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## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Looking toward post-war problems, 44 United Nations, this week, signed an agreement in Washington pledging themselves to feed, clothe and shelter the millions of civilians who have suffered under the Nazi occupation of Europe. President Roosevelt hailed this agreement as historic. Plans for carrying out the program will be made as soon as an organization is set up.

Predicting that the Nazis will stay in the fight until the end, Hitler, in a Munich beer hall speech, this week, said the Nazis are unable to reach America but that another State is close by and will suffer reprisals for the victories now being won by the Allies. Hitler's speech was purely defeatist, and closed with threatening the German Home Front for showing any weakness. Following this speech, Winston Churchill spoke in London and said the Allies could see victory in 1944, but that heavy fighting will be sustained before the final crushing of the Nazis. He warned the public not to be over-confident that the war will end any way soon.

Following its protest over being slighted regarding the Moscow Conference, members of the French Committee of National Liberation reshuffled itself this week and accepted the resignation of General Giraud as co-president. However, Giraud remains as commander of all French fighting forces. General Charles De Gaulle now has full power as president of the committee.

Continued advances were reported on all Allied war fronts during the week. The Russians continued to advance toward the Poland frontier following their capture of Kiev. Many more towns have been liberated and Moscow reports many German troops are retreating in disorder, throwing away their rifles and military gear.

The Germans are reported as building a winter defense line, near the present fighting front in Italy, in an effort to stem the Allied advance on Rome and hold them during the winter months. General Clark's 8th Army and General Montgomery's 8th Army have advanced slowly against heavy fighting, and have broken through the German defense line in several places.

The Japs have landed re-inforcements on Bougainville in an effort to stop the Allied advance on the Pacific front. However, a report from the island stated that U. S. Marines have contacted the enemy and the Japs face disaster. The Japs have lost many planes and several warships in the fighting in the Pacific during the past week.

## Indians Lose Close Game To Manteo; Play E. City Today

The Perquimans High School football team has been practicing diligently this week in preparation for its game today with the powerful Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets.

The Indians lost a hard-fought game last Friday afternoon to the Manteo High School by the close margin of one point. The final score of the game was: Manteo 8, Perquimans 7. The visitors scored first during the first half when Perquimans muffed a punt and the Manteo players recovered on their 20-yard line. A series of line plunges put the ball over the goal line and the score stood Manteo 6, Perquimans 0. The try for extra point was bad.

Near the end of the first half the Indians were in possession of the ball on their own 10-yard line when a bad pass from center landed in the scoring zone and Manteo tallied another two points.

The second half was a see-saw affair until the final four minutes, when the Indians uncorked a passing offensive which took them from their 10-yard line to a six point score. The try for extra point was good and the final score was Manteo 8, Perquimans 7.

The game in Elizabeth City today promises to be one which will provide the spectators with plenty of action. The Indians will be reinforced by Bobby Eason, who has been out of the game due to injuries for the past two weeks, and a series of new plays which it is hoped will bring a victory over the stronger team from Pasquotank. The game today will be played in Elizabeth City.

## Recorder's Court Has Heavy Docket Following Recess

### Nineteen Cases Disposed of at Session Tuesday Morning

The Perquimans Recorder's Court had a busy session Tuesday morning disposing of nineteen cases, following a week's recess while Superior Court was in session all last week.

The majority of the cases heard Tuesday consisted of traffic violations, showing local officers are still checking on the highways for speeders and reckless drivers.

A neighborhood squabble was settled when Judge Charles Johnson found Willie Shambry, and Mary Grandson, Colored, not guilty of assault, and found Eula Skinner and Elsie Jones, also Colored, guilty of the charge and fined each \$5 and costs. Eula Skinner had charged Elsie Jones with assaulting her, after which Elsie returned by charging the other three with a similar charge.

John Parker, Jr., Negro, was found guilty of trespass and marring property and was ordered to pay the court costs.

Another case of assault was settled when Judge Johnson found Annie Shambry, Negro, not guilty as charged, and referred her daughter, Dorothea Bonds, for a hearing in Juvenile Court on a charge of assault.

James Bryant was found guilty of reckless driving and not guilty of a charge of driving under the influence. He was fined \$30 and court costs.

James Lee, Negro, was found guilty of driving with no operator's license, reckless driving, and was given a 60-day suspended sentence and ordered to pay a fine of \$30 and costs.

Samuel Winslow and Robert Godfrey, both Negroes, entered pleas of guilty to charges of driving without license and each was taxed with court costs.

Daniel White plead guilty to driving without a license and paid the court costs.

Robert White plead guilty to being drunk and was taxed with court costs.

Clarence Tatem, Frank Washington, Roy Baker, Claude Chappell and G. O. Chappell all entered pleas of guilty to driving over 45 miles per hour and each was fined \$10 and costs.

Albert Coltraine, Charles Hopkins, Jr., J. P. Newman and Martha Seymour each plead guilty to speeding and each was assessed costs of court.

## Hit-And-Run Driver Kills Winfall Man Saturday Night

Local authorities, as yet, have no clues to the hit-and-run driver who fatally injured John Pierce, 76-year-old resident of Winfall, on the Perquimans River bridge last Saturday night, as Mr. Pierce was walking to his home from Hertford.

Patrolman Charles Payne found the body around 11:45 o'clock, and said that the accident had occurred shortly before that time. An investigation failed to reveal any clues as to who hit him.

Mr. Pierce is survived by six sons: R. C. Pierce, Hampton, Va.; J. M. Pierce, Ayden; C. H. and J. W. Pierce, Hertford; J. H. Pierce of California, and J. E. Pierce, of England.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the Lynch Funeral Home, with the Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor of the Winfall Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Paul White, Tommy Jessup, Johnny Lane, Claude White, Raymond Stanton and Durwood Barber.

## Thirteen Cases On Docket As Superior Court Adjourns Friday

The November term of Perquimans Superior Court, with Judge C. Everett Thompson presiding, adjourned last Friday, after being in session five days.

The criminal docket was concluded at Tuesday noon, and the balance of the session was used for the hearing of civil cases. A motion of non suit was allowed in the case, Hertford Banking Co. vs. H. C. Stokes of all, after the testimony of the plaintiff had been given. This hearing consumed the court's time all Thursday and part of Friday. Thirteen civil cases remained to be heard when court adjourned Friday afternoon.

These cases were continued until the January term of court.

## Heavy Rains Hinder Peanut Harvesting

The heavy rains of the past week have seriously hampered the harvesting of peanuts in this county, according to reports from L. W. Anderson, county agent, and many producers still have peanuts to be picked.

It is estimated that only about half of this year's crop has been picked thus far. Fair weather toward the end of this week will find many producers back in the fields finishing up the job.

Reports from those who have picked peanuts indicate a fair yield was had on most tracts this year and the crop graded about average.

## Civilian Defense To Award Bond Prize In Salvage Campaign

Increased interest in the scrap drive now in progress is expected to materialize among the school children of the county, following an announcement by the Perquimans Civilian Defense that a twenty-five dollar bond will be awarded the school reporting the greatest number of pounds of scrap collected during the drive.

The prize will be offered on a per capita basis, thus each school will have an equal opportunity to win. A. R. Winslow, chairman of the local Salvage Committee, announced the prize this week.

Thus far the campaign, which has been in progress since November 1, has gained small results and the Salvage Committee hopes to obtain a large number of tons of scrap during the drive. Mr. Winslow stated that the drive may be extended some time, in order to achieve the committee's goal.

It has been reported that many people throughout the county have scrap on hand but seem reluctant to move it into the scrap piles. The Salvage chairman pointed out that our production centers need this scrap for the manufacturing of war materials and persons having scrap iron and steel should either contribute it to the school drive or make arrangements to sell same to scrap dealers.

Due to the fact that this county is without a scrap dealer, persons having large scrap piles and who wish to sell the scrap, rather than give it to the present drive, are urged to contact Mr. Winslow, who will make arrangements for the scrap to be purchased.

## Town Commissioners Hold Short Session

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford, meeting at the regular November meeting on Monday night, held one of the shortest sessions this year. Only routine financial matters were brought up for action and the Board quickly passed on these and adjourned.

It was voted that employees of the Town would again be given Christmas presents this year, and the gifts are to be the same as last year.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wm. Spruill, of 531 Cavalier Blvd., Portsmouth, Va., announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Faye, on November 6, 1943, at Parham Memorial Hospital. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Mrs. Spruill is the former Miss Fannie May Coffield, daughter of Mrs. Mary L. Coffield, of Hertford.

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## County's War Fund Total Passes \$3600 As Campaign Closes

### Chairman Expresses Appreciation For the Splendid Response

Julian White, treasurer of the Perquimans United War Fund Drive, reported on Wednesday that a total of thirty-six hundred and sixty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents has been turned over to him during the drive, which closed this week. Several solicitors are expected to report a few more dollars outstanding, but the main portion of the drive has been completed.

A total of \$182.55 was reported during the week by King Williams and W. R. Privott, chairmen of the Colored division, and this sum was divided among the quotas of Hertford, Parkville and New Hope Townships.

According to Mr. White's figures, the sums reported by townships are: Hertford, \$1,653.10; Parkville, \$948.32; Belvidere, \$476.32; New Hope, \$325.50; and Bethel, \$258.25.

A check to cover the Perquimans County quotas has been mailed to the State headquarters, J. Emmett Winslow, county chairman, stated today.

One of the outstanding factors in the county reaching its quota was the number of initial gifts contributed. These gifts amounted to \$1,215.48. V. N. Darden was chairman of the committee in charge of initial gifts.

The list of initial gifts were: Major & Loomis, Perquimans Service Men's Committee, Joe Towe, The Southern Cotton Oil Co., Darden Bros., Hollowell Chevrolet Co., Hertford Hardware, Winslow Oil Co., State Theatre, Hertford Banking Co., Simon Rutenburg, Lawrence, Mary and Martin Towe, Winslow-White Motor Co., J. C. Blanchard and Co., Lions Club, Rose's, Pender's, Jack Hopkins, Dr. T. P. Brinn, H. W. Lynch, W. M. Morgan, Johnson, White and Co., Riddick's Cleaners, D. T. Reed, T. W. Wilson, J. Broughton, Bill & Viv's, W. White, Grocery Sales Co., M. J. Gregory, Max Campbell, Dr. C. A. Davenport, J. S. McNider, Walker's, Chas. E. Johnson, Central Grocery, Cannon's Cleaners, W. B. Jordan, Davenport & Blanchard, Cecil J. Winslow, W. H. Hardcastle, Snell Bros., Z. D. Robertson, Bus Station, R. C. Skinner, Tom Cox, Roberson Drug Store, Lindsay C. Winslow, Hilda Mathews, Dr. I. A. Ward, Mrs. W. H. Hardcastle, Mrs. J. T. White, Dr. D. C. Hackett, W. H. Pitt, E. M. Fields, Mrs. Ellie Goodwin, Hertford Cafe, J. S. Assad, W. L. Sumner.

Names of other contributors will be carried by townships and will be found elsewhere in the paper.

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## Conference Returns Ministers To Area

The North Carolina Methodist Conference, meeting in Rocky Mount last week, announced that Rev. B. C. Reavis had been re-assigned as minister of the Hertford Methodist Church and that the Rev. J. D. Cranford was re-assigned to the Perquimans Churches.

Both the Rev. Mr. Reavis and the Rev. Mr. Cranford attended the Conference.

The Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh was selected to be host to the 1944 session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, as this year's session came to a close.

## Chairman Of Board Issues Statement On Gas Regulations

E. Leigh Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans County Iration Board, today issued a statement to motorists of this county that present gasoline rationing regulations do not permit the local board to issue extra gas rations to motorists for the purpose of visiting relatives, visiting the sick or to attend funerals. Extra gas rations may be issued only for business purposes, such as cannot be obtained through other means of transportation, and for the purpose of attending to arrangements for funeral services, etc. Mr. Winslow stated that many motorists are applying for gas for reasons stated above, and the local board is forced, by the regulations, to turn these down. Motorists are requested not to apply for extra gas, unless it is to be used for traveling for business purposes, or carrying patients to the hospital, and in such cases, applicants must have a statement from a doctor authorizing such a trip.

Tire certificates issued during the week by the local board went to the following motorists: Grade I—H. J. Ulrich, 2 tires and 2 tubes; E. S. Winslow, 2 tires; Chas. Brunholtz, 2 tires; W. C. Kaiser, tire; John Draggis, tire; Clarence Walker, 4 tires and 4 tubes; William Sullivan, tire and tube; E. T. Mathews, tire and tube; A. D. Godfrey, 2 tires and 2 tubes; M. H. Umphlett, tire and tube; L. W. Peterson, tire and tube; R. E. Pau, 2 tires; N. C. State Highway, tire and tube; Arlene Smith, 2 tires and 2 tubes.

Grade III Tires—Sidney Long, 2; Seth Umphlett, tire and tube; M. C. Sharp, tire and tube; W. E. Bagley, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Lawrence Jennings, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Australia Lightfoot, 2; C. T. Winslow, 2; J. H. Layden, tire and tube; Roy Lane, 2; H. F. Healing, tire and tube.

Truck Tires—E. N. Miller, 2 tires and 2 tubes; H. E. Sanders, tire and tube; D. M. Jackson, 2; Hollowell Bros., tire and 2 tubes; T. B. Sumner, tire and tube. H. W. Winslow was issued a certificate for a new car.

Stove certificates were issued to Add Lane, Albert White, George Lightfoot, Maggie Foster, Charlie Thatch, Riley Sutton, Helen White, H. E. Boyce, Pearl Overton, J. W. Haskett, Isaac Tolson, R. R. Chappell, Andrew Johnson, J. R. Hendren, Highie Simons, L. L. Proctor, Eugene Byrum, Joshua Simpson, Alonzo Burke, Mannie Cartwright and Nelson White.

## Chairman Announces November War Bond Quota Is \$21,975

R. M. Riddick, chairman of the Perquimans County War Finance Committee, announced today that Perquimans had been given a November war bond quota of \$21,975. He added that total sales up to last Saturday were only around \$2,500.

He pointed out that Perquimans did not receive a quota for the month of October, and urged that local residents renew their buying of war bonds to enable the county to meet its goal.

The Treasury Department issued no quotas, following the Third War Loan, but now it needs more money to carry out war expenditures and urges citizens to remember that war costs money, and this money must be raised continuously, through drives and daily purchases on the part of all residents.

It is now opening a special sales campaign, which will extend through December 25. This drive urges Americans to give war bonds as Christmas presents... a present with a future.

## PROMOTED TO STAFF SERGEANT

Mrs. George Fields has been notified that her son, George Fields, has been promoted to staff sergeant. He is now stationed at Alexandria, La.

## Shortage Of Housing Facilities Noted As Navy People Arrive

### Many Couples Seeking Accommodations; No News on Project

The housing shortage in Hertford was again noted early this week when a large contingent of Navy personnel arrived to be stationed at the Harvey Point base, and began the search for rooms, apartments and houses.

The town was literally overrun with Navy men and their wives seeking places to rent for the time they remain here. Many were satisfied just to find temporary quarters.

There are no houses to be rented, and it is understood there are no vacancies in apartments; therefore, local authorities are doing all they can to locate a sufficient number of rooms for the group.

Residents of this vicinity who have spare rooms and will rent them are urged to contact Mayor V. N. Darden, W. H. Pitt, or Max Camubell, and leave names and addresses. These parties will send prospective renters to the homes.

There is no further news to report at the present time regarding the housing project, which was expected to be underway at this time, and which is supposed to relieve the local housing situation. Thirty-four houses are to be constructed.

Mayor Darden stated this week that he had been informed by the contractor that arrangements are being made to begin the construction soon. Materials are being purchased, etc. However, no definite starting date for the project was given the Mayor in the conversation.

It is understood that the Harvey Point base now has a large number of men stationed here, and there is a probability more will come in, therefore, it is the desire of local officials to locate as many rooms as possible to house the men who bring their wives with them, and local residents are urged to cooperate in the matter and rent spare rooms.

If you have a room to rent, please notify the men named above at once.

## Postal Department Urges Patrons To Mail In November

The Post Office Department has announced that November is Christmas Mailing Month this year.

Postmaster General Walker has issued an announcement to postmasters throughout the country to urge the patrons of individual post offices to mail Christmas cards and packages during November, in order to assure delivery by Christmas. Such packages mailed this month should be marked, "Do Not Open Until Christmas."

Postmasters throughout Perquimans are urging local patrons to comply with the suggestion and be sure their mail is delivered on time. They point out the transportation facilities are now so burdened that if patrons wait until the last minute to mail cards and parcels, some may be late in being delivered.

Mail is so heavy now it is being delayed somewhat due to the heavy demands on postal officials and the shortage of manpower. Volume of mail is now higher than ever in the history of the Post Office, Mr. Walker said.

He further stated that this appeal is not an attempt to tell the public what to do, but is only an advance notification of what will happen if people mail late.

## Hertford Milk Supply To Be Increased Soon

The milk shortage, which has been noted in Hertford during the past two weeks, is expected to be relieved this week, according to an announcement by B. B. Dawson, owner of Elmwood Farms Dairy, which supplies most of the town with milk.

Mr. Dawson stated that he had recently purchased a number of cows to be added to the herd at the Elmwood Farms, and with this addition to the herd, adequate milk for the Town of Hertford should be had soon.

## MASONS MEET TUESDAY

Perquimans Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night in the Court House, at which time all members are urged to attend.