

Town Topics

Mancel W. Bradon, machinist's mate, second class, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bradon, of Plymouth, is now serving aboard the destroyer tender USS Bryce Canyon in the Pacific area.

Friends of Mrs. Ella L. Ralph will regret to learn that she is in a serious condition as the result of a fall suffered at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hilda Swain, here several weeks ago. She suffered a compound fracture of her left arm. Removed to a Norfolk hospital last week, physicians are unable to do much for her on account of her age, and she is now at the home of another daughter in Norfolk.

Local basketball fans should get their fill of exciting court play when the fifth annual Lions' Invitational tournament opens next Monday night in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. Fourteen schools in this section will be represented by 14 boys' and 12 girls' teams and 24 games will be run off in the course of 8 nights of play.

Officials of the local veterans' organizations stated today that work began yesterday on putting in windows at the new veterans' building in process of construction near the Washington County Hospital. Several local veterans were donating their services for the task.

Joyce Bailey, daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Carl Bailey, sr., of Plymouth, was one of 78 Meredith College students cited for outstanding academic achievement during the past semester by Dean Leishman A. Peacock, and their names placed on the Dean's List of scholastic honors. Miss Bailey is also on the program committee for Religious Emphasis Week at Meredith.

Assembly Records Tribute to Memory Of W. R. Hampton

Resolution Goes Through Both Houses by Unanimous Vote Monday; Introduction by Horton

Both branches of the North Carolina General Assembly Monday night unanimously approved a resolution expressing appreciation for the life and services of the late William Roy Hampton, of Plymouth. Mr. Hampton, chairman of the State Board of Conservation and Development, died of a sudden heart attack in a local hospital on January 21.

The resolution adopted Monday night was introduced by Senator Hugh G. Horton, of Williamston, a long-time friend of Mr. Hampton. In the resolution, Mr. Hampton was commended for "contributing in many and effective ways to the education, political and industrial development of his own section of the state and making his influence felt in the cause of practical progress throughout the entire state."

It also noted that "in his later years as chairman of the board of conservation and development he played a particularly effective part in shaping the present policies and program of the department of conservation and development looking toward an improvement of the laws and administrative procedure affecting commercial fisheries of North Carolina."

In addition to his long service on the board of conservation and development, Mr. Hampton was chairman of the committee on commercial fisheries of the department for a number of years, as well as serving as state senator from the second district and as a trustee of the Greater University.

Local Church Group To Serve Dinner Saturday

A baked chicken dinner will be served Saturday at the Christian Church Annex, starting at noon, under the auspices of the Woman's Council of the Christian Church. Plates, including dessert, will be sold for \$1. The public is invited to attend.

State Tax Man Here From March 5 to 7th

E. Ross Fronberger, of Williamston, deputy collector of internal revenue for the State of North Carolina, has announced that he will be at the office of the clerk of Superior Court here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday March 5, 6 and 7 to assist taxpayer in filing their state income tax statements. This service is free to the public.

Every single person, or married person not living with husband or wife, receiving annual income in excess of the \$1,000 personal exemption, plus allowable de-

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Call 25 Men for Induction March 12

The number of Washington County men inducted into the armed forces since resumption of drafting last fall will be more than doubled as a result of a call received by the local board this week. The newest call is for 25 men to report for induction on Monday, March 12. They will leave here at 9:50 a. m. on that date for the Raleigh induction center and from there will be assigned to the various units in which they will serve.

Since reactivation of the selective service board here last July 31st, only 20 men had been called for induction prior to this week. This figure did not keep pace with enlistments, which totaled 38 during the same period. With the 25 men being called to go into the service March 12, Washington County will have a total of 83 or more men in the service between the draft ages of 19 and 26, since a few more may have

volunteered since the figures were gotten up. The local board has recently completed the reclassification of 24 from 4-F to 1-A and 9 from 4-A (veterans) to 1-A. Notices were mailed yesterday to those affected by the reclassification. Registrants receiving the notices will have 10 days in which to file appeals or furnish the board any additional information that may affect their status.

Jaycees Revive Talk Of Second Bank Here At Meet Last Friday

Public Concerns Taking Holiday

As far as could be learned, no local business houses will observe Thursday, February 22, (today) by closing. However, the holiday observance of George Washington's birthday will be made by at least two important local concerns—the bank and the post office.

Register of Deeds Schedule of Fees Increase Proposed

Bill Fixing New Rates Passed by House; Sponsored by Board of County Commissioners

Fees for recording many legal documents in the office of the Washington County Register of Deeds would be increased under provisions of the bill recently passed by the lower house of the General Assembly. The measure was introduced on February 12 by Representative W. J. Woolard, passed the house on February 17 and has since been referred to the senate committee on salaries and fees.

Recording fees in this county have not been changed in many years, and the county commissioners had a new schedule prepared and requested the representative to have it enacted by the legislature. The revised schedule will bring fees in this county in line with those charged by other counties, according to the commissioners.

Some of the main changes are as follows: For recording standard mortgage form with note, present rate 20 cents; revised fee, 50 cents. For recording right of way for easement, minimum of \$1.50 increased to \$2. For recording standard deed of trust form, minimum of \$1.75 increased to \$2.25. For recording auto sale contract or chattel mortgage, minimum of 50 cents raised to \$1; for recording other sales contracts, instruments or chattel mortgages, minimum of 50 cents increased to \$1; for recording all other instruments in writing, from 80 cents to \$1 for the first 300 words and from 18 cents to 20 cents for each 100 words above 300 words.

Effective date of the new schedule is fixed at April 1, 1951, in the bill. The old cancellation fee of 10 cents per instrument would no longer be charged after that date.

John Forbes Davenport, senior vice-commander; Douglas Gurkin, junior vice-commander; Denver Phillips, quartermaster; James Thomas, chaplain; and Dr. E. W. Furgurson, surgeon.

The newly-elected officers will be installed at the April 1st meeting of the post. Weaver said.

Registrants Urged To Follow Rules in Applying to Board

Method of Presenting Statements and Making Appeals Outlined by Draft Board Chairman

Selective service registrants of this county should observe a few simple rules, in presenting their cases to the draft board. Clarence L. Blount, chairman of the Washington County Board, stated that registrants and interested persons could help the draft board and themselves if they will observe the following three suggestions:

1. Present in writing a statement of all facts which they believe will entitle the registrant to deferment. This should be presented at the time the questionnaire is returned. Any subsequent change in status that might warrant reclassification should be reported in writing.
2. File within 10 days after the notice of classification is mailed, a request for personal appearance before the board if desired. Such a request will be granted if filed within 10 days, but only one appearance will be granted after each classification.
3. Should appeal be desired, give to the local board notice of appeal in writing within ten days after the date of mailing of the notice of classification. This applies to the notice mailed after either the original classification or the notice issued after personal appearance before the board.

Mr. Blount pointed out that observance of these simple rules would give everyone assurance that the local board was fully informed of the facts which might have a bearing upon the registrant's classification. He added that persons who wish to discuss a case with the board should request an appearance at the proper time and not attempt to discuss it with individual board members outside of the local board office. He pointed out that such practice would save time and that the interested parties could then be sure that all of the board members had complete knowledge of the facts which they wished to present. He stated that the members of the board are doing their best to determine the proper classification of each registrant and that they earnestly request the cooperation of the public.

Plymouth Man Named to Public Welfare Board

Clarence L. Blount, of Plymouth, has accepted an appointment from the State Board of Public Welfare as its member on the Washington County Board of Public Welfare, succeeding Frank Brinkley, also of Plymouth.

W. J. Ruffin New Head of VFW Post

A slate of post officers was elected to serve for the coming year at the regular meeting of Bossie Bateman Post No. 4023, Veterans of Foreign Wars, held in the courthouse here Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

Washington Street Break Is Repaired

That big break in the surface of Washington Street, between Main and Third, which has existed since before Christmas, was finally repaved and surfaced by town and state crews during the past week.

Would Eliminate Trial by Jury in Recorder's Court

Bill Introduced Last Week To Transfer Such Cases To Superior Court; Endorsed by County Board

Representative W. J. Woolard last Thursday introduced a bill in the house providing for automatic transfer of criminal cases from the Washington County recorder's court to the superior court when demand is made for trial by jury. The measure has the endorsement of the Washington County board of commissioners and is similar to a bill which failed of enactment in the legislature two years ago.

Jury trials in recorder's court have been the cause of much dissatisfaction, both here and in other counties. The county commissioners are against such trials because of the expense involved, and many law enforcement officers generally are opposed to them because it is seldom that a conviction can be secured against defendants.

It is understood that the county bar association has registered a protest against the bill. Chairman Frank L. Brinkley, of the board of commissioners, stated that the board would be glad to hear any objections of the lawyers, although the matter had been considered at length by the commissioners before they requested introduction of the bill, both this year and two years ago.

The bill was introduced two years ago by Representative E. O. Arnold and was passed by the house. It went to the senate and died in committee after local lawyers intervened with the district senators. Similar measures are already in effect in some counties, and bills have been introduced at the current session to apply to Martin and other counties of this section, it is understood. Senator Hugh G. Horton, of Williamston, has indicated that he would not oppose the bill applying to Martin County, according to reports.

Births and Deaths Higher in County

Total births in Washington County in 1950 showed an increase of 65 over the previous year, while deaths also increased, records in the Register of Deeds office here show.

A total of 398 births were reported to the office during 1950, as compared with 333 for 1949. Deaths, as reported to the Register of Deeds office, totaled 127 in 1950, compared with only 106 for the year before.

ABC Sales for January Given

A check of daily receipts at the Plymouth and Creswell ABC stores for the month of January showed that sales compared favorably with sales for the same period a year ago, the sales at the Plymouth store showing an increase over January, 1950, while sales at the Creswell store fell below those of the corresponding month last year.

Annual Red Cross Drive Begins in County March 1

Sales of Auto Licenses Past 2,000 Mark Here

Total sales of state license plates for motor vehicles for 1951 at the branch office of the Carolina Motor Club at The Etheridge Company here this week had reached to within 730 sets of the total sold during 1950, figures released by Ernest Etheridge, manager of the office, show.

County Organized For Annual Drive Made by Red Cross

The organizational set-up for Washington County in the annual Red Cross Fund campaign which gets underway next Thursday, March 1, was released early this week by Roy Manning, jr., county chairman, and Stewart Saunders, publicity chairman, both of Plymouth. The chairmen of the various units and the quota assigned to each were listed as follows:

Industrial chairman, Robert M. Bruce, quota \$400; Business and Professional, no chairman named yet, quota \$500; Residential, Mrs. Frances Jones, chairman, quota \$375; Country Club Village chairman, Joe Peele, quota \$115; Wilson Street Extended chairman, Miss Ida Davis, quota \$75; Lopez chairman, Mrs. Myrla Marrow, quota \$200; Pleasant Grove chairman, Mrs. T. W. Tarkenton, quota \$35; Skinnerville chairman, Mrs. Walter White, quota \$50; Creswell chairman, Mrs. Gladys Davenport, quota \$150; Cherry chairman, Mrs. Harry Barnes, quota \$60; Mackeys chairman, Mrs. Otis Chesson, quota \$65; Wenona chairman, Mrs. Glenn Ferbee, quota \$60; and colored chairman for county, Rev. A. R. Winborne, quota \$400.

Final plans for the campaign were perfected at a meeting held at the Mayflower Restaurant here Monday night and reported elsewhere in this paper.

Admissions and Discharges At Hospital in Past Week

Records at the Washington County Hospital show that the following persons have been admitted and/or discharged there from last Thursday through yesterday noon:

Admissions, white: Mrs. Ernest W. Furgurson, baby Catherine Sharon McCombs, Mrs. Milton Bowen, Mrs. W. M. Sawyer, Mrs. Eloise Ralph, James Thomas Stotenburg and Baby Garland G. Gardner, all of Plymouth; and Mrs. Ruth Lister Baker and Mrs. Mamie Louise Roberson, of Jamesville.

Scouts Planning Easter Egg Hunt

Plans for a big Easter Egg Hunt for the children of this vicinity are being perfected by the Albemarle District, Boy Scouts of America. The hunt will be held at 2:30 o'clock Easter Sunday afternoon on grounds adjacent to the Scout Hut in Plymouth, according to Farley M. Bowers, district chairman.

It is planned to divide the grounds so that three hunts will be held simultaneously, with one section for boys and girls up to six years of age, another for children 6 to 8, and a third for those 9 to 11 years old.

Quota for County Is Set at \$2,470; Representatives from All Parts of County Meet

The annual Red Cross Fund campaign in Washington County will begin Thursday, March 1, it was announced this week by Roy Manning, jr., of Plymouth, county chairman of the drive. A quota of \$2,470 has been set by the County Chapter of the American Red Cross to meet community and national needs during the coming year, Manning said. Of this amount, 55.3 per cent will be retained in the county for local use and the remaining 44.7 per cent will be for national use.

Interest Goes Up On Unpaid Taxes

Taxpayers in the town are reminded that the rate of interest on unpaid 1950 taxes advance 1 to 2 per cent after March 1, next Thursday. The interest rate is fixed by State law, and local units do not have the right to waive the extra charge, according to the collectors.

Plan Adopted by Bridge Group in Session Monday

Alligator-Croatan Bridge Association Approves of Plan of Southern Albemarle Group

The Alligator-Croatan Bridge Association, at a called session held at the Mayflower Restaurant in Plymouth, voted to adopt a plan recently drawn up by the advisory committee of the kindred Southern Albemarle Association, relating to possible methods to be followed in efforts to secure bridges over the Alligator River and Croatan Sound.

The plan, read to the group by P. D. Midgett, of Engelhard, vice-president of the Bridge Association, suggested four steps be taken: 1, ascertain total operating costs of present ferries; 2, get reliable estimated cost of proposed bridges; 3, get approximate cost of financing bridges over a 20 year period; 4, request an appropriation, either through the appropriations committee in the General Assembly or out of the Highway Commission funds to match Federal Aid.

Scouts Are Given Truckful of Paper

Although hampered by rain in the afternoon, the Plymouth Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts collected a truckload of scrap paper in Plymouth Saturday, it was reported. Collections were scheduled for the entire town but the rain cut the canvass short and it was said that other parts of town, not covered Saturday, would be canvassed Saturday of this week.

Local Cagers Enter Couple Tournaments

Both Plymouth High School basketball teams have completed their regular schedule of play for the season, but are to take part in two tournaments during the next two weeks. Thus far, in all games played, the girls have won 10, lost 3 and tied 1, for a percentage of .769. The boys have won 12 and lost 3 for a percentage of .800.

The local teams go to Hertford Friday night for their first tests in the Albemarle Conference tournament, which starts this afternoon. The girls' team is seeded No. 1 and the boys' team