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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

President Roosevelt, following an example set by President Adams, on last Friday ordered the United States Navy to shoot all Axis surface raiders and submarines found within the defensive area of this nation. The President's orders followed repeated attacks by Nazi submarines on our shipping within these waters.

Later developments, from these orders, point toward definite conveying of vessels from American ports carrying Lend-Lease goods to nations fighting Hitler.

In the Far East the war situation has taken a softer tone. The Japanese Emperor has taken direct command of the Japanese Army and it is believed by some authorities that Japan will break with the Axis powers and seek normal trade relations with the U. S. and Britain.

The war in Russia continues to be a mass of claims and counter-claims, although early this week Russia still held command of the situation. The German Army has advanced little this week but claims to be gaining ground in the Ukraine, having the city of Kiev completely surrounded. The battle of Leningrad continues with the Nazis bringing in their air planes to force a surrender of the city. The Red Army and citizens are defending the position to the last ditch.

Britain, in an attempt to aid the Reds, is flying aircraft to Russia to replace some of the planes lost in the war on the Eastern Front. Some plans reveal that the British will bomb Germany enroute to Russia, thus making the trip a business one as well as aiding her ally.

With the strong position that President Roosevelt has taken against the Axis forces during the past week, South American nations are now tightening up on German nations within the various South American countries. Strict watch is being kept over all well-known Nazis.

Reports continue to come out of Europe that Finland will soon stop fighting Russia. It is stated that Finland is interested only in gaining back the territory the Reds took from the small nation in their war two years ago. If the Finns withdraw from the war, it will relieve the Russians on the Northern Front and give more men for the battle with Hitler.

The American Legion is holding its national convention this week in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Aside from choosing a new national commander, the Legionnaires are expected to adopt resolutions regarding major American problems now facing the nation.

The pro-Nazi Shah of Iran abdicated his throne in favor of his 21-year-old son on Tuesday as Russian and British soldiers neared the capital city of Teheran. The Shah stepped out after the Allies became annoyed at his tactics to aid Germans within the country.

Opposition to German occupation continues in Paris. Two German Army officers were shot and wounded by snipers after the Nazis had executed 10 French hostages held by the Nazis to assure peaceful relations. The ten people mowed down by the firing squad were reported by the Germans to be five Reds and five Jews. No excuse was given for the slaughter of the Jews, but the Germans stated that the other five were working for Russia.

Cotton and tobacco prices continue at a high mark this week and prospects are that Eastern North Carolina will have one of the best years merchants and farmers alike have seen for several seasons.

Secretary of Navy Knox revealed Thursday that the U. S. Navy is conveying British cargo ships in the North Atlantic, and at the same time continues to seek out Axis submarines to capture or sink.

The record-breaking defense tax bill was approved by Congress on Wednesday and sent to the President for his signature. One of the main items of the new bill is the lower income tax exemptions. From now on single people will pay income tax when their annual income reaches \$750. Married couples must pay when their total reaches the \$1,500 mark.

The navy of Sweden received a setback this week when three of its most modern destroyers exploded and sank in a fjord south of Stockholm, the capital. The cause of the explosion is a mystery.

Local Draft Board Recommends Mayor Darden For Job

A. W. Hefren, chairman of the Perquimans draft board, announced this week that the local board had recommended Mayor V. N. Darden to be appointed Re-employment committee member for the local board.

Mayor Darden will work with all returning selectees in an endeavor to place them in employment as soon as possible after their release from army service.

Mrs. T. B. Sumner, clerk of the draft board, stated that George Butler, first Perquimans boy inducted into military service, under the Selective Service Act, was given his discharge this week in accordance to the Army's plan to release some 200,000 men from service by Christmas of this year.

W. G. Newby Winds Up Ten Years As Hertford Town Clerk

Gives Brief Outline of Accomplishment During Past Decade

By W. G. NEWBY
Our popular Editor has asked me to give a brief resume of the financial progress of Hertford during my tenure of office which was ten years September 17th, 1941.

Our bonded indebtedness at this time is \$145,000, being a reduction in ten years of \$41,000, and we are reducing this each year by retiring \$5,000 in bonds with a resultant reduction in interest of \$350 per year. In 1932 and 1933, the bonds of Hertford had reached an all-time low of \$75 per one thousand dollar bond. Now these same bonds are impossible to secure and the price has risen to \$1,100 per bond. The tax rate has never been increased, the rate still remaining at \$1.10 on the hundred dollars valuation of property.

In 1932, the light rates were 15 cents per K.W. and the power rate was 5 cents flat. Now the light rate is 10 cents per K.W., and the power rate in the lowest bracket reaches 2 1/2 cents, an average of over thirty-three and one-third per cent reduction in rates to consumers.

The physical properties of the Town have been improved steadily for ten years. The storm of September 16th, 1933, cost the Town approximately \$4,000 in replacements. The poles have been renewed and the bare wires have been replaced; the ice plant has been rebuilt and the water plant has been renewed. The pipeline to upper Perquimans was abandoned on account of brackish water and the installation of driven pumps was undertaken.

The streets have been treated with tarvia twice and since November, 1939, nearly nine thousand dollars have been spent by the Town in improvements through the WPA. This has caused a bathing pier and bulk heads placed at the foot of Covent Garden and Front Streets.

One of the improvements that we also might mention is the addition to Cedarwood Cemetery at a cost of approximately \$4,000.

As we all know, the Fire Department has an up-to-the-minute Pumper which would do credit to a larger town than ours. It has already rendered valuable service and we all believe this was a fine investment for the Town.

One of the most outstanding achievements of the Town during my tenure of office, I think, is the paving of Dobb Street at a cost of \$35,000 with an expenditure of only \$1,020 for the Town.

Roughly speaking, I would not hesitate to say that in improvements plus reduction in bond principal the Town has pushed ahead to the amount of over one hundred thousand dollars in ten years.

In conclusion, I may say that my association with all the Mayors and Boards has been most pleasant and agreeable.

Rotarians Invited To Edenton Meeting

President Charles L. McCullers and Gus Moore, of the Edenton Rotary Club, were guests of the Hertford Club at its meeting held Tuesday evening at the Hotel Hertford.

Mr. McCullers invited the Hertford Rotarians to attend an inter-city meeting to be held in Edenton in the near future. Rotarians from Elizabeth City will also be invited to attend this meeting, which will be a ladies' night affair.

S. M. Whedbee urged the local club to have at least two members attend the Red Cross first aid training course to be conducted here September 25 to October 10.

Red Cross Training Courses To Be Held Sept. 29 To Oct. 10

Perquimans Chapter to Sponsor First Aid Training For Local People

S. M. Whedbee, chairman of the Perquimans Chapter of the Red Cross, has been notified that the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross has assigned one of its first-aid instructors, Mr. Emil Lewis, to Hertford for the purpose of conducting a training course in First Aid to local people who may later act as instructors, in case of emergency.

The class here will be conducted from September 29th, through October 10th. This will be a thirty-hour, two weeks' course, and there will be no charges in connection with taking the course. The local chapter of the Red Cross will furnish all needed text books for the training. Classes will be arranged to last three hours daily Mondays through Fridays over the two weeks period. These hours will be arranged to suit the members of the class taking the training.

Candidates for this course, those desiring to take the training in order to be able to teach it to others, should be at least 20 years old and have as good an educational background as possible, according to the information received by Mr. Whedbee.

Local officials of the Red Cross are hoping to enlist from thirty to forty people of Perquimans County to take the course and thus be able to teach first aid to others in case of national emergencies. Mr. Whedbee stated that all persons who are interested in the course and wish to become members of the class should contact him at the post office during the next two weeks, and the local chapter will organize the group during this time.

Representatives of the law enforcement office, Boy Scouts, Woman's Club, Home Demonstration Clubs, Schools and Civic Clubs are urged to join in this course.

Funeral Services Held Thursday For Mrs. Mary Winslow

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary W. Winslow, who died Thursday morning, were conducted Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, with the rector, the Rev. E. T. Jillson, officiating.

The casket was covered with a pall of white gladioli, lavender asters, pink rosebuds and Easter lilies.

Mrs. Winslow was 80 years of age and had been a life-long resident of Perquimans. She was the widow of the late Tudor F. Winslow.

She is survived by one son, Francis E. Winslow of Rocky Mount; three daughters, Miss Mae Wood Winslow and Mrs. W. H. Hudson of Hertford, and Mrs. T. H. Wilcox of Norfolk, Va.; eight grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. W. G. Gaither of Hertford, and Mrs. Pattie Warren of Edenton.

Pallbearers were: Emmett Winslow, Frith Winslow, Leigh Winslow, Wood Gaither, Dr. T. P. Brinn, W. H. Hardcastle, H. C. Gaither and Charlie Gaither.

Interment was made in Holy Trinity Churchyard.

Youth Cleaning Gun Accidentally Shoots Younger Sister

Ike Stokley, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Murden Stokley of the White Hat community, accidentally shot and injured his seven-year-old sister, Peg, Tuesday afternoon.

The youth was cleaning a rifle in a closet at his home when the gun was accidentally discharged. The bullet passed through the door of the closet striking his sister in the back. Little Peg was taken to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, for treatment and her condition is reported as fair.

Lions Club Meets Tonight At 7 P. M.

The Hertford Lions Club will hold its regular meeting tonight at the Hotel Hertford at 7 o'clock, Daylight Saving Time. All members are urged to be present as this meeting has been designated as a 100% attendance meeting.

Recruiting Drive To Get Under Way During Next Week

North Carolina Press To Assist Navy In Getting New Men

Newspaper publishers from practically every town in North Carolina attended a meeting in Raleigh last Saturday for the purpose of hearing explanations of the Navy Recruiting campaign, which will get under way within the State during the coming week.

The Navy Department is seeking to enroll an additional 150,000 men during the year ending July, 1942, in order to man the new two-ocean navy nearing completion.

In order to hasten the enlistment of new men, the Navy Department will insert advertisements in every newspaper in every town of under 50,000 population during the next four weeks and if results are justified, additional advertisements will appear later.

The advertising firm of Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn are handling the advertising campaign for the Navy Department and a representative of that firm was at the meeting in Raleigh to outline and explain the Navy program to the publishers.

The advertising campaign will consist of a series of ads telling young men between the ages of 17 and 31 the advantages that the Navy offer. It carries a coupon, which when cut out and mailed to this newspaper, will entitle the writer to a free booklet on Navy life and the training one receives during his enlistment.

During this recruiting campaign enlistments will be taken from both white men and Negroes. A Navy Recruiting Officer will visit Hertford during the course of the campaign and will answer all questions of young men seeking information regarding Naval enlistments.

The Perquimans Weekly will have on hand the booklets giving details of Naval training, jobs offered by the Navy, pay received during the enlistment, etc. Any person desiring this booklet can receive one at The Perquimans Weekly office, or it will be mailed to you free of charge by sending us the coupon appearing in the Navy advertisement which will run in next week's issue of this paper.

Additional Clothing Completed By Local Red Cross Workers

The sewing project being conducted by the local chapter of the American Red Cross completed 18 operating gowns and 18 hospital shirts and shipped them to the Red Cross warehouse at Jersey City this week, according to Mrs. Leigh Winslow, chairman of the project.

The sewing project is being carried out by organizations throughout the county and each group aided in the completion of the articles.

The articles are all made according to American Red Cross specifications.

A previous shipment of 39 children's and misses' dresses was sent from Hertford during June, and now there is a distribution in the town and county of boys' shirts and layettes. These articles will be forwarded to national headquarters as soon as they are finished.

The clothing is sent from the Red Cross warehouses to be distributed among the needy and the refugees of war-torn countries.

Mrs. Winslow stated that a large assortment of wool is on hand and this wool is knitted into sweaters by the local workers. Any person wishing to aid in this worthy cause should get in touch with any of the following: Mrs. C. P. Morris, Mrs. I. A. Ward, Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Miss Frances Maness, S. M. Whedbee, or Mrs. Leigh Winslow.

Local Stores End Thursday Closing

Yesterday marked the last day for the half-day holiday closing of the Hertford stores on Thursdays. All the merchants have cooperated during the summer to give their clerks a half-day off during the week, but beginning with next Thursday, all stores will remain open throughout the day.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Mathews announce the birth of a son, born on Thursday, September 11, 1941. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Seven Boys Pass Life Saving Tests Given By Local Red Cross

Seven boys, Broughton Dail, William Elliott, Jack Hoffer, Bobby Holmes, Bobby Jordan, William Murray and Thomas Perry, successfully passed the life saving tests conducted last week by the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The tests were under the supervision of Miss Louise Payne and were given at the Municipal Pier. Thirteen young swimmers appeared to take the examinations but only the above seven made passing marks.

Red Cross Life-Saving certificates will be awarded the boys for their success in passing the tests.

Philip Ernest White Died Thursday At Hospital In China

Hertford Missionary Is Claimed By Death After Operation

Philip Ernest White, Baptist missionary to China and a native of Hertford, died Thursday in Kweihoh, Honan, hospital, where he had been operated on for appendicitis. Death resulted from peritonitis which developed after the operation.

He was born in the Bethel community, September 6, 1897, the son of Isaac and the late Geneva Keaton White, of Hertford.

The Rev. Mr. White and Mrs. White, in 1924, were appointed missionaries under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. They sailed for Kweihoh, Honan, China, on September 11, 1924. After serving a three-year period in China, the couple returned to the United States when China had its civil war.

The Rev. Mr. White held pastorates in Winston-Salem and at Leaksville but returned to China in 1935 to continue his mission work.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mattie Macon Norman, and two children, Geneva Jo and Norman. Because of war conditions in China, Mrs. White and the children returned to the United States last December.

Also surviving are his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac A. White, one brother, Robert A. White, of Hertford; and four half-sisters, Mrs. Boyd Collins of Red Oak, Mrs. Elizabeth Barefoot of Raleigh, Miss Mattie Galling White of Washington, D. C., and Miss Jean White of Hertford.

4-H Clubs To Hold Dress Revue Next Monday Afternoon

On Monday afternoon, September 22, at 4 o'clock, the 4-H Clubs of Perquimans County will hold their Dress Revue in the auditorium of the Agricultural Building. The girl winning first place will represent Perquimans County 4-H Clubs in the State Dress Revue held at State College, Raleigh, October 3rd.

The following girls are entering the County Revue: Hertford Senior Club—Myra Layden, Marjorie Forehand, Josephine Hunter, Doris Miller, Eloise Keaton, Mary Pasco White, Artie Mae Hollowell. Winfall Club—Velma Davis, Dorothy Faye White, Ruth Tadlock. New Hope Club—Marjorie Lou Perry. Hertford Junior Club—Joyce Winslow, Argie Bell Hendrix, Mary Inez Chappell, Kathleen White, Anna Mae Perry, Lucy Forehand.

Methodist Church To Hold Homecoming

All plans are now complete for the home-coming to be held Sunday, September 21, at the Methodist Church in Hertford. The Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor of the church, announced that the Rev. T. M. Grant, a former pastor of the local church but now of Greenville, will preach during the day.

All old members and pastors of the church are cordially invited to attend the home-coming, and the Rev. Mr. Munns announced that a pitch-in dinner will be served on the grounds following the morning services.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pearce announce the birth of a daughter, Joyce Fay, on Monday, September 8th. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Recorder's Court Disposes Of Twenty Cases Tuesday A. M.

Varied Docket Heard Before Court Recessed at Noon

It looked as though an all-day session would be needed to clear the Perquimans County Recorder's docket when court opened Tuesday morning with twenty cases to be heard by Judge Granberry Tucker, but quick work on the part of the Solicitor and the defendants made it possible for court to recess at noon.

It was announced by court officials that there will be no court on Tuesday, September 23. All cases will be continued until September 30.

Ten of the cases on the Tuesday docket were traffic violations and most of the defendants entered a plea of guilty and little time was consumed in clearing the docket of those offenders.

George Gallop, Negro, was taxed with costs of court on both counts when he was found guilty of having improper brakes and driving with improper licenses.

Horace Reed, Negro, paid the costs of court for having insufficient brakes.

Lessie Burke, Negro, was fined \$7.50 for the same offense.

Charlie Hurile, Negro, paid a fine of \$7.50 for driving with insufficient brakes.

Adro Best, Negro, was fined \$7.50 for driving without proper licenses.

Charlie White, Negro, paid a fine of \$7.50 for driving with improper lights.

Arthur Lane, Negro, was taxed with costs of court for driving with insufficient brakes.

The cases of Hugh Paul, Jr., charged with reckless driving, and Lucius Armstrong, Negro, charged with driving drunk, were continued until September 30.

A motion for non-suit was allowed by Judge Tucker in the case of Ben Butt, Negro, charged with having narcotics and liquor.

Haywood Eason, Negro CCC enrollee, was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon. He was sentenced to 60 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs and good behavior for one year.

Edward Barnes entered a plea of guilty to carrying concealed weapons and was sentenced to 60 days on the roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$50 and costs, and good behavior for one year.

Adam Clark, Negro, was given a fine of \$7.50 or 30 days on the roads for being drunk and disorderly.

Curtis C. Sugg was sentenced to 90 days on the roads for larceny of a bicycle belonging to a Hertford youth.

The case of Claud Dail, charged with non-support, was continued for two weeks.

Madison Boone, Negro, charged (Continued on Page Eight)

School Enrollment Lowest In Years

School bells tolled the ending of summer vacation for nearly one thousand children Wednesday when county school buildings were opened for the 1941-42 school term.

Enrollment figures, according to F. T. Johnson, County Superintendent, are the lowest in a great number of years, only 272 students registering at the High School on opening day. The Hertford Grammar School had a registration of 259, and the Central Grammar School at Winfall enrolled a total of 371 children. No reports on the number of students at New Hope had been received up to late Wednesday evening.

Mr. Johnson stated that the 10th and 11th grades at the High School had fewer students this year than any year in the past but the eighth and ninth grades enrollment was about average. Forty students are registered in the senior class this year while the school graduated a total of 66 during 1941.

Discussing the enrollment situation Mr. Johnson said that five or six years ago the school system of the county lost one teacher in the Grammar Grades because of the small registration and about three years ago the High School lost one teacher. However, at the present time, he does not know whether the number will be decreased again due to the smaller enrollment this year or not. A half-day session was held at all schools on Wednesday and the children were registered and assigned to classes. Full time classes were started on Thursday morning and will continue on through the year.