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Ousting Of Mussolini Causes Anxiety Among Small Axis Nations In Europe

Conditions Within Italy Reported As Leaning To Peace

A state of fearful uncertainty is reported to have gripped the small Axis nations, Rumania, Hungary, Spain and Vichy France, following the ousting of Benito Mussolini as dictator of Italy, early this week.

From all indications Mussolini was fired by Italian King Victor Emmanuel, following a meeting between Hitler and Mussolini. No reports were given out regarding this meeting, but it is believed Mussolini called on Hitler for additional help to defend the Italian soil. The Rome radio announced the "resignation" of Mussolini on Sunday, after this futile attempt to protect Italy failed. King Victor Emmanuel immediately named Mussolini's enemy, General Badoglio, as premier of Italy and abolished the Fascist order. Mussolini spent twenty-one years in building Badoglio on assuming the office of premier ordered a state of martial law.

A tight censorship was immediately placed on all news releases from Italy and only unofficial reports on conditions within the country have leaked out. However, these reports indicate the Italian people are clamoring for peace with the Allies and many demonstrations have been reported in the larger cities. The fall of Mussolini, it was reported, was accepted with joy throughout Italy.

Although both Victor Emmanuel and Badoglio, in statements made following the ousting of Il Duce, said the war continues, there seems to be indications that Italy may sue for peace before this week is over.

Immediately following the announcement of Mussolini's fall, cabinet meetings in all Axis nations in Europe were called, but no reports on these meetings have been published. It is assumed the action caught even Berlin unprepared for such a turn in events within Italy. Badoglio, it has been reported, has ordered all Italian troops stationed in foreign countries to be returned to Italy proper.

Travelers, arriving in Spain from Italy stated, Mussolini was at a villa near Rome, but many rumors have it that he has attempted to reach several countries in Europe. Rome has made no comment as to the whereabouts of the Duce.

Unofficial reports from Bern are—
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Some Changes Made In Rationing Points For Month Of Aug.

Some changes in rationing points for the month of August were announced Wednesday by the OPA, which also pointed out that August's blue stamps will be good until September 20, overlapping the September stamps by some three weeks.

Point values of tomato juice and many frozen fruits and vegetables will rise in point value on August 1. Frozen fruits and berries increase as does frozen green and lima beans. On the whole, however, the ration point averages for all foods will remain about the same.

It was announced the increase in point values was the expected trend now that the 1943 crop of these foods is coming to market. Earlier in the year when warehouses were jammed with 1942 pack and space was needed for the oncoming 1943 crop, OPA cut point values temporarily to facilitate sales of last year's products.

It was pointed out that by making the August stamps good until September 20 the amount of food that can be bought will remain unchanged but that the plan will do away with forcing housewives to rush to buy foods in order to save stamps.

Including the value changes was the announcement that butter will also advance in point value by two points per pound.

Local Firm Receives Salvage Citation

L. N. Hollowell, president of Hollowell Chevrolet Company, has received a certificate of citation from the War Production Board citing the local firm for service rendered in behalf of the National Salvage Program.

The citation is awarded by the War Production Board to firms contributing greatly toward salvaging of scrap material to aid war production.

Special Meeting Of Local Legion Post Called For Tonight

The Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion will hold a special meeting at the Agriculture Building in Hertford Friday night at 8 o'clock.

The meeting is called for the purpose of installing new officers of the post for the coming year and to discuss plans for the organization of a permanent USO committee.

Representatives of the USO will be present for the meeting and all members of the local post are urged to attend.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Without waiting developments within Italy, Allied forces have continued their all-out attack in Sicily during the week, following the fall of Mussolini as head of the Italian government. The American, Canadian and British forces are rapidly closing in on the last triangle of the island lying off the toe of Italy and thousands of prisoners have been taken. The Axis troops are offering little resistance and the Allies may complete the conquest of Sicily before the end of the week.

Little news has come out of Germany this week. The Nazis seem stunned at the turn of events in Italy, and their propagandists have been attempting to cover up the weakened links in the Fascist regime. It is reported Hitler is attempting to reinforce his troops in Sicily, but the superiority of the Allied air arm is preventing any success along this line. One report has stated Hitler is also attempting to withdraw his troops from Italy. Unconfirmed reports state German and Japanese officials are applying for passports out of Italy.

Moscow reports that Stalin, himself, is directing the Russian offensive on the Orel front. The Red army, reports state, have met with success in pushing the Germans back along the eastern front and threaten to capture Orel, a strong point in the German line. The Axis is reported to be putting up a strong resistance against the Russians.

Prime Minister Churchill, in a speech to Parliament on Tuesday, again called upon Italy to get out of the war or suffer destruction at the hands of the Allied military might. He told Parliament, he was unacquainted with the present government of Italy and did not know what Italian plans were as to continuing the war. President Roosevelt talked to the American people by radio Wednesday night and gave a picture of present war conditions. Both Roosevelt and Churchill reiterated unconditional surrender as terms of peace for Italy.

In the Pacific American forces continued to blast Jap-held strong points and a heavy battle was on near Munda. American tank forces led jungle troops in the fight against the Japs. Tokyo radio announced this week that American planes had raided Wake Island but our War Department neither confirmed or denied the report.

American and British airmen based in England, landed heavy blows on important German industrial centers during the week. Towns hit by the airmen were Hamburg, Hanover, Wilhelmshaven and Wesermunde. Thousands of tons of bombs were dropped and heavy loss was suffered by the enemy. American flyers also bombed points in Norway during the week. This being the first time Americans have hit that locality.

Rotary District Gby. To Visit Local Club

R. S. Monds, secretary of the Hertford Rotary Club, stated today that E. W. (Bob) Madry, Rotary District Governor, would visit Hertford and meet with the local Rotary Club next week. Mr. Madry's visit is set tentatively for next Wednesday and a special meeting of the club will be called.

Mr. Madry, aside from being District Governor of Rotary International, is also Mayor of Chapel Hill and publicity director for the University of North Carolina.

Announcement Of USO Center Assured For This Community

To Be Managed In Connection With Center In Edenton

According to an announcement made this week by Abe Martin, field representative of the USO (and head of the USO in Edenton, a USO Center is to be established in Hertford for the purpose of furnishing an amusement center for service men stationed at Harvey's Point.

Mr. Martin announced the center for Hertford had been approved by national offices of the United States Service Organizations and that he would be in Hertford on Friday night to explain the work of organizing the local committee to carry on the local program.

It is understood the Hertford Center will be connected with the Edenton unit, forming two centers into one unit, with Mr. Martin as the chief field representative; however, a deputy USO representative will be located here to look after the center established in Hertford.

Mr. Martin and other representatives of the USO will meet with the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion Friday night at the Agriculture Building, at which time it is planned that a permanent local committee will be named to handle the duties not assumed by the national group.

It is understood that a local committee has already been named by the Rev. J. D. Cranford, appointed for the purpose of heading a committee to secure a USO center for Hertford, and it is believed this committee, composed of representatives of various civic organizations of the town will be named as the permanent USO committee.

It has not been learned just where the center will be located. An unofficial report has it that the USO may construct a building here to house the center, but at the present it is thought an attempt will be made to find suitable quarters until such time as a permanent location may be established.

Local people are interested in the USO, now that a large number of men are being stationed at Harvey's Point, in order that the men may find additional recreation when in town.

Army Accepts Five Perquimans Youths Of Last Contingent

The largest percentage of men in any recent induction from Perquimans County was accepted last week by the army, when six youths out of a total of nine selectees were accepted immediately for military service.

It was reported that one or two of the other four were held over for further examination, and it is possible these may be accepted. Those who were accepted, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local Board, are Clark Stokes, Clinton Trueblood, James Winslow, Irving Jones, Moody Mathews and Garvin Thompson. The latter was a transfer to the local Board.

The local Board, Mrs. Sumner announced, this week, has ordered Gaither Chappell to appear for induction to fill the August call for five white men. J. V. Cranford has volunteered for induction for the August 4th call, thus making two youths from the county to leave on that date.

While calls for men have been reduced somewhat, the list of available men has declined also, and there is little likelihood that the local Board will be able to fill even the smaller quotas.

More Knitters Needed For Red Cross Class

Mrs. Mark Hathaway this week issued another call to women of Hertford to join the Red Cross knitting class now being conducted each Tuesday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock. The class is being taught by Miss Helen Gaither and Mrs. E. L. Reed.

Mrs. Hathaway stated six swaters are now being knitted by the class composed of Mrs. E. L. Reed, Miss Helen Gaither, Mrs. Charlie Elliott, Mrs. A. J. Anderson and Mrs. Seymour Chappell. Ladies interested in aiding the war effort by joining this class are asked to see Mrs. Hathaway.

Judge Johnson Holds Two Defendants In Contempt Of Court

Twelve Cases Heard In Local Court On Tuesday Morning

Archie and Clara McCleave, Negroes, frequent visitors to the Perquimans Recorder's Court, were held in contempt of court on Tuesday morning by Judge Charles Johnson, following their testimony in a case charging them with trespass and assault. Archie was also found guilty of being drunk and disorderly. Both defendants told conflicting stories from the witness stand, which differed from previous statements, and each was sentenced to 30 days in jail. Sentences were suspended upon payment of a fine of \$15 and costs by each defendant.

Another colored couple who have been in court several times in recent weeks, Oliver Riddick and Lillian Riddick, were sentenced to 30 days in jail, after being found guilty of assaulting each other.

Twelve cases, in all, were disposed of by Recorder's Court in session this week, and it was noted that the number of traffic cases were somewhat decreased.

Court costs were assessed against the prosecuting witness, Emma Lyon, Negro, in the case charging Ellis Lyon with assault on a female.

On motion of the defense for a trial by jury, Judge Johnson ordered the case of Norman Layden, charged with driving under the influence, set upon the docket for Superior Court at the November term. Layden was placed under a \$150 bond.

Ronnie Taylor paid a fine of \$10 and costs, after pleading guilty to speeding.

W. H. Hughes entered a plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving, and was fined \$25.

Louis Smith paid a fine of \$15 for driving with improper lights.

Frank Winslow was taxed with court costs, after pleading guilty to being drunk and disorderly.

Winslow Pettaway was assessed costs for being drunk and disorderly.

John Lanier paid court costs on a charge of speeding.

Aletha Bennett was taxed with costs, after pleading guilty to reckless driving and having no operator's license.

Applications For Ration Book 3 May Be Made Aug. 2-10

Application for War Ration Book III may be made by those who have not received this book to the Perquimans County War Price and Rationing Board, between August 2nd and August 10th, E. Leigh Winslow, chairman of the Board, announced today.

Persons who have already applied for War Ration Book III, but who have not received them, should take the stub of their original application with them to the local Board. The Board has the authority to waive this requirement if a person states he has lost this stub. The loss of the stub may delay the handling of the application at the State Control Center. In cases where families have received only a portion of their War Ration Books, application should be made only for those members of the family who have not yet received their books.

Persons are requested not to contact the local Board except between the dates of August 2, and August 10, Mr. Winslow stated. Many applied and have not received their books, but will receive them between now and those dates.

Only One Mass For Catholics Next Sunday

Only coming Sunday, August 1st, there will be no Mass at Harvey's Point Air Station, and there will be only one Mass at St. Ann's Catholic Church, corner of N. Broad and Albemarle Streets, Edenton, at 8:30 a. m., announced the Reverend Father Francis J. McCourt, Pastor of St. Ann's, Chaplain to all Catholics connected with Edenton and Harvey's Point Air Stations.

Confessions will be heard next Sunday only from 8 to 8:25 a. m. Everybody is invited to Mass at St. Ann's.

Priority For Construction Housing Units Awarded To Fayetteville Man

Listing Of Available Housing Facilities Requested Here

In an effort to assist Naval men and their families in locating rooms and apartments in this community, local residents are requested to list available housing facilities with Mayor V. N. Darden, or The Perquimans Weekly.

Many new families are arriving here and much time is being consumed by officials in attempting to locate available space, and if local citizens, having rooms and apartments to rent, will list these with the above, it will save much time and in all probability rent the space much sooner.

It is realized that the local housing shortage is critical, but many times vacancies are to be had, but the local authorities know nothing of them, because owners do not list them for rent. If you have rooms or an apartment for rent, please list it in order to help relieve the situation.

Gasoline Users Must Indorse Coupons On Receipt From Board

Users of gasoline, effective immediately, will be liable to lose their gas rations if each coupon in their possession is not properly endorsed in ink. E. Leigh Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans Rationing Board, reminded them today.

The new policy on coupon endorsements, the chairman said, was taken to secure maximum protection to book-holders. Henceforth, motorists will be required to endorse all coupons immediately upon receipt of renewal gasoline rations, so that they will never have unendorsed coupons in their possession.

Tire certificates issued during the past week were:

Passenger—J. E. Hunter, 2 tires and 2 tubes; C. C. Chappell, 2 tires and 2 tubes; J. R. Proctor, tire and tube; Mrs. Vivian Dale, tire and tube; E. J. Proctor, tire and tube; E. E. Twine, tire; J. C. Layden, tire; Willie Williamson, tire; Pete Lilly, tire; Elmer Ward, 2 tires; J. P. Trueblood, tire; R. E. Bodenheimer, 2 tires; Robert Chappell, 2 tires; Charlie Colson, 2 tires; W. F. Tarkenton, tire; George Johnson, 2 tires; R. E. White, 2 tires; Lon Stallings, tire; J. Elmer Wood, tire; James Winslow, tire; Irby Johnson, 2 tires; E. H. Simons, tire; Addison Medefield, tire; J. O. Felton, 2 tires; Elaine Riddick, tire; Alton Perry, 2 tires; H. L. Ward, tire; E. T. Phillips, 2 tires; George Powell, tire; Traverse White, tire; Percy Williamson, tire; W. D. Perry, Jr., tire; Carter Jones, tire; Earl Ramsey, 2 tires; A. D. Godfrey, tire and tube; Walter Nowell, 2 tires; J. H. Tucker, tire, and E. C. Chappell, tire.

Truck Tires—T. B. Sumner, tire; Gilliam Twine, tire and tube; E. F. Roberson, 2 tires and 2 tubes; L. L. Lane, 2 tires; Hollowell Bros., tire and tube, and G. W. Bright, tire and tube.

July War Bond Sales In Perquimans Still Lags Chairman Says

War bond sales in Perquimans County during this month are still lagging behind the quota, according to R. M. Riddick, chairman of the local war finance committee, who stated Wednesday, "unless citizens of the county buy heavily during this week-end, we shall fail to meet our goal."

The county's quota for this month was set at \$19,110 and incomplete figures thus far show sales far below this amount.

If local residents fail to buy sufficient bonds during July, it will be the first time in many months that Perquimans failed to meet its war bond quota and the local committee, proud of the record established by the people of this county, are hoping there will be a sudden rush of buying during the final days of the month so this record may be maintained.

The committee urges people to buy bonds regularly and to make every attempt to help put Perquimans over the top again this month. Every bond bought now help bring the war nearer its end.

MASONS TO MEET
Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. and A. M., will meet Tuesday night. Visiting Masons are invited.

Construction Work Expected To Start As Soon As Location Is Chosen

The priority for constructing thirty-five new houses in this community has been awarded to Richard Player of Fayetteville, according to a message received here late last week by Mayor V. N. Darden, from Aubrey McCabe, State Federal Housing official of Greensboro.

The project was authorized for this community two weeks ago by the Federal Housing Authority in Washington, and it was believed at that time that a local realty company might be formed for the purpose of obtaining the priority and constructing the houses. Preliminary plans were being considered by a local group when Mayor Darden received notification that Mr. Player had been awarded the priority.

It is understood that Mr. Player will have charge of construction of the houses and work will begin just as soon as the company obtains a suitable location for the project. It has been reported several plots of land have been investigated by the company, but no decision had been reached up to the time The Weekly went to press.

In addition to the thirty-five new units, the Federal Housing Authority also authorized fifteen conversion units for Hertford, but thus far nothing has been learned regarding this part of the project. It may be that local residents wishing to remodel their present homes and add additional space may obtain priority for the work by contacting the State Federal Housing Authority, Greensboro.

Several rumors regarding the local project were evident during the week, one which stated the houses would not be built here, all seemingly turned out to be just rumors. A representative of the construction company was in Hertford Tuesday and indicated plans are going ahead rapidly to start work as soon as location is secured.

Meanwhile the need for this project here is becoming increasingly self-evident as more and more Naval families move into this community seeking homes and the supply, already limited, is fast disappearing.

V. N. Darden Installed District Commander American Legion

V. N. Darden of Hertford was installed as District Commander of the American Legion for the First District, composed of Edenton, Hertford, Manteo and Elizabeth City, at installation services held in Edenton Tuesday night. Mr. Darden served as vice district commander last year. He was elected to the post of commander at the recent State Convention.

The installation was conducted along with the installation of officers for the Edenton Post of the American Legion and presiding over the meeting was Gregg Cherry, who made a talk on the war situation to the large number of Legionnaires present at the meeting.

Outstanding event of the meeting was the presentation of a Merit Cup awarded to the First District for having led the State of North Carolina in membership drive during the past year. The State of North Carolina led the entire nation in securing members and the First District won the honor of leading the State districts. The cup, awarded to Mr. Darden, will be on display at the meeting of the Perquimans Post on Friday night.

Graduated From Meredith College

Marguerite Ward, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. I. A. Ward, has just graduated from Meredith College with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Miss Ward was a leader in activities on the campus and was elected a senior superlative, the "Friendliest" senior, and was president of the Astrotekton Society, a literary society of about 200 members. She was also a member of the Sociology Club, the Cotton English Club, the Baptist Student Union, the Student Defense Committee and the business staff of the college annual.