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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Hitler's forces on the Russian front are still being beaten back, according to reports this week from Moscow. Latest news releases announce the Germans have all but been encircled around the Stalingrad area. Some authorities believe that Hitler may be trying to withdraw his troops from the Caucasus before they are trapped by the advancing Russians. Hitler seems to be in a quandary as to where to place his slim reserves. The Russian campaign now appears to be gaining in disastrous proportions.

Adding to the heavy fighting on the Russian front, an announcement was made Wednesday that the Fifth American Army had been created in France, with Lieut.-General Clark in command. This activating of the American Army may point toward renewed efforts to crush Hitler and Mussolini on the North African front. Fighting has continued slow in Tunisia, due to inclement weather, but the Allied forces have made some advances into the enemy positions and have continued bombing Axis bases.

The Japs have been driven from the Buna area in New Guinea, and General MacArthur seems to be mopping up this last strong Jap position before moving further into Jap held territory. A report from Australia, however, stated that the Japs are now massing a huge armada in the Southwest Pacific for a possible thrust at either Guadalcanal or New Guinea.

Selective Service Headquarters announced this week that beginning immediately there will be a vigorous campaign on draft delinquents, and that all men of draft age, 18 to 30, whose classification cards as of their registration cards at all Selective Service districts must carry these cards with them, beginning February 1, 1943.

Reports from the front indicate that the Japs have been unsuccessful in supplying the forces on that island. The Navy announced supply ships were destroyed in their attempt to reach the beleaguered Japs, and the supplies were dumped overboard with the hope that some of them might float ashore and reach the Jap forces.

Conditions among the French forces are still badly muddled. A Fighting French spokesman stated this week that several days would be required before it would be known if General de Gaulle, head of the Fighting French, and General Giraud, successor to Darlan, could meet to find a formula for uniting the French Empire against the Axis.

B. C. Berry Installed As Master Masonic Lodge Tuesday Night

Installation of new officers for the year 1943 was held by Perquimans Lodge, Number 106, A. F. & A. M. of Hertford, at a meeting held Tuesday night at the Masonic Hall in the Court House.

B. C. Berry was installed as Master at the ceremonies. Other officers installed were: W. F. Ainsley, senior warden; A. T. Lane, junior warden; G. C. Buck, treasurer; J. S. Vick, secretary; Clinton T. Ely, senior deacon; John O. White, Jr., junior deacon; C. C. Winslow and W. B. Jordan, stewards; C. B. Holmes, chaplain, and W. A. Hoffer, tyler.

After the installation of officers, Mr. Berry announced the following committees for the year: Oxford Organizing, W. F. Ainsley, chairman, J. H. Towe and Simon Rutenburg; Finance and Auditing committee, D. J. Fritchard, chairman, C. T. Ely and G. C. Winslow; Resolutions committee, J. S. McNider, chairman, G. W. Jackson, G. D. White, W. H. Pitt and C. F. Morris; War Activities committee, F. T. Johnson, chairman, G. C. Winslow and J. E. Winslow; Fellowship committee, A. T. Lane, chairman, C. B. Holmes, G. C. Buck, J. R. Jarvis, G. C. Winslow, S. M. Long and R. C. Hoffer.

Installation of officers was conducted by R. M. Wynn, Deputy Grand Master, and J. S. McNider, Grand Marshal. Two members were elected to membership.

The report of the finance committee was read and it showed the lodge to be in excellent financial condition.

305 Tires Allotted County For January Board Announces

Large Number Permits Issued By Rationing Board This Week

Perquimans County has been allotted a total of 305 passenger and truck tires, of all classes, for the month of January, Miss Helen Coffield, clerk to the local Ration Board, announced Monday.

The number of tires allotted the county include the following passenger types: Ten new, 28 Grade II, 78 Grade III and 100 Recaps; Truck tires: 30 new and 59 Recaps. The county received 63 passenger tubes and 42 truck tubes.

A large number of permits for the purchase of tires were issued by the Board at its last meeting. Permits were issued as follows:

Truck tires—E. A. Goodman, 2 tires and 2 tubes; W. A. Chappell, tire and tube; Stokes and Matthews, 4 recaps; Nathan Riddick, tire and tube; T. B. Sumner, 2 tires and 2 tubes; R. L. Layden, 2 light truck tires; L. L. Chappell, 1; W. L. White, 1; P. J. Boyce, 3 tires and 4 tubes; E. M. Perry, tire and tube.

Passenger Type Grade II Tires—E. J. Howell, 1; Rex Atkins, 4; J. H. Watts, 2; Charlie Umphlett, 1 and 2 tubes; B. F. Ainsley, 1; David Cox, 3; H. S. Lane, 2; L. D. Copeland, 3; W. W. Monds, 2 and 2 tubes; R. S. Elliott, 2; R. L. Smith, 1.

Grade III Passenger Tires—D. J. Rogerson, 3; A. J. Onley, 1; Andrew Harrell, 3; Clinton Perry, 2; H. T. White, 2; Preston Smith, 2; Ben Owens, 2; William Mansfield, 2; W. W. Owens, 1; Roosevelt Vaughan, 2; Linwood Winslow, 3; James Felton, 1; W. C. Sapp, 1; H. E. Nelson, 3; Payne Felton, 2; Johnson Downing, 2; J. H. Corpore, 1; Alvin Hunter, 2; E. G. Banks, 3; Pete Lilly, 2; Willie Lamb, 3; William Byrum, 2; Alphonso Lightfoot, 2; L. D. Perry, 2; Bill Fowler, 1.

Recaps—H. S. Lane, 1, and Vernon Harrell, 2.

Funeral Services Conducted Monday For J. B. Hampton

Funeral services for James Berry Hampton, aged 84, who died at his home in Hertford at 6:30 o'clock on Sunday morning, following a long illness, were conducted from the Lynch Funeral Home at 1 o'clock on Monday afternoon. The Rev. H. G. Dawkins officiated.

The pall was of white calla lilies, pink snapdragons, ferns and evergreens. Interment was made in the family plot at Gatesville.

Surviving are four children: Mrs. W. A. Gurley of Anderson, S. C.; J. W. Hampton of Hertford, T. G. Hampton of Portlock, Va., and R. P. Hampton, U. S. N., and one sister, Mrs. M. J. Mathison of Alto, Ga.

Active pallbearers were: V. N. Darden, B. C. Berry, F. T. Johnson, J. H. Towe, Garland Stanton and Tom Perry. Honorary pallbearers were: W. W. White, Lawrence Towe, D. F. Reed, Z. A. Harris, Hudson Butler, A. E. Layden, B. S. Hoskins and Elliott Layden.

Truck Owners Urged To Appeal Mileage Rations By Jan. 10th

Perquimans County truck owners, who wish to appeal the mileage allowance of their certificate of war necessity, are urged to make this appeal before January 10, W. Stewart, official in charge of this area, announced this week.

Mr. Stewart's office is located at Washington, N. C., but truck owners who wish to seek additional gasoline ration may appear at the offices of L. W. Anderson, County Agent, who will file the necessary papers.

Dick Payne Promoted To Rank Of Captain

Richard Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Payne, of Hertford, has recently been promoted from the rank of Lieutenant to Captain.

Captain Payne is now visiting his parents, being on furlough from his duties at Camp Shelby, Miss., where he is a member of the Ordnance Corps, U. S. Army.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cifal announce the birth of a son, born on Thursday at the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City. Mother and son are doing nicely.

December Bond Quota Oversubscribed; This Month's Sales Good

Resident of Perquimans County oversubscribed the December war bond quota, according to an announcement made this week by R. M. Riddick, chairman of the local war savings staff committee. The total sales for December amounted to \$26,043.75.

The quota set for January is \$15,790.50, according to Mr. Riddick, who urges citizens to buy all the bonds possible during the coming months to lend aid to the nation's war effort. Sales thus far this month have been good, but the Chairman pointed out the need for the money is great if our boys fighting at the fronts are to have the equipment necessary to defeat the Axis.

Financing Holds Up Proposed County Health Service

From present indications the problem of financing the project is holding up the proposed establishment of a Public Health Service in Perquimans County. The matter has been discussed by both the County Commissioners and the Town Board.

The Board of County Commissioners voted to finance seventy five per cent of the costs, providing the governing body for the Town of Hertford would pay the remaining twenty-five per cent of the costs of establishing and maintaining the service.

At a special meeting of the Town Commissioners, held December 28, that body voted to assume \$400 of the costs for the first period of operations, but were reluctant to vote a higher appropriation inasmuch as the health service is supposed to be a county-wide project rendering assistance to the county as a whole.

At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners last Monday that body maintained the position that the County's share should be but seventy-five per cent, and that the Town of Hertford should assume the remainder of the obligation.

Mayor V. N. Darden met with the County Commissioners for a discussion of the matter, but no definite conclusion was arrived at regarding the financing of the service.

County Accountant W. F. C. Edwards reported to the Commissioners that the county is in the best financial condition it has been in for several years, a workable, but not great a surplus was noted in all departments.

County Representative W. W. White also met with the Board of Commissioners, prior to his going to Raleigh for the opening of the General Assembly.

Red Cross Chapter Home Nursing Class Opens Monday Night

The opening class of the Perquimans County Chapter of the American Red Cross home nursing course will be held Monday night, January 11, according to an announcement made this week.

The course will be under the direction of Mrs. Johnny Bray, and all classes will be conducted in the Old Shannonhouse Home on Market Street, which is now serving as a Red Cross Sewing Room. The opening class is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock Monday night.

The local Red Cross Chapter is very happy to be able to sponsor this Home Nursing Class which the Public Health Departments of the United States and the State of North Carolina are urging the public to take advantage of and gain useful knowledge for assistance in homes.

Persons who have not already registered for the class, and who would like to take this course, are requested to get in touch with Mrs. Charles Ford Sumner, who is chairman of the Home Nursing Committee of the local chapter, and register for the opening class.

Local Boy Graduates From Officers School

Clarence W. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Phillips, Hertford, Route 1, has been graduated from Officers Training School at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, and has been commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. Graduation exercises were conducted December 23.

Lieutenant Phillips spent the holidays with his parents.

January Quota For White Men Reduced By Twenty Per Cent

Total Active Youths Registered During December

The January call for white men from the local Selective Service lists has been reduced twenty per cent, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Board, and Perquimans County will be expected to furnish a total of 36 white men on January 23, instead of 45 as originally called.

Due to the fact that the majority of men registered with the local Board are engaged in agriculture and for that reason are classified in classes 2-C and 3-C, it is unlikely the Board will be able to fill the call completely. Approximately twenty-eight men are expected to be notified for induction.

A total of twenty-five teen-age youths registered with the local Board during the month of December, in the sixth registration, Mrs. Sumner announced. These youths will be classified by the local Board as soon as their questionnaires are returned.

The call for January 23 will be filled from the following list of men: Haywood Umphlett, Vivian Dail, Norman Stallings, Bernard Proctor, Kyree Copeland, Kelly White, Linwood Onley, Johnnie Winslow, William Cox, Lester Layden, Emmett Landing, Emmett Umphlett, Thomas Trueblood, Johnnie Jordan, Trafton White, Judson Miller, Riley Monds, Ernest Phillips, George Fields, Horace Cartwright, LeRoy Dail, Glenwood Stallings, Lloyd Chappell, Guy Guy Webb and James Elliott.

Men between the ages of 18 and 38 may still volunteer for service in any branch they desire, except the Coast Guard which has discontinued enlistments. It is expected, however, that all voluntary enlistments will be halted about February 1. Men who wish to volunteer for the Navy or the Marine Corps must obtain proper papers from the local Draft Board before appearing at recruiting stations.

The next call for white men to be inducted through the local Board, following the call on January 23, will be on February 4, when twenty-five men will be ordered to report for induction.

Indians Open Basketball Season; Defeat Chowan High School

The Perquimans High School basketball team opened its 1943 season with an overwhelming victory, 32-13, over the Chowan High quintet. The game was played on the local hardwood at the high school auditorium.

The local five showed superiority in every branch of the game and the outcome was never in doubt. The Indians, coached by H. G. Dawkins, started off with a spree of baskets and were leading at the end of the first quarter by an 8-5 score. During the second period the Indians garnered four points while holding Chowan scoreless, and the half ended 12 to 5 in favor of the Indians.

The Chowan boys came back during the third quarter and tallied seven points, while the Indians maintained their lead by scoring nine. Score at the end of the third period stood Perquimans 21, Chowan 12. The local quintet nearly blanked the visitors again in the final quarter, scoring eleven tallies while Chowan garnered but one. The final score was 32-13.

This victory is the first the Indians have won over Chowan since 1936. The visiting five were mostly freshmen in the game, as were the Indians. The starting line-up found only a few of last year's players on either team.

The Indians displayed a fine brand of offensive and did some excellent shooting. Edgar and Dan Berry were outstanding on the offensive and Wilson and Cannon showed well on the defensive for the Indians.

Forehand, forward for the Chowan team, garnered ten of his team's 13 points.

Bill Jessup Promoted To Rank Of Ensign

An announcement was received this week that Bill Jessup, one of Hertford's popular young men, has received promotion to the rank of Ensign in the United States Navy.

Ensign Jessup has been in the Naval Service for the past year and has served as a Chief Specialist at the Norfolk Navy Yard.

Infantile Paralysis Campaign Scheduled For January 15-30

The tenth annual campaign for the benefit of victims of infantile paralysis is to be held in this county January 15-30, Mrs. B. G. Koonce, county chairman, announced this week.

The campaign conducted here will be part of a nation-wide program to raise funds for the fight against this disease. No elaborate plans are being made for the campaign here, but Mrs. Koonce is urging all residents to respond in this drive to aid less fortunate people.

"The fight against infantile paralysis is particularly timely in this war period," Mrs. Koonce said. "The health of our people is a more precious national asset than ever before. Infantile paralysis cripples more American children than any other cause. We can not afford to wait in our fight against the ravages of this disease," the chairman stated.

County Boards Plan For Observance Farm Mobilization Day

Farmers of Perquimans County will join with others of North Carolina and of the entire nation in mobilizing their full resources to fight the Axis on Tuesday, January 12, which has been designated by President Roosevelt as National Farm Mobilization Day.

Here in Perquimans, a meeting for the purpose of organizing this effort will be held in the auditorium at the Perquimans High School at 11 o'clock next Tuesday morning.

Principal speaker for the occasion will be Vance E. Swift, State Director, Farm Security Administration and a member of the State USDA Board. The meeting will be sponsored by the Perquimans County USDA Board.

In speaking of the problem, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said: "It is necessary that all agriculture be fully mobilized in order to get maximum production in 1943. We cannot produce too much of the things we need. The job is to produce the right amount of the right things in the right places. This will require careful planning and hard work."

And in order to develop these plans full explanation of the goals to be reached by Perquimans producers for war production will be given at the meeting Tuesday, as well as an explanation of the aid farmers may receive from all agricultural agencies in meeting war goals.

Members of the Perquimans USDA Board which will be in charge of the meeting here are Dr. E. S. White, chairman, L. W. Anderson, A. H. Edwards, G. C. Buck and Milton Dail. This Board urges all farm families, laborers, business men and professional men to help make Mobilization Day a complete success here by attending the meeting to be held at the high school.

The Board urges a large attendance in order that all may learn of the work ahead in producing materials, food and the like which will bring victory against the Axis.

Sale Of Christmas Seals Exceed Goal

For the second time within as many years, Perquimans County has over-subscribed its quota for Christmas Seals, according to Mrs. L. A. Ward, who served as chairman of the committee.

Mrs. Ward reported this week that a total of \$158.23 worth of seals were purchased this year by the residents of the county, and she expressed her appreciation for those who solicited and bought Seals during the drive.

According to Mrs. Ward, the Hertford Grammar School, with Miss Mary Sumner serving as chairman, sold Seals amounting to \$47.05; the Central Grammar School, with Rupert Ainsley as chairman, sold \$36 worth. Mrs. W. H. Pitt and Mrs. Littleton Gibbs, who canvassed the business district of Hertford, reported \$31.55. The colored schools of the county reported \$28.05, the Perquimans High School \$13 and the New Hope school \$2.58.

The county's quota was set at \$140, thus the amount was over-subscribed by \$18.23. Twenty-five per cent of this amount has been forwarded to the State headquarters and the remaining \$118.67 was kept in this county with the local committee to aid in carrying on the fight against tuberculosis here, Mrs. Ward stated.

Mrs. Minnie Newbold Passes At Her Home After Short Illness

Funeral Services Conducted Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. Minnie McMullan Newbold, beloved Hertford resident, died at her home on Dobbs Street at 10:10 Monday morning, following a short illness.

Mrs. Newbold, a prominent member of the Hertford Methodist Church and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was one of the best known residents of Perquimans County and the announcement of her death was received with deep and sincere regret throughout the county.

She was born in Princess Anne County, Virginia, the daughter of Jeremiah and Frances Dabney Shelton McMullan, April 12, 1859, being at the time of her death, 83 years and nine months old. On May 12, 1880, she was united in marriage with Kenneth Raynor Newbold and to this union twelve children were born. She was preceded in death by her husband and one daughter, Edith Newbold Skinner.

Her father was pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church and through training she received in childhood she was an ardent church member throughout her life. She, following her marriage to Mr. Newbold and settling in this county, began a school for her children which grew into a select private school for children.

Aside from the time she spent with her father and mother, while he served as pastor of various churches, Mrs. Newbold resided in Perquimans County all of her life.

Surviving are six sons: J. K. Newbold of Glenridge, N. C.; J. M. C. and L. M. Newbold of Rutherford, N. C.; W. O. Newbold of Washington, D. C.; J. M. Newbold of Fayetteville, and T. S. Newbold of Rocky Mount; five daughters: Mrs. J. R. Jarvis of Hertford, Mrs. W. C. Winslow of Greensboro, Mrs. C. A. Wright of Jarvisburg, Mrs. C. T. Skinner of Hertford, and Mrs. C. A. Withrow of Norfolk, Va.; 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted and carried out according to her instructions left for her minister. A short service was held at the home for her immediate family. Another short service was held at the Methodist Church with the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. H. G. Dawkins, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. E. P. Rhodes of Washington, N. C., sang as a solo, "Crossing the Bar." Hymns sung included "Close To Thee" and "Abide With Me."

Her six sons were pallbearers. The funeral services were directed by the Lynch Funeral Home and interment was in the Cedarwood Cemetery.

Students Sell Five Thousand Dollars Worth War Bonds

An outstanding record was achieved at the Perquimans High School during the month of December when the students of the school conducted a campaign for the sale of war bonds. Final figures released this week by F. T. Johnson, superintendent of the school, showed that the students sold a total of five thousand, one hundred and seventy-six dollars worth of bonds and stamps during the month.

The highlight of the campaign was that the school did not receive credit for any sales that did not name a student as owner or co-owner of the bond or stamp.

This excellent record is possibly the best held in the entire State by any high school, comparable in size with the student body of the Perquimans High School.

According to the report issued by Mr. Johnson the 10-A Class led the rest of the school in sales, this class selling \$3,907.25 worth of bonds and stamps. The total sales by classes was: 8-1, \$224.60; 8-2, \$258.85; 8-3, \$80.80; 9-A, \$21.85; 9-B, \$97.20; 10-A, \$3,907.25; 10-B, \$23.75, and 11-A, \$562.

The campaign conducted at the High School was so successful and the students so eager to aid in the war effort that Mr. Johnson announced that further campaigns will be conducted at the High School.

The students were praised by R. M. Riddick, chairman of the Perquimans war savings staff, for the excellent results accomplished during the campaign.