

Japs' Surrender Is Noisily Greeted Here

Pfc. Camille Burgess Campbell and Pfc. Lydia Comstock, of the WAC, have returned to their station at Fort H. G. W. Alt, New York City, after spending a 10-day furlough with Mrs. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Burgess. They were at Nags Head last week with Mr. and Mrs. Burgess.

Myron A. Kowalczuk, chief machinist's mate, USN, is spending a 30-day furlough here with his wife, Mrs. Emily Waters Kowalczuk. He arrived Friday after two years of service with the Navy in the European Theater of War, having been stationed in England and France during part of the time.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown today reminded water consumers that there will be no period of "grace" for payment of bills this month. The City Council ordered him at the last meeting to take a wrench on the 20th of the month and cut off the water of all persons whose water bills have not been paid at that time. "There will be no further notice," the chief said.

Mrs. R. L. Bateman was removed yesterday to Duke Hospital in Durham, where she will undergo treatment. She was accompanied by her husband, R. L. Bateman, daughter, Mrs. C. W. Burnham, and Jack Horner. Mr. Bateman and Mr. Horner returned Tuesday night, but Mrs. Burnham will remain in Durham with her mother, who is expected to remain at the hospital for about a week.

Dr. W. H. Johnson, local dentist, announced this week that his office would be closed all next week, starting Monday, August 20. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson and their children are planning to spend a week's vacation at Virginia Beach.

Fewer tobacco barn fires than usual have been reported in the county this year. Up to yesterday the only barn known here to have been lost was one belonging to J. C. Tarkenton on the Sound Side road. At least four or five fires have been reported burned in the Dardens section in Martin County near here.

Eight members of the Plymouth Scout troop attended the Boy Scout camp at Fisher's landing, near New Bern, last week, returning Saturday afternoon. All of them had a good time, and in addition passed off work for advancement in rating or merit badges.

Carol Ausbon ('Brownie') Brown, of Plymouth, was promoted recently to the grade of electrician's mate second class in the U. S. Navy, it was learned this week from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown. He has been in the service for nearly five years and at the present is stationed with amphibious forces at Saipan. He was last home on a visit about 10 months ago.

Value of County Farm Crops Over 2 Millions

Yield Reduced by Excessive Rains

Tobacco and Peanuts Alone Worth Over \$1,000,000, Survey Indicates

Despite some crop loss and damage by almost continuous rains from late June throughout July, Washington County farmers are looking forward to a fairly good harvest season this fall. County Agent W. V. Hays last week estimated the total value of the seven leading crops would be worth in excess of \$2,000,000 although not all of them, such as corn and hay, will not be put on the markets, but will be used as feed for work stock on county farms.

The value of cash crops will run well up towards a million and a half dollars, basing figures on a reduced average. The tobacco and peanut crops alone are expected to bring in considerably more than \$1,000,000, to say nothing of sweet potatoes, soy beans, and some corn, all of which are normally shipped to produce centers. If normal yields could be expected, the total values would be much higher.

The farm agent estimates there are 1,500 acres of tobacco in the county, and he figures the average yield at 750 to 800 pounds per acre. At the ceiling figure of 44 1/2 cents per pound, this crop will yield county farmers \$534,000. The average yield last year was around 900 pounds per acre.

Peanuts is the next largest cash crop in the county, and the largest in point of acreage. It is estimated there are 8,000 acres planted to this crop, which, at 8 cents per pound, will return \$512,000, based on average yield of 800 pounds to the acre, which is nearly 50 per cent under the 1,200 pounds normally raised. The value of peanut hay, Mr. Hays said, would add possibly \$80,000, but most of this is retained as feed on

97,000 Bushels of Cucumbers Received At Local Plant; Growers Get \$71,100.19

A total of \$71,100.19 was paid out by the local C. C. Lang pickle plant to cucumber growers of the section during the season which ended August 1, it was learned this week from C. W. Dinkins, plant manager. About 57,000 bushels of cucumbers were put in storage at tanks here, while an estimated 40,000 additional bushels were shipped to other plants, he said.

As a whole, producers made a little money on cucumbers this

season. Mr. Dinkins said the average net return, above cost of production, was about \$100 per acre. The season was favorable up to near the close, when continued rains put an abrupt halt to deliveries.

About 800 acres were planted to cucumbers in the area served by the plant here. The acreage was centered in Washington County, with contracts made with some growers in the vicinity of Columbia, Windsor and Hertford.

Tobacco Markets Will Begin Selling Season Tuesday, August 21st

Call No More Men Over 26 for Draft

Men over 26 years of age no longer will be called for induction or pre-induction examinations, it was stated yesterday by Mrs. Louise Dew, clerk to the Washington County Selective Service Board. An official telegram to this effect was received by the local draft board shortly after noon yesterday.

The new order affected one man who was scheduled to leave this morning for induction. He is Louis Ward Alexander, who was transferred from the board at Zebulon. Mr. Alexander was already in Plymouth and ready to leave this morning when he was called and told his induction had been cancelled.

Little Damage Done by Fire Tuesday Morning

Momentarily expecting the fire sirens to signal Japanese acceptance of surrender terms, many local people were fooled for a few minutes Tuesday shortly before noon, when a fire alarm was turned in. The firemen were called to the home of T. A. Stubbs, where a trash fire threatened the house.

Two From County Work At Atomic Bomb Plant

At least two Washington County girls are employed at the Clinton Engineering Works in Oak Ridge, Tenn., where the atomic bomb, which caused the sudden unconditional surrender of Japan, was developed.

Miss Frances Stillman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stillman, of Plymouth, has been there since October, 1943. Recently promoted, she holds a responsible position in the cashier's department of a branch office. Before going to Tennessee, she was employed at the Edenton Marine Base for two years.

Miss Ruth Bray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon S. Bray, of Roper, is secretary to an official in one of the offices at the huge plant.

L. E. Jackson Dies At Norfolk Home

L. E. Jackson, well-known native of Washington County and resident of Plymouth for many years, died at his home in Norfolk, Va., Tuesday of last week, August 7. Born near here in the Long Ridge section, he operated a barber shop in Plymouth for about 20 years, leaving in 1910 to go into the insurance business in Norfolk.

Mr. Jackson was about 80 years of age and retired from the insurance field ten years ago, continuing his residence in Norfolk since that time. The funeral was held in Norfolk last Friday afternoon, and interment followed in the oFrest Lawn cemetery there. Among his friends and relatives attending from Plymouth were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jackson, R. L. Bateman, Mrs. Jack Frank, Mrs. Alfred Bratten and Mrs. W. B. Cox. He is survived by two sons, J. B. and Elbert Jackson, both of Norfolk; two daughters, Mrs. Barney Coyle, of Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Leslie Gimbert, of Norfolk; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Ceiling Average of 44 1/2 Cents Expected To Prevail in Belt

Farmers of County Nearing End of Harvest; Quality Good, Weight Light

Almost lost sight of in the sudden ending of the war with Japan is the fact that next Tuesday, August 21, marks the opening day of tobacco markets throughout the eastern Carolina belt. Most Washington County farmers have completed harvesting and curing the crop, which is said to be of good quality although rather light, due to excessive rain.

The acreage this year is estimated around 1,500 acres, but the yield probably will be considerably less than last year. The county agent does not think the crop will return more than 750 to 800 pounds per acre on an average, against better than 900 pounds last season. There was some loss on account of the heavy rains all during the month of July, when the crop was being harvested. However, the biggest loss will be in weight, since much of the gum was washed out of the leaves.

The price may take up some of the loss, but total value of the crop is expected to be less than last year. The OPA has fixed a ceiling of 44 1/2 cents per pound average for the type of tobacco raised in this section. Last year the average was held to 43 1/2 cents.

Again this season, there are about 300 tobacco producers in the county, and many of them will have tobacco on markets nearest here opening day. Removal of gasoline rationing, announced yesterday, will permit more people than usual for the past few years to attend the initial auctions. Prior to the war, opening day was generally regarded as a holiday by farmers, who flocked to the tobacco towns to take in the sights and get some idea as to how their individual crops will sell.

Last year the markets remained "blocked" for weeks on end at the start of the season, causing delay in sales. Labor shortages and other uncertain conditions may hold them up for a time this year, but, on the whole, a more satisfactory selling season is indicated.

One Man Failed to Report For Draft Call Last Week

Andrew Barnhill, county colored man whose last known address was in Norfolk, Va., failed to report to the local draft board on August 8 for his pre-induction examination. The board is issuing a final call for information as to his present whereabouts, and unless he is located within the next few days, his name will be turned over to the FBI, it was stated yesterday.

Legion Plans Homecoming Celebration

The James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, American Legion, last Friday night laid the foundation for a homecoming celebration to be staged here in honor of returning service men. No definite date was fixed, but the event possibly may be held about six months after V-J day, or as soon as a large percentage of service men from the county return home.

Commander W. H. Johnson appointed a planning committee, consisting of about 20 Legionnaires and headed by P. W.

Scout Building Fund Now Stands About \$1,800; Third of Goal

However, Few Canvassers Have Completed Rounds And Made Reports

The campaign to raise \$5,000 for the Boy Scout Building Fund in Plymouth continues to make some progress, with the total now collected standing somewhere around the \$1,800 mark, according to J. Shepherd Brinkley, chairman. Only a few canvassers have reported their canvass complete, and it is believed the total amount raised to date will approximate \$2,000 when reports are in.

At the Scout Building Fund rally held in the Christian church here Sunday afternoon, with a representative group of citizens present, it was decided to continue the campaign through the month of September. This action was taken at the suggestion of several members of the local unions, who stated that due to other matters occupying their groups at this time, it might be better to continue the drive until their members could be reached. Interest in the Scout movement will also be revived with the school, it was pointed out, lengthening the drive will enable the sponsors to capitalize on the renewed interest.

Some local business firms have been very liberal, it was stated, while others have indicated little interest in the building movement. The Scouting program is under a very definite handicap, due to lack of suitable meeting place, and no expansion is possible until proper quarters are secured.

The Plymouth Merchants Association voted unanimously Monday morning to give \$100 to the fund. Other large donations include the \$2,000 given by the American Fork & Hoe Company for purchase of the lot; \$500 from the North Carolina Pulp Company, \$200 from the Plymouth Box & Paper Company, and \$100 from the... In addition, the following individual contributions have been made: Mrs. Doc Harris 50c; Howard Gay-

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Merchants Donate \$100 to Scout Fund

In addition to unanimously adopting a resolution to close local stores and business places on official V-J Day—and then disregarding it by an unofficial closing two days later—members of the Plymouth Merchants Association at a special meeting Monday morning voted to make a \$100 donation to the Boy Scout Building Fund.

President L. S. Thompson also asked that officers be elected at the session, but it was decided to wait until the next regular meeting in September. The following nominating committee was appointed to report at the September meeting: H. H. Allen, A. J. Byrd and T. C. Burgess.

Just Drive in and Say 'Fill 'Er Up'

The Office of Price Administration announced yesterday that rationing was suspended on gasoline, kerosene, fuel oil, stoves and heaters, fruits and vegetables, effective immediately. At the same time it was stated that controls would be retained for some time on meats, fats, sugar, shoes and tires.

This was the first direct dividend to be received by the general public from Victory over Japan. Federal officials have announced that other controls would be relaxed and removed as rapidly as possible, although some of them may remain in effect for a year or more, or until more supplies become available.

Complete Capitulation Was Announced Tuesday Night

Stores, Offices Close All Day Wednesday; Most Reopen Today

Federal - State Employees Get Two Days; Official V-J Day Later

President Harry S. Truman today issued an official proclamation, calling on the people of the nation to observe, Sunday, August 19, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer for Victory. It was emphasized that Sunday would not be V-J Day, which will be designated later by proclamation.

Any official V-J holiday proclamation will come as an anti-climax, so far as Plymouth industries and business places are concerned. With the exception of the pulp mill, two local garages filling stations cafe and a few others everything in town was closed tighter than a drum all day yesterday. A few stores remained closed today.

The Manning Motor Company and House Chevrolet Company remained open until noon Wednesday and remained closed all day today, Thursday August 16. Mr. Manning and Mr. House announced that they would not close for any further observance of Victory Day.

The Plymouth Merchants Association held a special meeting Monday to decide the closing. At that time, it was voted unanimously to close for the remainder of the day as soon as the surrender was announced and then to close all day on official V-J Day. However, they spontaneously decided to remain closed all day Wednesday after the surrender was announced Tuesday night, although President Truman announced that official V-J Day would be proclaimed later, following formal signing of surrender terms. It is presumed most local business houses will close when that day is proclaimed.

Shortly after announcing the Japs had accepted the surrender terms, President Truman decreed a two-day holiday Wednesday and Thursday for all Federal workers, including those in post offices, rationing boards, and other agencies. It was left up to the local postmasters and office managers to decide on how much service would be rendered. The post office here observed the regular holiday schedule, making dispatches and putting up mail in lock boxes.

Governor Cherry followed the President's lead and declared Wednesday and Thursday legal holidays for state employees, banks and ABC stores. All wine, beer and whiskey sales were ordered suspended during the two days.

Special Service at Roper Church Sunday Morning

The Rev. William B. Daniels, Jr., will be the celebrant at a special Communion service of Thanksgiving for peace at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Roper, on Sunday morning, August 19. The service will begin at 11:15 a.m.

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession for safety in returning to their home will be offered for those who are serving in the armed forces.

Presbyterians Services For Week Announced

Friday 8 p.m. Young people's meeting. Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday School. 3:30 p.m. Special World Day of Prayer. Church service with Rev. C. E. Hines, of Washington in charge. Tuesday, 8 p.m. Prayer meeting. Children's Catechism class singing and stories every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 10 o'clock.

IN PHILIPPINES



Miss Helene E. Duvall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Duvall of Plymouth, has arrived in Manila, P. I., to serve the armed forces as an American Red Cross staff assistant. Before her Red Cross appointment, Miss Duvall was employed by the Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Corporation, in Elizabeth City, as a secretary. She is a graduate of the State Teachers College, Harrisonburg, Va.

Plymouth Native Dies in High Point

High Point.—Funeral services for William H. Hall, 73, son of the late W. H. and Courtney Hall, of Plymouth, were held Sunday afternoon and interment was made in Cary. Mr. Hall died at his home here Saturday morning.

He was a native of the Plymouth section and was married to Carrie Bonner, of Aurora. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Surviving are his wife; one son, W. B. Hall, of Greensboro; a daughter, Anne Montague Hall, of the home; two sisters, Mrs. G. H. Harrison, of Plymouth, and Mrs. W. A. Swain, of Raleigh; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Contract Let for New Theater by Brinkley

Seven Roper Scouts At Council Camp Last Week

Roper.—Seven members of the Roper Boy Scout troop spent last week at the Boy Scout camp at Fisher's landing. Scoutmaster R. M. Armstrong and J. L. McAllister, Jr., his assistant, made this trip possible for the boys in cooperation with H. G. Harris, the Plymouth Scoutmaster. All of the boys made progress in the Scouting program and give glowing reports of a happy and profitable week.

Three More Men Given Discharges

Three more Washington County men have been discharged from the military service in the past two weeks. Two of them were released from the Army and the other from the Marine Corps. None of the three were on the point-discharge basis, two were given medical discharges and the other released for the "convenience of the Government," which means over-age or for dependency reasons.

Pvt. Samuel Dupree Allen was given a medical discharge on August 7th, after being in the service slightly more than two years, of which one year, six months and 25 days were spent overseas with a Field Artillery battalion. He served in the Normandy, Rhineland and North Appennines campaigns and was awarded the American Defense service ribbon, the good conduct ribbon, and the EAMET ribbon with three bronze stars.

Pfc. Linwood Nelson Gaylord, of Plymouth, was given a medical discharge on August 2nd from a Marine Aviation detachment, after serving since February 8, 1943.

Pvt. Richard L. Becton, colored, of Plymouth, was discharged on August 4th after slightly more than three years' service, including two years, three months and 13 days overseas with a port company in the Asiatic-Pacific theater, for which he received the theater campaign medal.

Fighting Continues In Many Sections Despite Surrender

Whistles Blow, Bells Ring And Autoists Parade to Mark End of War

Following a false start Sunday night, Plymouth's V-J Day celebration got underway shortly after President Truman announced Japanese acceptance of unconditional surrender a few minutes after 7 o'clock Tuesday night. Whistles blowing, church bells ringing, automobiles parading with horns wide open, the noise-making continued for the better part of three hours, after which the celebrants quieted down to a large extent.

A few pistol and shot-gun blasts were heard, but for the most part the noise was produced chiefly by factory whistles and automobile horns. The fire siren was sounded for two minutes to start the celebration, and both fire trucks circulated through the town with sirens open just to be sure that nobody missed the news.

All local churches held brief services of thanksgiving, starting about 7:30 to 8 o'clock, and all of them were very well attended. Such stores and cafes that were open closed almost immediately and, except for the sporadic parades of automobiles, the streets were deserted in a few hours.

President Truman, after false reports and rumors had circulated for hours, issued the following historic statement at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening:

"I have received this afternoon a message from the Japanese government in reply to the message forwarded to that government by the Secretary of State on August 11.

"I deem this reply a full acceptance of the Potsdam Declaration which specifies the unconditional surrender of Japan. In the reply there is no qualification.

"Arrangements now are being made for the formal signing of surrender terms at the earliest possible moment.

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Work Expected To Begin in Few Days

Will Complete Restoration Of New Theatre, Guttled By Fire in 1939

Shep Brinkley announced this week that he had let the contract for completing repairs to the New Theatre on Water Street, with the hope of reopening it some time in the fall. The theater building was gutted by fire in February, 1939, and partially restored early in 1940; but work ceased before completion, and the building has remained empty since that time.

Mr. Brinkley said he planned to make it a modern theater with a seating capacity of 400 to 500. He will put on a modern front, with a neon-lighted marquee, and the interior arrangements will include a balcony, rest rooms, mezzanine with several offices, in addition to the theater equipment. He has not yet made arrangements for the projection room and seating equipment, but said he anticipated no trouble in this respect.

A Norfolk architect completed the plans about two weeks ago, and the contract was let last week to J. L. Smiley, Warrenton contractor. Work is expected to get underway immediately, possibly within the next week or 10 days, Mr. Brinkley said Tuesday morning.

The new theatre will be air-conditioned, cooled with washed air and heated by a modern blower-type system of radiators. A stage and dressing rooms will be provided, so that it can accommodate any traveling stage shows.

Mr. Brinkley bought the property more than a year ago, but has not been able to begin work on it earlier, due to the shortage of materials. Since comparatively little construction work is involved, he does not anticipate any unusual trouble in securing the materials needed to complete the building.