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## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Following a break-through by American forces at Mateur, capturing the important outpost near the Port of Bizerte, Allied troops in Tunisia are now preparing the death blow for Axis forces. Reports this week reveal British and French troops are renewing their offensive in the South while Yanks in the North continue pushing toward Tunis and Bizerte. It is believed by some officials that the Axis powers will be completely defeated in that area by mid-May. Superiority of men, machines and planes has turned the battle in favor of the Allies. Heavy losses have been reported on both sides.

Berlin and Vichy radios this week have been broadcasting reports that the Allies may attempt an invasion of Italy even before the battle is completed in Africa. This all points toward Berlin having another case of "invasion jitters." Vichy reports that landing barges and strong concentration of Allied troops at African ports point toward invasion.

The war flared up again on the Russian front this week when German and Russian armies threw themselves at each other in the Kuban area. Some authorities are watching closely the German plans in the East, claiming German action on the Eastern front may show whether Hitler plans a big Russian offensive again this summer, or intends to maintain his forces in the West to stave off an Allied thrust.

The Navy Department announced this week that it has occupied the Russell Islands near Guadalcanal, sinking six more Jap ships including two war vessels. Little other news was forthcoming from the Pacific area during this week. A battle occurred near Kiska and the Navy reported heavy Jap losses.

The Lower House of Congress, this week, passed a bill calling for a pay-as-you-go tax plan. It killed a compromised Ruml plan but passed a new bill which will cancel all 1942 taxes on income up to \$9,000. Taxpayers in this class will continue, however, to pay taxes under the new plan. The bill has been sent to the Senate where it is expected to meet with stiff opposition.

The coal miners' strike was averted at the last minute on Monday, when a 15-day truce was agreed upon by John L. Lewis and coal operators. President Roosevelt, in a message to the miners Sunday night, called upon them to return to work in the interest of the war. The Government has assumed control over all mines and they are now under the direction of Secretary Ickes.

The OPA announced this week that it will soon release dollar and cents ceiling prices on groceries. It has been reported that these ceilings will be placed on every item a housewife will buy. Beginning the system, the prices will apply only to some 150 cities, but will later be placed in effect throughout the nation.

## Prominent Farmer Dies At Home In Bethel Township

J. E. Eaves, 77, prominent farmer of Bethel Township, died at his home Friday morning at 9:50 o'clock, after being ill but a short time.

Funeral services, under the direction of the Lynch Funeral Home, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Bethel Baptist Church by the Rev. J. T. Byrum, assisted by the Rev. W. O. Henderson. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mirah Eaves; two sons, J. B. and L. E. Eaves of Norfolk, Va.; four daughters, Mrs. D. M. Jones of Elizabeth City, Mrs. H. M. Prothamer of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. F. A. Arnold of Bristol, Tenn., and Miss Adelaide Eaves of Hertford; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Eaves was a native of Tyrrell County, but had been a resident of Bethel Township, Perquimans County, for the past 42 years. He had been in declining health for the past three years and was confined to his bed one week. Four members from the Elizabeth City Christian Church choir sang "Will the Circle be Unbroken," "Last Mile of the Way" and "Face to Face."

Pallbearers were: E. Y. Berry, Howard Pitt, Willie Lane, Reuben Stallings, Charles White and Ambrose Proctor. Interment was made in the Bethel Cemetery.

## COUNTY TOPS TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR MARK IN WAR BOND CAMPAIGN

### Bomber Quota Reached; Treasury to Close Drive Saturday

Perquimans County has successfully completed its drive to sell enough war bonds during the Second War Loan to enable it having a bomber named for the County, R. M. Riddick, chairman of the County War Finance Committee, announced this week. Total sales up to Tuesday amounted to more than sixty-five percent of the quota set for the county when the campaign opened April 12.

Sales tabulated on Tuesday showed that county residents had purchased two hundred and six thousand, eight hundred and thirty-two dollars worth of bonds. This total does not show the sales made at the Hertford post-office, only sales completed by the local bank. The quota given Perquimans was \$125,000.

Originally, the Second War Loan was scheduled to close on April 30, but the Treasury Department extended the time until Saturday, May 8, and all sales made until that date will show on the final total credited to Perquimans. Residents who have not purchased bonds, or who plan to fill out stamp books and exchange them for bonds are urged to do this before Saturday in order that the County's final figures may be as large as possible.

Having already gone over the top in the sale of bonds by \$80,000, the Finance Committee hopes to increase this figure before the drive closes. The Second War Loan has met similar success all over the nation. The goal has been set at 13 billion dollars, but figures released this week by the Treasury show that total sales for the nation will amount to nearly 17 billion.

In discussing the success of the drive here, Mr. Riddick expressed his appreciation to the county committee and all solicitors who had a part in making Perquimans County's drive so complete, and to the Woman's Division headed by Mrs. J. G. Roberson for the part it played in aiding Perquimans to be successful in securing sales great enough that one of the many bombers now coming off the production line will bear the name Perquimans.

## Schedules Drawn For Observation Tower

Howard Dawkins, assistant chief observer for the Hertford Observation Post, stated today that complete weekly schedules for duty at the post have been drawn up and mailed to residents of Hertford, notifying them of the hours they are expected to serve during each week.

Mr. Dawkins expressed his appreciation for the cooperation given thus far this week and hopes each person will continue to do such a good job. The schedules were so arranged that three persons were assigned for duty during each watch. This provides that if one can not serve that particular day, there will be at least two on duty. The officer said each person is responsible for his watch, and if he finds he can not be on duty, he should find some person to take his place.

He said that an attempt had been made to list each resident of the town for duty, but if any person failed to receive notice when to report, that person is asked to leave his name at Simon's Store.

Also, it is hoped that residents of Winfall will volunteer to help man this post, and it is requested that those desiring to help will leave their names at Simon's.

## Commissioners In Session Monday A. M.

With little new or old business confronting them for consideration, the Board of County Commissioners held an uneventful meeting at their regular monthly session on Monday morning.

A report of the last Superior Court Grand Jury was read to the members, and a discussion of action to be taken against residents who have failed to list their property for taxes was held during the meeting. The County Health Service requested the Board to install sanitary water facilities at the County Home. This matter has already been passed on by the Board, but thus far it has been impossible to secure a contractor to install the system.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Otha I. Winslow, of Belvidere, announce the birth of a son, Larry Gray, born Sunday, April 18th, 1943. Mother and son are doing nicely.

## May War Bond Quota Raised To \$18,200

Perquimans County's May War bond quota has been set at \$18,200, according to R. M. Riddick, chairman of the local war finance committee. This is an increase over the quotas given the county in recent months, but Mr. Riddick pointed out that with the Armed forces now on an intensive offensive, the war costs much greater sums and it is expected that the county will meet its quota as it has been doing regularly.

## One Hundred Twelve Voters Cast Ballots At Election Tuesday

One hundred and twelve residents of Hertford went to the polls on Tuesday and re-elected Mayor V. N. Darden and Commissioners W. H. Hardcastle, B. C. Berry, M. J. Gregory and Z. A. Harris to office for the next four years.

The amendment, calling for the tenure of office to be increased to four years instead of two, was carried by 81 ayes against 28 nays. Thus the Mayor and Board will begin the new terms for four years.

There was little interest in the election this year. The Mayor and the present Board had no opposition. However, one voter did cast a ballot for E. L. Reed as an independent candidate.

The tabulation of ballots showed that Mayor Darden received 110 votes; Commissioners Hardcastle, 110; Gregory, 109; Berry, 107, and Harris, 107. One ballot was mis-marked and was therefore thrown out.

Mrs. B. G. Kooze served as Judge of the election board, and Miss Virginia White and Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips were clerks.

## Tire Quota For May Announced By Board

Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Rationing Board, announced this week that Perquimans County has been allotted 127 Grade I and 35 Grade III passenger tires for May, and 44 truck tires and 177 passenger tubes, 66 truck tubes; seven automobiles and six bicycles.

Tire Certificates issued by the Board during the week were: Grade I: I. T. Michaud, 2; Walter Gills, 2; H. R. Maple, 2; J. B. Hawkins, 1; George Smith, 2; J. O. White, 1; E. H. Self, 2; W. W. Monds, 2; Warnus Winslow, 1; Edwin Davis, 2; Robert Sutton, 2; J. B. Perry, 1; J. M. Morris 2; Jake Basnight, 2; R. E. Gowns, 4. Grade II—J. H. Mynn, 2; G. E. Wood, 1; W. A. Sherrill, 1; Lawrence Kipley, 1; Lucius Armstrong, 1; George West, 2; Frank Gregory, 2; F. H. Allen, 1; J. T. Newborn, 2; Roy Brown, 1; B. R. Massey, 2; R. F. Barnes, 2; Wright Downing, 2; H. A. Turner, 2; A. W. Stallings, 2; G. C. Cole, 1, and A. T. Jordan, 2.

Truck Tires—Josiah Elliott, two tubes; H. D. Copeland, tire and tube; J. I. Barcliff, 2 tires and 2 tubes; T. B. Sumner, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Norman Elliott, 2 tires and 2 tubes; H. N. Nixon, 2 tires and 2 tubes.

## Funeral Services For Leo R. Howell Conducted Sunday

Leo Roberson Howell, 74, died at his home on the Hertford-Elizabeth City Highway at 1:30 o'clock last Friday morning, following a stroke which he had suffered earlier in the day.

The body was removed to the Lynch Funeral Home in Hertford. Funeral services were conducted at the New Hope Methodist Church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the Rev. J. D. Cranford. Interment was made in the churchyard.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lizzie M. Howell; one son, Vernon Howell of Elizabeth City; one daughter, Mrs. P. S. Ives of Elizabeth City; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## Eastern Star Meets Monday Night At 8

The Perquimans Lodge of Eastern Star will hold a very important meeting on Monday night, May 10th, at 8 o'clock, at the lodge rooms in the courthouse. All members are urged to be present.

## Thirty-four Seniors Receive Diplomas At Commencement

### Address Delivered By Fred W. Greene; Exercise Closes Year

Thirty-four Perquimans High School seniors, representing one of the smallest classes ever graduated from the local high school, received their diplomas in commencement exercises held in the high school auditorium on Tuesday night.

The commencement address was delivered by Fred W. Greene, Secretary of the North Carolina Education Association.

Mr. Greene told the Seniors and the audience that present day conditions presented a dark picture for young boys and girls now graduating from high schools, but pointed out that in order that one might best serve society it was necessary to know "what you are looking for." He told the Seniors that following the war, many new opportunities would present themselves and that each of them should be prepared to take his place in society and take advantage of these opportunities.

He stated that as he entered the high school building he noticed the school's service flag, carrying 193 service stars, including one gold star and two silver stars, representing one former student who had died in service and two that were missing; also that the school through sale of war bonds had received honors of purchasing 17 jeeps. He told the group this was a record to be proud of and that these former students were now serving the nation in order that our way of life might be preserved for them and youths of the future.

He told the Seniors that we here in America should appreciate Democracy and preserve it, adding that friends had told him of conditions as they are in Europe today where practically all food and other necessities of life are nil. "We should," he continued, "appreciate the homes, schools and food we have here in America," and he pointed out that the best way to continue this is through education.

Following Mr. Greene's address, the graduating class was presented diplomas and Superintendent F. T. Johnson made presentation of certificates and medals.

## Hertford Lions Club Plans Ladies' Night Party For May 14th

The Hertford Lions Club will entertain the wives and friends of club members at a Ladies' Night party to be held Friday night, May 14, at the Community House, J. P. Crifasi, club secretary, stated today.

Plans for the annual party are being made by the program committee, headed by Charles Williford. Members of the Edenton and Elizabeth City clubs will be invited to join with the local club in celebrating the anniversary of the Hertford group.

It has been announced that District Governor Payne, of Washington, N. C., has been invited to make the principal address for the occasion.

## Governor Broughton Sets Speed Limit At 35 Miles Per Hour

Governor J. M. Broughton this week set the North Carolina speed limit at 35 miles per hour, following recommendations of authorities in Washington, who set a national speed limit last summer.

The order issued by Governor Broughton, under powers given him by the last General Assembly, became effective at noon Thursday and motorists have been warned that driving in excess of 35 miles per hour is a violation of the State law.

## Funeral For Fire Victims On Saturday

A double funeral service will be held Saturday afternoon at five o'clock for Charles Lutz and his sister, Mrs. Elvora Lutz Wood, who were burned to death when a fire destroyed their home on March 30th.

The services will be conducted by the Rev. E. T. Jilison at the home and burial will be made in the family plot. Services will be under the direction of the Lynch Funeral Home.

## ORGANIZATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING WITH MUCH SUCCESS

### Postoffice To Close Saturday Afternoons

The Hertford postoffice will discontinue the practice of opening the stamp windows and delivering village mail on Saturday afternoons, Silas M. Whedbee, postmaster, announced today.

The new schedule on Saturdays, Mr. Whedbee said, will have the postoffice closing at 1 o'clock, and there will be no town delivery on Saturday afternoons.

## Court In Recess; Officers Continue Drive On Vagrants

Continuing their cooperation with the Perquimans War Board, local officers this week drew three more warrants charging Dennis Revells, Russell Gilliam and Waddie Winslow, all Negroes, with vagrancy. These men will be given a hearing in Recorder's Court next Tuesday, and face a road sentence unless they can produce a valid reason for not working.

Recorder's Court was in recess this week due to the Town election. However, four defendants entered pleas of guilty to charges against them.

Merrill Kelly paid the costs of court for driving with improper brakes.

G. E. Abernathy, of Nashville, pleaded guilty to driving drunk and paid a fine of \$75 and costs of court.

Freeland Elliott and Iola Stallings each pleaded guilty to driving without license and paid costs of court.

## Few Changes Made In Point Schedules

Housewives of Perquimans County shopping this week under revised point values for both processed foods and meats and fats will find that careful planning will enable them to buy more than ever before with their stamps in War Ration Book Two, E. Leigh Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans County War Price and Rationing Board, said today.

New point values for both blue and red stamp rationing programs were effective Sunday, May 2.

The meats and fats showed 25 reductions and 16 advances—all of one point—while the processed foods values in a number of cases were reduced as much as one half, while advances, in general were one or two points.

Advances under the red stamp program are confined largely to prime cuts—steaks and roasts—of beef, veal and pork. Reductions, for the most part, are noted in variety meats, canned fish and other special products already having a relatively low point value.

In processed foods, one-half reductions in the point value of fruit and vegetable juices and in some fruits were made. Advances were made in canned or bottled pineapple—the most point-expensive item on the list—and on apricots and mixed fruits; on green peas, asparagus, corn, mixed vegetables and tomato paste, while reductions came in the most popular of all canned foods, tomatoes, and in green beans and leafy greens (with the exception of spinach).

Lower point values established during the April rationing period for quick frozen fruits and vegetables are maintained, as is the temporary removal of dried black-eyed peas. Dried fruits, likewise, continued ration-free.

## Mother's Day Services At Catholic Church

Sunday, May 9, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Mother's Day will be observed at two Holy Masses that will be celebrated at 8:30 and 11:00 a. m., respectively, and include Holy Communion, Sermon on "Our Mothers," followed by Litany of the Mother of God.

Saturday, May 8, 15th anniversary of the Feast of "Mary, the Mother of Mankind," Mass will start at 8:00 a. m., and be followed by May devotions.

Confessions Saturday 7:30 to 7:55 a. m., 7 to 8 p. m., Sunday 8 to 8:25 and 10:30 to 10:55 a. m.

Everybody is invited to all the Services by the Reverend Father F. J. McCourt, pastor and chaplain to U. S. Marine Corps Air Station.

## Referendum to Decide Program Is Scheduled For May 17th

From reports issued this week by L. W. Anderson, County Agent, the effort being made to establish a Soil Conservation District for Perquimans and Chowan Counties, to be known as the Albemarle Conservation District, is meeting with much success.

As a result of a petition submitted by a group of twenty-five land owners, the State Conservation Service has temporarily approved the program and a series of meetings have been conducted throughout Perquimans and Chowan Counties for the purpose of acquainting land owners with the benefits derived from such an organization.

Some of these benefits, Mr. Anderson pointed out, included the State Service furnishing various types of soil conservation machinery to a local district, after a district has been set up. Also the Service included certain grants, such as tree seedlings, etc., to be used by members of the District in soil conservation projects. All these benefits are furnished by the State Conservation Service at no costs to land owners within the District.

According to Mr. Anderson, the next step to be taken here in regards to establishing the District will be a referendum scheduled for May 17 through May 22, when land owners will be mailed ballots from the County Agent's office for the purpose of voting on the matter of establishing the District. Inasmuch as it will be necessary for a substantial number of land owners to signify their desire for a Soil Conservation District before the State will issue a charter for it, persons receiving these ballots are urged to cast their vote and return them to the County Agent's office as soon as possible. No postage will be required in mailing the ballot.

If the referendum is a success, the District will be established by the Secretary of State issuing a charter for this Albemarle District and five supervisors, who will serve as the governing body for the District, will then be named, two being appointed by the State Service and three members being elected by the land owners of the two counties.

The District, when established, will interest itself in aiding farmers of this area in drainage, soil management and general soil conservation work. It has been pointed out, however, that the District will have no authority to force land owners to become a part of programs, unless the land owners seek benefits to be gained from various projects which may be worked out by an engineer stationed in this District by the State Service. The resident engineer will be employed by the State and paid by it.

The State Soil Conservation Service was started in 1937, North Carolina being the first State to have such a service, and at the present time there are sixteen Districts, composed of 59 counties operating in the State.

Mr. Anderson has pointed out that by establishing a District here in the Albemarle the farmers have all to gain and nothing to lose, and thus far there seemingly is no opposition to the movement. The meetings held throughout the county have been well attended and the farmers all seem vitally interested in seeing the organization set up.

## Commissioned Ensign U.S. Navy Nurses Corps

Miss Polly Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Tucker of Hertford, was notified Wednesday that she has been commissioned as an Ensign in the U. S. Navy Nurses Corps.

Miss Tucker was graduated from the University of Maryland in 1942, and is now waiting a call to duty.

## All County Teachers Re-elected For 1943

Barring possible resignations, all teachers in the Perquimans County Schools will return here next fall to resume their duties, according to F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools, who announced this week that the entire group of teachers had been re-elected to their present positions for the next school year.

## CIRCLE THREE TO MEET

Circle No. Three, of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will meet Monday evening, May 10, at 8 o'clock, with Miss Frances Maness. All members are urged to be present.