

Registrant Cannot Enlist After Call For Physical Test

Applies Whether in School or College; Local Board Explains Present Draft Regulations

Local selective service officials wish to reemphasize that once a registrant has received notice to report for physical examination, he cannot volunteer for any branch of the armed forces...

This particular regulation in the present draft law is causing many students to leave high school and college to volunteer in the particular branch of service which they prefer.

The local draft board office is anxious to help registrants or their relatives in any way possible, it is explained.

Another provision in draft regulations which the local office has been called on to explain recently deals with requests for 3-A classification and deferment when marriage was contracted after the registrant had received notice to report for physical examination.

Otis A. Chesson Resigns Office on Draft Board Here

Served as Member Since June 9, 1942; Resignation Will Become Effective on January 15th

Otis A. Chesson, farmer of Lees Mill Township, recently submitted his resignation as a member of the Washington County Selective Service Board, it was learned at the office of the board Tuesday.

Two other members of the board have tendered resignations within the past few months. A. W. Davenport, of Cherry, who began his service at the same time with Mr. Chesson, resigned early last fall; and Robert L. Tetterton, Plymouth contractor, resigned in December after serving as chairman since October 1942.

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'WAN' RABBITT FOR CRESWELL YOUTH IN KOREA



Sgt. Victor U. Davenport, of Creswell, trades a pocketful of wan (Korean currency) to South Korean woman for a rabbit that he and his buddies will enjoy 'Tar Heel style,' no doubt. The sergeant is on duty with the Far East Air Force 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing in Korea.—U. S. Air Force photo.

Launch Polio Drive Here Next Monday

Various Committees are to Carry Out County Campaign Announced by Hopkins; Great Need Shown

A full slate of March of Dimes committees has been drawn up in readiness for the annual appeal for polio funds January 15-31, it was announced this week by Thomas F. Hopkins, of Plymouth, county campaign director.

One of the shortest sessions in many months was held at the courthouse here Monday by the board of county commissioners as they transacted the routine business at hand with dispatch.

The clerk was instructed to write R. Markman, highway division engineer, regarding a problem in the Mt. Tabor section of the county. It was said that, during heavy rains, water from the Supperhony River has been backing up in the swamps and canals and the clerk was instructed to request relief before 1951 spring planting time.

It was decided that tax list takers in the county would receive 10 cents for each farm report properly filled out and approved by the state; otherwise, the list takers are not to be paid from county funds.

W. S. Ainsley was reappointed Scuppernon Township constable for a period of two years. E. J. Spruill, county tax collector, reported \$19,998.00 collected in his office during the month of December.

It was unanimously agreed that no appropriation for mosquito control in the county in 1951 would be made.

Two county men, W. A. Knowles and Orlo Rath, were allowed payment for 5 pigs, weighing about 45 pounds each, reported killed by stray dogs. The pigs are to be paid for at the rate they were listed on the tax books.

At the end of the charge, W. S. Ainsley was sworn in as officer to the grand jury and the body retired to the jury room for the transaction of business.

Criminal Docket Cleared Tuesday And Court Quits

Civil Calendar to be Called Next Week; Cases Slated for Thursday, Friday Moved Up

Washington County Superior Court opened Monday morning with Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, presiding. By Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock the criminal docket had been cleared and court was adjourned to reconvene next Monday morning for the trial of civil cases.

There were no capital cases on the docket and most of the 19 cases disposed of were assault, trespass, larceny, affray, etc.

Disposition of criminal cases was as follows: Array Rhodes, affray, judgment absolute against bondsman, Harvey Harper, R. H. alias Lefty Downing, fraud and false pretense, capias and detainer to issue. Carl Junior Vaughan, larceny, capias and detainer to issue. Ike Pailin, assault, six months suspended on condition he not assault his wife, violate no law, and pay costs. Joseph alias Jim Dick Patrick, assault, nol pros with leave.

James Bell, jr., assault with deadly weapon, 3 months on roads. Doris Ruffin, trespass, continued. Hugh Josh Downs, driving drunk, continued. Curtis Mc-

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Officials Outline Reasons For Increase in Valuation

Committee Appointments For Local, District Solons

Representative W. J. Woolard, of Washington County, was appointed vice chairman of the house committee on drainage and also placed on eight other legislative committees, it was announced yesterday in Raleigh by Speaker Frank Taylor. Following is the list of his committee appointments: Banks and banking; conservation and development; counties, cities and towns; finance; manufacturing and labor; penal institutions; public welfare; and veterans' legislation.

Committee assignments for the two senators from the second district, Hugh G. Horton, of Williamston, and Sam Campen, of Pamlico County, were announced Monday. Senator Horton drew the chairmanship of the committee on cities and towns and is a member of the following: courts and judicial districts; propositions and grievances; education; finance; judiciary 1; rules; election laws; and university trustees.

Senator Campen is on the following committees: propositions and grievances; agriculture; appropriations; conservation and development; education; public roads; rules; and university trustees.

Plymouth Youth, 18, Is Reported Missing

Eddie C. Baker Missing Since December 6, Parents Here Advised Yesterday by Army

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Baker, of Plymouth, Route 1, were advised yesterday morning that their son, Pvt. Eddie C. Baker, 18, had been missing in action in Korea since last December 6. The young man was with a heavy artillery unit attached to the Seventh Infantry Division, according to last reports.

The telegram received Wednesday by Mrs. Baker was signed by Maj. Gen. Edward F. Witsell, adjutant general of the army, and reads as follows: "The Secretary of the Army has asked me to express his deep regret that your son, Pvt. Baker, Eddie C., has been missing in action in Korea since 6 December, 1950. Upon receipt of further information in this office you will be advised immediately. Confirming letter follows. The unavoidable delay in notification is regretted."

The youthful soldier, not quite 18 years old, enlisted in the Army on September 29, 1949. Prior to that time he attended school in Plymouth. His parents live on the Satterthwaite farm about two miles south of Plymouth. He left the east coast on August 6, last year, arrived in Tokyo on August 21st, and went on to Korea early in September.

His parents have received a number of letters from young Baker, the last about Thanksgiving. It was dated November 15th and stated that he was in the Changjin reservoir area in northern Korea, not far from the Manchurian border. He said that things were quiet at that time, but the weather was extremely cold, about 40 below zero, and that he had suffered from a frozen hand. He asked his parents to pray for him at that time.

Baker is the third Washington County casualty officially reported from Korea and the second to be reported missing in action. Pvt. John Clinton Blount, 18-year-old colored boy, whose parents live less than half mile from the Bakers, was reported missing last week. Pvt. Benjamin Westley Bailey, jr., 19, colored, also of Plymouth, was reported wounded in late September. At least two other county men have been wounded, according to unofficial reports.

Funeral Services For C. S. Ambrose

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Phillippi Christian Church for Caleb S. Ambrose, of Edenton, who died Tuesday morning at 12:30 at his home there. Mr. Ambrose was a native of Washington County, having moved to Edenton from Plymouth six months ago. He was a retired farmer.

Son of the late J. B. and Sallie Barnes Ambrose, he was born August 27, 1886. He was married December 22, 1909 at Roper to Miss Allie Alexander, of Creswell. Mrs. Ambrose survives him. Other survivors include 2 daughters, Mrs. W. H. Hadley, of Williamston, and Mrs. Theodore Ange, of Plymouth; one son, Claude Ambrose, of Norfolk, Va.; and 2 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Dennis Warren Davis, of Plymouth, assisted by the Rev. Reece Turner, of Creswell. Interment was in the cemetery of Phillippi Church, of which the deceased was a member.

Drop in Revenue From ABC Stores and Loss in Railroad Valuation Makes Action Necessary

An expected protest against the 20 per cent increase in real property valuation, ordered in this county last month, failed to materialize Monday at the regular meeting of the county commissioners. Several property owners were at the courthouse before the meeting began with the announced intention of making a protest, but left without going before the board after talking to the tax supervisor and other county officials.

It was learned that those who opposed the valuation increase favored upping the tax rate to raise the additional revenue needed. According to E. J. Spruill, county auditor, this method will not take care of requirements in some cases.

The tax rate is levied according to the amount needed in several different funds, the auditor explains. The constitutional limit for the county general fund, for instance, is 15 cents on the \$100 valuation. Due to loss of revenue from sources other than ad valorem taxation, and facing a probable decrease in real estate valuation this year, a levy of 15 cents on the \$100 valuation will not raise enough to care for general fund requirements. Another fund which might be affected is that for the county hospital, which is limited by statute to 10 cents on the \$100 valuation. Regardless of how much the tax rate might be increased, not more than 15 cents of the levy could be used for general county purposes or 10 cents for the hospital fund.

More than \$200,000 in real property valuation will be lost this year by the Norfolk Southern Railroad taking up its track from Mackey's to Columbia, a considerable portion of which lies in this county. In addition, the auditor points out that ABC store revenue has decreased by 50 per cent in the past two years and is not expected to be any larger this year. For the 1949 tax year the county received \$40,000 from legal whiskey sales. Last year this source yielded only \$20,000, exactly half that for the preceding year. Decline in liquor sales and higher state and federal taxes account for this loss.

The loss of \$200,000 in ABC revenue is just about the same as would be the loss of \$1,176,000 in property valuation, based on a tax rate of \$1.70, same as that levied last year in the county. Add this \$1,176,000 to the \$200,000 loss in railroad valuation, and the result is \$1,376,000, or slightly more than the \$1,200,000 which the county commissioners estimate the 20 per cent horizontal increase on real property will produce. Higher valuation on automobiles this year probably will

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Sgt. Leon C. Ange Given Silver Star For Heroic Action

Citation Issued for Extraordinary Heroism in Korean Battle Action With 24th Division

Notice that a Washington County soldier in Korea had been awarded the Silver Star was given in a letter from the soldier—Sgt. Leon C. Ange—to his sister, Mrs. Raymond Barber, of Plymouth. Mrs. Barber received the letter last week.

Ange, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Ange, of Plymouth, is a veteran of World War II, having spent 26 months overseas. He re-enlisted in the service August 7, 1947.

The letter to Mrs. Barber quotes the citation for extraordinary heroism in action in Korea. Here is how it reads: "With the 24th Division in Korea: Sgt. Leon C. Ange, while a member of the 34th Regiment, 24th Div., distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action near Chungdo, Korea, on July 12th, 1950. Sgt. Ange was occupying a combat position with his platoon when it came under heavy small arms, automatic

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1,035 License Plates Issued Here to Date

With only 17 sales days remaining before the deadline on displaying new state license plates, only a little more than one third the number of plates expected to be sold at the local branch office have been disposed of, Ernest Etheridge, manager, stated. Total sales Tuesday were reported to be 1,035 sets of license plates. Last year, approximately 2,970 sets were issued through the local branch office, and it was expected that more than this number would be sold here this year.

Mrs. W. J. Woolard, of Plymouth, spent last Wednesday in Raleigh and saw her husband take the oath of office as Representative from Washington County in the North Carolina General Assembly.

The question of whether Hada-col might cause deafness was raised in Superior Court here Tuesday when a Negro man on the witness stand during cross-examination stated that he did not hear the impact of a nearby wreck. Asked by the solicitor what he had been drinking, he replied, "Hada-col."

Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, is presiding over the two week mixed January term of superior court here because of an agreed exchange with Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, who was originally scheduled to hold the term of court.

Town workmen took the Christmas lights down the first of this week. Practically the whole crew had been engaged in repairing the sewer line on Washington Street since before Christmas, so Paul Basnight got some of them to come down Sunday morning and started removing the lights, finishing the job Monday.

George M. Fountain, of Tarboro, solicitor of the second judicial district, took oath of office before Judge Bone here Tuesday. Fountain was reelected to the office in the general election in November.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton Allen took their infant daughter, Donna, to a Greenville hospital Tuesday where she is being given transfusions for an anemic condition caused by spasmodic stomach. Mr. Allen said the child responded well to the first transfusion Tuesday night.

Annual Seal Sale Over \$100 Short Of County Quota

Total Amount Reported Reaches \$673.26; Leaders Hopeful that Late Returns Will Put Drive Over

Although Washington County is still short of its 1950 Christmas Seal Sale quota, the Plymouth Woman's Club, which conducted the Seal Sale, is hopeful that the difference will be made up soon by the late returns now coming in, according to Mrs. Bessie Owens, Seal Sale chairman. Total amount reported on hand yesterday was \$673.26, \$127.74 short of the quota.

Many of the late returns, said Mrs. Owens, are accompanied by brief letters of explanation. For example, she added, one donor wrote, "I regret this delay, but am consoled in my tardiness by the fact that your committee works the year round, not just during the Christmas season."

Delayed returns, "with or without explanation," are still as welcome, Mrs. Owens stressed. "We wish to repeat that it is not too late for any county resident to acknowledge his Seal Sale letter," she said. "As a matter of fact, we are counting on those delayed returns to meet our quota. The 1951 program of our committee and its plans for the necessary expansion of its tuberculosis control projects depend on our meeting that quota."

The campaign for funds for our fight against tuberculosis in Washington County is officially conducted during the Christmas season, but the work of the committee is not limited to any one season. Its major projects go on 12 months of the year."

Mrs. Richard Norman, president of the Woman's Club, said that checks and returns can be made out and addressed to Mrs. Bessie Owens, Seal Sale chairman, 106 Winesette Circle, Plymouth, N. C.

Duties of Jury Explained by Judge

In a forty minute charge to the members of the grand jury at the opening of the January session of Washington County Superior Court here Monday morning, Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, urged the jury to use its powers of presentment cautiously and with good judgment, avoiding prejudice.

The jurist also stressed the importance of secrecy among members of the grand jury in their deliberations. He said that the jury should report its findings to the court, but avoid discussing jury business with persons not members of that body.

public investigations. He defined bills of indictment and presentments, and stated that the purpose of the jury was to hear witnesses in indictments and presentments and to determine whether or not there was probable cause. He stressed that the juror's duties had nothing to do with deciding the question of guilt or innocence, that being within the province of the petit jury.

The jurist pointed out that an important duty of the grand jury is to weed out all unjustifiable prosecution of persons within the county, as well as to see that those deserving prosecution are dealt with. He defined felonies and misdemeanors, listing the four capital offenses in this state—murder and burglary in the first degree, arson and

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Thos. F. Marriner Buried Saturday

Thomas F. Marriner, 80, of Roper, RFD, died Thursday, January 4, at 1:15 p. m. at his home following an illness of seven weeks. He had been in declining health for the past two years.

Mr. Marriner was the son of the late Jim Marriner and Mary Eliza Biggs Marriner and was born in Washington County, September 23, 1870. He was a lifelong resident of the county.

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