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FSA FAMILIES COOPERATING TO AID PRODUCTION OF FOOD FOR FREEDOM

Report Shows Splendid Results Obtained In Year Just Ended

Once again a demonstration of true cooperation of Americans was seen at the Agricultural Building in Hertford on January 20, when 11 of 27 farm families who are buying their farms through the Farm Security Administration met at the request of the County FSA supervisor, A. Houson Edwards, to hold their annual meeting for 1943.

It was during this meeting that true cooperation of Americans came in.

The families were apparently so interested in their opportunity to become farm owners through the FSA program that they participated in the Farm and Home management discussions in such a way as to make the meeting a highlight of their year's effort to produce food and feed crops to help lick the Axis. A summary of their record for the year showed that instead of the regular scheduled payments of \$6,063.48, that they needed to pay for 1943 land payments, they actually paid \$13,540.19. This is 223 per cent of what was due. Not a single family is to pay less than a schedule payment. One family paid over \$1,700 on their farm, and several paid more than \$1,000.

Mr. Edwards told the group that in spite of false rumors to the contrary, there would be several families paying for their farms in full in the next five to ten years in the present rate of progress. He emphasized the fact that their record for 1943 was true evidence that they were cooperating with the Government in increasing food production and climbing the ladder to farm ownership.

Several merchants of Hertford showed their cooperation with the FSA families by contributing prizes, such as bags of dairy feed, fertilizer, hammers, bush hooks, floor mops, etc., which were awarded to several families during the meeting.

The families present were so pleased to know that others were interested enough in what they are doing to give prizes that they expressed themselves as willing to do an even better job of farming and home-making in 1944. In addition, they plan to set up a few committees among themselves to work out plans for conducting their annual meeting for 1944 that will show other farmers, merchants and business men of Perquimans just what they have accomplished during this year.

Small Number Tire Certificates Issued By Rationing Board

The Perquimans Ration Board issued certificates to 33 motorists for the purchase of tires and tubes, at a meeting last Saturday, according to Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Board.

Grade I Passenger Certificates went to Jeremiah Creecy, 2 tires and 2 tubes; C. W. Hayes, 2 tires and 2 tubes; S. D. Snyder, tire and tube; J. D. Chappell, tire and tube; Chas. E. Johnson, tire and tube; B. F. Almaley, tire and tube; Isaac Lowe, tire and tube; Andrew Dale, tire and tube; Wallace Bright, tire and tube; L. R. Webb, tire and tube; Willie Lamb, tire and tube; Julia Weston, tire and tube.

Grade III—W. W. Layden, tire and tube; Levy White, 2 tires; W. D. Landing, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Johnson Downing, tire and tube; J. T. Lane, tire; J. B. Corbett, tire and tube; W. S. Hardie, 2 tires; Charlie Mullen, tire; A. J. Smith, 2 tires; Margaret Jordan, tire, and W. E. Spruill, tire and tube.

Truck and Implement Type—Major Loomis, 3 tires and 3 tubes; Nathan Riddick, tire and tube; Hollowell Dean, 3 tires and 2 tubes; J. H. Tate, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Wallace Bright, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Alphonso Dale, 2 tires and 2 tubes; John Hardie, tire and tube; Jack Brinn, 4 tires and 2 tubes; Milton Dail, Jr., 4 tires and 2 tubes; and E. P. Robertson, 1 tube.

Union Services At Baptist Church Sunday

Union services will be held at the Hertford Baptist Church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, the Rev. H. G. Dawkins, pastor, announced today.

The Rev. C. C. Reavis, pastor of the Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Awards For Services To Be Made Observers At Meeting Friday

J. S. Vick, chief observer of the Hertford Observation Post, stated today that a meeting of the observers will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the courthouse for the purpose of awarding service badges to members of the local post.

These awards will be presented by Lt. David Skinner, U. S. Army, who will also show a motion picture entitled "The Battle of Britain."

The public is invited to attend the ceremonies and to view the picture which will follow the presentation of the badges.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Reports from Italy indicate the Germans are withdrawing their troops from the battle line in Southern Italy to offset the surprise landing of last Saturday south of Rome, to avoid a trap along the 5th and 8th Armies' line. American forces, on entering Cassino Tuesday, found this German stronghold completely deserted. The Allies are reported to be only 14 miles from Rome, having cut across the Apennine Way, an important communication line for the Germans fighting in the south.

The landing last Saturday at the small town of Nettuno caught the Nazis off guard and the beach head was established with little fighting on the part of the Americans under General Mark Clark. However, the Germans have since moved reinforcements into the area and are counter-attacking, as was expected. It is believed, however, the Allies have the beachhead firmly established and will hold it in spite of any measures taken by the Germans. Reports from Rome state that the Germans are leaving Rome, moving their headquarters some 80 miles to the north as a precaution against the Holy City falling to Allied forces.

Red Army troops are continuing to snarl German transportation lines in the Leningrad sector and are gradually gaining additional territory in the Northern battle. It seems the Russians are attempting to encircle the Nazis now fighting a delaying action in the territory around Leningrad and in the small Baltic States. Sharp fighting is reported in the Ukraine area of Russia, where the Nazis are attempting to hold the Reds in their drive toward Rumania.

American and British armies continue around-the-clock bombing of Northern France and Germany, hitting at rocket gun emplacements in France and industrial centers in Germany. Berlin continues to receive heavy blows from the RAF and it is reported more than 25 per cent of the city has now been destroyed.

The United States, this week, refusing to recognize the new pro-Axis government of Bolivia, recalled our ambassador from La Paz. This action was taken possibly as a warning to Argentina, the only other South American country which has failed to cooperate fully with the Allies. Reports from Argentina, this week, indicate a change may be under way there, as newspapers hint that Argentina may break off diplomatic relations with the Axis.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Ella M. Umphlett

Mrs. Ella Mae Umphlett, 68, died at her home at New Hope Thursday morning, January 20, at 3:45 o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. J. D. Cranford.

Surviving are her husband, D. C. Umphlett; six sons, Wallace Umphlett of Norfolk, Va., Hoyt and Charles Umphlett of Hertford, Clyde Umphlett of Petersburg, Va., and Haywood Umphlett of the U. S. Army, and a daughter, Mrs. H. G. Thatch of Hertford. Five grandchildren also survive.

Burial was made in the New Hope Church Cemetery.

MASONS TO MEET

Perquimans Lodge, No. 108, A. F. & A. M., will hold their regular communication Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, in their lodge room in the Courthouse building.

Local Draft Board Receives Quota For 11 Negro Selectees

No Calls For White Men In February; New Ruling In Effect

Eleven Colored selectees will be ordered to report at the local draft office for pre-induction physical examinations on February 8, it was announced this week by Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, who stated that the local office had been ordered to fill this call for Negro registrants, but as yet had received no calls for white men during next month.

Mrs. Sumner said that information had been released that white calls will be issued for the early part of the month, and it is likely that since no quota has been received to date, Perquimans County will not be called on to furnish white registrants during February.

Effective next Tuesday, the new system of giving selective service registrants pre-induction examinations at the reception centers before ordering them for induction will be in force. The eleven Negroes will be given their examinations, then sent back home, and if they pass the examination, will await calls for beginning their military training.

It is the hope of Selective Service that under this system a large manpower pool will be built up and that each man accepted for service will be given a longer stay at home than the 21 days now permitted.

Another contingent of white selectees left Hertford Tuesday for Fort Bragg for final examinations prior to induction.

Six Negroes out of nine, who left here on January 14 to fill the Colored call for this month, were accepted for service and these men will be called for duty about February 1. The men accepted were: Roy Sutton, Charlie Skinner, John Webb, Jr., Oscar Green, Horace Jones and Arthur Jones.

The Perquimans local board has been studying carefully the regulations under which the system will operate, beginning next month, and are reviewing files of registrants, reclassifying them according to the regulations.

Cafe Operator Fined For Violation Of Public Health Laws

Thelma Spivey, Negro, was found guilty in Recorder's Court here this week for operating a cafe without a public health permit. It was the first case of its kind heard in Recorder's Court since the opening of the Perquimans Health Department, which supervises sanitation and general health conditions in cafes.

The charge against the defendant was brought by Mr. Miles, Sanitation Officer. Judge Charles E. Johnson found the operator guilty and assessed court costs, and ordered the cafe to suspend business until the health laws are complied with.

Other cases disposed of in Recorder's Court Tuesday were those of Wiley Tillery, Negro, who entered a plea of guilty to speeding. He paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Ralph Fain was found guilty of failing to pay a board and room bill and was taxed with court costs and ordered to pay the bill.

Edgar Robertson paid a fine of \$10 and costs, after pleading guilty to exceeding the speed law.

Bennie Sawyer entered a plea of guilty to driving without a license and paid the costs of court.

Benjamin Chappell was fined \$10 and costs, after pleading guilty to speeding.

Seven cases, mostly traffic violations, were set for hearing at the next term of court.

Catholic Religious Services Scheduled

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered every Sunday first at Harvey Point Air Station at 8:45 a. m., second in St. Ann's Church, corner of N. Broad and Albemarle Streets, Edenton, at 11 a. m., and third at Windsor Prisoners of War Labor Camp at 4:30 p. m. Confessions start half-hour and end five minutes before each service, which includes Sermon and Holy Communion and concludes in 45 minutes, stated the Reverend Father Francis J. McCourt, Pastor and Chaplain.

Everybody invited to all St. Ann's Services.

Dance Tonight Heads Infantile Paralysis Drive For This Week

Affair Expected to Put Perquimans Substantially Over the Top

A public dance, to be held tonight (Friday) at Walker's, will highlight this week's activity on the part of the Perquimans committee in charge of the infantile paralysis campaign.

The dance, which will begin at 9 o'clock, has been arranged by Mrs. B. G. Koonce, chairman of the committee, and a group of young ladies named last week by Mrs. Koonce to assist her in holding the affair.

The drive in this county to raise funds for the Infantile Paralysis movement is meeting with much success, Mrs. Koonce stated this week. More than \$250 has been contributed by local residents toward the county's quota of \$292, and the committee is hopeful that when the drive closes here on January 31 more than \$300 will have been reported.

Collections taken at the State Theatre, which is also cooperating with the national committee for funds, have been reported as good by Littleton Gibbs, manager of the theatre. The funds, he said, collected at the theatre are reported and turned over to the State committee in Raleigh.

Local people who desire to purchase in advance a ticket for the dance tonight may do so by calling Mrs. Koonce, Miss Virginia White, Miss Grace Knowles or Miss Ruth Elliott.

According to information, the committee expects a large number of couples to attend and an invitation is issued to all to dance tonight . . . that others might walk.

The funds raised here will be used entirely to combat infantile paralysis. Fifty per cent of the amount is retained for use in this county and the balance is used by the national organization.

High School Basket Teams Split Games With Weeksville High

Playing host to the Weeksville High School basketball teams here last Friday night the Perquimans Indians won a one-sided game, while the Squaws lost to the visiting girls' team by a narrow margin.

The Squaws played without the services of one of their stars, Eunice White, and were considerably off on their basket shooting. However, Coach Howard Dawkins stated that the Squaws will undoubtedly be able to win in the return game with Weeksville.

The Indians displayed a better game last week than heretofore, and Coach Max Campbell believes his boys are now on the road to playing a bang-up court game throughout the remainder of the season.

Hitting the basket against Weeksville for a high percentage, the Indians should continue to improve with practice and promise to be one of the best teams in the Albemarle section.

Broughton Dail, George Wood and Dan Berry displayed a fine offensive game against Weeksville, while Jones was best at defensive playing. Thurman White, Gale Winslow, Edward Mayes, Billy White and Charles Skinner are showing great improvement in their playing.

The girls' squad is also showing improvement through practice and the Squaws will be hard to beat before the season closes.

Fayetteville Firm Gets USO Contract

A contract for renovating the W. M. Morgan building on Grubb Street into a USO recreational center has been awarded to the firm of Reinecke Dillehay, Inc., of Fayetteville, Mayor V. N. Darden announced this week.

Mr. Darden was informed that the contract had been let and work is under way this week. It is expected to take about six weeks to complete the task and establish the center.

C. B. BRINN CABLES FRIENDS FROM TURKEY

Mrs. Rosser Brinn has received a cablegram from C. B. Brinn, of Istanbul, Turkey, stating that he is well, and sending best wishes to his friends here.

This is the first message that Mrs. Brinn has had from C. B. in several months.

EXCELLENT RESULTS BEING OBTAINED IN PERQUIMANS WITH 4th WAR LOAN DRIVE

Town Auto Licenses Now On Sale; Must Be Displayed Feb. 15

Automobile owners, living within the Town of Hertford, may now obtain their 1944 town tags by applying at the Town Office, Mayor V. N. Darden stated today.

The small tags have just arrived, delayed almost a month by the material shortage, but the Mayor announced that all car owners must purchase the tags not later than February 15. The police will be instructed to arrest the owner of all cars failing to display the tag by the deadline date.

48-Hour Work Week To Be Continued In Elizabeth City Area

Even though the Elizabeth City Area was removed from the Critical Group I classification of the War Manpower Commission on January 1, 1944, the continuation of the 48-hour work week in the area is required, according to announcement made by P. B. Pollock, Area Director of the War Manpower Commission, on a visit to the Elizabeth City Employment Service Office.

Firms employing eight or more people were called upon to rearrange their work schedule in order to comply with the provisions of the 48-hour work week which was inaugurated in the Elizabeth City Area on November 15, 1943, Mr. Pollock stated.

Generally speaking, the employers in Elizabeth City and the counties of Perquimans, Chowan, Gates, Dare, Camden and Currituck, which comprise the Elizabeth City Area, have cooperated with the War Manpower Commission in adopting the new minimum war-time work week, and it is hoped that the same cooperation will be received in continuing the 48-hour work week.

Requests for exemption from the 48-hour work week may be filed with the Area Director. Employers desiring to file requests should discuss the conditions prompting the request with S. T. Cherry, Manager of the United States Employment Service Office in Elizabeth City, and ask for assistance in filing on the proper War Manpower Commission forms, Area Director Pollock stated.

Negro Loses Life In Highway Accident Saturday Night

A charge of manslaughter, reckless driving and driving while under the influence of liquor has been made against John Armistead, Colored, as the result of an auto accident which cost the life of Pete Harrell, Jr., Negro, last Saturday night at about nine o'clock.

According to Charles Payne, State Highway Patrolman, who investigated the accident and death, a truck owned by the Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., had broken down and was parked on Highway 17 about three miles south of town. The truck was showing lights, Mr. Payne said, when a car driven by Mitchell Spruill and heading south attempted to pass the truck. Armistead, it is alleged, drove his car between the truck and Mitchell's car, colliding with both and severely injuring Harrell, who died as the result of the injuries.

Armistead will be given a hearing in Recorder's Court next Tuesday.

Library Board In Meeting On Tuesday

The County Library Board, in a meeting Tuesday, went on record as favoring the collection of a fine of 2c per day as rental on books kept out over 14 days.

It was announced that circulation of the library reached a peak during November, when 1,559 books were placed in circulation. During December the total fell to 1,137 books in circulation.

The Board announced that some 25 new books have arrived at the library and are now ready for use by patrons.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Garland I. Bullock, of Ayden, formerly of Hertford, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anna Elizabeth, to Captain William Foster Deegan, of Camp LaJeune, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Deegan, of New York City.

The wedding will be solemnized on February 19, at Ayden.

One-half of County's Quota Secured In First Four Days; Committee Busy

War bond sales in Perquimans County during the Fourth War Loan drive reached a total of \$117,485 at the close of the first four days, according to R. M. Riddick, chairman of the County's War Finance Committee.

Total sales of Series E bonds during this period amounted to \$14,485, according to the chairman.

"This response to the appeal to buy bonds is very gratifying," Mr. Riddick said, "but we must not forget we are still a long way from our quota of \$227,000."

He urged every man, woman and child to get behind the drive and help Perquimans "really put this drive over." Pointing out that the school children of the county are doing a magnificent job in contacting parents and neighbors and bringing in applications for war bonds, Mr. Riddick reminded those who gave applications to buy the bonds as soon as possible.

Members of the Hertford Lions and Rotary Clubs report splendid sales of war bonds and both clubs have gone over the top in their attempt to sell \$25,000 worth of bonds. The clubs are expected to far exceed the quota assigned to them.

Much enthusiasm is being displayed by the solicitors and many of them are working to win one of the war bond prizes being offered by the committee during the drive.

The prizes offered during the Fourth War Loan drive have been made possible through contributions by Major-Loomis, The Southern Cotton Oil Co., The Hertford Banking Co., J. C. Blanchard & Co., Hertford Hardware, Winslow-White Motor Co., Hollowell Chevrolet Co., Simon's, W. M. Morgan, Morgan Walker, Darden Bros., Rose's, Central Grocery, Cannon Cleaning Works, Towne Motor Co., Reed Oil Co., and J. W. Ward. The War Finance Committee, this week, urged residents to aid in the bond drive by purchasing every extra war bond possible and to do it soon . . . to help put Perquimans among the counties reaching their quotas at an early date.

Belvidere Resident Passes At Home Mon.

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Layden, 84, of Belvidere, wife of the late John W. Layden, died Monday morning at 1:30 o'clock, at her home.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Up-River Friends Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. J. M. Copeland, Mrs. Thomas R. Winslow and Miss Olive Layden, all of Belvidere, and four sons, Archie Layden of Hobbsville, Charles and Walter Layden of Belvidere, and E. J. Layden of Elizabeth City, Route One.

Pallbearers were: Claude Winslow, Andrew Copeland, Oliver Winslow, Oliver Layden, Howard Layden and Carlton Layden.

Flower girls were: Norma Winslow, Clemma Layden, Eva Ray Winslow, Evelyn Copeland, Lula Mae Layden, Doris Layden, Mary Elizabeth Winslow, Elaine Hendricks, Elizabeth Winslow, Elsie Young, Helen Layden, Katherine Parker and Jewel White.

Burial was made in Up River Friends Church Cemetery.

Bank Directors And Officers Elected At Meeting Last Week

Stockholders of the Hertford Banking Company, at a meeting held on January 18, elected the board of directors for the ensuing year as follows: Dr. E. S. White, W. F. C. Edwards, Charles Whedbee, Dr. T. P. Brinn, Charles E. Johnson, R. M. Riddick, Jr., and W. H. Hardcastle.

Following a meeting of the directors, the officers of the bank were named as follows: Dr. E. S. White, president; R. M. Riddick, Jr., executive vice president; W. F. C. Edwards, vice president; W. H. Hardcastle, cashier; G. R. Tucker, assistant cashier; Mrs. Jocelyn W. Applewhite and Mrs. Frances McMullan Wright, bookkeepers, and Mrs. Agnes T. Bryant, stenographer.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Carter announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Feild, born Thursday, January 20, at the Medical Center, Elizabeth City. Mother and daughter are getting along nicely.