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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Senate, late last week, approved the large revenue bill in which 367 millions of dollars were added by the Senators over the bill, as approved by the House. The bill has now been returned to the House for an ok. It is likely that the lowered income tax brackets will be left intact by the lower house.

Disorders in Paris are still being reported and the new releases state that hostages, Frenchmen being held by the Nazis to prevent outbreaks, are being killed in retaliation for the "murders" of German army men.

The Russian battle front remains about the same during this week. The Nazis are still trying to storm Leningrad, but Red reports state that civilians of that city have joined with the Russian soldiers and are still holding out. Germany reports that the Russians are making strong counter-attacks on the central front, and some authorities believe that with winter weather approaching, Hitler will be forced to withdraw his forces at some points in order to straighten out his battle line and fight a defense war during the bad weather.

Relations between the United States and Germany were strained to a high point during this week by attacks made by the Nazis on U. S. shipping. A German submarine unsuccessfully fired torpedoes at the U. S. destroyer Greer, as it neared Iceland with supplies and mail, and in turn the destroyer dumped depth bombs trying to disable the sub. A United States freighter, the Seafarer, was sunk in the Red Sea last Friday, by what was believed to have been a long range bomber flying out of Greece. Again Tuesday, the Nazis sank an American-owned freighter near Iceland. This ship was flying the Panama flag, having been leased to that country in order for it to be allowed to cover war zones. No American lives were reported lost in the sinkings.

Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, mother of President Roosevelt, died at her home in Hyde Park, N. Y., early Sunday morning. Funeral services were conducted from the family church on Tuesday. Mrs. Roosevelt would have celebrated her 87th birthday on September 21.

The gasoline shortage controversy continues in Washington as the Senate investigation committee calls its witnesses before it. Reports show that the so-called shortage can be remedied by putting to use some 20,000 railroad tank cars which have been idle for some time. The AAA has called upon the Coordinator of Petroleum to discontinue the 7 to 7 curfew now being observed by all service stations, but the government office has not acted on the demand.

The British Air Force, using American-made heavy bombers, has been giving the invasion ports of France and the cities of Germany a terrific pounding with heavy bombs during this week. German authorities admit heavy damage and a loss of lives by the raids.

An expeditionary force of Canadian, British and Norwegian troops this week invaded and occupied the Norwegian island of Spitzbergen, located 500 miles north of Norway. The occupation occurred to prevent the Nazis from gaining control of the vast coal mines located there.

Winston Churchill, in a statement on Tuesday, sought additional aid from the United States. He expressed the wish that American naval forces already patrolling the Atlantic approaches to the Western Hemisphere might be of even greater help to the British in the battle for the sea.

Thursday's reports indicate that the Nazis are far from capturing Leningrad. Both German and Russian reports state the situation around the Red town is somewhat eased. It was stated that the Nazis may give up the attempt to storm the city and try to starve-out the Reds.

In order to off-set a strike, called for the Oslo area, in Norway, German officials of that section have clamped martial law on the community. The Germans stated resistance will be met with armed force.

President Roosevelt was expected to give details of the recent Nazi attack on three United States ships in his Thursday night broadcast. It was stated that the President expanded his previously prepared speech to almost twice its length.

Draft Board Ordered To Place 28-Year-Old Men In Class 1-H

The Perquimans Draft Board has received notification from State Headquarters that all men who reached their 28th birthday before July 1, 1941, shall be placed in Class 1-H, and thus temporarily, if not permanently, be deferred from military service.

Perquimans was not called on to furnish any selectees during the month of September, and as yet has not received any calls for men for the month of October. The quotas for white men have already been released, but it is possible that the local board may receive a quota for Negroes during the next month.

According to Mrs. T. B. Sumner, clerk of the local board, 14 white men and eight Negroes are now placed in Class 1-A and are ready to be called for service.

All of the young men who registered on July 1, have now received their questionnaires and the local draft board met Wednesday for the purpose of classifying these men. Notices of their classification will be forwarded to them by the local office.

Farmers May Obtain Lespedeza Seed By AAA Soil Program

Cost Will Be Deducted From Conservation Payments

L. W. Anderson, County Agent, announced this week that Perquimans County farmers this year can avail themselves of the opportunity of securing lespedeza seed to be distributed by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in connection with the conservation program.

The Commodity Credit Corporation has purchased Kobe, common and sericea lespedeza seed for distribution in this region, according to Mr. Anderson, for the purpose of encouraging soil conservation and development of new crops which will contribute to soil improvement.

Mr. Anderson said farmers will this year use even more legumes than formerly as a source of nitrogen for their soil, and he stated, that lespedeza has proved especially popular in this county as a soil builder by reasons of its adaptability to a wide range of soil types and conditions.

The cost of the seed, including any storage, cleaning and handling, will be deducted from agricultural conservation payments due the farmers.

Elizabeth City And Hertford Scouts On Week-end Camporee

Thirty-eight Boy Scouts, members of the Elizabeth City and Hertford Troops, enjoyed a 3-day Camporee last week-end on the farm lands of Seth Umphlett, in the White Hat community.

The boys left Hertford Thursday and returned Saturday morning. They were under the supervision of Donald King, Scout Field Executive.

The local Scouts all reported an enjoyable trip and stated that the "folks of the White Hat community did much to make our camporee a complete success."

Big Crowd Expected To Attend Legion Fish Fry Tonight

Members of the Perquimans Post, No. 126, of the American Legion, are expecting a large turn-out at the fish fry to be held tonight (Friday) at the Hertford Municipal Plant on Grubb Street.

Members of the Town Board and their wives have been invited by the local Legionnaires to attend, as have all veterans of the county, regardless of whether they are members of the local post or not.

The time for the event has been set at 7:30 o'clock, Daylight Saving Time.

Masons Hold Fish Fry Tuesday Eve

Members of Perquimans Lodge A. M. & A. F., No. 106, were entertained at a fish fry Tuesday evening at the residence of Dr. J. W. Zachary. The affair was very enjoyable.

Rotary Club Meeting

The Hertford Rotary Club held its regular meeting at the Hotel Hertford on Tuesday night.

School Bells Ring Next Wednesday For Perquimans Children

Marks Close of Summer Vacation; Short Session First Day

School days for Perquimans County children are just around the corner.

F. T. Johnson, County Superintendent, stated this week that all plans will be completed by Wednesday morning, when all schools will open at 10 o'clock, Daylight Saving Time.

School bus drivers will meet at the high school building on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock to receive instructions for the routes that will end at the school buildings. All buses will be operated on daylight saving time.

The work of completing the renovations at the Winfall school will have been completed by next Wednesday and all other buildings have been put in first class shape and are ready for the children, according to Mr. Johnson.

Opening day, on Wednesday, will be a short one for the students. Registration and classification of the students will take place and text books will be distributed. Students are asked to bring the rentals for high school text books on the opening day. Full time schedules will start on Thursday and be maintained after that day.

The teaching staff for the county schools and high school has been complete for some time and a teachers' meeting will be held during the opening days.

Various school activities including band practice and athletics will get under way shortly after the opening of the schools.

Traffic Violators Taxed With Costs In Recorder's Court

Little time was consumed in Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday in clearing the docket of some eight cases, four of which were traffic violations.

Levy Revells, Negro, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, to wit, a pole, on a warrant which was sworn out more than a year ago. Officers had been looking for the defendant, but were unable to find him until this week. Revells stated to the court that he had not been hiding, but had been working in Edenton for some time and at his home nearly every week-end. Judge Tucker assessed court costs against the defendant and placed him on good behavior for one year.

Ethel Lee Winslow, Negress, was taxed with the costs of court after pleading guilty to being drunk and disorderly.

Caleb Hunter, Negro, paid the costs of court for operating a motor vehicle with insufficient brakes.

Elijah Simpson, Negro, charged with the same offense, also paid the costs of court.

George Spellman, Negro, was fined \$7.50 to be applied to court costs for driving with insufficient brakes.

W. G. Riddick, Negro, plead guilty to operating a motor vehicle with improper licenses and improper lights. He paid costs on both counts.

Norman Revells, Negro, was given a 30-day sentence to be suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior for one year after he plead guilty to assault with a deadly weapon.

Horace Reed, Negro, was ordered to pay court costs or serve a 30-day road sentence after he plead guilty to a charge of simple assault.

STATE MISSION PROGRAM

A very interesting State Mission program was presented at the Baptist Church Monday afternoon. Mrs. J. P. Perry presided and Mrs. E. W. Mayes gave the devotional. Interesting talks were given by Mrs. C. R. Holmes, Mrs. Mark Gregory and Mrs. L. W. Norman. Miss Blanche Moore Berry skillfully rendered a lovely solo. Prayers were offered by Mrs. Mardre and Mrs. B. W. Pennington.

MARRIED AT RUSTBURG, VA.

Miss Frances Ferrow, now of Rustburg, Va., but a former resident of Hertford making her home with her aunt, Mrs. D. S. Deader, and J. A. Rasser, of Rustburg, Va., were married there on August 30. They will make their home in Rustburg, Va.

Navy Department To Sponsor Advertising Campaign For Men

Campaign to Cover Four Southern States For Volunteers

Within the next week or two, the United States Navy Department will sponsor a series of advertisements in newspapers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida for volunteers for the U. S. Navy.

The campaign for new men for the Navy will be confined to communities of 50,000 population and under.

According to Naval reports, the Navy has never lacked for volunteers, but new ships are now being launched at the rate of one every few days—months ahead of schedule, and the two-ocean Navy is leaping toward completion. Thus the Navy needs additional recruits to man these new ships and is seeking them in the shortest possible time.

The Perquimans Weekly will very shortly have the complete details of this drive for volunteers to be conducted by the Navy and will gladly give the information to young men wishing to know more about the training, etc.

It is understood that men registered for military service can volunteer for the Navy and their enlistment will count toward the county's Selective Service quota.

Mrs. T. F. Winslow Claimed By Death

Mrs. T. F. Winslow, life-long resident of Hertford, died early Thursday morning at her home on Market Street after a short illness.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced as we go to press.

Mrs. Willis Jessup Breaks Arm In Accident Sunday

Mrs. Willis Jessup sustained a broken arm in an automobile accident which occurred about four miles south of Elizabeth City on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Jessup was injured when the car in which she was riding and which was being driven by her husband crashed into the rear of another car being driven in the same direction by Bruce L. Williams.

Patrolman Charles Payne, of Elizabeth City, investigated the accident and reported that Mr. Jessup stated that he was traveling toward Hertford when he came upon the Williams car which made an attempt to turn off the highway to enter a filling station. He said he sounded his horn and was prepared to pass on the right side when the car ahead of him suddenly straightened up on the road instead of making the turn and he could do nothing else but hit it.

Williams denied attempting to turn off the road and was traveling at a very low rate of speed when the cars collided. Both drivers were cited to the Pasquotank County court by Patrolman Payne.

Mrs. Jessup was the only occupant of either car injured by the collision.

Peanut Group Meets In Edenton Sept. 25

Members of the Growers Peanut Cooperative, Inc., which takes in Virginia and North Carolina peanut growers, have been notified that the annual meeting of the organization will be held in the Chowan County Court House, Edenton, at 11 o'clock, Thursday morning, September 25.

At this meeting directors will be elected for the coming year, a review presented of activities during the past season and other business transacted which may properly come before the meeting.

J. Mayon Parker, of Ahoskie, is president of the organization.

Lions Club Meeting

The Hertford Lions Club held its regular meeting at the Hotel Hertford last Friday evening. Kenneth Floars and L. H. Haskett, of the Edenton Lions Club, were visitors at the meeting.

The play, "A Greater Vision," will be presented at the Woodland Methodist Church Sunday evening, September 14, at 8 o'clock (EST).

The public is cordially invited to attend.

TOWN COMMISSIONERS ADOPT BUDGET AND SET TAX RATE AT MONDAY MEETING

Merchants Ready To Serve Public With Savings Stamps

Hertford merchants, cooperating with the Federal Government, are now ready to sell their customers Defense Savings Stamps. Most of the local stores have "stocked-up" with the stamps and several of the stores have already reported many sales.

The week of September 15 to 20 has been designated as "Retailers-for-Defense" Week and all merchants throughout the nation will strive to sell the stamps as an aid to raising necessary funds for national defense.

The public is urged to buy the stamps from the retailers . . . not only for national defense purposes but also as an act of saving for itself. Truly an excellent slogan will be "take your change in Defense Savings Stamps."

Peanut Group Seeks Fair Representation On Marketing Board

Delegation Met With Officials In Washington Tuesday

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner and a delegation of peanut growers and processors from North Carolina held a conference with the Under Secretary of Agriculture, Honorable Grover B. Hill, Tuesday, regarding the peanut marketing program affecting North Carolina and Virginia.

At the present time the directorship of the North Carolina-Virginia Cooperative Peanut Marketing Association is equally divided with eight members from North Carolina, and eight members from Virginia; whereas North Carolina produces 69 percent of the tonnage and Virginia 31 percent of the tonnage. The delegation from North Carolina feels that the representation on the Board of Directors should be divided in proportion with the tonnage of peanuts grown in each area, or that there should be a Virginia Association and a North Carolina Association.

Mr. Hill agreed with Mr. Bonner that there should be a fairer representation, and assured him that the matter would be given every consideration by the Department of Agriculture.

The following gentlemen were present: J. B. Fearing, Bertie County; R. C. Holland, Julien Wood, James Wood, John G. Wood and M. F. Bond, Jr., Chowan County; W. R. Everett, G. H. Harrison and Francis Manning, Martin County; R. V. Knight, Edgecombe County; J. G. Shields, Halifax County; L. E. Hassell, Washington County; M. V. Hobbs, Gates County; and Jake White, Perquimans County.

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Law Enforcement Officials Meet In Edenton, Sept. 18

Officials From 14 Counties Will Gather In Armory

A national defense conference for chiefs of police, sheriffs and heads of other law enforcement agencies from 14 counties will be held in Edenton Thursday, September 18.

This conference, in charge of Special Agent Edward Scheidt of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Charlotte, is a part of a national program of quarterly conferences of law enforcement officials to consider problems of sabotage, espionage and other matters affecting the internal security of the United States.

The conference will be held in the local Armory, beginning at 2 o'clock, and lasting until the latter part of the afternoon. A very interesting and timely program has been arranged which is expected to attract a large number of law enforcement officials.

Although the conference is intended primarily for heads of law enforcement agencies, any who are interested in national defense matters are invited.

Hertford Woman's Club Meeting Set For Tuesday P. M.

Mrs. I. A. Ward, president of the Hertford Woman's Club, announced today that the first fall meeting of the club will be held next Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, Daylight Saving Time.

The meeting will be held at the Community Building and Mrs. Ward urges all members to be present.

BETHEL Y. W. A. TO MEET

The Y. W. A. Society of Bethel Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. Irvin C. Long on Friday evening, September 12, at 7:30 o'clock.

Board Reviews Audit At Special Meeting Friday Night

TAX RATE \$1.10

Audit Shows Town's Finances to Be In Good Condition

The Hertford Town Board met in special meeting on Friday night, September 5th, for the purpose of reviewing the annual audit of the town's finances, and to work out a preliminary budget before setting the 1941 tax rate at its regular meeting Monday night.

In the special meeting the auditor confratulated the commissioners on the financial status of the town and stated, "the town's financial condition is in better shape than it has been in the past five years."

The auditor suggested, however, that the Town Board do something in regards to collection of old paving assessments and delinquent taxes. Some of which are way past due.

The annual budget also revealed that the 1940 budget was under spent and that a surplus was left on hand, but that the surplus would not be great enough to take care of the debt service fund needed during 1941, and therefore, it is necessary to levy taxes to care for this item. Last year the surplus was great enough that no levy was needed for this fund.

The Commissioners worked out a preliminary budget at the Friday night meeting and adopted the same at the regular monthly meeting on Monday night. The budget calls for \$58,058.56, which is around \$700 more than was expended by the town during the past year.

It was found that the tax rate in force during 1940 will be sufficient to raise the necessary funds for the budget and the board again set the tax rate at \$1.10.

The new budget calls for slight increases in some of the town employees (including the engineer, members of the police department and members of the street department). The salary increases range from one dollar per week to ten dollars per month.

The town board also voted at its September meeting to endorse the completion of the Hertford-Center Hill highway as the Number One project of road building for Perquimans County.

Mayor V. N. Darden reported to the board that a new power line is being constructed along Grubb Street in order to divert a portion of the peak power load to the downtown area.

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