

TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. J. T. McNair, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McNair spent Tuesday in Windsor with Mrs. Eva G. Pierce, sister of Mrs. J. T. McNair.

W. C. Jones, Norfolk Southern railroad agent here, and the chief engineer of the tug "Dauntless," Mr. Daniels, have 1941 Chevrolet automobiles that are almost identical.

Young ladies, 16 years of age and over, from Plymouth and vicinity, who would like to volunteer their help in entertaining service men and to act as junior hostesses at the Plymouth USO are asked to make application for membership, giving name, address and two references.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Davenport, of Florida and Great Bridge, Va., visited Mr. Davenport's mother, Mrs. M. J. Davenport, and sister, Miss Collia V. Davenport, here last week.

Marcel W. Bradon, 2/c machinist's mate in the U. S. Coast Guard, was transferred in September from Boston, Mass., to somewhere in the South Pacific, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bradon, were informed recently.

Registration will begin at the ABC store here on November 1 for sales permit book 3, it was announced this week by P. M. Arps, chairman of the county ABC Board.

There were rumors on the streets here this morning that a case of infantile paralysis had been reported in the Creswell area.

Elmer Turner, of Roper, was recently promoted from the grade of sergeant to staff sergeant with the 15th Army Air Forces somewhere in Italy.

Charlie R. Sawyer Given Silver Star

With the Fifth Army, Italy.—Technical Sergeant Charlie R. Sawyer, 22, of Roper, North Carolina was awarded the Silver Star for his gallant action in destroying singlehandedly two German machine gun nests on the Fifth Army front in Italy, 91st Infantry Division headquarters announced recently.

Sergeant Sawyer, rifle company platoon sergeant, crawled to within 50 yards of the guns and killed the crews of both. As a result, the Germans were so demoralized their defensive position was shattered.

Sergeant Sawyer, whose mother, Mrs. Lucynthia H. Sawyer, lives on Route 1, Roper, entered the army in October, 1942.

Farmers Urged To Join Farm Bureau To Maintain Fight for Adequate Prices

A final drive for members of the Washington County Farm Bureau is now underway, according to J. R. Manning, president. Mr. Manning said that most of the surrounding counties had already secured their quotas of members, while the campaign has bogged down almost to a standstill here during the past few days.

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United War Fund Drive in County Passes Half-Way Mark En Route to \$5,000 Goal

The United War Fund Drive in Washington County is now a little past the half-way mark, according to Chairman P. B. Bateman this morning.

Mackey's reported to be the first community to reach or surpass its goal. With a quota of \$100, Mr. Bateman said he had been informed by workers there that more than this amount had been collected to date.

tically all of them will reach their assigned quotas. Mr. Bateman requests all canvassers and community chairman to get their reports to him by Friday of this week, and it is hoped that the campaign can be successfully concluded by that time.

The chairman said that the response all over the county had been exceptionally good; and, without exception, local leaders expect to reach their goals.

not to "let up" for a moment until every person in the county is given an opportunity to make a contribution.

It was learned at noon today that all local industrial plants had made very liberal donations. Every employee of the American Fork & Hoe Company plant contributed a half day's pay, the total amount raised there being more than \$235.

The men overseas are doing their part, as evidenced by the major Naval victory over the Japanese this week, and it is up to the folks back home to back them up in every way possible.

Classes Are Resumed For Primary Students At Hampton Building

WOUNDED IN ITALY



Pfc. John Thomas Liverman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Liverman, of the Suppernonn section, was seriously wounded in action in Italy on September 2, his parents were informed last week by the War Department.

Saturday Is Final Day To Register For Election 7th

Some Discharged Service Men Are Required To Re-Register

Saturday of this week is the last day for those who have not previously registered to get their names on the poll books and be eligible to vote in the general election a week from next Tuesday, November 7th.

Walter W. White, chairman of the county board of elections, this week directed special attention of discharged service men to the fact that they would be required to re-register in person in order to vote November 7; that is, if they had registered and voted under absentee laws for service men.

For the first time in several elections, the Republican party has almost

Repairs Completed In Time To Reopen School Wednesday

Attendance Today Reported About Normal; Board Issues Statement

School was resumed in the Hampton Academy Building here yesterday morning for the six primary classes, which had been on an enforced holiday of little more than a month, caused by a condemnation order being posted on the door September 22.

It was planned to reopen the building Monday, but carpenters were delayed in repair work last Friday by the high winds and rain, and the repairs were not completed until Tuesday. Completely new outside stairways and platforms have been built from the three classrooms on the upper floor, part of the building has been rewired, braces were installed under the rear second-floor classrooms, and door fasteners and locks are being lowered so that they will be in reach of the smallest child.

The building was closed September 22, when a condemnation notice was posted by the local fire chief, Miller Warren, who took the action at the request of a petition signed by 136 people. This notice was still on the door when school reopened yesterday, but was removed later in the day or last night by some unknown person.

Although the building still does not measure up to standard requirements of the state insurance department, its use educationally for the period

Legion Festival Here Next Week

W. C. Kaus Shows Again To Provide Midway Attractions for Event

The annual fun festival of the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion will be held here next week, after all, with the W. C. Kaus Shows providing the midway and other attractions. The event will be held at the old Brinkly ball park, with a part of the proceeds going to the local Legion Post.

Booked earlier in the year for a fall showing here, the festival was called off when all traveling shows were banned by the county board of health on account of the infantile paralysis epidemic then prevailing in the state.

The midway attractions are described as bigger and better than they were last year, and include a number of rides, shows and concessions. Instead of the usual free-act program, a lucky-number drawing will be held each night of the festival, and a \$25 War Bond will be given to the holder.

The midway attractions will be open each night, beginning at 7 p.m., and there will be a band concert each evening.

INJURED OCTOBER 3



Sgt. Mahlon S. Moore was wounded in France on October 3rd, according to a telegram from the War Department received last week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moore, of Plymouth. Sergeant Moore has been in the service a little over two years and went overseas in July. He was with a mechanized cavalry outfit in General Patton's Third Army. The nature or extent of his wounds could not be learned.

City Council Holds Meeting Thursday

Engineer Employed To Survey Extension of Water And Sewer Lines

A good deal of business was disposed of at the meeting of the city council held last Thursday night, besides the usual payment of bills. All members were present. Another bid was made for the painting of the water tank and an engineer was employed to survey the extension of sewer and water mains for the new building projects.

An audit report was given by J. M. Williams of Williams and Wall, Raleigh, on the annual audit of the town books. A motion made by J. R. Manning and seconded by W. A. Roebuck that the town accept the report and pay the contract price was carried.

H. W. Wesley, an engineer, was present relative to the extension of water and sewer lines for the new housing programs in the city. H. E. Harrison moved that the town employ Mr. Wesley to survey and take levels for the installation of the mains, with the contract price set at \$15 per day. The motion was seconded by G. R. Leggett and carried. Mr. Wesley was instructed to make a complete report on the material to be used.

The County ABC Board refused to pay the town fifteen per cent of the profit made by the local ABC store. The city clerk was instructed to have the firm, from which the auto tabs were ordered, change the date on the tab to 1945. It is planned to have them on sale January first.

Infant Dies at Home Of Parents Near Roper

Gordon Ray Furlough, 10-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornell Furlough, died at 9:15 this morning at the home of his parents about 4 miles east of Roper. The baby had been ill for about a week. He was born on November 30, 1943.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Lilley, the infant's grandmother, in Roper; and interment will follow in the Cooper cemetery at Roper.

Besides his parents, the child is survived by two grandmothers, Mrs. Martha Lilley and Mrs. Mary F. Furlough, both of Roper.

Expect Repair Parts For School Furnace To Get Here Daily

Classes Being Held on Day-To-Day Basis in High School Building

The Plymouth High School resumed its sessions this morning after it had been suspended for several days due to lack of heating facilities. Parts needed to repair the furnace were shipped from the factory at Bloomington, Ill., on October 15, the county school board has been informed, and will be installed immediately upon their arrival here.

The following statement was issued yesterday by the board of education, relative to the situation at the high school building:

Before the budget was adopted, the board of education had an engineer from Richmond inspect the furnace in the high-school building and prepare an estimate of the cost of repairing same.

The school budget was adopted September 11, and immediately thereafter the superintendent phoned the Richmond firm to begin work on the furnace. This was confirmed by letter. We are informed by the foundry in Bloomington, Ill., that shipment of the parts has been made, and we are confidently expecting their arrival any day.

At the present time, classes are being convened in the high-school building an hour later than usual, and a "short" schedule is being followed, which permits dismissal at the usual hour, 3:30 p.m. However, on cold days, classes are dismissed and the children are being sent home immediately after it is decided the building is too cold for use that day.

Ration Board Office Closed Election Day

Quarters Will Be Used as Polling Place for Plymouth Precinct

The office of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board in the courthouse here will be closed Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, it was announced this week. This action is being taken at the urgent request of the chairman of the county board of elections, Walter W. White, so that the office used as a polling place for Plymouth precinct.

The offices now used by the rationing board have always been used in past elections as the Plymouth precinct polling place; and it was feared some confusion would result if it was necessary to make a change at this late date. For that reason, Mr. White asked the rationing board to close its offices for that one day so that a new polling place would not have to be found; and the board complied with his request.

Red Cross Course To Begin Monday

30-Hour Course Will Qualify Graduates as First-Aid Instructors

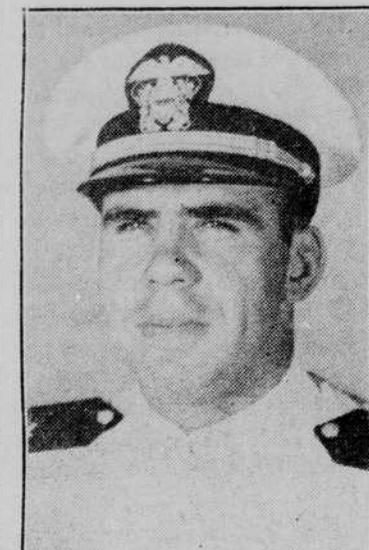
A Red Cross 30-Hour First Aid Instructor Training Course will be given here under the auspices of the Washington County Chapter, American Red Cross, beginning next Monday, October 30, and continuing through Thursday, November 9, John W. Darden, county chairman, said today that the sessions would be held in the Agriculture Building, beginning each night at 7:30 p.m. All persons in the county are eligible to take this course and as many as possible are urged to enter.

There is no cost whatever for taking the training course, as all materials and textbooks are provided by the chapter free of charge. Five persons from the pulp mill and one from the Plymouth Box & Panel Company plant have already indicated they would attend, Mr. Darden said. School teachers throughout the county are requested to announce the course in their classes and to stimulate as much interest in it as possible.

The course will be given by Holman George Marks, field representative of the American Red Cross, of St. Petersburg, Fla. He has had years of experience as a first-aid and water safety instructor.

Wm. A. Davidson, Jr. Reported Missing in Action Against Japs

MISSING IN ACTION



Lt. William A. Davidson, Jr., pilot of a torpedo bomber on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, was reported by the Navy Department yesterday to have been missing following action on October 13. He is the husband of Mrs. Mildred B. Davidson and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davidson, of Plymouth.

USO Center Will Be Opened Here Next Month by Auxiliary

To Provide Recreational Facilities for Visiting Service Men

Arrangements have been worked out for opening a USO center in Plymouth for the entertainment and convenience of service men on leave and visiting here. The center will be located in the American Legion Hall for the present, but it is hoped to secure a more suitable place later. It is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary with the help of other women's organizations in Plymouth, and will be formally opened Saturday, November 18, at 7 p.m., according to present plans.

The USO center will be operated by a board of directors, composed of representatives of various civic and religious organizations, and Miss Rachel Hassell is chairman and director in charge. The hall will be open regularly every Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening, and Sunday afternoon and evening.

Arrangements are being made to fit the center up with chairs, writing facilities, a nickelodeon, game tables and equipment, and a snack bar where refreshments will be served one night each week. Dancing, games, and group singing will be afforded, as well as reading material and stationery for writing letters.

Young girls of the Plymouth section who wish to aid in entertaining and to serve as junior hostesses are asked to apply for membership as soon as possible before the quota is filled. They must be 16 years of age or more and furnish two references when applying. Applications should be made to Mrs. Z. V. Norman before November 3rd.

Sponsors of the center are asking for donations of equipment to furnish the hall. Among the articles needed are the following: Card tables, sturdy chairs, settees, davenports, games, playing cards, lamps, waste baskets, ash trays, smoking stands, magazine racks, bookcases, magazines, books and sheet music. Anyone who is willing to donate or lend any of these articles is requested to get in touch with Miss Hassell.

Motorists Urged To Apply for New A Books Now To Miss Last-Minute Rush

Washington County motorists are urged by local rationing board officials to make application as soon as possible for their new basic A gasoline ration books. Since coupons in the new books become valid on November 9, some motorists may be delayed in getting their new books if they wait until the last minute.

Mrs. J. K. Reid, clerk to the rationing board, said this week that it would not be necessary to wait until all A-11 coupons in the present book are used in order to make application. Motorists may tear off the back page of the present book, the one headed "Certificate of Bookholder," at-

Was Pilot of Torpedo Bomber on Carrier With Fleet in Pacific

Had Been in Naval Air Arm Since 1941; In Pacific Action Last Year

Mrs. Mildred B. Davidson was notified by telegram from the Navy Department yesterday morning that her husband, Lt. William Arthur Davidson, jr., USNR, was missing following action October 13 in the Pacific war zone. Lieutenant Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davidson, with whom his wife is staying in Plymouth, was pilot of a torpedo bomber on an aircraft carrier attached to the famous Task Force 58 of Admiral William F. Halsey's Third Pacific fleet, and it is believed here that he was taking part in the bombing of Formosa or Luzon when reported missing.

"Billie," as he was widely and favorably known in Plymouth, although not a native, had lived here almost all of his life until he went into the Naval service in October, 1941, shortly after reaching his 21st birthday. Born in Blytheville, Ark., on August 26, 1920, he moved here with his parents in 1928, attending the local grade school and completing two years in high school before he went to Belmont Abbey, in Belmont, to complete his high-school education. He then went to State College, Raleigh, for two years and transferred to East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, where he graduated in the spring of 1941.

Lieutenant Davidson was an outstanding athlete throughout his high-school and college days, starring in football at Belmont, with the State Freshman team and at ECTC. He was member of the championship junior college team at Belmont Abbey in his senior year, playing both in the backfield and at end. He was reared in the Catholic faith, being a member of the church at Washington.

While at Greenville in school, he became interested in flying and secured his civilian pilot license in the spring of 1941. After graduation, he volunteered in the Naval Air Corps, having been accepted on July 8, 1941, at Atlanta, Ga. He returned home and was called into service on October 8th of the same year.

He trained at Atlanta, Ga., Jacksonville, Fla., and San Diego, Calif. (See DAVIDSON, Page 4)

Heber Respass, Jr., Is Wounded in Italy

Telegram Received Yesterday by Wife Says Injuries "Slight"

Mrs. Heber Respass, Jr., was notified yesterday that her husband, a private in an infantry outfit, was slightly wounded in action on the Italian battlefield on October 4th. Neither the nature nor extent of his wounds was revealed in the telegram from the War Department.

Private Respass is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Heber L. Respass, who live about 10 or 12 miles from Plymouth on Highway 32. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ange and she is living with her parents in the same neighborhood.

According to an uncle, the young man has been in the service for about two years, a considerable portion of which has been overseas. In recent letters, Private Respass had stated that he had been up to the front on four different occasions, and he was slightly injured one time before.

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