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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

American and British airmen, following Prime Minister Churchill's statement that an attempt would be made to knock Germany and Italy out of the war by bombing, have been literally blasting the daylight out of German cities and the Axis air force. The RAF, on Monday night, dropped 2,000 tons of bombs on the important Nazi city of Dortmund and reports state Allied flyers are knocking out Axis planes at the rate of one every twenty minutes.

Little ground action has been reported from the fronts since the Axis surrender in Africa, but the blows being handed out to the Germans and Italians by the Allies may have a definite place in the drive for victory. The fighting on the Russian front is also in a lull. Reports of activity by patrols of both sides have been made this week, but no large scale action was reported.

Representatives of the Allied Nations are now meeting at White Sulphur Springs, Va., discussing the postwar food problems expected to arise. The meeting has been closed to the press, but one report has been issued announcing a British plan for a vast store house for conserving abundant food supplies in good years to be used during years when production slumps.

The Japanese have attempted to reinforce their troops on Attu Island, but latest reports issued by Secretary of the Navy Knox point out that these attempts have been beaten off by American forces. The Japs are now trapped on a narrow peninsula and have little hope of being saved.

Following bitter strife over a pay-as-you-go tax plan, it seems now that a Senate-House committee have found a plan which may be approved by Congress. It wipes out a year's tax for those whose total tax is \$50 or less, and abates three-fourths of a year's obligations for all other taxpayers; the remaining fourth to be paid in two annual installments.

A report from neutral Sweden this week stated that Hitler is rushing troops into Denmark and Norway, fearing an Allied invasion at these points. Meanwhile, Mussolini, it was reported, has called on Hitler for more heavy German artillery to be placed in Southern Italy.

From the mid-west, reports indicate that the gigantic flood which has swept through several states is gradually abating. More than 100,000 persons are reported homeless, and heavy damages to crops occurred when the flood reached its peak. States affected included Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

The War Production Board, following a denial that clothes will be rationed, this week, issued orders for the curtailment of fabrics in the manufacture of clothing. Donald Nelson, chief of WPB, stated that he would not order rationing if sound conservation programs are inaugurated. Hereafter, there must be no waste in the manufacture of various items of clothing.

Ten carloads of wounded American soldiers, veterans of the battle in Africa, arrived back in this country this week. The men will be placed in the large hospital at Ft. Devens, Mass., for treatment.

Application Must Be Made For Additional Sugar For Canning

Following an announcement that ration stamps 15 and 16 became valid for five pounds of sugar each on May 24, the OPA stated that persons needing additional sugar for canning purposes must make application for such sugar at the local ration offices.

It is believed that sugar issued on stamps 15 and 16 will be sufficient for the canning needs of most families, but OPA points out that if this is not true in some cases, the family should apply for the additional needs.

However, the local office will not issue additional sugar until such stamps designated for home canning sugar have been used.

Robert S. Jones Now Stationed In Oklahoma

Robert Jones, a cadet in the Naval Air Corps, is now stationed at Norman, Okla., undergoing primary flight training, according to word received here this week.

Soil Conservation District Approved By Property Owners

Tabulation of Votes Shows 292 Favorable To 4 Against

Property owners of Perquimans County voted overwhelmingly for the establishment of a soil conservation district for Perquimans and Chowan Counties in a referendum conducted last week. L. W. Anderson, County Agent, who had charge of the referendum, announced this week.

A total of 296 votes were cast on the matter, and 292 landowners voted favorably for the project, while only four voted against it.

Undoubtedly the approval of the project by such a large number of property owners will lead to the State Conservation Service issuing a charter setting up the District here. It is believed that 30 days will elapse, however, before the State Service issues this charter and appoints two directors, who along with three other directors, elected by the landowners of the two counties, will control the local district.

Notice of this election of directors will be given after the charter has been issued and the formation of the district is being completed.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that many benefits to property within the County may be forthcoming with the district being established. Included in which is the drainage of swamps within the district, thus making available additional land for cultivation, as well as clearing many breeding places for insects.

In connection with drainage projects, Mr. Anderson stated that work on the drainage project of Bear Swamp is progressing nicely and that bids for the work have been invited by those in charge. This project, however, is not a part of the soil conservation district but is a drainage demonstration within the district.

Mr. Anderson also announced that persons who desire to buy corn should place an order with him at once. He is now completing orders for another carload, which will probably be the last shipped here this year. He stated that 16,000 bushels of corn have already been shipped into this county this year.

Aged Resident Died Sunday, Services Held Tuesday 3 P. M.

George Benton, 77, died at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his home on Route Three, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at the Woodland Methodist Church with the Rev. J. D. Cranford officiating.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sallie Matthews Benton; seven sons, C. C. Benton of Lynhaven, Va., E. R. Benton of Newport News, Va., P. W. Benton of Drivers, Va., J. M. G. E. and W. J. Benton, all of Route Three, and A. R. Benton of Norfolk, Va.; five daughters, Mrs. J. L. Harrell of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. W. C. Jordan, Mrs. J. E. Wood and Miss Beatrice Benton all of Route Three, and Mrs. W. J. Saunders of Elizabeth City. Thirty-eight grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren also survive.

Burial was made in Cedarwood Cemetery in Hertford.

Cradle Roll Day At Baptist Church Sunday

Dr. I. A. Ward, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School, announced this week that Cradle Roll Day will be observed on Sunday morning, May 30th. All children up to three years of age are urged to attend and receive their certificates.

Hertford Lions Club To Select Officers

The Hertford Lions Club will meet on Friday night at 7:15 at the Colonial Tourist Home. Archie T. Lane, president of the club, stated that the club will elect officers for the coming year at the meeting this week, and urged all members to be present.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Dr. and Mrs. I. A. Ward announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ruth Alice, to Master Sergeant Frank Gray Sloop of Camp Roberts, Cal. Sgt. Sloop is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sloop, of Mount Ulla, N. C.

Library Is Open 7-9 Thursday Evenings

New books ready for circulation at the Public Library are:

There Was An Old Woman, Human Comedy, Silvertip's Round-Up, Laura, Singing Corpse, Lady In A Wedding Dress, The Whole Heart, Neck In A Noose, Blind Man's Bluff, Death In The Doll's House, The Sea Is So Wide, Journal for Josephine, Mr. Winkle Goes to War, Southwest Passage, I Served On Bataan, and Retreat With Stillwell.

Patrons are advised that the library is open on Thursday evenings from 7 until 9 o'clock.

The table display this week is for the children.

The library has a lot of war information material on hand that the public may borrow.

Usual Run Of Cases In Recorder's Court On Tuesday Morning

With motorists seemingly observing the new State speed law and only one speeding case on the docket, the Perquimans Recorder's Court had only the usual run of minor cases on Tuesday of this week.

Five cases, two of which charged the defendants with driving drunk, were continued until the June 1 term of Court.

The warrant for James Nowell, charged with driving with improper lights, was returned to the State patrolman for service.

The State took a nol pros with leave in the case charging Walter Strickland, Negro, with driving drunk and assault with a deadly weapon. Strickland, a defense worker, it was reported, has left the community.

Paul Thompson, Negro, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to 60 days on the roads. Sentence was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs.

J. W. Kynock plead guilty to being drunk in a public place and paid a fine of \$2 and costs.

Doris Waterman plead guilty to being drunk and was taxed with court costs and ordered to leave the Town of Hertford.

Charles Patton was assessed \$25 and court costs on pleading guilty to speeding.

The State took a nol pros in the case against Lesley Wilson, Jr., Negro, charged with vagrancy. It was reported that Wilson is working steadily.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case charging Clara McCleese and Archie McCleese, Negroes, with assault.

Deadline For Cooker Applications June 1

Dr. E. S. White, chairman of the Farm Machinery Ration Committee, announced today that the deadline for receiving applications for pressure cookers will be June 1. Persons desiring to obtain one of the cookers to be allotted Perquimans County must make application by that date, at the Agriculture Building in Hertford.

Dr. White stated that thirty cookers have been allotted the county, and it is expected that the committee will recommend the applications of those applicants showing the cookers will be placed to the greatest use.

Quarterly Meeting At Piney Woods Church

Quarterly meeting will be held at Piney Woods Friends Church next Saturday and Sunday. The Rev. Ben Milliken and wife from Liberty, also former pastor, the Rev. John C. Trivette, and his family from Dudley, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Pittman, of Kenley, will be present at all of the services. Special music will be a feature of the program.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend these services.

Red Cross Chapter Ships 115 Kits

The Perquimans County Chapter of Red Cross has shipped 115 filled kits to the National Red Cross headquarters for distribution among the men of the armed forces, it was reported here this week.

This number represents the quota of kits requested from the local chapter by the American Red Cross.

BANK CLOSED MONDAY
The Hertford Banking Company will be closed on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day. R. M. Riddick, cashier, announced today. The bank will reopen for business on Tuesday morning.

Special Memorial Services Sunday At Methodist Church

American Legion to Have Part In Program Here

Special Memorial Day services, sponsored by the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, will be held Sunday night, at 8 o'clock, at the Hertford Methodist Church. B. C. Berry, post commander, stated today.

The Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the church, will deliver the sermon for the services and a special program has been arranged for the occasion by the Rev. Mr. Reavis and J. R. Futrell.

The program opens with the professional, followed by the entrance of the membership of the local post. "America" will be sung as the opening hymn, and W. T. Willoughby, post chaplain, will deliver the invocation.

Past Commander Charles F. Sumner, Jr., will deliver a short talk on "Memorial Day." Prayer will be offered by the Rev. H. G. Dawkins, pastor of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Charles E. Johnson will sing as special music, "My Buddy."

Following the sermon by the Rev. Mr. Reavis, the newly elected post commander, the Rev. J. D. Cranford, will give a reading "Flanders' Field." The program will close with the choir singing "Song of Peace."

Members of the local post are requested to meet in front of the Methodist Church at 7:45 o'clock on Sunday evening.

The public is cordially invited to join with the veterans in this, the second Legion-sponsored Memorial Day service, and it is expected that a large number of residents of the county will attend.

This special program on Sunday will mark the close of a successful year for the local post. New officers, nominated at the last regular meeting of the members, will be inducted into office at the meeting to be held on the first Friday night in June.

The retiring officers are: B. C. Berry, commander; Charles E. White, first vice commander; Shelton Channell, second vice commander; J. D. Cranford, third vice commander, and W. G. Hollowell, adjutant.

Town Board Appoints Special Policeman At Meeting Monday

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford, meeting in special session on Monday night, appointed Tommy Miller to serve as utility man at the municipal plant and as special policeman in the business district of the town.

Mr. Miller, who was recently discharged from the U. S. Navy, will patrol the Church Street beat from early afternoon until midnight each day.

The Commissioners also voted that parking on Church Street, between Dobb and the southern town limits is now forbidden. Signs will soon be placed showing this restricted area. This action was taken to facilitate expected increase in traffic along this narrow street, now that the Navy has a large number of trucks traveling back and forth to its base.

It was also announced at the meeting that the Hertford Fire Department will sponsor a carnival here in Hertford at a date in late June or early July. The proceeds received by the firemen will be used to buy extra equipment for the local department.

Mayor V. N. Darden, in announcing the restricted parking area on Church Street, stated that this order will in no way interfere with any church services held at the Holy Trinity Church.

Two Masses Sunday At Catholic Church

Holy Masses, Communion, Sermon (May 30, on "Neglect Of Warnings"), May Devotions start every Sunday at 8:30 and 11 a. m., and conclude 45 minutes later in St. Ann's Catholic Church, corner of N. Broad and Albenarle Streets, Edenton, stated the Reverend Father Francis J. McCourt, Pastor, also Chaplain to U. S. Marine Corps Air Station, Edenton.

Holy Mass every morning during this week at 8 o'clock.

Confessions for half hour before every Service.

Everybody invited to every Service.

County Nears Bond Quota For Month

R. M. Riddick, chairman of the war financing committee, announced on Wednesday that residents of Perquimans County had purchased a total of \$15,693 worth of war bonds up to noon of that day. That leaves only \$2,600 worth of bond sales needed for the county to reach its May quota.

Mr. Riddick expressed the belief that the quota can be met, but he urges all persons to continue to buy as many bonds as possible in order that our record can be maintained for meeting quotas, and helping to provide the government with the money necessary to continue the victory drive our armed forces are now carrying to the enemy.

Large Number Tire Certificates Given Out By Ration Board

A total of fifty-six certificates for the purchase of tires and tubes were issued by the Perquimans War Price and Ration Board, at its last meeting, according to Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the board.

One certificate for a new automobile was issued to Norman Elliott.

Tire certificates issued were: Grade I—Edgar Riddick 1, Joe White 1, R. P. Chappell 1, C. B. Jeannette, tire and tube; Lola Riddick, tire and tube; E. T. Stallings, tire and tube; Snell Bros. 2, J. Alvin White 2 tires and 2 tubes, Earl Wilder 2 tires and 2 tubes, E. E. Snell 2, George Smoak 2 tires and 2 tubes, Mrs. Elaine Riddick 2 tires and 2 tubes, J. A. Winslow 2 tires and 2 tubes, Idonia Roger-on tire and tube, Sidney Layden 1, Lawrence Corprew 1, Jessie Morgan 1, Rev. W. B. Walker 1, Vester Cole 1, B. L. Gibbs 1, Maggie Nixon 1, W. W. White 1, Bennie Terrell 2, Edgar Vietz 2 tires and 2 tubes, E. W. Eden tire and tube, Walter Wood 2, G. R. Carver 2, Roosevelt Winslow 2, E. S. Gains 2 tires and 2 tubes, A. P. Stallings 1, M. S. Blackenship 2 tires and 2 tubes, Shelby Manly 2 tires and 2 tubes, Alma Harrell 2 tires and 2 tubes, E. T. Stallings 2, Moran Sutton 2, A. C. Wall 2, D. W. Simpson 2, R. D. Boyer 2 tires and 2 tubes, James Harris 2.

Grade III—Mrs. Silva Anderson 1, George Bonner 2, Guthrie Joliff 2 tubes, Reuben Stallings tube, H. A. Turner 2 tubes, Mrs. C. W. Griffin 2 tubes, and J. F. Grimley 2 tubes.

Truck Tires—Vernon Ward 2 tires and 2 tubes, W. L. White 2 tires and 2 tubes, Hollowell Bros. 1, Mrs. Maude Chappell 2 tires and tubes, J. Oliver White 2 tires and tubes, George Armstrong, tire and tube.

Tractor Tires—O. J. Lane 2 tires and 1 tube, W. A. Trueblood tire and tube, W. E. Lane tire and tube, and W. H. Elliott 2 tires and 2 tubes.

Former Teacher To Return Next Term

F. T. Johnson, superintendent of schools, announced this week that Miss Eloise Scott, former member of the Perquimans High School faculty, will return here for the next school term as teacher of math.

Miss Scott will fill the vacancy created by the resignation during the past year of J. P. Crifasi. During the past year Miss Scott has been a member of the faculty of the New Hanover High School in Wilmington.

Lutz Estate Hearing Set For Friday, June 4

A hearing to determine the appointment of an administrator for the late Charles and Elnora Lutz estate will be held at the Courthouse on Friday morning, June 4, according to W. H. Pitt, clerk of Superior court.

Mr. Pitt stated that the hearing will be conducted at about eleven o'clock. Persons interested in the estate or in the naming of the administrator are requested to attend the hearing.

Funeral Services For N. H. Brothers

N. H. Brothers, 83, died early Saturday morning at the home of his niece, Mrs. J. W. Lane, at Parkville, after an illness of two weeks.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Oak Grove Methodist Church by the Rev. J. D. Cranford, assisted by the Rev. V. A. Lewis. Burial was made in the family plot.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William Talmage Lewis announce the birth of a son, William Patrick, born on Sunday, May 23, 1943.

Information Posts On Ration Book 3 To Open Next Week

Applications Must Be Mailed By June 10; Rules Given

Information booths will be established at eight separate places in Perquimans County on Friday and Saturday, June 4 and 5, for the purpose of assisting persons who find it difficult to fill out the application blanks for war ration books number three, it was announced this week.

The posts will be established at J. W. Jackson's store, New Hope; Geo. Jackson's store, near Chapanoke; G. D. Towse's store, Chapanoke; E. L. Chappell's store, Belvidere; Fred Winslow's store, Winfall; Ralph White's store, Nicanor; J. C. Hobbs' store, Bethel, and at the Courthouse in Hertford. The posts will be manned by volunteers from the Office of Civilian Defense.

Application blanks for these ration books have been distributed this week by the mail service, and all residents were supposed to receive one. However, it is possible that with such a large distribution, some persons failed to receive their blank, and it will be necessary for them to obtain a blank at the postoffice in Hertford, not later than June 10, as this is the final date on which applications may be made by mail.

OPA officials request all persons who can fill out their own blanks and to mail them before June 10. However, persons finding the application blank too difficult, may obtain help by calling at one of the places listed above.

Some blanks are already being received at Charlotte, which is the mailing center for this area, and it has been reported that many errors are being made in filling out the blanks. The large percentage of these errors is that applicants are not signing the cards. They must be signed by the person making out the applications.

There is a place on the application blanks for the head of the household to list all members, also to print the name of the head of the household. That person will be mailed ration books for each member listed on the application. At the bottom of the blank the applicant must sign his name, not print it. Elsewhere on the card he is to print the information.

In mailing the blank back to Charlotte, it is necessary for each applicant to place a three-cent stamp on the front of the card.

Eight Selectees To Leave June 2nd For Army Examination

Eight Perquimans County youths, including William J. Elliott, Daniel T. Hurdle, Preston Divers, Elmo Cannon, Jr., James Lane, William F. Ainsley, Jesse Lee Harris and Robert Rountree, have been selected by the local draft board to fill the June 2nd call for white men. Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, announced this week.

A contingent of Negro selectees will leave Hertford on June 22nd to complete the calls for next month. These men will be selected by the local board very shortly.

Only two youths called to fill the May 18th quota were accepted for duties in the armed forces, after taking physical examinations at Fort Bragg. These men were Ben Koonce, Jr., and Carlton Whedbee. They will begin training after a fourteen-day furlough.

The local board is now working at the task of reclassifying all registrants under the new regulations which will mean the drafting of registrants with children. Some boards in this area have already ordered some fathers for induction, but it is believed that it will be July or August before any Perquimans fathers are called.

Rabies Inspector Issues Warning On Dog Vaccinations

G. C. Buck, rabies inspector for Perquimans County, today issued a warning to all dog owners, calling attention to the law which requires dogs to be vaccinated.

A schedule for vaccinations is published elsewhere in this issue of The Weekly and dog owners are requested to clip this schedule for reference and bring their dogs to the nearest place for vaccination.