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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Continuing their task of softening up the Axis countries, in preparation for an invasion of Europe, American and British airmen this week have been blasting Italian and German cities and manufacturing centers, causing great damage to the Axis war machine. Rumors have been reported that the Allies are preparing to strike Hitler's Europe any day, but these reports are without confirmation from Allied headquarters. Spain has reported vast convoys in the Mediterranean and several London commentators have speculated on invasion soon.

It is known that Hitler has amassed a huge army on the Russian front for what may be his final bid for victory against Russia. It has been reported from Moscow that the Red Army is also ready for attack. This battle, if and when it starts, may be the deciding one of the war. Both sides have pitted their forces and material all along the 2,000-mile front from Leningrad to the Sea. Moscow reports hundreds of German planes destroyed during the past week and Allied airmen bombing Europe have run into little opposition from the German air arm.

The American forces on Attu, in the Aleutians, have completed the job of wiping out all Japanese resistance, and have retaken this American position from the invaders. Reports from Alaska state only a few Japanese remain on the island and these are fast being captured or killed by the Americans.

Advices coming from Europe during the week indicated that the Berlin radio has reported Germany has no intention of waging an offensive war against Russia this summer. The report stated that Hitler will fight a defensive war against the Allies on all fronts.

The OPA slashed the value of B and C gasoline coupons in the Eastern shortage area, effective Thursday. This order does not affect North Carolina, at least at the present time. The value of the coupons was cut from three to two gallons of gasoline. It was announced that the order will save about 30,000 barrels of gasoline daily in the states now suffering acute shortage. It has been indicated that unless motorists tend voluntarily to cut consumption in North Carolina, that this State may be added to the list of states included in this order.

The Allied Nations Food conference, being conducted at Hot Springs, Va., this week, announced a permanent set-up of the organization and listed a plan for post-war production and distribution. The declaration of the conference stated "primary responsibility lies with each nation for seeing that its own people have the food needed for health and life."

The War Production Board, on Wednesday, announced that men may now have cuffs on their trousers. An order forbidding cuffs was issued shortly after Pearl Harbor, and it is estimated that thousands of yards of woollens were saved and made into garments as the result of this order. However, the WPB still insists that material be saved and the cuff now allowed must be made from the average "three-inch turn up" on trousers. Extra material will not be added to make cuffs possible.

War production in America faces serious curtailment unless the coal miners, who remained away from their work this week, when the truce between John L. Lewis and mine operators expired, return to work immediately. All coal mines are now operated by the Government, but the majority of miners struck this week when the truce ended. President Roosevelt has not issued a statement regarding the strike up to Thursday morning. However, Secretary Ickes has proposed a formula which he believed will end the walk-out. Lewis and the mine operators are still in a conference attempting to settle the demands of the miners for a \$2 a day wage increase.

According to reports from Berlin this week, the Allies' fleet gained the French battlehips which have been lying at Alexandria since France fell three years ago. Berlin reports the French Admiral ordered his ships to join the Allied fleet and they will probably sail to New York to be overhauled and readied for battle.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Chappell, of Tyner, announce the birth of a daughter, Brenda Doris, on Sunday, May 23. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Prospects Appear Good For USO Center Being Established

Legion Post to Push Project; Election to Be Friday

The prospects that the national USO will establish a center for service men in Hertford appear bright, following a visit here last week of a public relations director of that organization.

The Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion is pushing the project to have a USO center here to be used by men stationed at the base on Harvey's Neck. A committee by the Rev. J. D. Cranford will work out preliminary plans to be placed before the national group.

The director, who visited here, told Mayor V. N. Darden that he intends recommending that Hertford be given a center with at least a part time director. It is believed this director may also work with either the Edenton or Elizabeth City centers.

The local American Legion Post will hold its June meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock, at the Agriculture Building, during which it will elect officers to serve during the coming year; also delegates to the State convention.

Members of the local post nominated for officers by the nominating committee, include: The Rev. J. D. Cranford as commander; Shelton Chappell, first vice commander; Carroll V. Ward, second vice commander; Jonas Futrell, third vice commander; W. G. Hollowell, adjutant; V. N. Darden, finance officer; F. T. Johnson, service officer; John Lassiter, guardianship officer; E. Lee Hurdle, sergeant-at-arms; Geo. T. Koch, color bearer; W. T. Willoughby, chaplain; B. C. Berry, historian; Cecil White, athletic officer; F. M. Copeland, child welfare; H. A. Whitley, Americanization; C. F. Sumner, Jr., national defense; J. A. Perry, graves registration; G. C. Buck, employment officer; J. Oliver White, Boys' State officer; Durwood Reed, membership; and Charles E. White, publicity.

The Post held its second Memorial Day services last Sunday night at the Methodist Church in Hertford. The Rev. B. C. Reavis delivered a special Memorial Day sermon, and members of the local Post participated in a program fitting the occasion.

Brother Of Local Residents Dies At Home In Edenton

Thomas E. Harrell, a brother of Mrs. Charles Johnson and Mrs. Olivia Hobbs of Hertford, died at his home near Edenton last Saturday night at 7 o'clock, after a lingering illness.

Mr. Harrell, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Harrell, was a lifelong resident of Chowan County. A prominent farmer and an esteemed citizen, he was a member of the Edenton Baptist Church.

He is survived by nine children, as follows: Mrs. John Burton Harrison of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Jesse White; Mrs. S. F. Small and Mrs. Ernest Stillman of Edenton, Lieut. William Harrell of Miami, Fla.; Pvt. Durwood Harrell of Fort Bragg, T. E. Harrell, Jr., and Leslie Harrell of Smithfield, Va.; and J. A. Harrell of Windsor, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. Charles Johnson and Mrs. Olivia Hobbs of Hertford, Mrs. W. E. Hassell and Mrs. C. N. Griffin of Edenton, and one brother, John Harrell of near Edenton. Several grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home, the Rev. E. L. Wells officiating. Burial was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Charles E. Johnson, Milton Dail, Charlie Griffin, Patie Perry, Thomas Harrell and Will Parker.

Five Selectees Left Wednesday For Exams

Five Perquimans County youths, Jordan Elliott, Jesse Lee Harris, Preston Divers, W. F. Ainsley and Elmo Cannon, Jr., entrained Wednesday morning for Fort Bragg to receive final examinations prior to induction into the armed forces. Daniel Hurdle, James Lane and Robert Rountree, named last week to accompany this group of selectees, were given granted deferments under the draft regulations.

The next contingent of selectees, which will be made up of Negro registrants, will leave here June 22.

Chief Observation Officer Urges All To Serve At Post

Howard G. Dawkins, chief officer for the Hertford Observation Post, this week requested all persons who have been assigned to duty at the local post to appear for duty at scheduled hours or see that a substitute reports instead.

Mr. Dawkins stated that "several residents who had been assigned to aid in this work have failed to report for duty and thus are shirking a patriotic job. He pointed out this observation work is a great help in the work of training aviation cadets and urges all persons to take the responsibility of seeing that his trick is served.

Applications For Ration Book 3 Must Be Mailed By June 10

Application blanks for War Ration Books III, which are to be used to supplement Books I and II, when those coupons have been used up, must be mailed to the Charlotte office of OPA not later than June 10.

Application blanks have been delivered to most residents of this county, but those who have failed to receive a blank may obtain one by calling at the local postoffice.

The applications must be filled out by the head of a household and signed before being mailed. Important information, such as the names of members of the household and the month and year each was born must be listed on the application blank. All applicants must place a three-cent stamp on the card before mailing it.

For the purpose of aiding residents who have trouble in filling out the application, the local War Price and Rationing Board, assisted by members of the Civilian Defense volunteers, will be at a number of posts throughout the county on Friday and Saturday of this week to fill out application blanks.

These posts were listed in last week's issue of The Weekly and include all communities in the county.

The OPA requests all persons to mail in their application by the deadline date. The Ration Books will be returned, beginning in July, and the job will be completed in August. In mailing application blanks persons must retain the top stub of the blank for the purpose of showing that application was made. In case application blanks are lost and books are not issued.

T. J. Blanchard Store At Joppa Destroyed By Fire On Monday

A fire, believed to have started from burning trash which blew under the building, totally destroyed the store owned by T. J. Blanchard at Joppa, near Belvidere, on Monday morning between nine and ten o'clock.

It is reported that Mr. Blanchard was watching the trash burn when a customer called him into the store, and while he was inside, the wind evidently blew some of the fire under his store.

The blaze quickly consumed the entire building and the large stock of merchandise was completely lost.

The loss has been estimated at several thousand dollars.

Cook Winslow Passes At Wilson Wednesday

Cook Winslow, son of the late Cook and Mrs. Mattie Winslow, died at 12 o'clock midnight Wednesday at Wilson, following a long illness.

Mr. Winslow was one of Hertford's most popular young men and the news of his death, while not unexpected, was received with much regret here.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Edna Fields Winslow; his mother, Mrs. Mattie Winslow; one sister, Mrs. Clyde McCallum, and two brothers, J. Emmett and E. Leigh Winslow.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Holy Trinity Church in Hertford this (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock.

Sells Interest In Shoe Repair Shop

J. Oliver White, who has owned the White Shoe Shop in Hertford, for the past several years, announced this week that he had sold his interest in the business to Leslie Sumner.

Mr. Sumner has worked in the shop for some time and stated that he will continue to operate it on the same basis as in the past.

18 Cases Disposed Of In Recorder's Court On Tuesday Morning

Over One Hundred and Fifty Dollars Levied In Fines

An entire morning session was consumed by Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday morning in disposing of eighteen cases on the docket, resulting in heavy fines being levied against some of the defendants by Judge Charles E. Johnson. Over one hundred and fifty dollars in fines were added to numerous cases, in addition to the costs.

In two speeding cases, the defendants, James Olds and Robert Boyd, failed to appear for trial and capias were ordered issued for each.

Joe Butt, Negro, was found guilty of operating a car without license and given a 30-day road sentence, to be suspended upon payment of \$25 and court costs.

Warnus Winslow paid the costs of court, after pleading guilty to assault.

Ben Harrell, Melvin Harrell, Gaither Chappell and Wayland White were all found guilty of participating in an affray on the streets of Hertford, and each was fined \$10 and costs of court.

Arthur Lowry was fined \$10 and costs for exceeding the 35 miles per hour speed law.

Fleet Cooper and Roberta Cooper, both Negroes, were given a 30-day sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs, after they entered a plea of guilty to being drunk and disorderly. Each was placed on good behavior for six months.

James Pettus, Negro, plead guilty to the charge of assault on a female and he was sentenced to 30 days on the roads. Sentence was suspended upon payment of a \$5 fine and costs.

Jesse White, Archie Welch and Arthur Goodman, all Negroes, were found guilty of vagrancy and were sentenced to the roads for 30 days. The sentence of each was suspended upon the condition that each work when possible and that they pay the costs of court.

Oliver Riddick and Elizabeth Riddick, Negroes, plead guilty to assaulting each other and were taxed with costs of court.

William Felton was fined \$30 and costs, after he entered a plea of guilty to reckless driving.

Charlie White, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs, after pleading nolo contendere to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

James Stokley was taxed with the costs of court, after pleading guilty to the charge of speeding.

Donald Pugh plead guilty to speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Examiners Taking Applications For Chauffeur Licenses

Driver license examiners throughout the State will accept applications for renewal of chauffeur's licenses for 1943-44, beginning June 1. Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division, has announced.

All North Carolina chauffeur's licenses are issued for one year and expire at midnight on June 30. Therefore, it is urged by the Director that applications be made prior to that date to avoid possible delay in truck and bus operations in the present emergency.

A change in the Driver's License Act by the 1943 Legislature eliminates the requirement for chauffeur's badge. Therefore, chauffeurs for 1943-44 will be issued only the license.

The law requires all applicants for chauffeur's license, who carry public passengers to be twenty-one (21) years old; and those who haul public property to be eighteen (18) years old.

Completes Training At Colorado School

Pfc George Fields, son of Mrs. G. E. Fields, of Hertford, completed an intensive course of study in air force clerical duties at the Training Detachment of the U. S. Army Air Forces School at Greeley, Colo., on May 29th.

His completion of this clerical training has fitted him for further duties with the Army Air Forces to which he will be assigned.

Receives Honorary Degree From UNC At Rites Held Monday

Charles Whedbee, Hertford attorney, was one of three recipients who received honorary degrees conferred by the University of North Carolina at graduation rites held Monday at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Whedbee received the honorary degree of Doctor of Law.

He has been a member of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina for more than twenty-five years, and has been a leader in the State in securing county-wide library service, better institutions and laws.

County Tire Quotas For June Announced By Rationing Board

Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Perquimans Rationing Board, this week announced that the June tire quotas for this county. The quotas received here are: Passenger tires: Grade I, 148; Grade II, 12. Tubes: 118. Truck tires: New, 59; tubes, 51; farm tires, 2. The county was given a quota of 8 new automobiles.

Tire certificates, issued by the local board, at its last meeting, were announced as follows:

Grade I—C. T. Phillips 2; A. M. Barnes 2 tires and 1 tube; Julia Stokes, tire and tube; Lettie Spruill, tire and tube; Craven Mason, 2; Cain Jeannette, 1; R. D. Chappell, 2 tires and tubes; Clifton Jones, tire; Clifton Stallings, 2 tires; Ernest Sutton, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Lucius Winslow, 2 tires and 2 tubes; M. C. Rumley, tire and tube; Audrey Umphlett, tire and tube; Claude Byrd, tire and tube; John Creedon, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Bonner Jackson, tire and tube; Laura Overton, tire and tube; Sidney Perry, tire; L. S. Dunlap, tire and 3 tubes; G. H. Chappell, tire and tube; R. M. Baker, tire and tube; John Prigdon, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Dan Smith, tire and tube; A. D. Thach, tire; Sallie McN. Lane, tire and tube; L. E. Cummins, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Leo Gorris, tire and tube; Levy Goodwin, 2 tires; James Perry, tire; R. A. White, tire and tube; Isaac Lowe, 2 tires.

Grade III—Mathews White, 4 tires. Truck—Winslow Oil Company, 7 tires and 7 tubes; J. S. Hill Co., tire and tube; Major Loomis, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Perquimans County Schools, 2 tires, 2 tubes and 10 recaps.

B. R. Keaton was issued a certificate for one bicycle.

Lions Club Choose New Officers At Meeting Last Week

Charles Williford was elected president of the Hertford Lions Club at a meeting of that civic group held last Friday night, at the Colonial Tourist Home. Other members elected to serve as officers during the coming year, include: G. C. Buck, first vice president; Littleton Gibbs, second vice president; Clinton Eley, third vice president; H. G. Dawkins, secretary-treasurer; James Bass, Lion tamer, and Charlie Vann, tail twister.

Dr. I. A. Ward and Reginald Tucker were elected to serve with Simon Rutenburg and Ralph White as directors. Mr. Rutenburg and Mr. White will serve the second year of a two-year term.

The new officers will be inducted into office in July by Archie T. Lane, who is president of the club this year.

Inventories Must Be Filed At Price Office

Mrs. Eleanor Hunter White, price clerk of the local Rationing Board, today issued a reminder to all retailers and wholesalers of meats, fats, fish and cheese that they must file an inventory of their stock with the local price board at once. The inventories were due on May 24, and several local dealers have failed to report.

Mrs. White requests these inventories be brought to the local office as soon as possible.

Elected Marshals At ECTC Next Year

Misses Pat Edwards, Elizabeth Darden and Ruth Winslow, Perquimans County students at East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, have been elected to serve as Marshalls at the College during the next term.

The students were chosen by the student body of the College and represent three out of sixteen Marshalls elected.

ATTEND GRADUATION

Dr. and Mrs. I. A. Ward, Miss Ruth Alice Ward and Jarvis Ward attended the graduation exercises at Meredith College, Raleigh, on Monday. Miss Marguerite Ward was a member of the graduating class. She accompanied her parents home and will spend the summer with them.

No AAA Penalty For Not Meeting War Goals Chairman Says

Changes Made to Encourage Large Food Production

Farmers of Perquimans County who fail to plant at least 90 percent of their warcrop goals this year will not have deductions made from their 1943 agricultural conservation payments to be made by the AAA, according to Dr. E. S. White, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

"In order to encourage maximum food production in the face of weather handicaps of a late and wet spring over most of the nation, the War Food Administration has released provisions of the 1943 AAA program which prescribe these deductions," Chairman White said. "When goals were being set this year, the AAA announced that failure to plant at least 90 percent of individual farm warcrop goals would result in a deduction of \$15 per acre from adjustment payments."

The deduction provision, the chairman said, was announced along with a plan to make incentive payments on the acreages of warcrops between 90 and 110 percent of a farm's goal. These payments, however, failed to receive Congressional approval, but special payments will be made on Irish potatoes and eight designated vegetables grown commercially for fresh marketing.

"Removal of the deduction provision does not mean that farmers should relax their efforts to reach their goals, and exceed them if possible," Dr. White said. "The unfavorable weather conditions which were responsible for removal of this provision were most severe in the Middle West from which a large portion of the nation's food comes. This means that farmers in areas not affected must exert extra efforts to see that their goals are met, and that all the crops are harvested."

Since prevailing weather conditions have cut the anticipated corn acreage, the War Food Administration urged farmers in all areas to plant emergency feed crops adapted to their conditions and needed to carry out their individual livestock programs.

Goals for individual warcrops were set by farmers, themselves, during a State-wide canvass of farmers conducted earlier in the year by county and community committees of the Agricultural Adjustment Agency.

Among most important North Carolina warcrops for which goals were established are: peanuts, soybeans, Irish and sweet potatoes, and eight designated vegetables for processing.

Local Marine Sends Red Cross Chapter Letter Of Thanks

Silas M. Whedbee, chairman of the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross, has received a letter from Staff Sergeant K. Lane, a Perquimans County boy serving somewhere in the Pacific with the U. S. Marines, praising the work being done on the battle fronts by the Red Cross, and thanking the people at home for their cooperation in making this effort possible.

The letter, written by Sgt. Lane on May 15th, stated: "The boys in my company join with me in sending our appreciation for the outstanding work the American Red Cross is doing for us out here. Due to censorship regulations I can not say where we were, when 'blood plasma' donated through the A. R. C. saved lots of our comrades' lives. But being in the U. S. Marines out here, I'm sure I don't have to tell you where we were. I would like for the people who are donating their blood through the A. R. C. to know we are more than grateful to them."

"I also want you to know we received A. R. C. boxes at Christmas and also Red Cross sweaters. We are thankful to you, and to repay them we Marines over here are willing to sacrifice all... even life itself... for our families and friends back home."