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. Mrs. Pierce had just been notified that her son, S/Sgt. Charlie M. Pierce was killed in action in France on October 1st. Sergeant Pierce had been in the service for about two years and overseas for

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, they learned last week. Both men parked their cars on Washington Street Friday, and when Mr. Jones returned first he got into the wrong car and drove it to the railroad station. Mr. Daniels came along and reported to the police that his car had been stolen. However, it was soon located and the cars properly distributed by Chief Brown.

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. All applications are subject to approval of the board of directors and should be made to Mrs. Z. V. Norman by November 3.

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. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Davenport, of Plymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Davenport, of Roper, and Mr. and Mrs. Linwood A. Davenport in Creswell while in the county. Mr. Davenport is a first-clas metalsmith in the Naval Reserve and is stationed at Fort Pierce, Fla

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. Mr. Bradon has been in the service about two years.

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. Persons may apply for the new books on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week, according to present plans. War Ration Book No. 4 must be presented when application is made.

There were rumors on the streets here this morning that a case of it fantile paralysis had been reported in the Creswell area. However, a telephone call to the principal of the school there revealed that there was no basis for the rumor, according to H. H. McLean, county superinten-

Elmer Turner, of Roper, was recently promoted from the grade of sergeant to staff sergeant with the 15th Army Air Forces somewhere in Italy. Sergeant Turner has been overseas for 13 months and is serving with a bombardment group which recently received a Presidental Citation for its outstanding achieve- ly registered to get their names on

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 accelerated service men to the fact that Legion Festival tion in destroying singlehandedly two they would be required to re-register German machine gun nests on the in person in order to vote November Fifth army front in Italy, 91st In- 7; that is, if they had registered and fantry Division headquarters an- voted under absentee laws for service nounced recently.

mans were so demoralized their defensive position was shattered.

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United War Fund Drive in County Passes Expect Repair Parts Wm. A. Davidson, Jr. Half-Way Mark En Route to \$5,000 Goal To Get Here Daily Reported Missing in

Washington County is now a little past the half-way mark, according to Chairman P. B. Bateman this morning. Although he had no complete reports as to the exact amount raised so far, Mr. Bateman said between \$2,500 and \$3,000 was in sight, against the county quota of \$5,000.

Mackeys is 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. There were no definite reports from any of the other communities, although it is believed that prac-

Pfc. John Thomas Liverman,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Liver-

man, of the Scuppernong sec-

tion, was seriously wounded in

action in Italy on September 2,

his parents were informed last

Day To Register

Some Discharged Service

Men Are Required To

Re-Register

Saturday of this week is the last

day for those who have not previous-

the poll books and be eligible to vote

larger than two or four years ago.

Walter W. White, chairman of the

county board of elections, this week

directed special attention of dis-

For the first time in several elec

For Election 7th

week by the War Department.

Classes Are Resumed

For Primary Students

At Hampton Building

tically all of them will reach their assigned quotas. Mr. Bateman requests all canvasers 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. The labor union workers in the Plymouth area have done an especially fine job, it is indicated, with canvassers on hand at every shift change at the pulp mill. Although the goal is in sight, volunteer canvassers and workers are urged

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. The United War Fund offers this opportunity. Give liberally!

INJURED OCTOBER 3

Sgt. Mahlon S. Moore was

wounded in France on October

3rd, according to a telegram

from the War Department receiv-

ed last week by his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. W. C. Moore, of Plym-

outh. Sergean Moore has been

in the service a little over two

years and went overseas in July.

He was with a mechanized cal-

vary outfit in General Patton's

Third Army. The nature or ex-

tent of his wounds could not be

City Council Holds

Engineer Employed To Sur-

vey Extension of Water

And Sewer Lines

A good deal of business was dis-

council held last Thursday night, be-

sewer and water mains for the new

An audit report was given by J. M

leigh, on the annual audit of the town

books. A motion made by J. R. Man-

ning and seconded by W. A. Roebuck

that the town accept the report and

pay the contract price was carried.

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

The Plymouth High School resumed its sessions this morning after es 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. In the meantime, school will be continued on a day-to-day basis, with classes had been suspended for several building is considered too cold.

The following statement was issued vesterday 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. The Richmond firm will be notified by phone upon their ice on their installation.

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 the children are being sent home immediately after it is decided the building is too cold for use that day

It was too cold for classes Monday, and the students were dismissed shortly after they assembled at 10 o'clock. The same course was pursued Tuesday, except that, due to a misunderstanding, announcement was made that school was suspended until further notice and no attempt was made to hold classes Wednesday

outh 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 chel Hassell is chairman and direcweek. This action is being taken at tor in charge. The hall will be open posed of at the meeting of the city the urgent request of the chairman of regularly every Friday evening, the county board of elections, Walter W. White, so that the office used members were present. Another bid by the rationing board may be used as a polling place for Plymouth pre-

The offices now used by the rationing board have always been used in where refreshments will be served past elections as the Plymouth precinct polling place; and it was feared and group singing will be afforded, as some confusion would result if it was well as reading material and stationnecessary to make a change at this ery for writing letters. late date. For that reason, Mr. White H. W. Wesley, an engineer, was be found; and the board complied soon as possible before the quota is Neither the nature nor extent of his present relative to the extension of with his request.

To Begin Monday

fy Graduates as First-

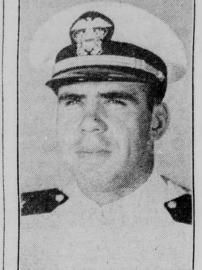
A Red Cross 30-Hour First Aid In-Thursday, November 9, John W. Dar-A contract was read by the mayor den, county chairman, said today each night at 7:30 p.m. All persons in the county are eligible to take this course and as many as possible are urged to enter.

Of Parents Near Roper ing the training course, as all maold son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornell Fur- the chapter free of charge. Five perlough, died at 9:15 this morning at sons from the pulp mill and one the home of his parents about 4 miles from the Plymouth Box & Panel Funeral services will be held to- the county are requested to announce

The course will be given by Holman George Marks, field representative open each night, beginning at 7 p.m., survived by two grandmothers, Mrs. Petersburg, Fla. He has had years and there will be a band concert Martha Lilley and Mrs. Mary F. Fur- of experience as a first-aid and water

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 two years in high school before he usual hour, 3:30 p.m. However, on cold days, classes are dismissed and Opened Here Next Month by Auxiliary Raleigh, for two years and transferred to East Carolina Teachers College,

To Provide Recreational Facilities for Visiting Service Men

out for opening a USO center in Plymouth for the entertainment and Ration Board Office and visiting here. The center will be reached and at end. He was reached in the Catholic fath, being a for the present, but it is hoped to se-Closed Election Day | cure a more suitable place later. It is sponsored by the American Legion cure a more suitable place later. It ton. Meeting Thursday

Quarters Will Be Used as Polling Place for Plym
Auxiliary with the help of other women's organizations in Plymouth, and will be formally opened Saturday. November 18 at 7 and Saturday volunteered in the Auxiliary with the help of other became interested in flying and seing to present plans.

The USO center wil be operated by a board of directors, composed of representatives of various civic and religious organizations, and Miss Raregularly every Friday evening, and Heber Respass, Jr., Sunday afternoon and evening.

Arrangements are being made to fit the center up with chairs, writing facilities, a nickelodian, game tables and equipment, and a snack bar one night each week. Dancing, games,

asked the rationing board to close its tion who wish to aid in entertaining private in an infantry outfit, was offices for that one day so that a and to serve as junior hostesses are slightly wounded in action on the new polling place would not have to asked to apply for membership as Italian battlefront on October 4th. or more and furnish two references from the War Department. fore November 3rd.

for donations of equipment to furn- daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie ish the hall. Among the articles Ange and she is living with her par-30-Hour Course Will Quali- needed are the following: Card ta- ents in the same neighborhood. bles, sturdy chairs, settees, daven- According to an uncle, the young ports, games, playing cards, lamps, man has been in the service for about waste baskets, ash trays, smoking two years, a considerable portion of stands, magazine racks, bookcases, which has been overseas. In recent magazines, books and sheet music. letters, Private Respass had stated lend any of these articles is request- four different occasions, and he was ed to get in touch with Miss Hassell slightly injured one time before.

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 carier 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 went to Belmont Abbey, in Belmont, to complete his high-school education. He then went to State College, Raleigh, for two years and transfer-Greenville, where he graduated in the

spring of 1941. Lieutenant Davidson was an outstanding athlete throughout his highschool and college days, starring in football at Belmont, with the State Arrangements have been worked Freshman team and at ECTC. He was member of the championship junior college team at Belmont Abconvenience of service men on leave bey in his senior year, playing both and visiting here. The center will be in the backfield and at end. He was member of the church at Washing-

While at Greenville in school, he 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., Jack-See DAVIDSON, Page 4)

Is Wounded in Italy

Telegram Received Yesterday by Wife Says Injuries "Slight"

Mrs. Heber Respass, jr., was noti-Young girls of the Plymouth sec- fied yesterday that her husband, a filled. They must be 16 years of age wounds was revealed in the telegram

when applying. Applications should Private Respass is the son of Mr be made to Mrs. Z. V. Norman be- and Mrs. Heber L. Respass, who live about 10 or 12 miles from Plymouth Sponsors of the center are asking on Highway 32. His wife is the

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," attach it, properly signed, to an application blank and mail or take it to the office of the board.

It is not necessary to attach the automobile registration card to the application if the old "A" book, or the back page, as above outlined, is used. Applications are being made rather slowly, and the board will be unable to handle the rush if everyone waits until the last minute to apply, especially since the office will be closed election day, November

A-12 coupons in the present books will not be used. The A-11 coupans expire November 8th, and A-13 coupons in the new book become valid November 9,

men. After they leave the service, Sergeant Sawyer, rifle company they are no longer entitled to the platoon sergeant, crawled to within benefits of the servicemen's absen-50 yeards of the guns and killed the tee voting provisions; and if they crews of both. As a result, the Ger- registered under these provisions they must re-register in person at their respective voting precincts.

Sergeant Sawyer, whose mother, Mrs. Lucinthia H. Sawyer, lives on tions, the Republican party has al-Route 1, Roper, entered the army

(See REGISTER NOW, Page 4) 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. About 220 members of the county bureau have renewed their memberships this year, while the goal is 400. Last year

there were 305 members. Mr. Manning urges all farmers who wish to have a part in maintaining prices for farm products to rally to the support

of the county bureau. The national Farm Bureau Federation, with which the county unit is affiliated, is always in the forefront of movements to better conditions on farms, and it is important to have the support of

all rural people. Right now, a movement is underway to eliminate tobacco quotas next year, and the Farm Bureau is actively in the fight to have them maintained. The quota system has been responsible for maintaining the price of tobacco to producers, and all who wish to see it retained are urged to get into the battle by joining the Farm Bureau.

WOUNDED IN ITALY | 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 clases, 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. Miss Ethel Perry, principal, said this morning that attendance was about normal, although there were a number of absences yesterday occasioned by parents not being informed in time

about resumption of classes. 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 clasrooms 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 sides the usual payment of bills. All door when school reopened yesterday. but was removed later in the day or was made for the painting of the walast night by some unknown person. ter tank and an engineer was em-There was some question about the ployed to survey the extension of cinct. legality of the condemnation, but none of the school authorities order- building projects. ed or authorized removal of the notice, they stated this mrning. They Williams of Williams and Wall, Ra-

in the general election a week from did not know when, or by whom, the next Tuesday, November 7th. Worknotice was removed. ers for both political parties are urg-Although the building still does not ing every qualified person to register and vote, and the number of ballots of the state insurance department cast in the county is expected to be

measure up to standard requirements its use educationally for the period (See LOCAL SCHOOL, Page 4)

Here Next Week

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

The annual fun festival of the with a part of the proceeds going to United War Fund campaign now in progress in the county.

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

they were last year, and include a the holder.

The midway attractions will be each evening.

ploy Mr. Wesley to survey and take levels for the installment 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 The County ABC Board refused to pay the town fifteen per cent of the James E. Jethro Post of the Ameri- profit made by the local ABC store. structor Training Course will be given Anyone who is willing to donate or that he had been up to the front on

can Legion wal be held here next! The city clerk was instructed to here under the auspices of the Washweek, after all, with the W. C. Kaus have the firm, from which the auto ington County Chapter, American Shows providing the midway and tabs were ordered, change the date Red Cross, beginning next Monday, other attractions. The event will be on the tab to 1945. It is planned to October 30, and continuing through held at the old Brinkly ball park, have them on sale January first. the local Legion Post. It is under- to paint the water tank for \$850. The that the sessions would be held in stood that a goodly portion of these committee that was named to get the the Agriculture Building, beginning receipts will be turned over to the bids was instructed to get the best price possible.

Infant Dies at Home

scribed as bigger and better than ill for about a week. He was born on cated they would attend, Mr. Darden November 30, 1943. sions. Instead of the usual free-act morrow (Friday) afternoon at 2:30 the course in their classes and to program, a lucky-number drawing at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Lilley, stimulate as much interest in it as will be held each night of the festival, the infant's grandmother, in Roper; possible. and a \$25 War Bond will be given to and interment will follow in the Cooper cemetery at Roper.

lough, both of Roper.

water and sewer lines for the new housing programs in the city. H. E. Red Cross Course housing programs in the city. H. E.

Aid Instructors

Gordon Ray Furlough, 10-months- terials and textbooks are provided by east of Roper. The baby had been Company plant have already indi-

Besides his parents, the child is of the American Red Cross, of St.