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## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS LOWERS COUNTY TAX RATE FOR YEAR TO \$1.50

### Lower Rate Made Possible By Refinancing County's Bonded Indebtedness

FROM \$1.60

### Withdraws Support of National Youth Administration Work; Grammar School Repairs Keep Rate From Being Lower

Perquimans County's tax rate, following a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday when the new budget was made up, has been reduced from \$1.60 to \$1.50 for the next fiscal year.

The reduction was made possible through the re-financing of the county's bonded indebtedness this year when a lower interest rate was secured.

The tax rate could have been reduced to \$1.40, but for the expense of repairs and modernization to the Hertford Grammar School, it was indicated.

Another contributing factor to the lowering of the tax rate . . . though a small one . . . was the withdrawing of the county's support by discontinuing of funds for the county's contribution to NYA work.

Just what effect this resolution will have on the NYA has not been determined. If another sponsor can be found, the work will go on. If not, it is likely that the sewing and handicraft rooms will be discontinued, but that the clerical projects will be maintained at no expense to the county.

## McNider And Benton Run-off Is Stated For Tomorrow

### Lone Fight Between Veterans For House Seat Excites No Show Of Interest

The J. S. McNider-J. T. Benton runoff is tomorrow (Saturday). By nine o'clock or probably earlier tomorrow night, Perquimans County will know who will represent it in the lower house for the next two years. It is the only race in the county and there is no State ticket.

McNider and Benton were the high men in the hottest house race Perquimans County has ever seen. There were five candidates in the first primary; Benton is the incumbent, but McNider, veteran legislator, led him for high place by a 14-vote margin.

Political observers, when they work up enough interest in the runoff to voice an opinion, say the second primary will be very close. And that's all they say.

With first primary interest at such a high pitch, the let-down is ghastly. With the runoff scheduled for tomorrow there is still talk of nothing but war; mention politics and the subject will endure for less than a minute before "blitzkriegs", "capitulations", and "mechanized units" crowd it into the background.

The lone election scramble is exciting not the faintest degree of interest. It probably would in normal times . . . but these are not normal times.

It is a fight between veterans. The remaining three candidates in the first primary had never served in public office. They were Mattie Lister White, Joe Campbell and Walter Edwards. Mr. McNider has served two terms each in the lower house and the State senate. Mr. Benton is rounding out his second term in the house.

## Work Starts On Hertford Bulkhead

Work with WPA labor started Tuesday morning on the bulkhead at the Covent Garden derrick.

Enough money was left over from Federal grants for the recreation pier and other bulkheads to undertake this job.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Keel wish to announce the birth of twin daughters, Jean and Jane, on Thursday, June 13, 1940. Mother and babies are doing nicely.

## Pastor From Burgaw Preaches Here Sunday

The Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Burgaw, will preach at the Hertford Baptist Church morning and evening services on Sunday, according to an announcement from Charles Johnson, member of the Board of Deacons.

Mrs. Giles Kornegay of Burgaw, formerly Miss Ruth Winsow of Hertford, says Mr. Duling appeals especially to the young people, and that a Sunday evening service seldom finds his church but well-filled with young people.

## Crescent Company Amusements Here All Of Next Week

### Same Show That Came For Lions Fair Last Year; Sponsored Next Week By Lions Club

Entertainment for young and old will be offered on the town lot in Hertford all of next week when the Crescent Amusement Company of Gastonia will present what is termed "the world's cleanest midway." The amusement concern is no stranger to Hertford, having appeared here at least four times as well as in nearby towns.

Included in the entertainment are modern riding devices, merry-go-rounds, Ferris wheel, chair-o-plane, and other clean amusement gadgets.

The amusement company comes to Hertford through arrangement with the Hertford Lions Club which brought the same show here last year for the highly successful first county fair.

The show comes to Hertford from Edenton. It will fill the engagement here and then go to Belhaven for the Fourth of July celebration there.

The amusement company is always welcomed in Hertford. Being probably the cleanest show of its type, a number of those connected with it have many friends here in Hertford. Mr. McHenry, the owner, was ill when the show was here before, but it is understood his condition has improved since then.

Mrs. McHenry and Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Husted will probably also spend the week here.

The Lions Club expects to realize a substantial sum from the engagement in Hertford and with the affair widely advertised, it is expected that large crowds will attend.

All shows and riding devices will be in operation Monday night until Saturday night.

## Sara E. Elliott Wins In District Health Contest

Sara Elizabeth Elliott, the healthiest 4-H Club girl in Perquimans County, won first place in the district 4-H Club contest in Tarboro on Tuesday.

Last year Sara Elizabeth won second place in the same district contest. The district . . . the North-eastern District . . . is comprised of twenty-one counties.

Melvin Rountree, the healthiest 4-H Club boy, did not place in the district contest.

By right of her selection as the healthiest girl, Miss Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott, will enter the State 4-H Health Contest at State College during the 4-H Short Course in July.

Examinations in the county contests were handled by Dr. T. P. Brian.

## Georgia Man New Manager At Rose's

A belated introduction is to R. E. Vickers, new manager of Rose's 4-10-25 Cent Store, who came here several weeks ago to replace W. C. Loveland, who was transferred to Galax, Virginia, to take over a management there.

Mr. Vickers, who is making his home at Mrs. Ellie White's boarding house, came to Hertford from Norfolk after going there from Burlington. His native state is Georgia.

## Hertford Grammar School Almost A New Structure

### No Ground Floor Auditorium, However; Old Building Gutted and Entirely Renovated

Hertford's new Grammar School—it is new, practically—will be completed in the latter part of August or maybe around the middle of that month, W. E. Coleson, superintendent in charge of construction, said Monday morning.

The Grammar School, built in 1905, is new throughout with the exception of the brick walls and some floor and ceiling timbers. It was gutted and rebuilt from the ground up to the roof, but disappointing to many people will be the news that not enough money is available to build the lower floor auditorium addition that had been hoped for.

The fire escapes on either end of the building, one leading directly into the second floor auditorium and the other into the corridor, are brick towers bonded to the outside of the building. They are called "smoke towers" or "stair towers."

Steel gates, of the elevator telescoping-style will give entrance to the stair towers from the outside, and the second floor windows in the towers will be covered with wire mesh, according to Mr. Coleson.

The stair towers will have concrete roofs, probably the only concrete roofs in Hertford. The auditorium, though on the second floor, can be entered or left directly from the outside without entering the building through entrance can be gained to the ground floor through the same stair tower. The arrangement is similar to the one at the high school.

New at the Hertford Grammar School will be floors, plaster ceiling, plumbing equipment, heating equipment, electric wiring and fixtures.

The toilets have concrete floors and will have tile floors over that with four-foot tile walls. Only some parts of the present furnace will be used in the new heating system. The furnace room was fire-proofed a year ago by the same contractor, F. N. Thompson of Charlotte.

It is interesting to note that the 35-year-old building has seen three methods of heating. First, there was the hot-air duct system, later coal stoves in each room, and then steam heat.

As his crew began tearing down the chimneys in the different rooms, Mr. Coleson said it was the first time he had ever seen chimneys not bonded to the walls. That is, the chimneys were installed separately from the building on the inside, not fastened to the brick walls, but using the walls as the fourth side of the chimneys.

The walls between the rooms are fire-proofed with rock laths, perforated so that the plaster will hold, and the insides of the brick shell are water-proofed so that moisture will not seep in and crack the plaster.

All windows on both ends of the Grammar School are bricked in with the exception of those in the stair towers.

It appears that the building will be entirely ready for occupancy before the next term is scheduled to open for business.

## Hertford Rotary Club Returns To 189th N. C. District

The Hertford Rotary Club has been returned from the Tidewater District to the 189th District of North Carolina.

The petition to Rotary International for the transfer also involved Edenton, Elizabeth City and Manteo, all of whom have wanted for sometime to leave the Tidewater, Virginia, district.

The transfer back to the 189th District of North Carolina is effective July 1st. The new district governor-elect to preside over Elizabeth City, Manteo, Edenton and Hertford Rotary Clubs, is Carter Darrow, of Tarboro.

## Attends Convention

C. P. Morris, general manager of the Southern Cotton Oil Company, attended the convention of Cotton Seed Crushers at Myrtle Beach, S. C., early this week.

The convention is said to have gone on record as opposing state trade barriers.

## Red Cross Drive For War Refugees Gaining Momentum

### Contributions at Noon Tuesday Were Pushing Hundred Dollar Mark; Donors Listed

Red Cross contributions for war refugees took a substantial gain over the figures printed in this newspaper a week ago, information released by Chairman Eilas M. Whedbee at noon Tuesday disclosed.

The total at that time was \$83.65. The minimum quota asked by the National Red Cross from Perquimans County is still \$600 . . . the amount to be used wholly and exclusively for war relief. No part of it is to be applied toward the normal program and expenditures of the Red Cross.

This newspaper was in error last week when the reporter stated that the Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, had scored the lack of activity on the part of the local chapter in a plea from his pulpit last Sunday.

Mr. Munns' position is set forth in a letter from him on another page of this issue. However, Red Cross donations may be handed to Mr. Munns or to the Rev. E. T. Jillson, rector of Holy Trinity Church, or to Mr. Whedbee at the Post Office.

Here is a list of those who had made contributions to noon Tuesday: Mt. Sinai Church, W. H. Hardcastle, Mrs. B. F. Bray, Mrs. R. T. Clarke, E. T. Jillson, Mrs. Kate Crawford, Mrs. C. W. Morgan, Miss Pattie Whedbee, Mrs. G. E. Newby, Mrs. T. S. White, Miss Helene Nixon, Claude White, Mrs. Stella Fowler, Order of the Eastern Star, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Mrs. W. H. Pitt, Mrs. Isa Tucker, Mrs. F. T. Winslow, Miss Mae Wood Winslow, Mrs. Will Madde, Mrs. R. D. Elliott, Mrs. W. E. White, Granberry Tucker, Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Hollowell Chevrolet Company, Mrs. Helene Newby, Miss Mildred Reed, Mrs. Joe Campbell, Zach White, Miss Agnes Tucker, Reginald Tucker, Miss Jocelyn Whedbee, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Morris, Mrs. J. P. Hill, Manola Joliff, Carlton Davenport, Jr., Mrs. W. G. Gaither, Miss Helen Gaither, Corbin Dozier, Mrs. R. H. Willis, Miss Kate Blanchard, Mrs. R. L. Knowles and Mrs. H. C. Stokes.

Among those listed here are probably many who will resent having their names published in connection with contributions, but it has been suggested that a listing of those who have donated will have a tendency to hurry along other contributions which are sorely needed to bring Perquimans County's total to anywhere near the minimum quota.

The need is much too pressing to quibble over printing the names of those who have contributed, and it may possibly bring out other donations.

There is no house-to-house canvass in Hertford for the refugee call, but funds may be handed to any of the three persons named above.

From September, 1939, with the invasion of Poland, through June 7th, it is said, the American Red Cross made available a total of more than five million in relief supplies to the stricken people of Europe.

. . . but demands have grown and much more is needed.

## Murder Victim At One Time Operated Restaurant Here

### Widow of Theodore Sanidas Is Daughter Of Late B. F. Jordan Of Bagley Swamp

Theodore W. Sanidas, 40, who was murdered by pistol-fire in Norfolk, Virginia, early Sunday morning, once operated a restaurant here in Hertford in a building located where the store of M. J. Gregory now stands.

Mrs. Sanidas and their four children were visiting relatives in Bagley Swamp when the shooting occurred. Mrs. Sanidas was formerly Miss Melvina Jordan, daughter of Mrs. B. F. Jordan and the late Mr. Jordan, of Bagley Swamp.

Funeral services were held in Norfolk Tuesday afternoon at the chapel of the H. D. Oliver Funeral Apartments with the Rev. George T. Terrell, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, and Msgr. Nicadros Pinatis, pastor of the Hellenic Orthodox Church, officiating.

The body was sent to Hertford via (Continued on Page 17c)

## AXIS PARTNERS EXTEND HARSH PEACE TERMS; WHO GETS THE FRENCH NAVY?

### Shelton Tucker Leaves Hospital; Wife Still Confined With Injuries

It is reported here that Shelton Tucker, former Hertford boy, who was injured in the automobile accident two weeks ago in which his brother, Joe Tucker, was killed near Danville, Virginia, is able to leave the hospital. A cousin, Beverly Tucker, of Hertford, said he probably left the hospital several days ago and that his injuries consisted of broken teeth, bruises and lacerations and shock.

Mr. Tucker's wife, who was also injured in the fatal accident, is still confined to the hospital with a broken ankle and other injuries.

## Legionnaires To Help Rid State Of Subversive Group

### Berry Says Absence of Local Post No Reason Why Veterans Here Shouldn't Help

The American Legion in North Carolina has been asked by Governor Clyde R. Hoey to cooperate in the eradication of subversive elements within the State. "The Legion accepts the job fearlessly and grimly," promises June H. Rose, department commander.

There is no American Legion Post in Perquimans County, though action was started almost a year ago to establish one here.

"Our job," said Mr. Rose, "is to listen and say very little publicly. If we, members of the Legion, know anything it should be reported immediately to the following organizations:

"First, to the Sheriff of the county; Second, to Inspector Fred Handy, State Bureau of Investigations, Raleigh; Third, to Ed Scheidt, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Charlotte; Fourth, to Department Commander of American Legion, Greenville, North Carolina."

B. C. Berry, veteran, was instrumental in compiling a list of veterans in Perquimans County a year ago when the movement for a Legion Post was started. He sees little reason why the absence of a local post should exempt the veterans in this county from also "accepting the job fearlessly and grimly."

"The worthwhileness of this undertaking can be made negligible if one single Legionnaire should attempt any act not in accordance with the law of the State and the Nation," Commander Rose stated while impressing the membership with the idea that under no circumstances will the Legion through any member or any committee attempt to take the law into its own hands.

The State and Federal Bureaus of Investigations will have trained men at the State Convention in High Point who will help plan a sane and sensible procedure for this crisis.

"In the meantime," said Commander Rose, "I urge that there be no political, commercial or social ostracism of individuals or businesses simply because an individual or business happens to have a foreign name or because there is some unproved rumor flying around about that individual or business. We must act on facts alone."

## RIVER BOTTOM IN VICINITY OF MUNICIPAL BEACH NOW GETTING NEW COAT OF SAND

Workmen under the Works Progress Program on Wednesday were busy hauling barge after barge-load of sand-clay from points up the river and using it to give the river bottom in the immediate vicinity of the new recreation pier a new coat of clean earth.

Authorities said, in answer to a question, that there is not sufficient tidal action in the Perquimans River to disturb the sand in its new surroundings.

Work of moving the sewer disposal main at the foot of Grubb Street, where it emptied into the river under the pavilion boardwalk has also begun.

Only the sewer pipe originally placed there has been moved as yet, but the direction of the lengths already moved indicate that the line takes a decided turn under the shore-end of the pier and shies off abruptly from the vicinity of the pier in the direction of Skinner's Creek.

When additional pipe lengths arrive (they were ordered last Tuesday) the sewer main will be piped up the creek and out to the channel.

### Paris Sorry Sight to Frenchmen as Swastika Waves From Famous Eiffel Tower

#### TALK PEACE

### World Waits Breathlessly For Answer to French Navy Riddle; Trouble Brews In South America as France Fights on

The Axis partners' offers of peace must be accepted or rejected as they stand. This means that the price of an Armistice—so far as France is concerned—is not open to negotiation and means complete and unconditional surrender.

This was a picture of conditions abroad at a late hour Wednesday night . . . a picture subject to drastic changes in the course of even a few hours.

Since this newspaper last gave its weekly report on happenings in the great European struggle, the Nazi War Machine has marched through Paris and to points much further south . . . but without damaging the French capital though the Swastika flies from the Eiffel Tower and many Parisian public buildings.

It is a sad sight to Frenchmen—refugees and thirty per cent of the population that stayed in Paris to await the expected arrival of the conquering dictator—and the German march of slaughter continues even as Hitler and Mussolini talk of peace plans in answer to the French surrender. The richest industrial centers of France, principal scene of the last World War, are in the hands of the invaders.

Even after the surrender and the resignation of the French cabinet, France fights on. It appears that Hitler's peace terms are so harsh that French people and French leaders prefer to fight on to the death rather than submit to terms of bondage proposed by the jackal, Adolf Hitler.

The outstanding question before the Allied Cause—and consequently before world centers—today revolves around the French navy. Will Hitler get it? Or will French seamen revolt and join the British sea forces? Will England capture it and maintain a small hope for victory by keeping the fleet out of German hands?

These are the questions being asked . . . and all of them may be answered before you read this. It is apparent that Hitler is demanding the fleet. The Mad Fuehrer's revenge on the French people may be a terrible thing to behold if he is unsuccessful in his plans as they relate to the French navy.

The world waits breathlessly in the meantime while the Mass Murderer ponders peace gestures to the French.

Invasion of England is expected minutely, and while the British prepare for a seige of unprecedented proportions, the fall of France and the possible surrender of its fleet will renew the stark realization that a sea blockade might bring starvation to England and that no invasion will be necessary.

The Italian role as Hitler's axis partner to date has been of small moment, but Fascists in Rome said Wednesday that French rejection of the Munich terms would unleash a (Continued On Page Eight)

## Norfolk Southern County's Largest Taxpaying Source

The Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, the county's largest taxpayer . . . with a total valuation of \$325,339 . . . has turned into the county treasury \$5,091.64 advance taxes for 1940.

The Norfolk Southern has 24,838 miles of right-of-way in Perquimans County valued at \$13,098,436 per mile and other property, stations, etc.

Major and Loomis Lumber Company is the second largest taxpayer, the Virginia Electric and Power Company, third, and the Southern Cotton Oil Company, fourth.

The regular dinner meeting of the Rotary Club was held Tuesday evening at Hotel Hertford.