Mrs. Maxina Spring, lives at Creswell, RFD No. 1, was recently promoted to the grade of sergeant. He is an assistant squad leader with the 65th "Custer" Division of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy

The local rationing board was advised recently that no sugar could be authorized for the home curing of meats. Anyone who wishes to use sugar for curing meats must use that sugar from their regular consumer allotment or else use some of the commercially prepared mixes on the

Two clerks at the store of W. F. Winslow are setting a pace in the sale of War Bonds during the Sixth War Loan Drive that will be hard to beat. Up to Wednesday Mrs. J. B. Willoughby and Mrs. Jerry Hayes had sold \$8,300 worth of bonds, maturity value Mrs. Willoughby's sales amounted to \$7,200, while Mrs. Hayes had sold \$1,100 worth.

Cpl. Howard B. Chapin, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chapin, of Plymouth, was recently awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal, his parents here have been informed. It is also learned that his squadron of the Eighth Air Force in England was recently given a Presidential unit ci-

Pvt. Thomas Edwain McNair was home Sunday visiting his wife, baby and parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McNair. He is stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., where he is member of the post championship football and boxing

The Sixth War Loan premiere showing of "Dark Waters" at the Plymouth Theatre Tuesday night was very disappointing, it was learned yesterday from Shep Brinkley, manager. Only 26 people attended the special showing. and bond sales amounted to but \$1,818.75, issue value. Admission was by purchase of War Bonds

Ensign and Mrs. Jack B. Stubbs. spent the week-end here with Ensign Stubb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Stubbs. Ensign Stubbs is stationed at Camp Bradford, Va.

Highway Patrolman and Mrs. M. B. Stewart were called to Lillington last week-end by the death of Mr. Stewart's uncle, Hubert K. Stewart. The latter died in the Fayetteville veterans' hospital Friday morning after an illness of only one day. The funeral was held from his late home Sunday afternoon.

(See TOPICS, Page 4)

# Issuance of Liquor Books in County

Total of 2,003 Issued To December 1; About 3,000 Issued Year Ago

Issuance of ABC whiskey sales book No. 3 up to December 1 in Washington County was one-third less than last year, it was learned yesterday from P. M. Arps, chairman of the ABC board. No books will be issued during December, and those who failed to apply before last Friday are simply out of luck, so far as getting Christmas whiskey legally is concerned, although some non-rationed items will be sold.

Mr. Arps said 1,616 books were issued at the Plymouth store and 387 in Creswell during November, for a total of 2.003. Last year approximately 3,000 books were issued. In comparison with a year ago, the issuance in Plymouth was about 600 less and than that of Creswell about 300 less. Already some of the unfortunates have been importuning the chairman to relent, but he points out that the law does not permit any books to be issued this month.

The county chairman said there hand in the stores, and fairly large

# THE ROANOKE BEACON \* \* \* \* \* \* \* AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

Those Boys Need You

VOLUME LV—NUMBER 49

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, December 7, 1944

ESTABLISHED 1889

# How We Stand:

(Figures Furnished by H. E. Beam, Chairman of the Washington County War Finance Committee, December 6, 1944)

\$ 219,000

\$ 113,000

\$ 66,000

**Assessors and List** 

**Takers Appointed** 

Will Begin Work January 1:

Three Men Named for

Each Township

County during the month of Janu-

ary was set up by the county com-

missioners Monday as one of their

first tasks after taking the oath of

ly agreed that the three assessors

Skinnersville: Walter W. White,

The boards of assessors and list-

(See TAX LISTING, Page 4)

Lt. Jack Getsinger

Seriously Wounded in

Action in September

Lt. Jack Getsinger, who was serious-

ly wounded in action last September

in France, arrived recently in the

United States and is now at an Army

nosiptal at Atlantic City, N. J. His

brother, Eddie Getsinger, and sister,

Mrs. George Barden, accompanied by

Mr. Barden, of Plymouth, left Mon-

day for Atlantic City to visit him at

Ruth Kiker, who was a teacher in the

With an armored force that saw

and France, Lieutenant Getsinger was

wounded first more than a year ago

but recovered and returned to duty

in time to take part in the European

invasion. He was critically wounded

in action the second time in Sep-

tember and has since been recouper

Are Being Extended

The Plymouth Town Council held

were checked and ordered paid.

the hospital.

John W. Spruill, and M. F. Daven-

Scuppernong: P. B. Belanga

two others to be named later.

47,000

109,500

Our Quota, Overall Sales To Date

> We Need To Go Over the Top \$ 109,500

> > "E" BONDS

Our Quota Sales To Date

We Need To Go Over the Top

What Are You Waiting For? - Let's Go!

# Property in County To members of the board of county commissioners W. Blownt Rodman elect. The board of education had written tation for its record in action against the enemy. Be Revalued in 1945

# Tobacco Quotas Invoked for 1945

Quotas for the 1945 tobacco crop were invoked by the Department of Agriculture last Friday just a few hours before the deadline. The allotment system provides for the same acreage next year as was allowed this year. Since the 1944 plantings were less than the allotment, farmers with few exceptions are not expected to enter any objections to the control plans.

Accompanying the order announcing the continuation of the production control program was an order fixing prices for the 1946 at the same figures in effect for the 1944 crop, and no serious objections are anticipated on

## Soil Conservation District Sought by Farmers of Section

Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde, Beaufort Represented at Meet Here Monday

Between 30 and 40 farmers from Under Last Year | Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Beaufort counties met in the agricultural Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Beaubuilding here Monday afternoon, when the groundwork was laid for organizing a soil conservation district embracing the four counties. The gathering was addressed by A. A. Cone, assistant director of soil conservation for the state department of agriculture, and B. T. Ferguson, district agent for the Extension Service of State College.

Both men talked on the advantages to be derived by formation of a soil conservation district, and the 8 to 10 representatives of each of the four counties represented unanimously approved the idea. It was explained that each of the four individual counties could secure some of the benefits, but that a district set-up would doubtless prove more effective.

One of the principal advantages offered by the Federal Soil Conservation Service is assistance in drain-(See SOIL DISTRICT, Page 4)

Tax Collector To Be in Creswell December 15th local schools.

County Tax Collector J. E. Davenport said this morning that he would be in Creswell all day Friday of next was plenty of brandy and rum on week. December 15, for the convenience of taxpayers of Scupperamounts of cordials, liquers, and nong Township. He will be at the champagne have been ordered and shoe shop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. He are expected to be here for the holi- will have the tax books for Scupday trade. None of these items are pernong Township for both the cur- ating at base hospitals overseas. rationed-which is about all the con- rent and past years, and requests solation he has for those who waited people in that section who wish to too long to apply for their ration pay their taxes to see him while he is there.

# 1,057 A Cards Issued To Car Owners of County by Local Rationing Authority

A lot of Washington County cars have gone off the highways in the past year or two, according to Mrs. J. K. Reid, chief clerk in the rationing board offices here. Up to Wednesday exactly 1,057 A cards have beenissued by the board, as compared with approximately 2,200 of the previous issue outstanding be-

fore they became invalid. It is possibelb that some car owners have not yet called for their new basic gasoline allotments; and, when they do, they

will be docked the proportional part of the elapsed period before they get their new A book. However, it is evident that nothing like 2,200 of the new books will be issued.

Coupons No. A-13 in the new books are now valid for four gallons of gasoline each. They will continue good until December 22, after which coupons No. A-14 become valid. The six A-14 coupons will then be good for four gallons each for the threemonth period ending March 22.

# Officials of County About Half of County's Sixth Begin New Terms; Sworn in Monday War Loan Quota Sold So Far

H. H. Allen Elected Chairman of County Board of Commissioners

Although new terms began Monday for a number of Washington County officers, there actually was but one change in the governing personnel. H. H. Allen succeeded E. G. Arps on the board of county commissioners, and was elected to the chairmanship, which position Mr. Arps has held for the past four and a half years.

Oaths were administered by Wilhence could not be present to take it is arranged. the oath of office.

Due to the multitude of other mat-By Board Monday | years. The commissioners recessed | plan to improve existing facilities. W at 5:30 p.m. until Wednesday, Dethe proceedings at an adjourned session. At that time, a county attorsuperintendent of the county farm and courthouse janitor will be elect-Machinery for the listing of real ed, and other matters disposed of. and personal property in Washington

Mr. Arps was present to call the commissioners into session Monday, morning and immediately after the oaths were administered he turned the duties of his office over to Mr. office and entering upon the work Allen. The commissioners then electof their new terms. It was tentative- ed Mr. Allen chairman of the board and approved the bond of \$2,500 prenamed for each township would serve sented by Register of Deeds J. R. as list-takers in addition to handling Campbell.

W. L. Whitley, president of the Southern Albernarie Association, appeared and secured and secured its endersement of the association's the quadrennial revaluation of real property, required by law next year.

County Commissioner J. County Commissioner Lawrence Lawre Knowles, of Roper, was appointed the supervisor, with the following to serve road program. The resolution which was approved by the commissioners as list-takers and boards of assessors will be presented to officials of the for the four townships:

Plymouth: A. J. Riddle, E. F. Still State Highway and Public Works and J. R. Manning.

Lees Mill: J. M. Clagon, J. E.
Phelps, and R. W. Lewis. Commission at a later date.

The jury list for the January term of superior court was drawn and bills against the county were checked and ordered paid. The commissioners also reappointed W. S. Ainsley conand stable for Scuppernong Township for the coming two years.

takers named above will meet with quadrennial revaluation of real property as well as listing of all property in the county January 1st. J. C. Knowles was appointed tax supervisor and assessors were named for each of the four county townships. Other details of this work will be worked out at the meeting on December 20.

### Now Back in U. S. At Atlantic City Hospital; Five County White Men in Induction It was learned this week that 1st Call December 13

Pool of Men Available for Service Has Just About Been Exhausted

The pool of Washington County men available for military service is just about non-existant, it was learn-Lieutenant Getsinger, son of the ed yesterday at the office of the lolate John Getsinger, of Dardens, at- cal draft board. When the Decemtended the Plymouth High School ber induction calls are completed, the and lived here for a good many board will have exactly 3 white men years. He married the former Miss and 23 colored men in the list of those available for military service, it was stated. There are a few men, of course, who are subject to preinducconsiderable action in North Africa tion calls; but even these are getting few and far between, it was stated Fifteen colored men left for Fort Bragg and induction into the armed services yesterday. Their names were published last week; and all of them except one showed up yesterday morning for the trip to Fort Bragg. The name of the lone exception, Clifton Jones, formerly of Creswell Route who did not show up and about Water - Sewer Lines whom the draft board can learn nothing has been certified to the disnothing, has been certified to the district attorney as a delinquent.

report Wednesday of next week, December 13, for induction. Two of ts regular meeting Monday night of them are from Plymouth, two from this week, with routine matters con- Creswell and one from stituting the bulk of the business They have been ordered to report transacted. Bills against the town here at 10 a.m. next Wednesday and will leave on the 10:20 bus. Four of

ed that the council has authorized partment, it was said. extension of water and sewer mains The call for December 13 is for not only to the housing development the following men: Clinton Respass trays the love affairs of a modern

Superintendent Sought Later This Month Development of a building program for Washington County schools will mer M. Darden, clerk of the superior be discussed by members of the board court, to all the officers who were be- of education with State Superintennew terms. They included dent Clyde Erwin during the week of

Members of School

Board Working on

Plans for Future

Appointment With State

J. Robert Campbell, register of deeds; December 18, if an appointment with W. Ronald Gaylord, judge of the re- the state official can be secured, it corder's court; J. C. Knowles, Har- was learned here today. County ed prosecuting attorney of the coun- during that week; and all three memty recorder's court, is in France as bers of the board are expected to go first lieutenant with an artillery unit, to Raleigh for the conference when

There have been no new developments in the county school situation ers which came up for consideration since state and federal school-plan-Monday, the county board never did ning experts came here on November get around to completing the county 1st to gather data on which to base governmental set-up for the next two recommendations for a long-term cember 20, when they will continue schoolhouse planning for the state department, and Dr. Ray L. Hamon of the U.S. Office of Education ney, county auditor, tax collector, Washington, D. C., were here at that

Mr. McLean said he received a letter form Mr. Credle the early part of last week, stating that a preliminary report would be made soon, but that Thursday of last week to go over the elsewhere. Mr. McLean said he had

(See SCHOOLS, Page 4)

# Webb Jones, Sr., Dies at Home Here

ernoon for Well-Known Local Citizen

57 years of age last September 11th. Although his health had not been

good for a year or more, Mr. Jones was able to be up and about most of the time. He took a sudden turn for the worse Saturday evening and died shortly afterwards, news of his passing coming as a shock to members of he family and friends.

Born in Tyrrell County on Sepember 11, 1887, he was a son of the ate Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones. He January 11, 1914, he was married to respective townships: Miss Lucille Bateman, of Creswell, who survives him. He was a member of the Methodist church at Cres-

Besides his widow, Mr. Jones is survived by two sons. Webb Jones, ir., a prisoner of war in Germany: Bobov Ray Jones, of Plymouth: five daughters, Mrs. Myriel Dillon, of Pottstown, Pa.; Mrs. J. F. Phillips, of Pasco. Wash.: Misses Vivian Jones, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Margaret and Betty Jones, of Plymouth. He also leaves one brother. Albert Jones, of Jamesville; five sisters, Mrs. Jennie Sawyer, of Elizabeth City; Mrs. Carrie Vanhorn, of Hickory, Va.; Mrs. Lucy Alexander, Mrs. W. C. Godwin and Mrs. Alma Bland, of Creswell; and several half brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held from the Methodist church here Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor, assisted by the Rev William B. Danils, fr., rector of the Episcopal church, Interment was

# Creswell Juniors To Present Play

made in the Windley cemetery.

Creswell .- A three-act play, "The Hoodoo," will be presented by the junior class of the Creswell High School in the high school auditorium There was some discussion of the them are youngsters who reached the Friday evening, December 8, at 8 waterworks and sewer extensions now age of 18 years only recently, while o'clock. Everyone is invited to atbeing made to take care of the hous- the other has been employed recent- tend. A small admission fee will be ing development here. It was learn- ly by the Newport News police de- charged, with the proceeds going to the junior class.

This hilarious three-act farce poron East Third Street Extended, but and Eli Phelps, of Plymouth; John- Casanova who is given an ancient also out Highway 64 to the eastern edge of town at Conaby Creek.

H. H. Wesley, of Washington, is also but all Philips, of Physiother, John Scarab by an uncle. The scarab has magic powers which hoodoo the wedding party. Edwin Norman plays engineer in charge of this project, which estimates indicate will cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000.

The local board has received no pre-induction calls for the month of December.

The local board has received no pre-induction calls for the month of December.

# **Merchanis Change** Holiday Schedule

Plymouth stores and business houses will be closed three days for Christmas this year, it was decided at a special meeting of the Plymouth Merchants Association, held Monday afternoon. Christmas Eve falls on Sunday. and naturally all stores will be closed then; in addition, the merchants voted to close Christmas Day and the day following, Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, thus \_making \_it a

three-day holiday. The action taken Monday reverses the stand taken several weeks ago, when it was voted to close Christmas Day only. However, only a small number of merchants was present at the earlier meeting, while about 20 attended Monday's session

## Arranging to Move Test Farm Within Next Three Weeks

ing Tidewater Farm by First of Year

J. L. Rea, jr., superintendent of the Blackland Test Farm at Wenona, is some additional information was planning to move to the new experi- canvasser to make one last effort to needed. The state school official had ment station bought some months complete his or her rounds and "put an appointment with Mr. McLean ago, with in the next three weeks. The name of the new farm, located matter, but at the last minute can- about five miles east of Plymouth on reached and urged to buy bonds, it celled it because he had been called Highway 64, will be the Tidewater Test Farm. It is announced that Mr. passed. Farmers especially are urged and Mrs. Rea will occupy the main to rally to the support of the camresidence on the farm until a six- paign, as this is the season when they room brick home can be built.

A house and lot has been purchasplace. After completion of the new home for Mr. Rea, the present main residence on the farm will be moved Funeral Held Tuesday Aft- and used as a tenant house, according to present plans of the State Department of Agriculture.

It is also announced that A. G. Webb Jones, sr., retired carpenter, Pruyser of Del Ray Beach, Fla., fordied at his home on West Main Street merly of Amsterdam, Holland, is here Saturday night about 9:30 after planning to move his workers to the Steps were taken to begin the a period of declining health that had old Farm at Wenona about the first Plans Also Made for Annual continued for about a year. He was of the year. Mr. Pruyser plans to devote the entire farm to the production of tulips, it was stated when the sale was completed in September. Fred Miller, in charge of the Test

Farm Division of the State Depart-(See TEST FARM, Page 4)

Vital Statistics Registrars Named by Commissioners

The Washington County Commismoved to Creswell with his parents sioners, at their regular meeting while quite young, and came to Plym- | Monday, appointed the following as outh to live about 10 years ago. On registrars of vital statistics for their Scuppernong: J. A. Combs. of Cres-

Skinnersville: Miss Alice White, of

Skinnersville: Lees Mill: J. J. Hassell, of Roper; Plymouth: Move W. Spruill, Plym-

# Lester Crofton Back With

to the employ of the House Motor outh on November 29, 1811. Company as a No. 1 automobile mechanic. He came here abut five or their ladies are expected to attend six years ago with the House organi- the banquet next week. The prozation, but for the past three years gram has not been completed, but dehas been employed at the North tails are in the hands of the com-Carolina Pulp Company. He invites mittee on arrangements, and an enall his friends to call on him in his tertaining and interesting evening is new position.

## E' Bond Sales Still Lag With But Little Over Week To Go

Canvassers Urged To Make Concerted Effort to Put Campaign Over

It is beginning to look as if Washington County bond buyers are falling down on the job in the Sixth War Loan campaign. With only a little more than a week left before the drive officially ends, the county stands at just about the half-way mark on both its overall and "E" bond quotas, according to figures furnished yesterday by H. E. Beam, chairman of the county War Finance Commit-

The "E" bond situation is considered the most serious by W. Ronald Gaylord, chairman of the Sixth War Loan Drive. With a quota of \$113 -000, sales through Tuesday stood at \$47,200, with some sales not yet reported by the Plymouth, Creswell and Roper post offices. It is believed that today, with all sales reported, the total might be in the neighborhood of the half-way mark, or \$56,500; but that still leaves a lot of work to be done in a mighty little bit of time. Mr. Gaylord seemed to think that Plans Outlined for Occupy- the \$106,000 goal of other than "E" bonds will be realized before the campaign closes, but there is a very real danger that the county will come up short of its "E" bend goal.

The county chairman urges every the pressure" on to increase the "E' bond total. If all the people are is believed the quota can be surare better able to buy bonds than at any other time. Those who have been ed by the state near the farm, and them in on bonds during the drive, buying stamps are requested to turn Mr. Rea's foreman will live at this as these count just the same as cash purchases

(See BOND SALE, Page 4)

# Name New Officers At Masonic Lodge

Banquet Tuesday Night Of Next Week

E. Durand Keel was elected master of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, A. F & A. M., at the annual election of officers held Tuesday night; H. H. Allen was elected senior warden and W. S. Bowen junior warden. John W. Darden, secretary; and B. G. Campbell, treasurer, were reelected. The new officers will be installed at the first meeting after the New Year, when Edward L. Owens, present master, will become the immediate past master. Appointive officers will be selected by the newly elected master and installed with him

at the January meeting. The local lodge is preparing to hold its annual Past Master's Night Tuesday night of next week, December 12, when a banquet will be served in the American Legion Hall at 7:30 o'clock. This occasion will also serve as ladies' night and mark the 133rd House Chevrolet Company anniversary of the founding of the The original charter was is-Lester Crofton this week returned sued to Perseverance Lodge of Plym-

A large number of Masons and

## It's Too Late To Mail Early, But Post Office Asks Mailing Soon as Possible

Local people have obeyed postal requests to "mail early" this year much better than ever before, it was learned at the post office. Parcel post, in particular, has been very heavy for more than a week, and Postmaster J. Corbett Swain said that if the rate of increase holds up for another week, the office will just absolutely be blocked by the volume. However, the outgoing packages have been mailed at a very steady rate, with fewer peak

or rush days as in past years. Both the incoming and outgoing mails have been much heavier so far this December than they were in the same period last year. It is too late to mail early now, but the overworked employees in the post office hope patrons will at least mail as early as possible from now until Christmas, In common with other offices, the local post office is experiencing a shortage of help, but these on the job are working early and late to keep the mails moving. The postmaster

urges local people to mail their Christmas greeting cards as early as possible, even for local delivery. Stamp receipts are running a little better than last year, which indicates another record crop of greeting cards is in prospect. In 1943 the local office sold some 50,000 to 55,000 11/2-cent stamps, used largely for greetings, and sales this year are expected to run about the