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NAMING OF DRAFT BOARD LARGELY IN HANDS HOLLOWELL, JOHNSON AND PITT

All Males Between 20 And 36 Will Register On October 16

GOVERNOR READY

With Two Scratchy Pens President Made Draft Bill Law on Monday Afternoon

Norman Hollowell, F. T. Johnson and Howard Pitt will decide who is to serve on the draft board in Perquimans County.

Mr. Hollowell because he is chairman of the board of elections, Mr. Johnson because he is superintendent of schools, and Mr. Pitt because he is clerk of Superior Court, and because Governor Hoey says the draft board will be appointed on their recommendations.

North Carolina's conscription machinery is already set in motion. Governor Hoey Tuesday named Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts administrative head of the compulsory military training program in the State, putting into action an organization already trained to assume the responsibility recognized weeks ago as inevitable.

The Governor is ready to select his draft boards in the counties as soon as he receives final instructions from Washington. North Carolina's quota will be smaller than other states, because the Tar Heels have volunteered in larger numbers than from any other state for regular Army training.

Regardless of all you've heard before about one draft board to every 30,000 population, a draft board will sit in Perquimans County and in every other county in the state. Additional boards may be named where the population exceeds 30,000 in any single county.

President Roosevelt, with two scratchy pens, signed the conscription bill at exactly 3:08 p. m., (EST) Monday ordering 16,500,000 young Americans, 21 through 35 years old, to register on October 16 for possible service in a great new army.

But more about the ages. Thirty-five is the inclusive age limit. Those who reach their 36th birthday after the registration, but before actual

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Seniors Invited To Attend High School Day At UNC

Members of Grad Class Invited to Annual Celebration and Football Game

All high school seniors in Perquimans County have been extended invitations to attend the annual High School Day celebration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Saturday.

The occasion is expected to draw to the University from all sections of the State the largest gathering of high school boys and girls ever assembled in this State at one time.

A total of 17,000 Seniors from 84 counties stretching from Murphy to Manteo took part in last year's event, and acceptance this week indicate an even larger turnout, according to General Chairman Roy Armstrong.

This year's program, which will continue informal, will include welcome from University authorities, visits with boys from "back home," campus tours, a picnic lunch, and band concerts, topped by the main grid show.

"We want our boys and girls to have time to wander around the campus and take a look at the buildings and to visit with the boys from home," Dean R. B. House wrote in his invitation to the seniors.

This will be Carolina's third annual High School Day, but it marks the first time the Tar Heels have taken on an in-State opponent, and Appalachian will be the joint host to the school folks Saturday.

Picnic tables and other facilities will be provided for groups bringing their own lunches, and box lunches and inexpensive meals will be available for others.

The concert, to be held at Kenan Stadium from 1 to 2 o'clock, will be a "battle of music" among several of the State's leading high school bands, and the game and main attraction will follow at 2:30 p. m.

Owens Employs Ruse And Rounds Up Three Negro Bootleggers

Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens released Will Sawyer, Okisko Negro, from jail Monday afternoon, gave him fifty cents and told him to go to Bessie Ferebee's house on Covert Garden Street and buy a pint of whiskey. Sawyer did as he was told and came back with the liquor, untaxed moonshine stuff.

Two more times the same process was gone through and Officer Owens trailed his stool pigeon each time, watched him go into the houses and watched him come out. Sawyer, by the way, was in jail for being drunk and disorderly.

In a little while, by one of the oldest tricks known to enforcement officers, Owens had three of the Goose Hollow section's most notorious bootleggers awaiting trial in County Court Tuesday.

Officers in Hertford have had this question thrown at them time and again:

"Why don't you do something about the bootlegging in Goose Hollow?"

So Owens decided to do something about it. And for a job well done, he drew these thanks from the bench: "I don't think it was exactly a fair way to capture them."

Judgment in each of the three cases was suspended upon payment of the costs of court.

Air Raids Continue As Nothing New On Invasion Develops

British Say Deaths Total Only 3,333 as Result of Three Months Daily Bombings

Last week, by listing the only three possible results of Germany's highly-threatening moves toward invasion of England, the reporter made a correct guess and is claiming no credit for it. Wednesday night Hitler's legions were backing down behind one of the Chancellor's boasts about ten thousand plane-loads of bombs to be dropped on the London area daily and were continuing their nuisance raids; nightly frolics over the British Isles calculated to break down British morale and making a poor job of it.

British morale is not to be broken. The Army may be, the R. A. F. may be and the last line of defense may be broken, but British morale is continuing to withstand even Tuesday's "night of hell," marking the longest bombing raid of the war—nine hours and 54 minutes of terror from the skies.

A hasty check-up by British officials reveals the fear that casualties may be heavier than in recent nights.

There's little to report on the war situation this week. American conscription is stealing the thunder from Europe's war.

It is difficult to be certain about anything concerning the war across the seas. But it seems inconsistent with reason to believe what both sides (or either side) say about the bombs dropped on London and still see London as anything more than a mass of smoke-hazed wreckage. Take Tuesday for example, "British R. A. F. fighters clashed with 300 German warplanes in a terrific battle over the Thames Estuary today and reportedly scattered the raiders to save London from one of the greatest mass assaults of the war."

If one-fourth the German planes got through to drop their deadly

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First PTA Meeting Scheduled For Monday Night; Dr. Ward Speaks

The Perquimans County Central Parent-Teachers Association is scheduled to meet Monday night, September 23, at 8 o'clock. All are urged to attend this first fall meeting. Dr. I. A. Ward will address the audience on the subject of Health, and it is expected that Mrs. E. A. Ward will also be present. Mrs. Ward is director of the 9th district P. T. A., and she will talk on the work of the Association.

All who have children in school, and especially those parents with children attending the Central Grammar School, should attend.

Schools Begin New Term After Opening Delayed One Week

Enrollments Total 1061, About Same as Last Year; Central Tops Others In Students

County School bells tolled the death knell of vacation last Wednesday as educational plants opened the 1940-41 term with a total enrollment of 1,061, Superintendent F. T. Johnson announced last Friday.

The enrollment is almost the same as last year's, Mr. Johnson said. Enrollment at the high school was 290, at the Hertford Grammar School 288, at the Central Grammar School in Winfall 388, and at New Hope 100. A complete schedule was started in all schools Thursday. Wednesday, a half-day session, was for registration and class planning.

Mr. Johnson said here were more new students enrolled through transfer than in bygone years, indicating that new families have moved into the county. Several students were transferred from Virginia and distant points in North Carolina, one from Pennsylvania, and a number of students formerly enrolled at Central High School in Pasquotank County.

Twenty-two students from the high school signed up to participate in band activities, supplemented by 15 to 20 from the Grammar Schools. There are band instruments for only 31 however, and band work will be seriously curtailed unless funds are immediately appropriated for more instruments, Mr. Johnson said.

It is understood that a movement is underway to raise the needed funds for instruments.

The opening followed a postponement of one week, due to the delay of steamfitters in reaching the newly remodeled Hertford Grammar School to make necessary repairs and adjustments to the plumbing and heating systems. Open House was observed at the reconstructed grammar school last Tuesday afternoon and a large number of parents and patrons were present.

Tom White Resigns Position To Enter Military Training

One of Hertford's former young men isn't waiting for the conscription act to go into effect. Tom White, Jr., of Durham, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. White, of Market Street, resigned his position with the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company last week and left Wednesday morning for a year's military training at Camp Jackson, near Columbia, South Carolina.

The tobacco company advised young Mr. White's action and his job will be waiting for him at the expiration of the enlistment. Tom's is a move that might well be followed by other young men and is being followed by several other employees of the tobacco concern, several of them being among Mr. White's best friends who are entering the same camp.

He spent several days in Hertford with his parents recently between leaving Durham and reporting at Camp Jackson. His friends will miss Tom's frequent week-end trips to Hertford.

FOUR SEASONS OPEN TO HUNTSMEN ON TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING MORNING

Tidings Particularly Pleasing Since Governor Hoey Has Again Said Day of Thanks Will Be On Last Thursday In Month

To those whose feet yearn for the fields and woods and whose trigger-fingers itch for the feel of a trusty 20-gauge on Thanksgiving morn comes the glad news that quail, turkey, grouse and rabbit will be in season for hunters on traditional Thanksgiving Day. The State Game and Inland Fisheries Division announced it Tuesday.

These seasons were delayed until November 30th last year, past both President Roosevelt's and Governor Hoey's holidays. This year they are to open on November 28th, the last Thursday in the month.

The tidings are pleasing to a great many hunters here in Perquimans County, particularly because Governor Hoey has again proclaimed the last Thursday as Thanksgiving Day, declining to join the President in moving up the date one week. The Dove season will run through

Mystery Airplane Slightly Damaged In Forced Landing

Occupant (Or Occupants) Leave Scene Of Crash Immediately; Some Say Machine Was Stolen

A mystery airplane was slightly damaged in a forced landing on the Sound Bridge Highway just on this side of the county line Tuesday afternoon.

There was no mystery about the plane's landing. The mystery surrounds who was piloting it. There are two stories at large concerning the passengers and pilot. One story says two boys were in the plane and that they left it immediately and thumbed a ride on U. S. 17 a short distance away. The other story says a woman was piloting the plane and that she boarded a bus for Norfolk shortly after the accident.

At any rate, Tuesday afternoon the damaged plane was standing in a field just off the highway. It shows signs of a forced contact with the ground. The propeller is broken, the left half of the landing gear is smashed, one wing is crippled, the motor cowling is crumpled and the gas tank is empty.

The airplane is one of the popular coupes, a Piper Club of low horsepower. It is registered in the name of Mrs. Clyde Clements of Lynchburg, Virginia, and is apparently a new job. Authorities here Wednesday said they had no notice of a missing plane.

Mystery surrounds its occupants, eye-witnesses said they saw the plane with sputtering motor attempt a landing on the concrete of the highway, that it struck the shoulder of the road instead and skidded into the ditch. A few minutes later somebody dragged the light machine across the ditch and into the edge of the field and then left it alone with nobody to watch it or to prevent scavengers from stripping it of valuable navigation instruments and other parts.

It is possible, and constitutes a popular theory, that the plane is stolen, that the occupants were afraid to stop at an approved landing field for gas, and that they tried to land near the cluster of filling stations at U. S. 17 between Hertford and Edenton and Temporary U. S. 17 to the Sound Bridge.

If a woman was piloting the plane, she is probably the owner and left to get the services of an airplane wrecking crew to salvage her machine. If it was a stolen plane the owner would have notified flying fields and local authorities would have known nothing about it anyway.

The mystery will probably clear itself up in a few days.

Hudson To Conduct Morning Service At Holy Trinity Sunday

W. H. Hudson, of Edenton, well known here in Hertford, will conduct the morning services at Holy Trinity Church Sunday in the absence of the Reverend E. T. Jillson, rector, who is on a "vacation" because of the serious illness of his mother.

EVERYTHING READY FOR SECOND ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR; OPENING MONDAY AT 7 P. M.

Pin Ball Games Out Of Picture For Time Being

State-wide Crackdown On Slot Machines Throws Scare Into Operators

Slot machine activities are hitting a new low. The interests who operate the entertaining little pin-ball games in Hertford evidently took good notice of actions in Edenton, Raleigh, Durham and other points by Judge Harris and Judge Stevens and Judge Parker.

It appears that the judges got together during the summer and decided to do something about slot machines.

They did. They did it so effectively that the fellows who own the machines decided to put them in storage before Superior Court gets here. They gave themselves plenty of leeway. Superior Court isn't due in Hertford until late in October.

One day last week the fellow who works for the man who owns the machines came to town and talked with the operators. In no time at all there were vacant spots in many stores and filling stations where slot machine games had been only an hour before.

"I'm a law-abiding citizen," one operator said. "If the machines are against the law, then I don't want them in my place of business."

So now there's a booth, or a table or a decorative sign where once the boys gathered to watch the ball roll around.

There's little chance, that you'll see any more slot machines, at least not until the next General Assembly shall have met. And the impression is that you won't see them again after that. It's likely the next Assembly will strengthen the law against the nickle games.

Many Cases Heard Tuesday By McNider In Recorder's Court

Ranging From Reckless Driving to Resisting And Assault With Deadly Weapons

Tuesday's session of Recorder's Court was a full day term, many cases appeared before Recorder James S. McNider, ranging from simple drunk and disorderly counts to assaults with deadly weapons.

Among the cases heard Tuesday: Jessie Dance, Negro, paid costs of court for driving without an operator's permit.

Margaret Everett, Bessie Ferebee and Queenie Webb, Negro Goose Hollow bootleggers, paid the costs of court for illegal sale of whiskey.

William E. Holley, Negro, paid the costs for driving with insufficient brakes.

Noah Green, charged with obtaining money under promise to work, was sentenced to serve 90 days.

John Henry Moore, Negro, pleading guilty to reckless driving, was taxed with the costs of court.

S. I. and S. L. Phillips, charged with being drunk and disorderly and simple assault, were found guilty and ordered to pay the court costs in the matter.

Troy Elliott, found guilty of reckless driving, paid the costs.

The case of Brooks Whedbee, charged with assault, was continued until a later term of county court.

Will Gregory and Will Sawyer, Negroes, were found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and were ordered to pay the costs.

Emma Coker, Negro, pleading guilty to simple assault, was found not guilty.

The case of Mrs. Mae Small, charged with operating an auto without a driver's permit, was not prosed.

Leroy Spruill and George Taylor, Negroes, were charged with assault with deadly weapons, resisting and profanity. Pleas of nolo contendere as to Spruill and a nol prosee as to Taylor.

Two Bands For Children's Day Parade on Tuesday Afternoon

DANCE FRIDAY

Judging of Exhibits to Take Place Wednesday; Decorators Are At Work on Streets

Children's Day, the day set aside especially for the kiddies, the day when everybody over 17 wishes he was young again, is the first big day of the Second Annual County Fair which opens for a week's duration on the town lot Monday at seven o'clock p. m.

Children's Day is Tuesday, officially beginning at noon, according to J. H. Towe, chairman of the parade committee. The Parade forms at two o'clock at the Hertford Grammar School. The Edenton Band will be in attendance as well as one other band not yet secured. The smaller children will not be required to take part and the parade will not cover as many miles as it did last year. Some of the smaller tots got so tired of parading they couldn't fully enjoy the rides at half-price.

Leaving the Grammar School the parade, including floats, etc., will follow this route: Down Hyde Park Street to Dobb, east along Dobb to Church Street, north along Church to Grubb Street, west along Grubb to Covert Garden, south on Covert Garden to Market, and east on Market into the Fair Grounds.

The Parade disbands at the gates and the children are given free reign.

The decorators arrived Wednesday afternoon and began erecting streamers across the principal business streets Thursday and announcing store fronts with vari-colored bunting.

Wednesday, listed in the premium book as "Merchants' Day", boasts no special events other than the judging of exhibits by Miss Callie Charlton, Pasquotank; Miss Rebecca Colwell, Chowan, and Miss Ona Patterson, Gates, all demonstration agents of the respective counties.

On Thursday, "Farmers' Day", Kerr Scott and Thad Eure, featured speakers, will hold forth oratorically on a specially constructed platform on the courthouse green.

Farmers' Day opens with a lunch (Continued On Page Five)

"Send Them Back Or Put Them Under The Ground," J. J. Burney

Judge Was Talking to Martin County Grand Jury, But It Applies As Well Anywhere

The following is reprinted from Tuesday's issue of The Enterprise, bi-weekly Williamston publication, edited by W. C. Manning. Conducting Martin County Superior Court, Judge J. J. Burney, who presided over the last regular term in Perquimans County, was warning against Fifth Column activities in this country. In his address to the Grand Jury in Martin County Monday he stated frankly and forcibly his stand against practices designed to undermine this Nation.

"If they do not like this country," said Judge Burney, "there is only two ways to handle the Fifth Columnists. One is to send them back across the ocean and the other is to put them under the ground, and if they are put under the ground they can't come back from across the ocean."

The jurist stated his position after urging the grand jurymen to report any and all subversive activities they detect or are called to their attention.

"Fifth Column activities are underway throughout the country," the judge said and added that he would not be surprised if there were such activities right there in Martin County.

Judge Burney, who is remembered here in Perquimans County for his forceful dissertation on the cost of crime to the United States at the last term, could have as well applied his talk on Fifth Columns to any county in North Carolina. And while there are no suspected subversive activities here in Martin—let us well for this county and community to be one on the alert.