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Polio Committee Scheduled To Meet Monday For Survey

No Cases In County; Facts Made Known By Foundation

The Polio Committee, appointed by the County Board of Health and composed of Drs. T. P. Brinn, C. A. Davenport, I. A. Ward, A. B. Bonner and D. C. Hackett, is scheduled to hold a meeting next Monday for the purpose of discussing the situation as it pertains to this county and possibly make a recommendation as to a date for opening county schools. The recommendation in regards to opening of schools, however, is expected to hinge upon action taken by the State Board of Education at a meeting held in Raleigh on Thursday.

According to a check made this week with local doctors, and despite numerous rumors to the contrary, there are no cases of infantile paralysis in Perquimans.

Reports from other sections of the State, however, show that the disease is still raging in epidemic proportion and it is believed that the Board of Health recommendation for the restriction of children will be continued for the time being.

In connection with the epidemic, which has hit heavily in Western North Carolina, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has issued a booklet on facts about the disease. This booklet points out that the medical profession has not yet complete knowledge of the way in which the disease spreads, its prevention and treatment or cure. The symptoms vary from the most severe symptoms and even fatal results to those so mild that a diagnosis is difficult. The onset of the disease is sudden. There may be a slight fever, sore throat, head cold, nausea, and pain or distress in the upper abdominal region may occur. Loss of appetite is also noticed. Persons are warned to keep a close watch for symptoms especially during epidemics.

Polio is much more prevalent during summer and fall than at other times, and one theory has it that polio spreads from person to person. However, there may be several methods of spread. Personal cleanliness is urged for all people and special care is urged for those already sick. Infantile paralysis apparently is no respecter of persons, not everyone appears to be susceptible to the disease but some times strong, healthy individuals are its victims. Most reported cases, however, occur in younger children.

The public is urged to stand guard against the disease at all times, and now especially that the number of reported cases is large. Many carriers may spread the disease and there is no way of telling just who these might be. Special care is urged for small children, and above all, any illness with symptoms such as named above should be reported to the doctor.

Town Board Meeting Postponed; Members Hear Talk On France

Members of the Town Board postponed their regular meeting, scheduled for Monday night, until Thursday night in order that they might hear the speech delivered here Monday night by Dr. Lecomte du Nouy.

A report of the meeting could not be published this week as The Weekly had already gone to press. However, the matter of adopting a budget for the present fiscal year and the levying of new privilege taxes for the year were among the matters to be considered by the Board. It is believed that the tax rate will remain at the same figure as that levied last year, which was \$1.10 per hundred valuation.

Some action is also expected to be taken regarding the colored shoe shine boys operating in the downtown area. Numerous complaints have been made that these youths have become a nuisance, and advance reports point toward a possible banning of shoe boxes on the streets in the business section.

REVIVAL TO START

Revival services will start at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church at Hurdlestown on Monday night, August 21, at 8:30 o'clock. The Rev. L. Sigbee Miller, pastor of the Pearl Street Church in Elizabeth City, will conduct the services. The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of the services.

LIFE IN FRANCE UNDER NAZI RULE NOT AN EASY THING, SCIENTIST TELLS AUDIENCE

Giving the highlights of his two years in Paris with that city under Nazi rule, Dr. Lecomte du Nouy, who appeared here Monday night under the auspices of the Hertford USO, told the large audience that life under the Nazis is no easy thing.

Dr. de Nouy began his talk by saying that the fall of France was due chiefly to collaboration of the politicians of France who sought to gain selfish ends, and high army officials who believed war was improbable. He told the gathering that the men, most of whom now make up the Vichy government, then high French officials, dismissed competent army officers and made no attempt to modernize the French army, which was defeated when confronted by the overpowering forces of the Germans equipped with tanks and planes.

Paris was a jumble in June, 1940, when more than eight million refugees from Belgium and Northern France streamed through the city attempting to escape from the onrushing Nazis. Doctor du Nouy joined the endless line of people fleeing the city and stated that he traveled about 11 miles in five hours, and saw German planes strafe the human highway for no apparent reason. He counted 78 dead within a short distance on the road.

After the announcement of the armistice, which the Doctor stated was not accepted by the average person in France as "honorable," he returned to Paris to do what he could to continue his work there.

Food became extremely scarce by October, 1940, because the Germans took everything. There was no fruit, cheese, butter and little meat to be had by civilians. A quarter-pound of meat was rationed to each person per week, and the babies had only skimmed milk to drink. Each person was permitted about half a pound of bread per day. Later, Dr. de Nouy said, his apartment, housing eight people, was given 300 pounds of coal for all purposes to last a period of six months, through

one of the worse winters Paris ever saw.

He stated that the Nazis took all the finest homes and hotels in the city to house their officers, but always apologized for having to do so. He added that the Germans were almost as polite as the Japs, in that way. The Nazis also gained control of all industries, either through collaboration or threats to the owners. Also, in this manner, the Germans obtained ownership of most all valuable property and mines.

The people lived constantly in fear of the Gestapo, who made rounds at six o'clock, arresting people and carrying them to jail without permitting words with friends or relatives. Many of those arrested never returned to their homes. This was especially true of Jews, who were killed, or shipped away to Poland.

Dr. de Nouy stated that all French people gained renewed hope when General De Gaulle announced from London that the Allies would continue the fight and eventually beat the Nazis. Many of those still in France joined the underground and aided the Allied cause by sending information and men to the Free French and British.

In speaking of the food shortage, he stated that all diseases increased greatly. Tuberculosis increased 500 percent, and rickets among children increased from one or two percent to 47 percent, and that everybody was always hungry for the Germans permitted persons only 1,100 calories of food per day. In comparison, here in America the average number of calories used per day is 3,300.

Before appearing at the Hertford Grammar School, where he spoke to the public, Dr. de Nouy was guest at a joint meeting of the Hertford Rotary and Lions Clubs. He briefly outlined the events he had lived through and seen during the two years he lived in Paris, before escaping to America.

Because of security reasons, Dr. de Nouy was unable to describe how he escaped from France and those who aided him.

Soil Conservation District Plans For Post War Program

The Albemarle Soil Conservation District held a meeting Friday, July 21, 1944, at the Agricultural Building in Hertford.

The purpose of this meeting was to work out a post war program for the District. Those attending were: Supervisors: A. T. Lane, Chairman, and E. N. Elliott, Chowan County; County Agents: L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County; John W. Artz, Gates County; L. A. Powell, Currituck County; and Charlie Overman, Chowan County; A. H. Edwards, F. S. A. Supervisor, Perquimans County; W. E. White, AAA, Perquimans County; Soil Conservation Personnel: E. C. Jernigan, Assistant State Conservationist; Lindsay Hunt, Soil Surveyor; T. W. Bridges, District Conservationist; Henry J. Bragg, Party Chief; George M. Renfro, Drainage Engineer; R. C. Jordan, Work Unit Technician, Chowan County, and F. A. McGooan, Work Unit Technician, Perquimans County.

Mr. Jernigan led the discussion on post war planning. He had available statistical figures of total acres of farm land in the Albemarle District, approximate acres in woods cultivation, idle land, pasture, etc. Figures were also available as to approximate acres of land that were well drained, poorly drained, land that needed some erosion control practices, etc. These figures were discussed by all agencies represented and goals were set as to the amount of land:

1. That should be seeded to permanent pasture
2. That should be set in trees or seeded in some perennial hay crop
3. That should be drained, considering open drains and tile drains
4. On which some erosion control practice should be established

Ways and means of getting these practices established were also discussed. It was brought out that the Government would probably have a lot of surplus equipment after the war such as drag lines, ditching machines, bulldozers, road scrapers, etc., that would be well suited for drainage work and establishing erosion control practices.

It is not known yet what disposition the Government plans to make of this equipment. The Albemarle Soil Conservation District is making a request for sufficient equipment to take care of work in this District, if surplus equipment should become available for this purpose.

New Rental Officer To Visit Hertford Every Tuesday

Carl G. Thompson, who is temporarily replacing Thomas Markham, resigned, in the Perquimans-Chowan-Pasquotank defense rental areas, was in Hertford Tuesday at the County Courthouse in consultation with tenants and landlords of this area. Thompson states that he expects to be in Hertford each Tuesday for the convenience of those with rent problems in this vicinity.

Commenting upon general compliance with the Rent Regulations, Thompson states that to a great extent landlords are neglecting to report changes in tenancy. The law requires such changes to be reported, within five days of the change, on a report designed for the purpose. The tenant is required to sign both the back of the landlord's copy of registration and the change-of-tenancy form. In the case of rooming house or hotels where more than two rooms are rented out, this is not necessary inasmuch as this class of landlord is required to post his registered rates in each room rented.

Col. Elmo Cannon, Jr., Weds Evelyn Copeland At Baptist Parsonage

Miss Evelyn Copeland, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Copeland, of Belvidere, and Col. Elmo Cannon, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cannon, were quietly married in a simple ceremony on Saturday night at the Baptist parsonage, with the Rev. H. G. Dawkins officiating.

The young couple are both graduates of Perquimans County High School. Mrs. Cannon now holds a position in Richmond, Va., and Col. Cannon is with the U. S. Army Air Force stationed at Shreveport, La.

CHURCH CLOSED AT WOODLAND

Due to the infantile paralysis situation, there will not be any Sunday School or preaching services at Woodland Church until further notice. There are not any cases in this community.

W. M. S. TO MEET MONDAY

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will meet on Monday evening, August 21, at 8 o'clock, at the church. Mrs. I. A. Ward, president of the Society, will preside over the meeting.

USO Program Includes Party, Dance And Quiz Contest Next Week

The USO girls of the Hertford USO Club, have planned a "cootie" party for the entertainment of the service men at the Club tonight and Saturday night. All service men are invited.

The USO will hold another street dance next Tuesday night, beginning at 9 o'clock. Edgar J. Hill, USO director, stated today. The public is invited to join with the service people and enjoy this program. Music will be furnished by the Naval Orchestra from the LTA Station at Weeksville.

A Quiz program has been planned for next Wednesday night at the Club and all service men are invited to attend.

Driver Of Bus Given Suspended Sentence Fined \$200 And Cost

Nine Cases Heard In Recorder's Court on Tuesday Morning

Elree Duer, relief driver for the Norfolk Southern Bus Company, was given a six months suspended sentence and fined \$200 and court costs by Judge Charles E. Johnson in Recorder's Court here, after Duer entered a plea of guilty to driving a bus while under the influence of liquor. Duer was arrested Sunday night by Patrolman Charles E. Payne, when the bus stopped in Hertford and passengers complained that the driver was drunk. Duer was placed in jail and another relief driver was secured to drive the bus and passengers into Norfolk.

Other cases heard by the court this week included those of Clarence Green, colored, who paid a fine of \$25 and costs on a charge of speeding.

Nathan Riddick pled guilty to speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Robert Jordan, colored, was fined \$10 and costs for driving with improper brakes and improper lights. Jack Kitchen was fined \$10 and costs for speeding.

Noah Burfoot was taxed with court costs, after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Frank Brodie was assessed court costs on a charge of simple drunk.

Charles Hinzman was given a 30 day suspended sentence and fined \$10 and costs, after pleading guilty to being drunk and disorderly.

Ada Cox, colored, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and she was taxed with court costs.

Judge Johnson instructed local police officers not to release prisoners placed in jail by other officers, unless prisoners were bonded, after the case of Tommy Trueblood, charged with being drunk, had been called and Officer Walker stated that he had released Trueblood from jail. A capias was ordered issued for Trueblood and the Court instructed that he be released on a \$50 bond.

Judge Johnson announced that Recorder's Court will be in recess next week, and will reconvene on August 29.

Draft Board Orders Six Men To Report For Induction Tues.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Perquimans Draft Board, announced this week that induction orders have been mailed to six men, four registrants from this county and two transfers to report at the local office next Tuesday, August 22, to leave for the Fort Bragg induction center.

This call, Mrs. Sumner said, will complete all draft calls for the month of August, and as yet no pre-induction or induction calls for next month have been received.

Thirty-one white youths left here Wednesday morning for Fort Bragg to undergo preinduction examinations.

CHURCH PICNIC

The Sunday School of Pleasant Grove Methodist Church at Hurdlestown enjoyed a picnic on the church yard Thursday, August 3. Guests especially invited were the Rev. and Mrs. L. Sigbee Miller and children of Elizabeth City, Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Toler and children of Point Harbor, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Ferrell of Woodville.

COUNTY'S NAME TO BE PLACED ON SHIP FOR ATTAINING FIFTH WAR LOAN GOAL

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Hitting at Hitler's crumbling Fortress Europe, the Allies began a fourth front this week by invading Southern France, near Toulon, with thousands of men and armored vehicles. Little resistance was reported as the troops, under the command of General Eisenhower started a drive to meet the Allies fighting in Northern France. The first invasion was reported as extremely light. The Allies effected the landing early Tuesday morning and immediately started fighting inland. Germans captured in this new invasion stated they had no reason to fight, and no weapons to fight with, when asked the reason for so little resistance to the invasion.

Spearheaded by the Third American Army, under the command of Major General Patton, the Allies have literally torn the German Seventh Army to shreds in the battle in Northern France. Reports indicate the Nazis are in complete confusion and most authorities doubt if the Germans can be regrouped for another stand short of the city of Paris. Estimates place between 50 and 100 thousand Nazis trapped in the pocket near Falaise, with little hope of escape from the giant pincer drive of the Allies. The Nazis are reported as having lost nearly all of their equipment in attempting to escape through a narrow ten mile corridor.

The Italian front remained quiet during the week, possibly as the Allies prepared to launch the new invasion into France. The Allied positions, however, are reported as being improved. The invasion of Southern France will possibly aid the fighting in Italy, as the Allies near the Italian frontier, more and more supplies will be halted from reaching the Germans in Italy.

Reports from Berlin and Moscow point toward the Reds moving up supplies on the Eastern front in preparation for new drives against the Germans near East Prussia and in Poland. Berlin announced this week the Russians have forced a crossing of a river near Prussia which is expected to be a prelude to a strike into German territory.

Admiral Nimitz in a speech this week stated it was possible that Japan will surrender without an invasion of the Japanese islands, but added that Japan must be occupied in order to win the peace. American forces continued to hammer at Jap strongholds all week, and commentators see an increase in action against the Jap forces following President Roosevelt's speech of last week, in which he stated more than a million men are now deployed in the Pacific areas.

The War Production Board this week announced permission for the resumption of production of many civilian items heretofore suspended. Included in the list which may be produced are vacuum cleaners, metal office furniture, electric ranges, bed springs, cooking utensils, electric irons, etc. The order does not permit the production of automobiles, electric refrigerators and wash machines, due, it was stated, to shortage of motors.

Ration Board Issues Decreased Number Of Tire Certificates

Applications for tire certificates at the local ration board were on the decline last week, according to Mrs. Helen Davenport, who stated that 35 motorists were issued certificates for purchase of tires.

Passenger type certificates were issued to Tove Motor Co., 4, and one tire each was issued to Willie Moore, J. D. Chappell, H. N. Nixon, L'Arne Felton, James White, W. E. Lane, Louis Stallings, USO, Willard Hurdle, W. E. Bagley, W. F. Elliott, Albert White, Earlie Goodwin, Leslie Evans, Linwood Winslow, J. R. Ayscue, B. C. Reavis, Gerald Weil, Ernest Daughtry, H. A. Sherwood, Otis Lane, Warnus Madre, J. P. Chesson, Jr., H. E. Calcutt, George Sutton, Ralph Proctor, Australia Lightfoot, Henry Harrell and James Perry.

Truck certificates went to E. M. Perry, 1; E. P. Roberson, 1; David Trueblood, 1; C. O. Fowler, 4, and W. F. Elliott, 1.

Chairman R. M. Riddick Invited to Be Guest At Launching

For the outstanding success achieved here during the Fifth War Loan, Perquimans County has qualified for the honor of having the name of the county placed upon one of the newest LSM fighting ships now being constructed for the Navy, according to an announcement received here this week by R. M. Riddick, chairman of the County War Finance Committee.

The announcement of the honor was made by the Treasury Department in a letter to the chairman, which stated: "We wish first to congratulate you on the success of your Fifth War Loan campaign, especially in attaining the goal set out for you to qualify your county's name on a fighting ship LSM now being built. . . . Arrangements are now being made for placing of your county's name on a plaque to be affixed on one of these fine fighting ships."

The ship is being built in one of the nation's shipyards and will be launched at an early date, according to the announcement.

As chairman of the county's War Finance Committee, Mr. Riddick has been invited to attend the launching ceremonies, along with other county chairmen whose counties have also qualified for this honor.

Speaking of this additional honor of having one of the Navy's fighting ships carrying the name of Perquimans, Mr. Riddick stated the achievement is one that we all take pride in. A bomber plane was named for Perquimans County last year for the goals obtained during the Third War Loan.

The local chairman stated the people of Perquimans have supported each war loan drive in a splendid manner, and added he thought the county had one of the best records for bond buying in the entire State.

Bond sales during this month have been lagging, according to the chairman, who urged the public to continue to buy war bonds each month on a regular basis in order that the county may continue its record of meeting all quotas.

Farmers May Obtain Certificate To Buy Lumber For Repairs

Farmers who buy lumber in Perquimans County now may purchase small amounts for essential maintenance and repair of farm service buildings or implements or for other approved uses essential to war-time food production by signing an application at the lumber yard, according to Dr. E. S. White, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

A total of 300 board feet is the largest amount that may be obtained by a farmer for approved uses from dealers in any one calendar quarter without first getting a Farmers' Lumber Certificate, Dr. White said. These certificates carry an AA-3 rating.

Any farmer who needs more than 300 board feet of lumber during any calendar quarter should apply to the County AAA office at Hertford for a certificate. The County AAA Committee has authority to issue Farmers' Lumber Certificates for essential maintenance and repair use and for other approved uses essential to food production, and for new construction, other than residences, where the cost is not more than \$1,000 per calendar year for the farm.

Farmers' Lumber Certificates are rated orders, with ratings as high as any assigned to non-military users, Dr. White stated. Dealers can use the ratings to place certified orders with their suppliers. "In fact," Dr. White said, "these certificates offer the only opportunity to keep enough lumber in the county to meet our essential farm needs."

No Service At Holy Trinity Until Sept.

During the absence of the rector, the Rev. E. T. Jilson, there will be no services at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hertford for the next few weeks. Services will be resumed early in September, and notice of the resumption will be published in this paper.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Stallings announce the birth of a daughter, Jackie Lynn, on Monday, August 7th.