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Lt. and Mrs. Robert B. Campbell and little son, Charles Robert, arrived this week to spend about a week here with Lieutenant Campbell's parents, Register of Deeds and Mrs. J. R. Campbell. Lieutenant Campbell is stationed at Camp Patrick Henry, near Norfolk, and is on duty at the port of embarkation.

So far as could be learned here this week, no Washington County service men have received discharges under the point system announced last week by the Army. Several are known to have the 85 or more points required for discharge, but most of them are overseas at this time.

The fishing season opens again Saturday of this week, May 19, according to County Game Protector J. T. Terry. It will then be legal again to take bass, perch, and similar game fish from inland waters, which includes most of the creeks and lakes in the county. The season has been closed since April 6th.

Relatives and friends of service men who left photos at the Plymouth Theatre last month for reproduction on the screen are again reminded that the photos have been returned, and they are requested to call for them as soon as possible. They may be obtained at the box office at any time.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown was ambushed by a mama dog and bitten just to the win'ard and slightly off to his right hip pocket Sunday afternoon in a backyard on Sugar Hill. He was after a colored man and went into the yard where the dog had a litter of puppies and an ingrained antipathy for blue coats and brass buttons. She evidently figured his intentions weren't honorable and attacked silently but effectively on his right flank, completely repelling the invasion. The chief is having the dog watched and his trigger finger greased. It marked his first dog bite in 24 years on the force.

W. B. Cox recently received a letter from his son, W. B. Cox, jr., machinist's mate 1/c of the U. S. Navy, stating that he was in a Naval hospital at a Pacific base suffering with a tropical fever. He said he was getting along very well and receiving the best of attention at the time. Mr. Cox has two other sons in the Navy in the Pacific, Ensign J. Brinson Cox and Warrant Officer Hubert M. Cox.

Sheriff and Mrs. J. K. Reid, Mrs. N. C. Vail and Misses Shirley Williams and James attended the annual Mother's Day parade at Edwards Military Institute in Pinebluff last Sunday. Joe Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reid, and Timmy Vail, grandson of Mrs. Vail, were members of the parade. (See TOPICS, Page 4)

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Town Organization Is Perfected at Meet of New Council Monday

Bonner To Speak At Roper Finals

Principal R. B. Forbes, of the Roper High School, announced this week that Representative Herbert C. Bonner, of the First North Carolina District, would be the commencement speaker. He will speak at the finals there on June 6, at 8:15 p.m. It was announced last week that Representative Bonner would make the commencement address at the Plymouth schools on the morning of June 6.

Mr. Forbes also announced that Margaret Spruill had won the honor of being valedictorian of the Roper High School graduating class, Jimmy Johnson will be salutatorian.

Returns After 18 Months in Pacific

Arthur Miller Lee in Number Battles; Rounds Out 20 Years in Navy

Arthur Miller Lee, first-class machinist's mate in the U. S. Navy, has returned to his home in the Piney Grove section to spend some time with his wife, Mrs. Ida Belle Lee, after 18 months in the South Pacific war zone.

Mr. Lee has served in the Navy for 20 years. Sixteen of these were before the war. Shortly before the war was declared in December, 1941, he was called back into the service and has since served an additional four years. He has been in a number of major battle actions and has several service bars and citations.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee have three children, John Arthur, Rosa and Linwood Miller, who live in this county with their mother. His baby son, Linwood Miller, was born after he went to the Pacific more than a year ago, and he saw him for the first time when he returned on his present furlough. (See TOWN COUNCIL, Page 4)

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Financial Condition Is Studied at Length

Statement To Be Published Next Week and Quarterly Thereafter

The new city administration held its first council meeting last Monday night and formally perfected its organization for the work ahead during the coming two years. The new mayor, Eugene F. Still, presided, and all six councilmen were present: H. E. Harrison and A. J. Riddle, first ward; E. Durand Keel and J. Shepherd Brinkley, second ward; A. J. Byrd and J. Wesley Marrow, third ward.

Aside from rehiring city employees and perfecting the council organization, members studied the town financial statement at some length; passed an order requiring the statement to be published every three months, starting next week; ordered the immediate purchase of 500 feet of new fire hose; and discussed a variety of other topics. The session was rather lengthy, starting at 8 o'clock and continuing without let-up for about three hours.

The first business was employment of city police, clerk and other officials, including the following: P. W. Brown, chief of police and tax collector; Moye W. Spruill, city clerk; Paul Basnight and George W. Coburn, policemen; and Jack Weede, night fireman. It was ordered that the same salaries prevail and they be employed as long as their services continue satisfactory. All votes on rehiring city employees were unanimous; in fact, every action taken by the council at its first meeting was without a dissenting vote.

Mayor Still announced appointment of the following standing committees, the first named in each group to serve as chairman: Water Department: H. E. Harrison, A. J. Riddle, A. J. Byrd; Streets and Sewerage: J. W. Marrow, H. E. Harrison, J. S. Brinkley; Health and Sanitation: A. J. Riddle, A. J. Byrd, E. D. Wilford Goff. (See TOWN COUNCIL, Page 4)

Returns After Being Prisoner of Germans

Husband of Mrs. Kathreen Lang Lost Part of Both Feet, Due To Cold

S/Sgt. R. A. Lang, husband of Mrs. Kathreen Mobley Lang, manager of the local Rose's store, was liberated from a German prison camp on April 12 and has returned home. He spent last week-end with Mrs. Lang and her parents in Everetts, and Mrs. Lang accompanied him to Ayden Sunday to spend sometime with his mother.

Sergeant Lang had half of both feet amputated while he was in the German prison camp. They were frozen during the "Battle of the Bulge" in the vicinity of Bastogne, Belgium, in last December, about the time the sergeant was captured. He was taken prisoner on December 28, 1944.

Sergeant Lang said that one of his feet was amputated by a French surgeon, who also was a prisoner, and an American surgeon removed the other. Due to shortage of cloth, paper was used for bandages following the operation. The only food received by the prisoners was a bowl of soup each day.

The sergeant is a native of Pitt County, but entered the service from Martin County about four years ago. He spent three years in Panama, and returned to the United States last year; afterwards going overseas to Britain in October. He was member of an Army medical detachment.

Dance Will Mark Formal Opening of Albemarle Beach Friday of Next Week

Plans are complete for formal opening of Albemarle Beach, popular resort seven miles from Plymouth, on Friday night of next week, May 25, it was announced Monday by L. W. Gurkin, owner. Hal Thurston and his orchestra will provide music for the opening dance, and a large crowd is expected to attend. Damaged extensively in the storm last September, beach installations have been repaired and replaced, and Mr. Gurkin says everything will be ready for the opening next week. Work-

men have been busy for the past several weeks, repainting and repairing buildings, and a new pier is being built to replace the one destroyed in September.

Boating, bathing and dancing are the principal attractions at the beach, and they will be available for picnics and other group outings, Mr. Gurkin said. In addition, there are several cottages for rent by the week, month or season. Everything is in readiness to take care of the large crowds expected to visit the resort this season.

Three Draft Calls Will Leave County In Less Than Week

Two for Colored, One for White; First Group Leaving Today

The local draft board is having an extremely busy season right now. Notices are either out or going out for two induction and one pre-induction calls this week and next. The board also has received three calls for June and is getting ready to fill them, if possible.

A colored pre-induction group of 10 men is leaving today for Fort Bragg, and a colored induction call is set for next Monday, May 21. In addition, eight white men have received notices to report here for induction on the morning of May 24, Thursday of next week. Then the board has pending a white pre-induction call for June 12, a colored induction call for June 19.

Practically all of those now being called up are in the 18-34 age group, only one being listed as over 34. Most of them are new registrants, who have only recently reached 18 years of age.

The colored pre-induction group scheduled to leave today is composed of the following: Matthew Fields, Lorenzo Simpson, James Edward Jordan, Herbert Lee Wilkins, Clarence Wesley Brown, James Henry Hall, William Vernon Hines, Louis Ralph Belcher, David Cox and James Robert Patrick. All are new registrants except one.

The next is for 6 colored men to report Monday, May 21, for induction. They are: Henry Lawrence Moore, John Wesley Brown, Dempsey Lee Thorpe, Burke Hoggard, Joe Edmund Moore, and Andrew Barnhill.

The white pre-induction group for May will leave Thursday morning of next week. Half of the eight in the call are new registrants, while the call of the others ranges up to 34 years. They are as follows: Earl Jefferies Coulter, Julian Ward Knowles, Shelton Ward McNair, William Benjamin Gilchrist, Leslie Hugh Lowe, William Ellis Givens, Edward Henry Blatz, and Woodrow Wilford Goff.

Edgar L. Barnes Wounded in Leg

Mother Notified He Is Now In Service Hospital at Pacific Base

Mrs. Charlie W. Barnes, of Roper, Route 1, received word last Monday that her son, Edgar L. Barnes, seaman first class, of the U. S. Navy, had been wounded in action somewhere in the southwest Pacific. The young man was wounded in the leg and foot and is now in a service hospital in the Pacific war zone, according to a letter from him.

He has been in the service since about the middle of 1943, and he went overseas in January, 1944. The letter this week was the first his mother had received from him since March. He stated that he took part in the Okinawa invasion, which was launched on Easter Sunday.

Home After Twenty Months in Pacific

Lt. James Wood Norman, USNR, Mrs. Norman and their little daughter, Louise, arrived yesterday afternoon to spend a few days here with Lieutenant Norman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norman. The lieutenant has just returned to the United States after 20 months' service in the Pacific war zone, where he served as skipper of an LCI in several major invasions of Japanese-held territory.

Lieutenant Norman is a native of Plymouth, but made his home in Richmond, where he was employed as a chemical engineer at a Dupont plant, prior to entering the service nearly three years ago.

He stated that he traveled approximately 40,000 miles on the trip home recently. While in the Pacific he took part in five major battle actions. He has a number of unusual souvenirs, including a Japanese officer's Samurai two-handed ceremonial sword.

Infantryman's Badge Is Awarded Harry P. Swain

With the 32nd Infantry Division in Pangasinan Province, Luzon, P. I.—Pfc. Harry P. Swain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swain, who live on Route 1, Plymouth, N. C., has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge for exemplary behavior in the face of the enemy.

In the service since March, 1944, Private Swain has seen action in the Leyte campaign and is fighting on Luzon at present with the 32nd "Red Arrow" Infantry Division.

Local Quotas and Chairmen Appointed for 7th War Loan

Plymouth Workers Will Meet Monday

Each One Expected To Sell \$2,000 Worth E Bonds During Drive

Plans for the Seventh War Loan Drive in Plymouth and Plymouth Township have been worked out on a little different basis than the plan used in past campaigns. Instead of having house-to-house canvassers assigned to specified areas, as in the past, the 69 canvassers have each been assigned the task of selling \$2,000 worth of E bonds each, issue price and they may sell them anywhere they can.

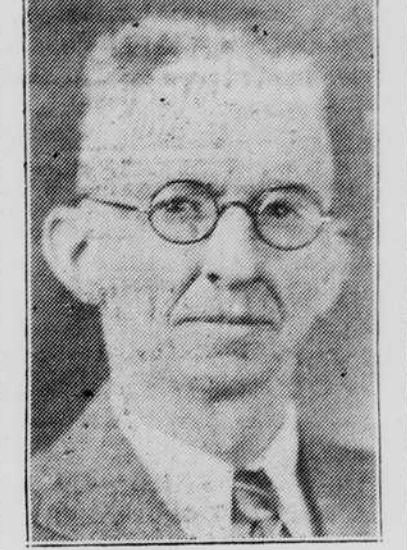
A meeting of all workers in Plymouth and Plymouth Township, white and colored, will be held at the agriculture building here next Monday night, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. Every canvasser is urged to attend this meeting to get the materials and instructions for conducting the campaign. It will require a whole-hearted and united effort to raise the quota assigned the county, and it is hoped a large number will attend the meeting next Monday night.

A large bulletin board will be erected in front of the community building here. It will contain the names of the workers, and as fast as each worker sells his or her \$2,000 worth, a gold star will be placed opposite his or her name on the board.

The Town of Plymouth and Plymouth Township have a combined quota of \$80,000 worth of E bonds to be sold during the campaign. All quotas referred to in this article refer to the issue price of the bonds and not to the maturity value.

James W. Norman is chairman of the county drive and over all director of the campaign locally. E. F. Still and Shep Brinkley are co-chairmen of the drive in the town of Plymouth; and Mrs. Al Latham is chairman of the campaign in the remainder of Plymouth Township. No chairman was named for the four townships. (See PLYMOUTH, Page 4)

CHAIRMAN



William L. Dunbar Given Bronze Star

Is For Meritorious Service Against Germans; With Patton's Army

The Bronze Star Medal was recently awarded to T/5 William L. Dunbar, of Wenona, for meritorious service against the Germans during the latter part of last year. Corporal Dunbar was serving with a mechanized cavalry unit attached to General Patton's Third Army, now in Germany. (See W. L. DUNBAR, Page 4)

Tommy Tankerton will lead the canvass in the Pleasant Grove community, which has a quota of \$3,500. Mr. Norman, up to this morning, had not been able to get in touch with his appointees for the Wenona and Mackeys sections, but said he would get in touch with them soon. (See BOND DRIVE, Page 4)

Main Goal Is Sale Of \$163,000 E Bonds

Plans For Canvass Are To Be Made By Leaders In Each Community

Quotas have been assigned and community chairmen appointed for most sections of the county, according to James W. Norman, chairman of the Seventh War Loan Campaign in Washington County. The plan to be used in each community will be worked out by the chairmen and workers themselves in an effort to sell the entire quota of \$242,000 worth of bonds as quickly as possible. The main drive will center on the sale of E Bonds, as this comprises \$163,000 of the \$243,000 total. Little difficulty is expected in selling the \$80,000 worth of other than E Bonds.

Plymouth town and township have a combined quota of \$80,000 worth of E Bonds, issue value. E. F. Still and J. S. Brinkley lead the drive in town, while Mrs. Al Latham is chairman of the workers from the remainder of the township. A meeting will be held here Monday night to work out details of the campaign.

C. H. Floyd and R. B. Forbes have been appointed leaders of the campaign in the Roper section, which has a quota of \$30,000.

O. D. Hatfield is chairman for the Creswell section, with Mrs. William A. Spruill and Harry Barnes designated as assistants. They have a quota of \$30,000.

Mrs. Walter White and Mrs. C. L. Everett are co-chairmen of the drive for the Skimmersville section, which has a quota of \$10,000.

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Sugar Allotments for Canning To Be Lower

Warn Registrants Not to Jump Jobs

Draft registrants are again warned that they are subject to immediate call and with claims to an appeal when and if they change jobs without permission of the Draft Board. The warning applies to registrants in the 2-A or 2-B, 2-A-F or 2-B-F classifications.

Quite a few registrants are believed to have changed jobs without draft board permission, and they are subject to call.

Several men in this county have been drafted because they quit certain jobs without permission.

Miss Frances Winslow Wins Contest at Salem

Miss Frances Winslow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Winslow, of Plymouth, last Thursday won a \$10 purchase prize in the library contest conducted at Salem College in Winston-Salem recently. Miss Winslow is a freshman at Salem, and the contest for members of the first and second year classes. The school will close and she expects to return to her home here on May 28.

Legion Auxiliary Will Sponsor Poppy Sale in County on Saturday, May 26th

Poppies to honor America's dead warriors of two World Wars will be worn in Plymouth on Saturday, May 26th, Mrs. J. F. Jordan, president of the local unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, announced this week.

The little red flowers will pay tribute both to those men who have died for their country in the present war and to those who fell 27 years ago in France and Belgium among the swaying poppies. The money that is received for the flowers will be used to aid the afflicted veterans of both wars and their families.

Extensive preparations for the observance of Poppy Day are being made by the Plymouth unit of the auxiliary here under the leadership of Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. J. B. Willoughby, unit poppy chairman. Everyone will be able to buy the flowers of remembrance from the many volunteer workers from the auxiliary who will be on the streets all through the day.

Quota for County Reduced by Half

Expect To Begin Mailing Out Allotments Early Next Week

Allotments of canning sugar will be for less than the amount requested by applicants, it was stated this week by Mrs. Sabrie Reid, chief clerk of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board. The quota of sugar allotted this county is not large enough to fill all requests, and allotments will be reduced on a pro rata basis. The county quota this year is considerably smaller than the amount of sugar allowed for canning last year, the reduction amounting almost to half.

It is explained that additional applications may be made when the initial allotment is used. However, it will be necessary for the used to justify further allotments by submitting accurate records of the kind and amount of canning done with the first allotment. Those who do a lot of canning of fruits will be required to prove their needs and actual use of the sugar allotted them.

The local rationing board meeting Thursday night, will begin considering applications filed at schools in the county week before last. It is expected that some of the allotments will be mailed out next Monday, and the work will be completed as soon as possible.

Applicants are advised not to call at the office of the board for their canning-sugar allotments. They will be mailed out just as rapidly as the applications can be approved by the board. With 3,000 requests on hand, it will require some time to pass on all of them.

Consumers also are advised that it is no longer possible to revise or increase original applications at this time. After all initial allotments have been completed, announcement will be made as to the manner and method of making application for additional amounts, it is stated.

Legion Auxiliary Will Meet Monday Night

The local American Legion Auxiliary will meet next Monday night, May 21, in the Legion Hall at 8 o'clock. Mesdames Luther Nobles, W. B. Cox and John R. Williams will be hostesses.