

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE UPBUILDING OF HERTFORD AND PERQUIMANS COUNTY

Volume X.—Number 52.

Hertford, Perquimans County, North Carolina, Friday, December 24, 1943.

\$1.50 Per Year.

## Perquimans Weekly Presented Award Of Merit For Service

### Certificate Awarded For Part Played In Pulpwood Drive

The Perquimans Weekly has, this week, been awarded a Certificate of Merit as a token of appreciation from the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association for the service it rendered during the recent pulpwood campaign.

The presentation was made by Walter M. Dear, chairman of the committee, who wrote the editor, "while we cannot yet estimate the results of this newspaper campaign in terms of pulpwood production, I believe we can feel justly proud of our record. Your newspaper, with the support of your local pulpwood committee, has performed a patriotic and vital service for our country, and the men who are fighting for its preservation."

Mr. Dear added that even though pulpwood production is coming along in good shape, there should be no slackening in the efforts to get this vital product to mills for conversion into war material, so vitally needed by our armed forces for many uses.

Pulpwood is a vital war material, made scarce by the manpower shortage. Our fighting forces will need it as long as the war lasts, so persons having spare time and available pulpwood should continue to cut it and see that it is shipped to pulpwood mills.

Full information as to specifications and prices can be obtained by writing T. W. Earle, of the North Carolina Pulpwood Company, at Plymouth.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Russians, seemingly feeling out the enemy positions before starting their winter offensive, continue to advance in White Russia, the Germans admitting the abandonment of their bridgehead near Kherson in the lower Dnieper area. The Red Army, also, has smashed at Nazi lines in the Leningrad sector, and reports state that this city, long under siege, may be free at last.

General MacArthur's forces in the Pacific hit hard at Jap installations during the week, more than 400 tons of bombs being dropped on Jap positions in New Britain, and it is reported that the Allies are making determined efforts to oust the Japs from this area. It was announced that the Americans have captured the air-strip at Arawa without meeting opposition.

Reports were current this week that General Marshall will not command the invasion forces from England, scheduled to hit Hitler's Europe. Some authorities say Marshall will remain in Washington as Chief of Staff while General Eisenhower, or some other high officer, will be named to direct the invasion.

Allied airmen continue to bomb German cities and communications during this week. Americans blasted Bremen in a daylight raid and again hit Sofia, capital of Bulgaria. It is reported that the Allies have new fighter planes that can escort heavy bombers to their targets and provide protection against enemy fighters.

American troops won one of the bitterest battles of World War II in capturing San Pietro, in Italy, early this week. The Germans had literally dug themselves into the earth, and the Americans had had fighting to win the town which opens the road to Rome. The troops under General Clark are now entering a wide valley in this area which, it is reported, will permit the use of tanks and other mobile units.

## Services At Holy Trinity Christmas

Celebration of Holy Eucharist will be observed at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at 11 o'clock Christmas morning, the Rev. E. T. Jilson, rector of the church, announced today.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services.



BEST WISHES for an American Christmas

The Publishers of The Perquimans Weekly Wish For Each Reader and Advertiser a Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year

## The Perquimans Weekly

## Sale Of War Bonds Pick Up This Month

Sale of war bonds has increased here this month, as compared with November, R. M. Riddick, chairman of the county finance committee, said today. While it does not look like the county will meet its \$2,000 quota, Mr. Riddick said, sales will be much larger than last month. Much of this is contributed to the fact that many people are buying and giving war bonds as Christmas presents, it is believed.

The local committee is making preliminary plans for conducting the Fourth War Loan Campaign, which will begin about January 18, the chairman is planning to attend a regional meeting soon and on his return will announce plans for the local drive.

The Treasury Department has already announced that it hopes to sell 14 billion dollars worth of bonds during the Fourth War Loan drive.

## Company Seeks Air Mail Route To Serve This Area Of State

The Hawthorne Airways Company, of Orangeburg, S. C., this week filed an application with the Civil Aeronautics Board for permission to establish air-mail pickup routes in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

Included among the towns to be served is Hertford, which probably would have air mail pickup here by planes passing through, using a plane equipped with a hook which picks up mail while in flight.

The plan this company seeks to use has been tried out in West Virginia and Pennsylvania and has proved successful.

## Still Time To Give To Needy Families

The appeal made last week for contributors to aid the Perquimans Welfare Department in providing Christmas cheer to needy families of this county met with some response, Mrs. Sarah Brinn Perry, Superintendent of the Welfare Department, said Tuesday.

However, she pointed out, there is still time for others to give to this fund to aid in bringing happiness into some homes that would otherwise be dreary unless the Welfare Department provides Santa Claus. Mrs. Perry announced that her office has a list of needy families and interested persons wishing to help provide a cheerful Christmas for these families may obtain information by calling her.

### MRS. MARY JANE BLOW

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Jane Blow, 79, widow of the late A. J. Blow, who died at her home in Bethel Township on Friday afternoon, were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the graveside in the family plot in Washington County.

Surviving is one son, T. C. Blow, of this county.

## Special Christmas Program At Baptist Church Sunday Evening

A special Christmas program is planned for Sunday night, December 26, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Hertford Baptist Church, the Rev. Howard G. Dawkins pastor, announced today. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, will present a program of Christmas music.

The Rev. Mr. Dawkins stated that the church is now undergoing a complete renovation, and it is felt that the church will be one of the most beautiful in Eastern North Carolina when the work is finished. He issued a cordial invitation to all to attend and worship at the Baptist Church.

The pastor prays God's blessing upon every member of this community during the Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.

According to the Rev. Mr. Dawkins, the church has enjoyed one of the best years in its history. It has had over fifty additions during the year, the building debt has been paid and over three thousand dollars has been spent on the church property. The pastor added, "We give God credit for all the blessings of the year. We are thankful for the interest and work of every member. We seem to be growing in every aspect of our church work."

## Hertford Stores To Close For Christmas

Christmas will be observed here completely Saturday. All stores will be closed as will be all county, State and Government offices. The merchants will close their stores Friday night and remain closed until Monday.

The postoffice will also be closed all day, however, mail will be received and dispatched.

The public is reminded that there are only two more shopping days until Christmas... so one must hurry if shopping isn't complete.

## Producers May Sell Peas For Planting

Peanut growers may sell farmers stock peanuts of the 1943 crop to other producers for planting, according to an announcement by E. M. Johnson, manager of the Growers Peanut Cooperative, Inc., who quoted an amendment to Commodity Credit Corporation Order No. 4, as his source of authority.

The amendment permits one producer to sell farmers' stock peanuts to another "for planting by or for him." The buyer can not, however, Johnson said, buy the peanuts for seed and then re-sell them for seed.

While there is no stipulation as to the quantity of peanuts a grower may sell for this purpose and no fixed scale related to the quantity a producer may buy, Johnson said they are assured permission to buy enough to fill their needs.

## FIRE DESTROYS BROODER HOUSE AND CHICKS

A brooder house, owned by C. P. Quincy, of Chapanoke, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. In the house were 900 chicks, which were also burned.

## Warmer Weather In Wake Winter Blast

The rising temperatures of the past few days, following the frigid blasts of winter which began last week, have all but cleared the ground of snow and the highways of ice, which seriously impeded traffic last Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Warmer weather was noticed Sunday and continued clear and fair skies are expected to prevail throughout the next few days, at least. The heavy snow and intense cold of last week caused a demand for coal and fuel, and had most every home fire burning at full blast. The condition of highways caused the Board of Education to cancel the Christmas holiday for the county schools, and forced the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation to suspend its schedule for part of the time. Buses resumed full service last Saturday.

## Midnight High Mass At St. Ann's Church

In solemn and joyful celebration of the anniversary of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and founder of the Catholic Church, the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered three times Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in St. Ann's Church, corner of N. Broad and Albemarle Streets, Edenton; the second at 8:45 a. m., at Harvey Point Air Station; the third at Windsor Prisoners of War Labor Camp at 4:30 p. m., stated the Reverend Father Francis J. McCourt, Pastor and Chaplain. Everybody invited to St. Ann's.

The first and third Masses will be Missa Cantata de Angelis (Sung Mass of the Angels) in centuries old Gregorian chant accompanied by music, with traditional Christmas hymns, Holy Communion at all the services, each preceded by confessions, with sermon during Masses on "Christ's Mass, or It's the Mass That Matters."

A remarkably faithful miniature reproduction in figures of the first Christmas will be on display in St. Ann's from Midnight Mass to January 13. Sundays, Mass H. P. Air Station, 8:45 a. m.; St. Ann's, 11 a. m., and Windsor Prisoners of War Labor Camp, 4:30 p. m.

## Funeral Services For Mrs. Sarah E. Winslow

Mrs. Sarah E. Winslow, 55, wife of Ira Winslow, died suddenly at her home in the Belvidere community on Wednesday night, December 15, about 7:30 o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted last Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Up-River Friends Church by Mrs. Bertha Smith White and Mrs. Mary Winslow.

Interment was made in the family cemetery.

Surviving, besides the husband, are two daughters, Mrs. Mattie J. Winslow and Miss Gertrude L. Winslow, and two brothers, T. O. and Luther Bundy.

## Dental Society Seeks Site For Marker To Honor Dr. John Harris

### Known as the Father Of Modern Dentistry; Died Here

The North Carolina Dental Society, co-operating with the Ohio State Dental Society, is seeking a site in the town of Hertford to erect a marker to the honor of Dr. John Harris, who has been termed the "father of modern dentistry," according to Mayor V. N. Dargatzis, who stated this week that he had received a letter from Paul Fitzgerald, chairman of the committee, asking for a suitable site upon which to place the marker.

In his letter, Mr. Fitzgerald said, "Dr. Harris was born in the State of Ohio, he practiced both medicine and dentistry there and founded a college to teach both medicine and dentistry."

As was the custom of the time, Dr. Harris engaged in itinerant practice and made visits to the Albemarle sections. On one of these visits to Hertford, his death occurred on July 26, 1849, and he is buried in a cemetery here.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that the societies had raised a sum of \$50 for the purchase of the marker and for its erection and said if a suitable site, preferably on Church Street, could be arranged, the societies hoped to erect the marker in the fall of 1944.

He added that it is hoped to have a meeting in this vicinity of the Fifth District of North Carolina Dental Society at about the time the marker is unveiled.

## New Hours Set For Ration Offices

Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Perquimans Ration Board, announced Monday that beginning immediately the hours during which the board will remain open are now as follows: 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a. m. to 12 p. m., Saturday. These new hours were recommended by State officials in Raleigh, and are set in order to give the clerks of the Board ample time to complete all reports which must be made out in the office.

The formation Board will meet this Saturday, as usual, but will meet again Wednesday, in order for the purpose of issuing certificates.

The certificates issued during the past week were:

Grade I—Dessinger, Thomas Woods, tire; J. P. Chesson, Jr., tire; Norman Galt, tractor tire; Nathan Sawyer, tire; E. S. Johnson, tire and tube; J. E. Foster, tire and tube; Kenneth Miller, tire and tube; Robert Beach, tire and tube; E. L. Winslow, tire; J. H. Stallings, tire.

Grade III—Willie Moore, tire and tube; Percy Winslow, tire and tube; V. C. Lane, tire and tube; William Robertson, tire; W. H. Winslow, tire and tube; Stephen Vaughan, 2 tires; Henry Shields, tire; J. E. Twine, tube, and C. C. Mansfield, tube.

Truck Type—Perquimans Board of Education, 6 tires and 6 tubes; F. C. White, tire and tube; J. H. Towle, tire and tube; Joe Harrell, tire; White & Hefren, tire and tube, and W. S. Evans, 2 tractor tires and 2 tubes.

It was announced that the local Board now has a supply of bulletins on prices for corn seed potatoes and mixed fertilizers. Interested farmers may obtain a copy by calling at the offices.

## Sale Of Christmas Seals Progressing Nicely, Chairman Says

Mrs. I. A. Ward, chairman of the Perquimans County Christmas Seals campaign, stated this week that sales of the Seals are progressing nicely, and it is believed that when complete reports are in from all solicitors that the county will have more than met its goal.

The heavy snow last week somewhat hindered the solicitors from making a complete canvass of all prospective buyers, but it is thought the canvass will be made before the end of this week.

### BANK TO BE CLOSED SATURDAY AND MONDAY

R. M. Riddick, cashier of the Hertford Banking Company, stated today that the local bank will be closed Saturday and Monday, all day, in observance of the Christmas holiday. The bank will reopen on Tuesday morning.

## Sixty-five Colored Selectees Ordered Report Induction

### Contingent to Leave on December 30; Calls For Jan. Unknown

The largest contingent of selectees ordered for induction from Perquimans County in recent months will leave here for Fort Bragg on December 30. Sixty-five Negro registrants have been ordered to report for induction on that date. In addition to the 65, the local Board has ordered three transfers from other counties to leave from here.

Of the 65 men called, 30 are registrants who have previously been turned down because of venereal disease. These men have been recalled on Army orders.

The men ordered for induction next week are: Leroy Sutton, William Edward White, Nelson Gilliam, Percy Hurdle, Vann Stepany, Roland Felton, Ellis Radick, John Parker, Jr., Herbert Winslow, William Smith, Leroy Gipson, Carrie Lowder, David Pierce, Charles Mason, Willie Woodard, Willis Stepany, Charlie Hurdle, James Smith, Joseph Gordon, Lula Jones, Madison Boone, Tom Green, Fred Revell, George Holley, Charlie Midgett, Charlie Dance, Benjamin Wooten, Finley Lloyd, Andrew Welch, Thomas Smith, Henley Perry, Robert Lightfoot, Ernest Stepany, James Green, William M. White, Thadus Elliott, Charlie Ruter, Henry Whedlow, Clinton Ferebee, Dennis Boone, Milton Felton, William Reed, William L. White, Grant Dail, Hilton Elliott, James Washington, Joseph Bates, Thomas Johnson, Lloyd Wiggins, McKinley Jones, Fred Forehand, James Whitehurst, Edward Holley, John Tucker, Jr., Norman Cooper, John Webb, Jr., Jesse Felton, William Bryant, Horace White, Horace Goodwin, Lemmie Jones, Charles Dail, Ernest A. Phelps, Henry Wiggins and George Jones.

This will be the largest contingent of selectees from this county in the past year, Mrs. R. M. Riddick, cashier of the Board, stated.

Five white selectees will be called for induction on January 1, 1944. These are: William M. White, 2070 to examine for venereal disease, Edward S. Johnson, 1904, and Fredson H. Jones, 1904, all of the Army, and one of the Navy.

Reports to the Board also indicate that the following are also called for induction on January 1, 1944:

## Schools Close Early For Holidays; Court Games Cancelled

Following the heavy snow storm of last Wednesday, which made roads almost impassable, F. T. Johnson, county superintendent of schools, moved up the date of the Christmas holidays, and all schools closed last Wednesday afternoon, instead of waiting until the announced date of December 22.

Mr. Johnson stated that the schools will reopen for classes on Wednesday, December 29, and all students are requested to note this reopening date.

The high school basketball games with Edenton, scheduled for last week were also called off, due to the traveling conditions, and these games will be played sometime after New Year. Coach Howard Dawkins of the girls' team and Coach Max R. Campbell, of the boys' team, have suspended practice until after the holidays.

Tentative plans call for two games for the Indians with teams stationed at Harvey Point during the week of January 3.

## Recorder's Court In Brief Session Tuesday

The Perquimans County Recorder's Court had one of its shortest sessions of the year on Tuesday morning, when only two cases were heard by Judge Charles Johnson.

J. H. Hughes, Negro, plead guilty to driving without a license and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

William Harrell entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding and was fined \$10 and costs of court.

The State took a nol pro in cases charging Eugene Dail, Andrew Welch, Howard Spence and Charlie Holley, all colored, with vagrancy.

Two cases were continued until the next term of court.