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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

After thirty-eight days of relentless hammering of Axis forces, the Allied armies completed the conquest of Sicily early Tuesday morning. The American Seventh Army was first to reach Messina, the last post held by the Axis. For several days the Germans had been evacuating troops across to the Italian mainland. It was reported the Axis had set up the strongest anti-aircraft defense seen during this war and many Axis troops escaped under their own barrage. The British Eighth army, coming up from the other side of the island, reached Messina shortly after the Americans had entered the city. More than 130,000 prisoners were captured and much material was taken by the victorious Allies.

Reports from the front indicated the Germans, on reaching Italy were blowing up installations along the toe of the mainland, fearful lest the Americans and British troops began an immediate invasion of Italy itself. Some authorities stated it seems the Germans may have plans for retreating to a line north of the Po River in Northern Italy, to join strong German forces reported at that position.

The Allies have taken no action on Italy's announcement declaring Rome to be an open city. The announcement has been taken simply as an Axis attempt to delay further bombings by the Allied planes. In order that Rome may become an open city and thus be spared from bombs, the Italian government must clear the city of all military activity and prove to the Allied governments the terms of International Law regarding open cities has been complied with.

The German resistance seems to have stiffened somewhat on the Russian front, but Moscow reports Red Army forces continue to advance on the strong German centers of Kharkov and Bryansk. The Russians report large Nazi losses in men and material. The Nazis have reinforced their lines at Kharkov, but the Red Army advances daily toward this strong position.

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill have opened their important meeting in Canada, and it is expected that the decisions reached will have far-reaching effects on the war. The military aides of both have already held meetings, possibly outlining campaigns against the Axis which is to follow the capture of Sicily.

American and British airmen have been attacking Axis industrial towns and airports heavily during the past week, and many believe these softening-up attacks are a prelude to an invasion of Europe. Berlin and Milan have been hit hard on several occasions during the week.

Town Audit Shows Substantial Gain In Town's Business

The financial audit for the Town of Hertford, as of the close of business on June 30th, is published today on page two.

For those who like to delve in figures, a review of this audit shows a substantial gain in the financial status of the Town during the past year. Outstanding is the \$7,583 cash balance, which is a gain of nearly six thousand dollars as compared to the previous year.

This balance is due largely to increased revenue from the sale of lights, water and ice, and a small increase in collection of taxes. Some three hundred dollars more were collected in taxes this past year over 1942, while the sale of power and water increased nearly four thousand dollars. The ice department, which was taken over entirely by the Town two years ago, showed an increase of nearly three thousand dollars.

Of course, times being what they are, there were additional expenses necessary to gain this increased revenue and not all of the increased sales was profit. However, the audit shows the Town to be in splendid financial condition.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Carolyn Faye, born on August 11. Weight 8 1/2 pounds. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

WMC Releases New Data On Drafting Of Fathers Set For Oct.

More Jobs Listed as Non-essential In War Effort

Possibly in what may be deemed a move to retard the drafting of fathers, scheduled to begin sometime after October 1, the War Manpower Commission on Sunday announced additional jobs to be considered by local draft boards as non-deferrable occupations, and at the same time enlarged the list of jobs deemed essential to the war effort. A list, containing many jobs, was also stated as critical to the war effort.

All in all, the action taken seemed aimed at adapting draft operations to the manpower problems by giving draft eligible fathers an inducement to transfer into vital war-production work.

There were few jobs listed on the new non-deferrable group as effective in this county. However, as it has been pointed out, the local boards have the task of classifying the registrants into the groups the board believes proper. It is not known, as yet, whether or not the local board is to use the list of non-deferrable jobs entirely as a guide in reclassifying fathers.

Several members of Congress continue to voice disapproval of the War Manpower Commission, which controls Selective Service operations in the action calling for the drafting of fathers after October 1. However, in the announcement made this week, the WMC stated that some fathers must expect to be called into service almost the moment the ban against their induction is lifted.

Congress may take some action to retard the drafting of fathers, after it re-convenes on September 14, but whether this action will halt the procedure entirely can only be surmised.

Meanwhile, the Perquimans local board is proceeding with orders received from State Headquarters and have ordered a number of fathers to take medical examinations this week, prior to being classified in I-A. No calls for the month of September have been received at the local office.

Farm Slaughterers Allotted Quotas By County Committee

The Perquimans County War Meat Committee considered applications for slaughter quotas by butchers and farm slaughterers at its meeting in the Agricultural Building Thursday night. The Area Meat Supervisor from Raleigh assisted the committee in making its determinations.

Although slaughter quotas were assigned to local butchers and farm slaughterers for 1943, slaughter permits will not be issued to butchers until arrangements are made for them to comply with the requirements of the local and state Health Departments.

The following butchers and farm slaughterers were assigned slaughter quotas as indicated after their names:

H. W. Barber, butcher, Hertford—Cattle, 445; Calves, 195; Hogs, 95; Sheep and Lambs, 54.

Humphlett & Miller, butchers, Winfall—Cattle, 128; Calves, 127; Hogs, 1,164.

S. F. Harrell, butcher, Route 3, Hertford—Cattle, 18; Calves, 200; Hogs, 192.

Josiah Elliott, butcher, Hertford—Cattle, 115; Calves, 129; Hogs, 246; Sheep and Lambs, 47.

Farm Slaughterers
O. D. Layden, Route 2, Hertford—Hogs, 52.

T. M. Twine, Route 1, Belvidere—Hogs, 35.

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Regional Meeting In Greenville Sunday To Map Loan Drive

Chairmen of County War Finance Committees of this district will hold a regional meeting in Greenville on Sunday for the purpose of mapping plans for the third war loan drive, scheduled to start September 9.

The meeting will be conducted by the Regional Chairman and all county chairmen are urged to attend. The third war loan drive quota has been set at 15 billion dollars, and is the largest individual money raising drive ever attempted.

Ration Book 3 Valid After September 12

The Office of Price Administration announced this week that the brown stamps in ration book III will become valid on September 12 for the purchase of meats, fats, oils, butter and cheese.

Persons who have not received their ration book No. 3 may now apply at the local ration board office for it.

The OPA also announced that holders of B and C gas books must exchange them for new type coupons before September 1. B and C book holders should apply at local offices for new type coupons between August 23 and September 1. Service stations may not accept the old type coupons after September 1.

Youth In Army Says Victory Corps Work Very Helpful To All

Further evidence that the training received by youths as members of the high school Victory Corps, prior to induction into the Armed Services, is very helpful to all is given in a letter received here this week from Elmo Cannon, Jr., now a member of the Army Air Corps and stationed at Gulfport, Miss.

Pvt. Cannon, in his letter written to G. C. Buck and members of the Perquimans High School Victory Corps, says: "I wish to inform you of how much good the training I received as a member of the Victory Corps has done me.

"The drilling I received has made me one of the best men of my flight, while during the time of my school days it seemed very insignificant. Boys, don't fall down on the job, even though you know you won't be in the Army. Drilling teaches you precision and coordination as a group, which is very essential now days, especially in the Armed forces. So let's keep on the ball.

"I also want to thank Mr. Buck and Mr. King for the knowledge they gave me on poisonous gases. The Army stresses it very much, so learn all you can about them, because the home front can be attacked.

"Also pay attention to machinery. It will help you a great deal in the Army or civilian life, because you can never tell when your car is going to break down, and don't you think skill isn't recognized, because it is now more than ever before. The more you learn now, the better you will get along after the war."

Pvt. Cannon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Cannon, of Hertford.

J. EMMETT WINSLOW AND B. C. REAVIS CO-CHAIRMEN FOR UNITED WAR FUND

County Organization Is Set Up at Meeting Monday Night

In preparation for the United War Fund Campaign, which will be conducted on a nation-wide scale during the latter part of October for the purpose of raising a total of 125 million dollars for carrying on all war philanthropies for the coming year, a Perquimans County Committee was organized at a meeting held Monday night at the Courthouse.

J. Emmett Winslow and the Rev. B. C. Reavis were named co-chairmen of the county committee, which is to be known as the Perquimans United War Fund, and will be in charge of the drive during which Perquimans County will be asked to raise a definite sum of money to aid in carrying out all war relief.

Other members of the general committee are: Julian A. White, treasurer; Max R. Campbell, secretary; C. E. White, J. D. Cranford, George Jackson, H. G. Dawkins, E. T. Jilson and W. E. Dail are the members of the executive committee.

Committee chairmen named at the meeting were: C. P. Morris, budget; V. N. Darden, initial gifts; A. W. Hefren, commerce and industry; F. T. Johnson, general canvass; Dr. E. S. White, survey and quota, and Max R. Campbell, publicity.

The Perquimans unit will be a part of the United War Fund of North Carolina, which has a quota of \$1,800,000 for the campaign. The State has been divided into 12 districts and each district will be given a quota from this sum, and each county within the districts will receive a quota representing a portion of the district goal.

The idea of conducting one big war fund campaign to raise all monies needed by the various organizations carrying on war relief originated

Material Priority Being Sought For Housing Project

Option on Site Taken Late Last Week; 35 Houses to Be Built

An announcement was made here last Saturday by a representative of the company holding priority rights for the construction of the Hertford Housing project that an option has been taken on a ten-acre site for the location of the housing units.

Mayor V. N. Darden was informed of the action, and was told by the representative that priorities for the building materials for the units are now being sought and that construction would start as soon as possible. The project will be located upon the property owned by Jacob L. White, on the Edenton Highway, just a short distance from the Perquimans High School. Mr. White confirmed the report that an option had been given for his land.

When constructed, the project which calls for the construction of 35 houses, will ease considerably the housing shortage here, and it is believed that these units will be sufficient to supply any future demands.

The site selected for the project was chosen after several other locations had been considered by the company, and the choice of the location is believed to be a splendid one. The Town of Hertford will furnish water and light facilities to the houses constructed, and will start extending water and power to the site as soon as notified to do so by the construction company.

Robert Player, of Fayetteville, holds the priority for the project, and it is understood he will have charge of the construction work when it is started. No announcement has been made, as yet, as to the type of houses to be built, but it is believed they will be similar to ones constructed in Elizabeth City's project on the old fairgrounds. These are not to be confused with the Enfield units located there.

Mayor Darden stated this week that he is satisfied that the project, which seemingly was delayed in being started, will soon be in actual stages of construction, and will be an added asset to the Town of Hertford.

REVIVAL AT BEREA

Revival services will begin at the Berea Christian Church on Monday night, August 23. Preston E. Cayton, of Edenton, will preach. He is a good speaker and the public is invited to hear him.

with President Roosevelt, who requested the various organizations to form one drive instead of having several campaigns throughout the year, thus the public will be asked only once for money to help finance these organizations.

Money raised through this drive, which will begin about October 18, will be used to finance all war agencies excepting the American Red Cross, which is not included in the budget and which will conduct its own drive again next March.

It is expected that the Perquimans Committee will meet again about the middle of September for the purpose of organizing the General County committee and lay plans for conducting the campaign in October. The committee chairmen will name their various committees needed for the drive at that time.

The amount of money to be set as the goal for Perquimans will be announced within a short time, following a meeting of the committee chairmen who will draw the budget for the local drive.

Included in this United War Fund are the USO, United Seamen's Service, War Prisoners' Aid, and relief to Allied and Occupied nations. The largest item on the national budget goes to USO, which will receive over 61 million dollars to be spent in providing amusement and recreation for American youths in the Armed forces.

It was stated by one of the committee chairmen, at the meeting on Monday night, that inasmuch as the USO now plans to open a recreational center here in Hertford for the use of men stationed at the Base in this County, Perquimans will more than receive what it donated toward this campaign.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Eure, at their home on Route 3, Hertford, an 8-pound son. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Committee Named To Assist In National Pulpwood Campaign

A Perquimans County committee, composed of L. W. Anderson, County Agent, E. M. Perry, Frank Winslow and Max Campbell, has been named to assist in the national pulpwood campaign now being sponsored by the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee in cooperation with the Pulpwood Industries.

Local residents are urged, during this drive, to pledge three days labor during the remaining months of 1943 in cutting pulpwood to help fight the shortage now facing the nation's pulpwood production.

According to information received this week, the present price being paid by the North Carolina Pulp Company is \$9.50 per unit of 160 cubic feet f. o. b. cars.

Wrong Addresses On Application Blanks Causes Ration Delay

There is plenty of headaches connected with running the Perquimans County Ration Board, but every once in a while a new one will pop up, and this week Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Board, said persons who mistakenly place wrong addresses on their application blanks for tires, gas and fuel oil cause considerable delay in handling these applications.

Mrs. Davenport requests all persons who make applications for rationed items to be sure the proper address is placed on the application blank.

Four certificates for tires, issued to Archie T. Lane and numbered, 216570, 216571, 216572 and 216573, it was announced have been lost in the mails and have therefore been declared void.

Due to the shortage of tires, the board during the past week issued only 22 certificates for passenger-type tires. These were issued as follows: Charlie Ward, 1; W. F. Tucker, 1; David Watson, 1; Earlie Goodwin, 1; Mathew Dail, 1; M. H. Elliott, 1; W. A. Sanders, 1; E. L. Hurdle, 1; M. E. Dail, 1; H. J. White, 1; Clarence Vick, 1; Henry White, 1; Garvin Tompkins, 1; J. W. Hampton, 1; Howard Williams, 1; N. T. Riddick, 1; A. A. Roberts, 1; L. L. Horner, 1; Mrs. Gustave Kock, 1; W. D. Cox, 1; Mrs. Christine Gardner, 1, and B. C. Jackson, 1.

Truck certificates were issued to E. M. Perry, 2 tires and 2 tubes; M. H. Elliott, tire and tube; E. N. Miller, 2 tires and 2 tubes; J. T. Chappell, 2 tires, 2 tubes, Hollaway Bros., 1 tire, 3 tubes; W. H. Winslow, 1 recap and Stokes & Matthews, 1 recap.

Sale Of War Bonds Lags; County Given Same Quota In Aug.

War Bond sales in Perquimans County continue to lag during the month of August, according to R. M. Riddick, chairman of the Perquimans County War Finance Committee, who stated on Wednesday that sales were running behind the \$19,110 quota given the county for this month.

The chairman said his committee is urging the people of this county to continue to buy heavily in war bonds in order that the Government can successfully raise the large sums of money needed to win victory in the war. He said, "the residents of this county should not believe the war is over just because our Armies have assumed the offensive, but should realize the greater need for war material which the enemy is being beaten."

The local committee is anxious to meet the August quota, although it has been pointed out that some sales have been lost through the number of defense workers who have left this area and who are not now purchasing bonds in this county. Therefore, the extra burden lies upon the shoulders of the local residents in the goal that is to be met.

It is expected that a local campaign for the sale of bonds during the Third War Loan drive, which starts September 9, will be planned shortly, and Mr. Riddick stated he will notify the War Finance Committee of a meeting to be held on this subject some time next week.

HERTFORD LIONS CLUB MEETS TONIGHT AT 7:45

The Hertford Lions Club will meet tonight (Friday) at 7:45 o'clock, at the Colonial Tourist Home. All members are urged to be present.

State Must Increase Pulpwood Output 13 Per Cent For Goal

Campaign Now In Progress to End Shortage In Nation

Production of pulpwood to manufacture products for vital military and civilian war uses must be increased by 13 percent in North Carolina during the second six months of 1943 to meet the War Production Board quota for the State, the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association announced this week.

The quota for North Carolina, an important producer among the major pulpwood states of the Northeast, South and Lake areas, is 739,200 cords for the year. Production to June 30, as computed by the WPB was 347,143 cords, which is 22,457 cords or 6 percent under the quota for the first half of the year. Unless 392,057 cords are produced before the close of the year, therefore, North Carolina will fall short of its goal.

Government requirements for pulpwood, the raw material for making smokeless powder, rayon for parachutes, plastics for airplane parts, weatherproof containers for shipping ammunition, foods, blood plasma and other supplies for our armed forces and allies overseas, as well as for newsprint and other papers, have been computed at 13,000,000 cords for 1943. From this overall figure, quotas were set up by the War Production Board for each of the pulpwood producing states.

Donald M. Nelson, WPB chairman, emphasized the critical nature of the emergency in an appeal to the farmers of all producing states to give three extra days to the cutting of pulpwood in an effort to avert "a threatened 2,500,000-cord shortage" this year. Receipts of domestic pulpwood at the mills, the War Production Board estimates, were 24 percent short of requirements at the half-year, while inventories were 32 percent under those on the corresponding date in 1943.

Five government departments and war agencies are cooperating in the Victory Pulpwood Campaign which was launched early this month. The press campaign is under the direction of the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee, headed by Walter M. Dear, publisher of The Jersey Journal, Jersey City, N. J., and president of A. N. P. A. during the highly successful Newspaper United Scrap Drive last fall.

Area Rent Official To Visit Hertford Twice Each Week

Thomas J. Markham, Area Rent Director for the Elizabeth City Area, announced today that a representative from the Area Rent Office will be in Perquimans County Tuesday and Wednesday of each week until further notice, and will be at the Court House from 9:30 a. m. to 12 noon, Tuesdays, for the purpose of aiding and advising any persons who have difficulty in filing in their registration form.

The office is endeavoring to secure voluntary aid to sit at the Court House two days each week to aid in registration as on August 6, Mr. Markham said. The field representative of the Area Office will be unable to give the time for filing in registration forms in the future and for that reason forms may be obtained from the Clerk of Court or Register of Deeds by those having to register, to be filled in by the applicants themselves, and mailed to the Area Rent Office or to the Clerk of Court, and corrections, if any, will be suggested to the registrants upon examinations by the Area Office.

The Director, again, called the attention of all landlords to the provisions of the rent law which requires all persons who rent rooms, apartments, houses or trailers to register.

NO SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY DURING AUGUST

The Rev. E. T. Jilson, rector of Holy Trinity Church, announced early this week that there will be no services at the church until further notice. The Rev. Mr. Jilson left on Monday for a vacation and will return early in September.