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LATE MODELS IN RADAR EQUIPMENT—Left, a modified SCR 584 anti-aircraft radar set and an automatic plotting board. This set is capable of automatically tracking and plotting a flight of aircraft in a precise manner. Fighter and medium bomber aircraft without airborne radar equipment can be tracked and controlled to the target and given the bomb release point during inclement weather. Right, is the "snowplow" radar antenna installed by a Ninth Air Force unit in France. Complete equipment weighs 68 tons, but it does not require special handling because the heaviest component weighs only 600 pounds.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Working rapidly in order that it might adjourn by next week, the Senate this week approved the GI terminal leave pay bill, which provides for the payment of between two and three billions of dollars to GI's who did not receive all the furloughs due while on active service. The bill calls for the GI's to be paid in government bonds, which will mature in five years. Each service man will receive pay for leave at the rate of 2 1/2 days per month.

The Senate Committee investigating the alleged profiteering of a mid-west munitions combine recessed their hearing this week after Congressman May of Kentucky reported he was too busy to answer a subpoena to testify before the group. May, according to the testimony given before the committee, is involved in the transaction. The committee stated the recess was voted when May refused to appear and the hearing will not resume until the Congressman indicates a willingness to appear before the group.

The second atom bomb test at Bikini was held Wednesday when the Navy exploded a bomb under water in an attempt to discover the effect these bombs have on ships and submarines when detonated under the surface. The bomb used Wednesday was the fifth ever exploded and reports on the test will be announced by the Navy, as was the results obtained when the first test was held about a month ago. No planes were used in the test this week. The bomb was attached to a float near a group of subs which were the chief targets for this test.

Trouble arose again in Jerusalem this week when terrorists set off a bomb in a British Army headquarters which blasted the building and resulted in 93 persons being killed or reported missing. The blast was reported to disrupt the proceedings of the establishment of Palestine as a state for Jewish inhabitants. Following the bombing the group responsible for the blast blamed the British for the attack, stating a warning had been issued the building had been marked for destruction.

A justice of the peace in Camden County has been charged, in 25 warrants, with violations of the State's marriage laws. In connection with the charges against the justice of the peace, officials say a South Mills doctor is involved in the violations by having signed certificates without having made proper examinations. The action by the authorities followed an investigation of several months, in which reports that the Camden man had turned South Mills into a Greensboro.

Four stores and numerous offices were put out of business when fire destroyed the Kramer Building at Elizabeth City last Friday night. One of the worst fires in the city's history, total loss was estimated to be between \$500,000 and \$600,000. The blaze started about 10:30 o'clock and firemen worked until about 2 o'clock before the flames were under control. Some 5,000 persons gathered in the streets to watch the blaze and assist the firemen as they worked to contain the flames.

Boy Scouts Meet Every Wednesday

A change in the meeting night for the Hertford troop of Boy Scouts was announced this week by Dr. A. B. Bonner, Scout Advisor.

The troop has been meeting on Friday nights of each week, but henceforth all meetings will be held at the Court House on Wednesday nights. Much interest in Scout work is being shown by the local troop and attendance is holding up well for summer months.

All troop members are urged to note the change in the day for meetings and to attend.

Draft Board Advised To Review Classes

Perquimans County's Draft Board has been advised by the State headquarters for Selective Service that under the bill extending the Act to March 31, 1947, the following regulations were revised to:

Provide for the classification, examination and forwarding for induction registrants 19 through 29 years of age.

Occupational deferment is limited to those registrants who are determined by local boards to be indispensable and irreplaceable to the national existence, except registrants engaged in farming.

Provides for the postponement of induction of only those registrants in high school. This section eliminates deferment for majority of college students.

The Board was advised to review the classification of 26 through 29 year old registrants previously found unfit for general military service.

It was also advised to reopen and reconsider the classification of all registrants who have not served on active duty overseas or who have not served on active duty for at least six months after September 16, 1940.

The Perquimans Board, unable to fill its July call for pre-induction examination, was advised to be prepared to fill the September call for induction. The draft is expected to call for about 25,000 men during September.

During the past week Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Board, reported four veterans had registered their separation papers from the armed forces with the local Board. The men were Jake L. White, Jr., white, and James Simpson, William Jones and Millard Hurdle, colored.

No Decision Reached By Lions On Fair

Members of the Hertford Lions Club failed to reach a decision regarding the revival of a County Fair. A discussion of the matter was held at the club meeting last Friday night.

A great many details must be worked out in case the club decides to again sponsor a fair and the matter was tabled for the time being by the members.

A spokesman for the club stated there was considerable favorable reaction to the proposal but the club desired to consider the matter further before reaching a definite decision.

The club, in cooperation with the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, has contacted with the Central Amusement Company to provide a show here this fall, and this festival will be held regardless of the decision regarding a fair.

Hertford Retains Standing At Top Of League Teams

Play Camden on Memorial Field at 8 O'clock Tonight

| STANDING OF THE CLUBS | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|------|
| | W | L | Pct. |
| Hertford | 17 | 9 | .653 |
| Windsor | 15 | 10 | .600 |
| Colerain | 13 | 11 | .541 |
| Edenton | 13 | 13 | .500 |
| Elizabeth City | 10 | 13 | .434 |
| Garden | 7 | 19 | .269 |

Hertford gained a game and a half lead in the Albemarle league by downing the Elizabeth City Senators in a one-sided game 14 to 3, while Edenton was turning back Windsor 3-0.

Elizabeth City used four pitchers in an attempt to stop a slugfest started by the Indians in the second inning of the game Wednesday afternoon but to no avail. Hitting safely 18 times, the Indians converted these hits into 14 runs and the Senators failed to threaten the local nine.

Young, Reeves, Goodman and Nowell all had a field day at bat. Young hit three triples and Nowell collected a home run. The fielding of the Indians was one of the best exhibitions ever shown by the local club.

Despite a set-back suffered at Windsor last Sunday afternoon when they dropped a 5-4 decision to the Rebels, Hertford Indians continued at the top of the Albemarle League this week.

On last Friday night the Indians trounced the highly touted Colerain outfit by a one-sided score of 10-1, with Eure going the route as Hertford's pitcher and Wood doing the receiving. Hertford nipped the Colerain pitcher for 16 hits and scored in the first, third, sixth and seventh innings. Colerain tallied its lone run in the seventh.

The team played in Windsor Sunday and came from behind to tie the score in the ninth inning but Windsor drove another run across the plate in their half of the ninth to win by one run. Hertford hit two Windsor pitchers for nine safeties while Reeves, pitching for Hertford allowed eight bingles. Windsor scored four runs in the third, then the Indians counted twice in the sixth and again in the ninth.

Colerain returned to Hertford for a game Monday night which turned out to be one of the best games played this season. The final score was 2-1 for Hertford. Bauer did the twirling for the Indians and struck out 15 Colerain batters. He allowed five hits and walked two men. Reeves and Young hit for extra bases and Nowell got a three bagger. Hertford scored first in the third, then Colerain knotted the count in the fourth. The Indians counted the winning tally in the fifth.

Under a change of rules, voted by the league directors last week, each team may employ four hired players to supplement local talent and the Hertford team has secured another pitcher to its staff.

The next league game will be played on Memorial field tonight at eight o'clock when the Indians meet the Camden nine.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET
The Perquimans Chapter of Eastern Star will meet Monday night, July 29, at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Congress Approves OPA Bill; President Expected To Sign

Measure Places Ban on Foodstuff; Price Increases Here

After two weeks of debate, Congress this week passed a new OPA bill, which is expected to be signed by President Truman, reviving price control until June 30, 1947. OPA leaders told the President this new bill, while it places a ban on food ceilings for a period of at least 30 days, is a better bill than the one he vetoed.

The measure bans the placing of ceilings on meats, poultry, eggs, milk, etc., for at least 30 days. The bill provides for the creation of a three-man control board which will determine when various items shall be placed under control or removed from the list. Ceilings will again be placed on rents and manufactured items following the signing of the bill by the President.

Meanwhile the high cost of eating continues to show itself everywhere during the absence of price control. Meat and butter prices still lead the inflation parade but according to reports many other food items are being offered at increased prices over ceilings established by the OPA.

Beef and pork offered for sale in Hertford this week showed an increase in price over last week, and one local dealer stated he expected the price on meat to reach even higher levels before dropping off because of the supply and demand. Both of these meat items have increased, not because local dealers are attempting to profit, but because higher prices have been paid for hogs and cattle during the past three weeks than at any time in the last 20 years, thus the increased prices at the stock yards reflect in the retail prices. Butter prices have already declined here in Hertford as well as elsewhere from a high of 90 cents. Some localities report butter now selling at 65 cents per pound.

Clothing prices are remaining steady. No increases have been reported, although some items are being received by retailers at increased costs allowed by OPA last month.

The effect the revival of OPA will have on the supply of items will remain to be seen. Some opponents of OPA claim the revival will bring back all types of shortages, while the measure's sponsors claim otherwise.

New Case Worker In Welfare Department

Miss Grace Knowles, superintendent of the Perquimans Welfare Department, announced this week the appointment by the State Merit Board of Miss Davey Joe Lumbston of Ahoskie as case worker for the local department.

The new member of the department began her duties here on Monday. She is a graduate of Womans College at Greensboro and holds a degree in Sociology.

While a student at WCUNC Miss Lumbston was active in student activities.

She practiced case work in the Public Welfare Department in Greensboro for three months prior to receiving the appointment here.

Revival Services At Bagley Swamp Church

A series of revival services will be conducted at the Bagley Swamp Church beginning August 11, and continuing through August 11, it was announced by the church pastor today.

The Rev. G. Frederick Pertolet, musician and evangelist, will deliver sermons daily at 8 P. M. Three services will be held on Sunday, August 4, at 11 A. M., 2:30 and 7:45 P. M.

Change Made In Hertford Police

Mayor V. N. Darden announced Tuesday the resignation of J. A. Perry from the Hertford Police Department and the appointment of T. N. Miller to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Perry resigned to take an extended vacation in the western part of the State. Mayor Darden stated the vacancy in the Street Department, caused by the naming of Miller to the police force, will not be filled at the present time.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Butler of Portland, Oregon, announce the birth of a daughter, born Sunday, July 21.

Youth Fellowship Meeting Thursday

The Chowan-Perquimans Sub-District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship is scheduled to meet Thursday night, August 1, at the Hertford Methodist Church. Young people of the two counties and their friends are invited to attend. The Hertford group as host is to be in charge of the program. Howard Pitt of Hertford, who was elected president of the Sub-District at the last meeting, is expected to preside over the business session, Durwood Barber of Winfall was elected vice-president; Elizabeth Hyrum of the Anderson section, secretary, and Rosa Ashbell of Edenton, treasurer.

OPA Rental Office Still Operating In This Community

Tenants Requested to Report Infraction of Rent Rules

Although rent control in this section expired with OPA on July 1, the area rent-control office, maintained at Elizabeth City under the direction of C. R. Holmes, is remaining open and keeping an unofficial eye on things, it was reported this week. This is being done with the expectation that rent control will be reestablished by Congress, very likely within this week, regardless of what happens to the remainder of price control.

Mr. Holmes told this newspaper his office was requesting all tenants to make a report of any attempt at eviction or increases in rent rates. He stated he had heard of very few increases here.

Mr. Holmes stated that his office would like to be notified of rent increases, although nothing can be done about them at this time. The complaints will be kept on file for possible action if rent control is reestablished, it is indicated. Just what action can be taken will depend on the nature of any legislation passed by Congress.

During recent debates on OPA in Congress, all factions seem to be agreed that extension of rent control will be necessary for another year or longer. In the event general price control is killed, it is believed a special act will be passed providing for rent control in some form.

Eight Injured In Three Car Accident

Eight persons were injured, one seriously, in a wreck involving three cars, which occurred about 2 miles from Hertford on the Edenton highway at 12:50 o'clock Sunday morning.

According to police officers who investigated the accident Claude Byrd, his wife and son-in-law were the occupants of a car traveling toward Hertford and met, head on, with a 1941 Mercury in the curve in front of Milton Dail's home. The Mercury contained four passengers, from New York, enroute to Florida. The fronts of the cars were demolished. A third car, driven by a Negro, whose name could not be learned, crashed into the back of the Mercury, causing additional damage to that car.

The cause of the accident and extent of injuries, excepting Byrd, had not been determined. Byrd was taken to the Albemarle Hospital for treatment, where it was reported he suffered internal injuries.

Children's Program At Bethany Church

A Children's Day program is scheduled to be held at Bethany Methodist Church near Belvidere Sunday afternoon, July 28, beginning at 3 o'clock, following a vacation Bible school which is in progress this week. The Bible school opened Monday afternoon with an enrollment of 46. The enrollment was expected to increase during the week.

Rotarians Meeting At Municipal Plant

The Hertford Rotary Club is meeting at the Town's municipal plant every Tuesday night, pending the location of a permanent meeting place. In lieu of the regular dinners, usually served at Rotary meetings, the club members are holding steak and fish fries.

The club membership has been divided into five teams, with each team playing host to the other members once each week, providing for the arrangements.

Youth Bound Over To Superior Court By Recorder's Judge

Seven Warrants Include Charges of Breaking, Entering and Larceny

Johnnie Myers, 14 year old escapee from a State Training School, was taken into custody by Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens on Sunday morning and is being held for trial in Superior Court, charged in seven warrants for breaking and entering, larceny and carrying concealed weapons.

The youth was committed to the training school last October after admitting to entering several homes in the Beech Springs section and stealing approximately 1300 dollars, most of which was recovered by officers at that time.

He escaped from the training school several days ago and returned to Hertford. On last Friday night, according to a statement he made to Deputy Sheriff Owens, he stole a bicycle at Memorial Field, while a baseball game was in progress and rode this to Moody Mathews' service station. He entered this store and took some cigarettes, cigars, candy, chewing gum and some pennies. Leaving the service station he rode to the Kelly White home, now under construction and stayed there all night and most of Saturday. Saturday evening he went to the home of his mother and entered the house by cutting a screen window. There he obtained a revolver and started out again on house breaking.

He was frightened away from the home of Anderson Layden and spent the night in a corn field. On Sunday he entered the homes of Carson Howell and Wayland Howell. At the latter he took \$22 in money, then went to Mr. Howell's sister's home.

When taken into custody by Mr. Owens, the youth had the revolver, \$34 in money, two watches, two house keys and a pocket knife.

Appearing in Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning he waived a preliminary hearing and Judge Charles E. Johnson ordered him held for trial at the October term of Superior court.

Four other cases were disposed of by the Recorder's judge at this week's session of the court. Johnnie Godfrey was ordered to pay the costs of court on a charge of driving with insufficient brakes.

Hayward Riddick was fined \$5 and costs for driving with insufficient brakes.

George Overton, Negro, was fined \$5 and costs on a similar charge.

Court charges were assessed against Charlie White, Negro, who had charged Boone Stepney, Negro, with assault.

Heavy Rain Tuesday Adds More Damage To Crops In County

A small-sized cloudburst, which hit Perquimans County Tuesday evening about six o'clock, during which more than one inch of water fell from the skies, caused further damage to the crops here, according to L. W. Anderson, County Agent.

The crop outlook, none too good due to inclement weather of the past two months, appeared even darker after the storm Tuesday. Belief is that the rain will all but ruin the current peanut crop despite some excellent work accomplished in most fields during the past week.

Cotton production in the county is expected to be the smallest in years. Many producers had to replant their cotton early in the spring and the second planting has proved disappointing in most cases. Some farmers have plowed up this second planting and are using the fields for another crop in an effort to make a yield this year.

The county production for all crops is reported as spotty. Some sections of the county have had less rain this season than others, and in these areas some fields look from fair to good.

Mr. Anderson stated that on farms having good drainage systems crops are looking better than on those farms with poor drainage.

FIREMEN CALLED OUT

Hertford's Fire Department was called out Tuesday morning when an oil cook stove blazed up in the home of Cliff Banks on Railroad Avenue, causing slight damage. The blaze was quickly extinguished by the firemen.