

TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. C. A. Wortham was called to Henderson Tuesday to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allgood, who had just received a telegram the day before notifying them that their son, Cpl. C. W. Allgood, was killed in action in France on November 11. Corporal Allgood, Mrs. Wortham's brother, entered the Army in 1941 and had been overseas for 15 months. He was with an artillery outfit attached to General Patton's Third Army.

Lt. (p.g.) and Mrs. W. J. Highsmith are visiting relatives and friends here this week. Lieutenant Highsmith is now stationed at Camp Bradford, Va., but has been in a hospital recently and was given a few days' leave while recuperating.

Total contributions to the united War Fund stood at \$6,548.89 Monday of this week, according to Mrs. Eliza Daniel, treasurer. There are still a few more reports to be gotten in before the campaign can be officially declared closed, Chairman P. B. Bateman said yesterday. The county quota was \$5,000.

1st Lt. Joseph S. (Dick) Norman, Jr., U. S. Army Air Forces, is spending this week at home here with his father. He has been in St. Petersburg, Fla., for the past month or so for reassignment processing after a tour of duty in England, during which he piloted a Flying Fortress on 32 bombing missions over Europe and enemy-occupied Europe.

Miss Glenna Ange, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ange, of Plymouth, was recently elected president of the Cosmopolitan Club at Anderson College, Anderson, S. C., where she is a member of the freshman class. The Cosmopolitan club is composed of girls from out of the state.

The new 1945 automobile, truck and trailer license plates will go on sale at branch offices of the Carolina Motor Club throughout the state Friday, December 1. The nearest agency to Plymouth where plates may be obtained is at the office of Harrison & Carstarphen in Williamston.

L'Engle Barnes, of the United States Navy, recently visited his grandmother, Mrs. Jane Vail, in the Westover section. He had just completed a radio course at Jacksonville and DeLand, Fla., and is now stationed at Norfolk. The young man formerly attended Plymouth High School and the Edwards Military Institute at Salemburg. He has been in the service about a year.

T/Sgt. Glenn Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davis and brother of Mrs. Blanche Jackson, of Plymouth, was recently awarded the Army bronze star for bravery in action in the European war theatre. It was learned here this week.

Lt. James G. Ambrose, American Air Forces, stationed at San Marcos, Tex., spent last week-end in the county with his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Alexander. He returned here this week.

Lloyd DeBruhl Dies Of Wreck Injuries

Suffered Broken Neck in Accident November 19; Funeral Friday

Lloyd Cabell DeBruhl, of Plymouth, died in a Washington hospital early last Wednesday morning as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident near here the preceding Sunday afternoon. Mr. DeBruhl suffered a broken neck when his car went out of control and turned over on Highway 32 about seven miles south of here, while his wife and infant daughter, riding with him, escaped with less serious injuries.

He was removed to a Washington hospital shortly after the accident, but little hope was held out for his recovery from the time he was admitted.

Besides his widow, Mr. DeBruhl is survived by a 15-month-old daughter, Nellie Jean DeBruhl.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at 11 o'clock from the Paul Funeral home in Washington, with the Rev. Duff Toler in charge, and burial was made in the family cemetery near Vandemere.

War Bond Premiere Showing of 'Dark Waters' at Plymouth Theatre Tuesday

The Plymouth Theatre is staging a Sixth War Bond Premiere showing of "Dark Waters," featuring Merle Oberon, Franchot Tone and Thomas Mitchell with Fay Bainter, Tuesday night of next week, December 5th. Every person who buys a War Bond during the Sixth War Loan campaign from the Plymouth Theatre will be given a free ticket to the premiere showing.

There will be only one showing of this famous movie, and admission will be by bond purchase

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It's Not as Easy as It Reads

Pvt. Luther D. Alexander, son of Mrs. K. B. Cockrell, of Plymouth Route 1, recently sent his mother a clipping from "The Stars and Stripes," Army newspaper published in London and Paris. The clipping was enclosed in a letter dated "Germany, September 16, 1944." It showed the photograph of three dead American soldiers lying beside a road in France, and under the caption "It's Not as Easy as It Reads" appeared the following article:

"When you read about town after town falling into our hands, you sooner or later get into the frame of mind that it's easy. 'Well, here's how easy it is. 'These three Yanks were killed taking a place called Troyes. Ever hear of it? Neither had we. 'Anyway, it was taken. 'Nice going,' we said when we read about it. 'The boys are really rolling.' 'These boys' rolling days are done. The town they took so 'easily' was the last town they'll ever see. The rest of their outfit moved on to the next town—and took that, too. And the next—and the next. And in every town there are a few GIs like these left by the roadside."

"Maybe this picture ought to be stuck inside every helmet liner in the ETO (European Theatre of Operations), and every G.I. in the States. Then every time we go out over the headlines and take off our skimmers to pat ourselves on the head, we'd see these boys who were hit by the silver platter on which the Nazis handed us Troyes."

This clipping should provide some indication of how tough the going is for American fighting men—even when it is classed as "easy." Back home we are now engaged in one of our "hardest" tasks—that of lending our money at a high rate of interest to carry on the war and help bring victory a little more quickly. Yet there are people—some in Washington County, we regret to say—who bellyache because they are asked to buy bonds or to help make the canvass for the Sixth War Loan.

County Officers Begin New Terms Monday

HERE MONDAY



The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will be the principal speaker at the parish dinner of Grace Episcopal Church in the Legion Hall here Monday night.

Bishop Darst To Be Guest of Honor at Parish Dinner Here

To Be Held at Legion Hall Monday Night; Members Grace Church Invited

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will be guest of honor and principal speaker at the parish dinner to be held by members of Grace Episcopal church next Monday evening, December 4. Invitations have been sent to communicants and friends of the parish. The dinner is to be held at the Legion Hall at 7 o'clock.

The Raleigh News and Observer recently carried the announcement by Bishop Darst of his plans to retire in May, 1945. It is thought that the occasion of the parish dinner on December 4 will perhaps be the last visitation of the bishop to this parish before his retirement.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Campbell Darst was consecrated bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina on the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 1915, in St. James' Church, Wilmington. In January of next year, Bishop Darst will complete 30 years' service as the episcopal authority of East Carolina. During this period of three decades, the bishop has confirmed more than 10,000 persons and has ordained 60 men to the ministry.

In 1926 and 1927 Bishop Darst achieved national prominence as the Episcopal representative to the World Council of Churches in London.

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Only One Change In Official Family

H. H. Allen Will Succeed E. G. Arps as Member of Board Commissioners

New terms will begin for a number of Washington County officers next Monday, December 4, but only one change is actually scheduled to take place. H. H. Allen, of Plymouth, will take the oath of office as a member of the board of county commissioners, succeeding E. G. Arps, also of Plymouth, who has been chairman of the board for the past four and a half years.

One other new county officer was elected at the general election in November, W. H. (Jack) Peele, as representative to the General Assembly, but it is understood that he will not take office until the legislature convenes in January.

Still another county officer will not be present for the "swearing in" ceremony. He is W. Blount Rodman, elected solicitor of the county recorder's court, but whose duties as first lieutenant of an artillery outfit "Somewhere in France" preclude him from being present right at this time. Incidentally, Lieutenant Rodman was elected to the same position two years ago shortly after he entered the Army and was not able to actively serve a single day of his term. He has been granted a leave of absence from his duties in the county "for the duration."

Others entering upon new terms next Monday include Register of Deeds J. Robert Campbell; County Commissioners J. C. Knowles, of Roper; and Harry C. Pritchett, of Creswell; and Judge of Recorder's Court W. Ronald Gaylord. Two years ago Judge Gaylord was a staff sergeant in the Army Air Forces, but he has since received an honorable discharge on account of physical disability.

One county officer will be vacated and abandoned, effective next Monday; that of treasurer, held by C. N. Davenport, sr., of Creswell. A special act passed by the 1943 session of the General Assembly abolished this office at the expiration of the current term and provided that the work

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Douglas A. Collins Aerial Navigator

Received Wings and Commission at Texas Field November 18

Douglas Allen Collins, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Collins, of 238 East Main Street, Plymouth, received his silver wings as an aerial navigator and commission as second lieutenant in the Army Air Forces on November 18, when he graduated from the AAF Navigation School at the San Marcos Army Air Field, a unit of the AAF training command. Lieutenant Collins spent last week at home here with his parents, leaving Sunday for Massachusetts, where he will receive his assignment to an operational unit.

Lieutenant Collins is a native of Richmond, W. Va., but moved here with his parents in the fall of 1942. He attended the Richmond and Plymouth High Schools, graduating here in 1943. He worked for a time at the North Carolina Pulp Company before volunteering for service in the Air Corps in July, 1943. He trained at Miami, Fla., Meadville, Pa., and San Antonio, Texas.

There were six men from North Carolina among those from 45 states who graduated at the San Marcos Field with Lieutenant Collins on November 18th.

G. H. Harrison, 89, Died at Home Here On November 22nd

Was One of County's Oldest Citizens; Final Rites Last Friday

George Henry Harrison, oldest citizen of Plymouth and one of the oldest in Washington County, died at his home on Washington Street here at 3:45 Wednesday morning of last week. Mr. Harrison, nearly 89 years of age, had been in ill health for approximately a year, the past five or six weeks of which he was confined to his bed.

Son of the late James A. and Caroline Todd Harrison, he was born in Washington County on January 19, 1856. He lived in the county all of his life, having been engaged in the mercantile business for most of his adult life and he was associated with W. H. Hampton & Son here for a good many years. He retired from active participation in business some years ago and since lived quietly at his home here. He was well known and had hundreds of friends throughout the county.

For more than 60 years he was a staunch and loyal member of the local Methodist church, serving on the board of stewards and a member of the board of trustees for a long period of time. He was also a member of the choir of that church.

On November 14, 1888, he was married to Miss Allie Hall, who survives him, in the Methodist church here. They have no surviving children, but besides his widow, he leaves a granddaughter, Miss Helen Harrison, of Raleigh; and a sister, Mrs. John Allen, 83, of Plymouth, who has been very ill for some time. He also leaves several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church last Friday afternoon at 3:30 by the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor, and interment was made in the church cemetery.

N. C. Vail Home After Submarine Duty in Pacific

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Vail are visiting Mr. Vail's mother, Mrs. Jane Vail, in the Westover section, for two weeks before he is to report back to the Navy at New London, Conn. Mr. Vail, chief quartermaster on a submarine that has been operating in the Pacific war zone since the war started three years ago, is paying his first visit to the county in six years.

A native of Washington County, Chief Vail graduated from the Plymouth High School about 13 years ago and entered the Navy shortly afterwards. He was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, when the war started, and since then has taken part in at least five successful raids on Japanese shipping in the Pacific. He was also in the successful invasions of the Marshalls, Tarawa and Saipan, among others.

Bond Rally Next Week in Creswell

A War Bond Rally will be held in Creswell Wednesday night of next week at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. Sidney Smithson, chairman of the drive for that section. A variety program is being arranged, and a \$25 War Bond will be given away free.

Everyone in the Creswell community is invited and urged to attend. The rally is planned to stimulate interest in the Sixth War Loan campaign, which has been lagging throughout the county. An evening of good entertainment is assured, and it is hoped a large crowd will be present.

AAA Committees Elected Last Week At Farmer Meets

Little Interest Shown; New County Committeemen Named Saturday

Meeting at various points throughout the county last week, Washington County farmers elected their Triple-A community committeemen for the coming year and also named delegates to the county meeting held in the agricultural building here last Saturday for the election of the county committee.

Comparatively little interest was shown in the elections, and only 62 out of 900 eligible farmers in the county voted at the community meetings. A great many changes were made in the personnel of the community committees, and a comparatively new county committee was elected here last Saturday morning.

Meeting in the agriculture building Saturday, the delegates elected the following county committee: J. C. Swain, chairman; W. H. Joyner, vice chairman; Heber Allgood, regular member; C. B. Barnes, first alternate and E. G. Davenport, second alternate.

Committeemen elected for the seven communities in the county at the local meetings held the first part of last week are as follows:

Creswell community: Stanley Oliver, J. R. Davenport, S. McCoy Davenport, Isaac Furlough, W. S. Ainsley, and W. A. Davenport.

Cherry community: E. G. Davenport, W. P. Davenport, I. S. Phelps, R. A. Gibbs, W. H. Craddock, and P. E. Ambrose.

Mount Pleasant: Heber Allgood, Hubert Davenport, P. B. Belanda, L. T. Snell, W. A. Spruill, Leon L. Davenport, and L. A. Norman.

Roper: L. E. Hassell, R. C. Cheson, R. W. Lewis, T. R. Spruill, W. C. Spruill, and L. E. Woodley.

Pleasant Grove: W. A. Knowles, C. L. Everett, W. C. Spruill, J. M. Claggon, and L. A. Parrish.

Plymouth: Matthew Daniels, S. D. Davis, H. G. Simpson, Sam Stoyens, and W. W. Robinson.

Long Ace: C. W. Bowen, D. B. Baxter, R. C. Jackson, J. H. Allen, H. J. Furbee, W. S. Bowen and L. J. Beppard.

Car and Truck Damaged In Accident Last Night

Gurvis Bryant, colored tenant on the farm of L. E. Hassell, near Roper, drove his Chevrolet sedan into the side of a parked truck near the intersection of Main and Washington Streets here last night. No one was hurt, but the right side of the car was completely demolished, and some damage was done to the truck, owned by W. T. Freeman, Bryant said he was meeting a car with bright headlights, and due to the rain he did not see the parked truck until too late to dodge it.

Woman's Auxiliary To Sponsor Sale of Aprons

The Woman's Auxiliary of Grace Episcopal Church will sponsor an apron sale at the office of C. E. Ayers, in the Owens Building on Washington Street, Friday and Saturday of this week, December 1 and 2, at 2:30 p.m. each day. The public is invited to attend.

Colored Draft Call Leaves Next Week

One Volunteer in Group Scheduled for Induction Wednesday

Notices have been sent out by the local Selective Service Board for a number of colored men to report here next Wednesday morning, December 6, to leave for Fort Bragg and induction into the armed forces. Eleven of the number are from Plymouth, and there are two each from Roper and Creswell.

Willie Granville Heath, of Plymouth, is a volunteer and heads the list of those leaving next week. Four of those to whom notices were sent have been summoned before, and unless they show up next Wednesday will be classed as delinquents and their names turned over to the FBI. They are James Columbus Bullock, Columbus Satterthwaite, James Clyde Rose Dawson, of Plymouth; and Clifton Jones, of Creswell.

Others scheduled to leave Wednesday are as follows: Rudolph Ransom, Lafayette McAllister, Bishop Marvin Patterson, Walter Worsley, Jr., Henry Armistead, Jr., and Don Browning, of Plymouth; Stark Norman and Arlie Earl Basnight, of Roper; and Dallas Hilton Blount, of Creswell.

The board is preparing to issue a call for white inductees to leave the following Wednesday, December 13, it was learned yesterday. The county has no pre-induction calls for the month of December, it was stated.

'E' Bond Sales About One-Fourth Quota of Sixth War Loan Drive

GETS COMMISSION



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Christmas Seal Sale Began in Plymouth Monday This Week

Proceeds Will Be Used for Tuberculosis Work in County and State

Mrs. D. W. Hunt was recently appointed chairman of the Reg Cross Christmas Seal sale in Plymouth for this year. She announces that the seals went on sale Monday of this week, and an urgent request is made for all local people to buy and use the seals on correspondence between now and Christmas.

Funds derived from the sale of the seals will be used in tuberculosis work, with a percentage of the proceeds remaining in the local treasury and the remainder going to the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association. This group and its affiliated national organization have been largely responsible for the educational work that has been reflected in decreased incidence of tuberculosis in the state and nation.

Committees have been appointed to push the sale of Christmas seals. School children will make a house-to-house canvass, while Mrs. Ben M. Gansderson and Mrs. W. H. Booker are to call on all local stores and business houses.

W. W. Furlough Dies At Home in Cherry

Creswell. —Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for William Warren Furlough, 76 years of age, who died at his home near Creswell Monday night of last week. The final rites were held from the late home by Elder S. Gray, pastor of Concord Primitive Baptist church, assisted by Elder Ambrose, of the Free Will Baptist church, and interment was made in the family cemetery.

Mr. Furlough was a life-long resident of Washington County. He was a prosperous farmer and well liked in the Cherry community, where his farm was located.

Besides his widow, Mr. Furlough is survived by four sons, Jim Warren Furlough, Cecil Furlough, Isaac Furlough, and Thomas Furlough, all of Washington County; three daughters, Mrs. Ida Phelps, Mrs. Warren Clifton, and Mrs. Esther Ambrose; one sister, Mrs. Senie Craddock; one brother, Thomas Furlough, and several grandchildren.

Funds Sought for Equipping Football Team Here in Time for Spring Practice

The Plymouth High School football team is seriously in need of equipment, it was learned this week from Bill Darden, who is serving as coach. While it is too late for this season, which will be brought to a close with the game in Williamston tomorrow night, Mr. Darden said he was starting early to raise funds for equipping the team next year, and he is seeking donations for this purpose from local organizations and individuals.

Jars have been placed in practically all business establishments and stores in town for the collection of donations. The coach and the boys will appreciate a liberal response from local people; and it is hoped an amount sufficient to adequately equip the team may be realized before time for spring practice.

Intensive Work by Canvassers Needed

Sales at Bank and Post Office Here Total Little Over \$22,000

Despite the fact that the Sixth War Loan Drive got away to a rather slow start in Washington County the first of last week, it has picked up a little momentum, and about one-fourth of the county quota of "E" bonds has been realized to date. It was impossible to get complete reports yesterday, as County Chairman W. Ronald Gaylord left Sunday for the veterans' hospital at Fayetteville for examination and possible treatment, and he had not returned in time to get a statement from him today.

However, it was learned yesterday that "E" bond sales at the bank here amounted to about \$21,000 and the post office had sold \$2,081.25 worth. This made a total of a little more than \$22,000 in Plymouth alone against the county goal of \$113,000; with reports still to be made by the other two issuing agencies in the county, the post offices at Roper and Creswell.

The standing on the overall quota is even better than the above figures show, as H. E. Beam, chairman of the county war Finance Committee, said yesterday that sales of other than "E" bonds approximate \$88,000, against the quota of \$106,000.

However, it is the "E" bond quota that really matters to the people of this section, and it is evident that some real concerted action must be taken to raise the amount required of this county. At least two special events are planned for next week that should help in the drive, the bond show at the Plymouth Theatre Tuesday night and a rally at the Creswell school auditorium Wednesday night.

It is upon the rank and file of house-to-house canvassers that the main burden of the drive will fall, nevertheless; and all who have been appointed are urgently requested to visit those persons assigned to them and report to the county chairman as soon as possible. No great amount of time will be required, if everyone will do his or her part; and the success or failure of the drive depends entirely upon the individual efforts put forth by the canvassers and community chairman.

Christmas is coming on, and this

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Dance for Men in Service Saturday

Will Be Held at USO Center; Junior Hostesses Urged To Attend

The USO servicemen's center here will have a dance Saturday night, starting at 8 o'clock, in the Legion Hall. All junior hostesses are requested to be present if possible and to invite all servicemen in town from near-by bases. The USO committee will act as senior hostesses this week-end, according to Miss Rachel Hassell.

Regular hours for the service men's center each week are as follows: Friday, 7 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 2 to 11 p.m.; Sunday, 2 to 7 p.m. Service men and junior hostesses are asked not to go to the Legion Hall except during the regular hours outlined above, when there will be a senior hostess in charge.

The service men's center is still in great need of a sofa, card tables, and smoking stands. Any person who can furnish any of these articles or who can advise those in charge where to get them is requested to get in touch with Mrs. J. Frank Jordan or Miss Rachel Hassell.

Mr. Darden said the danger of injury to the players can be greatly lessened if sufficient uniforms and other equipment is made available. In last week's game with Columbia here, several boys were hurt and had to be taken out of the game because of the inadequacy of their present equipment.