

J. T. Terry, district game pro- tector, of Plymouth, announced this week that the 1951 fishing licenses have arrived and persons desiring to obtain new licenses may do so.

Local Blood Bank leaders stated this week that practically every pint of blood donated during the recent bloodmobile visit has been flown to Korea and that the supply at the Norfolk center has been largely depleted due to the great need overseas. Blood center officials were well pleased with the local response, stating it was as good as they had encountered in any town of comparable size.

Misses Jeanne and Nina Stillman, of Roper, were on the honor roll of students who made outstanding scholastic records during the fall quarter at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, it was announced this week by college officials. Requirements for the honor roll are at least two quality points per credit hour on all work taken and no grade below "3."

Mrs. Mancel Bradon left by plane last Friday for San Diego, California, where she will join her husband, who is in the U. S. Navy. Mrs. Bradon will remain with him while he is in the states.

Walton Allen brought his son, daughter and wife home from a Washington hospital Sunday and reports them to be doing as well as can be expected. His wife became ill after their young son had been operated on for appendicitis. The baby girl was hospitalized because of anemia. Walton says he and his family are deeply grateful for the many kindnesses shown them by friends.

While bird-hunting in the Weona section last Saturday, the dogs of Rudolph Beasley and Elliott Harrell jumped a bobcat. The animal put up a terrific struggle with the dogs, but was shot by Beasley. The animal measured about two and a half feet in length, the hunters said.

Club Women Meet Here Wednesday

Seventy club women representing Hyde, Beaufort, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington counties met in Plymouth Wednesday at the Agriculture Building. This was a training school for members of the executive board of the 24th district and county council members of the five counties. Mrs. George Bowen, president of 24th district, presided over the meeting, giving the welcome and devotional.

Miss Verna Stanton, assistant state home agent, Raleigh, and Mrs. Verna J. Langford, eastern district agent, instructed the officers in their duties. An executive board meeting was held in the afternoon and plans made for the 24th district meeting which is to be held in Plymouth April 12th.

Reserve Unit Here Declines Invitation to Join MP Unit

Capt. Charles Gardner, commanding the 245th Engineers Dump Truck Company, of Plymouth, stated yesterday that his outfit had received an invitation to transfer to a military police unit, along with other towns in this section, headquarters to be at Ahoskie. However, the local unit has decided to remain an engineer outfit, he said.

Local Vets to Stage Big Dance Here; Offer Prize

Officials of the local posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars stated this week that they are planning to stage a big dance here soon, at which time they will give away a new television set to some lucky ticket holder.

Free Cancer Clinic Is Set for Tomorrow

The cancer detection clinic for this area will be held Friday of this week, January 19, at the Health Center in Elizabeth City. Registration will begin at 1 o'clock and continue until 2:30 it was announced Monday.

Examinations will be given without cost and are available to men and women 35 years of age or over, regardless of race, creed or color. In addition, those who are under 35 are eligible for examination if they have one of the recognized "danger signals" of cancer.

Little Over Week Left to List Taxes

The tax listing month of January is almost two thirds gone and through noon Wednesday only 781 persons had listed their taxes with Plymouth Township List Taker Clarence Blount in the city clerk's office here. County Tax Supervisor H. L. Davenport, of Skippersville, reported yesterday that a total of 95 persons had listed in the other three townships of the county—35 in Scuppernon, and 30 each in Skippersville and Lees Mill. The law requires that all prop-

erty owners list their property for taxes and that males between the ages of 21 and 65 list their polls. For this, the law provides absolutely no extension of time beyond the normal listing period (the month of January) and failure to comply subjects the offending party to a 10 per cent penalty provided by law. Mr. Blount stated that there were about 2200 property owners in Plymouth township and so just a bit over one third have listed

thus far. He urges that all persons not having yet listed do so at once and not wait for the final week. Several persons in the township will have farm reports to submit, Blount said, and that will require as much time as the listing of property. City Clerk W. A. Roebuck reported yesterday at noon that the job of listing taxes was about half finished. He said that something over 600 persons had listed out of about 1300 property owners within the city limits.

County Hospital Fills Long-Felt Need Here

Tax Collections Reported Good

County Tax Collector E. J. Spruill reports that tax collections thus far in January have been as good as usual and he points out that January is usually the best month for collections, there being two obvious reasons for people to pay their taxes in January. First, it is the last month before interest accrues and second, people who have been paying their taxes in January each year for several years continue to do so because they can list county taxes as an item in figuring their income tax.

Total of 460 Patients Admitted Since Opening on Last May 19; Over 100 Babies Delivered

The need and usefulness served by a county hospital center offering complete facilities to the residents of the county is emphasized in statistics on record at the Washington County Hospital here. Figures released by Mrs. David E. Jones, RN, superintendent of nurses at the hospital, show that since the institution opened its doors to receive patients last May 19, a total of 460 patients have been admitted. Represented among these patients were five counties besides Washington, and five states other than North Carolina.

Recommendations Of Minor Nature Suggested by Jury

Need of Repairs Cited at Agriculture Building, County Home and Health Department Here

The report of the Washington County grand jury to the January term of superior court here stated that the jails and county home had been inspected and that inquiries had been made concerning the condition of school buses. The report said that the jail was well kept and clean. However, it recommended that some rooms be painted and new stool seats be furnished for the bathroom at the county home and health department. The health department was found in good condition, but it was noted that the outside of the building was badly in need of paint. The roof of the agricultural building was found to be in bad shape, leaking and in need of repairs. Repairs recommended by the last jury have not yet been made, it was reported. The jurors found that all justice of peace reports are being made satisfactorily and monthly reports and fees are being turned in to the county auditor and proper records are being kept. A list of delinquent guardians, administrators and executors was turned in, the number of delinquents being 11, 10 and 9, respectively. The report was signed by the foreman, L. W. Gurkin, sr.

USDA War Board To Be Organized In This County

C. W. Bowen and H. L. Respass, jr., Named Chairman and Vice-Chairman Respectively

At the cotton conference held in the agriculture building here Monday night, steps were taken to reorganize the United States Department of Agriculture War Board for Washington County. Two Plymouth men, C. W. Bowen and H. L. Respass, jr., were named chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, and they will announce appointment of other members of the board soon, it is expected. Members will be chosen from among the county PMA committee, soil conservation leaders, FHA, vocational agriculture teachers, county agent and home demonstration agent, and other workers in the extension service, it was said. An important function of the board would be to determine cases for deferment where registrants living on farms in the county applied for such deferment. It was said that the only cases which may be considered for deferment will be dairy farm workers and extreme hardship cases. The latter cases were defined as being those where a farm owner is totally incapacitated and has a son of draft age who is and has been for some time doing farm work. It was pointed out that if such registrant had not been working on the farm but began working at some recent time, the case would not be considered an extreme hardship case.

Rites Sunday for Mrs. J. M. Brown

Funeral services were held in Statesville Sunday afternoon for Mrs. J. M. Brown, 69, mother of Mrs. W. V. Hays, of Plymouth. Mrs. Brown died in a hospital at Greensboro early last Friday morning after a serious illness of several months. She had been in the hospital for about a week. Mrs. Brown was a native of Statesville and lived there much of her life. A number of years ago she came to Plymouth with her husband and lived here for several months, making many friends in the community who are grieving to learn of her passing. Mr. and Mrs. Brown celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last October. He was a successful business man, retiring several years ago, and both he and Mrs. Brown are widely known throughout the state. Mrs. Brown was a loyal member of the Methodist church since early childhood and very active in affairs of the Broad Street Methodist Church at Statesville. Besides her husband, Mrs. Brown is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. E. White, of Arabia, who was with her when the end came last Friday, and Mrs. Hays, of Plymouth. She also leaves a sister and several brothers and a number of grandchildren.

Local Organist Will Give Benefit Recital Here Soon

Mrs. Marie Newland, radio organist of Plymouth, will give an organ recital at the First Christian Church Friday evening, January 26, at 7:30 o'clock, it has been announced. No admission will be charged for the recital but an offering will be taken for the benefit of the polio fund, it was said. Vocal numbers will be rendered by Mrs. Frances Lucas, Misses Betty and Myrtle Jackson and Jane Crofton. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this evening of music.

Pineville Preacher to Hold Service at Nazarene Church

Revival services begin next Sunday night at the Church of the Nazarene here, with preaching by the Rev. Doyle C. Smith, of Pineville, church officials have announced. The meetings will continue through January 31, with services beginning nightly at 7:30 o'clock, it was said. The services are being announced as good old-fashioned gospel singing and preaching and all persons are extended a cordial welcome to attend.

C. L. Blount Is Named To Head Draft Board

Clarence L. Blount, of Plymouth, is the new chairman of the Washington County Selective Service Board, having been elected to that position at a regular meeting of the board here Tuesday night. Mr. Blount's appointment was announced last week by the office of the state director, following his nomination by a group composed of the chairman of the county board of elections, the county superintendent of schools and the clerk of the superior court. Mr. Blount is a native of Plymouth and has lived here practically all his life, except for 14 years when he was cashier of a

Drive in Progress To Raise Funds for Infantile Paralysis

County Director Thomas Hopkins Gives Statistics to Show Urgent Need of Polio Funds

The annual March of Dimes campaign officially opened in Washington County Monday and posters advertising the drive are now on display in nearly all business establishments. Efforts to raise money to be used in the incessant fight which must be waged against dread infantile paralysis will continue through the month of January. Directing the campaign this year in the county is Thomas F. Hopkins, of Plymouth. Pointing out that the cumulative cost of caring for polio patients soars tremendously each year as new cases are added, the county director added that increasingly larger amounts are needed to cope with the load of old and new cases.

"There is only one answer to this new polio challenge," Hopkins said, "that is to make this present campaign the greatest ever."

In the past three years the treasuries of hundreds of chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis throughout the county have been depleted as the result of some 100,000 new cases of polio. "We are now faced with a staggering polio patient load," the director stated. "No matter what the 1951 polio season may bring in the way of epidemics, we know that we will be responsible for thousands of patients from 1950 and earlier years."

"Costs of caring for new cases are high—we all know that, but old cases usually are even more expensive because they are the seriously - affected long - term cases. It goes without saying that we cannot abandon even one of these, if there is the slightest hope for improvement."

The campaign director said that in addition to the various types of prolonged and costly treatments required, thousands of patients need new appliances, braces, new wheelchairs and other equipment essential to everyday life.

"Many hundreds each year must live encased in respirators, with nurses constantly in attendance; these are the most costly cases of all," Hopkins said. "Their care may range from \$7,000 to \$10,000 a year, and sometimes much more."

Hopkins revealed that in the 13 years of its existence the National Foundation has spent some \$94,000,000 in patient care, almost two-thirds of it in the last three years.

"Even this is not the full bill, since many thousands will look to us for help in 1951, if they are to continue their lives under conditions as normal as science and money can make them," Hopkins continued. "We cannot let them down; we must open our hearts as never before in the 1951 March of Dimes."

Classes Crowded as School Here Starts New Semester

The Plymouth High School entered upon its second semester on Tuesday of this week, according to J. S. Fleming, principal. Mid-term examinations were completed Monday, and the school started right off on the second half of the year's work the next morning.

Enrollment continues to increase in local schools, Mr. Fleming said, making the shortage of classroom space more acute. Ten or twelve new students have entered in the past few days, and Tuesday there were 47 students present in each of the two fifth grade sections.

The girl is suffering from a fractured skull, intra-cranial hemorrhage and concussion and fractured right leg shortly after 5 o'clock when she is reported to have darted in front of an automobile driven by Jerry Polk, of Plymouth. The car struck the child down and skidded to a stop some distance away, it was said. Polk, an employee of N. C. Pulp Company here, was returning home from work. The accident occurred at the corner of Main and Monroe Streets. It was said that a group of small children had crossed from one corner of the street to another and the Johnson child apparently decided to remain where she was, then suddenly changed her mind and darted into the path of the oncoming vehicle.

The accident was investigated by Policeman Allen, of the city force. No charges have been preferred.

U To Z Drivers Must Get Permits Renewed

Persons whose surnames begin with U, V, W, X, Y and Z should now apply for renewals of driver's license, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reported this week. Motorists who obtained renewal of their driver's licenses in 1947 under the re-issuance program and whose birthdays fall early this year should also apply. Motorists who are uncertain about the expiration date of their licenses should refer to the lower right hand corner of their present license cards. These motorists will be permitted to seek second renewal 30 days in advance of the expiration date, which falls on their birthdate. The majority will have surnames beginning with A or B, but a few will fall in other alphabetical groups. Approximately 180,000 North Carolinians are included in the U, V, W, X, Y and Z group. Persons seeking second renewals are estimated at 85,000 or 90,000. To avoid the last minute rush of the U, V, W, X, Y and Z group, which expires June 30, the Department suggests that applicants come early.

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15 Men of County In Induction Call On February 5th

Rescind Ban on Publishing Size of Calls and Names Of Men; Board Has Business 15-Day Period

A directive from state headquarters received this week by the local selective service board rescinded an order issued in December forbidding publication of information relative to draft calls on the county. This makes it possible to review work of the board since the first of January, which constitutes the busiest half month in recent history of the group. Since January 1st, the office of the board in Plymouth has handled the registration of physicians and dentists, one large pre-induction call and two calls for induction. This is in addition to the registration of youths as they reach the age of 18, which averages from 15 to 25 each month, board meetings, and other routine matters.

This week the board received a call for 15 Washington County men to report for induction on Monday, February 5. Notices are going out this week to the men being called up for service and should be in their hands by Saturday.

The first call filled in the county in 1951 was for five men to report for induction on January 4. Four left on that date, as follows: Herman Edgar Hooker, jr., Plymouth, Wade Andrews Phelps, Creswell, and Francis Ray Spencer, Roper, all white; and Chester Lee Cooper, colored, of Roper. The other man called, William Edison Rodgers, colored, formerly of Creswell, was transferred to the local board at Newark, N. J., for induction, completing the quota.

Monday of this week, January 15, the county filled its largest induction call since the local board resumed its operation last fall. The call was for 25 men, and 21 actually left on the bus Monday. There was no transfer, two postponements, and one registrant died after notices were sent out. The call this week was almost equally divided between the races, 13 notices going out to white registrants and 12 to colored. Plymouth had the largest number called, 4 white and 5 colored, for a total of 9. Roper was next with 7, 4 colored and 3 white.

Colored Child Is Seriously Injured

Willie Jane Johnson, 4 year old daughter of Ernest Lee Johnson and wife, colored, of Plymouth, remains in serious condition at the Washington County Hospital here, according to Dr. E. W. Furgurson.

Thanks Expressed For Boots Donated In Clothing Drive

A clothing drive for the relief of persons in war-torn countries, put on in the fall of 1945, has recently brought a nice letter of thanks from Austria to Miss Alva Rose Hardison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Arthur Hardison, of Plymouth. The letter, from a 16-year-old Austrian girl, expresses god will and appreciation for a pair of galoshes contributed during the campaign by little Miss Hardison. Text of the letter, as translated from German, is as follows: "Dear Little Friend Alva: "I received your boots. Lots of thanks. I lost your address and have just found it. You will be surprised to receive a letter from me. I am Austrian and live close to the Blue Danube, close to Vienna. You'll be able to find this on the map. I'm sorry that I have to write everything to you in German, but I can't write that much in English. I hope that someone can translate it for you. "Dear Alva, you are 12 years old. I was born October 13, 1934, and am 16 years old. I have blonde hair, gray-green eyes, and slender, about 62 inches tall. I will send you a picture of myself as soon as I find out that you receive this letter. Please send me a picture of yourself. "I have four brothers. The oldest one's name is Gottfried, and he is 14 years old. Erich is 12, (See THANKS Page 12)

Three Doctors Register Here

Three physicians were registered Monday at the office of the local draft board in the second special registration of medical men by selective service. They were Drs. E. W. Furgurson and A. Papineau, of Plymouth, and Dr. J. M. Phelps, of Creswell. Dr. Robert L. Mohn, Plymouth dentist, registered at the first registration last October 16.

The doctors registered are men under 50 years of age who are not members of any reserve component. Drs. Furgurson and Phelps saw active duty during World War II. At the present time Dr. Phelps is a member of the county selective service board. Other physicians in the county are over the age limit set for the registration.

Miss Alva Rose Hardison Gets Letter of Appreciation From 16-Year-Old Austrian Girl

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Superior Court Is Working on Civil Actions This Week

Court Reconvenes Monday; Two Divorces Granted, Six Judgments Awarded by Noon Wednesday

Washington County Superior Court reconvened here Monday morning for the trial of civil actions, following adjournment last Tuesday afternoon when the criminal docket was completed for the January term. The civil docket had not been completed late yesterday. Cases disposed of before Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, through Wednesday noon, included two divorce cases and six other actions, as follows: Absolute divorces were granted Erma Phelps Cooper from Shelbert Willis Cooper and Lillie M. Harris from Howard Harris. P. H. Darden was granted a judgment against Jesse T. and Margaret Hawkins in the amount of \$121.75 with interest from January 7, 1950, until paid. The defendants were taxed with the court costs. It was also ordered that Darden was entitled to immediate possession of household and kitchen furniture of the defendants described in a chattel mortgage to Darden and seized by the sheriff under claim and delivery process. W. M. Darden, counsel for plaintiff, was appointed commissioner to sell the furniture and satisfy the judgment. In the case of L. Shugar versus Mrs. C. B. Holmes alias Sarah Holmes and K. T. Holmes, plaintiff was awarded \$49 judgment against Mrs. Holmes, and adjudged not to recover against W. T. Holmes. Costs of the action were charged against the defendants. J. S. Shugar was awarded a \$375 judgment with interest against C. C. Cooper. John Lutz, trading as John Lutz and Company, was awarded a judgment of \$78.25 with interest from January 3, 1948 until paid, against Don G. Davis, who was taxed with court costs. M. G. Brown Co., Inc., was awarded a judgment \$200 with interest from April 21, 1949, against Dr. Claudius McGowan. Court costs were taxed against the defendant. E. W. Patrick was given a judgment of \$250.77 against H. E. Ambrose, in a case which consumed an entire day. The suit involved a dispute over settlement for timber sold by the plaintiff to Ambrose.

Sale of Licenses Proceeds Slowly

License sales at the branch office at The Etheridge Company here continued slow, with sales for the last four sales days of last week totaling only 125, an average of about 31 sets per day. Only eleven more sales days remain before the deadline for displaying old tags on motor vehicles in operation, and the inevitable last minute rush for the 1951 plates seems to be in prospect. Manager Ernest Etheridge of the local branch office urges all persons not having obtained the new state license plates to hurry and get the job done before the press of time. This will make it easier on all concerned, it was pointed out. A breakdown of sales released Monday shows that 902 sets of plates for automobiles have been sold here; 8 sets for motorcycles; 137 for private trucks; 25 for farm trucks; 75 for small trailers; and 13 for commercial trailers. New plates must be displayed on all motor vehicles which are operated on and after February 1, or the owners will be subject to prosecution under the law. Patrolmen will begin citing delinquents to court who are caught operating vehicles without the new plates, beginning February 1.

Plant Bed Sowing Is Slower This Season

Sowing of tobacco beds in Washington County is thought to be somewhat slower generally this season than was the case a year ago. It was estimated that by January 20 last year most of the beds in the county were already sown and County Agent W. V. Hays was warning farmers that they could expect a shortage of plants as a result of the early sowing. His prediction materialized and many farmers were bothered about setting out their tobacco by a serious shortage of the plants. Many growers were forced to bring in plants from adjoining counties. This year, a shortage of cotton cloth used on the beds has developed. Whether this will affect farmers in this county could not be learned. Local merchants who carry the cloth have sold out their supply and whether more can be obtained is conjectural. Perhaps most farmers have already obtained their needs for use in preparing beds later.

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