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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Heavy fighting, it is reported, continues all along the Russian front. The Germans, seemingly, have been stopped in their drive near Kiev, but some authorities believe the Red Army may slow down their offensive tactics for some time in order to close their, now long lines, of communications.

The battle in Italy continues at a slow pace. General Montgomery's 8th Army has made some gains in the mountainous areas along the Adriatic Sea, but General Clark's 5th Army, on the western side of Italy, has been stopped by inclement weather. Reports from Berlin indicate new moves are soon to be made by the 5th Army, and a report early this week announced that General Patton, head of the 7th Army, has arrived in Cairo.

Reports from Stockholm this week announced that Marshal Rommel, ace German leader, had been named as anti-invasion chief of the German Army, and is now inspecting various Nazi installations. Some reports state that Hitler appointed Rommel as head of all the Nazi army as an attempt to forestall any "push" from German Army Generals to get out of the war. The Germans are reported to be testing a new rocket gun, said to have a range up to 160 miles. The rocket gun, the report said, is expected to be used against England before the Allies have time to perfect plans for the invasion of Europe.

Following the steady pounding the Americans and Australians have been landing out to the Japanese in the Pacific area, the Tokyo radio has been telling the Japanese people of the limited mind of the Allies in this regard, admitting the growing menace of the Japanese and saying that the Allies do not have the situation under control. Heavy ground fighting has been reported in the Solomons and New Guinea areas.

Allied airmen, stationed in England, landed heavy blows on German industrial towns during this week. Cities and ports in France and Norway were also reported bombed. There has not been any of the big 1,000 planes raid in recent days.

The 40th anniversary of aviation is being observed this week at Kitty Hawk, where in 1903 the Wright brothers first flew the airplanes, which was the fore-runner of the present day machine of war and travel.

Rumors of diplomatic crises in the Balkan countries were current during the week, following Russia's ultimatum to Hungary and Rumania to get out of the war. Conditions inside Bulgaria were reported serious, as this small satellite of Berlin is not at war with Russia, and believes it can do better if it makes peace with the Allies.

Recorder's Court In Brief Session Tues.

Business was off this week in Perquimans Recorder's Court. Only four cases were heard on Tuesday by Judge Charles Johnson, while six cases were continued to a later term. The Court allowed Henry McClinton's motion for a trial by jury, on a charge of driving under the influence, and the case was placed on the Superior Court docket.

McKinley Jones, colored, paid a fine of \$10 and costs, after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Angar Dances entered a plea of guilty to speeding and was taxed with the costs of court.

William Rouse was fined \$10 and costs, after pleading guilty to speeding.

Howard Spence and Andrew Welch, colored, failed to appear to answer a charge of vagrancy and they were ordered held on \$50 bond.

The cases of Charlie Holly and Eugene Dail, colored, charged with vagrancy, were continued to December 21.

Judgment was continued in the case charging James Byrum with passing a school bus while same was unloading children.

The case of A. C. Watson, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was continued until December 21.

HERTFORD LIONS TO MEET
The Hertford Lions Club will meet tonight at 7:15 at the Colonial Hotel Home. This is the last meeting of the year, and all members are urged to attend.

Navy Reports Plane, 18 Aboard, Lost At Sea, Search Pushed

Flying Out of Here, Craft Missing; Men Are Listed

Eighteen Navy officers and men are missing with a Navy patrol plane which failed to return from a routine training flight at sea, it was announced by the Fifth Naval District Public Relations Office.

An extensive search for the plane, which carried four officers and 14 enlisted men, is continuing night and day.

The missing men are: Lieut. (jg) Lincoln G. Norddy, USNR, of Bremerton, Wash.; Ensign Charles I. Briggs, USNR, Orange, N. J.; Ensign Warren Gruber, USNR, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Ensign Sylvester Mazur, USNR, Chicago; Charles Hardy, chief aviation pilot, USN, Eau Gallie, Fla.; John H. Ross, aviation radio man, second class, USNR, Philadelphia; Frederick W. Hitterwald, aviation machinist mate, second class, USNR, Oakland, Cal.; Michael F. Michalaki, Jr., aviation machinist mate, second class, USNR, Pittsburgh; Warren Lucas, aviation ordnance man, third class, USN, Jacksonville, Ill.; Harold M. Levine, aviation radioman, third class, USNR, Chicago; Vivian C. Kellogg, aviation radioman, third class, USNR, Hertford, N. C.; Charles H. Hayden, aviation radioman, third class, USNR, Greenland, N. H.; Joseph Barriuse, aviation ordnance man, third class, USNR, Bridgeport, Conn.; Henry E. Campbell, aviation machinist mate, third class, USNR, Vallejo, Calif.; James W. Claytor, aviation machinist mate, third class, Hammondville, L. I.; Paul F. Gehauf, aviation machinist mate, third class, USN, Johnstown, Pa.; Joseph F. Kelley, seaman, second class, USNR, Philadelphia; Walter Koppa, seaman, second class, USNR, Jacksonville, N. Y.

Town Board Passes Ordinance Relative Attendance At Fires

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford, meeting in regular session on Monday night, adopted an ordinance permitting the police to regulate public attendance at fires.

The Hertford Fire Department recently has been seriously hindered in reaching scenes of fire by many people driving automobiles and riding bicycles, seemingly attempting to reach the fire before the Department.

The ordinance, as passed by the Board, requires all persons not members of the Department, to pull to the side of the street upon hearing the siren of the fire truck, or that of any member of the Police or Fire Departments.

The public is requested to observe this ordinance in every respect in order to assist the Fire Department to do its work. The Board announced that the ordinance will be fully enforced.

Little other business, except routine financial matters, was brought before the Board. The members, however, did discuss steps to be taken in suppressing the nuisance of shine boys and their dogs on the downtown streets.

It was reported that the financial condition of the Town is such that it will be unnecessary for the Board to order sold the war bonds recently purchased by the Town, to meet coming obligations. Present bank balances show the Town will be able to meet January bond payments without digging into the reserve.

Midnight High Mass Christmas At St. Ann's

Celebrating the anniversary of the birth into flesh of the Son of God, a High Mass will be sung at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Edenton, starting at midnight between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, stated Father McCourt, Pastor and Chaplain.

December 26, Mass at Harvey Point Air Station at 8:45 a. m.; Windsor Prisoners of War Labor Camp at 4:30 p. m., both as on Sunday's time, when St. Ann's Mass begins at 11 a. m. Everybody invited to all St. Ann's Services. Confessions before Services.

PERQUIMANS LODGE TO MEET
Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night in the lodge rooms.

Hertford USO Center To Be Separate Unit

Abe Martin, director of the Edenton USO, stated this week that he had been informed by his national office that priority papers have been sent to Washington for the Hertford Center, and action is expected to be forthcoming soon in construction of the unit here.

Mr. Martin also announced, according to his information, the Hertford center will be established as an individual unit, not as a sub-unit of the Edenton or Elizabeth City center, as was first considered by USO officials.

It is believed that work on building the center here will be started shortly after the first of January.

Indians And Squaws Win Opening Games From Chowan High

The Perquimans High School basketball teams scored a double win over the Chowan High School teams in the opening games of the 1943 basketball season, played on the Chowan court last Friday night.

In the girls' game, which was played as a curtain-raiser for the boys' game, the Squaws chalked up a one-sided victory by winning 51 to 15. The outcome was never in doubt. It was just a question of how many points the sharpshooters from Perquimans would roll up before the final gun. Eunice White was high scorer for the locals, tallying 18 points. Mildred Webb scored 16 points and M. Divers hit for ten points.

Coach Howard Dawkins started the game by using White, Divers and Webb as forwards and center, and Landin, Matthews and C. Matthews as guards. Mansfield, Smith and Godwin were substituted during the game.

The game between the boys was a rough affair, two players being ruled out by the foul route. The Indians opened the scoring with a foul shot and after gaining the one point lead never relinquished it. The score, at the close of the quarter, was: Hertford 6, Chowan 1. Half-time score was 8-2 Hertford, and the final figure was Hertford 15, Chowan 7.

The Indians showed lack of experience and practice, having just started basketball last Monday, a week ago, but prospects for a good team are fine, Coach Max Campbell believes.

Thurman White was high man for the Indians, getting five points, while each of the other players scored at least one point.

Dail and Wood started the game at forward; White at center, and Berry and Jones at guard. Mayes, Roberts and B. White also saw action during the game.

Post Office To Open Saturday Afternoon

Silas M. Whedbee, postmaster, announced today that the Hertford postoffice will be open Saturday afternoon from 2:30 p. m. to 6 p. m., to sell stamps, accept mail and deliver parcels.

The local postoffice has been a scene of intense activity during the past week, handling, probably, the largest mail ever handled during the holiday rush.

People who have not yet mailed their parcels and Christmas cards are urged to do so at once, in order to be assured that the packages and cards will be delivered before Christmas.

Thursday Blackout Reported Successful

The Office of Civilian Defense reported last Friday that the blackout, which was observed here last Thursday night from 9:30 o'clock until 10:10 o'clock was a complete success.

The blackout began with the red signal and after fifteen minutes, the blue, or wavering signal was sounded and traffic was resumed. However, all lights remained out until the all-clear.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH

A Christmas service will be given at Piney Woods Friends Church on Sunday morning, at the hour of worship, 12 o'clock. The public is invited to attend this service.

COTTON GINNING REPORT

A census report issued this week by Willie M. Harrell, special agent, showed that 3,791 bales of cotton were ginned in Perquimans County from the 1943 crop, prior to December 1, as compared with 4,316 bales for the crop of 1942.

Draft Amendments Not Expected To Relieve Dads Draft

Bill Does Eliminate the Clause Relative to Non-deferrables

The passing of amendments to the Selective Service Act, a bill passed by Congress and signed last week by President Roosevelt to defer the drafting of fathers, is expected to have little effect in relieving the draft situation of the Perquimans local board.

The amendments, as passed, call for the placing of all fathers at the bottom of the manpower pool, and none are to be called until such time as all available volunteers and non-fathers have been called. The Perquimans Board has been following this procedure since Selective Service was originated, and called fathers for the first time last October.

The new bill does rescind the order, that fathers, in certain non-deferrable activities should be called ahead of their order number and before fathers in other occupations. This order was issued by the War Manpower Commission. Under the new draft bill, the WMC is stripped of its control of the Selective Service and the act is placed under the direction, solely, of General Lewis Hershey.

It was the hope of Congress that the bill would slow the drafting of fathers, but in a statement issued by General Hershey, it was pointed out that the needs of the armed forces are such that it may be necessary to induct fathers in order for the Army and Navy to reach its necessary strength.

It is believed that the bill, which places the direction of the act upon the President and General Hershey, will return to the hands of the local boards many duties which have been outlined and handled by the War Manpower Commission. The bill gives draft appeal boards at the place of employment authority to pass on occupational deferments.

Relative to fathers who previously were listed as non-deferrable due to occupations, these are to be continued in present classifications but returned to their original order number and not to be called before that order number comes up for induction. All Class III-A registrants have been ordered to be reclassified under the new bill.

Welfare Department Making List Of Needy

A number of families in Perquimans County face a joyless Christmas unless some interested people or organizations come to the aid of the County Welfare Department, Mrs. Sarah Brinn Perry, superintendent, said today, and contribute to giving aid to the families.

Mrs. Perry stated that a list of needy families is now being made up by her department, and records show the majority this year in need of assistance are older people who should be given foodstuff in order to brighten their lives at this season of the year.

She stated that many people believe that because most individuals are financially better off than in previous years, there is no need for such assistance, but she pointed out the list of cases on file shows these people unable to better themselves by employment.

During the past several years the Salvation Army has aided materially in providing gifts and Santa Claus to the needy families of this county, but Mrs. Perry stated she had had no word from Salvation Army authorities that they will be able to help out the local condition this year. It may be possible they will provide for some of the families, but Mrs. Perry is hopeful that local people will come to the aid of the Welfare Department and see that each family receives something that will help to make this Christmas a brighter day.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Hobbs, of Durham, announce the birth of a daughter, born Saturday, December 11, at Duke Hospital. Mrs. Hobbs was Miss Sarah Blanchard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blanchard.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

A pageant, "The Christmas Story" will be presented at Oak Grove Church, Chapanoke, on Sunday night, December 19. The program will begin at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Weekly Goes To Press Day Early Next Week

In order to assist the Postoffice Department, by mailing early, and to give our printers a longer Christmas holiday, The Weekly will go to press one day earlier next week; that is, we will print the paper on Wednesday instead of Thursday.

To assist us in preparing The Weekly for an early edition, we request correspondents to mail in their news letters early, so they will be in our office by Tuesday morning. All advertising copy must be handed us not later than Tuesday noon of next week for insertion in the issue of December 24. Others having news items are requested to call and leave them at The Weekly office by Tuesday noon.

Funeral Services Conducted Saturday For Mrs. P. H. Small

Well Known Hertford Resident Passes Away At Home Last Thurs.

Mrs. Amelia Barrow Small, 74, widow of the late Patrick H. Small, died at her home in Hertford last Thursday night at 11:15, following an illness of several months.

She was the daughter of the late Frank and Amelia Jordan Small.

A native of Hertford, Mrs. Small was one of the town's best-known residents. She was a member of the Methodist Church and of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and until recent months was active in community and civic affairs.

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, at the Lynch Funeral Home, by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church. The numerous floral offerings were beautiful and the casket spray was of red and white carnations.

During the services the choir of the Methodist Church sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Abide With Me."

Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Evelyn Gilbert of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Amelia Small Patton of Portsmouth, Va.; two sons, P. H. Small and William Small of Hertford.

Burial services were: W. H. Pitt, E. Leigh Winslow, Herbert Nixon, Trim Wilson, Norman Elliott, T. B. Sumner, Ben Koonce and Riddick Elliott. Interment was made in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Winter's First Snow Fell Tuesday Night

Following several days of threatening weather, winter closed in on Perquimans County Tuesday night, when the first snow fell. The snow continued to fall through all day Wednesday and when it finally stopped Wednesday night, the ground was covered with several inches of the white, flaky snow.

Traffic was somewhat disrupted due to a coat of ice on all roads, and many travelers were stopped completely, fearing to take chances on driving under these conditions.

The temperature fell to a new low Wednesday night, but Thursday dawned bright and fair and it remains to be seen if the snow will last more than a few days.

Notified By Army Son Killed In Tennessee

Word was received here on Tuesday morning by Noah Kiddick, colored, of Hertford, Route 2, that his son, Pfc James Riddick, U. S. A., died at Murfreesboro, Tenn., on December 12, as a result of injuries.

No detailed information on the death was forwarded. The soldier's commanding officer, in his telegram, stated that the remains would be shipped here under an escort and said, "The officers and men of this command join me in expressing our sincere sympathy."

Schools Close Dec. 22 For Holiday Vacation

The Perquimans County schools will close for the Christmas holidays on December 22, F. T. Johnson, county superintendent, announced this week, and will re-open Monday, January 3.

This ten-day holiday will be enjoyed by the students and teachers alike, and it is well received, because there was some belief that due to the Thanksgiving holiday, which was given because of trouble with the heating system, there might be a curtailment of the Christmas vacation.

Truck Owners Slow In Applying For First Quarter Gas Rations

New Procedure Followed In Issuing Used Car Gas

Perquimans County truck owners have been slow in applying for their first quarter gasoline ration tickets, according to Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the local rationing board, who today said that truck owners should apply now for first quarter coupons, in order to be assured of having gas tickets beginning January 1st. Some time will be needed for the board to issue these coupons and truck owners, therefore should apply at once.

Mrs. Davenport also called attention to the fact that motorists who sell their car, or trade it for another, must surrender their old gasoline ration book before a new book will be issued for the car. The seller will have to deliver to the buyer a certificate stating that the gas book has been surrendered before another gas book will be issued to the buyer. Individuals affected by this new rule should obtain full information at the local board office.

The ration board issued tire certificates to the following motorists during the past week:

Grade I Passenger Type—W. L. Robertson, tire; R. B. Thach, 2 tires and 2 tubes; C. P. Bell, tire; Alan Holmes, 2 tires; Roscoe Lane, 2 tires; Alvin Gurnea, tire and tube; F. A. Tucci, tire and tube.

Grade III—Glenn Matthews, tire; C. Ashenfelter, tire and tube; Calvin Banks, tire and tube; W. F. White, 2 tires; J. V. Draggie, tire and tube; Wayne Aswell, tire; Nathan Matthews, tire; George Hollowell, tire; E. G. Loftus, tire; Arthur Lane, tire and tube; Mrs. John Krestler, tire; Thomas Cartwright, tire; Joshua Simpson, tire; Addie M. Koffler, 2 tubes; C. E. Matthews, tire; T. E. Rogerson, tire and tube; Foster Moore, tire and tube; E. L. Richoz, tire; A. E. Medfind, tire; W. J. Wilinson, Jr., tire; W. M. Williams, tire and tube; H. H. Perry, 2 tires; Sidney Layden, tire and tube, and John Colgate, tire.

Truck and Tractor—J. H. Newbold, 6 tires and 6 tubes; Wallace Bright, tire and tube; N. C. State Highway, 2 tires and 2 tubes; W. H. Lamb, tire and tube; R. B. Tyler Company, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Major-Loomis Co., 3 tires and 3 tubes; White, Morris and Monds, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Mathews Dail, tire and tube.

Purchase certificates for new bicycles were issued to William Carey, Mrs. L. R. Stallings, Burwell Winslow, James Rountree, Leonard Winslow, Willard Stewart and Dean Fleming.

Navy Announces V-5 Class Now Open To Many Youths 17-18

Thousands of additional high school graduates and seniors, 17 and 18 years of age, were made eligible today for Naval Aviation cadet training next year by the Navy's decision to open enlistments in its V-5 Flight Training program to 17-year-old Seniors who would graduate by March 1, 1944. Because few southern schools have mid-year graduation, many current seniors in this area were ineligible for enlistment until the new policy was adopted today, opening V-5 to next June's graduates.

Announcement of the new enlistment plan was made by Rear Admiral William H. Allen, Director of Naval Officer Procurement, in Atlanta, who said the only age limitations will concern 17-year-old Seniors who will reach their 18th birthday prior to January 1, 1944. They will become eligible, he said, as soon as they enter their final school semester.

Admiral Allen's announcement was made through Chief J. W. Brown, of the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station at Elizabeth City, N. C., who said all schools in this area are being contacted to acquaint Seniors with details of the V-5 program which calls for intensive flight, ground school, and physical training, qualifying successful cadets for their Navy Wings of Gold and commissions as Ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Brown pointed out that high school Seniors may enlist now and will not be called for training until after their graduation, which is a prerequisite for V-5 instruction.