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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The war on the Eastern front still rages with both sides making wide statements regarding the progress. Indications are, however, that the Russians have stopped the Nazi drive to a slower pace. Germany claims to have broken the Stalin line but no verification has been made and it is doubtful if this is true.

Russia and England this week signed a pact assuring that neither will make a separate peace with Hitler. Although much space and time was devoted to the signing of this pact . . . it means little. France and England had the same kind of an agreement, but it was not binding.

Russia's stand against the Germans has fooled about all the "General Staffs" in the world, including our own, and it is possible that a more optimistic view will be taken of the Eastern front war, providing the Reds can hold off the Nazis a while longer.

The month-old Syrian war came to a close when Vichy France accepted the terms of an armistice offered by the Free French forces and England. The Allies are to receive the territory in which a free government will be established, and the French are to turn over all ships and arms to the English and Free French. Vichy Frenchmen are leaving Syria by the way of Turkey.

According to reports, which "leaked out" and were later affirmed, American labor is now employed in Northern Ireland, helping to build air bases, etc.

The R. A. F. has been bombing invasion ports of France and industrial cities in Germany since the beginning of the Russo-German war. Prime Minister Churchill states that the British air force is turning the tide in the air fight. Germany's air force has given the English little opposition since it is reported they are occupied with the Russians.

Indications are that the Nazis have forwarded peace proposals to Washington. It is believed the Nazis hope to divert the Americans from the present all-out aid for the defeat of Hitler. It is believed these new proposals will be released showing Hitler proposes a United States of Europe, of course with Germany in the "driver's seat."

United States and German officials say they know nothing of the reports coming this week out of Stockholm, Sweden, stating that Germany will sever relations with the United States "within forty-eight hours."

President Roosevelt on Tuesday asked Congress for the power to regulate time standards throughout the country. This will mean the establishing of daylight saving time in order to conserve electrical power. It is reported, however, that the President might not declare daylight time for the entire country . . . only those areas affected by power shortage.

Hundreds of United States Consular officials are on their way home after being evicted from German-occupied lands and Italy. They are on the Naval transport West Point. The West Point is taking Axis consular officials to Lisbon and will return with the Americans.

President Roosevelt let it be known that he favored the retention of selectees in military training longer than the year called for at the beginning of the Selective Service Act. He stated that to release the men would wreck the Army structure, and that since the contract made with the government included the possibility of a longer period of training, there was no question of breaking faith on the idea.

The second big lottery was held in Washington Thursday to determine the order numbers of men who registered for military service on July 1. These numbers will be "filtered" in with those already on hand in draft offices.

Reports that the Russian Government is ready to flee Moscow were branded as false this week by Stalin's officials. Although it is believed that Russia is preparing to evacuate the Capital if the Nazis close in, the fact is that German forces are still, according to reports, some 150 to 200 miles from Moscow.

No confirmation was available this week of Moscow radio reports that Reich Marshal Herman Goering had fallen into disgrace and had been placed in a German concentration camp. The reports were picked up by British listening stations.

Additional Funds Raised Here For Flying Ambulance

Perquimans County's contribution to the Old North State Fund was increased an additional \$15.50 last week-end, according to Charles Whedbee, chairman of the Perquimans Committee.

A total of \$159.50 was sent to Raleigh headquarters a week ago Wednesday and later Mr. Whedbee forwarded the following contributions made by J. I. Perry, \$5; W. H. Pitt, \$2.50; Crafton Matthews, \$1; Chas. E. White, \$1; L. A. Smith, \$1; J. Frank Winslow, \$1; Dr. E. S. White, \$2; F. P. Wall, \$1; Haywood Umphlett, \$1.

The county's quota had been set at \$100, but the total amount raised here was \$175. The funds raised through this drive will be used to purchase an airplane ambulance as a gift to the people of England from the people of North Carolina.

Publisher Advocates Aid To Weeklies In Present Crisis

Carroll Wilson Principal Speaker at Group Meeting Held Near Ahoskie Saturday

Because of an anticipated sharp decrease of national advertising coming to weekly newspapers, due to defense activities, Carroll E. Wilson, member of the State Highway and Public Works Commission and publisher of the Roanoke Rapids Herald, on Saturday night advanced the idea of weekly newspapers endeavoring to take some steps toward securing government aid to relieve the plight of many of the nation's weekly publishers as the result of unsettled conditions in which apparently they are the "forgotten men."

Mr. Wilson was the principal speaker at a meeting of the North-eastern North Carolina Weekly Newspaper Association held at the estate of Roy Parker near Ahoskie, and during his address said that the government has offered aid to farmers as well as other lines of business and that he thought some steps could be taken whereby assistance might be secured for the small newspapers.

Wilson said that the weekly newspapers employ more folks and have more money invested in the nation than have the metropolitan dailies, who secure the lion's share of advertising during such times as at present. If necessary, he said, some lobbying should be done in order that the weeklies secure some recognition at the hands of the government.

Mr. Wilson emphasized the role of weekly newspapers as an American institution, and said that these publications are more thoroughly read than the larger newspapers throughout the nation. Government aid, he said, was just an idea he had in mind to take the place of revenue lost by less foreign advertising, and presented it for what it was worth. A number of the publishers present thought well of the idea which was discussed at length. About 35 newspaper publishers and editors were present at the meeting, which was presided over by President Max Campbell of Hertford.

Hertford Lions Club Buys Defense Bonds

The Hertford Lions Club held its regular meeting last Friday evening at the Hotel Hertford, and voted to purchase a United States Defense Bond from the funds in its treasury. The Club authorized its board of directors to make the purchase.

Reports of the State Convention were given the club by Archie T. Lane, Charles Williford, Fred Chalk and Norman Trueblood. Three silver cups won by the club during the past year were presented by Mr. Lane and accepted by President Claude White.

Recorder's Court Not In Session During This Week

Due to a recess, Perquimans County Recorder's Court was not in session this week.

All cases on the docket will be heard at the regular July 22nd term of court. Several cases are scheduled for hearing next Tuesday, including a forgery charge, driving under the influence of intoxicants and assault.

Board Announces 10 Selectees To Fill Final July Quota

Large Delegation of Negro Draftees Off to Camp Wednesday

J. R. Stokes, chairman of the Perquimans County Draft Board, this week released the names of Hersey Gregory, Joseph Stallings, Jack Kanoy, William Bundy, Murray Pierce, Clyde Harris, Julian Hobbs, David Pike, Graham Trueblood and Julian Dale as the selectees who will leave for Fort Bragg on July 23 to fill the final July quota for Perquimans.

The local draft offices have not received any further calls for men for the present. However, it is expected that a call will be received for men during the month of August.

The County's quota, under the Selective Service Act for July was 20 men. Ten Negroes left Hertford on Wednesday morning for Fort Jackson, S. C., where they will be inducted into the Army for military training.

According to Mrs. T. B. Sumner, clerk of the local board, a total of 1,188 men are now registered with the Perquimans board. Fifty-seven of these are young men who reached their twenty-first birthday after the first registration and were registered July 1. Of the total 633 are white men and 555 are Negroes.

The second big lottery, or drawing of names to determine the order numbers of men who registered July first, was held in Washington yesterday and the local office will "sandwich" the newer registrants in with the old ones as soon as they receive the lists from Washington. The Weekly will carry the new order numbers as soon as they are released by the local office.

It is highly probable that the younger men will be called into service quickly due to the fact that they have no dependents and are in good physical condition, and also, due to the fact that present indications are that all men over 28 years of age will be deferred indefinitely from the military training.

Congress, at the present time, is discussing the problem of retaining men already inducted into service longer than the one year called for at the time of induction. However, definite steps along this line have not been taken.

4 Motor Accidents Recorded In County During Week-end

Perquimans County chalked up four more motor accidents during the past week-end.

The accidents all occurred on Route 17, between Hertford and Edenton. Fortunately three of the accidents resulted in no injured persons. However, the other took a toll of eleven injured, three seriously.

The series of accidents started about three o'clock Friday afternoon when Mr. and Mrs. H. Adelman, of New York City, escaped injury when the car they were driving left the highway and turned over.

Eleven people were injured in the collision which occurred at 6:15 on Friday night, one mile south of the Hertford limits. Cars driven by Mrs. Noah Seymour, of Elizabeth City, and Bill Boyce, of Hertford, were involved. Witnesses state that Boyce attempted to drive through the highway directly in front of Mrs. Seymour.

Boyce was riding alone. He was thrown completely out of his car, as were some of the occupants of the Seymour car. R. L. Jackson, Sr., Shirley Jennings, aged 2, and Boyce were seriously injured. Others riding in the Seymour car and who were injured were: Mrs. Bill Jennings, Bill Jennings, Mack Seymour, Susie Seymour, Ann Jennings, Eriean Pritchard, and Marjorie Jennings.

State Highway Patrolman brought charges of reckless driving and driving under the influence of intoxicants against Boyce.

Two other accidents occurred during Sunday. Unidentified drivers of two cars left the highway and turned over during the rain-storm about the middle of the afternoon. Minor injuries were sustained and the cars were damaged slightly.

New Orleans reports this week that cotton prices were higher than at any time in the past eleven years. The prices there went over the 16-cent mark. Outlook for the future price is good, according to market reports.

Kramer And Darden Install Officers At Legion Meeting

Committee Named By Commander; 27 Members Present

The Perquimans Post of the American Legion held its regular meeting last Friday night at the Agricultural Building with 27 of its 42 members present of the installation of officers for the 1941-1942 Legion year.

Post Commander Charles Ford Sumner announced the following committees appointed for the year:

Membership Committee — Charles E. White, chairman; Geo. T. Roach, A. A. Nobles, E. Lee Hurdle, S. G. Chappell. Legal Committee, J. G. Tucker, chairman, F. T. Johnson and A. B. Gilliam. Publicity Committee, W. G. Hollowell, chairman; L. L. Winslow and D. F. Reed. Visiting Committee, J. D. Cranford, chairman; W. T. Willoughby, F. M. Copeland, Ralph R. White and G. C. Buck. Service Committee, F. T. Johnson, chairman; C. V. Ward, A. E. Layden, J. Oliver White and H. A. Whitley. Graves Registration Committee, Paul Stallings. History, C. V. Ward, chairman; L. L. Winslow, F. T. Johnson, J. A. Perry and Dempsey A. Winslow.

The Legionnaires moved and carried that the Post would appoint a Civilian Defense Committee to work with the Perquimans County chairman for Civilian Defense.

The Post also voted for a committee to assist with the Hertford troop of Boy Scouts.

John A. Holmes, Commander of the Edenton Post, spoke to the local veterans on membership drive for 1942. The Perquimans Post will begin this drive as soon as membership cards for 1942 are received by Adjutant B. C. Berry.

Any Legion post gaining a 100 per cent membership is awarded a citation and receives a second citation if an increase is shown by the drive for members.

C. E. Kramer, of Edenton, spoke to the local Post on aircraft warning work. Mr. Kramer is chairman of the Chowan County Aircraft Warning Committee. For his work in organizing and assisting the local veterans in the formation of the Perquimans Post, Mr. Kramer was, on Friday night, voted the "Daddy" of Post 126.

V. N. Darden, newly appointed Vice Commander of the First District, assisted Mr. Kramer, who is Past District Commander, in the installation of new officers Friday night.

The next meeting of the local Post is scheduled for the second Friday night in August.

Scout Honor Court Held At Hertford Last Friday Night

Hertford's Boy Scout Troop, Number 155, was host at the Albemarle District Court of Honor, held at the Hertford Courthouse last Friday night.

Wayne Moore, chairman of the advancement committee for the district, presided.

First Class rank was given: Julian Broughton, Sidney Broughton and William Elliott, of Hertford, and J. Elliott Ward, of Elizabeth City.

Merit badges were given: Walter Ryan, Jr., Oscar Webster and William Woodley, all of Elizabeth City. Life Scout award: William Woodley, of Elizabeth City.

Eagle Scout award: Oscar Webster, of Elizabeth City.

Presentation of awards were made by Aubrey Sawyer, W. H. Pitt, C. P. Morris and Mrs. Webster. Introductions were by J. Holland Webster.

A large audience was in attendance from Gatesville, Elizabeth City, Edenton and Hertford, and much praise was heard of the Court of Honor.

NYA Registration To Be Held Monday

Young people, boys and girls, between the ages of 16 and 25, may register for employment and training with the NYA. Mrs. J. G. Fearing, personnel interviewer, will be at the Agricultural Building in Hertford, on Monday from 10 until 2 o'clock, for the purpose of interviewing and registering applicants. Both white and colored youths may apply.

An increasing volume of vitamin products is being produced in China, the Department of Commerce reports.

Local Legion Post Invited To Attend Edenton Meeting

V. N. Darden, Vice Commander of the First District and member of the Perquimans Post of the American Legion, this week received a letter from John A. Holmes, Commander of Edward G. Bond Post, No. 40, of Chowan County, inviting all members of the Perquimans Post to attend a meeting to be held at the Court House in Edenton on Tuesday evening, July 22, at 8 o'clock.

New officers will be installed by the Chowan Post and Roy L. McMillan, newly elected State Commander, will be the principal speaker of the evening.

Following the installation ceremony and Commander McMillan's speech, all Legionnaires and Auxiliary members will be entertained by Judge and Mrs. Richard D. Dixon at a reception held at Hotel Joseph Hewes honoring State Commander and Mrs. McMillan.

S. M. Whedbee Quits As Chief Hertford Fire Department

Mayor Darden Elected To Fill Post; Pay Increase Looms For Employees

S. M. Whedbee—Front Page
S. M. Whedbee, chief of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department for the past several years, Monday night tendered his resignation of the position to the Town Board.

The Board accepted his resignation and elected Mayor V. N. Darden to the post as Fire Chief. Mr. Whedbee was elected to serve as Assistant Fire Chief.

The Board also discussed the possibility of enlarging the personnel of the fire company, adding more men to the company than are now enrolled as members.

Little business was placed before the Board at its regular meeting on Monday night. Sam Long tendered his resignation as an employee at the Municipal plant and the Board filled this vacancy by employing W. T. Miller. Six applications were considered for the job.

Prospects for a pay increase for some of the Town employees loom in the future, following a discussion of the situation at Monday night's meeting. The Commissioners agreed that due to the higher costs of living it might be necessary to take this step. However, it was decided that nothing would be done until the budget for this fiscal year is drawn and the Board determines the outlook.

Williams and Wall, certified public accountants of Raleigh, will begin the annual audit of the Town's books next week. This firm was also awarded the contract for the audit for next year.

The Board authorized the Town attorney to check the law pertaining to the sale of land for taxes and to set the date for the same. Notice of this sale will appear in an early issue of The Weekly.

Deadline For Tax Payment August 1

Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow this week issued a warning to taxpayers that all settlements of 1940 taxes must be made by August first, or the real estate will be advertised for sale on the first Monday in September.

The Board of County Commissioners, in compliance with the statutes which designate that all real property on which taxes are due for the current year be sold on the first Monday in May, or any of the four succeeding months thereafter, ordered the Sheriff to hold the sale at the date set.

Sheriff Winslow urges all taxpayers to make settlement now to avoid additional costs of advertising. All property on which the taxes remain unpaid on August 1 will be advertised on August 4.

To Attend Furniture Market In High Point

W. M. Morgan, B. C. Berry and Miss Blanche Moore Berry will leave Sunday for High Point, where they will attend the semi-annual Furniture Market.

Mr. Morgan, head of the Morgan Furniture Store, stated that he had been receiving numerous notices of increases in prices of furniture, but that he would know more of the situation after he arrived at the market and learned the new prices.

Organization Of Defense Committee Under Way Here

Charles Whedbee Appointed Chairman For County; Other Appointments

Organization of the Perquimans County Civilian Defense Committee was under way here Thursday when Charles Whedbee, appointed by Governor Broughton as chairman of the County Committee, called a meeting at the Courthouse Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and appointed his head committee.

The County Committee is composed of C. P. Morris, representing Industry; J. E. Winslow, representing law enforcement and aircraft; E. M. Perry, representing County Government; V. N. Darden, representing City Government; Captain Charles Ford Sumner, representing the American Legion; J. W. Ward, representing the Rotary Club; Claude White, representing the Lions Club; L. W. Anderson, representing Farm Extension Bureau; Miss Frances Maness, representing Home Demonstration Clubs; Mrs. I. A. Ward, representing Woman's Club; Dr. T. P. Brinn, representing Health; F. T. Johnson, representing Schools; S. M. Whedbee, representing the Fire Department, and King Williams, representing the Negroes.

The purpose of the meeting Thursday was to complete the organization of the central committee and to familiarize the members with the work to be undertaken.

The Civilian Defense program is under the national leadership of Mayor LaGuardia of New York and the State leadership is under Governor J. M. Broughton, who has designated Mr. Whedbee as chairman of the Perquimans Committee.

One of the chief activities which will be directed by the local committee shortly is the "old aluminum" drive to be sponsored in all the counties in the United States. The government will ask for contributions of old pieces of aluminum that will be converted into metal to be used in the defense program. This drive will probably get under way here within a short time.

Man Rides Wounded Bear Until Help Arrives—Pronto

Jim Carver, of the Nicanor section, believes the thing to do when a wounded bear charges is to ride "bear-back" until help arrives, for that is exactly what he did when a bear he had shot at close range rushed him before he could reload his gun, during a bear hunt in the Nicanor swamps last Saturday.

Carver, Alvin Onley; Cecil White, Louis Stallings, Jim Rountree, and Richard Norfleet, Negro, were on one of the many bear hunts that have been taking place lately to kill off some of the bears that have been damaging stock in that section. Carver became separated from the others in the hunt, and was almost as surprised as the bear when he suddenly came upon one. He fired point-blank . . . the shot failed to kill the bear and he was then on the defensive before he had time to reload.

The bear charged Carver and ran under him . . . riding and wrestling with the bear and calling for help at the same time, Carver escaped without injury, the bear's strong jaws and sharp teeth inflicting injury only to himself, for he evidently was so confused by the man on his back that he had his own foot in his mouth when the other hunters arrived on the scene. Carver received barely a scratch.

Dr. E. H. Potts Speaks At W. M. S. Meeting

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church met on Monday evening in Room One at the Church at 8 o'clock, with the president, Mrs. I. A. Ward, presiding.

The meeting was opened with the hymn, "Jesus Saves," and prayer was offered by the Rev. C. E. Hobgood. After a business session, the Circles were counted. Circle Number Four had the largest number of members present.

Mrs. Ward then turned the meeting over to Mrs. C. E. Hobgood, program chairman. The Scripture lesson was given by Miss Geneva Jo White and Miss Dorothy Elliott offered prayer.

Dr. E. H. Potts, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, gave a splendid talk, using as his subject, "Christian Education." The Society thoroughly enjoyed the talk made by Dr. Potts.

The meeting was closed with the hymn, "O Zion Haste."