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## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

According to reports this week from the Russian war front, the Nazis are making much headway in the battle on the far southern and northern ends of the battlefields. Although the Red Army officials continue to claim they have stopped the Germans indications are that this is true only on the Moscow front. Most likely, according to reports, the Reds have withdrawn troops from other sectors to strengthen the Moscow front.

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, after their historic meeting somewhere in the Atlantic, brought forth a famous eight points proposal for peace, after Hitler has been defeated. Newspapers, as well as the public, were given few details of the meeting, but Churchill is to speak this week from London and it is quite possible that he will give the world the full details of the meeting.

Without a definite working plan, or at least without announcing one, government officials in Washington on Sunday released news that there is to be a "forced" cut of 20 per cent in gasoline throughout the Eastern States. Voluntary closing of service stations throughout the night hours has not produced the results wanted, thus the announcement this week of the cut—which will probably start with the distributors and run on down to the service stations.

President Roosevelt this week signed the draft age and extension acts which will give a blanket deferment to all men registered for military service who have reached their 28th birthday, and will also empower the Army to retain all drafted men, already in service, for a period of as much as thirty months.

Along with this item the Army authorities stated on Wednesday that they may be that they will release some men in military training before Christmas time. It is believed that some 200,000 men may be given their discharges. Men released will be those badly needed at home, those past 28 and married men inducted since the service act became effective.

Seven lives were lost and one million dollars worth of damages occurred at a fire at the Brooklyn Ship Yards this week. One ship, seven barges and defense materials were lost in the flames. It was believed the fire was a result of sabotage, but investigation has not revealed it to be that.

After returning from his meeting with Churchill, President Roosevelt has told Congressmen and newspaper men that it was his belief that Russia has a good chance to hold out against the German invasion through this winter, and plans further aid to Russia by the way of the lend-lease bill.

The United States will shortly begin ferrying warplanes to the Middle East, according to a plan being worked out in Washington. The planes will fly from the U. S. to safe fields, outside the war zone, in Africa, hence on to the Middle East war zone for the British.

Japan continues to spar with British and American authorities in the Far East, but little action has been taken by the Japanese since they moved toward Thailand last week. It is reported that Russia has moved a large force to the Siberian border to offset the moves of the Japs who last week took up positions along that line.

The fifty-first annual reunion of Confederate Veterans will be held some time next spring at Chattanooga, Tenn., according to announcement made this week by J. F. Howell, commander-in-chief of the veterans. No meeting was held this year because of the lack of a formal invitation.

In what seems to be an attempt to stave off German advances toward the Iran oil fields, British and Russian troops have arrived on Iran's frontier and the Persian Government was given notice to expel all German "tourists" within 48 hours. Rumors have been forwarded that the Nazis would make a drive into the east country to replenish their oil supplies.

The Germans admitted late Wednesday night that the Red Army is counter-attacking and putting on a heavy air attack. Russians claim to have driven back German forces on three fronts, and meanwhile Marshal Voroshilov, commander of the Leningrad area, called on all inhabitants to aid in defending that city.

## Attend Preview Of New Model Cars At Norfolk Meeting

J. H. Towe, Roulac Webb and W. W. White, of the Towe Motor Company, and Fred Chalk attended the preview showing of the 1942 Plymouth automobile at a special meeting held at the Norfolk Country Club last Friday.

The meeting was conducted by the Plymouth Motor Company and in connection with the showing of the new model car, which is expected to be on display in local showrooms in the very near future, the Company also exhibited special movies showing construction of the new car. Another special feature of the meeting was a movie showing the part being played by the Chrysler Motor Company in the National Defense program.

## District Officers For Lions Named By Trueblood

### Clinton T. Ely to Serve As Cabinet Secretary During Year

In preparation for carrying out the work of being governor of District 31-C of Lions International, Norman Trueblood recently named the district officers for the coming year and these men will make up the official family for Lions Clubs of this district.

Clinton T. Ely, a member of the Hertford Club, will serve as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer during the coming year.

With 34 active clubs in this district, a total of eleven zones has been arranged and deputy governors and zone chairmen for each zone have been appointed by Trueblood.

In Region One, Ted Speight of Roanoke Rapids, will serve as deputy governor and the following men will be the zone chairmen of that region: Zone One, George T. Rogers of Apex; Zone Two, Albert C. Hoover of Henderson; Zone Three, J. C. Moore of Warrenton; Zone Four, B. G. Morgan of Spring Hope.

Norwood L. Vann of Wallace, will serve as deputy governor of Region Two, and his zone chairmen will be: Zone One, Milton G. Williams of Kinston; Zone Two, H. Roy Cates of Faison; Zone Three, Linwood Latta of Wilmington.

Region Three will have Wallace S. Griffin of Edenton as deputy governor, and the zone chairmen are: Zone One, Ernest W. Larkin of Washington; Zone Two, Jule H. Purvis of Belhaven; Zone Three, Arno Groves of Elizabeth City and Zone Four, Julius Sylvester of Weldon.

All officers will serve until the club year closes next July, with the State Convention being held in Raleigh.

A total of eight awards will be made to clubs of this district during the coming year. Five cups and three plaques will be given to clubs making outstanding records in Lionism. The awards will be made at the close of the club year and presented at the next State convention.

## Rev. B. Frank Bray To Preach Here Sunday Morning

The Rev. Frank B. Bray, formerly of Perquimans County, but now located at Marion, N. C., will conduct the services at the Hertford Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Bray will preach in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. C. E. Hobgood, who is on a vacation.

## Revival Services At Bagley Swamp

Revival services will be held at Bagley Swamp, Pilgrim Episcopal Church, starting August 27, and lasting until September 7. The Rev. J. Maxey Walton, a returned missionary from South America, is the engaged evangelist. A cordial welcome is extended the public to attend the services which begin each evening at 7:45 o'clock.

## Attend Showing Of New Model Cars

Fred Winslow, Bill Morgan and Charlie Umphlett, of the Fred and Bill's Used Car Sales of Winfall, attended the preview showing of the new 1942 Plymouth at a special meeting held last Friday at the Norfolk Country Club, Norfolk, Va.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin B. Towe announce the birth of a daughter, on August 14th. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

## Hertford Merchants To Cooperate With Sale Of Stamps

### Nation-wide Plan Will Receive Full Cooperation Here

R. M. Riddick, Perquimans County chairman of the Defense Saving Staff, announced today that a nation-wide plan to sell Defense Savings Stamps in retail stores will receive full cooperation from the merchants here in Hertford. A complete check of the Hertford stores revealed that every one of them agreed to cooperate and place the Stamps on sale in the stores.

It is expected that the Stamps will be placed in the stores for sale within a very short time and the plan was a result of a meeting held by Treasury officials last week when members of the National Retailers Association met with Secretary Morgenthau and other officials.

At the meeting the retailers endorsed full participation in "Retailers for Defense" Week, September 15 to 20, when the stores of every state will concentrate their efforts to enlist customers to buy Defense Savings Stamps. Before that time, most stores from coast to coast are expected to have Defense Stamps on sale.

The leaders of the Retailers' Associations met with Secretary Morgenthau and Treasury officials to project the plan for initiating the nation-wide store effort. The Secretary expressed his appreciation of the cooperation extended by the retail organizations, saying:

"The Defense Savings Program is gaining momentum every day. The splendid spirit shown by the retailers of the nation in putting their associations behind the sale of Defense Savings Stamps is sure to have a stimulating effect in advancing the whole program. It is another indication of the American determination to proceed wholeheartedly toward success in our National Defense effort."

"The thanks of the Treasury and of the Government are due the leaders of retail industry and to their member stores all over the nation for the enthusiasm with which they are entering into the plans for 'Retailers for Defense' Week, and for the continuous activity pledged in the sale of Defense Savings Stamps."

Stamps will be sold in the retail stores at convenient points, the representatives of the retail associations explained. Defense Savings posters will be displayed, and store clerks will help to interest customers in the Defense Savings Program.

## Gasoline Shortage Not Drastic Says Herbert Bonner

According to an announcement released Tuesday by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, the gasoline shortage along the Eastern Seaboard is not as acute as the public has been led to believe and he states that the situation is being relieved.

The following is Congressman Bonner's announcement:

"Congressman Robert L. Doughton and Congressman Herbert C. Bonner yesterday held a conference with the Co-ordinator of Petroleum with respect to the reduction of gas and oil in North Carolina. The Congressmen were assured that the reduction would not be as drastic as the public has been led to believe. That re-assignment of oil tankers from the Pacific to the Atlantic Coast and transfer of railroad tank cars from the central and western areas to the eastern area would greatly help the loss in transportation caused by the leasing of oil tankers on the Atlantic Coast to the British Government. Mr. Davis stated that there would not be more than a 10 per cent reduction in the deliveries on the Atlantic Seaboard and that with a 13 per cent increase in consumption this year over last, that the 10 per cent reduction would therefore not cause the State of North Carolina any loss in its gas revenue."

## Making Repairs To Bus Station Wall

Workmen were busily engaged this week making repairs to the north side wall of the Norfolk Southern Bus Station. The mortar in the old wall had decayed and caused cracking of the surface and to prevent serious damage the wall is being replaced.

## Judge Tucker Finds Probable Cause In Manslaughter Case

### Robert L. Eggleston Held For Action By Grand Jury

Judge Granberry Tucker found probable cause in a hearing conducted in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning for Robert Eggleston, Negro, charged with manslaughter, and bound Eggleston over for action by the grand jury at the October term of Superior Court. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Eggleston, it was brought out at the hearing on Tuesday, was the driver of a car involved in an accident near the Perquimans County Home in which two other Negroes lost their lives.

The defense offered no testimony during the probable cause hearing.

The State asked for a continuance in the case of S. B. Seymour until next Tuesday. Seymour is charged with illegal parking as a result of an accident which occurred last Thursday morning near the Boyce Service Station on Route No. 17, south of Hertford.

David Pike and Linwood Pierce, both of Winfall, were seriously injured in the accident when their car struck a truck, loaded with peaches, and being driven by Seymour. Both the injured men were unable to attend court Tuesday and the case will be heard August 26.

Three other cases were disposed of by Judge Tucker at the Tuesday session of Court. The State took a nol pros in the case of W. T. Moore, charged with violation of the Rabble's law.

Norman White, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of non-support of his child and the court ordered him to pay \$2 per week for its support, and costs of court.

Elisha Johnson, Negro, was assessed the costs of court in a case which grew out of an argument in Goose Hollow. Annie Brown charged Mildred Johnson with assault and Elisha with assault on her daughter. After the evidence was in, Judge Tucker found Mildred not guilty and taxed Elisha with costs for assault on Bernice Brown. A nol pros was taken in the case charging Annie Brown with trespass, but Judge Tucker warned her to stay away from the establishment run by the Johnson woman.

## Local Distributors Lack Information On Gasoline News

Although news stories were released earlier in the week by high government officials regarding "forced cuts" on gasoline throughout the Eastern States, a check with the local gasoline distributors reveals that they have had no news concerning this latest development of the gas situation.

The news, as released Sunday in Washington, was that a twenty per cent curtailment of gas consumption was absolutely necessary and that distributors and service stations would be cut that amount. However, no plan of action has been worked out or announced. Seemingly, the plan will be that the gasoline stations will receive less gas and it will be up to them to take care of the rationing. Although there was some belief that eventually ration cards may be distributed in order to solve the shortage.

One service station operator of Hertford, when asked what he thought would be his plan of selling, replied that "I don't know; it's a tough job leaving it to us, but as long as I have gasoline I will sell it to those who come to my station for it."

Further checks this week show that the voluntary closing of service stations from 7 p. m. to 7 a. m., has caused no reduction in gas sales in this section. All stations report that sales are about the same, or a bit higher than previous to the early closing.

## Rotary Club Holds Meeting Tuesday

The Hertford Rotary Club held its regular meeting Tuesday evening at the Hotel Hertford. Lacking definite news concerning the Inter-City meeting planned for Elizabeth City next Monday the local club members voted that in event the Inter-City meeting is postponed, they will go on a fishing trip next week in lieu of the regular meeting.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION ENTERS SUIT FOR DAMAGES AGAINST TWO RALEIGH MEN

### Leaders' School At Agriculture Bldg. Wednesday P. M.

A Leaders' School, conducted by Miss Pauline E. Gordon, specialist in Home Management and Home Furnishing, was held Wednesday afternoon at the Perquimans Agricultural Building.

The topic selected for demonstration was "Bed Linens" and a home management leader from each demonstration club in the county was present during the meeting. These leaders will repeat the demonstration at their respective club meetings in September.

## Old Men Of 28 Get Blanket Deferment From Army Service

### Local Draft Board Has No Quota to Fill For September

Those old men who have passed their 28th birthday were given a blanket deferment from military service under the Selective Service Act when President Roosevelt this week signed the bill so ordering the deferment of all men who had reached their 28th birthday by July 1.

The order is effecting the local draft board somewhat, according to Mrs. T. B. Summer, clerk of the Perquimans Board. A re-checking of the lists of men classed in 1-A was necessary and these men were placed on the deferred lists. At the present time the local office has 17 white men in Class 1-A ready to be called. Eight Negroes entrained for Fort Bragg Thursday morning and will be inducted at that camp. Originally ten were scheduled to leave, but Sherman Barclift and Lycurgas White were granted a deferment, leaving a difference of eight men, called to fill the August quota.

As yet the local board has received no calls for men during the month of September. It may be possible that one will be forthcoming to be filled near the close of the month.

The local office mailed out ten questionnaires last Friday to men who registered for service on July 1. The mailing of questionnaires has been slowed down due to the fact that men must not be examined for service longer than sixty days prior to being called, the local board, thus, hopes to have the men ready as the quota calls are received from State headquarters.

## Hertford Lions Club Meets Tonight 7 P. M.

The Hertford Lions Club will hold its regular meeting tonight at 7:00 o'clock (DST), at the Hotel Hertford. All members are urged to be present.

Club Secretary Norman Trueblood has announced that the local club has signed a contract with the "World of Fun" Amusement Company to appear here during the last week of September under the auspices of the Lions Club.

The Club will not sponsor a fair this fall, but plans for a gala week in connection with the Amusement Company's appearance here will be discussed at tonight's meeting.

## Attending Annual Boys' State Meet

James S. McNider, Jr., left Monday for Chapel Hill, where he will attend Boys' State Institute being held there.

Young McNider was selected by the Perquimans Post of the American Legion to attend the study course this week.

## Special World Service Program At Oak Grove

There will be a Special World Service program given at the Oak Grove Church, at Chapanoke, on Sunday morning, August 24. The program will be presented by members of the Epworth Church School of Winfall at 10:45 Eastern Standard Time. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Revival Services At Cedar Grove

Revival services start at Cedar Grove Church Monday evening, August 25th, with the Rev. J. Herbert Miller conducting the services. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Claims Contract on Winfall Building Not Fulfilled

### \$12,500 IN DAMAGES

## Renovation Work on School Now Being Completed

The Perquimans County Board of Education, through its attorneys, McMullan and McMullan, of Elizabeth City, entered suit Saturday against W. H. Deitrick, architect, and F. N. Thompson, a contractor, both of Raleigh, asking for \$12,500 damages for alleged failure to fulfill contract in the construction of the Perquimans Central Grammar School located at Winfall.

The Board, in its complaint, alleges that it contracted with Deitrick as an architect to supply plans and specifications for the building and, according to the contract, he was to superintend the construction. The Board also states in the complaint that Thompson was contracted with to build the school according to the plans and specifications.

The suit grew out of a recent investigation at the building when it was discovered that the flooring and sills of the school house had deteriorated and rotted away. This deterioration of the lumber caused a serious condition at the school and the work of replacing the damaged underpinning is now being completed.

The Board further alleges in its suit "that plans and specifications furnished were not suitable for purpose intended, and were defective, in that the ventilation provided for the foundation of said proposed building was inadequate to admit into said foundation a sufficiency of light and air to preserve the timber in the construction from untimely decay. All of which was known by Deitrick."

It was further contended in the complaint that Thompson failed to employ lumber which was well seasoned and dry, especially in the construction of the flooring and sills" and that at the time the building was completed and turned over to the Board of Education for its acceptance both Deitrick and Thompson failed to disclose these facts.

Answer has not yet been filed to the suit, which will be brought up at the October term of Superior Court.

## 4-H Boys And Girls To Broadcast Camp Leach Activities

4-H Club members from Perquimans, Camden, Currituck and Pasquotank counties will broadcast from WCNC, Elizabeth City, on Saturday morning, August 23, telling of their experiences and activities at the 4-H camp held last week. The time for the broadcast has been set at 11:30, Daylight Saving Time.

Ninety-three boys and girls attended the camp, representing the four counties. Eighteen of the youths were from Perquimans and were accompanied by Miss Frances Maness, Home Demonstration Agent.

The camp was fortunate in having two specialists from State College to conduct classes in woodwork and insect study during the week. H. M. Ellis and Mr. Rowell were the class instructors, Mr. Ellis having charge of the woodworking class, while Mr. Rowell taught the study of insects.

Other activities during the week at camp were directed by Farm and Home agents.

## Pender Grocery Co. Moving Into New Quarters Next Week

The Pender Grocery Company will move into its new quarters in the Towe Building during next week. Renovations are now being made to the building and it is expected that the work will be completed in time for the grocery to hold a formal opening of the new store the latter part of next week.

The new location will afford a larger store room for the grocery and will give ample space for display of merchandise and for customers. Announcement of the opening will be carried in The Weekly.

## Suffers Broken Arm

Edna Bass, small granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mayes, suffered a broken arm Monday night. She received treatment at the Hertford Clinic.