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## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

President Roosevelt decreed Wednesday that, beginning immediately, a 48-hour work week would be adhered to in all locations named by the War Manpower Commission as critical areas. This 48-hour week includes all types of employees, store clerks, domestic servants, everyone except those who normally work only part time. The WMC has already named 32 areas, where labor shortage is noticeable, to abide by the ruling.

The OPA announced the rationing of shoes this week. Beginning Thursday, no store may sell a pair of shoes without the customer producing coupon 17 of his ration book. The OPA has announced that the public may obtain three pairs of shoes yearly. It has announced that manufacturers will not be permitted to make two-tone shoes. Thus only solid colors will be available after stores' present stocks are depleted.

Another OPA announcement is that point rationing will begin March 1. Registration for War Ration Books II will be held during the last week in February, and all persons must have their ration book no. 1 with them at the time of registering for book II. Retail food stores will be forbidden to sell canned goods, as listed among the rationed articles, during this week. However, this does not mean the stores will be closed. They may continue to sell unrationed items.

The news from the war fronts continues favorable for the Allies. The Russian armies are still pushing forward, regaining their territory from the Axis troops on the Eastern front. Moscow reports this week that the Reds have captured several important centers of communication and supplies and that the German forces are in peril all along the southern line. Heavy losses have been announced for the Germans, who have made practically no claims about the fighting in Russia for the past several weeks.

Good news came from the Pacific area this week when Secretary of the Navy Knox, as well as the Japanese officials, reported Japanese forces had been withdrawn from Guadalcanal. There are a few scattered troops remaining, but it is reported these cause little trouble to the American forces. The evacuation of this important island and the loss of New Guinea has been the first setback the Japs have received since they started their offensive over a year ago. It is believed that with the evacuation of Guadalcanal the way is now opening for the U. S. forces to make further attacks on other Jap positions in the Pacific.

Action on the Tunisian front is still a sparring bout. The Allies are hitting the Axis forces, looking for weak spots and the Germans still continue to hold most of their positions. Rommel is reported to have all his troops out of Tripoli, now, and the British 8th Army, it is said, is preparing to attack Rommel's line in Southern Tunisia. The weather conditions are expected to get better on that front very shortly and it can be expected an all out attack will be launched at that time by the combined American, British and French forces.

Mussolini, after firing his son-in-law, Ciano, as Italy's foreign minister, this week appointed him ambassador to the Holy See. Ciano served as foreign minister for six years and lost his job last week when Mussolini shook up his entire cabinet. It was reported that Ciano was fired by order of Hitler.

## Hertford Woman's Club Meets Monday At 3:45

The Hertford Woman's Club will meet at the Community House next Monday afternoon, February 15, at 3:45 o'clock. Mrs. J. G. Roberson, Perquimans County chairman of the Women's Division of the War Savings Staff, will be in charge of the program.

Mrs. L. A. Ward, Club president, urges all members to attend.

## White Presents Bill On Recorder's Judge

Representative W. W. White has presented a bill to the General Assembly calling for the abolition of choosing the Judge of Perquimans County by election. The bill, as presented by Mr. White, calls for the Judge and Solicitor of the court to be appointed by the County Commissioners for a term longer than that of the Commissioners. A maximum salary to be paid not to exceed \$300 per annum.

## THREE HERTFORD SCOUTS WIN EAGLE RANKING TO CLIMAX BOY SCOUT WEEK

### District Executive High In Praise of Activity Of Local Troop

Climaxing the observance of Boy Scout Week, the Hertford Rotary Club entertained members of Troop 155, Hertford Boy Scouts at its meeting held Tuesday night at the Methodist Church.

Highlight of the evening, during Court of Honor conducted for the Scouts, was the presentation of Eagle Scout badges to three members of the Hertford Troop. This rank is the highest obtainable in Scouting and represents much hard work and study on the part of the boys winning the awards.

The three Hertford Scouts winning the high rank were Charles Skinner, Billy White and Deward Jones.

The Rotary Club had as special guests for the occasion the mothers of the Scouts winning the Eagle rank. Other guests included W. L. Thompson, Scout Executive of Norfolk; Dan King, of Elizabeth City; Holland Webster, of Elizabeth City, a member of the National Scout Council; the Rev. E. T. Jilson, the Rev. B. C. Reavis, the Rev. H. G. Dawkins, Dr. D. C. Hackett, C. F. Sumner and Max Campbell.

The Boy Scout Court of Honor was conducted following the dinner served by the ladies of the Methodist Church and was presided over by C. P. Morris, chairman of the Executive Committee.

Merit badges were presented a number of Scouts by Dr. D. C. Hackett, and C. F. Sumner presented second class badges to Reginald Tucker, Paul Russell and William Hall. First Class promotion was won by Archie Nobles and he received his badge from A. W. Hefren. W. F. Ainsley presented new Star Badges to Colin Butler, Cecil Winslow and James Felton.

Mr. Webster presented Edward Mayes with his newly won rank as Life Scout. The presentation of the Eagle Scout badges was made by Mr. Morris.

Mr. Thompson gave a short talk on the achievements of Scouting in the Tidewater Area during the past year and reported a gain of twenty percent in membership. He praised the activity of the Hertford Troop and the local Scoutmaster, W. H. Pitt, stating it was due to such fine work as is being accomplished here that caused other boys to join in Scout work.

## January Bond Sales Tops Quota; Riddick Urges Heavy Buying

Perquimans County residents oversubscribed the January bond quota more than eight hundred dollars, R. M. Riddick, chairman of the County War Savings Staff, stated this week. The county's quota for January amounted to \$15,790, and a total of \$23,512.50 worth of bonds were sold by the Hertford Banking Company. The amount of bonds sold through the post offices within the county is not available, but it can be expected those agents sold a large number of bonds during the month.

Mr. Riddick announced the February quota for Perquimans had been set at \$12,000.75, and he stated the county would more than likely sell considerably more bonds than the quota this month.

However, he urged that all residents continue to buy bonds in as large a quantity as possible. He pointed out that with the U. S. forces now striking hard on the offensive, the war grows more costly and the government needs the money to win the victory.

## Miss Lois Asbell Wins Honors At Louisburg

Lois Asbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Asbell, Hertford, with a 2.56 average shared sixth-place honors with three other students on the Louisburg College honor roll for the first semester.

For her outstanding work Lois has also received and accepted a bid to Phi Theta Kappa national honorary scholastic fraternity.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Baccus, of Hertford, Route 1, announce the birth of a son, born January 28. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.

## Service Stars

Thirty-five stars, representing a like number of girls and boys, all members of the Hertford Baptist Church, now appear in the service flag dedicated at the church at a special service held last Sunday night.

The stars represent the following list of youths: Clarence E. Hobgood, David Broughton, James Byrum, Cleveland Buck, William Chappell, John Everett, Dohert Hollowell, Edison Harris, Julian Powell, Richard Payne, Jesse Parker Perry, Eugene Perry, Roy Reed Louis Sitterson Marvin Simpson, John Simpson, William N. Tucker, Edgar White, James Robert White, Alvin White, Alphonso Ward, Percy Byrum, Edward Byrum, Blanche Butler, Zack Harris, Douglas Elliott, Bette Holmes, Elizabeth Wood, James Divers, Roy Hoffer, Fenton Butler, Claude Simpson, George Butler, Carson White and Richard Spivey.

The Rev. H. G. Dawkins stated that some names may have been overlooked and if this was possible, the committee will appreciate being notified as the church wants every youth in service represented on the flag.

## 30 Negro Selectees Leave Wednesday For Physical Exam

A contingent of 30 Negro selectees will leave Hertford next Wednesday for Fort Bragg to receive their final physical examinations prior to induction into the armed services. Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local draft board, stated this week.

This contingent of men will be the first inducted under the new system whereby the local boards furnish men for all branches of the armed service. Under the new system, men ordered for induction and upon passing physical examinations may state their preference for the branch of service. However, if the selectee does not state a preference, officials at the induction station will assign the man to the branch in which they felt he will contribute the most to the war effort.

The Perquimans Board has received calls for 45 white men to be inducted on March 23, and for 35 Negroes to be inducted March 4.

Five men were sent to Fort Bragg last week and, according to an unofficial report, all were rejected by the Army as unfit for military service. It has been reported that since the selective service will now fill the needs for all branches of service that the physical requirements have been "upped" at the induction stations.

The 30 Negroes who will leave on Wednesday are: Will Dennis Harrell, George Nelson, John Brothers, Vernon Brickhouse, Iredell Hoffer, James Everett, Charles Hudson, Jr., Charles Miller, Willie Brooks David Overton, George Overton, Benjamin Riddick, Richard Wilson, Arthur Everett, Jr., Charlie Blanchard, Demonthese Jacksons, Warner Jones, David White, Clarence Smith, Eddie Felton, Claude White, Alton Jordan, Joseph Armstrong, George Lightfoot, James Burke, Willie Lilly, John Jones, James Overton and Clarence Harris.

## Possibility Navy May Enlarge Base On Harvey's Neck

No definite announcement, as yet, has been made, but there is a possibility that the Navy may enlarge the present site of its Air Base on Harvey's Neck. A surveying crew has been at work surveying lands adjoining the present site and it is understood the Navy Department is considering taking in all of the land from the Sound to the Perquimans River at a given point.

At the present time the Virginia Engineering Company, though handicapped recently by weather conditions and a shortage of some labor, is rapidly pushing the work of building the Base. Many of the buildings have been constructed and more are going up each day.

The Engineering Company has been short-handed on common labor and needs laborers at the present time. Persons seeking labor jobs should apply at the employment office located on Church Street.

## Members Of Ration Board In Elizabeth City For Meeting

### Hear Officials Give Explanation Point Ration System

Members of the Perquimans County Ration Board and clerks of the Board, as well as members of the newly appointed Community Service Committee, attended a meeting in Elizabeth City Thursday where they heard officials of the OPA explain details of the point rationing system which is expected to be placed in operation March 1.

The meeting opened at 10 o'clock and lasted until about 1 p. m. The State officials discussed, in addition to the rationing program, the distribution of War Ration Book II, Registration of Institutional and Industrial Users, Dealer Registration and Consumer Education.

Max R. Campbell, editor of The Perquimans Weekly, has been named as the Community Service member of the Perquimans Ration Board, and he has appointed the following committee to serve in assisting the Board in giving advice to the residents of this county on rationing information.

The Community Service Committee is composed of Mrs. L. J. Winslow, representing the P. T. A. of the Central Grammar School; Miss Frances Maness, County Home Agent; Mrs. Corbin Dozier, representing the Hertford P. T. A.; Mrs. E. M. Perry, New Hope; F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools, and L. W. Anderson, County Agent.

It is likely that public meetings will be arranged shortly before registration for War Ration Books II, and explanation of the system will be made by the Service committee. It has been announced by the OPA that registration for War Ration Book II will take place during the six days, February 22 through February 27.

It is understood that the County school system will have charge of the registration and complete details of this will be announced through this newspaper. Citizens, and especially housewives, are urged to learn the system completely before the rationing begins in order to avoid complications later on.

## Splendid Results Obtained In Infantile Paralysis Campaign

Splendid results were obtained in the infantile paralysis campaign conducted in Perquimans County, according to Mrs. B. G. Koonce, who served as chairman of the drive.

A total of \$265 was contributed by local citizens for the fund to be used in fighting the disease. With the exception of \$9.00, the entire amount was raised through contributions. Inasmuch as no special programs were arranged, the chairman reported total expense of conducting the drive was only 64 cents.

Mrs. Koonce expressed her appreciation and thanks to all those who contributed to the fund, and especially commended the schools of the county for the part they played in raising funds. The Hertford Grammar School contributed \$16.46; Perquimans County Central Grammar, \$14.15; Perquimans High School, \$12.70 and the Perquimans County Training School, \$4.00.

A final report of the campaign here has been made to the State headquarters of the drive, and 50 per cent of the funds raised here have been sent the office. The remainder of the money is retained here by the Perquimans Committee to be used to fight infantile paralysis in this county.

## Sheriff Reports Tax Collections Good

Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow stated today that collection of taxes in Perquimans County for 1943 had reached a new high mark. A total of \$63,192.96 of the 1942 levy has been collected, Sheriff Winslow said. This represents a higher percentage of collections to date than in any other year since he has been in office. Additional penalties are added March 1, and he advises all who have not paid their 1942 taxes to pay same before penalty is added.

### PREACHING AT WOODLAND

The Rev. J. D. Cranford will preach at Woodland Methodist Church Sunday night. Special singing will feature the service. Everyone is invited to come and worship.

## PROBABLE CAUSE VERDICT RETURNED IN CASE CHARGING YOUTHS WITH RAPE

### Not Too Late

It is not too late for relatives and friends of Perquimans County boys in service to leave pictures of the boys for display in the window of Roberson's Drug Store, Mrs. J. G. Roberson stated today.

The local store has received many pictures of boys in service and a display will be completed this week, Mrs. Roberson said. However, in order that all boys of the county may be listed, Mrs. Roberson is anxious for parents and friends, who have not left pictures to bring them to the store as soon as possible.

The display will be left in the window for a given time and the store is hopeful that pictures of all the boys of the county may be had in order that every boy may have a part in the display.

## Enlargement Loans Still Available, Supervisor States

There is still time for farmers to put in their applications for loans to enlarge their farms, said A. H. Edwards, Hertford, Farm Security Administration Supervisor for Perquimans and Chowan Counties, in explaining this new type of loan.

"Farm Enlargement" loans—a recent addition to the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant program—may be made to eligible families who own farms definitely too small to support the family and to make full use of the family labor for war food production, Edwards said.

These enlargement loans may be used to purchase sufficient additional land to enlarge inadequate farms into economic, family-type units; to make necessary repairs and put the enlarged farm in good living and operating condition, it was pointed out. This may include such improvements as clearing land, draining of wet land, leveling of rough land, terracing of land subject to erosion, preparation of land for permanent pastures, wood lot or orchard development, or carrying out such other land improvements as will result in increasing the production capacity of the farm.

Existing debts on farms to be enlarged may be refinanced, provided such refinancing is incidental to the main purpose of acquisition of a family-type farm. Normal fees and expenses connected with the purchase of additional land may also be covered in the loan. The Farm Enlargement Loan is made on the same terms as a tenant purchase loan—40 years, at 3 per cent.

Farmers who have small farms and are interested in obtaining funds with which to purchase additional land should get in touch with County Farm Security Administration Supervisor A. Houston Edwards, or any member of the County Farm Ownership Committee, who are Dr. E. S. White, E. Y. Berry and Carson Spivey.

## Funeral Services Held Tuesday For Mrs. Dorcas Sanford

Mrs. Dorcas Ballance Sanford, 73, died at 1:15 o'clock Sunday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dan Williams, in Hertford, after a long illness. She was a native of Washington, N. C., for a number of years. She had made her home in Hertford for the past 29 years.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. J. R. Everett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, N. C., of which Mrs. Sanford was a member. Interment was made in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Besides her husband and Mrs. Williams, the deceased is survived by one other daughter, Mrs. W. C. Crumney of Edenton; four sons, W. H. Sanford, Jr., of Washington, N. C.; J. B. Sanford, of Baltimore, Md.; Eddie Sanford, of Hertford, and Charles Sanford, of Norfolk, Va., and one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Parrish, of Birmingham, Alabama.

## Case Set For April Term Of Perquimans Superior Court

Recorder Judge Charles Johnson returned a verdict of probable cause in a hearing given here Tuesday for Gaither Chappell, Percy Winslow and Sherman Copeland, three Perquimans County youths charged with rape and assault with intent to commit rape.

The youths were bound over to the Superior Court for trial at the April term. Chappell was held on a charge of first degree rape and placed in jail, to await bond, without bond. Copeland and Winslow were bound over to Superior Court on a charge of assault with intent and were released pending trial on a \$5,000 bond.

Solicitor Chester Morris presented the State's case to the Recorder's Court and, on opening and hearing announced the State would request the Grand Jury to return indictments charging Copeland and Winslow with being accessory before the fact. This count carries a sentence of life imprisonment, upon conviction. The penalty for first degree rape is death.

The warrants for the youths were sworn out on January 19 by Sergeant George I. Dail of the State Police after a complaint had been made by the State's witnesses, Belva Haddock and Dolly Mills, two young women residing in Edenton.

According to the testimony presented in Court Tuesday by the State's witnesses, the youths picked the girls up on Broad Street in Edenton about 11 o'clock on the night of January 18th. Both girls testified that the youths promised to ride them to their homes but failed to do this and carried them to "Red's" filling station near Hertford. After stopping there for some time, they proceeded to Belvidere, where the youths changed automobiles and returned to Hertford, on their way to Edenton. The girls testified after leaving Hertford the driver of the car, Sherman Copeland, turned down a dirt road and parked.

It was at this time, the witnesses stated, the youths attacked them and, according to the Haddock girl, she was raped by young Chappell. The Mills girl testified she was assaulted by both the Copeland and Winslow youths, but was not raped.

The basis of the State's claim for charges of accessory being made against Copeland and Winslow, it is believed, is based upon the testimony of the girls, who stated that when asked by Chappell, the two other youths locked the doors of the car (See COURT, Page Six)

## Town Board Amends Trailer Ordinance At Meeting Monday

The members of the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford in a meeting Monday night, passed an amendment to the recently passed trailer ordinance, which will permit the parking of trailers within the town limits, providing such trailers comply with the sanitary rules of the Board of Health. The amendment, as passed, is published elsewhere in this edition.

The board also voted to enlarge the police force on Saturdays. It will add one member to the force to patrol the downtown streets in an effort to terminate to a large degree common drunkenness, which has become quite a problem of late. A town ordinance prohibits drunks from the streets of the town.

The board voted to assist in financing meeting quarters for the Girl Scout Troop. No other business with the exception of routine fiscal matters was brought to the attention of the board during the meeting.

## Income Tax Advisor To Visit Hertford To Aid Filing Forms

A representative of the Internal Revenue Service will be in Hertford next Monday and Tuesday for the purpose of assisting Perquimans residents in filing of income tax forms. C. H. Robertson, State Internal Revenue Collector, announced this week.

The representative will be located at the Hertford Postoffice on February 15 and 16. Persons desiring information regarding the filing of forms are requested to talk with the representative.