the ensuing fiscal year.

VISIT IN CRESWELL

Creswell—John and Grayson Collins, both of the United States Navy, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Collins, here recently. John has been with the Pacific fleet for three years, while Grayson only recently completed his basic training at the San Diego, Calif., Naval Base.

1st District Rally of Democrats Will Be Held Here Monday

Practically All Nominees on State and District Tickets Expected To Be Here

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 dinner will be served on the grounds at 6 p.m. In addition to the party leaders of the state and 14 counties in the congressional district, every Democrat in Washington County is invited and urged to attend, as the event will be a county as well as a district rally.

Nominees for national, state, district and county offices will be presented to the 500 to 600 expected to 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 attend and provide music for the occasion.

From 15 to 20 pigs will be barbecued 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 big day next Monday, according to W. Roy Hampton, chairman of the committee on arrangements. More than \$500 has been raised to take care of the expense of the meeting, and a number of pigs were donated for the barbecue. E. G. Arps is vice chairman of the committee on arrangements; L. E. Hassell, of Roper, is treasurer; and J. R. Campbell is secretary.

The program has not been completed, Mr. Hampton said yesterday, as it is subject to approval by William B. Umstead, chairman of the Democratic state executive committee. However, it will include recognition of party leaders of the state, district, and various counties in the district, in addition to several addresses.

The list of distinguished guests expected to be here includes the following: Wilkins P. Horton, national committee man, who will represent the national ticket; Mr. Umstead, chairman of the state executive committee; Clyde R. Hoey, nominee for U. S. Senator; R. Gregg Cherry, nominee for governor; L. Y. Ballentine, nominee for lieutenant governor; Thad Eure, secretary of state; George Ross Fou, state auditor; Charles M. Johnson, state treasurer; Harry McMullan, attorney general; Clyde Erwin, superintendent of public instruction; W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture; William P. Hedges, insurance commissioner; Herbert Bonner, First District representative; senatorial district and county nominees and officers from the 14 counties in the first congressional district.

Individual invitations will not be sent out locally and all county Democrats are urged by Mr. Hampton and Mr. Arps to accept this notice as a personal invitation to attend both the speaking and the barbecue dinner.

Otis H. Cox Dies at New Jersey Home

Former Manager of Pulp Plant Here Was Ill for Only Few Days

Otis H. Cox, manager of the local plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company from 1938 to 1940, died last Saturday at his home in Haddonfield, N. J., after an illness of only a few days, it was learned here this week. At the time of his death, Mr. Cox was manager of the Delair, N. J., plant of the Kieckhefer Container Company. It is understood that final rites took place at his former 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 Kieckhefer plants in Three Rivers, Mich., and shortly afterwards spent some time in a hospital on account of ill health. He had fully recovered, however, and his death last week-end was said to have been entirely unexpected.

Republican Candidate for Senate Will Speak Here

The Hon. A. I. Ferree, Republican candidate for United States Senator, will speak in the courthouse here tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, according to J. C. Tarkenton, chairman of the Washington County Republican Executive Committee.

The general public is cordially invited and urged to hear Mr. Ferree.

War Fund Campaign Will Get Underway in County Next Monday

Parent-Teacher Meeting Tonight

The regular meeting of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association will be held in the high school auditorium here Thursday 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.

Mrs. A. R. Patrick, Jr., Fatally Hurt in Crash Sunday Night

Five Other Less Seriously Hurt in Accident Near Roper on Route 64

Mrs. Betty Gertrude Patrick, 18, wife of T/Sgt. Augustus R. Patrick, jr., was fatally injured and five other persons less seriously hurt shortly after midnight Sunday in an automobile accident that occurred about a mile and a half east of Roper on Highway 64. According to Highway Patrolman M. B. Steward, who investigated the accident, Sergeant Patrick, driver of the car, stated that he dozed off and the car failed to make a curve, running off the road into a grove of trees.

Mrs. Patrick suffered head injuries and was brought to Plymouth for first aid. Later she was taken to the home of Sergeant Patrick's parents in the Skinnerville section, and when she failed to rally as expected, was removed to the hospital at the Marine Base in Edenton. She died about the time of her arrival there without regaining consciousness.

Sergeant Patrick escaped with slight injuries. His sister, Isabelle, suffered injuries to her back; and a cousin, Anne Finnegan, had two ribs broken. They were taken to a hospital in Elizabeth City. The other two passengers, Sergeant Baines and Corporal Grover, were able to return to their station at the Marine Corps Air Base in Edenton, although suffering from head and leg lacerations and bruises. The car, a 1941 Pontiac sedan, was completely demolished.

According to the highway patrolman, Sergeant Patrick told him he had been up all night the night before and that he dozed off while running about 35 miles an hour. He awoke when the car ran off the left side of the pavement at a right-hand curve, but was unable to pull it back into the road. Patrick has been cited.

Dr. Phelps Returns To Creswell Home

Captain John M. Phelps, of the U. S. Army Air Forces, Medical Corps, was placed on the reserve list last week and has returned to his home in Creswell to resume the practice of medicine. Dr. Phelps had 29 months' service in the AAF, including seven months overseas during the African and Sicilian campaigns.

Here on a visit Monday, Dr. Phelps said that he might be called back into the service if the war takes a turn for the worse, but that he did not think this was probable. He and Mrs. Phelps returned to Creswell Sunday. Lately he has been stationed at a field near Coral Gables, Fla.

Delivery Zones To Be Set Up Here at Meeting To Be Held Tuesday Night

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 discuss and work out delivery zones in this section. John R. Ingram, private carrier specialist with the Office of Defense Transportation, of Raleigh, will 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.

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Plan Quick Drive To Realize \$5,000

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 a 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 moving picture to those who attended. Attendance was not as large as expected, 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 Monday, the special gifts committee began work sometime ago, and local business and industrial firms, stores, and various other organizations are being solicited this week. It is understood that the response is considered uniformly satisfactory.

Local labor organizations are planning to take a leading part in the campaign. Every man on salary or wages is being asked to donate a half day's pay, and comparable amounts are requested from those whose income is derived from other sources. If this goal is achieved, the county quota should be realized before the end of next week.

Since this campaign is made but once a year and embraces 17 na-

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Mrs. Edgar Harris 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 McAulay and Pattie Ingram McAulay, she was born in Mount Glead 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 the Horner Funeral Home here Friday afternoon at 2 p.m., with the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor of the Methodist church, in charge of the last rites. Interment will be made in the Harris family cemetery near Pinetown.

Pall-bearers will be John W. Darden, J. K. Reid, E. H. Hill, Frank Brinkley, Ed Ricks and Bill Clifton. Besides her husband, E. H. Harris, she is survived by three children, McAulay Harris, of Plymouth; Edgar Harris, jr., of Pinetown; and Jane Harris, of Winston-Salem. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Whitley, of Morehead City; Mrs. Ethel Harris, of Charlotte; one brother, Frank McAulay, of Columbia, S. C., and several uncles and aunts.

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