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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Senate and House got together this week on a compromise bill regarding the drafting of fathers. The bill, in its present state, must now be passed by the Congress. However, from the report, it seems the bill calls for about the same system which Selective Service has been using for the past many months. Main item is that this bill would place fathers at the bottom of the manpower pool.

Another terrific explosion occurred this week in a Naval Depot, the second in recent months. The explosion this week happened at Yorktown, Va., and the Navy reported six killed and 20 injured. An investigation is being conducted for the cause. An explosion recently killed 25 and injured many at the Naval Base in Norfolk.

A report from Washington this week indicates that the Supreme Court will review and rule on the validity of the OPA Rent Control program which affects many communities throughout the nation. The review will be based on a test case coming up from the State of Georgia.

The Senate intends to look into the liquor situation throughout the nation. Recent shortage in stocks in State-owned stores and private retailers have led to an appointment of a Senate Committee to investigate charges that the distillers are hoarding their stocks for an increase in price.

News from the war fronts continued to brighten this week, with the exception of a report from Italy on Wednesday that the Germans have won ground from the British and American forces at the 8th Army. The Allies have made no great gains in Italy for some time and reports indicate that new forces may attempt landings in Italy further up the coast and behind present German lines. The Allies have been battling in Italy against bad weather as well as heavily reinforced German divisions.

On the Russian front the Red Army still advances against retreating Nazis, and reports from Moscow show the Red Army about 60 miles from the former Polish frontier. The Russians, driving hard in the Ukrainian area seem intent on splitting the German armies into two units and thus raise havoc with the Nazi supply and communication system. Reports from Russia, as well as from neutral sources, point out that the German forces in the East are retreating, somewhat in disorder, but the main German army is intact.

American and British airmen continued to blast at German targets this week, but have not bombed any area deep inside Germany. Main points hit this week were Norway, Bulgaria and industrial and rail centers in France. A report was released this week that the American forces may stop the practice of day-light precision bombing and resort all efforts, to night bombing.

Despite the fact that the American and Australian forces, under General MacArthur, have gained new positions recently, an aide of the General's commented this week that the Pacific forces are receiving only about 10 percent of current shipments. The Allied forces, under MacArthur, are still battling the Japs for the island of Bougainville.

Funeral Services Held Friday For Mrs. Ada Lee Hardy

Mrs. Ada Lee Hardy, 71, died at her home on Front Street, last Thursday morning, following an illness of a few days.

Funeral services were conducted from the Lynch Funeral Home Friday morning at 11 o'clock, by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church. Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Hardy was a well-known and beloved resident of Hertford, and a member of the Methodist Church. Surviving are one sister, Mrs. W. A. Patton, of St. Paul, and two nephews, Miss Gladys Patton, of St. Paul, and Mrs. H. C. Stokes, of Hertford.

PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

Mrs. D. M. Field has received word that her son, William Field, U. S. A., has been promoted to sergeant. Mrs. Field received word of the promotion this week.

Salvage Campaign To Be Extended For Indefinite Period

Prize to Be Awarded Winning School on December First

A. R. Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans County Salvage Committee, stated today that due to lack of results gained thus far in the scrap campaign, which opened November 1 for an fifteen days, the drive here would be continued indefinitely. This action is necessary, Mr. Winslow said, in order that the stock pile of scrap iron and steel at our production centers may be built up to assure continued mass production of materials needed for the war.

The scrap drive has been continued throughout the entire nation, according to reports received here this week. Mr. Winslow said that much scrap is being found throughout the county but the results obtained here does not justify the drive being concluded. He added many people in the county have scrap but are reluctant to get it moving into the proper channels, where it will eventually reach the factories.

He announced, for the benefit of those having scrap and wishing to sell instead of donating it to the local committee, that these folks could contact Willie Howell, of Route 1, Hertford, and sell their scrap to him. Mr. Howell has been buying scrap for some time and will call anywhere in the county, providing sufficient amount of material is for sale which will justify his calling for the scrap. Fair results are being noted in the scrap contest now going on between the schools in the county, and Mr. Winslow stated the contest for the war bond being offered by the Salvage Committee to the school collecting the largest poundage will close December 1, and the bond will be awarded on that date.

The urgent need for more scrap at our production centers has been pointed out many times during recent months, and the local Salvage Committee is urging residents of Perquimans to again realize the necessity to get in this "scrap by salvaging scrap" and aid the war effort. If any person has scrap iron and steel at his home or farm, he is urged to notify Mr. Winslow and arrangements will be made to remove it to the proper shipping point.

Top Turkey Prices Announced By Local Rationing Board

Dollars and cents ceiling prices, set for Thanksgiving and Christmas turkeys by the State OPA, were announced this week by Mary Frances Dail, price clerk of the Perquimans Ration Board, as follows:

Young turkeys, live—45 cents, light weight; 43 cents, medium; 42 cents, heavy. Dressed—53 cents, light weight; 51 cents, medium, 49 cents, heavy. Drawn—63 cents, light weight; 59 cents, medium; 57 cents, heavy. Old turkeys, live—43 cents, light weight; 41 cents, medium; 40 cents, heavy. Dressed—51 cents, light weight; 49 cents, medium; 47 cents, heavy. Drawn—60 cents, light weight; 57 cents, medium, and 54 cents, heavy.

OPA classes turkeys under 18 pounds as light; 18-22 pounds as medium, and over 22 pounds as heavy. Turkeys less than one year old are classed a young turkeys.

These prices are about the same as prices allowed last year, and are the top ceiling prices which both retailers and farmers may charge for turkeys during November and December, according to the ration board.

Ceiling prices for poultry have also been announced and farmers and retailers may obtain copies of these prices at the local ration office.

FUNERAL SERVICES CONDUCTED FRIDAY FOR JOSEPH WHITE

Joseph White, age 77, died at his home near Belvidere, Thursday, October 21st, at 10 o'clock.

He was a native and life-long resident of Chowan County. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ida T. White; one brother, Silas White, of Center Hill, and one sister, Mrs. Emma Jane Henning, of Gatesville, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were conducted at the Meadow Grove Church by the Rev. Walter P. Chappell. Interment was made in the family cemetery.

Stores Open Thursday All During December

Hertford stores, which have been closing a half-day on Thursday each week for the past month or two, will remain open all day on Thursday, beginning on December 2nd, and continuing through until January, L. C. Winslow, chairman of the Hertford Merchants Committee, announced today.

Following requests by Government authorities that people shop early and mail early this year, it is expected that most stores will display Christmas merchandise shortly, and Hertford people will be able to find their needs by shopping at home this year, thus saving gas and tires in traveling elsewhere for shopping.

Methodist Church To Observe Open House Sunday Afternoon

The new conference year is starting off in a most encouraging way at the First Methodist Church in Hertford. The attendance at all services continue to increase and much interest is being shown in every department of the church. Many of the men in the service of our country who are stationed near Hertford attend the worship services and a warm welcome is always given them both by the pastor and the congregation.

The following men have been elected to the office of steward for this year: Dr. T. P. Brinn, V. N. Darden, J. R. Jarvis, J. S. McNider, J. M. Matthews, C. B. Parker, W. H. Pitt, C. T. Skinner, H. C. Sullivan, C. F. Sumner, W. B. Tucker, J. H. Towe and G. A. White. At a recent meeting of the Board of Stewards officers were elected as follows: J. H. Towe, chairman; J. R. Jarvis, vice chairman; H. C. Sullivan, treasurer; W. B. Tucker, secretary, and W. H. Pitt, chairman of the Committee on Finance. Other officers and committees will be elected soon. Following the district set-up meeting for the Elizabeth City District, which will be held in this church December 3, the total budget for the church for this year will be set up and adopted by the church.

An installation service for the Board of Stewards will be held in connection with the service at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning. At this time the pastor, the Rev. B. C. Reavis, will use "A Searching Question" as the subject of the sermon and the text will be found in Malachi 3:8, according to an announcement made by Mr. Reavis last Sunday. It is hoped that every member of the church and congregation, in as far as possible, will be at the service next Sunday morning, as this will be a very important service and some very interesting announcements will be made.

Open house is being planned for the entire church and congregation for next Sunday from 2 until 5 p. m. The meeting will be held in the education room.

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Officers Round Up Vagrants For Jobs

Local police officers were busy Tuesday rounding up all able-bodied men who apparently did not have a full time job, in order to fill a call for laborers at the Harvey Point Naval Air Station.

The U. S. Employment Office in Elizabeth City was asked to locate a number of laborers for the jobs and on inquiry here could locate no men to fill the jobs, despite the fact an official of the Employment Office noticed several Negroes loafing about, apparently with nothing to do.

Mayor V. N. Darden was contacted regarding the situation and he immediately ordered the police to round up all men seemingly without work, and to indict them if they refused work or could not show proper cause why they were not employed. Officers found a number of men willing to work under those conditions.

The authorities in rounding up the vagrants were proceeding under the powers as proclaimed by the Governor in his war or fight proclamation given him under the special War Emergency Act.

Gin Report Shows Decline For Year

Cotton ginning in Perquimans from the 1943 crop up to November 1, showed a slight decline as compared to 1942, according to Willie M. Harrell, special agent. For this year local gin reports 3,609 bales ginned up to November 1. Last year a total of 3,627 bales were gined.

Sale Of Christmas Seals Begins Here Tuesday, Nov. 23rd

Mrs. I. A. Ward to Head Committee; County's Quota Is \$175

The annual sale of Christmas seals—those small seals used by thousands as an American way of combating tuberculosis—will start in Perquimans on Tuesday, November 23, and continue through until Christmas, Mrs. I. A. Ward, chairman of the Perquimans committee, announced today.

Mrs. Ward has served as County Chairman for this campaign for the past three years, and each year the county results have shown an increase, due to her splendid work in organizing a sales organization.

The chairman stated the quota for Perquimans this year had been increased to one hundred and seventy-five dollars, but she hoped the sales would far surpass this amount.

The seals will be sold through the schools of the county and some will be mailed to individuals. A thorough canvass will also be made of the downtown area in Hertford. A new feature in the campaign this year will be a "tag day" to be observed later in the drive.

The money raised through the sale of Christmas seals is used entirely to fight tuberculosis. A portion of the county quota is forwarded to the national headquarters and the balance remains within the county. At the present time the local organization is using part of the money raised here in past years to aid in conducting the TB clinic now in progress under the direction of the Perquimans Health Office.

TB tests have been made in the schools by Dr. D. C. Hackett, and the Health Office this week is X-raying all children found to react positive to tests given. According to an unofficial report, it has been stated that according to tests, Perquimans has one of the highest TB ratings in the State and it is through such campaigns as the sale of Christmas seals that this disease can be fought and the record for the county lowered.

In announcing the opening date for the drive, Mrs. Ward urges everyone to buy Christmas seals freely and to use them during the campaign on all letters and packages mailed.

Indians Trounced By Yellow Jackets, Play Plymouth Fri. Night

The Perquimans High School Indians proved to be no match for a stronger, heavier Elizabeth City high school football team, when they met on the Yellow Jackets' field last Friday afternoon. The Yellow Jackets won easily by a score of 61 to 6.

The Yellow Jackets scored twice in the first period and, using their excellent back, Copley, throughout the game, maintained a scoring offensive during all periods. The Indians, unable to gain through the heavier Elizabeth City line, resorted to a passing attack and this brought the Indians their only score of the game. Mayes tossed a pass to Wood during the second period which was good, and the half ended 21 to 6 for the Yellow Jackets.

The Indians, green to many tricks of the football game, learned much in the game with the Yellow Jackets and are practicing hard this week for their game with Plymouth High School, to be played on the N. C. Pulp Co. recreation field in Plymouth Friday night.

While the Elizabeth City game was hard fought and rough, the Indians all came out in good shape and are expected to be ready for the Plymouth eleven tonight.

Coach Max Campbell has shifted several players during the week in an effort to strengthen the Indians' forward wall to cope with any offensive Plymouth may use.

County Agent Advises Cutting Cotton Stalks

L. W. Anderson, County Agent, in a statement issued this week advises farmers now is a good time to cut cotton stalks in their fields. Mr. Anderson said most of the cotton crop has been picked at this time, and by cutting stalks now would tend to combat the boll weevil.

Eight Cases Heard In Recorder Court By Judge Johnson

Eight cases, all for traffic violations, were disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday by Judge Charles E. Johnson.

All eight defendants entered pleas of guilty to the charges. Recorder's Court will recess on next Tuesday, Judge Johnson announced this week.

Charlie O. Fowler was fined \$10 and costs for speeding. Thurman Harrell was taxed court costs, after pleading guilty to speeding.

James Whedbee paid the court costs for passing through a stop sign. Geneva Sawyer and Mrs. Estella Garrett each plead guilty to reckless driving and paid a fine of \$30 and costs.

George Norris was fined \$10 and costs for speeding. Percy Newbern and Martin Towe each paid court costs for speeding.

Hertford Merchant Dies In Suffolk; Rites Held Sunday

Linaeus White, 51, Hertford merchant, died in the Suffolk, Va., hospital last Friday morning at 3 o'clock, following a stroke suffered while on a brief business trip to the Virginia city.

Mr. White, who was a veteran of World War I, was a native of Perquimans County and had lived in Hertford for many years. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. J. N. White, of Hertford; his wife, Mrs. Ida Benton White; one daughter, Ida Lee White; three brothers, W. W. White, J. Kelly White, of the Army, and Dan White, of Grimesland, and three sisters, Mrs. Robert White, Mrs. Murden Stokley and Mrs. Kelly Miller.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30, at the Hertford Methodist Church, with the Rev. J. D. Cranford, assisted by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, the Rev. H. G. Dawkins and the Rev. E. T. Jillson, officiating.

The choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Abide With Me." L. W. Anderson sang a solo, "In the Garden of Prayer."

The casket was covered by an American flag. Members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion conducted a short service at the grave.

Pallbearers were: Tommy Miller, George Caddy, D. M. Jackson, B. Hoskins, Matt Mathews and W. G. Hollowell.

Flower girls were: Helen Hoffer, Anne Mathews, Peggy Felton, Ruth Tucker, Barbara Winslow, Christine Mathews, Beuna Mae Godwin, Minnie Wilna Wood, Mary Ruth Wood, Mary Proctor, Sybil Skinner, Margaret Divers, Belle Landing and Maxine Landing.

Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Reavis Speaker At H. D. Club Meeting

The Rev. B. C. Reavis was guest speaker at the Achievement Day meeting of the Home Demonstration Clubs held at the Hertford Grammar School last Friday afternoon.

He spoke on the subject of the individual, who are you; where do you live; how old are you and where are you going from here?

The program was dedicated to the wives, mothers and grandmothers having children in the service of the nation. A registration shows those present represented 54 men and two women now in the armed forces. Special music was provided by L. W. Anderson.

Mrs. Ashby Jordan, a member of the Snow Hill - White Hat Club gave a report of the home demonstration work in the county in a form of a book report, "Results on the Home Front."

Recognition was given Mrs. J. B. Basnight and Mrs. Sidney Layden, members of the Burgess Club, for a five year perfect attendance record. Awards were made to the following clubs for making the highest score during the year: First, Beech Spring; second, Whiteston; third, Balthack.

Individuals awarded attendance certificates were: Winfall, Mrs. Effie Miller, Mrs. E. N. Miller; Home and Garden, Mrs. R. C. Murray; Burgess, Mrs. Sidney Layden, Mrs. J. B. Basnight; Whiteston, Mrs. Allie Winslow, Miss Anne Winslow, Miss Lena Winslow; Balthack, Mrs. A. T. Lane. (Continued on Page Six)

County Farm Goals Outlined At Meeting Here Thursday Night

Increase In Production Needed to Meet 1944 Demands

Preparing for the 1944 farm production, which must meet an all time high if the demands, caused largely by the war, are to be met, local leaders met Tuesday night at the Agricultural Building to discuss 1944 Farm production goals for Perquimans County.

The meeting was conducted by Troy Furguson, District Agent; Miss Mary E. Thomas, Nutrition Specialist; Miss Myra Scull, FSA Home Agent, and A. P. Hassell, District Field official for the AAA.

About twenty local leaders of Civilian Defense, Agriculture, Education and Emergency War Programs attended the meeting, which was held for the purpose of obtaining plans to be discussed on a county-wide basis with farm producers.

Pointing out that the demand for food has risen to new heights, the speakers declared that food can be the deadliest weapon of this war and the American plan to raise more is in line with war production.

Goals for Perquimans County farms, as announced at the meeting last night, are: Corn, 17,000 acres; oats, 239 acres; wheat, 75 acres; barley, 53 acres; sorghum, 39 acres; tame hay (including peanut hay) 10,647 acres; lespedeza for seed, 175 acres; cotton, 4,000 acres; peanuts, 8,662 acres; soybeans, 12,000 acres; Irish potatoes, 155 acres; sweet potatoes, 200 acres; fresh vegetables, 225 acres; home gardens, 900 acres.

Livestock: milk cows, 815; other dairy cattle, 326; total cattle and calves, 2,796; sheep and lambs, 1,705; sows to farrow in spring, 1,947; sows to farrow in fall, 1,591; chickens, 86,138; laying hens, 72,884; eggs, 60,000 dozens, and turkeys, 2,175.

The meeting held here was one of the many held in every county of the State during this week, in which Farm leaders discussed the State-wide production program for next year.

Draft Board Orders Ten White Men For Induction Nov. 23

Ten Perquimans white men, including eight fathers and two non-fathers, have been ordered to report for induction in the armed services on November 23. Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local draft board, announced Monday morning.

The white men ordered to report at the local office to entrain for Fort Bragg, where they will undergo final physical examinations, are: Jim Bass, Clifton Stallings, Lester Mansfield, Robert Morgan, Henry Clay Sullivan, Paul Fisher, John Hall, Ephraim Joyce, Robert Elliott, and Ervin Stallings. J. P. Crifasi, a transfer from a New York board, will also leave with this contingent of selectees.

Mrs. Sumner also announced that the local board had received a call for 15 white men to be inducted on December 2. No calls for colored selectees for December has been received, but it is understood that a large call is expected for the latter part of the month.

The Perquimans Board is seeking information of Percy A. Hurdle, Negro registrant, who has failed to report change of addresses to the local office and is therefore a delinquent. He faces being classified as I-A, and inducted in the Army immediately. Persons knowing anything about this registrant are requested to notify the board.

Negro Painter Killed In Fall Tuesday P. M.

Herbert Lassiter, Negro, was killed here Tuesday afternoon while working as a painter on the USO Center, located in the W. M. Morgan building on Grubb Street.

Lassiter, about 45, had been painting the door-way leading into the building from the steps, and evidently fell from the steps, striking his head on the cement driveway about fifteen feet below.

Dr. C. A. Davenport, County Coroner, on examination, stated that Lassiter died from a fractured skull.

Dr. T. P. Brinn and Dr. I. A. Ward were called to attend the man and he died while they were examining him.