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## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Evidently receiving no indication from the government of Italy as to its future moves, American, British and Canadian forces have begun the final attack in Sicily, possibly as a prelude to an invasion of the mainland of Italy itself. General Eisenhower has delivered notice to the Italian people that the Allies intend to blast Italy from the war one way or another. The Allied air force has delayed additional bombing of Italy apparently hoping that with the fall of Mussolini Italy would surrender. The government, under Badoglio, has elected not to openly show any signs of capitulation. Reports from the front state the Allies have cracked the strong Mt. Etna line of the Axis and it is now but a matter of days before Sicily is completely occupied by the Allies.

Neutral sources report that Germans have taken over several Italian ships and submarines, reported as carrying Italian soldiers back to their homeland from the Balkan areas. These sources also report strong Nazi forces are being entrenched in northern Italy, possibly as a move to prevent the Allies from overrunning them when they do land on the mainland.

The whereabouts of Mussolini continues to be a deep secret, although several reports state he and his entire family, including his son-in-law, Ciano who resigned as ambassador to the Vatican, have been arrested and are being held in prison in Rome.

The news from all fronts tends to show the Allied Nations on the march against the Axis. The Russians are winning the battle for Orel, and reports from Moscow indicate the Germans are now in hasty retreat along that front. Thousands of Germans have been reported killed and much material loss suffered by the Nazis. One report stated Hitler has been forced to withdraw some of his troops from that area pending developments in the west.

American and British airmen, based in England, have pounded away at Hitler's Europe during the week, the German city of Hamburg, important seaport, has been bombed seven times and a neutral source states 200,000 Germans were killed. Much damage is being wrought by the air forces and it is believed continuation of this around-the-clock bombing of German industrial and seaport towns will shorten the war considerably.

In the Pacific reports state Jap resistance in the battle for Munda is weakening and foresee American forces taking this Jap position, with further attacks against Japanese strongholds being planned to follow. The Island of Kiska, last of the Jap held American possessions in this hemisphere, was heavily bombed by American flyers during the week and an all out attack there may be forthcoming.

People in Berlin are reported to fear that the German capital may suffer at the hands of the Allied air force as did Hamburg, and many are reported to be leaving the city. A report from Europe stated Von Ribbentrop, foreign minister for Hitler, is seeking to buy an estate in Switzerland, possibly as a place of refuge when the Allies overrun Germany.

## Draft Registrants Must Obtain Okay Prior Seeking Jobs

Draft registrants with a 2-C or 3-C classification must obtain permission from the local Draft Board before applying to the Perquimans War Board for a release to change their work. L. W. Anderson, secretary of the War Board, stated today.

Mr. Anderson said that many men throughout the county are now finished, temporarily, with their farm work and wish to work a few weeks at other jobs, but in order to receive an availability notice, these men must apply to the War Board for such a notice. In order that the War Board may issue such a permit, it is necessary, Mr. Anderson said, for the men to obtain the permission of the Draft Board for such changes.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lynch announce the birth of a son, born on Sunday, August 1, 1943, at the Medical Center in Elizabeth City. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

## Elmwood Dairy and Health Department Making Effort To Solve Milk Problem

### Possibility That Supply May Be Available By Tomorrow

A solution to the Hertford milk situation seemed possible late Wednesday evening, when an announcement was made that the Elmwood Farm Dairy and the Perquimans Health Department were making every effort to remedy the conditions which have caused the community to be without a complete supply of milk since last Friday, when the Health Department graded down the local dairy to Grade C.

Following the action of the Health Department, B. B. Dawson, owner of Elmwood Farms Dairy, withheld his milk supply from the local market until a solution could be worked out whereby his dairy and its products would again receive an A Grade from the Health Department.

The Health Department made a report of the conditions, as it claimed, existing at the dairy to the Perquimans County Board of Health on Monday morning. It was stated by a member of this Board that the irregularities which caused the local dairy to be graded down were of a minor nature and could be easily and quickly remedied and the dairy again rated as Grade A.

Mr. Dawson stated late Wednesday that he was endeavoring to comply with every regulation and request of the Health Department, and he believed he would have the conditions remedied by Thursday, and would thus have his product back on the local market, probably on Friday.

He said that he had been informed by representatives of the Health Department that by complying with the orders handed him early this week, his dairy would receive a rating of Grade A.

It was expressed at the meeting of the Board of Health that the milk situation, as it now exists in this entire area, is of such a nature that if at all possible every attempt should be made to keep the local dairy functioning until the people of this community.

In addition to complying with the regulations regarding the dairy itself, the entire herd of cows at the farm were subjected to tests, according to the announcement. Thus, it is expected that the milk will again be on the local market before the end of the week.

## Commissioners In Routine Business Session On Monday

The Board of County Commissioners met in a routine business session on Monday and discussed plans for a possible valuation of property before tax listing time next year.

The Board has not definitely decided upon a revaluation of property, but inasmuch as there has been some changes in property valuations throughout the county, it is very likely the revaluation will take place. The last revaluation was conducted in 1927, and since that time, in 1933, there was a federal reduction of values by twenty-five percent for property owners. This reduction was brought about through action of the Board in refinancing the county's indebtedness and thus a reduction was possible. The Board members believe now that some equalization should be made in order to bring property up to present day values.

It was also noted that delinquent property for 1942 taxes is being advertised for sale in this issue of The Weekly. The list is one of the smallest published for the past several years.

Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow reported taxes were paid readily in most cases this year and a larger percent of property owners paid before the deadline than during the past ten years.

## Car Stolen Monday Found In Edenton

Perquimans County's first auto theft in many months was reported by Matt Spivey, of Route 3, on Monday when thieves took his 1940 Chevrolet which he had parked in Front street.

The car was recovered in Edenton on Tuesday when Edenton officers found it parked on a street there. It had been badly driven and Mr. Spivey stated it was damaged almost beyond repair. Local authorities are investigating several suspects.

## Funeral Services For Mrs. C. W. Umphlett Held Monday P. M.

Mrs. Nettie Haskett Umphlett, 66, wife of C. W. Umphlett, died suddenly at her home at New Hope Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home by the Rev. W. O. Henderson, pastor of Berea Church of New Hope.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four sons, Archie Umphlett of Columbia, S. C., Latham Umphlett of Elizabeth City, Santo Umphlett of Route 3, and Haywood Umphlett of Hawaii; four daughters, Mrs. Henry Peele and Mrs. James Ferebee of Elizabeth City, Mrs. R. S. Hoskins of Hertford, and Mrs. D. E. Radcliff of Smithfield; three brothers, Charlie and George Haskett of Elizabeth City, and J. W. Haskett of Durants Neck; two sisters, Mrs. Maude Corpew and Mrs. Harry Broughton of Hertford, and six grandchildren.

Burial was made in the church cemetery.

## Recorder's Court Docket Filled With Traffic Cases Tues.

### Nine Speeders And 3 Reckless Drivers Pay Court Costs

The entire docket of Perquimans Recorder's Court this week was made up of traffic violations; twelve defendants being cited to court to face charges of speeding and reckless driving. Nine speeders entered pleas of guilty, while two defendants pleaded guilty to reckless driving.

William Fletcher, Negro, plead not guilty to reckless driving, but was found guilty after testimony introduced showed Fletcher had failed to stop his car before entering a main highway. Fletcher paid a fine of \$15 and costs.

A nol pros with leave was taken in the case charging George Moore, Negro, with receiving stolen property.

Other cases disposed of at Tuesday's session were:

Herbert Bryant, who plead guilty to speeding and paid a fine of \$10, and court costs.

Robert Brown paid a fine of \$10, and costs for speeding.

A. R. Lowe was fined \$10, and costs for speeding.

Thomas Ward entered a plea of guilty to speeding and paid a fine of \$10, and costs.

Walter Overton and Charles Overton, both Negroes, entered pleas of guilty to a charge of reckless driving, and each paid a fine of \$30, and costs.

Haywood Ferebee was assessed the costs of court on a charge of exceeding the speed limit.

Percy Wiggins, Negro, paid a fine of \$30, and costs, on pleading guilty to reckless driving.

John Whitely, Jr., was taxed court costs for speeding.

Finley Lloyd was fined \$10, and costs, after submitting to the charge of speeding.

James Suits was assessed the court costs, after pleading guilty to speeding.

**Mrs. Pennie Stallings Dies At New Hope**

Mrs. Pennie Harrell Stallings, age 36, died at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at her home at New Hope after a lingering illness. Mrs. Stallings was a native and life-long resident of Perquimans County and a member of Berea Church of New Hope.

Besides her husband, Charlie R. Stallings, she is survived by two sons, C. T. and James Edward Stallings, of New Hope; two sisters, Mrs. Hattie Eure, of New Hope, and Mrs. Mamie White, of Hertford; Route 3; her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Harrell, of New Hope; five brothers, Tom Harrell of Camden, Linwood, Robert and James Harrell of Hertford; Route 3, and David Harrell of Camden. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Berea Church, at New Hope, with interment being made in the family plot near Woodland Church.

**ANNOUNCE BIRTH OF A SON**

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Chesson, of Route 1, Hertford, announce the birth of a 9-pound son, born August 3. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

## Rent Control Became Effective In County Aug. 1, Says Director

### County Is Attached To Elizabeth City Office; Official Here

By order of the director of the Office of Price Administration, Perquimans County has been added to the Elizabeth City Defense Rental Area, effective as of August 1, 1943, according to an announcement made this week by Thomas J. Markham, Area Rent Director.

This order means that all housing accommodations rents revert back to the amounts charged March 1, 1942, for identical accommodations in this county.

By the addition of this area, Mr. Markham wishes to advise the landlords of the county that his office is available in the Kramer Building, Elizabeth City, to discuss with them their rental problems. The highlights of the regulations are that no landlord can demand or receive, and no one can offer or solicit more than the rents charged as of March 1, 1942, unless there has been between that date and August 1, 1943, a major capital improvement as distinguished from ordinary repair and maintenance, or there has been an increase or decrease in the number of dwelling units, or since March 1, 1942, the accommodations have been furnished, unless the landlord petitions on the grounds set forth by the regulations. Also, no landlord can evict a tenant except as provided by the regulations.

Mr. Markham pointed out to tenants that a Tenants' War-Time Pledge has been prepared and that every tenant should attempt to live up to this pledge.

The director was in Hertford on Wednesday and Thursday of this week for the purpose of interviewing people with rental problems and he announced that further plans call for a registration of all rental property with his office.

A registration of all landlords will be held in the courthouse at Hertford on Friday, Aug. 6, from 9 a. m., until 5 p. m. All persons owning property which is rented must register with the Rent Control Board.

Several excellent locations have been offered to representatives of the organization holding the priority, but there seems to be some hitch in the purchase of land for the project.

It is known that a representative of the organization has been in Hertford several times looking at sites, but none has been purchased, nor, as far as The Weekly has been able to learn, have any options been taken on any site.

There seems to be no explanation for the secrecy in the handling of this housing project. An official of the State Housing Authorities, it has been reported, stated the priority for this project was awarded to Mr. Player because speed was essential in getting the project under way. It was believed at first that the entire project could be handled through a local organization, which was in the stages of being organized, when the announcement of the awarding of the project to Mr. Player was made.

The project which calls for the construction of 35 new housing units for Hertford was authorized, along with an order calling for 15 remodeling units.

There has been some rumors regarding the project, one being that the organization holding the priority being unable to purchase a suitable site here planned to move the project to Edenton. However, this seems unfounded as it is believed that since the project was awarded to Hertford the company holding the priority could not without permission of the Federal Housing Authority, change location for the project.

## Funeral Services Held Tuesday For Mrs. Jennie Morgan

Mrs. Jennie Butts Morgan, 85, widow of the late Timothy Morgan, died at her home in Hertford Monday morning at 1:20 o'clock, after a long illness.

Mrs. Morgan was a life-long resident of Hertford. She was a member of the Methodist Church, and was active in civic affairs.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock, at the home, with the Rev. B. C. Reavis officiating. The services were under the direction of the Lynch Funeral Home.

Surviving are two nephews, Arthur Morgan of Raleigh, and Cecil Banks of Norfolk, Va., and one niece, Mrs. Jane Price, of California.

Pallbearers were: Jake T. White, W. F. C. Edwards, C. R. Holmes, C. M. Harrell, D. J. Pritchard and J. C. Small.

Interment was in the Cedarwood Cemetery.

**Health Department Reports Typhoid Case In County**

The Perquimans County Health Department reported this week a case of typhoid fever had been discovered in the Belvidere community, and advised all residents who have failed to take precaution against this disease to appear at the local clinic for vaccination against typhoid.

Clinics for vaccination against typhoid are held each Saturday morning from 9 to 12 o'clock, and the local Health Department urges all residents who have not had this vaccination to come in immediately for treatment.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hampton, of Norfolk, Va., formerly of Hertford, announce the birth of an 8 1/2-pound son, born Monday, August 2, at Leigh Memorial Hospital. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

## Perquimans Draft Board Authorized To Draft Fathers Beginning Oct. 1st

### Riddick Appointed Permanent Chairman War Finance Group

In a reorganization of the State War Finance Committee, R. M. Riddick has been named as permanent chairman of the Perquimans Committee by C. T. Leinbach, who recently assumed the leadership of the State Committee.

Mr. Leinbach wired Mr. Riddick of his appointment on Wednesday and pointed out that as County Chairman he would be in charge of all sales of war bonds, and all special drives conducted to stimulate sales.

The War Finance Committee is now planning the third War Bond drive which gets under way during September. Mr. Riddick stated this week, however, that Perquimans still had a quota for August and urged people to buy bonds during this month to aid the county in meeting its goal.

Final figures for sales during July are not available as yet, but a report will be made by next week on sales during last month.

The local Board was notified to proceed immediately in reclassifying registrants in this category in order that some men will be available to help in filling the October calls. The Board, however, was authorized to leave registrants in 3-A classification just as long as possible.

The announcement regarding the possible drafting of fathers during October was made by National Selective Service officials early Tuesday, and reasons for calling registrants in this category were cited showing the necessity if the military forces are to achieve manpower goals by the close of this year.

It is understood that when the drafting of fathers becomes an actuality that the men are to be ordered according to their order numbers.

War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt advised local boards, in order to put off as far as possible beyond the October 1st date of drafting fathers, to comb their files for possible 4-F registrants that might possibly be reclassified and thus fill calls.

Mrs. Summer stated that the Selective Service offices, noting some discontent among men selected by the Navy and receiving only seven days furloughs prior to beginning basic training, as compared to the 21 days allowed men inducted into the Army, announced this week that all Navy inductees were granted ten-day furloughs at the conclusion of basic training, and therefore were allotted about the same number of days as given army inductees.

Gaither Chappell and J. V. Cranford, two selectees, left Hertford on Wednesday for Fort Bragg to fill the call for five white men from this county for the month of August.

**USO Building Committee Named At Legion Meeting**

Representatives of the United Service Organization met with members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion last Friday night and outlined a brief sketch of the work being carried on by the USO in connection with setting up a USO branch in Hertford.

Following a talk by Abe Martin, who will be the USO representative for the Hertford organization when it is fully established, a building committee representing the local American Legion was named by the Rev. J. D. Cranford, commander of the Post.

The building committee is composed of Mayor V. N. Darden, F. T. Johnson and G. C. Buck.

Mr. Martin, who was in Hertford on Monday seeking possible locations for the USO center, announced that he had orders to proceed as rapidly as possible in getting the USO operating here. A definite location for the center has not been selected, but it is believed a site will be chosen within the next day or two.

A report was made at the Legion meeting regarding the collection being taken here for the purpose of supplying cigarettes for men in the service overseas. Approximately one hundred and fifty dollars were reported in the fund, and the Legionnaires are collecting more money, periodically, from the glass containers they have placed in almost every store in the county.

The money is forwarded to national cigarette manufacturers who ship cigarettes overseas for free distribution among American fighting men.

**HOLY COMMUNION AT TRINITY CHURCH SUNDAY**

Holy Communion will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday morning, August 8, at 10 o'clock, the Rev. E. T. Jilson, pastor of the church, announced today.

**Final Rites For Mrs. Florence Mansfield Conducted Tuesday**

Mrs. Florence Moore Mansfield, 34, wife of C. L. Mansfield, died at her home in the Bear Swamp community Sunday night at 10 o'clock, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at Great Hope Church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. Frank Cale officiating.

Surviving, besides the husband, are five children: Lester, Thomas, Johnnie, Martha and Addie Mae; two brothers, John Moore of Elizabeth City, and Randall Moore of Murfreesboro.

Interment was made in the church cemetery.