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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Axis has met utter defeat in North Africa. Allied forces have captured all but a few Axis positions, still holding out at'er thousands of Germans and Italians were killed or captured. The Yanks captured Bizerte while the British took Tunis. The French forces aided both. Thousands of Axis troops attempted to escape to the Cape Bon Peninsula, but Allied land and air forces blockaded this peninsula to prevent an African Dunkirk. The British on Tuesday broke through the peninsula and thus prevented further Axis escape. The Axis forces surrendered unconditionally to the French.

Following up their victories in Tunisia, the Allies are hampering at Axis bases in the Mediterranean. Bombers have blasted Italian ports and towns. Some mopping up still remains to be done in Tunisia, but it is expected these operations will be completed before the week is over.

Axis radio reports indicate Berlin and Rome expect an invasion of the continent to follow immediately. However, the Allies are letting the Axis do all the worrying and speculating. Prime Minister Churchill, it was announced Wednesday, is in Washington consulting with President Roosevelt. No announcement regarding the topics under discussion has been made, but there can be no doubt it will have to do with future military operations.

Russian troops are still moving forward slowly against reinforced German troops in the Caucasus. It has been reported that the Germans are rushing thousands of soldiers into the Balkan area, and Moscow reports Red airmen have blasted Nazi supply columns and transports behind the lines.

No statement has been made as yet regarding the number of Axis prisoners taken in Tunisia, but it has been reported that upwards of 100,000 were taken. One report earlier in the week announced the Axis troops were surrendering at a rate of 1,000 per hour. There is no chance for the Germans to escape the trap set by the Allies and unless they surrender they will all be killed.

Following action by the House in passing a compromised pay-as-you-go income tax plan, the Senate is now engaging in debate over the bill. It is reported that the discarded Ruml plan has considerable support in the Senate and that this bill may be adopted. The House bill calls for a partial forgiveness of 1942 taxes, while the Ruml plan would skip the year entirely.

Pro-Axis General Franco of Spain again this week voiced a plea for peace. He stated in a speech that the war had reached a deadlock and neither side could knock out the other. Allied Capitals gave scant attention to the plea.

Group To Petition USO To Establish Chapter In County

A group of interested citizens, headed by the Rev. J. D. Cranford, representative of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, are making plans to petition the National USO to establish a chapter of its organization in Perquimans County for the purpose of rendering aid and amusement to service men who will be stationed at the Base in this county.

Mr. Cranford expects to call a meeting early next week and will ask representatives of the various civic organizations of the county to join in the meeting in order that the movement may be hastened.

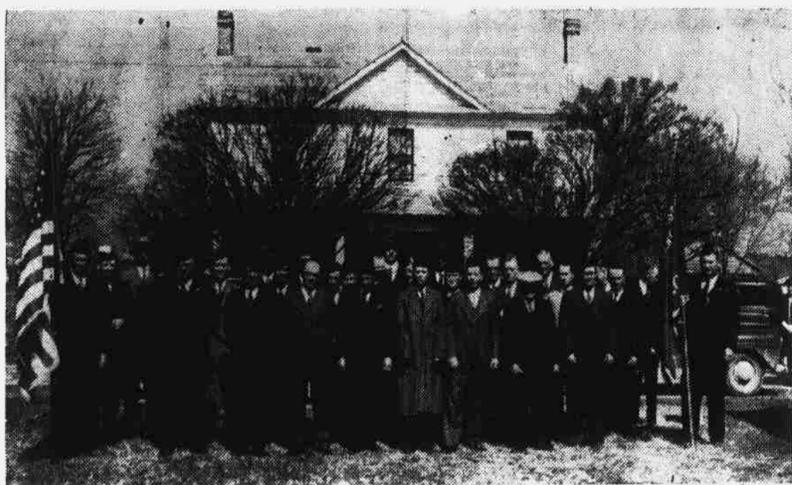
The Perquimans Service Men Center, which has ceased operations due to lack of quarters, will join in this new movement and funds now on hand will be turned over to the new organization to aid in the work of getting the new center established.

Requests Knitting For New Shipment

Persons having Red Cross yarn, who are knitting on sweaters at the present time, are requested to complete these garments and turn them in at once, in order that a shipment may be made to headquarters by June 1st.

Those having yarn and who do not plan to complete garments, are requested to return the yarn to Miss Helen Vick immediately.

TO BE HOSTS AT DISTRICT MEETING



Members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, pictured above, will be hosts at a district meeting, including posts from Edenton, Elizabeth City, Manteo and Hertford, at the Agriculture Building Monday night. The local Legionnaires, while organized only a short time, have made an outstanding record in State Legion affairs, and have won several citations for membership work. B. C. Berry is present commander of the local post.

Town Officials Take Office At Meeting Monday, May 10th

Board Votes to Advertise Delinquent Tax List Next Month

The Mayor and Town Commissioners were sworn in to begin their new four-year term of office following the closing of old business at a meeting of the Town Board on Monday night. Mayor V. N. Darden and commissioners W. H. Hardcastle, Z. A. Harris, B. C. Berry and M. J. Gregory, were inducted into office by W. H. Pitt, clerk of Superior Court.

At a special meeting of the Town Board held on April 30, it was voted to remodel the old town office, located on Grub Street and convert the same into a dwelling house. Work on this project will begin as soon as possible.

In addition to being sworn in as Mayor for the next term of office, Mr. Darden, on a motion ordered by the Board, was also sworn in as Chief of Police. It has been assumed for a number of years that the Mayor served in this capacity. However, it had not been the practice for him to take the oath of office.

The new Board re-appointed V. N. Darden as Town Manager, W. G. Newby as Town Clerk and Charles E. Johnson as Town Attorney. Salaries for these offices are to remain at figures set by the Board at a previous meeting.

The Board also voted that the 1942 delinquent tax list for property would be advertised on June 11 and the sale of the same would take place on Monday, July 12.

The Board discussed past due tax liens and it was decided action will be taken for the collection of these accounts. Unless same are paid, property will be advertised and sold at public auction.

Lions Club Banquet To Be Held Tonight At Methodist Church

Members of the Hertford Lions Club will hold their fourth anniversary banquet at the Hertford Methodist Church on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, A. T. Lane, president of the club, said Wednesday.

In addition to entertaining their wives and friends, the local club expects to play host to several members of the Edenton and Elizabeth City clubs.

The Lions ran into some difficulties in trying to stage the banquet. It was learned that the problem of obtaining enough food to serve the expected attendance was a hard one and due to this condition, the place of holding the meeting was changed from the Community House to the Methodist Church. The ladies of the local church will serve the food for the banquet.

Thomas S. Payne, of Washington, District Governor of the Lions Club, will be the speaker at the meeting on Friday.

Miss Jeanne Newbold Weds Lieut. Griffin On Wednesday

The wedding of Miss Jeanne Vernon Newbold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Newbold, to Lieutenant (jg) William Edward Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Griffin, of Elizabeth City, took place on Wednesday afternoon, May 12, in a lovely candlelight ceremony at the Holy Trinity Church, with the Rev. Edmund T. Jilson officiating. The single ring ceremony was used, the ring being a miniature Annapolis ring.

Mrs. H. A. Whitley, organist, rendered a program of wedding music, and Mrs. Charles E. Johnson sang "Because."

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a wedding gown of white marquisette with a long train. Lace was inserted in the bodice to form a V-shaped neckline, with long, pointed sleeves. The veil fell from a coronet of orange blossoms and was finger-tip length. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses centered with a white orchid.

Miss Nita Newbold, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and the bride's only attendant. She wore a periwinkle blue gown with full, swirling skirt. Her small crown hat was made of multi-colored flowers. She carried pink roses.

The bridegroom had as his best man his father.

The bride's mother wore a dark blue costume with a white frilly collar, and blue and white accessories. A white orchid formed her corsage.

The mother of the bridegroom wore a dark blue suit with blue accessories. A white orchid also formed her corsage.

The very attractive and popular bride was graduated from Perquimans High School and attended Woman's College, University of North Carolina. The bridegroom attended Elizabeth City High School and was graduated from Annapolis in the class of 1941. He is now stationed on the Yorktown.

Mrs. T. B. Sumner and Mrs. J. R. Futrell were mistresses of ceremony.

Immediately following the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents for members of the bridal party, immediate family and a few friends.

The couple left for a wedding trip of unannounced destination. For traveling the bride wore a navy blue suit with white accessories and an orchid from her bridal bouquet.

Army Officer Holds Observation School Here On Thursday

Lieutenant Patrick, an officer assigned to the First Army Command, in charge of observation posts in this area, conducted two classes in instructions on Thursday afternoon and night. The classes were held in the Courthouse.

A large number of residents, who are serving as observers at the local post, attended the school and saw motion pictures of the duties to be carried out by observers.

The classes were conducted for the purpose of informing the local observers in the work to be done while each is on duty at the observation tower.

Eight Registrants Leave Tuesday For Army Examination

Local Board Attends Regional Meeting In Elizabeth City

Eight Perquimans County young men will leave for Fort Bragg next Tuesday morning, May 17, to fill the May Selective Service call for white men during this month.

The youths are Clinton Trueblood, Carlton Whedbee, Clinton Ely, Leigh Winslow, Jr., Ben Koonce, Jr., William Cartwright, Edward Wilder and Percy Winslow.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local board, announced this week that instructions have been received from the State Offices of Selective Service ordering the local board to reconsider all registrants classified as 4-F for physical or mental reasons with the idea of having all questionable cases reviewed by local physicians.

It has been pointed out that while a registrant may be classified in 4-F for such reasons, regulations may be changed which will alter such classifications.

Members of the local board attended a regional meeting in Elizabeth City on Wednesday during which a discussion was held by local boards of this area and State officers regarding the reclassification of registrants under the recent rulings handed down by Selective Service and the War Manpower Commission.

It is believed that one of the main topics discussed pertained to classification of married men with children, especially those holding essential positions. These registrants were formerly classified in 3-B, but recently this classification was dropped by Selective Service, and only married men with children holding non-essential jobs are now listed in 3-A.

The local board has received calls for 15 white men on June 2, and 15 colored selectees for June 22.

Construction Work Harvey's Neck Road To Begin Shortly

The work of constructing a new all-weather highway, running from Hertford to the Navy base on Harvey's Neck, will get under way within the next few days, it was learned from a reliable source this week.

Part of the equipment to be used in the construction of the road has already arrived here.

It is understood that the road will be a surface-treated one and should be completed within a few weeks after construction begins. The road will be built by the Virginia Engineering Company, which has charge of building the Navy base.

Work on the base is progressing nicely and a contingent of service men are expected to arrive at the base any day now. Supplies have already started to come in for the Navy and it has been reported the Department expects to occupy the base very shortly.

Ten Speeders Fined By Recorder's Judge In Session Tuesday

Four Vagrants Given Road Sentences of 30 Days Each

The new State speed law caught up with ten motorists in Perquimans County during the past week and each of them was haled into Recorder's Court Tuesday morning to face charges for the violation. State patrolmen of this area, however, report the majority of the motorists are observing the new 35 miles per hour limit.

Local officers are continuing their drive against loafers in this county, also, and six men, all Negroes, faced charges of vagrancy in Tuesday's session. Of the six, one, Kussel Gilliam, entered a plea of guilty. Willie Webb was found not guilty and the remaining four, Dennis Revels, Rovert Douglas, Furman Brickhouse and Waddie Winslow, were each sentenced to 30 days on the roads. Gilliam was given a 30-day sentence, to be suspended upon payment of court costs.

The motorists were all found guilty and each was given a fine and taxed with court costs. Included were: Earl Holiday, who received a fine of \$10 and costs; Jack Weeks, \$10 and costs; M. C. Howell, \$15 and costs; Thurman White, \$10 and costs; R. L. Fetterton, \$20 and costs; Emmett Taylor, \$10 and costs; Dowell Williams, \$30 and costs; G. C. Geter, costs; James Simons, costs, and Clinton Ferebee, Negro, \$15 and costs. The speeders were charged with going from 40 to over 60 miles per hour.

Ben Thatch, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to being drunk and was fined \$2 and costs of court.

Rufus Enoch and Dan Perry, Negroes, pleaded guilty to assaulting each other with a deadly weapon. Judge Johnson fined each \$25 and ordered them to pay their own doctor bills.

Freeland Elliott, Negro, was taxed with court costs for driving without license plates.

The State took a nol pro in the case charging James Brickhouse, Negro, with assault.

Merrill Kelly was assessed court costs for driving with insufficient brakes.

Seldom, when a defendant appears in court and enters a plea of guilty to breaking a law does he discover at the close of the hearing that the judge reverses the plea and frees him of the charge. But that is what happened in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning when John Newbern, Negro, along with his wife, Margaret, and his step-son, Joe Everett, appeared before Judge Charles E. Johnson.

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Urges Landowners To Vote In Referendum On Soil Conservation

L. W. Anderson, County Agent, in mailing ballots to landowners for the referendum to be conducted next week relative to the establishment of a soil conservation district, urged all landowners to vote for the measure and thus request the State service to establish the District for Chowan and Perquimans Counties.

In a letter to the landowners, Mr. Anderson pointed out, "this program is absolutely free to farmers and will not cost our State, county or the individual citizens anything. The entire costs of the program will be paid by the Federal Soil Conservation Service, and cannot make any demands of any kind on any person or any farm."

The referendum is to be conducted from May 17 through May 22, and all landowners have been mailed ballots. They are requested to vote the ballot and return it to the County Agent's office immediately.

Funeral Services Held Tuesday For Mrs. Adeline Nixon

Funeral services for Mrs. Adeline Nixon, 79, who died Monday afternoon at her home here after an illness of several days, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. J. D. Cranford, assisted by the Rev. B. C. Reavis.

Surviving are three daughters, Ethel Nixon of West Virginia, Mrs. J. H. Satchwell of Hertford, and Mrs. Mattie Hatton of Philadelphia, Pa.; one son, G. S. Nixon of Emporia, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. J. J. Chappell of Hertford, Mrs. F. W. Bonney of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. D. Layden of Hertford, and two brothers, Mood Copeland and Thomas Copeland of Portsmouth, Va. Several grandchildren also survive.

American Legion To Hold District Meet Here Monday Night

Local Post Nominates New Officers For Coming Year

The Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion will be hosts at a district meeting of the Legion to be held at the Agriculture Building in Hertford at 8 o'clock Monday night, B. C. Berry, commander of the local post, stated today.

The meeting will include the posts from Edenton, Elizabeth City, Manteo and Perquimans. Amos Maynard, State Commander of the American Legion, has been secured as the principal speaker for the evening.

Roland Garrett, District Commander of Elizabeth City, will be master of ceremonies.

Arrangements for the district meeting here were placed in the hands of a committee headed by V. N. Darden, vice district commander, and J. A. Perry, J. D. Cranford, J. R. Futrell, Charles F. Sumner and Cecil White. The local post, it has been announced will serve refreshments to those attending. Members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post are urged to attend.

In addition to completing plans for the district meeting next Monday, the local post has made tentative plans for holding a Memorial Day service on Sunday, May 30. An announcement regarding these services will be made at the meeting Monday night.

At a meeting held last Friday night members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post nominated the following officers to serve during the new year, which begins in July: The Rev. J. D. Cranford, of Winfall, was nominated to be post commander; Shelton Chappell, first vice commander; Carroll V. Ward, second vice commander; Jonas Futrell, third vice commander; W. G. Hollowell, adjutant; V. N. Darden, finance officer; F. T. Johnson, service officer; John Lassiter, guardianship officer; E. Lee Hurdle, sergeant-at-arms; Geo. T. Roach, color bearer; W. T. Willoughby, chaplain; B. C. Berry, historian; Cecil White, athletic officer; F. M. Copeland, child welfare; H. A. Whitley, Americanization; C. F. Sumner, Jr., national defense; J. A. Perry, graves registration; G. C. Buck, employment; J. Oliver White, boys' state officer; Durwood Reed, Boy Scouts; Shelton Chappell, membership, and Charles E. White, publicity.

Care Of Tires Urged For Conservation Of Grade I Stock Pile

Rationing officials are urging all motorists to care for their present tires in order to conserve the present supply of Grade I tires, which is reported to be limited. It has been announced that only drivers who are eligible to drive over 240 miles per month are entitled to buy new Grade I tires.

Recapping of present tires before the carcasses are ruined is a national conservation policy and all motorists are urged to comply with this plan.

Tire certificates issued by the local ration board were announced by Mrs. Helen Davenport as follows:

Grade I—D. L. Reed, tube; Margaret White, tube; D. L. Grimley, tire; Jonas Parsons, tire; B. L. Gibbs, tire; W. A. Perry, tire; Elizabeth Fowler, tire and tube; C. P. Banks, tire and tube; Carroll V. Ward, tire and tube; Charles Johnson, tire and tube; Dr. C. A. Davenport, 4 tires and 1 tube; Robert A. White, tire and tube; Jacob L. White, tire and tube; R. M. Baker, tire and tube; B. C. Berry, tube; Elihu Lane, tire and tube; Harold Burbage, tire; Sidney Lane, tire; Lyman Lowe, tire; Durwood Reed, tire; Mabel Kutzler, tire; Ernest Moore, tire; Thomas Britt, tire; Leroy Dunlap, tire; Vestor Cole, tire; Burette Massey, tire; William Elliott, tire; J. W. Hampton, tire; Vivian Mathews, tire; Lawrence Perry, tire.

Grade III—Margaret Jordan, 2 tires and 2 tubes; W. D. Landing, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Ambrose Long, 3 tires and 3 tubes; Willie Williamson, tire and tube.

Truck—Walter Umphlett, tire and tube; Earl Felton, 2 tires; E. N. Miller, 2 tires and 2 tubes; R. B. Thach, 2 tires and 3 tubes; Major Loomis Co., 2 tires and 2 tubes; D. M. Jackson, 1 recap; Dr. T. P. Brinn, 3 tires and 3 tubes.