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## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Two of the largest battleships engaged in the present war were sunk this week when the German ship Bismarck, a 35000-ton ship launched in 1939, sunk the English battle-cruiser, Hood, a 42100-ton ship which was the pride of the British fleet. The Hood was sunk on Sunday in the North Atlantic between Iceland and Greenland, when the Bismarck fired salvoes into the powder magazine causing it to blow up. The entire Hood personnel of some 1,300 men perished. Immediately the British fleet began a pursuit of the Bismarck and finally caught up with it Tuesday morning, sending it to the bottom of the ocean.

Arrangements for the release of the Americans, taken prisoners when the Germans sank the Egyptian ship, Zamzam, are being carried on and it is believed that the men, women and children will be released sometime this week. As yet, no definite information has been received regarding Ned Laughinghouse of Wilson, N. C., who was seriously wounded when the Zamzam was attacked.

Outstanding this week was the proclamation of President Roosevelt calling for the registration of men on July 1, for military service. This registration effects only men who have reached their twenty-first birthday since last October 16. It is expected that close to one million young men will sign up during this registration.

President Roosevelt on Tuesday signed a bill providing for government loans of 75 percent of parity on the five basic farm commodities. The bill is designed to raise farmers' cash income to the point where they will have the same purchasing power, in relation to that of industrial workers, that they enjoyed during the 1909-1914 base period. It applies to wheat, corn, cotton, rice and tobacco.

Some 6,000 Tar Heels, members of the 30th Division at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, including some Perquimans County boys, this week began moving toward Camp Forrest, Tenn., where they will take part in the "Battle of Tennessee," the largest military maneuver in this country this year.

President Roosevelt on Tuesday asked Congress for an additional three billions of dollars to be spent on the manufacture of airplanes. This latest request will boost to some seven billions of dollars appropriated since last July for warplanes alone.

Information coming from London indicates that the "Battle of Crete" still hangs in the balance. Headlines tell the story that the Nazis continue to send parachutists into the fray, although it is stated that their losses thus far amount to some 18,000 dead. The British officials report the loss of two cruisers and four destroyers in the battle. However, British Naval officials say that the Royal Navy has done its job in preventing the re-enforcements of Hitler to reach the island.

Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr., of New York, a frequent critic of President Roosevelt and his policies, was this week ordered to report to Fort Bragg, and into active duty as a Colonel in the U. S. Army.

Britain continues the "mopping-up" process in Ethiopia. Four Italian divisions were announced wiped out and two Italian generals reported captured in the Soddu area.

News releases this week from Turkey point out that the revolt in Iraq is now collapsing. Due to it was said, to the inability of the Nazis to supply the Iraq revolt with supplies, planes, tanks, etc. The pro-Nazi premier was reported to have been seeking ways of getting out of the country into German controlled territory. Reports continue that Germany is sending men and supplies through French Syria.

England and France were nearer to the breaking point on Wednesday after British planes bombed the town of Sfax, in French Tunisia. England has warned France to expect such happenings as long as the Germans use any part of occupied, or unoccupied France as a means of carrying the war to England, and France continues close collaboration with the Nazis.

President Roosevelt on Wednesday stated that he saw no reason for any changes in the Neutrality Act, since it did not infringe upon the nation's newly re-asserted policy of insisting on freedom of the seas. The President stated that he believed that the Patrol system will protect war aid instead of curbing it.

## Perquimans Band To Have Part In Potato Festival June 11th

F. T. Johnson, superintendent of schools, announced Tuesday that the Perquimans Band will take part in the Potato Festival to be held in Elizabeth City on June 11. The band will hold a practice session at the High School at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, June 3.

Mr. McCallum will have charge of the practice and Mr. Johnson stated that it is absolutely necessary for all band members to be present at this practice if they wish to participate in the trip to the Festival the following week.

## Announce Important Mass Meeting For Retailers And Clerks

All retailers and their clerks, and wholesalers of American grown and manufactured cotton merchandise are urged to attend an important mass meeting to be held in the auditorium of the Agricultural Building at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, June 3rd.

In announcing the meeting, L. W. Anderson, County Agent, stated that as far as possible not only merchants but their clerks should attend this important discussion of how merchants may participate in the benefits of the Supplementary Cotton Stamp Program, soon to be launched in this area.

He said that in order to be eligible to accept Cotton Stamps for redemption from the Government, merchants must first complete a "Retailer's Statement" form which will be available and fully explained at the meeting.

Mr. Anderson added that \$25,000,000 worth of Cotton Stamps are available for distribution to cotton farmers during 1941, and any merchants unprepared to accept these stamps in trade in the prescribed manner would be at a distinct disadvantage. "The simplest way for merchants to fully understand the Program," said Mr. Anderson, "is to attend this meeting. They will learn how they may get their share of this additional business; what goods may be exchanged for stamps; the rules and regulations they must comply with in making cotton stamp sales; and how to redeem the stamps for cash."

"By aggressive merchandising methods pushing the sale of cotton goods not only to those using stamps—but to every family in the community—retail merchants will make a substantial contribution toward solving the problem of price-depressing cotton surpluses and under-consumption of cotton goods by a large part of our people."

## Funeral Services Held Saturday For A. Ulysses Winslow

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock for Allen Ulysses Winslow, 59, of Whiteston, who died in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, last Thursday of injuries suffered while stretching a barbed wire fence on his farm.

Mrs. Elizabeth White, assisted by Mrs. Bertha S. White and John C. Privette, officiated.

Pallbearers were: Bernard Winslow, Arnold Winslow, Alton Winslow, Robert Winslow, Otis J. White and Gideon Saunders.

Mr. Winslow was believed to have been struck on the head by a piece of metal from the wire stretcher when a post in the new fence broke. He was a native and life-long resident of Perquimans County.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Mary Verna Winslow; five sons, Matthew Winslow of Norfolk, Va., Leverette Winslow of Norfolk, Va., Crafton Winslow of Belvidere, Emmett Winslow of Maryland, Alvah Winslow of Petersburg, Va.; four daughters, Mrs. L. R. Stallings and Miss Clemma Winslow of Belvidere, Mrs. Herman Wiggins of Sunbury, Mrs. Vann Spivey of Hickory, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. Gideon Sanders and Mrs. J. H. Winslow of Belvidere, Mrs. Josiah Winslow of Hertford and Mrs. Paul White of Elizabeth City, and three brothers, Elisha S. Winslow, Elmer R. Winslow and Charlie T. Winslow of Belvidere.

Services were held at the home and interment was made in Friends Cemetery at Whiteston.

The Hertford Lions Club will hold its regular meeting on June 6, at the Hotel Hertford. All members are requested to be present as there will be important business discussions.

## New Registration Set For July 1st By President

### All Youths Who Have Reached 21 Must Register For Military Service

President Roosevelt, on Monday, ordered that all youths who have reached their twenty-first birthday since last October 16, or who have not previously registered for military service under the Selective Service Act must do so on July 1.

According to information given out at the time, local draft boards will handle the registration of the young men. Here in Perquimans County it is thought that a number somewhere between twenty and thirty young men will be registered. The new men signed up in each area are expected to be put at the bottom of their local draft lists in an order of priority among themselves to be determined by a new national lottery. It was stated that the July 1 date was chosen in order that men registering then would have time to find out before fall whether or not they might expect to be called for duty. This would permit them to plan ahead for their fall and winter work or educational schedules.

It is expected that something like 1,000,000 young men will be registered throughout the country in the July registration. The manner of determining a youth's order number will be something like this:

Each man will get a registration number when he signs up. Each of the 6,500 local draft boards thus will have a No. 1, No. 2, etc. One set of corresponding numbers then will be drawn in the national lottery. If "50" was the first number drawn, that would be "Order No. 1" and men holding the number fifty would be the first of the new registrants called to serve if there was no reason to defer their training.

The expectation is that thousands of the men registered July 1 will be called for service within a few months even though they are put at the end of their local draft lists.

Officials believe that local draft boards will be inclined to go quickly through their older registrants in order to reach men who have neither dependents nor essential employment and are at an age which the Army wants.

## Organize Committee For Cotton Stamp Plan Program Here

Formation of a Cotton Stamp Committee for Perquimans County to cooperate with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the operation of the Supplementary Cotton Stamp Plan in this area in the very near future, was announced Wednesday by L. W. Anderson, County Agent.

The committee was formed Tuesday afternoon at a meeting held at the Agricultural Building. V. N. Darden was appointed chairman of the committee. Other members, representative of the Cotton Trades Industry of Perquimans County, included L. C. Winslow, Simon Rutenburg and M. J. Gregory. Mr. Winslow represents the J. C. Blanchard Company.

Mr. Anderson stated that the main purpose of organizing the committee is to assist the government in helping to acquaint all retailers and wholesalers of cotton goods in the county with the manner in which they can cooperate and participate in the benefits of the program.

At the meeting Mr. Anderson pointed out that merchants can not accept Cotton Stamps for redemption by the Government until they have completed a "Retailer's Statement" form entitling them to participate. These forms may be obtained from the County Agent's office.

"I feel sure," said Mr. Anderson, "that every retailer of American-grown and manufactured cotton products in Perquimans County will want to cooperate wholeheartedly with the Government's effort to aid our cotton farmers and the cotton industry as a whole. It's certainly to their advantage to do so, and any who do not will be placed at a disadvantage."

## CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM SUNDAY

There will be a Children's Day program Sunday evening, June 1, at 8 o'clock, at the Epworth Methodist Church in Winfall. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Hit And Run Case Consumes Much Time In Court

### Few Cases Heard In Court on Tuesday; Appeal Taken by Fred Smith

What appeared to be a short session of Recorder's Court on Tuesday turned out to be a long session when much time was consumed in the case of Fred Smith, charged with reckless driving and hit and run.

Robert Holland, of Norfolk, Va., prosecuting witness in the case was a bit late appearing in court and argument was carried over into the afternoon. Judge Granberry Tucker found Smith guilty of hit and run and not guilty of reckless driving. Smith was sentenced to 30 days, to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs of which \$15 of the fine was to be paid Holland for damages done the Holland car in an accident near Belvidere Sunday. Smith appealed the verdict to Superior Court.

James Sawyer and Willis Cain, two white men, charged with assault failed to appear in court Tuesday and Judge Tucker ordered their bonds forfeited. Cain was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and transporting. The men were arrested last Friday by State Patrolmen at Winfall.

Jack Leigh, Negro, submitted to the Court on a charge of assault on a female and was taxed with the costs of court.

Granby White, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of assault on a female, Mildred Johnson, Negro, and was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended on payment of costs and good behavior for one year. However, White will have to serve another 30 days on the roads for violation of a suspended sentence given him in December of 1940.

Fleet Cooper and his wife, Roberta Cooper, Negroes, were given a sentence of 30 days. Cooper was charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting his wife. Roberta was charged with being drunk and disorderly and assault with a deadly weapon. The sentences were to be suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior for one year.

The case of Henderson Peele, a probable cause hearing on the charge of manslaughter, was continued to June 3rd.

## 50 Questionnaires Mailed This Week By Draft Board

The Perquimans County Draft Board is rapidly nearing the end of the job of sending questionnaires to the men registered under the Selective Service Act. Fifty more questionnaires were mailed out by the board this week, bringing to a total of 781 of the forms that have been mailed.

Classification of the men is proceeding as fast as the forms are returned to the local draft offices. The county board has a total of 1,126 men registered, so one can readily see that over half of the men have already received their questionnaires and have been classified.

J. R. Stokes, chairman of the local board, stated that Perquimans County was not called upon for any men, either white or colored, in call number 13, which was received last week.

Five white men will leave Hertford on June 3 to fill the quota for the number 12 call. These men will include Wallace Winslow, Alfonso Williams, James Pierce, Octavian Long, Jr., and Haywood Bradford Umphlett.

It is not known at the present time whether there will be another call for men during the month of June or not. However, when the five men leave on June third, Perquimans will have furnished a total of 44 men to the armed forces since the Selective Service Act went into effect last fall. The County's quota up to June 30 was set at 50 men.

## Silas Green Minstrel In Hertford June 7

Silas Green's minstrels, now in its 53rd annual tour, will appear in Hertford next Saturday, June 7, showing under a huge tent at the Town lot. Advance representatives of the show say that it is altogether new and has never been so good as it is now.

The minstrel, which always draws a capacity of both white and colored patrons, will show only one night.

## Perquimans Queen For Potato Festival Selection Next Week

The selection of a young lady from Perquimans County to represent this county in the Potato Festival to be held in Elizabeth City will take place at the State Theatre next Friday night.

Applications of entries for the selection are being received by Littleton Gibbs, manager of the theatre, who with Mayor V. N. Darden, is acting as a committee for the selection of a Perquimans representative.

Judges in the selection will be out-of-town people who will have no interest in the choice.

All young ladies wishing to enter the contest are asked to see Mr. Gibbs before next Friday evening.

## R. D. Elliott, Jr. Weds Katherine Lawrence At Enfield May 24

The wedding of Miss Katherine Pittman Lawrence to Richard Dillard Elliott, Jr., took place in the Enfield Methodist Church on Saturday evening, May 24, at 7:30. Vows were spoken before the Rev. R. D. Critcher.

The church was decorated with white gladioli, lilies, carnations and peonies against a background of white sprinkled with green fern, while the altar was illuminated by the light of white tapers set in candelabra.

Pre-nuptial music rendered by Miss Virginia Branch at the organ, included Bridal Song by DuBois; To a Wild Rose, by MacDowell, and Evening Star, by Wagner. Immediately preceding the ceremony Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes was sung by the vested choir, with E. L. Smith as soloist, followed by a solo, All For You, sung by Mrs. Alice Miller, of Roanoke Rapids. During the ceremony Miss Branch softly played Liebestraum by Liszt. Conventional wedding marches were used.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, John A. Lawrence, wore a dress of white marquisette and lace. Her fingertip veil of illusion fell from a coronet, fashioned Dutch style, and caught with a band of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white bride's roses and Centaurea fringed in fern, with lily of the valley streamers.

Mrs. W. T. Martin, of Williamston, dame of honor, wore a blue marquisette full-length dress with blue heart-shaped bonnet, caught with velvet ribbon to match and blue ribbon mittens of net. She carried a shower bouquet to match, tied with yellow ribbon. Miss Mildred Andrews, maid of honor, was dressed in pink, with appointments matching those of the dame of honor. She carried a shower bouquet of pink, tied with blue ribbon.

The bridesmaids, Mrs. S. F. Pol (Continued on Page Five)

## Jane Griffin And Robert Evans Named 4-H Queen And King

Jayne Griffin and Robert Evans have been crowned senior 4-H Club health queen and king of Perquimans County, P. H. Jameson, four-county assistant farm agent, announced on Tuesday.

Peggy Fulton of the Hertford Grammar School, and Tommie Wiley of the Central Grammar School in Winfall, won junior health honors in the annual 4-H Club event.

Josephine Hunter and Otis Mansfield placed second in the senior event.

First place winners in both junior and senior divisions will be formally crowned as kings and queens of health at an outdoor public exercise to be held at the Courthouse in June.

June 14th has been set as the date for the Perquimans County Health Day program. The Health Queen and King will be crowned during this program which will take place at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

## New Books Arrive At Library Here

Miss Mae Wood Winslow, member of the Perquimans County Library Board, announced this week that the following new books had been received at the library:

"In This Our Life," by Ellen Glasgow; "Oliver Wiswell," by Kenneth Roberts; "Hang My Wreath," by Ward Weaver; "As I Remember Him," by Hans Zinser; "New Stars Burn," by Faith Baldwin; "Letty and The Law," by Faith Baldwin; "Still Waters," by Ruby Ayers, and "The White Cliffs," by Alice Duer Miller.

The local library is now open every day except Sunday, the hours being from 10 to 12 in the morning and from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.

## President Says Emergency Exists In His Radio Talk

### Says America Will Resist Any Effort to Control Seas; Wide Powers Effective

President Roosevelt, in his fire-side chat of Tuesday night, announced to the nation that he had proclaimed a "state of national emergency" and that the United States had always fought for freedom of the seas and would resist all attempts of Hitler to control the seas.

Bluntly, he accused the Axis powers of an intent to conquer the world and "strangle the United States of America"; asserted that the war was "coming very close to home" and warned that "we will not hesitate to use our armed forces to repel attack."

President Roosevelt referred to the labor problem in his speech as well. He stated that this was no time for capital to make, or be allowed to retain, excess profits. He said that the overwhelming majority of the people expected the government to see that the tools of defense were built.

Under the powers of unlimited national emergency, the President may close or commandeer radio stations, demand preference for troops and war materials on any transportation system, suspend trading on securities exchanges, and take over powerhouses, dams and conduits needed in munitions manufacture.

Any step he may choose to take, aside from actual declaration of war, must be done by individual proclamation. Only Congress can declare war.

The President may also do these things, under his national emergency proclamation: Forbid Federal Reserve banks to do business except under Treasury regulations.

Investigate, regulate or prohibit transactions in foreign exchange.

Place the Coast Guard under the Navy; refuse clearance to vessels of a belligerent country which discriminates against American vessels or citizens.

Empower the Federal Power Commission to require temporary connections or the transmission of electric energy; Suspend the law prohibiting more than eight hours work in a day by persons engaged on government contract.

In his proclamation, the President stated that the objectives of the Axis belligerents "include overthrow throughout the world of existing democratic order, and a world-wide domination of peoples and economies through the destruction of all resistance on land, sea and in the air."

"Indifference on the part of the United States to the ever-increasing menace would be perilous; and common prudence requires that for the security of this nation and of this hemisphere, we should pass from peace time authorization of military strength to such a basis as will enable us to cope instantly and decisively with any attempt at hostile encirclement of this hemisphere."

## Rotary-Anne Night Observed Tuesday By Local Rotarians

The Hertford Rotary Club held its annual Ladies Night dinner on Tuesday evening at the Episcopal Parish House.

The meeting was marked by a 100 per cent attendance. After a chicken dinner, served by the ladies of St. Catherine's Guild, entertainment was provided by members of the club and their Rotary-annes, and included songs by the entire group, a nail-driving contest, a brief quiz program and a solo by R. S. Monds, president of the club.

Edmund Harding, of Washington, N. C., who was previously announced as the head-liner of the evening's program, was unable to attend.

## County Agent Reports Crops Not Yet Hurt By Long Dry Spell

County Agent L. W. Anderson stated Tuesday that although rain is badly needed to aid crop growth, the continued "dry spell" which this section has had for the past several weeks has not yet affected the crops in Perquimans County.

Mr. Anderson said that cotton and peanuts that as yet have not come up may be affected somewhat, but he believed an early rain would erase any damage to crops.