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COTTON PRODUCERS URGED TO VOTE FOR QUOTAS IN REFERENDUM ON SATURDAY

Polling Places and Poll Holders Are Named Today

Cotton producers of Perquimans County, all set to cast their ballots Saturday in the referendum on marketing quotas, and the accompanying loan program, were being urged by AAA committeemen this week to acquaint themselves with their nearest community voting places, and to get to the polls early Saturday.

Every farmer who produced cotton in 1941, regardless of whether he is a tenant, sharecropper, or land owner, may vote in the referendum.

Quotas and loans, which this season were offered at 85 per cent of parity to AAA operators—have been in effect for the past four seasons. During this period North Carolina growers have witnessed a sharp increase of prices which, for this season, was more than double the disturbing eight-cent average of 1937, the last year in which there were no quotas. North Carolina cotton prices this year have been above 17 cents.

In an address to farmers last week, Governor J. Melville Broughton, crediting the 85-percent-of-parity loan program as being "one of the main factors in the sharp increase of cotton prices in recent months," reiterated the previous warning of E. Y. Floyd, State executive assistant of the AAA, that "no loan program can be offered to farmers during any marketing year for which quotas have not been voted in a referendum." The Governor explained that "to make loans on an uncontrolled surplus would be an unwise expenditure of public funds." The loan provides a method whereby producers can hold their cotton when prices are not satisfactory.

To be in effect, marketing quotas must be approved by more than two-thirds of the farmers voting in the referendum. North Carolina growers last year favored the use of marketing quotas and the accompanying loans by an overwhelming majority of more than 20 percent.

Mr. Anderson today announced the polling places and the poll holders for Saturday's election. They are as follows:

Belvidere Township—Polling place: Community House. Poll holders, J. T. Lane, Edwin S. White, F. C. White.

Bethel Township—Polling Place: J. C. Hobbs' Store. Poll holders, S. E. Matthews, J. E. Hunter, W. L. Wade, R. S. Chappell.

Hertford Township—Polling Place: Agricultural Building. Poll holders, J. E. Hunter, A. D. Thatch, V. C. Winslow.

New Hope Township—Polling place: Community House. Poll holders, S. D. Banks, J. Q. Hurdle and Carson Spivey.

Winfall Township—Polling place: Fred & Bill's Motors. Poll holders, G. W. Jackson, L. A. Smith and C. B. White.

FFA Chapter Holds Father-Son Banquet

The Perquimans County Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held the annual Father and Son Banquet at the high school last Thursday evening, with 130 attending.

High spot of the program was the showing of motion pictures of the activities of the Future Farmers of America throughout the State by State Executive Secretary R. J. Peeler, of Raleigh, who also made a brief address.

The address of welcome was delivered by Joe Nowell, and the Rev. J. D. Crawford responded.

Guests, who included members of the Perquimans Board of County Commissioners, the Board of Education, and prominent farmers, were recognized by the president.

Other special guests for the occasion were visiting agriculture teachers from neighboring schools.

A barbecue dinner was served by the home economics class of Perquimans High School.

Cotton Report Shows Increase Over 1941

According to a census report released this week by Willie M. Harrell, special agent, a total of 4,527 bales of cotton has been ginned in Perquimans County prior to December 1, from the 1941 crop. This compares with a total of 3,317 bales ginned during the same period of 1940.

PICTURES AT UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH

The "Passion Play" in moving pictures will be shown at Up River Friends Church on Sunday evening, beginning at 7 o'clock, and is cordially invited.

Town Commissioners In Regular Meeting On Monday Night

Little business confronted the Commissioners for the Town of Hertford when they met in regular session on Monday night. The Board voted to give Town employees cash Christmas gifts in approximately the same amounts as had been given in past years.

Mayor V. N. Darden announced to members of the board that the suit pending between the Town and S. P. Jessup, regarding boundary lines, had been settled out of court by mutual consent and mutual agreement on the part of both parties.

Jessup-Ward Vows Read Saturday At Methodist Church

In a lovely ceremony which was solemnized Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the Hertford Methodist Church, Miss Katherine Langley Jessup became the bride of Charles Warren Ward, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ward, Sr., of Elizabeth City.

The church was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, white gladioli, snapdragons, chrysanthemums and cathedral candles.

Miss Kate Blanchard, organist, rendered a program of wedding music and Miss Blanche Moore Berry sweetly sang "Just a Song at Twilight" and "Because."

The candles were lighted by Miss Sara Ward, who was attired in a gown of Icelandic blue faille taffeta, made with sweetheart neckline, bracelet-length sleeves, tight-fitting midriff and full skirt. She wore a Juliet cap of laticed blue velvet with matching circular veil, and her hair was styled in a corsage of pink rosebuds.

The impressive ring service was performed by the Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor of the church.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Thomas Blount Sumner, wore an old-fashioned wedding gown of Ivory slipper satin, made with deep oval neckline with net ruching, and long sleeves ending in points over the hands. From the tight fitting midriff, trimmed with tiny buttons extended a full gathered skirt forming a wide circular train. Her full-length veil of Ivory illusion fell from a coronet of seed pearls and plaited maline, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses centered with white orchids.

The maid of honor, Miss Mary Wood Koonce, cousin of the bride, wore a gown of crushed orchid faille taffeta made Empire style, with heart-shaped neckline, short puffed sleeves and full skirt with shirred godets. Her shoulder-length veil was of matching illusion arranged on a bandeau of velvet flowers and she carried an old-fashioned bouquet of mixed flowers.

The bridesmaids, Misses Prue Newby and Ruth Nachman, wore gowns of Romance blue faille taffeta, made like that of the maid of honor. Their veils were of blue illusion and they wore matching gloves. They carried an arm bouquet of old fashioned mixed flowers.

Alvin Ward, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and ushers were Bill Jessup, brother of the bride, and Henry Stokes, Jr., of Hertford, Jimmy White and Julian Hooper, of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Ward, mother of the bridegroom, wore a dress of blue crepe and a corsage of pink roses.

The bridegroom's sister, Miss Annette Ward, wore a black velvet dress and a corsage of gardenias.

Shortly after the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Ward left for a wedding trip. For traveling the bride wore a blue tweed suit with wine accessories.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward will make their home in Elizabeth City.

LIONS TO MEET TONIGHT AT HOTEL HERTFORD

The Hertford Lions Club will hold its regular meeting tonight (Friday) at 6:45 o'clock, at the Hotel Hertford. All members are urged to be present.

ROTARY CLUB MET TUESDAY NIGHT

The Hertford Rotary Club held its regular meeting Tuesday night and heard A. W. Hefren, Emergency Red Cross chairman, discuss plans for the coming Red Cross drive for this county.

American Red Cross Asks County For An Additional \$1500

War Emergency Calls For More Funds; \$600 Raised

S. M. Whedbee, county chairman for the American Red Cross, announced Tuesday the receipt of a telegram from Norman H. Davis, National Chairman, asking Perquimans County to raise an additional amount equalling \$1,500 for the purposes of the Red Cross.

Mr. Davis, in his telegram, stated that the Red Cross "called upon to serve the nation in war" is launching a campaign to raise fifty million dollars, and set Perquimans' quota at \$1,500. Further pointing out the urgent need for the funds, Mr. Davis asked that plans be rushed for the campaign locally.

Immediately Mr. Whedbee appointed A. W. Hefren as chairman of the emergency committee for the drive, and Mr. Hefren in turn named W. H. Hardcastle, Mrs. E. M. Perry of New Hope, Roy S. Chappell of Bethel, Dr. E. S. White of Belvidere, and the Rev. J. D. Cranford of Winfall, as members of his committee.

These members will meet with the Perquimans Council for Defense at a meeting called for Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Courthouse. Charles Whedbee is the county chairman for the Defense Council.

It is believed full steps will be taken at the meeting on Friday for the immediate raising of the quota asked of Perquimans County.

In this time of national crisis, Mr. Hefren urges that every man, woman and child in Perquimans take an active part in the effort to put the county over the goal in this drive for needed funds.

Shortly before the call for additional funds came, Mrs. C. P. Morris, who served as annual Roll Call chairman, announced that the county had reached its quota of 600 memberships for the year 1942. A portion of this amount will remain within the county to be used by the local Red Cross Chapter.

Additional members who have joined the roll call are: E. C. Nixon, First, Second and Third Grades of Galatia School, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grades of Galatia School, L. D. Turner, M. E. Sumner, Mrs. H. C. Sullivan, A. J. Parrish, Leslie Winslow, Mrs. L. E. Winslow, Mrs. Arua Winslow, John T. Lane, Henry Newbold, W. R. Blanchard, E. A. Byrum, Jr., W. Dewey Perry, Jr., NYA Second Shift, Jessie Phillips.

Varied Docket Heard By Judge Tucker In Perquimans Court

Little time was consumed in clearing the docket in Perquimans County Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning. Nine cases were heard by Judge Granberry Tucker, many of them being submissions.

George W. Capehart, Negro, charged with passing a car on a curve, entered a plea of guilty and was taxed with the court costs.

Roy Winfred Smith entered a plea of guilty to the charge of driving with improper lights, and was fined \$7.50 and the costs of court.

Leroy Parsons, Negro, submitted to the charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct and was taxed the costs of court.

Thaddeus Elliott and Robert Creevy, Negroes, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon Robert Felton, Negro. Elliott was sentenced to serve 90 days on the roads; sentence to be suspended upon the payment of a \$15 fine, one-half of the court costs, and one-half Felton's doctor bills. Creevy was sentenced to serve 60 days on the roads; sentence to be suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine, one-half court costs, and one-half Felton's doctor bills. Both men were ordered to stay away from the Savoy for one year and were placed on good behavior for one year.

Judge Granberry Tucker returned a verdict of guilty in the case of Joe Butt, Negro, charged with reckless driving, and taxed him with the court costs. An appeal was taken and his bond was set at \$50.

Levy Shield, Negro, was charged with reckless driving. He entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$25. The costs of court were taken therefrom.

David Spivey, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of trespass and destruction of property, and was fined \$15, the costs of court to be taken therefrom. His judgment in a former case was invoked; otherwise commitment would issue immediately.

Hertford Merchants To Close Stores On December 25 And 26

Stores Open Nights Starting Dec. 18; Committee Named

Stores in Hertford will start opening nights for Christmas shopping on December 18, and will remain open each night until Christmas Eve in order that patrons may have additional hours in which to shop, it was decided at a meeting of Hertford merchants on Tuesday night at the Courthouse.

The merchants, meeting at the invitation of the Town Board, also decided to close their stores for a two-day holiday during Christmas. The stores will close Christmas Day and will remain closed the following day, re-opening for business on Saturday, December 27.

At the meeting it was decided that in the absence of a chamber of commerce, or a merchants' association, the local group of merchants elected an executive committee that will henceforth act in certain capacities on such moves as are necessary and which are usually handled by either an association or a chamber of commerce.

The group elected L. C. Winslow as permanent chairman, and Simon Rubenburg as permanent secretary. B. C. Berry, D. S. Darden and M. J. Gregory were elected on the committee. The merchants voted to keep their stores open during New Year's Day.

Stores represented at the meeting Tuesday night included Blanchard's, Simon's, W. M. Morgan's, Hertford Hardware, Hertford Banking Company, Rose's, Pender's, Morgan's Grocery, Central Grocery, Darden Brothers, Gregory's, Davenport and Blanchard, Goodwin's, and Hilda's.

Christmas street decorations are now in place on the streets in Hertford and will be turned on immediately, thus adding to the spirit of Christmas shopping.

Secretary Of Navy Expresses Thanks To Hometown Press

Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy, this week sent an expression of thanks to all newspapers in North Carolina for the part they have been playing in the recruiting program now under way by the Navy Department.

Mr. Knox said, "The hometown paper has a long life and pulling power. We are still receiving coupons from the advertisements in your State. I believe we shall feel the results of this campaign for months to come."

Along with the advertisements which appeared in papers throughout the State during the past two months, the Department is sending officers into each town and city in order to save time and money for men interested in learning the advantages offered by the Navy.

C. H. Shaddeau and J. E. Ellison come to Hertford each Wednesday and are at the Courthouse during the day for the purpose of interviewing men between the ages of 17 and 50, who are interested in enlisting in the Navy.

Mr. Shaddeau told this reporter last week that many new ships are rapidly being completed and that the Navy needs thousands of men to man these ships—if you have been thinking of looking into the Navy proposition, visit the Courthouse next Wednesday and see Officers Shaddeau and Ellison.

Midnight Mass At Catholic Church Xmas

In celebration of the Anniversary of the Birth of Jesus Christ, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at midnight between Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in St. Ann's Catholic Church, corner N. Broad and Albemarle Streets, announced Rev. Father F. J. McCourt, pastor. The Sermon topic will be "Christmas, or Christ's Mass."

Arrangements are being made for an accomplished choir to render traditional Christmas music and singing during the Mass and following Benediction. All non-Catholics, white and colored, are cordially invited and will be welcome.

Sunday, December 14, Mass will start at 10:30 a. m., Confessions 10 to 10:25 a. m.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT WOODLAND CHURCH

A Christmas program will be presented at Woodland Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

GERMANY EXPECTED TO FOLLOW JAPAN WITH WAR DECLARATION AGAINST U. S.

Schoolmasters Club Met Monday Night At High School Building

The Schoolmasters Club of the Albemarle District met on Monday night, December 8, at Perquimans County High School, with 51 persons present.

Every county in the Albemarle, with the exception of Dare, was represented.

Special guests at the December meeting included Superintendent Shelton, of Hyde. Hyde was invited to join the Albemarle Schoolmasters Club, and the superintendent accepted the invitation for the county.

An interesting program was presented by the members of the club, including an instruction test stunted given by Mrs. Dorothy White Barbee. Mrs. R. M. Riddick's Glee Club sang several numbers.

The January meeting will be held at Chowan High School, at Small's Cross Roads.

Trueblood Absolved In Accidental Death Of Young Negro Girl

Norman N. Trueblood, prominent Hertford resident, was exonerated in the death of Luella Sutton, 8-year-old Negro girl, who died as the result of injuries received when a car owned and driven by Trueblood struck her last Saturday morning.

The child died in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, where she had been taken after receiving treatment at the offices of Dr. T. P. Brinn.

Judge Granberry Tucker found there was no probable cause in a hearing on a charge of involuntary manslaughter given Trueblood in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning.

Testimony given at the hearing by State's witnesses was that the child ran into the street in front of the Trueblood car and that the accident was unavoidable.

Some conflicting evidence was given as to the rate of speed the Trueblood car was traveling; one witness estimating the speed at about 25 to 25 miles per hour, and another said that the car was traveling at a greater rate. Trueblood, when questioned by Judge Tucker to clarify the number of feet required in stopping the car after the accident, told the Court that immediately on seeing the child he applied brakes, but when he felt the car riding over the body, he released the brakes and drove his car to the side of the highway.

The accident occurred at the corner of Dobb and Hyde Park Streets at about 9:30 o'clock, last Saturday morning.

Funeral Services For J. N. Smith

Funeral services for J. N. Smith, 50, native of Hertford who died suddenly Wednesday night of a heart attack at his home in Atlanta, Ga., were held Friday afternoon at Pilgrim's Church at Bagley Swamp, Perquimans County, with the Rev. J. M. Smith officiating.

The church choir sang "Nearer My God To Thee" and "Sometime We'll Understand." "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" was sung at the grave.

Active pallbearers were: Eugene Smith, Adrian Smith, Winfred Smith, Roy Smith, Joseph and Dennis Winslow.

Interment was in the family plot near the church.

Church Services Announcement

The Rev. E. T. Jillson, rector of Holy Trinity Church, announced today that there will be no 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning, December 14, due to the fact that the interior of the church is being painted. However, Holy Communion will be observed at 9 o'clock, and church school will be at 10 o'clock, as usual.

CHRISTMAS PLAY AT HERTFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL DEC. 16

A Christmas play will be given at the Hertford Grammar School at 7:30 o'clock, Tuesday evening, December 16. Children from all grades in the Grammar School will take part on the program. The Hertford Grammar School vested choir will have the leading part in the program. Miss Mary Jane Spruill will direct the play. No admission will be charged, and the public is cordially invited.

Few Official Reports Made Concerning U. S. War Efforts

According to reports from Stockholm, Sweden, it is believed that Germany will shortly follow its lesser partner, Japan, and declare war against the United States. The move will be of no surprise, if and when it happens, as little doubt exists as to the true feelings the Nazis hold for America.

It took the Congress of these United States just 33 minutes to debate and vote a declaration of war against the Japanese Government on Monday, after President Roosevelt had informed that body of the baneful attack made by the Japs upon American territory early Sunday morning.

Congress acted with a speed never before seen by that body and then on Tuesday night, President Roosevelt delivered his first war-time radio speech to the nation.

The President informed Americans that the war, due to the dastardly attack without warning by the Japanese, was off to a bad start. He warned the entire nation of a long, hard struggle facing the country but he praised the way Americans had united into a solid front to stand against this struggle with the Axis powers.

Mr. Roosevelt told the listening public two conditions under which news of the war will be released. These conditions are, that the news must be accurate, and second, the information, when released, must be of no vital aid to the enemy.

Up to press time little official news concerning the United States' side of the war had been released. Japan, of course, following the method used by her Axis partners, Germany and Italy, has claimed victory after victory. Few of the claims made by the Japs have been verified and definite reports of losses suffered by America have not been released by Washington.

The nation has responded as one of meeting this war challenge. Army and Navy Recruiting offices report a flood of men seeking to enlist in those branches of the service to aid their country.

As yet no news has been received here concerning Perquimans County boys who had been stationed in Hawaii and the Philippines. A list of these boys includes Roy E. Hoffer, son of Mrs. W. E. Hoffer, on the U. S. S. West Virginia; Thomas Nixon, III, son of Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Jr., on the aircraft carrier Lexington, his wife is also in Honolulu. Charles Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Murray, on the cruiser Chester; John Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Everett, stationed at Manila; O. C. Long, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Long, of Bethel Township, and Haywood Umphlett, son of C. W. Umphlett, of New Hope, both stationed in Hawaii; and Fred Campen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Campen, formerly of Hertford, is believed to be in Hawaii, also.

County Prepares

All precautions to safeguard America is now being taken here at home. Each county in every State is undergoing a swift change from peace to war.

The Perquimans Council for Defense will meet this afternoon, under the direction of Charles Whedbee, Mayor and Fire Chief V. N. Darden attended a meeting in Raleigh on Wednesday of the fire chiefs from every town in the State. This meeting was called by Governor Broughton for the purpose of giving vital instructions of civilian defense to each fire chief.

J. Emmett Winslow, Chief Aircraft Warning Officer of the county, has received orders for his observers and their assistants to be on the alert and to report all planes sighted and heard.

Music Students Honor Roll

Mrs. R. M. Riddick this week announced the music honor roll for the month of November. Those students who received honor roll grades are as follows:

Piano—Joan Trueblood, Catherine Anne Holmes, Mary Annette Cannon, Pat Morris, Catherine Perry, Marjorie Lou Perry, Louise Banks, Molly Oakey, Mary Proctor, Horace Baker, Genie Jo White, Mary Lee Perry, Norma Winslow, Minnie Raye Dail, Barbara Winslow, Nancy Zachary.

Drum—Irving White, Peggy Sawyer, Carroll Roberson and Richard Futrell.

Flutes—Horace Webb, Nathan Spivey, Edna King, Martha Lee Tilley, Joan Trueblood, Tommie Sumner, Elizabeth Proctor, Jeannette Chappell, Garland Walker, Ben Thatch, Billy Hill, Trafton Phillips, Carl Sawyer and Margarita Butler.

Voice—Vivian Evans.