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## SELECTIVE SERVICE DIRECTOR SAYS ALL YOUTHS UNDER 26 MUST BE EXAMINED

### Explains Regulation In Regard to Agriculture Deferments

All registrants under 26 years of age who have not been examined by the Armed Forces within the past 90 days will be ordered to report for pre-induction physical examination, announced General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service. The general stated that local boards have just been furnished directives to that effect and that members of his staff are at present conducting a series of regional conferences to discuss this policy as it affects occupational and agricultural deferments. He pointed out that the directive was for the purpose of accelerating the processes of induction of younger men to meet the urgent needs of the armed services and to provide the Director of Selective Service and employers with information regarding those who are not acceptable for military service.

The State Director advises that registrant, if found acceptable to the armed forces, might still be granted an occupational deferment provided a Form 42-A Special, approved by the State Director having jurisdiction over the principal place of employment, is received by the local board prior to the registrant's actual induction. In view of directives from National Selective Service Headquarters, Metts anticipates that few Forms 42-A Special will be filed, as present indications are that they will be restricted to the following vital war activities: Landing Craft Tires and Tubes, High Tenacity Rayon for War Products, Aircraft Airborne Radar, Rockets, Submarines, Transportation, and possibly a few others.

With regard to agriculture, the general stated that it seems to be the prevailing thought that the withdrawal of the war unit plan for measuring agricultural activities would liberalize farm deferments. Metts stated that the agricultural construction, since the unit system was only a means of measuring the value of the registrant's farming effort in applying the Tydings Amendment, which is still in effect. The Tydings Amendment to the Selective Training and Service Act provides, in general, only that deferments be granted to those registrants who in the judgment of the local boards are regularly engaged in agricultural occupation or endeavor which is essential to the war effort. The general pointed out that the directives which have been issued to the local boards have stressed the National need for

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

While American and British airmen continued to hammer at Nazi targets in Europe, the Red Army on the eastern front captured Odessa, Kerch and other points in the Crimea, and pushed further into the Crimean country of Rumania. High Nazi officers were reported escaping the Red Army by flying out of the Crimean area, but the entire garrison of German troops is reported doomed. American airmen shot 126 German planes out of the skies in a strike against Nazi targets Tuesday. The U. S. armada was reported to be made up of nearly 2,000 bombers and fighter planes.

Fighting on the Italian front continued to be on a small scale, according to headquarters reports. Artillery duels were noted and some activity by Allied and Nazi patrols was reported. The Germans announced early in the week that they expected new landings by Allied forces in Italy, but the Allies have not commented on the Nazi claims.

General Eisenhower, in a tour of American camps in England, told U. S. airmen they had a tough role in the coming invasion plans, to knock the Axis planes from the air. The general stated that the land forces cannot do anything until the German air force has been knocked out. The American airmen have been carrying out a great offensive against the Axis all this week.

General Hatcher, Selective Service Director, announced Wednesday a list of 14 critical occupational fields which will be used as a rule for permitting deferments to men under 26. Men employed in any of these occupations might be deferred, providing the State Director passed upon the application.

## Gregg Cherry Speaks At Legion Meeting

Gregg Cherry, a member of the American Legion and a candidate for Governor of North Carolina, was a guest and speaker at the meeting of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post last Friday night.

Mr. Cherry spoke briefly to the local Legionnaires on problems which will arise upon the return of men now serving their nation during this war. He explained plans for assisting returning veterans to locate employment and urged the local Post to render all possible assistance to this program.

## Recorder's Court In Long Session Trying 11 Cases Tuesday

One of the longest sessions in recent months was held by the Perquimans Recorder's Court here on Tuesday, when Judge Charles E. Johnson heard 11 cases, which carried the court into an afternoon session.

After hearing testimony by State's witnesses, Judge Johnson found probable cause in the hearing charging Percy Winslow with manslaughter. Winslow was placed under bond and bound over for hearing by the Superior Court next week. The case arose from an accident in which Gideon Saunders, of Belvidere, lost his life on March 9.

Much time was consumed in hearing testimony in the case charging Willie D. Rountree with non-support. Judge Johnson found the defendant guilty as charged, but suspended judgment until May 9.

Garner Chappell entered a plea of guilty to assaulting Charles Umphlett, and was sentenced to six months on the roads. Sentence was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs, and the condition that the defendant be of good behavior for one year.

William James paid the costs of court on a charge of speeding.

William Mansfield and Kenneth Jordan were found guilty of larceny and were given a six months' suspended sentence and placed on good behavior for 12 months.

Estee Whitaker, Negro, was assessed court costs for speeding.

Clarence Holt was found guilty of driving drunk and reckless driving. He was given a 60-day suspended road sentence upon payment of a fine of \$75 and costs.

Raymond Felton, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs, after pleading guilty to damaging property.

Booker T. Harrell, Negro, was found not guilty of damaging property.

James Shambles and William Peden, Negroes, were fined \$5 and assessed court costs after pleading guilty to mutual assault.

Several cases unable to be heard Tuesday were continued until the next term of Recorder's Court. Recorder's Court will not be in session next week, recessing for the April term of Superior Court.

## Methodist Church Closed Series Of Meetings Sunday

A most successful series of Holy Week evangelistic services came to a climax at the First Methodist Church in Hertford on Easter Sunday morning. During Holy Week the pastor, the Rev. B. C. Reavis, preached a series of forceful and helpful sermons on the general theme, "The Cross of Christ," leading up to the morning worship service Sunday when he used as his subject, "Living Certainties and Deathless Assurance." Present at this service was one of the largest congregations ever known in the history of the church. Special music was rendered by the junior and senior choirs and by L. E. Langford as guest soloist. A large group of people was received into the membership of the church and a "Love Offering" for more than a thousand dollars was received.

As the result of the "Love Offering" and other contributions made to the same cause since Sunday a debt of long standing will be paid for the church and the note will be officially "burned at the altar" at the service next Sunday morning. The remainder of the money will be used to improve the educational building of the church.

## Large Contingent Of White Men To Leave For Examination Saturday

### Draft Board Preparing For Future Calls of Youths Under 26

The largest number of white men ordered to report for pre-induction examinations will leave here Saturday morning for Fort Bragg, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local draft board, stated Wednesday.

The group, 40 in number, is composed almost entirely of youths under 26 years of age. This is in line with recent Selective Service directives ordering local boards to fill all calls with men under that age, or those engaged in work not contributing to the war effort.

Directives issued to local boards over the past week-end may affect the list of registrants ordered to report for examination this week, but Mrs. Sumner stated that it is unlikely. The men ordered to report Saturday are: Ashton Colson, Vernon Perry, Carl Winslow, Elwood Perry, Willie Morris, Marion Copeland, Ernest Melvin Winslow, Dockey Cartwright, Marvin Suthard, Garland Stallings, Charlie Umphlett, Dennis Renfro, Roscoe Lane, Joseph Mills, Lloyd White, Clarence White, William Blanchard, Gailley Lee Chappell, Lloyd Bagley, Walton Wood, Russell Willis, Hazel Mathews, James Baker Raymond Godfrey, George Chappell, Charles E. White, Jr., Quinton Stallings, McMullan White, Elliott Layden, Clyde Russell, Ernest Morgan, Thomas Chappell, Emerson Asbell, Milton Dail, Jr., Jesse Winslow, Amos Lane, Joseph Smith, Rolla White, Lloyd Lane, Wallace Chappell, Melvin Rogerson, Walter Trueblood, and Levi Goodwin. Two transfers, Ernest Miller and Walter Calcut, will also leave with the local group.

Two induction calls for the Navy will be filled on April 14 and 15. Earl Riddick will report to the Navy induction office on April 14, and Perry White, Negro, will report on the 15th. Both have been accepted for service.

The local board, preparing to fill future calls for youths under 26 years of age, have now postponed reviewing files of registrants above that age and are concentrating on the classification of registrants from 18 to 26. Heavy calls are expected from both the Army and the Navy for men to serve in combat duty, after receiving training.

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## Final Rites For Mrs. Annie Stokes Jessup Conducted Sunday

Mrs. Annie Stokes Jessup, 72, widow of the late Joshua Jessup, died at her home on Front Street last Friday morning at 6:30 o'clock, following an illness of one week.

Mrs. Jessup was a life-long resident of Perquimans, and she passed away just one year after the death of her late husband. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Hertford Methodist Church by the Rev. B. C. Reavis.

The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. The casket was covered with a pall of white lilies and carnations.

Surviving are two grandchildren, Henry Clay Sullivan and Mrs. Andrew D. Taylor; one sister, Mrs. J. W. Darden; two brothers, J. R. and H. C. Stokes, and three great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were Henry Clay Stokes, V. N. Darden, Alvin White, T. L. Jessup and Willis Jessup.

Honorary pallbearers were: J. R. Jarvis, Moody Mathews, C. F. Sumner, T. B. Sumner, W. H. Pitt, J. H. Towe, W. B. Tucker and George A. White.

Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

CENTRAL P. T. A. MEETING 8 O'CLOCK MONDAY NIGHT

## Political Front Is Quiet, Candidates Must File Saturday

### Election Board Names Registrars and Judges For Primary

Unlike the campaign two year ago, when a record number of candidates sought local offices the 1944 political front in Perquimans County is exceedingly quiet. Only three candidates had filed their names with the chairman of the Board of Elections up to Wednesday noon.

These candidates, Charles E. Johnson, who was the first to file, seeks reappointment to the office as Recorder's Court Judge; J. W. Ward has filed as a candidate for the office of Register of Deeds, and W. E. Dail has filed as a candidate for the Board of Education.

L. N. Hollowell, chairman of the Board of Elections, stated that six o'clock Saturday, April 15, is the deadline for candidates to file their names for any office, subject to the primary to be held May 27.

There is little talk about politics throughout the county, and it seems there will be few if any races for county offices.

The Board of Elections, in a meeting held last week, named registrars and judges for the primary. The Board announced that registration books will be open on April 29, May 6 and 13.

Registrars and judges named by the Board were:

Belvidere—J. M. Copeland, registrar; Carroll Ward and Walter Nowell, judges.

Bethel—E. Y. Berry, registrar; C. T. Phillips and Arthur Jordan, judges.

Hertford—Mrs. B. G. Koonce, registrar; Nate Relfe and Jack Brinn, judges.

New Hope—Mrs. W. E. Dail, registrar; D. Banks and C. W. Umphlett, judges.

Nicanor—R. M. Baker, registrar; J. A. Riddick and T. M. Twine, judges.

Parkville—Ray Elliott, registrar; A. R. Winslow, Jr., and Bryant Miller, judges.

Men who are absent from the county, due to military service may vote in the primary by writing the chairman of the Board of Elections and requesting a ballot.

## USO Center Opened Wednesday, Services Postponed To May 7

After several days delay, the Hertford USO Center was officially early this week to assist Mr. Hill service men on Wednesday night of this week.

The USO is directed by Edgar J. Hill and the local committee headed by Miss Mae Wood Winslow. All committees are reported as doing a splendid job for the opening.

Edward J. Rousheim, field representative for the USO, arrived here opened as a recreational center for with the opening and to direct the activity at the center while Mr. Hill is away for a few days arranging to move his family to Hertford.

Due to some delay in receiving all furnishings for the center and have it complete, the dedication services, tentatively set for Sunday afternoon, have been postponed until Sunday, May 7. The Rev. B. C. Reavis stated he would announce the program for the special service soon.

## Appointed To Aid In Home Service Work

The Rev. E. T. Jilson, chairman of the Perquimans County Red Cross Home Service division, announced this week that the Rev. B. C. Reavis and C. P. Morris have been appointed to aid the Home Service in two important positions.

The Rev. Mr. Reavis will have charge of the Red Cross Home Service work connected with the details dealing with prisoners of war. Estimates indicate that from now on more boys will be captured as war prisoners, and parents notified by the government that sons have been captured should contact the Rev. Mr. Reavis for further details.

Mr. Morris is to have charge of the department dealing with loans to families where the father of the family has been inducted into service, thus necessitating a loan until service benefits are received.

## APRIL TERM SUPERIOR COURT EXPECTED CONSUME MUCH TIME HERE NEXT WEEK

### Rotary To Entertain H. S. Basketball Teams

The Hertford Rotary Club will entertain the boys' and girls' basketball teams of Perquimans County High School at a banquet to be held at the High School next Tuesday night at 6:15 o'clock.

The banquet will be given by the Rotarians as a tribute to the boys and girls for the splendid record achieved during the past basketball season. The Perquimans Indians, winners of the Albemarle Rural Championship, won 14 games and lost three. The girls' squad won 7 games and lost 7.

## Revival Services At Baptist Church To Begin April 23rd

A series of revival services will be held at the Hertford Baptist Church, beginning April 23, and running through May 8, the Rev. Howard G. Dawkins, pastor of the church, announced today.

The Rev. W. W. Finlator has been secured to be guest preacher for the services. He is a young, sincere, spiritual gospel preacher who is expected to bring a real message to those attending.

The Rev. Mr. Dawkins in announcing the services, issued a special invitation to all the people of this community to attend the revival. Two services will be conducted each day, and all are urged to attend each service to hear the word of God.

The Baptist Church observed its 90th anniversary on Easter Sunday, and one of the largest attendance was on hand for the morning worship. During the evening services, C. R. Holmes delivered a talk dealing with the history of the church during its 90 years. It was most interesting and was well received.

According to the history, the church ranks 403 in size of membership among the 2,644 Baptist churches in North Carolina. One hundred and sixty have memberships in excess of 500. As reported by the State Office for Missions, the local church ranked 125th in gifts during 1943. During 1942 this rank was 233rd. The church is making much progress along the line of gifts and additions. Fifty additions were received in 1943.

The church was happy to have a part in gifts of musical instruments to the boys overseas. It donated one of the two sets given from this of the two sets given from this county.

Mr. Dawkins announced that Miss Dorothy Elliott has been employed as Educational Director for the summer months.

The history of the church during its 90 years of service will be published by this paper at an early date.

## April War Bond Quota Is \$19,110; Fifth War Loan Bonds Announced

R. M. Riddick, chairman of the Perquimans County War Finance Committee, announced this week that he had been notified that the April War Bond quota for this county will be the same as last month, \$19,110. He issued an appeal to local residents to purchase war bonds during April to help finance the many drives our armed forces are making toward victory.

The chairman also announced that he had received notice that six series of bonds will be offered for sale during the Fifth War Loan, which begins June 12 and runs through July 8. Included in the list of bonds to be offered are the Series E, F, and G bonds, the Series C saving notes, 2½ per cent bonds of 1965-70; 2 per cent bonds of 1962-64; 1½ per cent notes of 1947, and 7-8 per cent Certificates of Indebtedness.

No quota for the Fifth War Loan has been announced as yet.

### RECEIVES PROMOTION

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Hollowell have been informed that their son, Robert Hollowell, U. S. N. R., has been promoted from lieutenant (jg) to Lieutenant. Lieut. Hollowell and Mrs. Hollowell are now stationed in New York.

### RECEIVES PROMOTION

Edward M. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Parker, Edenton, Route 2, and a graduate of Perquimans High School, has been promoted to Chief Petty Officer.

## Total of 28 Cases Listed On Docket; Judge Leo Carr to Preside

The April Term of Perquimans County Superior Court which opens here Monday morning with Judge Leo Carr presiding is expected to consume considerable time in clearing the criminal and civil dockets of cases listed.

The docket includes 13 criminal cases of which two defendants will be heard on charges of manslaughter, and two on charges of breaking and entering. These four cases are expected to take more time for hearing than the balance of the criminal docket. Of the 14 cases listed on the civil docket, nine are actions for divorce, and these are not expected to consume much of the court's time.

The cases on breaking and entering were transferred here from Chowan County and charge William Rhinehart and George Roche with the crime. Chowan authorities apprehended the two defendants and found sufficient evidence to hold the pair for hearing.

Jurors drawn for service at the April Term of Court are: Reddin Ivey, Carson Monds, C. W. Umphlett, Charlie Umphlett, Elmer Ward, J. E. Proctor, William Small, Thomas Eure, Oscar White, Joseph Rogerson, Jesse Stanton, J. C. Bundy, C. E. Cannon, Elisha Winslow, Joe White, A. Houston Edwards, N. C. Spivey, J. R. Roach, Kenneth Miller, H. C. West, C. A. Butt, J. W. Hampton, Murray Elliott, Norman Stallings, W. A. Cartwright, W. L. Wood, Jr., James Carver, Walter Monds, W. E. Dail, J. W. Ferrell, A. P. Stallings, L. A. Proctor, J. E. Lane, Roy W. Lane and Archie Baccus.

The two manslaughter cases to be heard are those of Percy Winslow, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Gideon Saunders, who died in an automobile accident near Belvidere early in March.

The other is the case charging John Armstead, Negro, with causing the death of another Negro in an accident on the Edenton Highway when a car driven by Armstead struck a truck.

## Red Cross War Fund Chairman Says Drive Will Close Saturday

### County Needs \$471 to Reach Goal; People Urged to Give

Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman of the Perquimans County Red Cross War Fund drive, announced Wednesday that the committee will bring the 1944 War Fund drive to a close Saturday night, despite the fact that present indications are that the county will fail to meet its 1944 quota, unless a number of additional contributions are made today and tomorrow.

The chairman, in making the announcement as to the close of the drive, stated that total contributions, up to Wednesday noon, amounted to \$4,828, thus leaving \$472 still to be raised, if Perquimans County is to meet its quota.

The committee, ever hopeful that the people of Perquimans will not let the Red Cross down, issued one last appeal for additional contributions to swell the sum past the \$5,300 quota. The War Fund drive officially closed fourteen days ago, but the local committee has continued the drive in the hope of raising the quota assigned this county.

The response to the 1944 Red Cross War Fund here has not been enthusiastic, possibly due to the inclement weather at the opening of the drive when solicitors were slowed down with the work. However, other counties of this area have reported quotas completed and local officials of the Red Cross feel that the people of Perquimans will add to the total already received and push the Fund over the top by tomorrow night.

## Edgar Fields Named As Town Tax Lister

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford met in a short session Monday night and appointed Edgar Fields to serve as the town tax collector for this year.

With only routine business up for action by the Board, the meeting was one of the shortest held this year.