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## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Following the complaint of U. S. Ambassador William Stanley that the Soviet Government was not telling the Russian people of the assistance being given that nation in its fight against the Axis, an announcement was made Wednesday from London that the Soviet radio carried a report to the Russians of the number of planes, tanks and trucks delivered to Russia by the United States. In his complaint Stanley said he saw no political motive in keeping the aid secret but that he had searched for it in the Russian press.

According to reports from London this week, the Nazi Army has started a "push" against the Reds on the Kharkov front and have gained up to 80 miles at some points on the battle line. Hitler, it was stated, has thrown some 25 divisions into the battle. It was also reported that Hitler withdrew these troops from western Europe. Meanwhile, the Russians are continuing their offensive on the Central front toward Smolensk.

The Allies have recovered the initiative in Tunisia, after hurling back Axis attacks six times, and reports from there indicate Rommel's losses are heavier than first reported. American and British forces have retaken all of the territory captured by the Axis thrust two weeks ago. The main battle, at this time in Tunisia, centers around the Mareth Line where the British are attempting to dialogue the German forces.

Scores of German soldiers and Gestapo agents were reported slain in France during the past week when Frenchmen rebelled against Laval attempting to round up 400,000 French laborers for German war industries. One report stated at least 500 Nazis were dead in the fighting, and no figures were given for the number of Frenchmen killed.

An announcement was made this week by the OPA that henceforth dry peas, beans and lentils to be used for planting purposes would not require point ration stamps for purchases. It has also been announced by the OPA that in all probability the point values on canned goods during April will be lower than the values this month. However, individuals should use their March stamps as they are not valid during the second ration period.

Because the governor of Martinique, that French Island located near the Panama Canal, has shown no signs of cooperation with the United Nations, but still remains loyal to Vichy, the United States has stopped furnishing the island with foodstuffs and other necessary materials. Possible armed occupation by American forces may come later.

After days of discussion, Congress seems on the point of discarding any pay-as-you-go income tax plan and keep the same old system. However, a 20 percent withholding tax, levied against taxable income may be added to the present system. The withholding levy would start July 1, but it would not be an additional tax, for collections under it would be applied to actual taxes as now computed.

Following the heavy air attacks on Berlin last week, Allied airmen spent this week hammering at important Nazi industrial and railway centers. The American flyers are bombing the Germans during the day and the RAF return at night, so the round-the-clock bombing of Naziland continues.

## To Show Pictures At Belvidere On Thursday, March 25

Sergeant S. R. Peazzola, a member of the Norfolk Fighter Command Unit, will speak and show a motion picture of the work being done by the Observation Division of the Unit at the Belvidere Community House Thursday night, March 25, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend.

The program will be similar to the one presented at the Courthouse in Hertford several weeks ago, when the large group attending expressed appreciation for the opportunity of being able to see and hear the program.

## SERVICES AT WOODLAND

The Rev. J. D. Cranford will preach at Woodland Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Present Town Board To Seek Reelection In Coming Primary

### Primary Election to Be Held April 26; Registrar Named

Mayor V. N. Darden and all members of the present town board signified their intention of being candidates for reelection at the coming primary to be held April 26. The present board members stated that they would run for office again, after Town Attorney Charles E. Johnson notified the board of the final filing dates and the dates for the primary and general election.

The final filing date for candidates for the offices of mayor and commissioners is sundown April 15; the primary election being held on April 26, and the general election following in two weeks, on May 4. Thus far the political scene holds little interest, no other candidates having signified intentions to seek office and there is little likelihood that there will be many candidates in the field.

The voters of the town will also vote on the recently passed bill calling for the term of the mayor and commissioners to be extended for a period of four years, instead of two. This bill was passed by the General Assembly and must be carried by a majority of the voters in the general election to become a law.

Mrs. B. G. Koonce was appointed by the board to serve as registrar for the coming election. She will sit at the Courthouse on Saturdays for the purpose of registering voters for the election. Those voters who did not register and vote in the last town election must register before being eligible to vote in the primary on April 26.

Other than the discussion in preparation for the coming election, nothing but routine business was brought to the attention of the town board at its meeting Monday night. There was some discussion regarding the town plowing garden plots for the residents of the town, but this discussion was tabled for further consideration.

## Juniors Hold Party For Seniors; Guests Thursday Afternoon

Members of the Junior Class of Perquimans County High School, foregoing the annual custom of holding a Junior-Senior banquet, entertained the members of the Senior Class, and other guests, at a theatre party and afternoon tea dance Thursday afternoon from one to 4:30 o'clock.

Although general conditions forced this year's Junior Class to curtail the activity of the annual banquet, the party held yesterday afternoon was a delightful affair. The members of the two classes and their guests attended a special showing of the picture "For Me and My Gal" at the State Theatre and following this gathered at Walker's Ballroom for afternoon tea and dancing.

The annual Junior-Senior party is a highlight of the school year and is looked forward to by each member of the classes. This year's party, while not as elaborate as those of the past, was most appropriate and was enjoyed by all.

## Tire Inspections Still In Force OPA

Periodic tire inspection requirements are in no way relaxed by the Office of Price Administration's recent order freeing tire recapping with passenger type camberback from ration restrictions, E. Leigh Winslow, chairman of the local War Price and Rationing Board, said today.

The OPA officials made this statement to correct a mistaken belief apparently held by some motorists.

"It is true that a car owner can get his tires recapped with restricted rubber without first getting the recommendation of an official OPA inspector," Mr. Winslow said, "but the periodic inspection program to reserve tires remains in effect. Motorists who do not get the inspections made and recorded on their Tire Inspection Records will not be eligible for renewal of gasoline rations or for purchase of tires in the future."

DON'T FORGET . . . to make your contribution to the Red Cross.

## World Day Prayer Service Scheduled At Baptist Church

Members of the Hertford Baptist, Methodist and Holy Trinity Churches will join together Friday afternoon, March 12, from 4 to 5 o'clock, in a union World Day of Prayer service to be held in the Baptist Church, Mrs. I. A. Ward, chairman of the committee in charge, announced this week.

The theme of the services will be "Praise, Peace and Prayer." The Reverends B. C. Reavis, H. G. Dawkins and E. T. Jilson will take part, and special music will be rendered by Mrs. Charles E. Johnson. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

## Examinations For New Navy Program To Be Given At H. S.

The new Navy College Training Program, designed to produce officers for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard through the training of students and recent graduates of high schools and preparatory schools, and enlisted men of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard and college students will be inaugurated about July 1 with the enrollment of students to be selected after qualifying tests to be given April 12. In Perquimans County the tests will be given between the hours of 9 and 11 a. m., in the Perquimans County High School.

Students to be trained under new program, which is designated as the Navy's V-1 Program, will receive one and one-third years of study at colleges and universities under contract to the Navy. Duke University, the University of North Carolina and Lenior-Rhyne College have been selected in this State thus far. At the conclusion of their college work, students will take specialized Naval training leading to commissions. All men accepted for the V-12 program will go on active duty in uniform under military discipline. They will be rated as apprentice seamen, U. S. Naval Reserve.

This new Navy College Training Program, offers a splendid opportunity to many of our high school boys. Students in the Navy V-12 Program will be on active duty with pay, furnished rooms, board and uniforms and the Navy will contract with the colleges and universities for instructional expenses.

To be eligible for selection each applicant must have attained his 17th birthday but not his 20th birthday by July 1, 1943; be a male citizen of the United States; be morally and physically qualified for the program, including a minimum uncorrected visual acuity of 18-20 for each eye; be unmarried, and agree to remain unmarried until commissioned, unless sooner released by the Navy Department; evidence potential officer qualifications including appearance and scholarship records.

Anyone desiring further information about the Navy's V-12 Program may obtain it from F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of the Perquimans County High School.

## Thirty-two Permits Issued For Tires By Local Ration Board

A total of thirty-two certificates for tires and tubes and one certificate for the purchase of a new automobile was issued by the Perquimans ration board at its last meeting, according to Miss Helen Coffield, clerk to the board.

Tire certificates were issued to the following:

Grade I Passenger Tires: Albert Barnes, 2 tires and 2 tubes; David Cox, tire; Gene Gattis, 2 tires and 2 tubes. Grade II: Ervin Whedbee, tire and tube; H. J. West, tire; L. R. Webb, tire and 2 tubes. Grade III: Charlie Lightfoot, 2 tires; Delma Spear, tire; J. I. Lane, 2 tires; Roy Boyce, 2 tires; L. N. Hurdle, 2 tires; W. A. Cartwright, 2 tires; Grover Miles, 2 tires; J. R. Roach, tire; Lee Hunter, tire and tube; Otis Newby, tire; Henry Layden, 2 tires; Arthur Lane, tire and tube; W. J. Benton, 2 tires and 1 tube; L. E. Winslow, tire; Johnnie Smith, tire, and J. W. Hampton, tire.

Truck Tires: N. C. State Highway, tire; Leroy Goodwin, tire; B. M. and J. B. Miller, tire; L. W. Smith, 2 tires; A. N. Winslow tire and tube; W. O. Hunter, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Hollowell Brothers, 2 tires and 1 tube; C. W. Winslow, tire.

Tractor Tires: Harlan Hurdle, 2 tires and 2 tubes; G. E. Benton, 2 tires and 2 tubes.

Cecil W. Winslow received a certificate for the purchase of a new car.

## Figures On Red Cross War Fund Drive Not Available This Week

### Chairman States Solicitors Have Made No Reports

Aside from the report of the contribution made by the employees of the Major-Loomis Company, no official figures on the progress of the Red Cross War Fund Drive are available here this week, according to Mrs. C. P. Morris, Perquimans County chairman of the campaign.

Mrs. Morris stated that inclement weather had held up some of her workers throughout the county, but that other solicitors had called for additional supplies to be used in the canvass. However, the number of solicitors who have reported to the local chairman has been insufficient for her to gauge the progress of the work.

From all indications, the Perquimans Chapter will fail to meet its quota by March 15, which it had hoped to do when the War Fund drive was launched on March 1. Little interest in the drive has been manifested, but Mrs. Morris stated that she is calling on her committee to make a concentrated effort during the remaining days of this month in order that Perquimans will meet its \$3,600 goal on time.

Members of the War Fund committee are urged to begin work immediately, if they have not already started, and to make a thorough canvass of their communities. The need of the Red Cross this year is far greater than ever before and Perquimans County's part should be raised without difficulty.

As a part of the Red Cross drive, Mrs. B. G. Koonce is planning a patriotic program to be presented at the Hertford Grammar School on the night of March 26, the proceeds from which will be turned over to the Red Cross. Complete details of this program will be announced at a later date.

Residents of the county who desire to contribute to the Red Cross War Fund and who have not been contacted by the solicitors, may leave their contributions with Mrs. Morris, or S. M. Whedbee at the Hertford post-office.

## Funeral Services Conducted Tuesday For Jesse Lane

Funeral services for Jesse Lane, 68, well-known and respected resident of Hertford, who died at his home on Grubb Street Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, were conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Alma Howell officiating. Interment was made in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Mr. Lane died suddenly after suffering a stroke early Sunday morning. He was a native of Perquimans County and had lived in Hertford for the past 45 years. He served as janitor of the county Courthouse for the past several years and was ever faithful in all his duties.

Surviving, besides his widow, Mrs. Etta Smith Lane, is one brother, L. M. Lane, of Elizabeth City, and several nieces and nephews.

Active pallbearers were: Horace Lamb, J. E. Boyce, Clifton Lane, Wilbur Modlin, George Boyce and Horace Boyce.

Honorary pallbearers were: J. W. Ward, J. E. Winslow, Max Campbell, W. F. C. Edwards, C. R. Holmes, J. S. McNider, R. L. Knowles, Wilson Reed, E. L. Reed, C. I. White, Z. A. Harris, John Lane, V. N. Darden, and W. H. Howell.

## Tim Brinn Promoted To Full Lieutenant

Word has been received here that Tim Rufus Brinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Brinn, has been promoted to the rank of full lieutenant, U. S. N. Lieut. Brinn was commissioned Lieutenant (jg) on graduation from a Naval school early last year and has been decorated twice since being on active duty.

## Receives Commission As Second Lieutenant

Guy Newby, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Newby, has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Quartermasters Corps, U. S. A., and is now stationed at Richmond, Va. Lieut. Newby was graduated from Officers' Training School at Camp Lee, Va.

## Employees Of Major Loomis Contribute Work To Red Cross

In an effort to assist the Perquimans Chapter of the Red Cross in realizing its War Fund goal, one hundred and fifteen employees of the Major-Loomis Lumber Company contributed the full amount of their half-day's pay on last Saturday to the Red Cross.

A. W. Hefren, general manager for the local company, announced the contribution and stated that approximately \$275 was raised for the Red Cross through this plan. A complete check on the payroll for the day had not been tallied, Mr. Hefren said, but the amount would be in that neighborhood.

This contribution does not include any amount contributed by the company itself, but represents the amount contributed by the employees by donating their day's pay to the Red Cross.

## Timetable For Test Blackout Announced By Civilian Defense

Charles Whedbee chairman of the Perquimans Civilian Defense, this week announced a timetable to be effective in a practice blackout scheduled for this area on Friday night, March 19. This timetable has been authorized by the District Air Raid Command and will be followed so that the public may know definitely what is expected of them in an air raid using the new signals recently announced by the Army.

Although the blackout held here a short time ago was successful, some misunderstanding of signals was noted in the district and this test blackout next week is being announced in advance to help everyone to become thoroughly familiar with the signal system. Here are the times, signals and what is expected of the public and Citizens Defense Corps in the practice blackout.

8:35 p. m. Yellow Signal. This is not received by the public, but by the OCD and strategic installations.

8:50 p. m. Blue Signal. This is sounded by the public audible alarm in a steady tone. It means enemy planes are approaching and all lights, except those specifically exempted, must be extinguished. Traffic continues with lights dimmed. Pedestrians keep moving to destinations or shelters. Workers remain on jobs. Defense Corps take posts.

9:00 p. m. Red Signal. This means planes overhead. It is sounded by the public audible alarm in a quavering or intermittent note. All lights must be blacked out except authorized emergency lights. Traffic stops. All except Citizens Defense Corps members take shelter.

9:10 p. m. Blue Signal. This is sounded by the public audible alarm and means the planes have passed, but may return. Black-out continues same as under first blue signal.

9:22 p. m. White Signal. This signal is not sounded by public audible alarm but is given by turning on street lights. This is the all clear but never light up again until you are sure you are right. Keep blacked out until you know danger is past, as you may endanger not only your own life and property by lighting up too soon, but also that of your neighbors.

Black-outs are ordered by the Army by Air Raid Districts. Hertford is in the Norfolk Air Raid District.

## No Marketing Cards On Peanuts This Year

There will be no marketing cards and no "excess" or "quota" peanuts this year, according to W. T. Parker, manager of the Growers Peanut Cooperative, Inc.

He went on to say, quoting J. B. Hutson, president of the Commodity Credit Corporation, that one or more receiving points will be established to each county having a peanut goal. Farmers will market their peanuts directly through shellers, oil mills or cooperatives, and will be paid in cash at the time of delivery.

There will be a one-price system for all peanuts produced in 1943; the price will not be less than 85 percent of parity on January 15, 1943, or on July 15, 1943, whichever is higher. With the parity price on January 15 this would mean an average price to producers of not less than \$129 per ton for all types of peanuts.

"There is urgent need for all the peanuts farmers can grow and each farmer should plant as large an acreage of peanuts above his goal as he can handle," Mr. Parker said.

## Manpower Ruling Changes Status Of Men Between 38-45

### Farmers Deferred; 10 Negro Selectees Accepted By Army

A ruling handed down this week by the War Manpower Commission has abolished the 4-H classification of men between the ages of 38 and 45, as regards their status in Selective Service. This change came about with a ruling calling for the deferment of all men engaged in agriculture, and advised men of the affected age bracket to become engaged in sch employment or a later ruling may make them eligible again for military service.

In connection with the deferment of men engaged in agriculture, the War Manpower Commission has delegated Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, and all local War Boards to serve as liaison officers for agricultural workers. Under this set-up the local War Boards will serve as placement bureaus for men, endeavoring to place them on farms which, through the change will tend to increase war food production. The Selective Service Boards shall continue to classify all registrants, but where a registrant is engaged in agriculture and believes himself eligible for deferment, he may seek assistance from the War Board, who has the right to appeal for the registrant.

The Perquimans Draft Board had just completed classifying all men 38-45 into class 4-H, and will now have to reclassify into their original status, that is: 1-A (H), 2-C (H), or 3-C (H). The Selective Service has not yet determined this group of men are again eligible for military service but for the present their classification will remain the same and the letter H will signify that they are of that age bracket.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local board, announced that ten out of the thirty-five Negro selectees who left here last week were accepted for armed services. These men will report for duty Friday. The Army accepted Percy Steward, William James, Spencer Moore, Stanley Dillard, Russell Winslow, Wallace Harrell, Isaac Whedbee and Jesse Rogerson. Two of the selectees, Charlie Lilly and Archie Bemby, were accepted by the Navy.

A contingent of white men will leave here March 23 for Fort Bragg to fill the final call for March from this county.

## Booklet On Victory Gardens Obtainable From Bonner Office

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, writing to the editor of The Weekly regarding the seriousness of the food situation facing the nation these days, stated that every man, woman and child must have a hand in producing more food at home this year. He announced that he will send a booklet on Victory Gardens to any person dropping him a card requesting a copy of the booklet.

Congressman Bonner stated that everyone with available space should utilize it this year in growing a garden. In addition to the booklet on Victory Gardens, Mr. Bonner stated he can supply booklets on "Drying Food for Victory Meals" and "Home Canning of Fruits and Vegetables" to those desiring them.

## Legion To Attend Winfall Services

Members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion will attend the morning services at the Winfall Methodist Church on Sunday morning, March 14, Post Commander B. C. Berry said today.

A picture of the group will be taken following the services, and this picture will be published in the State and National Legion magazines. All members of the local post are urged to attend in order that the entire membership of the post may appear in the picture.

## Woman's Club Meets Monday Afternoon

The Hertford Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting next Monday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, at the Community House, Mrs. I. A. Ward, president, announced today. Mrs. R. T. Brinn will have charge of the program and all members are urged to be present.