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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Allied Nations are carrying the war to the Axis on all fronts this week. American, British and Canadian forces are rapidly overrunning Sicily, capturing thousands of Axis troops, and it is believed the fall of this island may come any day. The Allies have captured approximately one-third of the island and by mid-week the American troops threaten to drive a wedge clear across the land, splitting Axis forces into halves. Some 40,000 Axis troops have been captured and latest reports indicate the Italians are rebelling against German officers.

The Russians have launched additional attacks against the Germans in the Oral sector and report heavy gains all along the front. The Germans have suffered heavy losses in material and manpower, according to Moscow. The Red Army, seemingly, has stopped all German attacks and have placed the Nazis strictly on the defensive.

Our forces in the Pacific bombed the great Jap base of Paramushiro during the week. This base is presumed to be Japan's second strongest point. It is located 1,200 miles from Tokyo. No announcement was made as to where our planes started from. It is believed, however, they were from Attu. The Navy Department, also, announced our bombers had sunk three more Jap battleships this week.

Outstanding bombing mission this week was the bombing of Rome. While noted for its religious background, Rome had been turned into an arsenal by Mussolini and it was the military objectives which were damaged, in spite of what the Axis contends. American airmen were specifically instructed to use care in bombing Rome and not to damage the religious and historic centers. Five of our planes were lost on the mission.

While Rome was being bombed by Allied planes, Hitler and Mussolini were meeting somewhere in Italy. It has been reported the Duce has called on Hitler for help in saving Italy, under threat of making a separate treaty with the Allies. However, at the present time, there is little evidence that Italy will drop out of the war any time soon. It is a possibility the Allies hope to knock Italy out of the war before long, but this will take more than just the capture of Sicily.

Funeral Services Held Thursday For Samuel J. Mathews

Samuel J. Mathews, 70, of Hertford, Route 2, died suddenly Tuesday morning, about 11 o'clock, while on a shopping trip to Hertford. He had been in ill health for several months.

Mr. Mathews was a native of Jamesville, Wis., but had lived in Perquimans County for the past twenty-five years. He was a member of the Mt. Sinai Church.

Funeral services were conducted from the Lynch Funeral Home at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon with the Rev. H. G. Dawkins officiating. "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Sometime We'll Understand" were sung.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Maud Mathews, and one son, Lyle.

pallbearers were: Active—Henry Riddick, Lewis Lamb, Walton Lane, Anthony Elliott and Milton Bright. Honorary—Ernest and Tom Morgan, Hubert Hurdle, Tom Story, Dr. C. A. Davenport, Oscar Felton, Robert Stallings and Joe Perry.

Husband Of Local Girl Rescued From Jap-Held Island

Lt. (jg) Sam Hollingsworth, husband of Josephine Hefren Hollingsworth, was one of the 161 men rescued on July 17 from a Jap-held island in the Pacific, according to an announcement received here this week.

Mr. Hollingsworth was a member of the crew of the Helena, which was sunk in action on July 6. He had been on the Helena since last August and no word had been received by the family, following the sinking of the ship, until the announcement of his rescue.

The men, it has been reported, were on the island for ten days, but were not captured by the Japs. Their rescue was effected when a group of U. S. ships went into action against the island, against odds, to save the group.

Mr. Hollingsworth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hefren.

OPA Market Basket Price Ceilings Extended To Stores In Perquimans

Prices Were Effective On July 14; Some 500 Items Covered

OPA's "market basket" price ceilings, fixed on local levels for grocery stores, covering all types of items, have been extended to Perquimans County. The price order went into effect on Wednesday, July 14, according to E. Leigh Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans War Price and Rationing Board.

The price order setting the dollars and cents prices divide all retail grocery establishments in Perquimans County into four classes and allows smaller independent stores to charge slightly more for the items covered than may be charged by chain stores and those with larger volumes of business.

"The purpose of the specific pricing plan," Mr. Winslow said, "is to give every housewife a definite price which she learns to recognize as the highest legal price for any of the 500 items in the four classes of stores."

Mr. Winslow outlined the following classification of food stores in the price order:

Class I—An independent store with a total sales volume of less than \$50,000 a year. (An independent store is one which is not one of four or more operated by the same ownership.)

Class II—An independent store doing between \$50,000 and \$250,000 a year business.

Class III—A multiple-outlet retailer, other than independent, with a volume up to \$250,000.

Class IV—Any store doing more than \$250,000 annual business.

Reports of ceiling price violations or suspected infractions may be made to the price panel of the local rationing board, Mr. Winslow pointed out. Merchants may also consult their local ration board price panels about how they may price the items covered.

Car Traders Must Return Gas Books To Ration Board

Motorists who trade automobiles must return their original gas ration book to the local ration board, Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Perquimans Board, stated this week.

She said some motorists, on trading cars, were failing to comply with this rule and announced that ration books for another car would not be issued until the old books are returned.

The attention of motorists is also called to the fact that all boards have been instructed that extra gas rations are not issued for use in driving short distances to work. This rule has been adopted to conserve as much gas as possible and to avoid the pleasure driving ban in this area.

Henceforth, motorists are also advised that notations on their gas coupons are to be made on the face of the coupon rather than on the back.

Tire certificates were issued by the local Board this week as follows:

Passenger—H. C. Hoskins, tire and tube; W. C. Lassiter, tire and tube; W. B. Jordan, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Early Goodwin, tire and tube; Levi Goodwin, tire and tube; Percy Trueblood, tire; Marguerite Goodwin, tire and tube; Howard Honeycutt, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Raymond Bateman, tire and tube; Ashley Jordan, tire and tube; Fred Halford, tire and tube; Thomas Rogerson, tube; Robert McKenzie, tire; E. J. Proctor, tire and tube; George Smith, tire and tube; J. R. Proctor, tire; E. M. Perry, tire and tube; Peter Billups, tire and tube; Willie Lamb, tire and tube; Vivian Dale, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Mrs. C. F. Reed, tire and tube; B. C. Reavis, tire and tube; Travers White, tire and tube; Earl Felton, tire and tube; R. B. Chappell, tire and tube; Mrs. H. C. Wilder, 2 tires; Irving Trueblood, 4 tubes; R. T. Brinn, 2 tires and 2 tubes.

Truck Tires—J. S. Hill Co., 3 tires and 3 tubes; Major-Loomis, 2 tires and 2 tubes; W. T. Eason, 3 tires and 3 tubes; P. E. Winslow, 3 tires and 3 tubes; J. N. Byrum, tire; E. N. Miller, 2 tires and 2 tubes; E. D. Mathews, tire and tube; White, Morris and Monds, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Roach & Riddick, tire and tube, and Alfred Lane, 2 tires and 2 tubes.

The Hertford Lions Club will hold its regular meeting Friday night at the Colonial Tourist Home at 7:30. All members are urged to be present. Charles M. Williford, newly installed president of the club, will preside and committees for the coming year will be announced.

Rent Control Plan May Be Ordered For Hertford Community

It has been learned this week, from a reliable authority, that the OPA rent control system may be ordered in effect in the Hertford area sometime within the near future.

The announcement made this week was entirely unofficial, but all indications are that the ceiling will be placed over rents here. It was announced that the program here will be controlled by the OPA Rent Board which is now located in Elizabeth City.

There have been some complaints made regarding rent charges in Hertford, but it is believed that on the whole rents here are in line with prices allowed by OPA for communities of this type. There may be some cases bearing investigation, but these are very few.

Negro Ordered From County After Being Convicted In Court

Recorder's Court Judge Charles E. Johnson ordered John Moseley, Negro, to leave Perquimans County before six o'clock Tuesday, after Moseley was convicted in Recorder's Court of assault and trespass. A sixty-day road sentence was suspended upon the above condition.

Fourteen cases were on the court docket here this week and, as during the past several weeks, the majority of the cases were for violation of the speed law.

Jack Lackey, Alphonzo Scott and Joseph Jackson were each fined \$10 and costs, after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Leo Gorris, H. R. Davenport and Alonzo Godfrey were each taxed with court costs, after entering pleas of guilty to speeding.

Preston Copeland entered a plea of guilty to reckless driving and speeding. Judge Johnson gave the defendant a 30-day road sentence suspended upon payment of \$100 and costs.

The State took a nol pros in the case charging Dr. Victor Finck with exceeding the speed limit.

McKinley Jones, Negro, was fined \$15 and costs, after pleading guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

Luther Horner was fined \$2 and court costs for being drunk on the streets of Hertford.

Rufus Enoch, Negro, received a fine of \$15 and costs, after entering a plea of guilty to being drunk. This was the defendant's second conviction on the same charge.

Oliver Lee Riddick, Negro, paid the costs of court for being guilty of assault.

Willie Smith, Negro, found guilty of reckless driving was sentenced to 60 days on the roads, sentence being suspended upon payment of \$50 and doctor's bills incurred by persons injured in wreck caused by Smith. He appealed the verdict to the Superior Court. He was found not guilty of driving drunk. Appeal bond was set at \$150.

40 Bales Of Cotton Destroyed By Fire

Fire caused by a bolt of lightning which struck a barn on the farm owned by Mrs. J. T. Brinn Sunday afternoon at about 4 o'clock, totally destroyed 40 bales of cotton, which were stored in the building.

The Hertford Fire Department answered a call to the fire, but the flames had gained such headway little could be done to extinguish the blaze. The barn, reported to be an old one, burned to the ground and the fire department used the entire capacity of its auxiliary tank in throwing water onto the burning cotton.

It was reported that the loss was covered by insurance.

BEECH SPRING CLUB MEETS

The regular monthly meeting of the Beech Spring Home Demonstration Club was held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Reed. After an interesting program, Miss Maness gave a timely demonstration on "Thrifty Meals for Busy Days." The August meeting was discussed and it was decided to hold a club picnic on the regular club meeting afternoon, August 10.

Bond Sales Fifty Percent Less Than Than County Quota

Government Official Is Urging Home Front Buy Heavily

With two-thirds of the month of July gone, Perquimans residents have purchased a little less than one-half of the war bonds given this county as a quota for the month, according to R. M. Riddick, chairman of the local War Finance Committee.

The July quota was set at \$19,110, the same as during June, and up to Wednesday of this week, only \$8,325 worth of bonds had been purchased. Our county has an outstanding record, one of the few counties in the State, for meeting its war bond quota, and the local committee is hopeful that a rush of buying during the final days of the month will enable Perquimans to stay at the top of the list.

The vital need for people to purchase war bonds is pointed out this week by Secretary Morgenthau, who said:

"The invasion of Sicily and other news developments from battle fronts during the past twenty-four hours, have provided a slogan for our third War Loan Drive. It is 'Back the Attack With War Bonds.' As anyone knows who has read a newspaper or listened to news bulletins on the radio this morning, the United Nations are on the march. The first rumblings of the big offensive are being heard in all the Axis nations. Thousands of our men are storming Sicily. Tons upon tons of bombs are dropping on Germany. We are attacking Jap held territory as never before. This is a great day for us. But it means that the time has come for us to really tighten our belts here on the home front. We have come to a most critical period in the war, and the success that we will have on the fighting fronts, will depend to a considerable extent upon the degree to which we here at home are willing to work and sacrifice for ultimate victory. It's going to be a costly victory. We have said that before, but we must repeat it again and again. The real war has only now begun. Billions of dollars more must be spent to keep the material of war going to our men at the front. Your Government must call upon you, the American people, for that money. Remember, it is up to all of us here at home to back the attack and to do it more enthusiastically, more thoroughly and with greater sacrifice than any attack has ever been backed by a home front in all history. Everything is at stake. Everyone must help to the very limit of his ability."

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Scrap Chairman Wants Material

A. R. Winslow, Jr., chairman of the Perquimans Salvage Committee, stated this week that additional scrap material is needed by our production factories to keep war production going at top speed.

Mr. Winslow pointed out that in times when the news from the battle front is good, the home front may be inclined to forget the pressing need for keeping up production. He urges residents of Perquimans to keep the flow of scrap materials going to the mills.

No concentrated drive is on at the present, but the chairman stated that persons having scrap can dispose of it by calling or writing him, or bringing it to the scrap pile at the Municipal plant in Hertford. By getting in touch with the chairman, persons having scrap for sale will have a buyer call at residences for the material.

SIMPSON—RAPER

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Raper announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Marvin Lee Simpson, of the U. S. Navy, on July 14, 1943.

Mr. Simpson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Simpson.

County Tax Rate Remains At \$1.50 For 1943; Budget Adopted By Board

In North Africa



SGT. W. H. REAVIS

Writes Parents Of Battle Action Seen In North Africa

A vivid account of the action he saw during the North African campaign, as a member of the Army Air Forces, was contained in a letter from Sgt. William H. Reavis to his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Reavis, of Hertford. The letter was written on May 27, following the fall of Tunis and Bizerte. It was received here last week.

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A call for five white men to leave on August 4 has been received, and also a call for five Negroes later in August.

Work Of Rebuilding J. C. Blanchard Store Started This Week

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Mr. Blanchard stated that the work will be rushed as rapidly as present-day conditions will permit and that the store will be reopened as soon as possible. The plans for rebuilding the store call for even better trading arrangements than the store had prior to the fire.

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Report Of Accountant Shows Financial Condition Is Good

Perquimans County's tax rate for 1943 will be the same as last year, one dollar and fifty cents per one hundred dollars valuation, it was voted by the Board of County Commissioners, meeting in special session on Monday night to adopt the budget for the coming fiscal year.

The rate was set at the old figure, after the Board members had discussed a prospective budget for some two hours and adopted it, and heard a report of the financial condition of the county by W. F. C. Edwards, county accountant.

The budget for the coming year calls for an outlay of some two thousand dollars more than was spent last year, but included is an expenditure of \$1,200 for a fire control program, and an additional \$1,700 more for the Health Department than it received last year, due to the fact that the Health Department was in operation only about six months instead of the entire year. These two items represent a larger amount than the size of the increase in the budget, but several items of the old budget have been discontinued and smaller appropriations were made in some departments. The budget, as adopted on Monday, calls for an outlay for general expenses of \$22,225.

The largest item, by far in the tax rate is the 90c set for collection for the debt service fund. Approximately \$48,600 is needed during the year to meet this obligation. However, past payments are cutting in the indebtedness, and it was reported that the county school debt will be in excellent shape by the close of the present fiscal year.

Mr. Edwards reported a cash balance on hand in all departments of the County Government at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, and while the expected revenue will just about meet the county's financial needs for the coming year, it was agreed that the county should attempt to maintain these balances for possible future needs.

It was reported that much progress has been made financially by the county during the past ten years, coming from some \$80,000 deficit to the present position.

The only other business transacted by the Board at the meeting this week was placing an order for some new benches to be placed on the court house green, doing away with the present ones now in a bad state of repair.

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