## DON'T LET IT BE SAID THAT YOU FAILED --- BUY THAT EXTRA \$100 BOND TODAY!



The senior class of the local highschool is sponsoring two performances of Uncle Rufus' hillbilly show here Friday afternoon and night. Proceeds will be used to defray expenses of class projects. The public is urged to attend.

Pfc. Lacy M. Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Warren, of Roper, Route 1, is now in a hospital in England, where he is being treated for injuries received in an accident while serving with the American Army in France

A copy of the so-called "G. I. Bill of Rights" is now on file at the office of the Washington County Selective Service Board here. Members of the office force will be glad to advise or assist discharged service men in securing the benefits available to them under the terms of this

Several county principals and teachers attended a district meeting and banquet for home economics teachers in Robersonville Tuesday teachers in Robersonville Tuesday night. Principal Roy I. Boyd and Mrs. Warnie Gurkin, local home To Care for Couuty's economics teacher, attended from Plymouth. The other home economics teachers in the county are Mrs. Lucy Kittrell, of Roper, and Miss Beulah White, of Creswell.

Alison Grady Lamb, now serving with the Navy in the Caribbean area. has been advanced to the rating of seaman, first class. He is the son of Era Irene Lamb, of Plymouth. He enlisted in the Navy on March 24, 1944, and has been in the Caribbean area since June 10.

In a recent letter, Cpl. Leland L. Riddick writes that he enjoys receiving the Beacon every week, although it is a bit late and he is a long ways from home. He is serving with a mobile repair unit somewhere in Italy and has been away from Plymouth for three years, two of them overseas. in England, North Africa and Italy He is well and sends greetings to his many friends back home.

Members of the local rationing board's office force are looking forward to their lone annual official holiday on Monday, De-cember 25. Although there are a few occasions during the year when the office is closed to the public, members of the office force are at work behind the closed doors, and Christmas Day is the only official holiday recognized by the OPA.

Cpl. Stuart Bateman, who is stationed at Myrtle Beach, S. C., with an Army Signal Corps unit, is visiting his sister, Miss Ursula Bateman, county superintendent of public welfare. Corporal Bateman has been in





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Board of Education Members To Confer

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### **Beacon Schedule To Be Changed Next Two Weeks Account of Repair Work**

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Announcement is made this week that The Beacon schedule will undergo some changes during the next two weeks, due to repair work underway in the office. Next week, the Beacon will appear a day earlier, on Wednes-day, Decembr 20; while the fol-lowing week, the paper will be at

least a day late, coming out Friday, December 29. A new concrete floor for the office is to be poured after the paper is published next week. Due to the necessity of moving

all machinery and allowing time for the concrete to set, the intervals between papers is being increased. The office will not be open for business from December 21 through December 26, inclusive; and we trust our patrons will bear with us during this

emergency. Articles and correspondence for next week's paper must be in the office by Monday to insure publication. Subscribers, advertisers and correspondents are requested to please bear the changed schedule in mind.

Goal With Few Days To Go With State Officials Will Go To Raleigh Next Week for Meeting With Elbert Lee Woodley, State Superintendent

Creswell, Reported County school authorities will leave Tuesday for Raleigh, where they will Missing Last Week Erwin, state superintendent of pubic instruction, and other state of-Was Resident of Plymouth icials relative to a program for in-For Three Years Before reasing and improving school failities in Washintgon County. Planning to make the trip are H. H. Mc-

Lean, county superintendent, and all Mrs. Sybil Spruill Woodley, of hree members of the board of edu-Creswell, received a telegram last Thursday from the War Department. cation: L. E. Hassell, chairman, of Empty Stocking Fund [ation: L. E. Hassell, chairman, of Roper; P. B. Belanga, of Creswell; and James W. Norman, of Plymouth. informing her that her husband, Pvt. Elbert Lee Woodley, 23, has been School conditions in the county are missing in action in France since Noat the lowest level they have been in vember 14th. Private Woodley is well many years, due to a number of causknown in Plymouth, where he lived es. Due to deterioration, several for about three years while employed Needy This Christmas school buildings are in serious need of increased enrollment and inadekilled or missing in line of duty since quacy of present facilities. the present war began. His parents

Worthy Cases Will quacy of present facilities. County officials have been giving Mr. and Mrs. Cyfie Woodley, live the problem consideration for several in Creswell. Receive Certificates months, and some time ago they re-quested the aid of state officials in Private Woodley was accepted for

ervice in the Army on December 3, working out a long-term plan to al-1943, and actually entered the serv-Good for Necessities ce on December 26, last year. He rector of schoolhouse planning in trained in South Carolina and was North Carolina, W. F. Credle, came later assigned to a camp at Indiantown Gap. Pa. He received special training in mountain warfare in West Virginia after that and then returned to the Indiantown Gap camp as an instructor.

> His last visit home was early in July this year, and he left for overseas shortly afterwards, on July 25. In a letter to his wife, received a few weeks ago, he wrote that he was driv-

Entering Army

ing a truck, hauling ammunition to the front. At the time he entered the service he was working for the Post Office Department, carrying mail from Wil-Department, carrying mail from Williamston to Columbia. He had been in this work for about a year; and prior to that he was employed for hree years at the North Carolina

Pulp Company here. He was a member of the Christian hurch at Cherry and a graduate of the Creswell High School. About assessors will meet at the courthouse chases. and another brother. Richard Wood-



All Bonds Sold This Month Will Be Credited To Sixth War Loan

"E" Bond sales in Washington County in the Sixth War Loan Carapaign are running just about the same as the national average, according to reports yesterday. However, that is not good enough; and unless there is a sudden spurt in sales between now and Saturday night, Washington County is due to fall short of its quota. The Sixth War Loan officially ends Saturday night, but it was announced this week that all bond sales during the remainder of the month would be credited to the county quotas.

As of vesterday, "E" bond sales since the start of the drive amounted to \$62,595; while the county quota is \$113,000. Thus the county has sold slightly more than 55 per cent of its quota, according to H. E. Beam, chairman of the War Finance Committee. This percentage is about the same as that for the nation as a whole up to this time.

The sale of negotiable bonds and tax certificates will add to the overall total for the county, the quota for which is \$219,000, but it is the "E" bond quota which is causing concern. The total sales reported above Tax Supervisor and do not include sales at the post of-fices in Creswell, Roper and Plym-Township Assessors outh since December 7th, but does include sales at the local bank up to yesterday.

Those who plan to buy bonds are requested not to wait for canvassers or solicitors to call on them, but to To Work Out Schedule for go ahead and buy them now, so that the county may get credit during the present drive. Also those who have sufficient stamps on hand are asked to turn them in on bonds, as the e Township tax listers and boards of will count just the same as cash pur-

Meet Next Week

will hold an adjourned meeting in the

courthouse here next Wednesday

night. Unable to finish all the work

Among the items scheduled for

consideration next Wednesday are

election of a county attorney, audi-

tor, tax collector, farm superinten-

Luke's Church in Roper

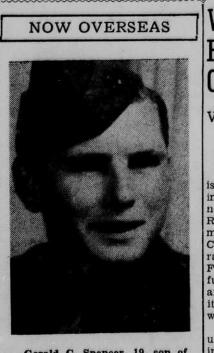
The Rev. William B. Daniels, Jr.

will conduct service and deliver the

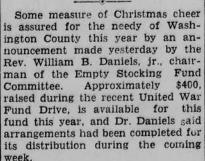
sermon at St. Luke's Episcopal

left off last week.

our years ago he was married to Miss with the tax supervisor next Wednes- County Chairman of the Sixth War Sybil Spruill, of Creswell, and they day night at 8 o'clock to receive in- Loan, W. R. Gaylord, is making a have two children, Elbert Felix, 2 structions about their work, which is final appeal to canvassers to see all years of age; and Robert Drane, 4 scheduled to get underway through- those in their respective areas durmonths old. One brother, Joe Wood- out the county on January 1st. Coun- ing the few days remaining if posley lives in Plymouth while his par- ty Commissioner J. C. Knowles, of sible, so that no one may be missed ents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyfie Woodley, Roper, is tax supervisor and will as- in the drive. Every emphasis should sist the list-takers and assessors in be put on the sale of "E" bonds, as working out plans for making the it is believed the quota of other than listing as uniform as possible in all "E" bonds will be reached before the



Gerald C. Spencer, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Spencer, of Roper, is now serving overseas with the Marine Corps. He is a graduate of the Roper High School and went into the service last June. He trained at Parris Island, S. C., New River, N. C., and Camp Pendleton, Calif. He qualified as an expert rifleman at Parris Island, shooting the highest score in his platoon and the fourth highest for the regiment.



The plan adopted last year will be used again this year. Empty Stocking Fund coupons, valued at 50 cents each, will be issued so that needy families in the county may purchase their own Christmas supplies, subject to certain restrictions, Mr. Daniels said. Every family to which coupons will be issued has been certified as a worthy case by Miss Ursula Bateman, of the County welfare department. So far, 88 needy cases have been certified, as compared with about 30 a year ago.

The number of coupons issued per ilv is based on

ton County.

The coupons may be used by reci-

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**Masonic Banquet** 

Anniversary Celebrated

**Tuesday Night** 

fice of Education, Washington, D. C. It is understood that these men have a preliminary report and recommendations about ready for consideration, and the county school authori-

ties asked Dr. Erwin for an appointment to talk the matter over with man of the Empty Stocking Fund him. Details of the recommendations \$400, have not been transmitted here, but it is expected some of them will be available after the meeting in Raleigh next Wednesday.



25 Per Cent of Those Eligible Have Not Applied; Some Checks Here

Applications for soil conservation payments have been made by apley, live in Creswell. proximately 75 per cent of Washing-

service since April, 1941

George Harrison, electricians mate first class, of the U.S. Naval Reserve is spending about a week here with relatives. He is now stationed on the West Coast and expects to be assigned to overseas duty shortly after his return to duty.

Cpl. Tom Gardner is spendng a few days at home. He is now stationed at Camp Claiborne, La., where his duties are connected with the maintenance and operation of a petroleum pipe line.

# Son of R. T. Warren

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Robert T. Warren, of Washington who has been employed at the ACL station here for the past two years, was advised Monday that his son, Pfc. Robert T. Warren, jr., 25, had been slightly wounded in action November 27 in Germany. The advice was contained in a telegram to the young man's mother in Washington.

Mr. Warren received a letter from his son yesterday, stating that he had been slightly wounded in the back war or no war. but was getting along very well in a Paris hospital. He wrote that he ex- once were, and there are very few Present officers of the lodge were pected to be in the hosiptal for about items of metal and rubber to be recognized, as also was Mrs. Hilda a month.

Young Warren was serving with an of games shows no lessening, how- the Order of the Eastern Star. infantry regiment. He entered the ever; and plastic, wood and cardservice on February 7, 1942, and went board are being used as substitutes overseas on December 4, last year. He for the metal devices seen in pre-war was stationed in northern Ireland years. New wheel toys are almost for sometime before going to France in August of this year.

**Retail Business Up** Here as Christmas Buying Nears Peak Over 100 Attend **Toys and Displays Not as** Elaborate as in Past on Account of War

jr., serving with the Naval Air

Forces overseas.

Despite shortages, gasoline rationing and other restrictions brought about by the war, retail business in Wounded in Action Plymouth is showing the effects of the approaching Christmas season. The volume of sales has been picking up

were present Tuesday night at the Legion Hall for the 133rd anniverrapidly during the past two or three weeks, with the peak expected to be sary celebration and 25th annual Past Masters' Banquet of Perseverreached during the coming week. Most of the stores have put up The occasion was also observed as their green and red Christmas decoladies' night, and it was declared to rations, and displays of suggested be one of the largest and most sucgift items are varied and colorful. cessful occasions of its kind in the Most of the toy assortments are pret-

ty well picked over by this time, be- history of the lodge. Edward L. Owens, master of the cause Santa Claus will make his rounds to visit the smaller children, lodge, served as toastmaster and reviewed some of the activities of the

Toys are not as elaborate as they order here during the past year found on th counters. The variety Gurganus, Worthy Grand Matron of

The proceedings at the Legion Hall followed a short meeting of the lodge at the hall. The banquet was served by members of the Young Matrons' Circle of the Christian church. For-

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**Over Million Dollars' Worth of Bonds Bought in County Since January 1st** 

Washington County peopl illion have bought well over a m ollars' worth of War Bonds this year, it was learned yesterday from H. E. Beam, chairman of the County War Finance Committee. This total embraces all types, from "E" bonds to tax and Treasury certificates of indehtedn

Mr. Beam did not have a break-down for all the issuing agencies in the county, but the Branch Banking & Trust Company here alone has issued 2,-087 "E" bonds since the first of January, the maturity value of which is \$368,575. Mr. Beam said he was sure the three post offices had probably issued more than this number of bonds, although the amount represented might not total as much.

Coupon bonds, certificates of indebtedness and tax cert.ficates issued during the year will amount to considerably more than the total of "E" bonds, Mr. Beam said, although he did not have any accurate figures as to actual sales. There are four issuing agencies in the county, the local bank and post office in Plymouth, Roper and Creswell.

Masonic speeches ever heard here John W. Darden, secretary of the odge, reviwed the history of the odge very briefly; and a memorial address was made by State Senator W. Roy Hampton in honor of the Masons who had passed away since the last Past Masters' Day. He also paid tribute to all members of the lodge now serving in the military

mer State Senator Carl L. Bailey

made the principal address, which

was described as one of the best

forces. Perseverance Lodge has seven members in the service; and one of them, Harley Lee Johnson, was killed in action during the past year. The roll call of past masters was made by H. H. McLean, district deputy grand master; and there were several other interesting features on

the program. Shep Brinkley provided the piano music for the occasion; and the Rev. E. B. Quick and Rev. Lee A. Phillips made the invocation and benediction, respectively.

ton County farmers who are eligible for them, it was stated this week by the family and the degree of need. The Branch Banking & Trust Com-Miss Miriam Ausbond, AAA secretary at the agriculture building here. She pany of Plymouth will honor the coufound at face value when they are prerequests all farmers who have not applied to do so as soon as possible sented by any merchant of Washing-

preferably before Christmas, so that heir aplications may be forwarded

for approval. Miss Ausbond said there were 850 farms, and possibly 1.000 or more farmers and tenants, eligible to par-

cicipate in the soil building program. However, about 100 to 150 of the School Holiday Is farms did not carry out the soilbuilding practices required, and Past Masters Honored and hence they will not receive payments this year.

So far, 530 aplications for payments have been forwarded from the local office. Seventy-two checks

More than 100 members and guests have been received and are being distributed to farmers and tenants, the amounts ranging from a low of 90 cents to a high of \$380.85, it was stated. The total amount represented in ance Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & A. M. the 72 checks thus far issued is around \$5,000 to \$6,000.

#### Musical Recital at Roper Next Monday Afternoon

Roper.-The music class of Mrs Roy Hopkins will give a duet recital of Christmas carols Monday afternoon at 2:30 in the school auditorium The public is invited to attend.



For the convenience of shoppers who are not able to visit local places of business during daylight hours, Plymouth stores will remain open each night until 9 o'clock, beginning Wednesday of next week, December 20. This schedule will be followed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, and they also will be open until 10 o'clock Saturday night, the last shopping day before Christmas

With only eight more shopping days until Christmas, gift seekers are advised to make their purchases as early as possible. The morning hours are best, as stores are not as crowded then as they are later in the day. Stocks are fairly complete up to now, but patrons are advised to remember that there can be little replacement between now and ChirstLegion Auxiliary Will Meet Monday Night

A cook-book dinner party, honor-

the auxiliary are invited and re- the commissioners at their meeting

for exchange at this time.

**Nearly Two Weeks** 

Close After Classes Next Wednesday; Reopen on Tuesday, January 2

Washington County school childmas season, it was learned this week from H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction. All schools in the county, white and olored, will close after classes next

Wednesday, December 20, and will esume sessions on Tuesday, January 2.

Due to the late start of schools last it is expected that the term will not The closing date cannot defi- are urged to attend. June. nitely be determined yet, as bad weather this winter may block opethe term.

Another factor that will cause later closing next spring is the addition of month to the school term, which became effective this year. Prior to the current term, schools of the state had eight-month sessions, but this year started on nine-month terms.

### Pvt. Lloyd R. Waters at Army Hospital in Florida

Daytona Bleach, Fla.-Pvt. Lloyd R. Waters, who formerly lived in Plymouth and Jamesville, has recently arrived at Welch Convalescent Hospital, the Army's new reconditioning center in Daytona Beach. The carefully planned reconditioning program here will speed his convalescence and assist his return to the best of health.

The son of Lloyd C. Waters, of Plymouth, N. C., Pvt. Waters was inured while undergoing basic training. His wife, Mrs. Beulah Ange Waters, lives in Jamesville.

four townships. All real estate in the county is

Pvt Bob Thomas Furlough, son

of T. E. Furlough, of Roper, is

now in Italy with an engineers

outfit. He has been overseas for

three years, and was waarded the

Purple Heart Medal after being

wounded in the foot by sharpnel

in North Africa on February 2,

1943. He recovered completely

after three months in a hosiptal

and returned to active duty. In

a recent letter, he wrote that he was getting along fine and hoped

Uniform Listing of Per-

sonal Property

to be home soon.

end of the week. No report has been received of the

subject to review and revaluation amount of "E" bonds bought by men next year, pursuant to state law, in the service and credited to this ing the past president of the Ameri- which requires such action every four county. In the last campaign such can Legion Auxiliary, will be held years. The last revaluation was in sales amounted to about \$8,000. Last-Monday, December 18, at 7:30 p.m., 1941. Boards of assessors for the res- minute bond purchases for Christmas to state and national headquarters in the Legion Hall. All members of pective townships were appointed by gifts are expected to swell the total somewhat, but the margin is entirely quested to bring their Christmas gifts December 4. They will be sworn in too close for comfort at this time: and it will require every sale possible at the meeting next Wednesday and instructed as the manner and method for the county to reach its goal by the

to be followed in listing. end of the drive.

It is understood that the boards of assessors will serve as list-takers; County Board To except possibly in Plymouth Township, where it is usually necessary to have a list-taker for personal property in addition to the there asses-The county board of commissioners

At the meeting next week, a uniform schedule of values is to be worked out for listing personal property,

including cattle, hogs, sheep, mules that came before them last first Monen will get almost two weeks away and horses. The object is to make day, the board recessed until Decemfrom their studies during the Christ- the valuations as nearly uniform as ber 20, when it will resume where it possible throughout the county

**Roper Parents-Teachers** To Meet Next Tuesday Roper .- The Roper Parent-Teach- dent and courthouse janitor. Other er Association will meet Tuesday matters wil probably receive atten-

evening of next week, December 19, tion also. at 8 o'clock, in the high school audi-

fall, opening of which was delayed torium. A special Christmas enter- Services Sunday at St. by the infantile paralysis epidemic, tainment has been planned by the program committee for this meeting, finally end until about the middle of and patrons and friends of the school

> A Christmas pageant will be presented by the grammar grades, and Church, Roper, Sunday morning, De-

ration of school busses and extend the glee club will sing a selection of cember 17. The service will begin at Christmas carols.

Much Money Paid Out by Local Bank

111:15 a.m.

large amount of cash during the past two or three weeks, principally to be used for Christmas shopping, it was learned this week from H. E. Beam, the cashier The exact amount was not divulged by the banker, but it is indicated that it will total more than \$100.000.

Although the Branch Banking & Trust Company here does not have the regular Christmas savings accounts, as in years past, a number of thrifty people set up special Christmas accounts every year, adding a little each week in order to provide a fund for them to draw on for Christmas shopping. He also said that a number of these people found, when Christmas time rolled around, that they could get along without drawing on these accounts and kept them in the bank or bought War Bonds.

Incidentally, Mr. Beam said there had been no wholesale "cashing in" of War Bonds here in order to get Christmas money. The rate of redemption is still rather high, but it has not noticeably increased since the Christmas shopping season besan.

