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HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH CLEARS ITS INDEBTEDNESS DURING RECENT DRIVE

Services For Members In Armed Forces to Be Held February 7th

In response to a plea by their pastor, the Rev. Howard G. Dawkins, members of the Hertford Baptist Church, last Sunday, raised the final one thousand dollars needed to clear the church of its indebtedness. The Rev. Mr. Dawkins urged the members to pledge sufficient funds to enable the church to meet final payments on a six thousand dollar note by January 26.

The Rev. Mr. Dawkins praised highly the members of the congregation for their cooperation in the debt paying campaign conducted during recent weeks, and expressed his thanks to the many members who so generously contributed to the debt fund. When hundred dollars has been paid on the debt during the past six months, Mr. Dawkins stated.

An announcement regarding a Dedication Service will be made later. The Baptist and Methodist Churches of Hertford will join in a union service to be held on Sunday night, January 31, at the Baptist Church with the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Methodist Church, preaching.

A Flag Dedication Service, honoring the boys and girls of the Baptist Church now in the service of our country will be held at the local church on Sunday night, February 7, the Rev. Mr. Dawkins announced. Every one in the county and surrounding territory having a boy or girl in the Armed forces is cordially invited to attend this service, as a tribute is paid those serving the nation.

The Christian Flag is a presentation by Mrs. B. G. Koonce, in honor of the Rev. Clarence E. Hobgood, former pastor of the church who is now in service in India. The American Flag will be given by Mrs. S. D. Broughton and Mrs. Ed Everett in honor of their sons, David Broughton and John E. Everett, who have been reported missing in action.

Each boy and girl, who is a member of the Hertford Baptist Church, will be honored by a staff of the Service Flag.

The Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion will have charge of the Flag Service.

WPB Modifies Farm Machinery Rules

Several restrictions on the manufacture and distribution of farm machinery and equipment were modified today by WPB.

The amendment does away with the three months restriction on the distributor's inventory of repair parts and eliminates the necessity of his filing a "certificate for emergency order" to obtain repair parts.

Certain provisions in the original order are changed as they apply to silos so that the weight of critical materials necessary for their construction, rather than the number of units constructed, governs the quota. At the same time quota percentages of silo construction is increased from 12 to 16 percent.

Water pump cylinders are defined as repair parts in the amended order, thus permitting the cylinders to come within the 130 percent quota for repair parts. This change is made because cylinders are not complete mechanical devices in and of themselves but merely functional parts of a water system.

Among other less important changes in the order as amended are the following:

"Grain bins and corn cribs, when made from material other than steel" are excluded from the definition of "farm machinery and equipment," and hence are no longer within this order.

Harness hardware is added to horseshoes, muleshoes and horseshoe nail, as an item excluded from the restrictions limiting them to use on farms.

Tractor mounted field cultivators, tillage and tooth weeder are added to Schedule A.

Bette Bray Holmes Enlists In SPARs

Perquimans County has contributed another young lady to the Armed forces of Uncle Sam, an announcement from the Norfolk Naval Bureau revealed this week.

Miss Bette Bray Holmes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holmes, has enlisted and been accepted as a member of the Spar, the Coast Guard, Women's Reserve.

Miss Holmes attended South Mills High School, and has been employed at the Virginia Dare Hotel, in Elizabeth City.

Headquarters Nearly Ready For Perquimans Public Health Service

Workmen are rapidly preparing the offices, located in the Smith Building, for the occupancy of the Perquimans County Public Health Service. Just when the offices will be opened has not been learned.

However, the rooms to be occupied by the Service have been newly painted and decorated and the workmen are rapidly completing their job in preparing the offices.

The Sanitation officer for the Service has been checking sanitary conditions in Hertford during the past week. A report of his findings will no doubt be made public upon completion.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Preparation for the all-out offensive against the Axis during 1943 were discussed and made at a historic meeting of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, held during the past two weeks in North Africa. The nation was unaware that President Roosevelt was out of the country until the announcement was made Tuesday night concerning the meeting. Strict secrecy was maintained until after the discussions. Included in the meeting were General DeGaulle and General Giraud, representing France, and high officials of the American and British governments. It was announced that important decisions were made at the meeting, probably regarding a unified high command for the European theatre of war and anti-submarine measures to be taken to protect the American supply lines to Europe.

Russia's Stalin was invited to attend the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting, but was unable to do so inasmuch as he is the Supreme Soviet war leader and had to remain in Russia directing the on-rushing Red offensive against the Nazis. Reports from Moscow this week continue to tell of Russian successes in driving the Axis forces further back toward the German border. Even Berlin admits reverses of importance on the Eastern front, and has warned the German people of more bad news to come.

On the battle fronts, General Montgomery's British 8th Army has captured Tripoli and pushed on into Tunisia. Reports Wednesday indicated the Nazis fleeing Panzer troops have taken position in Southern Tunisia in what may be an attempt to prevent the 8th Army joining with the British First and American 5th Armies in a squeeze push on the Axis positions in the last bit of ground they control in Africa.

Following a liquidation of the Jap forces in New Guinea, the news from the Pacific area has eased during the week. The American Army has relieved the Marines on Guadalcanal and reports from there state the Americans are mopping up the remaining Japs.

Revolt against Nazism flared anew in France this week, when residents of the French port of Marseilles barricaded themselves within their homes to prevent the Germans from moving them out of the area. The French took potshots at the German troops, and reported from Vichy, the Nazis moved tanks and guns into the city to restore order. Nearly 300 French, including some 80 women, were reported killed by the Germans.

In an effort to bolster extra production of foodstuff in the U. S. this coming year, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard has announced that bonuses totaling upward of a hundred million dollars will be paid farmers for producing in excess of quotas certain food items. Included in the items are soybeans, peanuts, flax, dried peas and sweet potatoes.

Perquimans Quintet Meets Edenton Friday

The Perquimans Indians and the Squaws will meet an ancient rival on the local hardwood Friday night when the boys and girls basketball teams of Edenton High School come here for a game to begin at 7:30 o'clock.

With basketball being curtailed somewhat due to the ban on driving, little has been heard of the strength of the Edenton teams this year, but fans who attend the game can be assured of a splendid exhibition.

Sixteen Selectees To Leave Hertford For Camp Next Week

Large Number of Last Contingent Accepted For Service

Sixteen selectees from the Perquimans Draft lists have been sent induction orders to report at the local office to entrain for Fort Bragg on next Thursday, February 4, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk to the local draft board, said today.

This is the second contingent of men to leave Hertford during the past two weeks. The call for this county for February 4 was set at 25 white men, but in reviewing the classifications, the local board was able to choose but sixteen. The greater majority of men left in the lists at the local office are in classifications which defer them due to essential occupations.

The sixteen men who were sent induction orders were: Edison Harrell, Edward Layden, Robert Hollowell, Julian White, Linwood Lane, Otha Nixon, William Tarkington, Kyree Copeland, Walter Trueblood, Lonnie Miller, Whit Cartwright, Odell Baccus, Wilson Morris, Jasper Layden, Edward Wilder and Frederick Farmer.

Mrs. Sumner announced that a recent order handed down by the Selective Service headquarters now makes it possible for the local draft board to order a selectee for induction immediately upon his being classified 1-A. Formerly, the ruling existed that a selectee had to be in Class 1-A ten days before the board could order for induction. This is now changed and selectees should note this ruling.

Although official reports were not available, it was understood that a large percentage of the twenty men who left Hertford January 23 for their final physical examination prior to induction, were accepted by the armed forces. It was stated that Haywood Umphlett, Vivian Dale, Kelly White, Linwood Onley, William Cox, Johnnie Jordan, Ernest Phillips, Jr., D. J. White, Jr., Leroy Dail, George Fields, Douglas Elliott and Francis Nixon have been accepted. It was stated that Norman Stallings and Jesse Miller have been rejected. Reports of the remaining members of the group have not been learned.

Dairy Purchasing Additional Cows To Increase Milk Supply

In order to alleviate the acute shortage of milk in this area the Elmwood Farms Dairy has purchased a carload of cows to be added to the already large herd at the local dairy to furnish milk to the increasing population of this section.

J. Oliver White, local distributor for the dairy, announced this week that the dairy is hopeful of having the condition remedied considerably by the first of February.

Milk shortage in Hertford became noticeable during the past week or two, and many stores have been unable to obtain enough to supply all customers.

Mr. White stated that the reason for the shortage is the increasing number of customers coming into this community for the past several months, which caused a greater demand than could be supplied.

Miss Loretta Black New Teacher Here

F. T. Johnson, County Schools Superintendent, announced this week the signing of Miss Loretta Black to the position as teacher of Commercial subjects at Perquimans High School.

Miss Black, a recent graduate of the Bowling Green University of Commerce, is a native of Kentucky. She arrived in Hertford this week to assume her new duties.

SERVICES AT WOODLAND

A special program will be given at Woodland Methodist Church on Sunday, January 31, beginning at 10:30 a. m. All offerings will go to the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh. Special music will feature the program and the Rev. J. D. Cranford will preach at 11 o'clock.

MASONIC MEETING

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night.

Committee Sponsors Birthday Dance For Paralysis Campaign

Dance to Be Held Friday Night at Walker Ballroom

Mrs. B. G. Koonce, chairman of the Perquimans County Infantile Paralysis Campaign, announced today that the committee in charge will sponsor a President's Birthday Ball to raise funds to bolster the contributions from this county.

The dance will be held tonight (Friday) at the Walker ballroom and is scheduled to get underway at 9:30 o'clock. A small admission charge will be made and the committee is hoping a large turn out will net a considerable amount to be turned over to the campaign fund.

There will not be an advance sale of tickets, the committee announced, but the public is invited to join in and attend the dance in order that the proceeds will be as great as possible.

Although it has been announced that people may not drive their cars to birthday dances held for this occasion, there are a number of ways most people can arrange to attend this dance and they are urged to do so if possible.

The paralysis campaign is in full swing at this time, Mrs. Koonce stated, and a canvass is being made for contributions to raise as large an amount as possible in the county. The money raised here is used to help in the fight against infantile paralysis. A large portion of the proceeds raised here remains in the county to be used by the local officials in combating the disease here, and the remainder is forwarded to national headquarters.

It has been pointed out that especially during war time the fight to help preserve the health of the nation is a most urgent one and every person should join in rendering every assistance possible.

Traffic Violators Receive Fines In Recorder's Court

Traffic violators fared badly in Perquimans County Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning, when three defendants were given \$50 fines and costs of court for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Judge Charles E. Johnson also revoked a whiskey ration book from one defendant found guilty of being drunk and disorderly.

The cases of Gaither Chappell, Percy Winslow and Sherman Copeland, three youths held on serious charges of rape and assault with intent to rape, were continued until a later term of court. Chappell is charged with rape and the remaining two youths with the second offense.

Milton Perry and William Copeland, both Negroes, entered a plea of guilty to driving drunk and each received a 60-day road sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs.

Jesse Edwards was found guilty of driving drunk and was fined \$50 and costs.

Thomas Felton, Negro, was given a 30-day suspended sentence upon payment of court costs, after he was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly. His whiskey ration book was revoked.

James Green, Negro, was found guilty of larceny. Sentence was suspended upon the condition that he return seven dollars to Lula Ference, the prosecuting witness. Green contended that he found the money on the floor of a local establishment, and later gambled part of it away. The prosecuting witness contended she lost \$34 and recovered only \$25, when Green was apprehended by the officers.

Catholic Services On Sunday At 11 A. M.

Holy Mass starts every Sunday at 11 a. m., in St. Ann's Catholic Church, corner of N. Broad and Alameda Streets, Edenton, announced the Reverend Father F. J. McCourt, pastor, who will preach coming Sunday the second of his series on "The Catholic Church and Christian Unity," give Holy Communion to those receiving.

A special program of music and singing will be a feature of the Service every Sunday.

An Altar Society meeting will immediately follow next Sunday's Mass.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OFFER PLAN TO RELIEVE FARM LABOR SHORTAGE HERE

County Council To Meet Saturday At Agriculture Building

The County Council of the Perquimans County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will hold its regular meeting in the auditorium of the Agriculture Building Saturday afternoon, January 30, at 3 o'clock.

Miss Frances Maness, County Home Agent, has urged all members of the Council to be present.

A film strip "The American Way of Life," will be shown nose attending.

Mrs. I. A. Ward, District chairman of the Woman's Division of the War Savings Staff, will be the speaker for the meeting.

Registration For War Ration Book 2 May Be Next Month

Although definite announcements have not been made, it is expected that citizens will register for their War Ration Book No. 2 sometime during next month. First requisite in registering for this new book is that every person must have their War Ration Book No. 1, and have it with them at the time they register for Book No. 2.

The new books will be used for the rationing of canned goods, and later on, for meats. The new books will use the point system for rationing and each individual and family will have to budget their buying in order to have coupons sufficient to carry them through each period. This does not mean the books will allow only minimum buying, it means that each purchaser will have to watch the buying and not use up all coupons at one time.

In regards to the rationing of canned goods, the OPA has announced that each person will be limited to 5 cans of fruits or vegetables. That is, at the time of registering a family may have on hand 5 cans of these items for each member of the family without being penalized. Family units having on hand at registration time more than 5 cans per person will be penalized one 8-point coupon for each can in excess.

Just when the rationing of these items will begin has not been announced, and it is not expected much before March 1. However, it is believed that the registration will take place about the middle of February.

It is understood that the County School system will handle the registration, but many volunteers will be needed to aid in the work. Complete details for the registration have not been made here, but full explanation will be made as soon as the plans are completed.

Ration Board Passes On Tire Applications

A total of thirty applications for tires and tubes were passed on by the local rationing board at its last meeting, and permits were issued for the following:

Passenger Tires, Grade H—J. T. Newbern, 1; Walton Wood, 1; Lyman Lowe, 2; N. T. Riddick, 2.

Grade III—H. W. Sykes, 1; C. C. Winslow, 1; Elmer Ward, 2; J. L. Godfrey, 2; Oliver Modlin, 1; George Johnson, 2; Clifton Stallings, 1; Floyd Riddick, 1; Sidney Layden, 1; Wilson Hollowell, 2, and George Bonner, 2.

Passenger recaps were given to:

H. A. Sykes, 4; James Newby, 2. Passenger Tubes—J. F. Riddick, 2; J. T. Newbern, 1; Walton Wood, 1; Haywood Lilly, 3; C. C. Winslow, 1; J. L. Godfrey, 1; Claude Riddick, 2; Wilson Hollowell, 2; N. T. Riddick, 2.

Noah Felton, Jr., received 2 truck tires and one tube.

Leaders Conference At Baptist Church

There is to be a conference held on February 4, at the Hertford Baptist Church for the Young Peoples Leaders of the Woman's Missionary Union from Perquimans, Gates and Chowan Counties. The conference begins at 10:30 a. m. Every one is asked to bring lunch.

Miss Mary Currin, State Young Peoples Leader, and Miss Katherine Abbe, W. M. U. Field Worker, will attend the meeting.

Each Y. W. A., Girls' Auxiliary, Sunbeam and Royal Ambassador leader is urged to be present.

The conference has been arranged under the direction of Mrs. Howard Dawkins, Divisional Young Peoples Leader.

To Bring Mountain Farm Families to the Eastern Areas

In order to relieve the acute shortage of farm labor in this county, the Farm Security Administration and the U. S. Employment Service have worked out an agreement to place farm families from the mountain area of North Carolina on farms where there are labor shortages. A. H. Edwards, head of the Chowan-Perquimans FSA office, announced today.

Farm owners should act quickly on this matter to insure the bringing of these families to Eastern farms for the coming crop year. Those interested should contact Mr. Edwards by letter or telephone, at his local office, as quickly as possible.

L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County Farm Agent, has endorsed the plan as an excellent move to help off set the farm labor shortage here, and says, "we really have room for more workers in this county."

Complete details regarding the plan can be learned by those interested on contacting Mr. Edwards, who explained:

"These mountainous farm families are good people, eager to make a better living for their families. They are subsistent workers, producing only about enough for their families to eat and not adding but very little to the War effort. We are interested in moving them to the east where their labor will make the greatest contribution to the War effort. It is our aim to move a number of these families to Chowan and Perquimans Counties, if they are needed, to meet maximum production on all farms in the two counties. Every farmer is asked and expected to make his farm produce to the maximum of its capacity in order that our armed forces, allies, and our civilian population might be fed. Too much food, fiber, live stock, and livestock products can not be produced on our farms to fill the demand.

"These farm families moved to our section of the State are expected to make their homes here in eastern North Carolina. If they are given advantages such as those offered by the landlords to other tenants they will be glad to call this their home."

"Landlords employing these tenants or laborers are expected to furnish them suitable living quarters. That is, the dwelling house should be leak proof and fly tight. They are also expected to furnish a sanitary toilet and a safe water supply."

"The Farm Security Administration and the U. S. Employment Service will arrange a meeting between the land owner and the tenant or laborer for the purpose of working up a working agreement, or in other words, will arrange a meeting for the tenant and landlord to trade. The Farm Security Administration will also arrange for the tenant's transportation to this area if he lives over 100 miles."

School Bus Changes Ordered By ODT

Effective Monday, February 1, several changes will be made in the directing of school busses in this county. Any and all changes that may be made in routing and stopping of school busses is required by the Office of Defense Transportation, as a war measure.

F. T. Johnson, County Schools Superintendent, announced today that ODT has ruled that all bus stops are to be spaced from one-quarter to one-half mile apart; when busses have been routed over a road, then have had to retrace the same road, the re-tracing will be stopped, unless a child lives two or more miles down the road.

This ruling will not be adhered to in cases where a child is crippled or is physically unable to walk the two miles. In this case the bus may deliver the child to the designation. However, such cases must be brought to the attention of the school superintendent and proof of such in form of an affidavit from the doctor showing the child's condition.

Mr. Johnson stated this ruling will become effective here next Monday.

Taxi Service To Be Resumed Here Soon

An announcement has been made here that Snell Brothers Taxi service will resume business in this community within a very short time. The taxi service operated here for a short time during the summer, and it is expected that the company will render a service to the community by resuming operations.