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U. S. FORCES REPEL ALL ATTACKS MADE BY JAPANESE ON FAR EAST POSSESSIONS

Wake, Midway Islands And Philippines Still Battling; Little News In War Messages

United States Navy, Army and Marine forces have repelled all attacks made by Japanese forces on U. S. possessions in the far East, according to a Government communication. Marine forces on the Islands of Wake and Midway have been holding out against superior forces since the Japs began their sneak assault on December 7.

U. S. and Philippine forces have routed or destroyed the invaders on the Island of Luzon, with the exception of the far northern tip, where the Japs still have a tiny foothold.

Japan, seemingly, is spreading her attacking forces thinly in an attempt to capture the most important points of the far East front all at once, and except for the successes on the Islands of Malay, is having little luck. British reports from Singapore state that the situation there, since the sinking of the two British battleships, the Repulse and the Prince of Wales has grown critical, but the combined forces of the Empire, seemingly, are holding their own against the attackers.

Little actual news is forthcoming from the Government releases, but Secretary of the Navy Knox told of the surprise attack on Hawaii and stated the losses suffered there. Seven ships were lost or damaged and some 2,900 men were killed.

On the Russian front the Nazi forces are in full retreat. Some experts term their defeat as an utter rout at the hands of the Red Army. Hitler, according to reports from Sweden and Turkey, has retired to his mountainous palace, said to be suffering a nervous breakdown.

On the home front, Congress this week is passing laws pertaining to the defense and it is just a question of time before they pass the law requiring the registration of all men between the ages of 18 and 64. It is believed that men between 19 and 44 will be liable for active military duty, while those younger and older will be maintained for non-combat service.

Task Of Reclassifying Registrants Faces Local Draft Board

County to Furnish Eleven White Men January 8th

State draft offices, as yet, have not issued definite orders to the Perquimans Draft Board, but with the County now at war, it is more than likely that the local board, composed of A. W. Hefren, W. W. Spence and Archie T. Lane, will soon face the task of reclassifying and reclassifying men registered under the Selective Service Act.

At the present time the local Board is carrying on under the same methods as used since the draft was inaugurated over a year ago, but with the Army and Navy needing more men, it is possible the local Board will soon get calls for additional men.

Eleven white youths are to be selected for service at a meeting this week. These boys will leave Hertford on January 8, and under the terms of the Act as revised last week will serve for the duration. The names of the selectees will be carried in next week's paper.

Mrs. T. B. Sumner, clerk of the local Board, stated that at the present time there is a total of 14 white men and 18 Negroes in Class 1-A ready for induction when called.

A goodly number of men are now in classes 1-B, 1-C, 1-H, 2-A and 2-B, and these men will be the first to be considered by the Board when the time comes for reclassifying the men for selection for service.

County Schools To Close Friday For Christmas Holidays

Preparations are now being made at Perquimans County Schools for the annual Christmas vacation which starts on Friday, December 19, and ends on Thursday, January 1, according to P. T. Johnson, Superintendent.

Students are now in the midst of their mid-term examinations which will close Friday. After the examinations, students will be dismissed for the holidays immediately following the chapel program and the exchange of gifts which will be held on Saturday.

G. Reginald Tucker Seriously Ill In Richmond Hospital

Reginald Tucker, assistant cashier of the Hertford-Banking Company, is seriously ill at a hospital in Richmond, Virginia, undergoing treatment for tumor of the brain.

Latest reports state that he is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mr. Tucker was stricken, without warning, while at work at the bank last Saturday morning. He was taken to a Norfolk hospital on Saturday and after x-ray photographs revealed the condition, he was transferred to Richmond.

Postmaster Urges Patrons To Observe Xmas Mailing Rules

Judging from the amount of mail handled for the past two months and the volume of early Christmas mail, it now appears that the volume of mail that will be handled during this Christmas season will be the largest in the history of the Hertford post-office, according to S. M. Whedbee, local postmaster.

In order that the mail can be handled quickly and service to the patrons of the office be maintained on a high level, the cooperation of the public is earnestly requested in observance of the following rules in connection with the Christmas mails.

First. Patrons are requested to separate their out-of-town mail and their local mail and, in depositing it in the mailing slots to use care and see that the mail is deposited in the proper slot. During the Christmas season the mailing slots will be properly marked: one for "Out-of-Town" mail and one for "Local Mail," and if patrons will separate their mail and deposit it in the proper slot, one handling of the mail will be eliminated and insure prompt and more efficient service. The cooperation of the public is especially asked in this connection.

Second. Patrons are asked to bring their package notices and present them when calling for packages. This saves time and results in better service.

Third. Beginning Friday, December 19, and from then until Christmas, the patrons of the office are requested not to call for packages between the hours of 12:45 and 2:15 p. m., as parcel post will not be delivered between these hours. This rule is necessary because the largest incoming mail is received and the largest outgoing mail must be dispatched during these hours, and experience has shown that it is practically impossible to deliver parcel post during the rush period. However, during this time, while incoming parcel post will not be delivered, a window will be open for the purpose of selling stamps and receiving outgoing parcels for mailing. By observing the above rule, experience has shown that better service can be rendered all patrons.

It is the earnest desire of every member of the postoffice staff to see that all mail is efficiently and promptly handled and that the public be given the most efficient and courteous service and, to this end, your cooperation is requested.

For the convenience of the public, the local postoffice will be open until 6 p. m., Saturday, December 20.

Weekly In Mails Early Next Week

In order that its printers and staff may observe a holiday during the Christmas week-end, The Perquimans Weekly will be published and mailed to subscribers earlier than usual next week. Deadline for all copy and advertising will be Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Editor and Mrs. Max Campbell will spend the Christmas holidays as guests of their father, J. C. Campbell, at Shelbyville, Indiana. During their absence, the edition of January 2nd will be edited by Miss Andrea Rowell, of The Chowan Herald, and Miss Pauline White.

Rev. Grant To Preach At Methodist Church

The Rev. Thomas M. Grant, former pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, and now district superintendent for this district, will preach at the evening service at the local church on Sunday, December 21st. The Rev. Mr. Grant will also hold the First Quarterly Conference on Sunday.

Red Cross Chairman Reports About Half County Quota Raised

A. W. Hefren Hopeful \$1,500 Goal Can Be Reached at Once

A. W. Hefren, Emergency Chairman for the Red Cross, announced Wednesday that Perquimans County had raised about one-half of the \$1,500 quota asked for by the American Red Cross to be used by that body for war relief and war aid.

The Red Cross is asking the entire country for a sum of 50 million dollars and requests that the sum be forwarded to their headquarters as quickly as possible, in order that the Red Cross can successfully carry out its program.

The local Emergency Committee began its work last Friday and is hopeful that the \$1,500 goal can be reached before Christmas Day. However, Mr. Hefren pointed out that the drive will continue until the County quota has been raised in full.

The committee composed of Mr. Hefren, Mrs. E. M. Perry of New Hope, Rev. J. D. Cranford of Winfall, Roy S. Chappell of Bethel Township, E. L. Chappell, Mrs. George Jackson, Freeman N. Mansfield and W. H. Hardesty, will endeavor to make a complete house-to-house canvass of the county in order to have every citizen take a part in this call for aid.

The members urge every resident to give to this cause, and in cases where canvassers do not reach homes quickly, residents are requested and urged to bring their contributions to any of the above-named committee.

This drive for \$1,500 is aside, and for an entirely different purpose, from the annual Roll Call which was just completed. The money raised through the pre-out drive will be used to render first aid and assistance at the war fronts. Fifteen percent of the amount raised here through this drive will remain in the County to be used in cases of emergency.

War needs money . . . so let's all get behind this drive and have Perquimans be one of the first counties in the State to send its quota to the Red Cross. Our neighbor, Gates County, raised her quota in three days . . . Perquimans, let's get going.

Cotton Producers Vote For Quotas In 1942 By Big Margin

Perquimans County, on last Saturday, joined with the rest of the cotton producing counties in the United States, and for the fifth consecutive year and on this occasion in wartime, voted to produce and market its cotton under a strict federal control program.

Four hundred and sixty-nine Perquimans County producers voted for control, with three voting against it. This compares with a total of 401 votes for control last year and four against it.

The votes for the different townships are as follows: Belvidere Township—95 voted yes and 1 no; Bethel Township—79 voted yes and 2 no; Hertford Township—71 voted yes; New Hope Township—120 voted yes, and Parkville Township—104 voted yes.

Incomplete returns from the referendum Saturday all over the United States gave 694,556 votes for and 7,671 against continuance of marketing quotas, which were imposed for the first time under the present farm law in 1938.

This vote gave a favorable percentage of 94.3, or far more than the necessary two-thirds. It also was the highest percentage of any of the five cotton referenda.

In place of cotton, farmers are being urged to produce more food to meet needs of not only this nation but of its allies in the war.

Under quotas, farmers are restricted to the sale of cotton produced on their AAA planting allotments. Excess sales are subject to a stiff penalty tax.

Approval of quotas assures continuance of government price-supporting cotton loans.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Connelly, of Rock Hill, S. C., announce the birth of a daughter, born December 16, 1941. Mrs. Connelly was before her marriage, Miss Mattie C. Reed, of Hertford.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Brown, of Wilmeton, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Hazel Ainsley, born on December 12, 1941. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Recorder's Court To Be In Recess On Tuesday, Dec. 23

Will Hold Special Term If Needed; Five Cases Tuesday

Five cases were heard before Judge Granberry Tucker in Perquimans County Recorder's Court here, Tuesday morning.

Frank Copeland, Negro, charged with assault on George Nelson, Negro, was sentenced to serve 30 days on the roads; sentence to be suspended upon the payment of a \$10 fine and the court costs. Copeland's doctor's bill, which was \$4.50, was taken from the fine.

Marjorie Holden, Negro, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon on James Holley, Negro, and was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail; sentence to be suspended upon the payment of the costs of court and one year's good behavior.

Dallas Gilliam, Negro, was found guilty of assaulting his wife, Odel Gilliam, and was sentenced to serve 90 days on the roads; sentence to be suspended upon the payment of the court costs, two years good behavior, good treatment and the supporting of his wife.

The case against Vivian Everett Gladys Waife, Betty Wright, Alline Jones and Jesse Lindsay, Negroes, charged with affray, was not pressed.

Judge Granberry Tucker returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of James S. Fulford, of the U. S. Navy, charged with reckless driving and driving with no operator's license.

Fulford testified that he was driving around the corner near the County Home at a speed of about 45 miles and was blinded by the lights of an oncoming pick-up truck. He immediately applied his brakes and the highway being slippery, the rear end of the car skidded, striking the rear end of the other car. The gas tank of the car, which was borrowed from his friend, caught fire and the car was burned. He further testified that he had lost his driver's license aboard his ship, the U. S. S. Ranger in October and it had never been found. According to his testimony, the accident was unavoidable. He was freed on a verdict of not guilty.

It was announced this week that there will be no regular term of court on Tuesday, December 23. However, court will resume on December 30th.

Stores Remaining Open Nights For Christmas Shoppers

With less than a week 'til Christmas, Hertford's stores are taking off the rushing atmosphere of the final days, which will end the greatest Christmas shopping period in many years for Hertford's merchants.

With gifts for every member of the family, Hertford's stores now have on display the most complete assortment of merchandise of all times, and the sale of these gifts is believed to be higher than ever before. In addition to these gifts being lovely, you will find that they are economical. When you walk in and purchase a gift or remembrance for your friend, or relative, you may be assured that the price you pay is far less than you expected and that the quality is the best.

To add to the attractiveness of the downtown section, Hertford's streets have recently been decorated with multi-colored lights that add so much to the festive spirit of Christmas. When one catches a glimpse of the attractively decorated streets and the beautiful way in which the various merchants have carefully arranged their windows with Christmas gifts and merchandise, one can not help but feel that the spirit of Christmas is in the air.

Hertford has taken on the true festive spirit of Christmas, so come to Hertford and purchase your Christmas gifts, and you can rest assured that the styling is correct, the quality the best, and the price is what you wish to pay. All stores in town are now remaining open at nights for the convenience of the public.

CLASS TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Intermediate Class of the Hertford Baptist Sunday School will present a pageant, entitled "Peace On Earth," on Monday evening, December 22nd, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Sunday School room. The public is cordially invited to attend.

CIVILIAN DEFENSE COUNCIL MAPS OUT ORGANIZATION FOR WORK IN COUNTY

Hertford To Have Blackout Friday

The Town of Hertford will hold a practice blackout Friday night from 9:30 to 10 o'clock, according to Mayor V. N. Darden. The blackout was ordered by the Mayor and Town Board in cooperation with the County Council for Civilian Defense.

The blackout will begin at 9:30 with the fire siren sounding an air-raid warning of five short blasts. Then after a minute, one long blast. These signals are so arranged as not to confuse with regular fire alarms. The all-clear signal will be sounded by the ringing of the Courthouse bell and bells of the Churches.

The Town officials will pull the main switch supplying the street lights but will not cut off the current of business houses and private residences. Citizens are expected to take the necessary precautions to see that no lights are visible during the practice blackout.

All local motorists are requested to keep their cars off the streets during the blackout, unless absolutely necessary for them to drive . . . then they are requested to drive with dimmed lights.

All through traffic will be stopped at the approaches to the town and drivers will be ordered to dim their lights and proceed. Through traffic will be allowed to travel through Hertford.

A survey of the effectiveness of the blackout will be made by members of the County Council for Civilian Defense and all citizens are requested to aid in this practice blackout in order that few practice blackouts will be needed.

FSA Plans Assist Food For Freedom Says A. H. Edwards

"When a family keeps a record book and carries on farming like business men carry on their business, then it isn't difficult to increase production," according to Dr. E. S. White, chairman of the Perquimans County Agricultural Defense Board.

"Approximately 125 farm families in Perquimans county will operate their farms during the next crop year in accordance with definitely planned farm and home practices," he said. "These are the families who are borrowers in the Farm Security Administration Program. A. Houston Edwards, Supervisor for FSA in Perquimans County, reports they all are increasing their production of foods in the Food-for-Freedom program.

"Those who have taken part in the rehabilitation program under the U. S. Department of Agriculture long enough to have worked out plans in previous years, now have their farm record books to help them plan for future operations," he said. He pointed out that farm families in the Farm Security rehabilitation program make careful plans first, and that the loans are made then to put the plans into actual operations. FSA, in making loans, stresses the importance of farm and home record books.

Many of the families are now meeting to develop plans, and many are making the plans in their own homes. The services of the county supervisor and the home management supervisor, A. Houston Edwards and Marian L. Morrow, are available to aid in formulating the plans.

According to most farm plans now being worked out, farm production next season will lean toward more milk, milk products, better home gardens, eggs, and meat for home butchering, in line with the Food-for-Freedom program, Mr. Edwards said. This sort of production has been encouraged by the FSA for some years, and most borrowers now are replacing one cash crop farming with diversification, he said.

Virtually without exception, Mr. Edwards believes FSA borrowers can be counted upon to plan their farm work to increase the output of items called for in national defense. It will continue to be the policy to produce for home use first; and then will tend to leave commercial production, on borrowers' farms as well as others, free to go into channels which eventually will lead to feeding our armed forces as well as those of our allies.

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Last Friday at Court House; Not Exclusive, Says Chairman

The United States has been at war with Germany, Italy and Japan for a little more than a week. There is little doubt but that every citizen of the county has a job himself this question during that time: "What can I do to help win this war?"

Part of this question was answered at a meeting of the Civilian Defense Council held at the Courthouse last Friday afternoon. The meeting was called by Charles Whedbee, Perquimans Chairman of the Council and key appointees of the group were present.

Mr. Whedbee pointed out during the meeting that Civilian Defense in Perquimans County is not an exclusive proposition. He emphasized the point that every citizen of the county was welcomed to all meetings of the Council and that the Council wishes each and every citizen to consider himself or herself an important part of the Civilian Defense group.

The meeting held last Friday was for the purpose of organizing the Council and to map out a program to be undertaken throughout the county for defense of the region in case of an emergency or an attack.

Key point in the organization meeting was the plan to have a civilian registration of all citizens of the county for work with the Council. This registration will take place shortly and it will be a voluntary registration. Citizens will be asked to come to the defense offices and register for volunteer work in cases of emergency. The Defense Council will have full charge of all work in such a case, and the workers who volunteer will receive assignment as to their duty.

Included in the Civilian Defense work is aircraft warning groups, fire-fighters, messengers, first aid workers, and the like. Men, women and children over the ages of 15 can volunteer during the registration.

A. W. Hefren, Emergency Chairman for the Red Cross, explained the drive now in progress throughout the county to raise \$1,500 for the war relief work of the Red Cross. A County drive for this quota is now going on and every citizen of the county is urged to give a bit toward this quota. If a collector does not call at your home during this week, bring your donation to the Post Office and turn it over to S. M. Whedbee, chairman of the Perquimans Chapter. The Red Cross has requested fifty million dollars from the entire country and the quota for Perquimans has been requested as soon as possible. Mr. Hefren told the Defense Council that his committee hopes to raise its quota by this week-end.

Although no date was set for the next meeting of the Defense Council, it is likely that the group will meet again shortly and definite plans arranged at that time for the registration of volunteer workers.

Watch the pages of The Weekly for details of how you can help in the gigantic work that lies ahead.

Christmas Cantata At Baptist Church Sunday Evening 7:30

The Christmas cantata, "Immanuel," by Norwood Dale, will be presented at the Hertford Baptist Church Sunday evening, December 21st, at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited. Members of the cantata, under the direction of Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, are: Sopranos: Miss Margaret Broughton, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. T. E. Raper, Mrs. Ed Everett, Mrs. Norman Elliott, Mrs. Riddick Chappell, Mrs. Hudson Butler and Mrs. Tom Perry.

Altos: Mrs. Olivia Hobbs, Mrs. Fred Matthews, Mrs. Tommy Miller, Mrs. Jim Bass, Mrs. C. E. Hoggood. Tenors: Pat Kelly, J. R. Futrell. Basses: R. S. Monds, J. P. Perry and Willie Ainsley.

Mrs. Charles E. Johnson will be the organist.

LIBRARY TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

Addie N. Jones, librarian, announced today that the Perquimans Public Library will be closed December 24, 25, 26 and 27 for the Christmas holidays.