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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Outstanding headline of this week was the announcement that FBI men rounded up twenty-nine persons over the week-end, all suspected of being spies. Charges are being pressed against them, and some have confessed to the crime of espionage.

Poland lost one of its outstanding citizens this week when Ignace Jan Paderewski, world-famous pianist, died in New York City, at the age of 80. He had spent much of his time recently working toward the reformation of his native land.

The possibility of Germany overrunning Russia and having complete sway of Siberia led the United States to rush to the defense of Alaska. Planes and submarine bases are rapidly being constructed and weapons are being rushed to the northern outpost of this country.

State Selective Service officials estimated this week that approximately 25,000 youths registered for military service in North Carolina during the second registration day, July 1. It was believed that some 27,000 would sign up during the day, but the figure fell about 2,000 below that number.

Richard Dixon, of Edenton, was appointed Special Superior Court Judge by Governor Broughton. The appointment, while it came as no surprise, was well received throughout this entire section. The elevation of Mr. Dixon to the bench left a vacancy in the office of Clerk of Court of Chowan County. E. W. Spires was named to this post.

That the National Defense program costs money was brought home by the news on Tuesday when a partial list of new taxes was published and the amounts expected on each item. It is believed that a seven per cent tax will be placed on automobiles, and a \$5 "use" tax will be levied against all privately owned vehicles.

Other items listed were: increased taxes on bowling alleys, billiard tables, telephones, candy, jewelry, transportation, tires and tubes, radios, phonographs and records, refrigerators, etc.

While Germany is busy with Russia on the Eastern front, British air-men continue to blast the invasion ports of France and the industrial sections of Germany. The R. A. F. has been bombing these points for the past two weeks, and this week started day-light raids which would indicate they have the air supremacy over this section.

English General Wavell, who has had charge of the English forces in Africa, was transferred to India this week. An unknown, or little heard of general, Sir Claude Auchinleck, replaced Wavell as commander in the Near East.

While the Russo-German war was waging for the past two weeks, there is little to be learned of definite gains or losses on either side. The Nazis have claimed wide gains in territory and overpowering of Russian forces, but at the same time Red authorities deny a greater part of the Nazi claims. The Reds have admitted certain losses of territory but claim they have destroyed more planes and men than the Germans.

At the present time it would seem that the Nazis have done most of their advancing in old Poland and the smaller States which Russia annexed last year . . . with little time to make them defensive. The Russian forces seem to be holding their lines in Russia proper.

Joe DiMaggio, slugging outfielder for the New York Yankees baseball team, this week tied the all-time big league hitting record when he hit for the 4th consecutive game. DiMaggio broke the modern record of George Sisler who had hit in 41 straight games during the early twenties.

Governor W. Lee O'Daniel apparently won out in the Senatorial race in Texas, which was held last Saturday. Twenty-seven candidates ran for the office left vacant by the death of Senator Morris Sheppard, and the hill-billy music producer Governor led his nearest opponent by a thousand votes.

As a result of a proposal made by Uruguay, the nations of this hemisphere may become united in even a stronger bond of cooperative defense than heretofore. Uruguay proposes that the 21 American Republics bind themselves not to 'treat as a belligerent' any American country which, in defense of its own rights, should find itself in a state of war with nations of other continents.

American Legion Post Meeting To Be Next Friday

Perquimans Post 126, of the American Legion will hold a regular meeting next Friday night at the Hertford Community House. New officers will be installed at this meeting and delegates to the State Convention held in Durham will make reports.

B. C. Berry, adjutant of the local post, stated that plans for the Legion's participation in the National Defense Program will also be discussed and plans made for the local post to aid in these projects.

Committee Named To Advise And Assist Purchase Programs

Eight Perquimans County citizens have been named on committees to advise and assist in the operation of the rehabilitation and tenant purchase programs of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Mr. A. H. Edwards, Perquimans County Supervisor for Farm Security Administration, announced the appointments made by Mr. Vance E. Swift, FSA State Director at Raleigh, N. C.

The members appointed by Mr. Swift are: John T. Lane, Dr. E. S. White, Carson Spivey, Claude Williams, Freeland M. Copeland, Mrs. Lucius Blanchard, J. W. Ward and G. C. Buck.

Mr. Edwards said that John T. Lane, Dr. E. S. White and Carson Spivey will serve as members of the subcommittee on the Tenant Purchase program; John T. Lane, Dr. E. S. White and Claude Williams will serve on the subcommittee for the Farm Debt Adjustment and tenure improvement work; John T. Lane, Carson Spivey and Freeland M. Copeland will serve on the subcommittee for the rural rehabilitation program. Mrs. Lucius Blanchard, J. W. Ward and G. C. Buck are members at large to advise on the various phases of assistance to low income farm families.

The Tenant Purchase program provides funds for the purchase of family type farms by qualified tenants under the Bankhead-Jones Tenant Purchase Act. Perquimans County already has 16 new farm owners in this program. FSA rehabilitation loans are available to low income farm families, ineligible for credit elsewhere, for the purchase of livestock, workstock, seed, fertilizer and equipment, in accordance with carefully planned operation of the farm and home. About 60 farm families in Perquimans County have already been helped by this program.

The services of debt adjustment committee are available to all farmers, as well as to FSA borrowers. The committee will assist creditors and farm debtors to reach an amicable adjustment of debts based on the ability to pay. This service has been used by 15 farmers in Perquimans County.

Mr. Edwards said better tenure arrangements is one of the most pressing needs in the rehabilitation of low income farm families. Farm Security Administration provides lease forms for long term leases to encourage conservation and better living on farms. This service is also available to all farmers in the county, as well as to FSA borrowers.

Farm Security Administration is the agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture which assists the low income farm families to take full advantage of the other services of the national agricultural program, such as soil improvement, diversified farming, and increased production for home use, Mr. Edwards said. It enables the disadvantaged farmers to make use of the improved farming practices developed by the Extension Service and State Agricultural Experiment Station.

To Interview Youths Seeking Employment

Mrs. J. G. Fearing, Youth Personnel Interviewer for this district, will be at the Hertford Courthouse Monday, July 7, for the purpose of interviewing youths between the ages of 16 and 26, who seek employment.

Mrs. Fearing announces that openings are available and those who wish to be placed in positions should call at the Courthouse Monday to see her.

Hertford Rotary Club Met Tuesday

The Hertford Rotary Club held its regular meeting Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford. J. W. Ward, newly installed president of the club, presided. The Club presented R. S. Mondes, outgoing president, with a beautiful gift.

Forgery Charge To Be Heard July 22 By Judge Tucker

Defendant Guilty of Transporting Draws \$50 Fine

Unless Percy Hurdle, Negro, can raise a \$200 bond he must remain in the county jail until the July 22nd term of Recorder's Court for a hearing charging him with forgery and fraud.

Hurdle was arrested Sunday night by Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens, after an attempt had been made to pass a forged check at the Hertford Bank on Saturday. Attempts to hold the would-be check passer on Saturday failed when officers were called to the bank. He fled before the officer arrived, but was picked up Sunday night and identified as the man who presented the check.

Aaron Riddick and Elsie G. Baum, both Negroes, were released in Court Tuesday when the State took a no pros in their cases. Both were charged with forgery and fraud in connection with the above case.

Rufus Hardy, Negro, was fined \$50 for possession and transporting non-tax paid liquor. McKinley Barnes, who was with Hardy at the time Patrolman Jack Gaskill made the arrest was found guilty of aiding and abetting in the transportation and he was taxed with the costs of court and placed on good behavior for one year.

The case of Herbert Chappell was continued until Tuesday, July 8th.

William Douglas, Negro, pleaded guilty to the charge of reckless driving and operating a motor vehicle without license. He was taxed the costs of court and ordered to pay damages done to a car he ran into.

Willie Lee Shannon, Negro, was taxed with costs of court when found guilty of simple assault.

Ella Mae Jones and Jessie Phillips were found guilty of simple assault and ordered to pay costs of court.

Ben C. Riddick and Milton Perry, Negroes, were found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and sentence was invoked on previous hearings given the men.

County Outlay For Public Assistance \$14,637 For Year

Public assistance payments for Perquimans county's aged, needy and dependent children totaled \$14,637 for the fiscal year ending June 30, according to Nathan H. Yelton, director of the public assistance division of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

Yelton said \$10,167 was spent during the year for old age assistance in the county with 113 persons receiving grants from this fund during the month of June.

Dependent children received \$4,470 during the year, with 74 being given checks during the month of June. Grants in both categories were paid from combined federal, state and local funds of which the county paid one-fourth the cost of grants and administration, with the state making up another fourth and the national government providing one-half the total outlay.

Yelton said the total expenditures for the state during the fiscal year was \$6,416,528.

The public assistance director, who has managed the program for four years and two months leaves the State Welfare Department this week to take over as secretary of the State School Commission.

Mrs. W. T. Bost, State Welfare Commissioner, announced the appointment of R. Eugene Brown, assistant to the commissioner since 1930, as acting director of the public assistance division effective July 1. Brown will serve as division head until a director is chosen from the merit system register to be set up following merit examinations this fall. It will be the first prominent post in the state government to be filled from a merit register.

EXTENSION NOTES By FRANCES MANESS Home Demonstration Agent

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 7-12
Tuesday, July 8—Chowan Home Demonstration Club meets with Mrs. C. P. Quincy.

Wednesday, July 9—Winfall Home Demonstration Club meets with Mrs. Claude White.

Friday, July 11—Home and Garden Home Demonstration Club meets with Mrs. Mark Hathaway.

Around 8 Thousand Dollars In Cotton Stamps In County

Thirteen Merchants to Participate In Stamp Plan

A preliminary estimate based on the 338 cotton farmers of Perquimans County who have thus far filed notice of intention of participating in the Supplementary Cotton Program indicates that local merchants may expect around \$8,000 worth of new cotton business in 1941.

This information was released on Tuesday in a statement made by L. W. Anderson, County Agent, following a recent check on the indicated merchant participants to date.

Thirteen merchants of Perquimans have also signed their intention of participating, and accepting the stamps for cotton goods.

Mr. Anderson stated that the stamps will be released here in about two weeks, or as soon as they arrive.

"Naturally," added Mr. Anderson, "alert, merchandising-minded retailers who aggressively push cotton products not only to their stamp customers but to the general public as well, will stand to benefit most from the program."

Mr. Anderson pointed out that the merchants who use ingenuity in the sales promotion of their cotton merchandise will not only perform an important service to their customers and the nation in helping to solve an important national problem, but will gain profitable business as well.

"This program," he said, "offers merchants an unusual opportunity to cooperate with the Government's effort to increase the domestic consumption of American cotton by making everybody conscious of the value and importance of cotton merchandise, as the chosen fabric of both the society matron and the budget-bating housewife."

County To Furnish Twenty Men During Month Of July

With the second registration day over and the work of signing youths for Selective Service finished, the local draft board will turn to the selection of twenty men to fill Perquimans' quota for the month of July.

The County will furnish twenty men during the month. Ten Negroes will entrain for Fort Jackson, S. C. on July 16th, while ten white men will be inducted into service at Fort Bragg on July 23rd.

Due to the new ruling on deferment of men over 28 and to pending appeals, the local board has not yet selected the men to fill the quota. However, a tentative list was released by Mrs. T. B. Sumner, clerk of the local board, on Wednesday. The list of Negroes who will be selected includes Aaron Riddick, Elmer Sutton, Wilson Lee, William Bowser, Small, Malickiah White, Raleigh Hurdle, James Collins, Fred Stewart and Carlton Felton.

The white men who will fill the quota for July 23 include Hersey Gregory, Joseph Stallings, Walter King, William White, Ray White, William Bundy, Clyde Harris, Julian Hobbs, Murray Pierce and Glennie Russell.

The July quota is the largest yet received by the local board, according to J. R. Stokes, chairman of the board, and when it is filled Perquimans will have furnished some 65 men for military service under the Selective Service Act.

Officer Arrests Two Men Wednesday

Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens arrested Will Mansfield on Wednesday on a charge of stealing an axle, housing shaft and other parts of a truck belonging to J. V. Roache. Mansfield was released on a \$100 bond, pending a hearing in Recorder's Court on July 8.

Mr. Owens also arrested Willie Parker, Negro, on Wednesday. Parker is charged with forgery in connection with the Percy Hurdle forgery case which will be heard in Recorder's Court on July 22.

The President on Monday ordered 900,000 new conscripts for the army for the new year starting July 1. These men will replace selectees inducted into service during the past year.

Committee Expected To Meet Shortly After Holidays

In order to work out plans for the promotion of sales of Defense Bonds and Savings Stamps, the Perquimans Committee in charge of this program will meet shortly after the Fourth of July holidays, according to R. M. Riddick, chairman of the Perquimans Committee.

The committee will make out a program for conducting sales of the bonds and stamps and, also, add to the publicity program now being conducted.

The sales of the bonds and stamps in the county to date have reached a nice total, but large sums are needed to carry out the defense program and every person should take part in the purchase of the stamps and bonds to individually aid in the work.

Perquimans County Charged With Two Fatal Accidents

Perquimans County reported two traffic fatalities during the first five months of this year, according to a five-months summary released this week by the Highway Safety Division.

This number represented an increase in comparison with the number killed in Perquimans during the same period last year, when no persons were killed.

Traffic fatalities for the state as a whole totaled 448 persons for the five-months period, this grim toll running nearly 49 per cent ahead of the 301 persons killed in North Carolina the first five months of last year.

Eleven counties had 10 or more fatalities, these being Alamance, Buncombe, Columbus, Cumberland, Durham, Guilford, Halifax, Henderson, Mecklenburg, Rockingham and Wake. No fatalities were recorded in the following 14 counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Camden, Cherokee, Clay, Dare, Haywood, Hyde, Jones, Polk, Scotland and Yancey.

Substantial increases were noted in the area of defense activities, Onslow County showing 9 fatalities the first five months of this year against none for the same period last year, Cumberland showing 12 against 9, Columbus showing 13 against one, and New Hanover showing 7 against four.

Fifty-five of the 100 counties in the state registered increases, 25 showed decreases, and 20 held on a par with last year.

"There has been a constant upward trend in traffic deaths in this state since last August, with the result that we are now running nearly 50 per cent above last year in the number of persons killed in street and highway accidents," stated Ronald Hocutt, director of the Highway Safety Division.

"This trend can be stopped, and careless motorists and pedestrians must make up their minds that it shall be stopped. This carnage is unnecessary. And it is preventable. Let's stop it."

Hertford Bank To Close All Day Saturday, July 5

R. M. Riddick, cashier of the Hertford Banking Company, announced Wednesday that the local bank will be closed Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5, in observance of the National holiday.

Governor Broughton declared both days as official holidays and all banks and State offices will close for the week-end.

The local bank will re-open Monday morning.

To Resume Mattress Project Next Week

County Agent L. W. Anderson announced this week that the mattress-making project which has been suspended for the past several weeks, due to the inability to obtain materials, will be resumed here next Monday.

Mr. Anderson stated that 48 bales of cotton and 4,800 yards of ticking have been received this week for the project. The project of making the mattresses is handled by the NYA.

To date a total of 1,160 mattresses have been made and distributed to 750 low-income families in this county.

SUNBEAMS TO MEET

The Sunbeams of the Hertford Baptist Church will meet Sunday afternoon, July 6, at 2 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

Fifty Youths Signed For Military Service By Local Draft Board

Second Registration Completed Here on Tuesday By Local Officials

A total of fifty young men, all but one of whom had reached the age of twenty-one since last October 16, registered for military service here Tuesday with the Perquimans County draft board.

One man registered late. He should have been registered last October, but was in prison and somehow overlooked; however, he appeared before the local board Tuesday to place his name on the selective lists.

Approximately 750,000 young men all over the United States appeared before some 6,500 draft boards to swell the total of men registered for military service. It is expected that most of the young men who registered Tuesday will be inducted into service very swiftly, since few will have dependents or physical disabilities.