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Webster Plant Here Now Possibility

Perquimans Part In Anti Air Craft Maneuvers Outlined By Officials Tuesday Night

Meeting With County's Observers Held In Court House

OCT. 10 TO 15

Four Stations In County Will Cooperate In Warning Net

Last minute instructions were given to the observers of the warning net, who have a part in the joint anti-aircraft Air Corps exercises beginning October 10th, in the courthouse Tuesday night, where Lieutenant Griffith, of Fort Bragg and three assistants were on hand to furnish technical information.

As explained by the Lieutenant, the maneuvers are based on the supposition that enemy air forces are attempting to attack and destroy the airdrome at Fort Bragg. Langley Field, in Virginia, is the supposed base for the enemy.

The sector from the northern boundary of this State to Wilmington on the south and westward to Fort Bragg, is the area wherein 300 observation posts are set up, one station to every eight square miles. Each station has a chief observer with assistants. In Perquimans County the observers are: Hemby Chappell, George Jackson, Herbert Nixon and Irvin Turner.

This section of the area is Zone 3, with Wilson as relay center for the zone.

The Lieutenant and his assistants Tuesday night were concerned largely with instructing the observers in getting their messages quickly and accurately to the Fort Bragg headquarters. Defenses will be assembled there and the warning net of observers is designed to notify the base in time to stave off the air attack.

Perquimans County people who arise early enough will probably have a chance to witness a small portion of the maneuvers, bombers, observation and pursuit planes flying over the section. That is, they may fly over this section, and they may not. The uncertainty is part of the exercises.

The following in a tentative schedule of four hour periods, October 1-15, during which observation stations will be alerted, when the observers will be expected to detect the approach of the enemy and transmit the information to headquarters.

Periods of operation:

Monday, October 10, 4:00 a. m. to 8:00 a. m., and 6:00 p. m. to 10 p. m.
Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m., and 6:00 p. m. to 10 p. m.
Wednesday, October 12, 4:00 a. m. to 8 a. m., and 6 a. m. to 10 a. m.
Thursday, October 13, 4:00 a. m. to 8:00 a. m., and 6 p. m. to 10 p. m.
Friday, October 14, 7:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m., and 6 p. m. to 10 p. m.
Saturday, October 15, 7:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m., and 6 p. m. to 10 p. m.

Tacky Party Friday At Durants Neck

For the benefit of the Durants Neck Club House at New Hope, a tacky party will be given in the building tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock. A small admission fee will be charged and all guests are invited to come dressed as tackily as decently possible.

County P.T.A. Council Meets On October 6th

A meeting of the Perquimans County Council, P. T. A., is announced by Mrs. Morris Griffin, president of the Council. The meeting will be held in the Hertford Grammar School building on Thursday night, October 6th, at 8 o'clock.

All representatives of county Parent-Teachers Associations are expected and urged to be present at this meeting.

Maybe

A will missing for more than 50 years was found in a family Bible in Detroit. Somebody accidentally knocked the Bible off the parlor table.—Macon Telegraph.

Perquimans County Allotted Seven Boys For CCC Enrollment

Quota Includes 6 White and 1 Colored Youth

SERVE 18 MONTHS

Welfare Department Is Anxious For Early Applications

A Civilian Conservation Corps enrollment will be made up on October 8th, and Perquimans County is allotted six white boys and one Negro boy. All young men wishing to enroll are urged to file their applications with the department of public welfare, of which Miss Ruth Davenport is the head, not later than October 6th.

The requirements are the same as heretofore, at least 17 years of age, unemployed, and in need of employment. The final destination of those who join the three C's is unknown, so it is of vital importance that all boys who apply, have full permission from parents or guardians to serve in any corps area in the United States, because they may be sent to any point from Hatteras to the State of Washington.

The welfare department of Perquimans County is anxious that all young men who want to enroll make their applications even if the allotment is filled, so that their application may be on file for the next enrollment.

For the benefit of those not familiar with the inner workings of the CCC, Miss Davenport explains that accepted applicants may serve for only 18 months. If previously enrolled and honorably discharged, an applicant may enroll again provided he has served one year or less. If there are dependents, the boy must make a monthly allotment to them of \$22.50. The total pay is \$30 a month. If the accepted applicant has no dependents, and no legal or moral obligations, he may make monthly deposits of \$22.50 to be withdrawn at the end of his enrollment.

Applicants who have dependents, of course, will be considered for service first.

Saturday's Business Best In Seven Years Says Negro Merchant

An enterprising and industrious young Hertford colored man, Lyman Lowe, who recently opened a modern grocery store and meat market at an old Edenton Road Street stand, reports that the establishment did a larger business on the Saturday just passed, than on any Saturday in the past seven years, according to the store's records.

The store has been in Lowe's charge now for little more than a month and he says business has increased every day. The store is equipped with a modern refrigeration system, and is clean and neat throughout. His increasing patronage indicates that cleanliness also appeals to the Negro customers.

Meeting Of County Council On Monday

The meeting of the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs of Perquimans County will be held on Monday, October 3rd, at the Agricultural Building. This is the last meeting of the year. Miss Hamrick, County Agent, says it is very important that all officers attend.

Especially

Reading in buses is very bad for the eyes, writes an optician. Especially when the person whose paper you are reading won't keep still.—London Opinion.

Widening Of Grubb Street Under Way By WPA Workmen

Improvements In Town Made With Aid Federal Funds

BULKHEADS, TOO

Program Also Includes Sidewalks on Principal Streets

Town improvement projects got underway last week, with the aid of federal funds, when a crew of workmen began the task of widening Grubb Street from Front Street to a point approximately half the block from Church Street. The next move, according to Fred Chalk, speaking for the WPA, is the building of bulkheads at the base of Hertford's three streets which end at the river's edge.

The widening of Grubb Street is a project now almost completed, adding approximately six feet to the busy little roadway which has always been too narrow to accommodate its share of town traffic. The service entrances of two of the town's largest auto dealerships empty into Grubb Street at that point, and when cars are parked there, on either side, the space left for driving is hardly wide enough to permit the passing of two cars. As soon as the concrete sets firmly the added space will be ready for use.

At the river ends of Funch Alley, Front Street and Grubb Street, concrete bulkheads will be constructed and the sunken levels filled in to the approaching street levels. Aside from preventing the washing away of the street ends, the bulkheads will provide driveways the whole distance to the water's edge on each of the three streets.

Upon completion of these bulkheads, the matter of sidewalks will be taken up. Mr. Chalk is not prepared to say, at this time, just where new sidewalks will be laid, but it is understood that walks will be paved alongside each of the town's principal streets.

County Officials In Accord With Change In Term For Sheriff

Amendment Will Be Before Voters In November Election

NOW TWO YEARS

Governor Hoey Among Leaders For Four Year Term

Local high officials join with Governor Hoey, who is among the leaders in the State, of both the Democratic and Republican parties, in supporting the constitutional amendment to increase the terms of office for sheriffs and coroners from two to four years.

Governor Hoey's endorsement was revealed Monday in The News and Observer, as coming from Senator John D. Larkins, of Jones County, chairman of the Constitutional Amendment Committee which is campaigning for ratification of the amendment.

The proposed amendment, authorized by the 1937 General Assembly, will be voted on in the general election November 8.

Recorder Granbery Tucker favors the four years for sheriffs, because, he says, "the present two year term, in case of opposition, forces the incumbent to spend a large part of his time in campaigning for re-election, consequently drawing on his efficiency." County Prosecutor Charles E. Johnson, also favors the four year term.

Governor Hoey's support of the amendment, according to the Raleigh newspaper, was made in a public statement to Senator Larkins:

"I am heartily in favor of the ratification by the people of the constitutional amendment providing four— (Continued on Page Five)

Blanchard's Begin Unique Plan For Customers To Save

Two Per Cent of Sales Will Be Returned By Christmas

NEW IDEA

Group of Ladies Calling At Homes to Explain Particulars

Something new and different. A savings account, with deposits entered every time the customer makes a purchase.

The idea is a nationwide system of thrifty spending with two per cent cash returns coming in just before Christmas, when the funds will come in very handily.

The plan is sponsored by "Christmas Club," a corporation, and J. C. Blanchard & Co., Inc., is inaugurating it today (Friday). "Thrifties," are the names of pass books handed out to customers at Blanchard's and each completely filled book is redeemable for \$5.00. A book does not necessarily need to be completely filled. It may be redeemed for the value of the Thrifties it contains.

They are also given on charge accounts that are paid before the 10th of the month following the date of purchase.

A group of young women will call at the different homes in this vicinity to briefly explain the plan and a large advertisement appears on another page of this paper carrying full details.

WPA Anxious Help Secure Workers On Farms In County

Best Results Realized By Cooperation of Farmers

MUST WORK Welfare Head Says Private Employment Comes First

The season approaches when farmers will be needing laborers to help with the harvesting, and with the approach of that season, the WPA reminds that during the past few months a number of workers, classed as "farm day laborers," have been assigned to work on WPA projects as a means of tiding them over financially during the dull farm season.

The department of public welfare solicits the aid of farmers, in particular, in asking them to notify the department if a worker refuses to accept private employment with them, and also to notify the department if they need help on the farm.

As was recently stated in this paper by C. Edgar White, Junior Case Worker for the Perquimans County Department of Public Welfare, Miss Ruth Davenport, head of that department, emphasizes the fact that WPA employment is designed to provide employment temporarily for persons who are not full time employed.

"WPA is designed to supplement private employment, and private employment comes first," emphatically stated Miss Davenport, "private employment does not supplement WPA, it's the other way around.

"To make the program effective and beneficial to the county and individual alike, an awareness of the problem and an understanding of WPA policies by the farmers, is very desirable. The department of public welfare wishes at all times to cooperate with the employers.

"The point to be considered by them is this: WPA can and should be a help in securing labor. It can provide and does provide employment for day laborers when the farmer cannot keep them busy."

A statement from the employer, as to the number of months and days he will have work for the WPA applicant, would be appreciated by the department of public welfare.

Establishment Hinges On Enough Signed Contracts Raise Beans and Tomatoes

Prices Set Up For Peanut Diversion Program In '38-'39

As High as \$70 Per Ton Allowed For U. S. No. 1 Grade

DIVERT SURPLUS

Conferences Held In Washington With J. B. Hutson

The price schedule set up by the AAA for the 1938-39 Peanut Diversion Program, is made public this week by L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County farm agent. These prices were set up by the department after conference with the growers and others interested, from all the peanut growing areas and the thought is forwarded by the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, that they are satisfactory.

The price schedule:

U. S. No. 1—Class A, \$70.00 a ton;
Class B, \$66.00 a ton;
Class C, \$61.00 a ton;
U. S. No. 2—Class A, \$67.00 a ton;
Class B, \$63.00 a ton;
Class C, \$58.00 a ton;
U. S. No. 3—Class A, \$65.00 a ton;
Class B, \$61.00 a ton;
Class C, \$56.00 a ton.

All the details for the handling of this crop are practically complete and as soon as they are fully completed, Mr. Anderson will be notified.

The diversion program is the same in idea as it was last year, to divert the surplus peanuts into oil to keep the market from stagnating.

According to the Cooperative, it looks now as though the grading will be a little more rigid this year than it was last year, and the growers are urged to properly harvest their peanuts. It is probable that the Cooperative will be called upon this year to handle the same large bulk of peanuts that it was called upon to handle last year. Therefore, the county agent says it is absolutely necessary that the peanuts to be handled by them be thoroughly dry and as free from foreign material as possible.

The annual meeting of the membership of the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Inc., was held in Edenton on September 2.

In Washington, conferences were held with J. B. Hutson, assistant administrator, with reference to keeping peanuts under a special base. The conferences were apparently very successful and hopes in the Cooperative are much higher that peanuts will be able to keep out of the general base.

Hill Family Moves To Elizabeth City

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hill are moving their residence to Elizabeth City, where Mr. Hill has accepted a position in the service department of McPherson Brothers Auto Supply Company. For several years Mr. Hill has been employed here by the Hollowell Chevrolet Company.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Laughinghouse and two children will move to the residence on Church Street vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Hill.

Tom Thumb Wedding Tonight At School

A Tom Thumb Wedding will be given in the Perquimans County High School auditorium by the Mary Towle Circle of the Methodist Missionary Society on Friday night (tonight) at 8 o'clock.

A small admission fee will be charged at the door.

The Same

Synthetic Horsehair is Made From Grass—Headline. That's how old Dobbin himself made it, isn't it?—Arkansas Gazette.

Purpose to Place Plants At Elizabeth City And Hertford

INVITED

Owner Favorably Impressed With Conditions In Section

If a sufficient number of farmers in this area contract to grow beans and tomatoes for the G. L. Webster Company, Inc., of Cheriton, Va., Mr. G. L. Webster, president of the company, said Wednesday, that unquestionably, a large grading and processing plant, or possibly two plants, will be established in "centralized locations" in this section of North Carolina.

A score of prominent farmers of Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Chowan Counties, with L. W. Anderson, N. K. Rowell, T. Mc. L. Carr, county agents, were guests of Mr. Webster at the huge Cheriton canning plant on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

The four Perquimans County farmers, E. M. Perry, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, J. O. White, member of the Board, S. P. Jessup and J. H. Newbold, were enthusiastic and inclined to favor the Webster Company's proposition. They went so far as to say they were for the plan one hundred per cent.

At the invitation of the president, the North Carolina men were personally conducted on a detailed tour of the huge plant and farms. Later, Mr. Webster, a genial and gracious host, entertained the visitors at a delicious luncheon in a Cape Charles hotel.

The company is given over principally to the growing and canning of types of vegetables familiar to this section—two of the most popular items being Lima or Butter Beans and Tomato Juice. Some idea of the magnitude of the Cheriton operations may be gained from the fact that the Webster Company processes and cans approximately 40 per cent of all the canned Lima Beans eaten in the United States. It is the largest single unit canning plant in the nation, and the people employed there number well over a thousand.

At an informal conference in the afternoon with Mr. Webster, the visiting farmers were acquainted with his proposition. "Suppose Lima Beans will not grow in our section as they do here?" asked one farmer.

"When I visited your section and saw stock peas growing waist high, and corn growing as high as this ceiling, I was firmly convinced that good Lima Beans will grow satisfactorily there," replied Mr. Webster.

Nothing was definitely settled at the conference, and as the president said, "I simply invited you here to look at the plant and to get acquainted—and because I am interested in your section."

To avoid the long haul to Cheriton of the raw product, central cleaning and grading stations would be established at Elizabeth City and Hertford. On the processing and the operations conducted in these two towns are the ones that employ most of the labor. In the words of Mr. Webster, "In the canning of Lima Beans, about ninety per cent of the labor is employed in getting the beans ready. The actual canning is done with machinery and a few skilled workers, by far the smaller end of the job. Your local labor will receive most of the profits of the operation."

The canning industry is not a high wage industry. It is more comparable to farming, and utilizes farm labor or workers of that class.

In season, from July to October, the operations would necessarily employ a number of people.

The Webster Company was processing and canning Lima (or Butter) Beans and sweet potatoes when the Carolinians visited there. Under the guidance of the president, they followed the course of the bean from the company's farms to the sealed cans. The operations were very interesting to watch, and approximately two hours were required for the party to finally reach the many acres of warehouse space where the boxed cans of foodstuffs are stored.