

J. B. Davenport, of the U. S. Maritime Service, spent four days here recently with his father, J. L. Davenport. He will visit other relatives before returning to New York to "ship out" again with the merchant marine

Wilbur M. Darden resumed his duties as clerk of the Washington County Superior Court last week. W. B. Cox, who has been attending to the duties of the office as assistant clerk for the past several years, has accepted a position with the North Carolina Pulp Company.

County Auditor E. J. Spruill returned to Rocky Mount hospital last Wednesday for treatment after being home for a few weeks. He had not fully recovered from an attack of ptomaine suffered more than a month ago and decided to return for further treatment. He is said to be getting along very well, although still weak.

The Branch Banking and Trust Company was closed today in observance of Halifax Day, the date marking the anniversary of the resolutions adoptd by the Provisional Congress of North Carolina at Halifax on April 12, 1776, instructing the delegates from North Carolina to the Provincial Congress to vote for a Declaration of Independence,

Quite a number of county farmers will begin transplanting tobacco plants to the field next week. The season is one of the earliest in the history of the crop in the county. Some blue mold has been reported, but no serious damage to plant beds has been reported thus far.

County School Superintendent H. H. McLean last week broadcast an appeal by the Junior Red Cross for 5,000 wire coat hangers from Washington County, to be sent to Army and Navy hospitals for use by wounded service men. He requested school principals to make the collection and report by Friday, April 13. Up to today, the colored school in Plymouth, under the supervision of Principal A. R. Lord, had collected 1.647 hangers, which it is believed will constitute a record for the county.

The Albemarle District Committee. Boy Scouts of America, will hold its regular meeting Friday night at the city clerk's office at 8 o'clock. A program of camporees and camping for the summer for Scouts of Washington and Tyrrell Counties is to be considered and discussed.

It was reported here yesterday that Louis Gurganus, farmer who lives on the Mackeys road, suffered a painful cut on his left foot Monday morning, when he was cutting bean poles. The axe slipped and he cut a gash on his left foot that required four stitches by Dr. McGowan to THE ROANOKE BEACON

GETS PROMOTION



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Plymouth, Washingt in County, North Carolina, Thursday, April 12, 1945

No Interest, No Candidates for Town Election To Be Held Tuesday, May 8

Clothing Collection in

County for Needy of

War-Torn Countries

end.

So far, absolutely no interest has been displayed in the town election, which will be held on May 8 this year. Although the election is less than a month off. there are no candidates or prospective candidates for the seven places to be filled, and it now looks as if an entire slate of city officials will have to drafted to run local affairs for the two years beginning on the first Monday in June.

Several present members of the city council have indicated that they would not be candidates for reelection; and Mayor B. G.

Campbell said last week that he did not desire to run again. The mayor is rounding out 18 years of service, nine as a member of the council and nine more as the town's chief executive.

Several names have been proposed for the various offices, but those suggested have, without exception, declared that they not only were not interested but would decline to serve. Time is growing short, and some sort of action will have to be taken in the immediate future, or the town will be without any elected officials.

Successful Drive



Ensign Barbara Norman. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Norman, of Plymouth has been promoted to lieutenant (j.g.) in the U. S. Navy. She entered Smith College, Northampton, Mass., for training on October 21, 1943, and received her commission as ensign December 14, 1943 She was assigned to the Naval Air Station at Vero Beach, Fla., Where she has remained as a communications officer.

Civic Clubs, Unions, Schools Mrs. J. H. Browning **Died Suddenly Near** Plans were worked out last week-d for county participation in the Here Last Saturday

> Victim of Heart Attack: Funeral Service Held Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Dean Browning, 62, wife of H. Browning, prominent farmer of France. He was serving with Genhe Long Ridge section near Plymuth, died suddenly from a heart attack at her home about 1:15 last Metz area on that date. His parcounty drive at a meeting last week-Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Brown- ents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Woodley ing had been to Plymouth Saturday live in Creswell.

It is announced that donations of morning; she spoke of not feeling well while on the way back, and died He entered the Army on December 3 used clothing will be received at the Union Hall, on the second floor of the nortly after reaching her home. old hotel building, at the various Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs county schools, and a collection will Battle Gurganus Mrs. Browning was be made by Boy Scouts. Complete born in Washing on County on Januplans for a canvass have not been ary 27, 1883, and lived in the same where he received special training in general community all of her life.

The purpose of the collection is to She was an ardent church worker and secure good used clothing for free one of the most active members of distribution to needy and destitute the Christian Hope church in her section. She taught a Sunday school men, women and children in war devastated countries. Henry J. Kaiser is class and had a leading part in the promotion of all phases of church national chairman of the collection. Samples of the type of clothing work.

A. N. Wentz Final Besides her husband Mrs Brown-

of Norfolk. Va. She also leaves three

sisters, Mrs. R. G. Hardison, of Plym.

outh; Mrs. W. A. Mizelle, of Plym-

outh Route 1: Mrs. B. F. Read, of Bal-

Gurganus, of Durham: Joe Gray

Funeral services were held from



large house, he can obtain pri-

orities, under this program to

convert the unit and in so doing

National Agency Authorizes Program For Converting 20 Dwelling Units Here

Jack H. Brown, of Greensboro. state director of the National Housing Administration, announced Tuesday that due to a critical lack of housing in the Plymouth area, and as a result of a survey recently made, the National Housing Agency has approved a conversion program consisting of 20 units for the Plymouth area.

According to Mr. Brown, the

program contemplates the con-

version of existing structures,

whether they be presently used

for residential purposes or not.

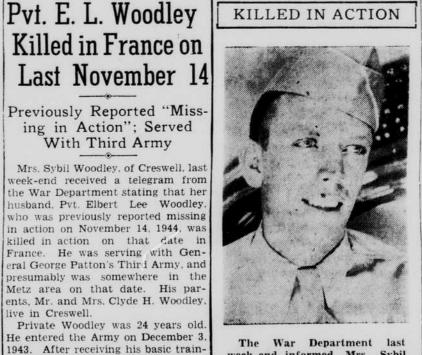
into one or more living units. In

other words, if a person owns a

With Third Army

create additional living units which will help relieve the critical housing situation in Plymouth. Without the program authorized this week, construction re-

strictions would prohibit the conversion work. The program, as now set up, will permit the creation of but 20 additional units through the medium of conversion. Application blanks for priorities may be secured from Jack H. Brown, state director, National Housing Agency. Greensboro, N. C.



week-end informed Mrs. Sybil ing at oFrt Jackson, S. C., he was as Woodley, of Creswell, that her signed to a unit at Indiantown Gap husband, Pvt. Elbert Lee Wood-Pa. Later he went to West Virginia ley, previously reported missing was killed in action in France on mountain warfare, receiving a spe November 14, last year, while cial certificate and being returned to serving with General Patton's Indiantown Gap as an instructor in Third Army.

Edgar H. Bain To Meet

Beer Dealers Next Week Edgar H. Bain, of Goldsboro, state

The county board of education last Monday put in motion the machinery to call for a special election to pass on issuance of up to \$250,000 worth of bonds for erection and major repairs of school buildings in various parts of the county. It was the hope of the board of education members that the special election could be held

by the first of June, but this appears

doubtful in the light of later develop-

Expect Call To Be

Made at May Meet

Not Believed Election Can

Be Held Before Middle

Or Last of June

Of County Board

ments The recent legislature passed an act authorizing Washington County commissioners to call such an election at the request of the board of education. The education board made such request, by resolution directed to the county commissioners, at its regular April meeting last Monday. In turn, the commissioners directed the county attorney, W. L. Whitley, to prepare the proper notices for calling the special election and have them ready to be acted upon at he next regular meeting of the ounty board, on the first Monday in May

Since the calling of a special election and issuance of bonds is a very meticulous proceeding it is expected to require some time for the correct procedure to be determined and acted upon. It will be necessary to call for a special registration for the bond election, and this must be properly advertised, all of which will require time. The next meeting of the county commissioners is set for May 7. and it is considered doubtful that the election can be held before the middle or later part of June, at best.

Raymond E. Phelps Injured at Iwo Jima

Is Fifth Man From Washington County Wounded In Recent Battle

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Phelps, of Monday stating that their son, Pvt. Raymond will meet with retail beer dealers of Earl Phelps, 20, of the U.S. Marine the county at the courthouse in Corps, was wounded in the stomach Plymouth Friday afternoon of next during the Iwo Jima battle last week, April 20, at 2 p.m. He will ex- month. The letter, dictated by young plain changes in the law regulating Phelps and written by a comrade at the sale of beer and requests all beer a Naval hospital somewhere in the



1st Lt. J. S. (Dick) Norman, son of J. S. Norman, of Plymouth, reported Tuesday to Turner Field at Albany, Ga., where he will serve as an instructor on B-25 "Mitchell" medium bombers. Lieutenant Norman returned last fall from England, where he completed 35 bombing missions as a pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress with the Eighth Air Force. He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross with two battle

Number Routine Business

Matters Disposed of at

Regular Meeting

successors will be elected

All members of the board were

Albert Hufton was allowed \$2 each

Mrs. J. C. Knowles was appointed

registrar of vital statistics for Lees

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Mill Township, succeeding Mrs. Rus-

close

Mrs. W. C. Moore this week stated that she had been requested to Local Legion Auxiliary publish the correct address of the family of Oscar Leon Driver, jr., of The American Legion Auxiliary wi the U.S. Marine Corps, who was killed in action on Iwo Jima recent- meet Monday night, April 16, at ly. His wife, Mrs. O. L. Driver, jr., o'clock in the Legion Hall. Mesdames and parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Rogers, Simpson, and Bowen are hos-Driver. sr., all live at Whistler, Ala., tess. All members are requested to attend.



Officers Elected and Two New Members Installed Last Week County Board Took where conditions are similar to those prevailing here.

well, Vice President; Plan Program

About 30 members of the Washington County Farm Bureau attended the meeting held here last Friday night, when officers were elected and installed for the current year. The new officers are as follows: W. H. Thompson, of Roper, president; Ernest Davenport, of Creswell and Cherry, vice president; and Mrs. Norma B. Spruill, secretary and treasurer.

After the new officers weer installed, plans were discussed for a number of activities by the organization during the coming fewmonths. The first thing planned was a barbecue, which will be held later in the spring, to which all members and prospective members will be invited.

It was also decided to hold regular meetings of the bureau at the agripresent Monday. Besides the two culture building in Plymouth on the new members, they are H. H. Allen, first Friday of each month, starting chairman, of Plymouth; J. at 8 p.m. Interesting and instruc-Knowles of Roper; and Harry W. tive progress will be presented deal-Pritchett, of Creswell. Proceedings ing with timely topics of interest to were as follows: county farmers. The county unit now has 255 members, and it is for pigs killed by dogs running at planned to increase this number and large.

make the organization active in promoting the welfare of all those interested in agriculture.

At the May meeting, it is hoped to sell Chesson, who has moved away. have Howard R. Garris, of Raleigh, Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home plant disease specialist at State Coldemonstration agent, read her report lege, for the main speaker. Mr. Garfor March, which was accepted and ris is an expert on peanuts, as well as approved all plant diseases, and will have The schedule "B" license tax for a timely message for those produc-

ing this crop.

needed are being displayed in three oak-leaf clusters

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announced as yet.

Will Meet Next Monday No Mosquito Control nardino. Calif.; three daughters, Mrs Program This Year Mrs. Rosalie Sawyer, of Roanoke Rapids; and Mrs. Samuel Bateman

the

Town Short of Funds: May

Seek Subscriptions for Partial Relief

Charles Leonard, sanitary officer Gurganus, of Laurinburg; and Paul for the district health department. Gurganus, of Glendale, Md. made a very interesting talk about control of mosquitoes at the weekly meeting of the Lions Club last Thurs- 4 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. J day night. Mr. Leonard, who is well R. Lee, her pastor, assisted by the habits of various types of mosquitoes, Christian church of Plymouth. Inand methods of control which have terment was made in the Jackson been found effective in communities cemetery near the home.

Regular Meeting of Ernest Davenport, of Cres- Oath Office Monday At the conclusion of his talk, it have been made for any mosquitocontrol measures here this year. The town, which has been taking the lead in this work for the past several years, has no funds available at this time for hiring the necessary help or buy.

ing the oil necessary for spraying. The Board of Washington County Members of the club showed con-Commissioners took its enlarged membership in stride at its regular siderable interest in the matter, and it was proposed that a fund be raised meeting last Monday, and after a brief "swearing-in" ceremony got by public subscription to carry on right down to business on rountine some phases of the work, which it is matters at the same old stand. Pur- believed will at least make conditions suant to an act passed by the recent more endurable here during the legislature enlarging membership of spring and early summer months.

the board from three to five, A. R. The matter is slated for further consideration when more club members Latham, of Plymouth, and the Rev. are present. T. F. Davenport, of Lake Phelps

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took their oaths of office as members of the board before Clerk of Court W. To Begin Nation-Wide M. Darden. They will serve until Brake Testing Sunday the next general election, when their

derway. M. B. Stewart, local mem- was administered by Clerk of Super-

been ordered to start checking the owners whose cars are found below Wenona, being named to succeed

adjustments or repairs made. Local sheriffs and police officers tee appointments for the coming two their home addresses. throughout the state have been requested to cooperate in the program. Each officer is furnished a block.

which placed under the brake pedal Furbee, of Wenona: shows whether or not adjustment or

warned to have their brakes in good ton, of Roper: time

ing is survived by three sons. H. I **Rites Near Roper** and I. R. Browning, of Plymouth Route 1; Joe Gray Browning, of the U. S. Navy, stationed at San Ber Died Thursday Morning of A. J. Ange. of Plymouth Route 1 Mrs. Rosalie Sawyer, of Roanoke

nountain climbing

Illness

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A. N. Wentz, 69 prominent resident of the Mill Pond road section near Roper, died Thursday morning of last week at 11 o'clock after a long pertimore, Md.; and three brothers, Onie od of declining health. He had been ill for the past three years, but was confined to his bed only about four

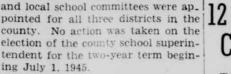
weeks before the end came.

Son of the late A. C. Wentz and the late home Sunday afternoon at Jane Ballard Wentz, originally of Onslow County, he was born in Washqualified on the subject, discussed the Rev. E. B. Quick, pastor of the First ington County on October 1, 1875, and spent all of his life in the Roper section. On April 25, 1896, he was married to Miss Lee Ainsley, also of Rop. er, who survives him. Mr. Wentz was a member of the Episcopal church of Roper for many years. Besides his widow. Mrs. Lee Ains-**Board of Education** ey Wentz, of Roper, he is survived one son, Bernard Wentz, of Ra-

> of Norfolk, Va. Members Begin New Terms Funeral services were held from the late home last Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m., conducted by the Rev. William B. Daniels, Episcopal rector of Plymouth, and the Rev.

leigh; and one brother, B. F. Wentz

Members of the Washington Coun-Sidney Matthews, of Washington, as-Board of Education had a busy sisted by the Rev. G. C. Wood, Methoday Monday. All three members of the old board entered upon new dist minister, of Roper. Interment terms, they requested the county was made in the family cemetery on commissioners to call the special bond the farm. election at the earliest date possible.



Members of the board were reap-

And Reappoint Local

School Committees

Beginning Sunday, April 15, and the first business at the meeting Mon- report to the office of the local Seleccontinuing through May 31, a nation- day was to be sworn in and begin tive Service Board here next Wedneswide brake testing program gets un- their new terms of office. The oath day morning, when they will be sent ber of the state Highway Patrol, has ior Court W. M. Darden.

Only one change was made in the brakes on all cars and trucks, and local committees. Glenn Furbee, of who only recently reached the age of standard will be given citation to have James L. Rea. jr., on the Plymouth outh, two are from Roper and one

years are as follows

repairs is needed. Car owners are eys; A. R. Phelps and F. C. Tarking- Junior Mark Smith and Joe B. Downorder by Sunday, as they are subject Creswell: H. R. Stillman, Harry P. and Earl Norman, of Roper; Albert

to be stopped and checked at any Barnes, of Creswell; Hubert L. Day- Hassell, of Mackeys; and Warren enport, Roper Route 1.

Last Week After Long

hairman of the brewers' committee dealers in the county to meet him at that time

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Raleigh, April 10 .- (Special to The **Registration Period** Beacon).-With approximately 20 per cent of the housing units in The Plymouth City Council made Plymouth and Washington County arrangements at a meeting last registered as of today, George W Thursday night for holding the bien-Jeffrey, Plymouth Rent Control Area nial municipal election here on May director, said that Sunday, April 15 A mayor and six councilmen are is the deadline for rent registration to be elected at that time to govern Persons making registrations after town affairs for the next two years that date and those who fail to reg-

Registration books for the town ister are subject to penalty. election will open on Saturday, April A tabulation at the rent control of-21, and remain open for one week fice this morning revealed 240 hous closing the following Saturday, April ing accomodations already registered, 28. Saturday before the election, plus two rooming houses and hotels May 5, will be challenge day. This is approximately 20 per cent of The city council also appointed the estimated more than 1.000 dwelling units in Washington County, Mr. gistrars and pollholders for the Jeffrey said. lection and designated the places of

egistartion and polling Slowest to register have been perons renting dwelling quarters in Mrs. H. M. Ramsey will be registrat Washington County outside the town for the first ward and will have the of Plymouth. The director reminded registration books at her insurance that all rented units in Washington office on Water Street here during County must be registered. The whole he registration period from April 21 of Washington County has been deto 28, inclusive. Whit Stubbs and A. clared a defense rental area and rent R. Dupree were named pollholders control is in effect throughout the for the election, and the polling placounty, he said es for this ward will be at the court-

The penalty for failure to register all rented or offered-for-rent dwell-L. C. Hassell is registrar for the second ward and will have the books ing units is \$5.000 fine or one year in at the Hassell Brothers Bakery, Federal prison. Blanks for registration of rented property, including which will also be the polling place. William R. Darden and J. T. McNair houses, apartment, rooms and all other living quarters may be secured from Mrs. Jane H. Hanes, rent Mrs. C. A. Cratch was named regstrar for the third ward, with P. H. control clerk, at the office of the Washington County War Price and Darden's store on Jefferson Street Rationing Board in the courthouse. designated as the registration and polling place. Whit Harrison and W. Those who sub-rent or sub-lease living quarters are also required to register such property, it is emphasized,

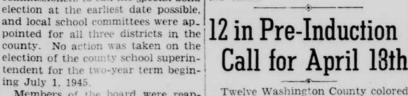
pointed by the recent legislature, and men were this week sent notices to

to Fort Bragg to receive their preinduction physical examinations. Most of the number are young men

18. Eight of them are from Plymcommittee. The complete commit- each list Mackeys and Creswell as

Following is the list of those sum-Plymouth: A. Lloyd Owens, R. J. moned: Roy Earl Johnson, Rupert Frymier, of Plymouth; and Glenn Johnson, James Thomas Hooker are pollholders Robert Lee Ecker, Richard Joseph Roper: W. B. Davenport, of Mack- McNair, William Alexander Gee ing, jr., of Plymouth; Eugene Bell

Chester Bouton, of Creswell,



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