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Capt. G. R. Salyer, who was stationed in Oregon with the postal service, has received his discharge and arrived in Plymouth yesterday (Wednesday). His wife has been living with her mother, Mrs. W. F. Ausbon, but the couple will make their home in Hampton, Va., where Capt. Salyer is to be a postal clerk in the post office.

Chief Petty Officer Russell Harrison, of the U. S. Navy, is home on 30-day furlough. He is planning to remain in the Navy, although eligible for discharge, and will return to a shore station in California at the end of his furlough.

Members of the Elizabeth City Bar Association will be hosts to lawyers of the first judicial district at a meeting to be held in the Pasquotank courthouse Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Willis Smith, of Raleigh, president-nominate of the American Bar Association, will be the principal speaker. Following the business meeting members of the bar will enjoy a fish fry near Elizabeth City.

Ernestine Whitley, of Plymouth, was elected treasurer of the sophomore class at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, at the recent student elections, according to an announcement from the ECTC news bureau.

His many local friends were glad to see Cecil M. "Bugs" Beasley, of Tampa, Fla., here this week. He is visiting his mother, Mrs. Sam Beasley, and sister, Mrs. Jerry Hays, for a few days.

C. Dennis Loane, a former resident who has been living in New York for a number of years, is visiting friends in Plymouth.

A. B. Ferguson, state sanitarian for this district, was here last week in conference with Dr. C. McGowan and members of the health department.

S. H. Clark head of the local U. S. Employment office was in Raleigh on business last week.

The Washington county health department is proud of the possession of a new refrigerator in which to keep vaccines. The ice box is a 9-foot Westinghouse.

Fire Department Is Called Out Here Twice This Week

The fire department has had two calls this week, due to overheated and smoking oil burner stoves. Sunday, there was trouble at the home of Dr. C. McGowan, but there were no flames when the fire truck arrived. The over-heated oil burner was soon under control and no damage was reported.

Tuesday, the fire department received a similar call from the residence of W. C. Jones on East Main street. An oil burner was smoking, but nothing was damaged.

Local Methodists At Annual Meet

Conference Sessions Being Held in Goldsboro, Starting Today

Three representatives from Plymouth are attending the annual North Carolina Methodist conference in Goldsboro this week, beginning today and lasting through Sunday. Those attending are the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, Z. V. Norman and W. F. Veasey.

Mr. Norman is the lay leader for the Elizabeth City district and is attending the annual meeting of the conference board of lay leaders. Mr. Veasey is an alternate delegate. Both Mr. Norman and Mr. Veasey will return in a day or so, but the Rev. Mr. Jenkins will remain for the entire conference and Mrs. Jenkins will join him over the week-end.

The North Carolina Methodist conference, which is actually the East Carolina division, is comprised of seven districts. The Rev. Mr. Jenkins who has been in Plymouth only two years is expected to return.

Fall Federation Meeting of County Home Clubs Will Be Held Saturday

The annual federation of the Washington county home demonstration clubs will meet in Plymouth, Saturday afternoon, November 10, at 3 o'clock in the Agriculture building.

The main address will be given by Miss Gordon, extension specialist in house furnishing, from Raleigh. Mrs. Frances Darden, county home agent, urges all club women to come out and hear Miss Gordon, who has always given practical talks, full of helpful suggestions for the homemaker. A housing specialist from the extension division at State College is expected to attend and bring slides to illustrate the lecture.

Despite Lack of Organized Effort for Victory Loan, Bond Sales Increasing

Although no organized efforts have been made in the county thus far in support of the Victory Loan campaign, now underway throughout the nation, better than one-eighth of the E bond quota has already been sold in Plymouth alone, it was learned this week. The county has an E bond quota of \$98,000, and up to today, the local bank had sold about \$9,000 worth of bonds and the post office \$1,200 worth.

Against the overall quota of \$177,000, about \$28,000 in sales are reported, or about 16 per cent. This includes \$1,100 worth of G bonds, \$16,000 worth of treasury certificates, more than \$10,000 in E bonds, and a few other types.

The campaign will officially end on December 8, one month from today, but sales throughout the months of November and December will be credited to the quota.

War Fund Donations One-Fourth of Quota

Few Merchants at Meeting Tuesday

Only one member of the merchants association was present at the meeting scheduled for 2 o'clock in the mayor's office Tuesday afternoon, besides the president and secretary.

As this did not constitute a quorum those present were unable to attend to any business. The question of closing the stores Monday in celebration of Armistice Day was brought up, but no vote could be taken on the matter.

There was a round table discussion on the lack of attendance and it was the consensus that the merchants association should disband or have an active organization. It was thought, however, that a wide awake organization could do much to improve business conditions here.

Office of Rationing Board Here Will Be Closed December 15

County Board Declines To Provide Office Space for Local Clerk

The local office of the War Price and Rationing Board will be closed about December 15, according to information received from the chief clerk, Mrs. Sabra Reid. After that date all applications for rationed articles will be handled from an area office to be maintained at Williamston. That office will serve the three counties of Martin, Washington and Tyrrell.

The OPA agreed to keep a clerk on duty after date in this county to furnish blanks, replace lost books, and assist returning service men in securing their allotments of rationed articles, provided the county would furnish office space and a few supplies without cost to the OPA. However, the county commissioners Monday declined to furnish the space and supplies.

The rationing board office in the county courthouse here was to have been closed by the last day of this month, but authorities decided it would be kept open for at least two weeks longer.

The personnel at the local office is subject to transfer to some other office, but all state they are tired of rationing the public, worrying with price control, checking food, making reports to the government and inquiries of the consumer.

Those now in the office here, in addition to Mrs. Reid, are Miss Elizabeth Bray, price clerk, who has been with the board for a year and a half, and Miss Ruby Booth, food clerk, who has been with the organization over a year.

Local Legion Post Announces Plan for Armistice Program

Veterans of Both World Wars Urged To Take Part Monday

By J. B. McNAIR

As Armistice Day, November 11, falls on Sunday this year, Monday, November 12 will be observed all over the United States.

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Still No Reports From Many Areas

Contributions Received by Chairman During Past Week Total \$256

Donations received in the United War Fund Drive during the past week have raised the total actually on hand to about \$1,300, or a little more than one-fourth the county quota of \$5,000. Shep Brinkley, chairman, said yesterday. However, reports are complete from only a small fraction of the county so far, and Mr. Brinkley is more hopeful that the goal may be reached.

Mr. Wright, field representative of the National War Fund, was here Wednesday, and he recommends that the campaign be completed by Thanksgiving Day, if possible. Announcement probably will be made next week as to the closing date of the drive in this county.

A representative of the American Federation of Labor appeared before members of local labor unions at a meeting Tuesday night and urged them to support the movement. Mr. Brinkley said yesterday he had not been advised what methods would be used by the locals in canvassing their members, but that they were expected to take some action very soon.

A total of \$256.39 in additional contributions to the fund was reported during the past week. It is understood that a sizeable amount has been collected in various sections which has not yet been reported.

In the past week the Plymouth High School turned in \$135.89; and Mrs. G. B. Furbee, chairman for the Wenona section, reported \$56. Other donors were Plymouth Oil Company, \$25; Mr. and Mrs. Myron Kowalczuk, \$5; W. F. Veasey, \$2; Lee Davenport, \$1; Mrs. Claude Oliver, \$1; Mrs. Robert Ayers, 50 cents; Dave Kulman \$20; and A. J. Riddle, \$10.

Through an error in last week's Beacon the Sydenstrickers were credited with \$100, which should have been listed as a donation by the local unit of the American Fork & Hoe Company.

Pulp Making Topic At Meeting of Lions

Ed H. Hill Explains Process; Club Members To Visit Local Plant

Lion Ed H. Hill, of the North Carolina Pulp Company, made an interesting talk on pulp and paper making at the regular meeting of the Lions Club last Thursday night. Using charts, he explained each step of the process, from the tree in the woods to the finished product. It was one of the most interesting programs presented at the club in recent weeks.

At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Hill suggested that a future meeting of the club might be devoted to a tour of the local mill. D. B. Kuhn, resident manager of the plant, invited the club members, and it was agreed that this be done at some future time.

Lt. Wm. A. Davidson, jr., USNR, was a guest of the club.

Following the regular meeting, the club directors held a brief session; and Chairman R. H. Lucas, of the blind committee, held a meeting of his group.

Drivers' License Examiner In Plymouth on Thursdays

James Boyce, license inspector for the State Highway Patrol, is at the police station in Plymouth every Thursday for the purpose of examining applicants and issuing drivers' licenses. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This reminder is issued due to the fact that some confusion has arisen as to the day he is in Plymouth. It is Thursday of each week.

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Each man or woman who saw service in either World War I or World War II is asked to take a part in the celebration here by marching in the parade. Everyone who is in Plymouth is urged to meet at the high school building at 10 o'clock that morning. Please wear your uniform. If you are still in service and are at home on leave we want you to march in the parade.

The parade will form on Washington street in front of the high school building and will start the march down Washington street at 10:30, toward Main street, then East on Main street to Adams street, North on Adams street to Water street, and West on Water street to the front of the high school building.

Site Is Being Sought For School Here by Board of Education

Definite Plans Not Possible Until Suitable Location Can Be Found

Due to the fact that W. F. Credle, director of schoolhouse planning, was in Chicago at an architect's meeting, he was unable to meet with the county board of education at its regular session Monday.

Mr. Credle is expected to make a trip to Plymouth within a few days and will at that time accompany W. F. Veasey, county school superintendent, and members of the county board on a survey of other school buildings in this area. He also will remain over for a call meeting of the board next week, according to present arrangements.

Mr. Credle will assist the superintendent and board members in deciding on blueprints selected from sketches being drawn up by Macon G. Norman, Richmond, Va., architect. Mr. Norman has promised to have a number of sketches ready for the special meeting of the board.

A number of sites have been suggested for the new high school building in Plymouth, but nothing was decided at the meeting Monday, Mr. Veasey stated. However, he pointed out that it will be necessary to decide on the location before accepting plans drawn up by the architect, as the blueprints must fit into the contour and other features of the site.

The board has decided definitely to include three projects in the immediate building program. Remodeling and construction of additions to the present high school building, which will then be used for the elementary grades; construction of a new high school building; and construction of a Negro school for Creswell.

Members of the board voted on the school holidays for the remainder of the year in the county. The schools will be closed both Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, for Thanksgiving; and they will close on Thursday, December 20, for Christmas, reopening on New Year's Day.

Few Farmers at Rotary Meeting

Only seven farmer-guests were present at the Rotary meeting Tuesday night, held in the social hall of the Christian church, although about 30 had been invited. This was the first of a series of such meetings planned by the club to improve the relationship of farmers and townspeople of the section.

A barbecue dinner was served, and as the Rotarians had arranged for four times as many guests quite a surplus of food was left untouched.

Carl L. Bailey welcomed the guests, and several informal talks were made. Shep Brinkley, president, called for a report on the proceeds from the show which played in Plymouth last Friday under auspices of the club. About \$300 was reported above expenses.

Sale of Vacant City Property Is Talked At Council Meeting

Will Be Advertised as Soon As Proper Procedure Determined

At the regular meeting of the City Council Monday night, held in the mayor's office, the councilmen voted to offer for sale the vacant lot located between the fire department building and Z. V. Norman's office. Councilmen present were A. J. Riddle, Durand Keel, H. E. Harrison and J. W. Marrow, in addition to Mayor E. F. Still and City Clerk Moyer W. Sprull.

It was explained that an offer had been made for the vacant lot. An advertisement is to be prepared asking for the acceptance of sealed bids on the lot, with the applicants stipulating the kind of building they propose to erect and for what it would be used. The bids will be received for a definite period and opened at a future meeting of the council, with the right reserved to reject any or all bids.

Mayor Still asked for a report from the standing committee on the investigation of the petition received from the Red Hill section at the last meeting of the town council. At that time a delegation appeared before the city board, asking for improvements in drainage, streets, more lights. They claimed that since the Red Hill section was incorporated they had been paying town taxes but received little benefit in return.

The committee reported that some of the requests as outlined in the petition should be granted, and the council voted to make the necessary improvements in the Red Hill section as soon as electrical equipment and labor could be obtained.

Dr. Claudius McGowan appeared before the council and asked for improvements in the lighting of streets throughout the town. He asked also that the merchants or some organization provide the public with toilet facilities. Dr. McGowan pointed out that such provision is sadly lacking here. The matter was tabled until the next meeting, on the third Monday in November.

C. Clyde Hardison Gets G-E Agency

C. Clyde Hardison, local manager for the Virginia Electric & Power Company for the past eight years, announced this week that he had secured the local agency for all General Electric Company appliances and would leave the employ of the power firm between now and the first of the year to go into business for himself.

Mr. Hardison so far has been unable to secure a building, but has a G-E refrigerator on display at this time in the show window of the Day Export Hardware Company. He expects to have other items in the line in the near future, including home-freezer units, radios, ranges, water heaters, as well as numerous smaller appliances. By that time he hopes to secure a building in which to locate his new business.

Chickenpox Keeps Many Out School

Epidemic in Local Community Said Not Serious by Doctors

An epidemic of chicken pox in Plymouth has been reported by the district health department, with a number of cases in the elementary school. All of the cases are said to be light, but the children have stayed out of school until it was considered safe for them to return.

The Hampton school reported that no accurate record has been kept of the cases, but a number have been absent due to chicken pox. However, they were not considered serious and the children did not stay out long.

Some pupils have returned to school, but others are still absent, due to illness from the disease or caution in making it safe for those who have not had chicken pox. It was pointed out that the epidemic, which was not over a wide-spread area, has been nothing to be alarmed about, as the disease is always light and of short duration.

Long Acre Chapel Church Homecoming Day Sunday

The long Acre Chapel church will observe its annual Homecoming Day on November 11, it was announced this week. The Ange Trio will sing at the special services, and a free dinner will be served on the grounds. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Southern Albemarle Association To Meet In Columbia on 15th

HEADS DELEGATION



W. L. Whitley, president of the Southern Albemarle Association, will head the delegation from this county to the general meeting of the association, which will be held at Columbia Thursday of next week, November 15.

Highway Program Endorsed by County Board Here Monday

Variety of Other Matters Considered at All-Day Regular Session

At the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners, held in the courthouse Monday morning, it was decided that Washington County would stand behind the overall highway program of the Southern Albemarle Association. The commissioners passed a resolution to empower the association to speak the sentiment of Washington County in matters of main highways located within the association.

It was decided that a request would be made to the state highway department to construct and maintain the highways outlined in the overall program of the association, as adopted by the county commissioners last year. However, A. L. Latham made a motion, seconded by J. C. Knowles, that they recommend that the highway commissioners consider highway 99, leading from highways 32 to 264, as the number one project for Washington County.

The commissioners also decided to ask for a slight change in the routing of the proposed highway to bypass the town of Plymouth, starting at the Lucas Dairy on highway 64 and extending eastward to rejoin the present 64 routing at Juniper Lodge. The road as now surveyed will leave about 25 feet of land, worth nothing to anyone, between the railroad

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Dr. Furgurson Expects To Return Here First of Year

It was learned this week that Maj. E. W. Furgurson expects to be released from the Army Air Corps Medical service about the first of the year, when he and Mrs. Furgurson and little daughter will return to Plymouth. Dr. Furgurson was associated with Dr. A. Papineau in operation of the Plymouth Clinic before he entered the service in 1942.

He served overseas in the China-India-Burma theater of war for about a year and a half. Recently he was assigned to the regional hospital at Greensboro as assistant attending surgeon and assistant chief of obstetrics and gynecology.

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Road Program To Be Given Impetus

County Has 25 Delegates; Hoped Many Others Will Attend

W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth, president of the Southern Albemarle Association, is urging a full attendance from Washington County at the first general meeting of the association in several years at Columbia Thursday of next week. The principal matters for discussion will concern road projects and other items of importance to this entire section.

Twenty-five delegates have been appointed by the Washington County commissioners and all others who attend from the county have been designated as alternates. The association is composed of four counties, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Dare, and each has 25 votes on matters coming before the body.

The morning session will begin at 11 a.m., after which a lunch will be served to all visitors by the Tyrrell County hosts. The afternoon session will follow. Mr. Whitley said yesterday that arrangements for the program were in the hands of the Tyrrell County committee and, although he did not know who had been secured as the principal speaker, he would be of state-wide prominence.

During the business session, new officers are to be elected. Due to storms and travel restrictions, no meetings have been held since the war started, and the old officers have continued to serve. It is expected that the meeting will devote most of its attention to the road program, adopted some years ago and reaffirmed at a meeting of the executive committee at Columbia in July of last year. Efforts are being centered on resumption of work on four projects that will complete the linking of the county seats of Hyde, Tyrrell, Dare and Washington.

A special roads committee from the association held a meeting with state officials Tuesday, including the governor and the highway commission. While no definite promises were made, newspaper reports are to the effect that the delegation was assured action in the immediate future. This delegation is expected to

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Woodrow Collins To Get Discharge

Mackey's Young Man Was Prisoner of War for Over Year

Technical Sergeant Woodrow R. Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond I. Collins, of Mackeys, recently was transferred from the First Air Forces base at Seymour Johnson Field in Goldsboro to a separation center to receive an honorable discharge from the Army Air Forces.

Sergeant Collins was captured by the Germans in February of last year and was liberated by the Russians on May 1 of this year. Gunner on a heavy bomber, his ship was forced down in occupied France, and he remained with the French underground forces for several weeks before he was captured by the Nazis.

In civilian life Sergeant Collins was a bookkeeper prior to his entry into the service on July 29, 1942. He went overseas on November 3, 1943, as an aerial engineer and returned to this country June 30, 1945.

He holds the Purple Heart Medal, the Air Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern theater ribbon with one bronze battle star. He is married to Mrs. Mildred W. Collins, of Rougemont.

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