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## OPA FREEZES SALE OF LARD; RATIONING MEATS BEGINS NEXT MONDAY MORNING

### Point Values to Be Announced; Red Coupons For Meats

The Office of Price Administration on Monday announced the freezing of the sale of lard. This was in connection with the ration sale of meats, fats and oils which will begin next Monday morning, and from then on all housewives will purchase these food items with the Red Coupons in War Ration Books II. The ration system on meats will be similar to that of canned and processed foods, but the point values will be different. A table of values for the various kinds of meat cuts will be announced this week by the OPA. The table will be found in all stores selling meats.

There will be no declaration required as to the amount of meat now on hand, and the OPA has stated the values of meats in points will fluctuate with the supply and demand. Stamps will be valid on the following dates: A, March 29; B, April 4; C, April 11; D, April 18, and E on April 25. The expiration date of these stamps is April 30. A total of 16 points will be allowed each week. In addition to the sale of meats under this ration system, canned meat and fish, already frozen, are included and sale on these items will be permitted, beginning Monday.

Red coupons used in meat rationing may be used at any time before their expiration date. Another difference in meat coupons is that retailers may give consumers "one point" stamps as change and the consumer may use these at a later date. The stamps may be used to purchase meat, canned fish, butter, cheese, margarine, etc. Point values are set on pound basis.

Unofficial announcements have placed at about 2 1/2 pounds per week as the limit of meat one can buy. However, as the system is flexible and depends a lot on type of meat and cuts purchased, this may vary somewhat. The OPA suggests that housewives allow 12 points per week for the purchase of meats and four points per week for table spreads and cooking fats.

In connection with the rationing of meats, etc., prices on these items will be frozen and regulated by the Office of Price Administration.

## Draft Board Sends Six Registrants To Induction Station

Six white men, registrants of the Perquimans Draft Board, left Hertford Tuesday morning for Fort Bragg to receive their physical examination prior to induction into the Army. The men were: William Tarkenton, William Bateman, Kyrre Copeland, Wrightson Jackson, Raymond Rogerson and William Stallings.

Perquimans was scheduled to send 45 white men in this call, but recent rulings affecting registrants engaged in farming made it impossible for the local board to classify sufficient men to fill the call.

The next contingent of men to leave will be on April 5, a call for 25 white men for that date having been received by the local board.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, announced this week that Selective Service had revamped its method of local physical examinations and henceforth the local doctors will be required to give a more thorough examination than during the past several months. Under the new set-up the local physician will give practically the same examination to registrants as was given before the Service changed local examinations to just screening tests.

## To Form War Finance Committee To Assist Treasury Department

In order to assist the Treasury Department in the coming 18 billion dollar war loan drive, to begin on April 12, a War Finance Committee will be formed in Perquimans County shortly, according to R. M. Riddick, who has been named as chairman of the committee.

Mr. Riddick, following notification of his appointment as chairman, said he would name a committee as soon as possible in order that it may integrate activities here for the War Savings Staff, and aid in future loan campaigns conducted by the Treasury Department.

The bonds to be issued during the drive beginning April 12 will be of the registered and coupon types, Mr. Riddick stated.

### Mayor Issues Notice On Bicycles, Skates

Mayor V. N. Darden, today, issued a notice to all parents and children that the ordinance regarding the riding of bicycles and roller skating on the sidewalks in the business section of Hertford will be fully enforced, and that local police officers have been instructed to arrest all violators of the ordinance and cite them to appear in court.

The Mayor stated this is a final warning and is issued in order to relieve the congested conditions of the streets in the business section, and to prevent possible accidents.

The notice also pointed out that bicycles, when ridden at night, must carry a light, regardless of the district in which the rider happens to be, and it warned all bicycle owners to see that a light is placed on the bicycle.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

According to OPA announcement Wednesday, basic meat rationing values have been set, to become effective Monday morning. The basic ration will be 16 points per person each week, and values on meat vary. A steak costs eight points per pound, and other cuts vary downward. Butter is also at eight points per pound, other fats and oils being in ratio.

OPA also announced during the past week that in order to relieve conditions on the "home front" the manufacture of certain household articles will be permitted within the near future. No definite information on this was given, but it was believed that OPA would permit the making of refrigerators, some types of furniture and possibly radios, and other home necessities.

Congress is still "razzlin'" with the tax problems and latest reports from Washington indicate there may be some "forgiving" of 1942 income taxes. There seems to be a breakdown in the effort of the Administration to hold to the old system, and some authorities believe when the debate of the question is over this week-end that Congress will enact a pay-as-you-go plan.

The Allied forces in Tunisia have been hitting the Axis terrific blows this week, and the battle for the Southern part of the country may be completed by this week-end. British forces under General Alexander have broken the Mareth Line and are encircling Rommel's troops, while the American tank troops under General Patton are pushing on toward the sea. American troops attempting to cut the German lines into halves are reported only a short distance from Gabes, and have had little opposition up to Wednesday. Weather conditions have bettered in Tunisia and will now permit the full force of the Allied Armies to be brought into action. Officials believe Rommel's forces holding the southern part of Tunisia will be trapped and captured.

The fighting on the Russian front continues to be a bitter battle between the re-inforced Germans and Red troops. Russian reports state that the Reds are moving surely into Smolensk. The Germans evidently are being held at bay in the fighting around Kharkov. Hitler started a push last week and recaptured this area but since the Reds' lines have held firm and the Axis' advances have slowed down almost to a stop.

Little news has come from the Pacific area during the past several days. One official stated it "might be the calm before the storm." However, General MacArthur's airmen have been bombing Jap locations consistently, and in Japan, authorities have warned the Japanese they must expect heavy American bombing raids on their homeland. The Japs were reported to have resorted to using poison gas in a battle this week with Chinese forces.

### Hollowell C. Nixon Commissioned Ensign

Hollowell Cox Nixon, son of Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Jr., of Hertford, has been commissioned as an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserves. Mr. Nixon will report to Cornell University on April 1, and undergo a period of training before being assigned to duty.

## Two Witnesses Held On Bench Warrants Issued On Vagrancy

### Judge Instructs Law to Arrest All Idle Men On Charge

Two witnesses, testifying for the defense in a whiskey case heard in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning, found themselves in hot water when they testified they were not working and had not worked for some time. Bench warrants charging Timothy Ferebee and Clinton Ferebee with vagrancy were ordered drawn by Judge Charles E. Johnson and were served on the two men before they left the courtroom. A hearing was set for next week.

Judge Johnson announced to the open court his intention of cooperating with the Perquimans War Board to alleviate the labor shortage in this area and he instructed officers of the court to arrest all men, white or Negro, who are apparently idle and make no effort to work. Judge Johnson said, "there is plenty of work to be had in this community and there is no reason why any man should be idle." Officers were instructed to charge idle men as being vagrants.

The two witnesses were testifying in defense of Junius Ferebee, charged with possessing liquor for sale, and possessing non-tax paid whiskey. Both the Ferebees testified parts of the haul made by arresting officers belonged to them, even though they had not worked to earn money for almost six months. The elder Ferebee was found not guilty of possession for sale but was found guilty of possessing non-tax paid whiskey. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$15 and costs.

The Courtroom was given several laughs in a double case heard, the defendants, John and Margaret Newbern, charged William Everett and Annie Godwin, all Negroes, with trespass and assault and the latter two charged the Newberns with assault with a deadly weapon. Everett charged the Newberns with assaulting him after they sold him some "stump hole" whiskey and then ordered him from their home. Everett testified on leaving the Newberns cursed he and Annie Godwin and as-

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## GOVERNMENT ACTION ON HOUSING HERE INSUFFICIENT TO MEET PRESENT NEEDS

The fact that Hertford has been classed as a war housing area, according to information released last week by Aubrey McCabe, State Director of Federal Housing Administration, and that residents are now eligible for Title Six Operations, which provides funds, priorities and materials for converting large homes into multiple-family units is not sufficient to meet the housing needs of this community as they exist today.

This was disclosed by V. N. Darden, Mayor of Hertford, who stated that officials here are seeking to have the Government class the town in order that a housing project may be arranged here. Present conditions warrant this, and with increases in population expected, due to Naval Officers and their families coming here while stationed at the base located on Harveys Neck, it will be a problem to locate suitable housing for them. At the present, it is true, Hertford has a number of large homes, but these homes have either been converted into apartments or every room available is rented to people, mostly engaged in defense work.

According to the State Director, the classifying of Hertford as a war housing area will entitle the residents to obtain priorities and materials for conversion of homes and they can secure federal financial assistance up to \$5,000 for such purposes.

Under this situation, too, being classed in the war housing area, no doubt a government checker will make an appearance here to check on rents and other rules pertaining to this classification. There has been some discussion regarding high rents being charged here, but it is believed that as a whole present rents are in ratio to those charged elsewhere in this area.

Definite information regarding a housing project for Hertford is not available at the present, but it is likely that some arrangement will have to be made in order to accommodate the Naval officers and their families when they arrive here to take up their stations at the base.

## Driving Ban Lifted But A Coupon Value Has Been Cut 50%

### Board Issues Notice on Gas Books; Tire Permits Issued

The OPA has lifted the ban on pleasure driving in the 17 Eastern States, but along with this announcement ending the ban, as of March 22, the Board cut the values of all A gasoline coupons 50%. These A coupons are still worth three gallons of gasoline, but the coupons must last twice the length of time. Coupons No. 5 are now valid, and ordinarily would be good until May 22, but the eight coupons must last until July 22. No change was made in the value of B and C coupons.

In giving information regarding this new ruling, Miss Helen Coffield, clerk of the local ration board, stated that the board has issued a notice to all motorists who trade automobiles to return their old gasoline ration books to the local office. Ration books do not go with cars, and if for any reason a car is disposed of, the owner must return the ration book to the local office. If another car is purchased, a new book will be issued for the new car.

Tire certificates issued by the board at its last meeting were given as follows:

Passenger Type, Grade I—W. W. Monds, 2; James Miles, tire and tube; E. C. Miller, 2 tires and 2 tubes; H. L. Linden, 1 tire; Hudson Butler, 1 tire; Robert White, 2 tires and 2 tubes. Grade II—Herman Daniels, 3 tires and 3 tubes; Major-Loomis Co., 2 tires and 2 tubes; Leo Gorris, 1 tire and 1 tube; T. R. Winslow, 2 tires and 2 tubes; John White, tire; Willie Moore, tire; Sidney Layden, two tires. Grade III—Tom Winslow, 2 tires and 1 tube; Willie Mallory, 3 tires and 1 tube; C. C. Simons, tire; Will Bragg, tire and tube; William Overton, tire and tube; E. T. Stallings, tire, and C. H. Sawyer, 2 tires.

Truck Type—T. B. Sumner, 4 tires and 4 tubes; Isaac Lowe, 2 tubes; J. T. Harris, 2 tires and 2 tubes; John Riddick, tire and tube; White & Hefren, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Noah Felton, tire and tube; John Hurdle, tube; Earl Felton, 2 pick-up type tires; Edgar Riddick, 2 tractor tires and tubes; Wallace Bright, 2 tractor tires and tubes.

## NINE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS STILL NEEDED TO MEET RED CROSS WAR QUOTA

### Towe Motor Company Junk 45 More Cars

Additional scrap material is moving out of Perquimans County even though concentrated effort has not been noted since the scrap drive last fall. The Towe Motor Company recently junked 45 old automobiles and shipped the scrap metal to war location yards. The local company junked 186 old cars last year, and received a certificate of merit for its part in the scrap campaign.

J. H. Towe, head of the firm, stated the company will junk even more cars as soon as the weather permits and this junk will be added to the large tonnage of scrap Perquimans County has contributed toward keeping the nation's production line going.

## Meat Demonstration Scheduled April 1 At Agricultural Bldg.

Housewives of Hertford have been tendered a special invitation to attend a "share the meat" demonstration to be conducted at the Agricultural Building at 3:30 o'clock, on Thursday, April 1. The invitation was issued by Mrs. Clinton Ely, who is chairman of the Block leaders for Hertford. The demonstration will be conducted by Miss Frances Maness, home demonstration agent for Perquimans County.

In issuing notices of the meeting Mrs. Ely stated, "We women are the quartermasters in our kitchens. It's a 'share and share alike' proposition with us all over the county. It's up to each of us to make the best use of our various shares. Also we must learn to use alternates that will give us good food values."

All housewives of the town are urged to make a special effort to attend the demonstration to be conducted next Thursday afternoon and it is promised the program will be most interesting as well as profitable.

In connection with the various food rationing programs now being conducted for the benefit of housewives, a two-day canning school was held in the county last week under the direction of Miss Martha Smith. Block leaders attended a demonstration on Thursday and were shown various methods of conserving foods. Food production and preservation goals were set up for the Town of Hertford. Each family was asked to grow a backyard garden consisting of at least five vegetables, and to can at least forty quarts of fruits and vegetables. The block leaders will meet soon with their groups to outline completely this program.

The second day was given over to holding demonstrations for neighborhood leaders and a similar program was outlined for the county. Goals for the county consist of a minimum of 66 quarts of meat, fruits and vegetables to be canned for each member of a family.

## Shoe Dealers Must File Inventory Not Later Than April 10

E. Leigh Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans OPA Board, announced this week that shoe dealers of Perquimans County must apply to their local bank for copies of shoe inventories blanks during the week of April 5, then take an inventory of stock and return the completed forms to the bank not later than April 10. Failure to comply with this order will mean that dealers will not be permitted to sell shoes after April 17.

Mr. Winslow urges all merchants selling shoes to obtain the blanks and file their inventories as soon as possible.

## Womanless Wedding To Be Presented By Sunday School Class

Lovers of home-talent plays will soon have the opportunity of seeing that hilarious comedy, "Womanless Wedding," presented at the Hertford Grammar School. The Judson Memorial Class of the Hertford Baptist Church will sponsor the comedy and the date for the performance will be announced soon.

The show will be under the direction of Mrs. Olivia Hobbs and Mrs. Charles Johnson. The cast of characters is now being chosen and rehearsals will begin immediately.

### Total of \$2,684 Has Been Reported to Chairman Of Drive

Perquimans County's Red Cross War Fund Drive is still short of its goal by nine hundred and sixteen dollars, Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman of the drive, stated Wednesday, following a careful check on reports turned in by the solicitors from all sections of the county.

Two outstanding contributions, made to the War Fund Drive during the past week came from the Major-Loomis Lumber Company and the Virginia Engineering Co. Employees of the Major-Loomis Company contributed a total of \$500, and the employees of the Engineering Company donated \$380.25.

The contribution of the Major-Loomis Company was made up through the efforts of the employees, the Hertford colored employees contributing \$59.41, and the Winfall colored employees, \$96.79. The balance was contributed by the Company itself and the white employees.

Additional contributions reported by Mrs. Morris and not carried in last week's Perquimans Weekly, are: Woodville, by Mrs. A. K. Cook, \$24.65; Hertford Business Section, \$137; Front Street, Mrs. A. E. Hendley, \$41; Grubb Street, Mrs. Fields, \$37.50; Grubb Street, Mrs. Julian White, \$101.25; Church Street, Mrs. Walter H. Oskey, \$4.00; South Church Street, Miss White and Mrs. Jessup, \$35.50; Hopewell, Mrs. Maurice Griffin, \$3; Burgess, Mrs. J. B. Bassnight, \$2; Hurdletown, \$5; Mrs. Wendell Mathews, Durants Neck, \$24.80, and Mrs. Floyd Mathews, R. F. D., No. 3, \$24.50.

Mrs. Morris stated that no reports have been received from the Winfall section as yet and none from the Negro solicitors of the county. Reports from these are expected this week, and no doubt will swell the total of the War Fund Drive. However, the balance still necessary for the county to meet its goal is a long way off unless those who have not contributed rally to the cause and see that their contributions are reported before the drive closes on March 31.

Mrs. Morris disclose that at the close of the drive seventy-four percent of the funds collected here will be forwarded to the national offices of the American Red Cross and the remaining twenty-six percent will go to Perquimans County for home use. The chairman urged all persons who desire to contribute to the fund to either see their community solicitor or leave the donation with Miss Frances Maness or with S. M. Whedbee.

## Chairman Reports Bond Sales Nearly Doubled For March

Perquimans County's record of buying war bonds continues, according to R. M. Riddick, chairman of the local war savings staff, who reported Wednesday that total sales in the county for the month of March will more than double the quota as set by the Treasury Department.

Residents of the county were asked to purchase \$13,200 worth of bonds during March and, according to Mr. Riddick, sales up to Wednesday amounted to \$25,138. This is an excellent record and those of the county who have been buying war bonds regularly can well be proud of the part they are playing in helping to finance the war.

A warning has been issued, however, that everybody should purchase war bonds, and are urged not to slack off just because the quotas are being met each month. The war is costing a tremendous sum of money and the only means the government has for raising this money is to borrow it from citizens through the sale of bonds and stamps.

During the month of April the Treasury Department will conduct a 13 billion dollar war loan. Particulars of this drive will be announced later, but Perquimans County will be assigned a quota for this drive and the local war finance committee is making plans to carry on an intensive sale during next month.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Pritchard, of Weeksville, announce the birth of a daughter, born on February 26. Mrs. Pritchard is the former Miss Vida Banks, of New Hope. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.