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War Situation In Europe Has Reached Critical Stage

Brief Condensation of Week's War News For Readers Who Possibly Miss Facts

SITUATION 'DARK'

Devastation of Human Life and Property Is General as German Hordes Continue In Swift Advance

For the benefit of the few of our readers who possibly do not have a radio or do not get a daily newspaper, it occurred to us that a few facts on the progress of the war in Europe over the past week may come as news...

Starting their big push less than two weeks ago, the mighty German hordes Tuesday night had dealt the Allies their most severe setbacks in a hundred years.

Tuesday night the Nazi war machine was within 12 miles of the English Channel at one point in the two-way drive, and within syp-glass distance of Paris (69 miles) on another front.

It is said that Hitler in ten days has advanced further into Allied domains than Kaiser Wilhelm was able to penetrate during the entire life of the World War.

Devastation of human life and property was general as the Germans advanced. Untold suffering is being reported in the invaded countries of France and Belgium while from Berlin comes news that the populace carries on as usual in peace and quiet.

Berlin claims that a million British, Belgian and French forces in Flanders have been isolated from the main French forces.

(Readers bear in mind that this is written Wednesday night; condensed from daily newspaper dispatches and from radio bulletins. The whole European scene, as proven, can shift from one extreme to the other easily in less than the space of one day).

Wednesday night it began to appear that the Allies were in a measure stemming the tide of the Nazi March to the Channel, and London, though going ahead with fortification plans, was not unduly alarmed.

Britain was mustering its defenses against invasion; 2,000,000 men are training and ready to rush against possible Nazi attacks. British expeditionary forces at the Channel were determined to die where they stood (Continued On Page Four)

Registration List Far In Excess Of The Fondest Hopes

Perquimans County Registers 551 More Than Voted In 1936; Total Is 1,897

Registration figures from Bethel Township have brought the county's total registration to a figure high above the ones set by the hopes of the county's most optimistic prophets.

According to L. N. Hollowell, chairman of the board of elections, the Bethel Township registration listed 225 qualified voters, bringing the county's total to 1,897.

Those who particularly wanted a large registration, had placed their hopes at 1,800 at the very most.

Apparently Challenge Day passed without the removal of one name, or even without the question of one voter's eligibility.

This figure is high above the total vote cast in 1936 in the race between Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow and J. P. Elliott; the contest which drew the biggest vote that year, 1,346.

Those politically informed are of the opinion that at least 1,850 ballots will be cast in Perquimans County tomorrow (Saturday). The races, they say, are of such diversified interest as to attract the vote of every man and woman in the county.

The polls open at sunrise, 6:10, and close at 7:00. The weather forecast predicts a generally unsettled rainy day with probably a warm rain.

Hearing Wednesday To Settle Winfall Road Controversy

Committee Will Be at Court House to Hear Objections to New Road Project

Word has been received here by Charles Whedbee, county attorney, that a hearing on the Winfall road controversy will be held in the courthouse on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 29th, at 3:30 o'clock.

Among those expected to be present for the hearing, are the committee composed of T. B. Ward of Wilson, chairman, and E. V. Webb and S. M. Bason, and probably D. Collin Barnes, of Murfreesboro, highway commissioner from this district.

At that time every one who wants to be heard will be heard at the session which is open to the public. Those who object to the new course of the prospective road which has been planned for the north end of the causeway to the new Elmwood Farms, will be expected to state their cases.

The project was held up until the hearing could be arranged after Winfall residents filed petitional protests with the Highway Commission, holding that the new course of United States Highway 17 would isolate the village.

The county board of commissioners later registered a protest to the Highway Commission in the interest of Winfall and though the new location had been surveyed, actual construction work did not start pending the hearing.

The hearing Wednesday will determine whether or not U. S. 17 will follow a new course from the north end of the causeway or whether it will continue to pass through the village of Winfall.

Floral Showing And Tea At Court House Is Colorful Display

Sixty Flower Exhibits Viewed; Tea Served From Three Hundred Pound Ice Cake

The historic beauty of Perquimans County's ancient courthouse was the scene yesterday (Thursday) of the Fifth Annual Flower Show and Tea staged by the Perquimans County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

The day began, however, not at the courthouse, but in the Sunday School Department of the Hertford Baptist Church at 2:30 p. m., as Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent, being introduced by Mrs. M. T. Griffin, president of the Bethel Club, delivered the principal address to the Federation meeting.

The meeting continued at the courthouse at four o'clock to the accompaniment of a band concert by the Hertford Band and the drinking of punch from an unique bowl fashioned in a 300-pound cake of ice with garlands of roses frozen in.

At the Sunday School, the meeting opened with invocation by the Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, which was followed by the roll call of clubs.

Then Mrs. J. A. Bray furnished special music and Miss Current spoke. Following announcements and singing, the scene shifted from the church to the surroundings of the flower-bedecked courthouse where each of the 12 clubs was displaying five different exhibits of flowers.

Judging the floral display for outstanding exhibits were Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan County Agent, Miss Virginia Brumsey, Currituck County Agent, and Miss Josephine Grant, home economics teacher in Edenton High School.

Bishop Darst At Holy Trinity Sunday Morning

Bishop Darst will be at Holy Trinity Church Sunday at the morning service to administer the Rite of Confirmation. The morning service begins at 11 o'clock.

A number of people have been invited by J. Granberry Tucker, a member of the Church Vestry Board, and Mrs. Thomas Nixon, to attend a gathering at the home of Mrs. Nixon on Saturday night to meet Bishop Darst.

Sponsors Applaud Works Progress At Open House Dinner

Inaugural Dinner at Woman's Club House Opens Week Set Aside For Projects

About seventy-five people, including WPA workers and supervisors and sponsors who praised the activities of the Works Progress Administration, gathered at the Woman's Club House Monday night for the dinner and program which inaugurated WPA open house week; the week nationally set aside for visits of the public in general to WPA professional and service projects.

The program, arranged by Mrs. B. G. Koonce, featured a pageant, "America First," in which two Boy Scouts, a soloist singing the Hymn of Peace, and nine girls carrying red, white and blue candles representing Lights of Peace, were the principal characters.

After invocation by the Rev. R. F. Munns, the group singing by the assemblage and a reading by Mrs. W. E. White and a trumpet solo by Alton Munns, Mrs. Lucy Elliott gave a "Toast To Our Sponsors."

Dinner was served by members of the Woman's Club.

Mrs. Charles E. Johnson gave a vocal solo, and then followed remarks from project workers—lunch room, canning, garden, matron service, records and research, operations division, the library, surplus commodities, and other projects not operating in this county.

More special music followed, a vocal solo by Miss Katherine Jessup, and a piano duet by Alton Munns and Harrell Johnson.

Remarks came next from the sponsors, Miss Mary Sumner for the Hertford Grammar School; Superintendent F. T. Johnson for all county schools; Judge J. Granberry Tucker, for the library, and Town Clerk W. G. Newby, for the Town of Hertford.

The National broadcast, featuring Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and National WPA officials, was scheduled for 9 o'clock, but reception was bad because of electrical interference and that part of the program was abandoned.

The program came to a close with group singing after another reading by Mrs. White, and after a vocal solo by Miss Jean Newbold.

Johnson Resigns As High School Athletic Director

Superintendent Weary Of Hertford as Proving Ground For Tidewater Coaches

James A. Johnson, Jr., athletic coach at the high school for the past year, handed his resignation to Superintendent F. T. Johnson Tuesday morning.

Johnson (the coach) says he will accept a position in Portsmouth, Virginia, at Woodrow Wilson High School.

Johnson (the superintendent) says "I'm getting very weary of Perquimans County acting as a proving ground for Tidewater Virginia, athletic coaches."

Johnson (the superintendent) was thinking of Sidney Hughes and J. R. (Bob) Bates, who resigned after a year each to take jobs in and around Norfolk.

Hughes and Bates came from Springfield, Massachusetts, as did Carl Rogers, who resigned after a year to go out to the West Coast.

Johnson (the coach) came from East Carolina Teachers College, at Greenville.

The position of coach at the high school has of course not been filled following Johnson's recent resignation, according to Mr. Johnson (the superintendent).

MINNIE WILSON GROUP MEETS

The Minnie Wilson Group of the Methodist Missionary Society met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Tim Brinn. Mrs. Charles Whedbee led the meeting, and Mrs. R. M. Fowler gave the devotional. There were interesting readings by Mrs. Henry Stokes and Mrs. R. L. Khowies.

During the social hour after the devotion and business meeting, refreshments were served.

H. C. Sullivan And Margaret Dail To Wed Tomorrow

Local Man and Chowan County Girl to Be Married in Edenton Saturday at Four

Henry Clay Sullivan, Jr., grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jessup, and agent for the Continental Life Insurance Company, and Miss Margaret Dail, of Chowan County, member of the office force in the local unit of the Farm Security Administration, will be married in Edenton at the Baptist Church Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Miss Dail is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henderson Dail of Chowan County, a graduate of the Edenton High School, and was connected with the FSA in Edenton before the office moved to Hertford several weeks ago.

Mr. Sullivan is the son of H. C. Sullivan, of Norfolk, Va., and the late Mrs. Emma Jessup Sullivan. He graduated from Perquimans County High School in the Class of 1930, and has been connected with life insurance business for the past four years.

The Reverend E. L. Wells, pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church, will perform the ceremony, and the couple will leave immediately after the ceremony for a wedding trip to an unannounced destination. Upon their return they will be at home in Hertford at the Jessup residence on Front Street.

Hold-up Negroes Detained For Trial In Superior Court

Sentenced to Serve Six Months Each on Jail Break Charges; Two Not Guilty

Golden (Black Man) Bryant, Evans (Tom Payne) Fulton, and Randall Bowser, the three Negroes who escaped from the Perquimans County jail last Wednesday night and were captured Thursday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens, were tried in County Court before Recorder Granberry Tucker, who sentenced them to serve six months each for jail break.

The men were awaiting a hearing on hold-up charges when they managed the escape by digging bricks from around a second floor window and reaching the ground by means of a rope. They were recaptured within 18 hours of the escape by Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens who was tipped that the men were walking along the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks in the direction of Edenton.

He rushed to a point between Hertford and Edenton, hid in a swamp and stepped out to face the three men when they reached his position. They offered no resistance and returned peacefully to jail.

The men were alleged to have held up at a gun point, beaten and robbed one George Gill, Raleigh Negro, whose testimony was taken last week at the regular session of County Court.

Grounds for probable cause were found against Bryant and Fulton, and they will be held for trial at the next term of Superior Court.

A number of eye-witnesses testified as to the robbery with force of arms.

Randall Bowser, Luke Bowser and Beatrice Speight, all Negroes, were charged with aiding and abetting in the crime and with obstructing officers in performance of their duties.

The charges against them resulted from the disappearance of the weapon used on Gill.

The Speight woman testified that Bryant handed her the pistol immediately after the robbery and that she handed it to Randall Bowser, who in turn handed the weapon to Luke Bowser, thereby implicating all three. The pistol was not introduced in evidence.

The trial consumed several hours partially due to the fact that few of the Negroes concerned are familiar with Hertford. The Speight woman, Bryant and Fulton, as well as Gill, are from other towns.

Locations had to be established and a hastily drawn map was even brought into play to determine the scenes referred to simply "as the street that runs this way" and the "house that stands here."

Beatrice Speight and Luke Bowser were found not guilty on the charges against them.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY TOMORROW; IN HOME STRETCH RESULTS BIG GAMBLE

Taking Applications For Tenants Who Want To Buy Next Year

Farm Security Administration is receiving applications from farm tenants who want to purchase farms next year.

A. Houston Edwards, County Supervisor for Perquimans County, announced today that applications may be filed now in the FSA office in Hertford.

Congress has authorized a fund not to exceed \$50,000,000 from which tenants may borrow for the purchase of farms although the money has not been actually appropriated and made available. The loan funds were set up under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act.

Experts Instruct In Art Of Making Free Mattresses

Agents and Workers of Seven Counties Observe Cotton Surplus Decrease By 50 Lbs.

Approximately thirty-five Farm Security Administration workers and NYA workers from seven counties were at the Agricultural Building on Tuesday to take instruction in the art of making mattresses.

Miss Pauline Gordon, home management specialist from the Extension Service, with an assistant in the person of Eugene Starnes from Raleigh, manufactured a mattress from raw materials furnished by the Surplus Commodities Corporation. Okayed orders that must be reached ten million bales of carried-over cotton went into the making of a mattress that will be turned over to a member of Perquimans County's low-income farm group for the price of \$1.00.

One revision has been made in the free-mattress plan since Perquimans County decided to participate. Applications will still be accepted from farm families whose annual income totals \$400 or less per year, but fifty percent of the total need not come direct from farm pursuits as was first announced.

The office of the welfare department and the office of the county home demonstration agent are taking applications, but orders to date are still far from the goal of 120 okayed orders that must be reached before the Surplus Commodities Corporation will honor a request from Perquimans County for 1,200 yards of ticking and 12 bales of cotton.

Applicants will make their own mattresses, probably in quarters in the Woman's Club House on Academy Street under supervision of those who received instruction at the demonstration Tuesday.

According to L. W. Anderson, county farm agent, who was the chief engineer in bringing the free mattress system to Perquimans County, the \$1.00 charge is to allow expenses connected with hauling and storage of the raw material, stocking the necessary equipment—needles, thread, etc.

Lions Club Elects Officers For Year

The Hertford Lions Club elected officers at the inter-city meeting held in the Woman's Club House on Academy Street last Friday evening.

Named to replace L. N. Hollowell, president of the club since its organization in April 1939, was Julian A. White, charter member.

Vice presidents are: first, Claude D. White; second, Archie T. Lane, third, J. H. Towe, charter member.

Norman N. Trueblood, charter member, was elected to continue as secretary and treasurer. He was appointed in November.

Ralph R. White, charter member, was elected Leon Tamer, and W. C. (Bill) Morgan was elected Tail Twister.

Directors for the year, which officially begins on July 1st, are Dr. L. A. Ward, charter member, John O. White, Jr., and Max Campbell.

Plymouth and Edenton were in on the inter-city meeting with Hertford.

RED CROSS FUND

A Red Cross collection of \$9.86 was taken at Oak Grove Church on Sunday morning for Belgian Relief.

Maxwell Likely to Be High Man In Perquimans Balloting For Governor

NO PROPHECY

Five Representatives Mentioned All In One Breath; Local People Slow to Play Favorites In Local Races

Perquimans County has 1,897 votes to cast in the Democratic Primary tomorrow (exclusive of probably two hundred Republicans) and in the home stretch with one sunrise between now and primary day, there is still little on which to base an election forecast in more than one race.

The lone contest which seems to have whipped itself into a state from which one can in some manner determine what the final results will be tomorrow night is in the gubernatorial handicap.

Not a prophecy, but a breakdown of what the man in the street thinks, is the consensus that Allen J. Maxwell will be the high man in Perquimans County. Either J. M. Broughton or W. P. Horton is scheduled to follow (closely together) for second and third places.

It is doubtful that the four remaining candidates will gather a number of votes to compare with the third man—Broughton or Horton.

In Perquimans County it is a fairly safe gamble that Maxwell will lead with Horton or Broughton second and third. If there is a fourth with any amount of support it is Cooper or Gravelly.

In the race for representative, the five candidates are mentioned all in one breath. There is absolutely nothing on which to base a guess as to the final outcome. Local people are not as quick to commit themselves on local politics as on the contest for governor.

The names however, with the order of listing having nothing to do with possible favorites, being taken from the sample ballot, are: J. T. Denton, Walter G. Edwards, Joe Campbell, Mattie Lister White and J. S. McNider.

Perquimans County will probably support C. R. Holmes for the Senate, and Hughes, Gatling or Evans or Leary.

Anything can happen in the county commission contest where nine are seeking five seats. There is strong indication that three new names are receiving a good deal of support for seats on the county board. Linford (Continued from Page Four)

Canning Genius To Demonstrate Here At School Saturday

Can Teach In Kitchen Equipped Only With Stove and Bucket to Hold Fruit Jar

Home Demonstration canning leaders are urged to be present at a canning demonstration to be conducted in the Home Economics Department of the Perquimans High School Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock (while their husbands are talking politics).

Miss Myrom Clinard, food preservation specialist of the Educational Department of the Ball Brothers Company, manufacturers of fruit jars, will conduct the demonstration.

Miss Clinard says she is able to teach people how to can if the kitchens are equipped only with a stove and a bucket large enough to hold a fruit jar.

Her experience with low income families gives balance to the training she had as a student in Home Economics at Teachers College in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

It is said that Miss Clinard's combination of sound, scientific training, a rural background, and experience in teaching women and girls how to preserve their food so that it will keep qualifies her for effective public work.

Further, she expresses herself clearly, has a pleasing personality and works with definite sure movements. A feature of her demonstration is her review, in which one or more members of the audience summarize what she has done.