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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The British practically completed the campaign in Ethiopia when early this week the Duke of Aosta, Italian viceroy of that conquered country, sought an armistice with the British forces and surrendered to them. Ethiopia is now back in the hands of its ruler, Haile Selassie, who was driven out six years ago when the Italians overran the small nation.

The Vichy Government, from all indications now controlled by the Nazis, took several "turn-arounds" during the week. The Nazi-controlled press of Paris early in the week started a slandering campaign against the U. S. Then the next day called for President Roosevelt to act as a Peace-maker for the present war. Finding little encouragement in this, the Paris papers again reverted to the mud throwing.

The French Government charged its envoy, Henry-Haye, to lodge a protest with the Washington officials for the "taking into protective custody" the French ships in American ports. Henry-Haye, however, did not get far as Secretary of State Hull told him in no uncertain terms that this country now considers the Vichy Government Nazi-controlled and as long as France continues its present collaborations with Berlin that France could expect little from us.

The war came close to home this week when several North Carolina people were passengers on the ship Zamzam, an Egyptian ship sunk early this week by the Germans. No lives were lost, according to information released by the Germans, who claim that all passengers are safe in a Nazi held port, probably somewhere in occupied France. The United States has protested and demanded information as to the United States citizens.

The Hess affair remains a mystery as Prime Minister Churchill this week told the House of Commons that he was not prepared to make a statement concerning Hess and that he did not know when he would be. Apparently the British are keeping Hess under strict watch, and they, themselves, have not yet cleared up the mystery of his flight.

President Roosevelt, in a statement made Tuesday, announced that after due trial the moving up of Thanksgiving Day had not served its purpose of increasing business, and that beginning in 1942, the holiday will be observed on the last Thursday in November.

The Germans this week made a dress rehearsal of carrying troops to points of attack by glider when they attacked the Island of Crete, present headquarters for the Government of Greece. It was reported that the Germans launched the attack in great numbers and that at least 1,500 of them were disguised as Anzacs . . . probably having stolen the uniforms of the Britishers. Dispatches from Crete stated that the British and Greek defenders of the Island had the situation well in hand and that the invaders had been captured or killed.

It has been reported that the Germans are making plans for landing a force on the Island of Iceland, and with the notice Iceland served on Denmark this week, anything might happen. Iceland notified Denmark that it will henceforth consider itself a republic and acts under an agreement of the Island government held with the Nazi-occupied country of Denmark. Under the agreement Iceland had the right to cancel its union with Denmark before 1943.

In a statement coming from Vichy, France, it was announced that German officials on Wednesday notified American authorities that 140 Americans, all passengers on the ill-fated Egyptian steamer Zamzam, sunk in the South Atlantic early this week, were safe at St. Jean De Luz, France. American Consul Henry S. Waterman left Bordeaux for the port town to assist the Americans.

Further reports on Thursday morning indicated that the Nazis were still attacking Crete in great numbers, trying to establish a landing force capable of over-running the Island. Dispatches say that the Germans have managed to gain a foothold on the Island, but English authorities continue to report that the situation is well in hand. The Germans are striking at the island with a fleet of large air-transports carrying as many as 75 men. An estimate of the transport fleet places the number at 250, the Nazis are also using gliders to transport their men from Greece to Crete. The British claim to have a large force defending the Island along with two divisions of Greek soldiers.

Mrs. Leigh Winslow Delegate To Red Cross Meeting In Charlotte

S. M. Whedbee, chairman of the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross, announced Monday that Mrs. Leigh Winslow was attending a regional meeting of the Red Cross in Charlotte this week as a delegate from the Perquimans Chapter.

The meeting drew approximately 500 delegates from Red Cross Chapters throughout North and South Carolina.

The purpose of the meeting was to make plans for the aid of American soldiers in camps and to map out programs of production for the aid of refugees of Europe.

Large Attendance Lions Club Second Anniversary Night

The Hertford Lions Club celebrated its second anniversary last Friday night with an Anniversary Night banquet held at the Community House with approximately 125 members and guests present.

The headline of the evening's program was Neil Hester, Past District Governor, who lauded the local Club for its outstanding achievements during the two years and awarded emblems to members for attendance and outstanding work in Lionism.

Norman Trueblood, Secretary of the Club and now being sponsored by the majority of the Clubs in this District for District Governor, was awarded an attendance emblem, a merit awarded for the organization of the Elizabeth City Club and a master key and plaque for enrolling 12 members into Lions Clubs.

B. L. Gibbs, Charles Willford, Archie T. Lane, Max Campbell, Morgan Walker and Julian White were also awarded 100 per cent emblems for attendance.

The banquet was served by the members of the Hertford Woman's Club, who received much praise for the banquet from Arnot Groves, President-elect of the Elizabeth City Club.

Hester was introduced to the Lions and their guests by L. N. Hollowell, past president of the local club. Mr. Hollowell paid tribute to the Edenton Club for its whole-hearted support given the Hertford Lions during the days of organization of the local club.

Mr. Hester spoke briefly of the serious problem confronting the world by saying, "As I frankly and dubiously survey the course of events of our time, I see Lionism a vital factor in extrema. For Lionism represents fellowship and that sense of fellowship must pervade the earth before peace can rule the world."

Mayor V. N. Darden welcomed the guests to the City and also praised the local Lions on their splendid record of community service.

Lions from Edenton, Elizabeth City and Belhaven were present, and guests recognized included Mr. and Mrs. Darden, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Arrington, and Herbert Peele.

Trueblood Selected To Preside Luncheon Lions Convention

Norman Trueblood, secretary of the Hertford Lions Club and a candidate for the District Governor's office, has been selected to preside at the Secretary's luncheon and panel discussion to be held in connection with the Lions State convention in Asheville on June 24.

During the convention club presidents, secretaries and key members each have a luncheon and discussion of club activities and District 31-O, of which the Hertford Club is a part, will have charge of the Secretary's luncheon. District Governor James Parker, of Clinton, chose the local secretary as chairman for the event.

Defense Bonds Sales Progressing Here

The Hertford Postoffice and the Hertford Banking Company, agents in this County for the sale of Government Defense Savings Stamps and Bonds, reported this week that the sale of the stamps and bonds was progressing here, but that no present time there has been no great rush to secure the bonds.

Savings stamps may be purchased in denominations from 10c to \$5, while the bonds come in denominations of \$25 to \$1,000. The bonds sell at a discount, for example, a \$25 bond costs \$18.75, and interest is paid until maturity when the bond is worth \$25. The savings stamps offer a means whereby a purchaser may buy stamps and save up to an amount equal to the cost of a bond, then trade the stamps for a bond which is interest bearing.

Summer Re-elected Post Commander Of American Legion

Berry and Darden to Act As Delegates to Convention In Durham May 23

Perquimans Post No. 126 of the American Legion re-elected Charles Ford Summer as Post Commander at its meeting at the Perquimans Courthouse on last Thursday night.

Summer was chosen Commander of the Post last fall at the time the Post was organized.

Other officers chosen at last week's meeting are: First Vice Commander, Charles E. White; Second Vice Commander, George T. Roach; Third Vice Commander, E. L. Hurdle; Adjutant, B. C. Berry; Finance Officer, V. N. Darden; Service Officer, F. T. Johnson; Guardianship Officer, F. T. Johnson; Sergeant-at-arms, J. A. Perry; Chaplain, J. D. Cranford; Historian, L. L. Winslow; Athletic Officer, G. C. Buck; Child Welfare Officer, F. T. Johnson; Americanism Officer, J. E. Winslow; Graves Registration Officer, C. V. Ward; Employment Officer, A. A. Nobles; Boys' State Officer, J. Oliver White; Membership Chairman, Charles E. White; Publicity Officer, W. G. Hollowell; Chairman Sons of Legionnaires, J. K. Futrell.

The Post chose B. C. Berry and V. N. Darden as delegates to the State Legion Convention to be held in Durham on June 23 and 24. F. T. Johnson and A. A. Nobles were named as alternates for the convention.

The new officers will be installed at the July meeting of the Post, following the convention in Durham.

A. B. Gilliam was taken in as a new member at the meeting last week and the Post now has a total of 38 paid up members.

The Perquimans Post urges everyone to support the sale of Poppies which will be sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Edenton Legion Post in this county next week.

Post Adjutant Berry stated that a notice of the next meeting to be held in June will be announced at a later date.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Moral Byrum, of Hertford, Route One, announce the birth of a son at Lake View Hospital, Suffolk, Va., on May 13. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Good Attendance At Baptist Services

Fine attendance at the revival services being held this week at the Hertford Baptist Church has been reported by the Rev. C. E. Hobgood, pastor of the church, who is well-pleased at the reception being given the Rev. Sankey Lee Blanton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington, conducting the service.

The audience has been well pleased at the messages brought by the Rev. Mr. Blanton at each service, which is held twice daily, at 8 o'clock in the morning, and each evening at 7:45 o'clock.

The services will continue through Sunday, May 25th, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Blanton, prior to accepting the charge at Wilmington, held several large pastorates, including the Calvary Baptist Church in New Haven, Connecticut.

ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Nixon of Hertford, Route One, wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Miriam Frances Nixon, to Carey P. Quincy, Jr., on Sunday evening, March 16, 1941. The ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. C. E. Hobgood at the Baptist Parsonage in Hertford.

Mrs. Quincy is a popular member of this year's graduating class at Perquimans High School, and Mr. Quincy, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quincy of Chapanoke, is a former graduate of Fork Union Military Academy. He is now connected with the U. S. Navy.

Names Omitted

Through an error The Weekly, in last week's issue, omitted the names of two Perquimans teachers who were re-elected for the next term by the Board of Education.

We are glad to announce that Miss Margaret White was re-elected to the Central Grammar School faculty, and Mrs. G. W. Barbee was re-elected to the Perquimans High School faculty for the coming year.

Five White Youths Selected For Draft Quota Call June 3

50 Questionnaires Mailed Tuesday; Negro Draftees Left Thursday

J. R. Stokes, chairman of the Perquimans County Selective Service Act Board, announced Wednesday that, unless some unforeseen incident occurred to cause changes, that Hersey Gregory, Wallace Winslow, Alphonsa Williams, James Pierce and Octavius Long, Jr., will be the five white youths of the county to fill the June 3rd draft call for Perquimans.

The local board received the call the latter part of last week and was ready for the selection by having a number of registrants ready for call. Mrs. T. B. Sumner, clerk of the board, stated that 50 questionnaires were mailed out on Tuesday, bringing to a total of 720 that have been mailed to registrants thus far.

Mr. Stokes stated that in all probability the local board will complete the mailing of all questionnaires to the present registrants by the end of September. At the present time the local board has had no information regarding a new registration of youths who have reached their 21st birthday since last October 16, when all men between the ages of 21 and 36 were called to register. However, present indications are that a new registration may be held in July.

Five Negro selectees left Hertford on Thursday to fill the May 22 call and will be inducted into military training at Fort Bragg. The Negroes were: George Nelson, Willie Webb, Robert Etheridge, David Wiggins and Robert Smith.

A second call for men will probably come later in June as the county's quota up to June 30th is 50 men. With the induction of the five white youths on June 3, this county will have furnished a total of 40 men and will receive credit for four, thus leaving a total of six men to be called in order to fill the complete quota.

Mr. Stokes also issued notice of the change in the number of days allowed selectees before leaving for camps. Formerly five days were allowed selectees to arrange their personal affairs prior to induction, but an amendment has been made to this ruling and now selectees have a period of ten days notice before induction.

Recorder's Judge Hears Three Cases

Judge Granberry Tucker, having but three cases to hear on the Tuesday's docket in Perquimans Recorder's Court, took time to review a number of cases of delinquents in regards to court costs.

Capias were ordered issued for a number of the offenders and Judge Tucker warned that court costs must be paid by those defendants owing them or jail sentences would be invoked.

Gilbert Riddick, Negro, convicted on April 22 of simple assault, was given a new hearing on his case after producing new evidence and the judgment rendered in the first trial was reduced to the costs of court.

Percy Winslow, Negro, was found guilty Tuesday of reckless driving and fined \$25 and costs.

Claude Dail submitted to the Court on a charge of assault on a female and was sentenced to 12 months on the roads. Sentence was suspended on payment of costs and that the defendant be on good behavior for two years towards his wife.

The case of Henderson Peele, charged with manslaughter, was continued to the May 27th term of court.

Many Families In County Sign For Food Program

L. W. Anderson, chairman of the Workers Agricultural Council, stated this week that approximately 300 families in the County have signified their intentions of cooperating in the Food and Feed program now being sponsored as a part of the National Defense Program.

Mr. Anderson requests that all families who have received cards asking their cooperation mail the cards back to his office as soon as possible, as the Council is anxious to get this program under way.

The Workers Council will hold its next regular meeting on June 2, at the Agricultural Building.

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., met Tuesday night in regular communication.

Edmund Harding To Headline Rotary Anne Night May 27

The program committee for the annual Rotary-Anne dinner of the Hertford Rotary Club announced at the club meeting on Tuesday that Edmund Harding, well known speaker of Washington, N. C., had been invited to be the principal speaker for the occasion.

The banquet will be held next Tuesday night at the Episcopal Parish House, with dinner being served by St. Catherine's Guild.

Blount Announces Intentions To Run For District Seat

With the announcement last Saturday by Marvin K. Blount, of Pitt County, that he will be a candidate for Congress from the First District, present indications are that the race will be at least a three-man affair, if not more.

Herbert Leary, of Edenton, announced two weeks ago that he will be a candidate for the office and without doubt Herbert C. Bonner will be a candidate to succeed himself.

Mr. Blount will be the first Pitt man in over 50 years to seek the office of Congressman for this District.

Replying to the question as to whether or not he will seek the nomination, Mr. Blount stated he felt that the Congressman chosen next year should come from Pitt County and that it was his intention to make the race.

Mr. Blount was one of those prominently mentioned for the post had there been a primary to fill the vacancy created by the resignation last fall by Lindsay Warren, and since that time many of Mr. Blount's friends in Pitt County and throughout the District have urged him to make the race.

Mr. Blount is well versed in public and political affairs. He received his law degree from the University of North Carolina in 1916, and began the practice of law in Greenville in the fall of that year. He served as State Senator from Pitt three times, the sessions of 1927, 1929, and 1931. He declined to seek renomination in the 1932 primary.

As a member of the Senate, he served on the State Education Committee which gave study to the school situation in North Carolina and made recommendations in the 1913 General Assembly which resulted in the McLean law for State support of the public schools.

Mr. Blount also served for several years as a member of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina and for two terms he was mayor of Greenville.

At the present time he is county attorney for Pitt County.

Selection Of Spud Queen To Be Made At State June 6th

Perquimans County will again this year join with other counties of this section and choose a Queen for the Potato Festival to be held in Elizabeth City on June 11th.

The young lady who will represent Perquimans will be chosen from the stage of the State Theatre on June 6 by out-of-town judges, according to an announcement made by Mayor V. N. Darden and Littleton Gibbs, manager of the Theatre, who have been asked to aid in the selection of the Queen from this county.

Any girl in the county may enter the competition by making application to Mr. Gibbs at the State Theatre. The committee is anxious to have a large number of entrants.

The young ladies selected from the various counties will be judged at the Festival and a Potato Queen chosen. The rest will serve in the Queen's Court.

Miss Marie Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Anderson, carried off the local honors in the selection last year and was also selected as the Potato Queen by the judges in Elizabeth City.

Forest Fires Burning Again

Following a heavy damage done to forests in this area last month, fires again were burning in several sections this week. The fires this time were on a smaller scale than those last month.

State officials believe that some of the fires were started by "fire bugs" just to see the flames, however, it is not likely that the fires in this county were purposely set.

Damage to forests in the State is estimated at a greater figure than the amount of timber that will be cut during the year.

Demonstration Clubs Hold Meeting And Flower Show

Wade Marr Principal Speaker; Woman's Club Captures Most Awards

The sixth annual Flower Show and Tea held in connection with the Spring Federation meeting of the Perquimans County Home Demonstration Clubs was held Tuesday afternoon at the Hertford Grammar School and at the Community House.

Wade Marr, of Elizabeth City, was the guest speaker at the Spring Federation meeting which preceded the annual Flower Show.

Mr. Marr told the crowd of more than two hundred club members and guests gathered in the auditorium of the Grammar School that such organizations as theirs serves to break down barriers between towns and communities and serves to bind people of scattered sections together for the common good.

"People in Europe cannot get together in such meetings as ours, because they have not been able to overcome the prejudices built up by the few in power.

"We should realize how blessed we are, and do all to further this cooperative spirit. Pride, false or real, should be sacrificed for promoting the things that will be of greatest common benefit."

Speaking of the international situation, Mr. Marr told the ladies it is their duty to analyze world events, and strive to find answers to world problems, rather than close their eyes to what is happening.

Mr. Marr was introduced by Mrs. A. R. Cooke, of the Chapanoke Home Demonstration Club, after a short opening program of the Federation, as follows:

A song, "God Bless Our Native Land," by the group; Invocation, by Mrs. F. C. White; Roll call by Clubs, and Minutes, by Miss Lucy White, secretary; Business matters, by Mrs. Myrtle Reed, treasurer; Greetings from the Past District President, Mrs. P. P. Gregory.

Following Mr. Marr's address, County Agent L. W. Anderson sang "Road to Mandalay," by Oley Speaks.

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Announce Marriage Jessie Tayloe Newby To Army Lieutenant

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Newby this week announced the marriage of their daughter, Jessie Tayloe Newby, to Lieutenant Alvis Eugene Hendley, Jr., United States Army. The marriage took place in Greenville, S. C., on October 27, 1939.

Mrs. Hendley is a graduate of the University of North Carolina. For the past three years she has held the position of librarian in the high school at Clinton, South Carolina.

Lieutenant Hendley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hendley, Sr., of Charlotte. He is a graduate of Wofford College, S. C. At present he is with the 8th Division stationed at Fort Jackson.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Hendley will be at home after May 26, at 112½ Hagood Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

Hard-Surfacing Of Center Hill Road Started Wednesday

The work of hard-surfacing the Hertford-Center Hill road got under way on Wednesday when the Greene-Smith Company, of Charlotte, began the construction of the all-weather roadbed which will later be coated with "black-top" by the R. B. Tylor Company, of Monroe.

It is estimated that it will take approximately six to eight weeks to complete the work after its beginning.

Postoffice And Bank Closed Next Friday

Silas M. Whedbee, Hertford Postmaster, announced today that the postoffice will be closed all day Friday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day. Mail will be dispatched and placed in boxes at the postoffice, but there will be no mail delivery on that day.

R. M. Riddick, cashier of the Hertford Banking Company, announced, also, that the Bank will close all day on the 30th to observe the holiday.