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## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The battle for North Africa is rapidly nearing its final stages. The Allied forces, led by smashing French troops, have reached within a very short distance of Tunis and Bizerte, the last two strongholds on the narrow strip of land controlled by the Axis. American flyers have superiority of the air and are smashing Axis supply lines from Italy. The Allied ground forces have reached the plains around Tunis, and with reported superiority in tanks, guns and men, may capture that city by this week-end.

A large portion of the American troops have been switched to the northern sector facing Bizerte. Reports state this week the American boys are advancing surely against strong opposition. Heavy air raids have been staged during the week against Italian ports by the American and British airmen.

Renewed activity has been reported on the Russian front from Leningrad to the Kuban. However, most of the fighting is of minor nature. However, Berlin admits the Russians have taken the offensive and made some small gains. Heavy air activity has been reported over the Russian front.

A break appeared in the Allied Nations this week when Russia suspended relations with the exiled Polish government. The break came about after the Polish government made claims that Russia had executed several thousand Polish soldiers. The Reds countered that this was Berlin propaganda served to split the Allies. British and American diplomats in London are striving to repair the break.

Allied shipping suffered a heavy loss during 1942, according to figures released this week. More than a million tons of shipping was lost than was constructed during the year. Churchill and Secretary of the Navy Knox, however, believe the sub menace is being overcome and that the Allies have the situation well in hand.

War production faces a critical problem unless John L. Lewis countermands his order of a general strike among the soft coal miners of the nation. A dispute over wages and renewal of the miners' contract on April 30 is unsettled and a strike is believed in the offing. Authorities in Washington think, however, that President Roosevelt can bring about a solution to the affair.

## To Present Musical Playlet Friday At Hertford Grammar

A musical playlet, entitled "Music Does Its Bit," will be presented by Mrs. R. M. Riddick's Grammar School piano pupils and junior band at the Hertford Grammar School on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Those taking part in the playlet are: Pianists, Mary Beth Perry, Marguerite Butler, Elizabeth Proctor, Sammie Sutton, Sonny White, Gene Phillips, Anne Madre, Betty Jean Winslow, Catherine Holmes, Sybil Lane, Horace Layden, Pat Phillips, Joan Trueblood, Carroll Berry, Peggy Sawyer, Pat Morris, Annette Cannon, Clarence Madre, Margaret Assad, Catherine Perry, Charles Perry, Jackie Crotts, Joyce Paul, Betty Moore, Nan Ward, Lorene Phillips. Guitarists: Gene Phillips, Archie T. Lane, C. T. Mansfield, Marshall Mansfield, Lester Simpson, Wallace Dail. Flutes: Julian White, Ben Thatch, Joe Towe, Tommy Sumner, Garland Newbern, Katherine Baker, Billy Hill, Edna King, Martha Tilley, Jeannette Chappell, Corbin Dozier, John Holmes, Julian Winslow, Zack Roberson, Tommy Jones, Winston Lane, Jack Simpson, Mabel Martin Whedee and Fred Matthews.

## Shad And Herring Season Extended

Representative W. W. White, a member of the Commercial Fisheries Committee, has been notified by the chairman of the committee that at a meeting held recently the Department of Conservation and Development decided, as a war emergency and in view of the unfavorable conditions of the present fishing season, to grant an extension for shad fishing until May 10, and an extension for the herring season until May 20. Fishermen of this county are advised to note this ruling and to abide by the action of the committee.

## PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS TO CLOSE WITH FINAL EXERCISE TUESDAY NIGHT

### Baccalaureate Services Sunday; 30 Will Get Diplomas

The Perquimans County schools will close their present school year with the Commencement exercises to be held at the High School auditorium on Tuesday night, May 4, F. T. Johnson, County Superintendent, stated today.

Final examinations for students are being conducted this week, the last for 30 students who will receive their diplomas at the exercises next Tuesday.

Mr. Johnson announced that Fred W. Greene, secretary of the North Carolina Education Association, has been secured to deliver the commencement address.

High honors of the 1943 graduating class went to Stephen Elmore, Jr., who has been named valedictorian, and to Carroll Perry, who won second place honors and will serve as salutatorian.

Closing exercises for the Perquimans High School will get under way Sunday night with the baccalaureate services being held at 8 o'clock in the High School auditorium. The Rev. H. G. Dawkins, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

Class night, the occasion when the seniors get together for their final round of school fun, will be held on Monday night.

The program for commencement night includes: The Processional, "Pomp and Circumstances" by Elger; Salute to the Flag; Invocation by Moody Matthews; Chorus, "America for Me" by the choir; the address by Mr. Greene.

Following the commencement address, diplomas will be awarded the graduating seniors by T. S. White, chairman of the Board of Education, and certificates and honor medals will be awarded by Superintendent Johnson.

Marshals named for the commencement are: James S. McNider, chief; Broughton Dail, Barbara Gault, Bob Keaton, Charles Matthews; Dorothy Oakley, Sybil Skinner, Eunice White, Ida Lee White and Calvin Wilson.

## Central PTA Meeting Held Monday Night In School Auditorium

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School met in the school auditorium at Winfall on Monday evening with approximately 300 members present for the final meeting of the year.

The president called the meeting to order and "America" was used as the opening song. Lelia Lee Winslow conducted the devotional, the 100th Psalm being used. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison and Mrs. A. R. Winslow sang as a solo, "American Prayer."

A letter from the president of the State Association was read to the members.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$70.81 on hand, and that the following purchases had been made for the school during the year: A piano, 150 song books, 2 maps, U. S. Flag, North Carolina Flag, and Christian Flag, 106 library books and seven magazine subscriptions. A librarian had been paid for one-half a day for each school day during the year. It was also stated that \$57.22 had been spent in securing baseball equipment for the school.

Mrs. R. R. White was in charge of the program and with her music pupils presented a very entertaining musical play, entitled, "Major Seales Takes Command." The cast of characters included Timothy Perry, Eloise Winslow, Billy Winslow, Marjorie White, Faye Winslow, Amy Van Roach, Lee Ann Casey, Virginia Long, Kathleen Hurdle, Ruby Lane, Carolyn Harrell, Claire Hunter, Ann Proctor, Thelma White, Pearl Hunter, Lelia Lee Winslow, Marietta Joliff, Jeanne Layden and Nonnie Lou Lane.

Mrs. Linwood Winslow, retiring president, conducted installation services for the new officers, who are: Mrs. A. R. Cook, president; Mrs. Frank Bray, vice president; Mrs. Dempsey Winslow, secretary; Mrs. Johnnie Lane, assistant secretary, and Mrs. Raymond Statton, treasurer.

Mrs. Winslow was given high praise for the energy and effort expended during her term of office in building up the Central P. T. A. into a splendid organization.

## Final Report Shows Red Cross War Fund Complete Success

A final report on the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross War Fund was completed here late last week, according to Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman. The total contributions for this county amounted to \$3,536.08, the chairman reported.

A report handed to the Chapter by the committee showed that solicitors collected \$1,051.47 in Hertford; \$154.95 was received from the Colored Division; \$1,130.31 from the County, and \$1,169.34 in special donations. These special donations came from Major-Loomis Co., Virginia Engineering Co., State Theatre, Perquimans High School, Central Grammar School and Hertford Grammar School. The special donation from the High School was made up as follows: students, \$49.19; faculty, \$13.25; Hi-Y Club, \$5, and Junior Class \$6.77.

The local Chapter has forwarded a check to the National organization for \$2,618.70, which represents the amount raised for the American Red Cross, and has retained a sum of \$917.38 for work and use of the Perquimans Chapter.

## Recorder's Court In Short Session Tuesday Morning

Ten cases, most of them being traffic violations, were heard by Recorder's Judge Charles E. Johnson in a short session of court on Tuesday morning. Judge Johnson announced during the session that court will be in recess on May 4, due to the Town of Hertford election.

N. N. McDonald, charged with driving drunk, entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$75 and costs of court.

Haywood Goodwin, charged with vagrancy, produced a certificate showing he is now employed and the State took a nol pro in the case.

William Spearman was fined \$2.00 and costs of court, after he entered a plea of guilty to being drunk.

Eileen Belch was assessed costs of court for driving without a license.

Thomas Bell, Jr., pleaded guilty to driving drunk and was fined \$75 and costs of court.

Gene Roas was found guilty of driving without a license and judgement was suspended upon payment of costs.

Alton Williams was taxed with costs of court for allowing his car to be driven without an operator's license.

William Hofferer plead guilty to a charge of driving without a chauffeur's license and was taxed with court costs.

James Overton, Negro, was found guilty of reckless driving and sentenced to 30 days on the roads. Sentence was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

John Smith entered a plea of guilty to driving with insufficient brakes and was assessed costs of court.

## Honor Students And Graduating Class

F. T. Johnson, superintendent of schools, today announced the honor students of the class of 1943 at Perquimans High School.

Leading the group as valedictorian is Stephen Elmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Elmore, with a high scholastic average of 97.5. Salutatorian is Carroll Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Perry, with an average of 94.79. Other students making an average of 90 or more are: Mildred Bogue, Katherine White, Barbara Winslow and Marjorie Forehand.

Those who are candidates for graduation are: Wallace Piver, Mildred Bogue, Elmo Cannon, Maude Cartwright, Zenova Chappell, Gladys Chappell, Valma Chappell, Preston Copeland, Dorothy Dail, Thomas Dail, Preston Divers, Dot Edwards, Stephen Elmore, Jimmy Felton, Marjorie Forehand, Jayne Griffin, Helen Hofferer, Josephine Hunter, Rosalyn Winslow, Elmer Lassiter, Mary Ruth Lane, Dorothy Madre, Irene Mansfield, Moody Matthews, Kathleen Nixon, Pat Owens, Carroll Perry, Quincy Riddick, Isabelle Skinner, Lina Winslow, Barbara Winslow, Katherine White, Cassie Winslow and Maude Cartwright.

## Farmers To Report On AAA Compliance Dr. White Announces

### Individuals Placed on Honor In Move to Save Manpower

In an effort to reduce travel and use of manpower, farmers of Perquimans County this year will report their own compliance with provisions of the 1943 AAA program, it was announced today by Dr. E. S. White, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

"Under this plan, which may be called an honor system, we hope to save money, travel, tires, gasoline and the time of persons who otherwise probably would be engaged in agricultural production," Chairman White said, "this plan is being put into effect over the entire nation this year, and we in Perquimans County certainly can meet up to standards of farmers in any other county."

Under this program, he said, each farmer will measure his acreage and will report it to his County AAA Office on forms to be provided by the office. Farmers also will report acreages of crops grown for soil-building purposes and for which there is a payment made under the AAA program. Marketing quotas will be in effect this year only on cotton and tobacco, Dr. White said, but war crops, such as peanuts, soybeans for beans, and sweet potatoes for market must be measured and reported for the purpose of determining if goals were met. Commercial truck crops and Irish potatoes for market must also be reported for the purpose of determining incentive payments.

"The most likely procedure farmers will follow is to measure and determine acreage before crops are planted and then stay within the acreage set aside for this purpose," Dr. White said. "In such cases, it is imperative that farmers retain their records for use in substantiating their reported acreage. The record of measurements should include a sketch of the fields measured and distances may be shown by chains, yards, or feet. When computed, however, the measurements must show the same total acreage as reported by the farmer."

## Services For Former Postmaster Joshua Jessup Held Sunday

Joshua P. Jessup, former Hertford postmaster, died at his home on Front Street last Friday night at 7:45 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Jessup, a life-long resident of Perquimans County, was born near Winfall on November 6, 1863, being at the time of his death 79 years and five months old. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Annie Stokes Jessup; two grandchildren, Henry Clay Sullivan and Mrs. Andrew D. Taylor, and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. Jessup served as postmaster in Hertford for 24 years and was one of the best-known residents of the County. He served as postmaster from 1902 until 1914, when he entered business with Winslow, Brinn and Jessup. He resumed the office of postmaster in 1921, serving until 1933.

Funeral services were conducted at the home on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, under the direction of the Lynch Funeral Home. The Rev. B. C. Reavis officiated.

Pallbearers were: T. C. Jessup, Henry Clay Stokes, Willis C. Jessup, Will Jessup, Henry Clay Stokes, Jr., and J. R. Jarvis.

Interment was made in Cedarwood Cemetery.

## Federation Meeting Next Thursday P. M.

The Spring Federation meeting of the Perquimans County Home Demonstration Clubs will be held at the Agriculture Building in Hertford on Thursday afternoon, May 6, at 2:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Jane McKimmon, Assistant Director of Extension Service, will be the principal speaker.

The program for the afternoon includes a musical production by the Junior Band from 2 until 2:30 and a report on the sale of war bonds and stamps by Mrs. J. G. Roberson, chairman of the Women's Division of the War Savings Staff.

## PERQUIMANS EXCEEDS WAR BOND QUOTA; \$5,000 MORE NEEDED FOR BOMBER FUND

### Hertford Stores To Close Wednesdays For Summer Months

Following the custom established here several years ago, Hertford stores will close one afternoon each week during the summer months. However, this year, the stores will close on Wednesday afternoons, instead of Thursday afternoons, as has been the custom.

The stores will begin the half-day holiday the first week in June and will continue until the last week in August.

The decision on the holidays was voted at a meeting of the merchants held last Thursday night. The group also decided to close their stores on Monday, July 5, in observance of July 4; also on Labor Day and on Thanksgiving Day.

The change of half-day closing was made in order to cooperate with various truck lines and salesmen, whose schedules were disrupted by Hertford closing on Thursdays, when all other stores in this area observed Wednesday afternoons.

## Change Announced On Tires; Local Board Issues Certificates

The OPA announced this week that, effective as of March 31, Grade II tires, or the so-called war tires, are being discontinued and henceforth motorists applying for tires will receive only Grade I tires or will be forced to have their present tires recapped. Easing of regulations on issuing tire certificates was also announced, but affected only certain motorists whose gasoline allowance is greater than 370 miles per month. Certificates issued this week by the local Board were:

Grade I—E. C. Miller, 2; Nathan Trueblood, tire and tube; L. J. Dunlap, 2; Harry Winslow, 2; W. M. Ward, 2 tires and 2 tubes; A. R. Winslow, Jr., 2; J. D. Cranford, 2; R. B. Chappell, 2; H. Jones, tire and tube; Guy Webb, 2 tires and 2 tubes; G. E. Benton, 2 tires and 2 tubes; W. C. Morgan, 2; J. H. Wyatt, tube; Watson Eure, tire and tube; Clifford Worthington, tube; B. H. Smith, tire and tube; Ashley Jordan, tube; C. O. Fowler, 2; Wilbur Lamb, 2; Dewey Newby, 2 tubes; W. D. Carpenter, 2 tires and 2 tubes; J. A. Winslow 2.

Grade II—Louis Proctor, 4 tires and 2 tubes; Willie Jones, 2; Matthew Elliott, 2; L. N. Rountree, 2 tires and 2 tubes; George Hollowell, 2 tires and 2 tubes; J. L. DeLaney, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Elmer Ward, 2; Lawrence Bean, 2 tires and 2 tubes; G. N. Reed, tube; James Walker, 3 tires and 2 tubes; W. F. Blankenship, 1; Horace Nelson, 1; Willie Davis, 1; S. E. Long, 2; Elihu Alexander, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Willie White, 2 tires and 1 tube; S. L. Long, 2 tires and 2 tubes, and William Thompson, tire and tube.

Truck Tires—J. B. and B. M. Miller, tire and tube; E. M. Perry, 2 tires and 2 tubes; T. B. Sumner, 3 tires and 3 tubes; William Cartwright, 2; Hollowell Bros., 2 tires and 2 tubes; J. H. Towe, 2 tubes, and Gale Chappell, tire and tube.

## Excellent Results Obtained In Easter Seal Campaign Here

Miss Sarah Brinn, superintendent of Public Welfare, who served as chairman of the Easter Seals campaign, announced this week that total sales in Perquimans will be more than double the amount sold last year. She reported a total of \$210 worth of Seals sold through Monday and stated that a few sales were still outstanding.

The Perquimans Central Grammar School reported the largest sales of any school in the county, and in a contest between the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts, the girls won, out-selling the boys on the number of Easter bunnies used to raise additional funds for the aid of crippled children.

Miss Brinn stated that fifty per cent of the amount raised here will be forwarded to State offices of the Society and the balance will remain here to be used to aid local children in need of medical assistance.

The Superintendent expressed her appreciation for the fine cooperation given by the people of the county in the campaign this year.

## Finance Committee Reports \$170,098 Sale Up To Wednesday

Residents of Perquimans County have responded splendidly to the U. S. Treasury's Second War Loan drive," R. M. Riddick, chairman of the County War Finance Committee said Wednesday afternoon, when he reported Perquimans County had exceeded its April quota and was nearing the goal set by the committee to secure a bomber named for this county.

Total sales up to Wednesday afternoon of this week amounted to \$170,098.78, Mr. Riddick stated. This sum represents an over-subscription of forty-four thousand dollars of the April quota, but it is still five thousand dollars short of the goal needed if Perquimans is to be honored by having a bomber named for it.

The committee believes this bomber goal will be met, but is calling on all residents to buy additional bonds to make the drive a success. It has been reported that all sales of Series E bonds reported to the Richmond headquarters up to May 8 will count toward April goals.

The County's quota of \$125,900 was met late last week and the committee immediately began the extra work of selling sufficient bonds to reach the \$175,000 goal needed for the county to name a bomber. Sales have continued well, but Mr. Riddick as chairman of the committee, and Mrs. J. G. Roberson, chairman of the Women's Division of the War Savings Staff, are urging residents of the County to continue to buy bonds this month in order to swell the total sales during the Second War Loan drive.

The Women's Division is maintaining its stamp booths and sales from these booths have been reported as good. Mrs. Roberson, however, believes there are still a large number of unfilled stamp books throughout the county and she is urging all children and adults to complete these books and turn them in for bonds this month.

## Observation Tower To Function Twenty Four Hours Daily

Representatives of the Army's First Fighter Command were in Hertford last Friday for the purpose of organizing the Hertford Observation Post and placing it in operation on a 24-hour basis. The officers announced that the Rev. H. G. Dawkins has been named as assistant chief observer and in the absence of J. S. Vick, chief observer, he will make out a schedule of duty for the residents of Hertford, who are expected to man the post.

The need for the post to operate on a 24-hour basis was explained by the officers, who stated that the post is used, not only for the observation of enemy planes, but in aiding the Army and Navy to train pilots in the work of flying and intercepting "formations." The Army uses various flights of planes in training pilots and observation posts scattered all along the sea coast have a vital part in the training of pilots and unless the posts are thoroughly manned 24 hours each day the training is seriously disrupted.

Residents of Hertford who will be assigned duty at the observation tower will be notified by the Army Command, and it is hoped that the post will be in full and continuous operation on May 3. Cards notifying volunteers as to the time of duty will be mailed out this week. Persons receiving these cards are urged and expected to appear at the post at the designated time.

Mr. Dawkins will draw up weekly schedules and these will be published each week in this newspaper. Observers assigned to duty should contact Mr. Dawkins for complete information as to duties while on watch.

## RALLY DAY PROGRAM

A Church School Rally Day program, "A Light Unto Our Path," will be held at Oak Grove Church, Chapnoke, Sunday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. The service will conclude with a special message in keeping with the theme of the program by the pastor, the Rev. J. D. Cranford.

A special invitation is extended to the public. (Note to Church School members: Please be present for church school at 2:30 o'clock.)