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## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Axis authorities are anxiously attempting to learn the Allied military plans for invasion of Europe. During the past few weeks German broadcasters have set several dates for the invasion, the latest of which is scheduled for Saturday, July 3. However, the attempt is proving unsuccessful and the war of nerves against the Axis continues. Allied planes are still carrying out deadly raids against Axis industrial centers and transportation facilities.

Reports from neutral sources as well as Axis capitals, indicate the masses of large Allied convoys in the Mediterranean, and some commentators believe an Allied invasion of southern Europe may come shortly. Just where the forces will hit remains a military secret. But in addition to striking at Italy and Germany during the past week, American airmen bombed Nazi air fields in Greece, thus pointing out this as a possible route to invasion.

The Red Army is pushing forward slightly on the Eastern front, but no great offensive has been started by either side. One report stated this week that Hitler has withdrawn 30 divisions from the Russian front to reinforce possible invasion points in western Europe. There has been no confirmation of this announcement, but it is believed possibly 20 to 30 German divisions have been withdrawn, thus easing the pressure on the Russians.

U. S. Naval forces striking at the Japs in the Pacific have bombed Kiska Islands several times during the past week, pointing toward possible invasion by American forces of the last Jap-held American possession in this hemisphere. Bad weather conditions prevented continuation of the bombing attacks early this week.

Conditions in Washington were not serene this week. On Tuesday Chester Davis resigned as food administrator and told President Roosevelt, in a letter of resignation, that present practices were not sufficient to curb inflation. Following this, Vice-President Wallace and Jesse Jones, RFC head, engaged in an argument which was deplored by President Roosevelt. The Wallace-Jones flare up came up over home-front problems.

The OPA announced on Wednesday that new restrictions are now on tire replacements. Until further notice, expected to be about ninety days, holders of "A" gasoline books will not be eligible for tire replacements. This restriction was placed in effect in order to ease a temporary shortage of tires available for recapping.

The Army and Navy Departments have recommended to Congress that allowances for dependents of men in the lower ranks of service be increased from present allotments. Under the recommendation a wife with one child would receive \$68 monthly, instead of \$62, with \$11 a month for each additional child instead of \$10. A wife without children would continue to receive \$50 per month.

Lieut.-Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, deputy chief of staff, told a Congressional committee this week that America is doing a splendid job in raising and equipping its armed forces. He stated that the United Nations "are rapidly approaching final victory." He pointed out the Army's strength is nearly 6,800,000 men at the present time and said that once the goal of 7,500,000 enlisted men is reached, it is the intention to maintain the forces at that figure.

## Hertford Resident Died Suddenly Wed.

Henry Fenton Hendrix, Hertford grocer, aged 57, died suddenly at his home on Church Street on Wednesday morning. Death was caused by a heart attack.

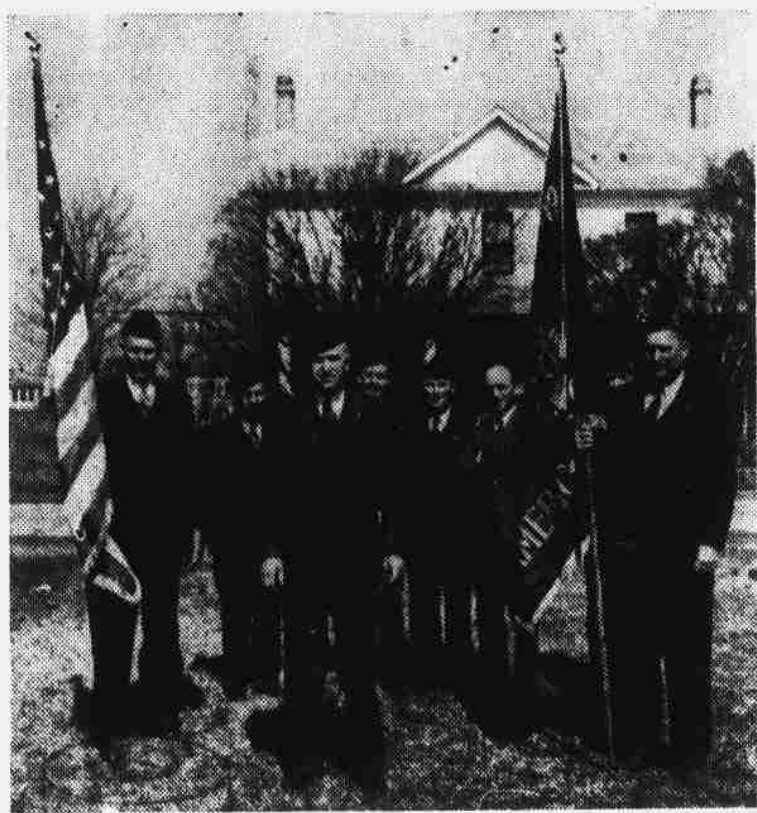
Funeral services will be conducted from the Lynch Funeral Home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. J. D. Cranford officiating.

Surviving, besides his wife, Mrs. Martha Hendrix, are one daughter, Argl Bell; two sisters Mrs. Hattie Miller of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Essie Barnes of Hertford, and one brother, W. W. Hendrix of Hertford.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Holt, of Norfolk, Va., announce the birth of a son, born Friday, June 25, in Norfolk. Mrs. Holt was formerly Miss Margaret Mayes, of Hertford.

## RETIRING LEGION OFFICERS



Pictured here are present officers of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion and the Color Bearers, who will retire this week when new officers, headed by the Rev. D. C. Cranford, Commander-elect, will be installed at a meeting of the Post to be held Friday night at the Agriculture Building.

## Three Perquimans Men Named To Soil Conservation Board

### Election Closed Saturday; Bear Swamp Project Ahead

Three Perquimans County men have been chosen, one by appointment and two by election, to serve on the Albemarle Conservation Board, which will serve as governing body for the Soil Conservation District recently authorized for Perquimans and Chowan Counties.

The District will be governed by a board consisting of T. C. Byrum of Edenton and Archie T. Lane of Perquimans, both appointed by the State S. C. S. committee, and John T. Lane of Belvidere, E. N. Elliott of Chowan, and E. M. Perry of Perquimans. The latter three men were elected by ballots in an election conducted last week through the offices of the county agents of Perquimans and Chowan.

Results of the election were announced this week by L. W. Anderson, County Agent. Mr. Lane received 363 votes, E. N. Elliott 354, E. M. Perry 343 and R. C. Holland of Chowan was low with 342.

The State S. C. S. committee appointed two members, while the landowners of the two counties chose the remaining three men to form the board. The large number of votes cast indicate considerable interest in the Conservation District, and it is expected that the District, when it gets under operation, will be very beneficial to this area.

While this project is not a part of the Soil Conservation District, reports have been announced that the work on the drainage of the Bear Swamp area is progressing nicely and contracts for the project have been let. This drainage in Bear Swamp is a Federal experiment and approximately \$40,000 have been allocated as the government's part toward the work. The balance of the project, it is reported, is to come from the landowners benefitting from the project.

## Once A Salesman

Evidently Staff Sergeant Roulac Webb, who prior to his induction into the armed forces was sales manager for the Towe Motor Company, believes in that old adage "once a salesman always a salesman," and he isn't letting the duties of war interfere completely with his practice.

In a letter to J. H. Towe last week Sergeant Webb enclosed an order and down payment for a new Plymouth convertible, to be delivered as soon as possible after new cars are placed in production following the close of the war.

Incidentally, Sergeant Webb, who is now stationed in North Africa, sold the car to his company's captain, who is a resident of Philadelphia. We believe this must be some kind of a record for long-distance selling.

## Red Cross Home Service Committee Plans Future Work

The Home Service Committee of the Perquimans County Chapter of the American Red Cross, foreseeing the possibility that it will be called upon heavily during the coming months to render assistance and furnish information regarding local men and women now in the armed forces, met on June 23rd for the purpose of organizing completely and planning for future work.

The Home Service Committee, composed of the Rev. E. T. Jilson, chairman; the Rev. B. C. Reavis, C. P. Morris and W. H. Pitt, requested the Executive Committee of the Perquimans Red Cross Chapter to meet with it this week in order that arrangements for Home Service work may be definitely planned and carried out.

The duties of the Home Service Committee, as outlined to the members by the Rev. Mr. Jilson are numerous. However, the main purpose is serving as a liaison group between men and women of the armed forces and their respective homes. The committee acts as an information service and also renders assistance to many cases when such is properly presented to the committee.

The executive committee and the home service committee met Wednesday night and the executive committee allocated funds to the home service committee to be used in carrying out the work of the committee.

## Little Time Consumed By Recorder's Court In Disposing 8 Cases

Business dropped off in Perquimans Recorder's Court this week, only eight cases being heard by Judge Charles E. Johnson on Tuesday morning. Several of the defendants plead guilty and thus little time was consumed in clearing the docket.

Judgment was suspended in the cases charging James Brickhouse, Negro, and C. E. Clinkscales with assault. Both defendants were found guilty.

Louie Dixon entered a plea of being drunk and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Lillian Boone was found guilty of using profanity on the streets of Hertford and was fined \$5.

Thos. P. Byrum paid a fine of \$10 and costs for speeding.

Nelson Cross, Ernest Stallings and Mrs. Riley Monds, all submitted to charges of speeding and each was taxed court costs.

Milton Harvey, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to drunken driving. He was sentenced to the roads for 30 days, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$75.

The case of William Mansfield, charged with selling beer after hours, was continued until July 6.

## Mayor V. N. Darden At St. Vincent's Hospital

Mayor V. N. Darden was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital in Norfolk, Va., on Monday for observation and treatment. He was reported as being better late Wednesday.

## Inductees Will Get Three Week Furlough Beginning July 5th

### Contingent of Negro Selectees Leave Next Wednesday

Selective Service inductees will receive a twenty-one-day furlough before beginning their active military training, beginning July 5, according to an announcement made public this week. Previously, inductees have received a 14-day furlough after being accepted by the armed forces.

The next contingent of Perquimans men to report for final examination at Fort Bragg will leave Hertford next Wednesday, July 7. The contingent consists of five Negro registrants of the local board and one transfer from New York. The men are Milton Perry, Charles Hudson, Jr., Joe Walker, Lester Wilson, Jr., Charles Henry Johnson and Howard Spencer.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Perquimans board, stated that the armed forces accepted two of the seven Negro selectees sent to Fort Bragg last week. Herbert Lee was accepted for duty with the Navy, while the Army took William Riddick.

General J. Van B. Metts, State director of Selective Service, announced this week that while fathers generally will not be called for service until the supply of single and childless married men is exhausted, there are three exceptions to that policy.

The exceptions are: Men who have become fathers since September 14, 1942. Registrants engaged in non-deferrable activities, as pointed out by the War Manpower Commission, and registrants who have been classified as essential farmers, but who have left farms on which they were found to be essential without first obtaining permission of their local boards to do so.

Indications are that the Perquimans Board has practically exhausted its pool of manpower with the exception of fathers and there are no fathers listed as coming under the exceptions announced by General Metts.

Some reports have stated that there is little likelihood that fathers will be called, generally, before late this fall, if at all.

## Club Women's Curb Market Project To Open Saturday A. M.

A curb market project, sponsored by members of the Perquimans Home Demonstration Clubs, will open in Hertford on a trial basis Saturday morning, according to Miss Frances Maness, Home Agent.

This market will be established at the Community House and will open at 8:30 o'clock, closing at 11. The market will feature vegetables and home-grown produce. Miss Maness said. All persons visiting the market Saturday are requested to register while there as a market basket of vegetables will be given away at the closing hour Saturday morning.

Club members participating in the curb market met last Thursday afternoon and elected officers and named a committee on rules and regulations for the curb market.

Mrs. E. N. Miller, of the Winfall Club, was named president of the group; Mrs. A. E. Layden, representing the Beech Spring Club, vice-president, and Mrs. Dewey Perry, of the Bethel Club, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. E. J. Proctor, Mrs. Singleton Lane and Mrs. E. N. Miller were named on the rules committee.

Miss Maness stated that members of the local clubs interested in setting up a curb market have spent considerable time inspecting the market at Elizabeth City to gain ideas for conducting the one here.

## Central Grammar PTA Wins Blue Ribbon

The Parent-Teacher Association of Perquimans County Central Grammar School has just received word from Mrs. Mayon Parker, District Director, that the organization is still a standard P. T. A. Mrs. Parker sent the Standard Certificate with congratulations, stating that this is the only P. T. A. in the 9th District to receive this certificate at this time.

The Scrap Book, which contained a record of the activities and procedures of the Association during the past year received the Blue Ribbon at the State convention at Charlotte.

The new president, Mrs. A. R. Cook, of Woodville, is attending the P. T. A. Institute at Greensboro this week.

## Hertford Stores To Close Monday, July 5

With July 4 falling on Sunday, Hertford stores will observe Independence Day on Monday, July 5, according to an announcement made this week by the local merchant's association. Stores will remain closed all day next Monday to give merchants and clerks the usual 4th of July holiday.

However, there will be no holiday for employees of the local postoffice or draft board. The Government has decreed that Federal employees will work all holidays, for the duration, as usual, except Christmas Day.

## Perry-Brinn Vows Solemnized Here Last Saturday

In a lovely ceremony solemnized at the Hertford Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon, June 26, at five o'clock, Miss Sarah Ellanora Brinn, attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Brinn, became the bride of Jesse Parker Perry, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Perry, Sr.

The church was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and large baskets of white gladioli, and branched candelabra.

The Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Beverly Tucker was mistress of ceremony. Miss Kate Blanchard, organist, rendered a program of nuptial music. Miss Helen Willis, of Farmville, cousin of the bride, sang "Because," by d'Harlet, and "I Love Thee," by Grieg. Miss Blanchard played "O Thou Sublime, Sweet Evening Star" during the ceremony.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father by whom she was given in marriage. She wore a gown of gardenia satin and Chantilly lace fashioned with sweetheart neck, long sleeves tapered to points over the hands, fitted midriff and bodice of lace with the lace extending around the hipline with the fullness of the skirt forming a wide round train. Her finger-tip veil of imported illusion fell from a tiara of lace. She carried a bride's bouquet of white roses centered with an orchid.

Miss Katherine Brown, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a gown of aquamarine Chantilly lace and crepe made with round neckline, draped bodice of matching lace, short sleeves and softly gathered skirt of aquamarine crepe. She carried a bouquet of blue painted daisies.

Miss Grace Knowles was bride's maid. She wore a gown of petal pink net over taffeta, fashioned with sweetheart neckline, edged with net ruffling, short puffed sleeves, basque bodice and bouffant net skirt. She carried a bouquet of blue painted daisies.

Marjorie and Mary Elliott Brinn, cousins of the bride, were flower girls.

The bridegroom had as his best man, his father, J. P. Perry, Sr.

Ushers were Jack Brinn and Claude Brinn, Irvin Nixon of Elizabeth City, and Eldon Winslow of Virginia Beach. Marvin Horton of Farmville, cousin of the bride, lighted the candles.

The bride's mother chose for the occasion a dress of powder blue crepe and lace, white hat, white accessories and a corsage of red roses. The mother of the groom wore a black chiffon dress trimmed with white, a large picture hat, black accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Immediately following the ceremony, the bride's family entertained at a reception for the wedding party, out-of-town guests and the people of Hertford. The home was beautifully decorated with red gladioli, blue hyacinths and white flowers.

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## First Cotton Bloom

For the second time in as many years Claude Williams of Route 3, brought the first cotton bloom of the year to the office of The Perquimans Weekly. Mr. Williams stated that the bloom came from the crop growing on the farm owned by Miss Mae Wood Winslow.

According to the records, cotton is a few days late in blooming this year, but it is still plenty early. Many blooms were reported throughout the county during the week-end. Some producers, also, report a large number of boll weevils, and there is some concern lest this pest causes serious damage to the crop.

As has been the custom of the past several years, The Weekly will award Mr. Williams a one-year subscription for bringing in the first bloom.

## Housing Situation In Hertford Being Considered By NHA

### Bonner Writes Mayor Darden Situation Appears Brighter

The possibilities of a private construction project to ease the housing shortage in Hertford appeared brighter this week when Congressman Herbert C. Bonner notified Mayor V. N. Darden he had taken the matter up with the National Housing Agency, and had received the following reply from Robert K. Creighton, regional representative.

Mr. Creighton stated: "You also suggested that a quota be allocated for new private construction in the Hertford area. As you know, a quota was made available for private construction activity in Hertford amounting to 50 units on March 22. Progress has been slow on this work and we understand from Mr. McCabe that it now appears that not over 15 of the priorities will actually be used in conversion activity. In view of this information given us by the FHA State Director and recognizing the need for expeditious provision of housing in the Hertford area, this office plans to recommend the transfer of approximately 35 of the units previously allocated to conversion activity to new construction in the very near future. You will be notified as soon as this transfer is approved."

How soon action may be forthcoming and construction made possible under this plan is not known at the present. However, there still remains a housing shortage to care for officers and their families stationed at Harvey Point.

Mayor V. N. Darden is hopeful that definite plans will be made soon and a project gotten underway.

Meanwhile landlords who have apartments or houses in this area who wish to rent them are requested to contact the Realty Board set up here two weeks ago in order that the Board may have a complete list of properties available to Naval personnel. Members of this Board are Lieut. (jg) L. T. Franks, Mayor V. N. Darden and Max Campbell.

## Baptist Assembly At Chowan College Week Of July 12-16

### Leading Workers Will Headline Interesting Program

Baptists of the West Chowan and Chowan Associations are now making final plans for another large assembly at Chowan College the week of July 12-16. Outstanding Baptist workers of the two associations will lead daily classes in Sunday School, Training Union Work, W. M. S. Work, Y. W. A. Work, G. A. Work, R. A. Work and a Bible Study Class for ministers and both young and old laymen.

The Assembly opens Monday night, July 12, at 6:30 o'clock, with the supper meal after registration and acclimation during the afternoon. Following the evening meal the initial evening worship period will be held at 8:45. Classes will begin at 8:45 on Tuesday morning and continue through Friday noon.

One of the most outstanding features of the Assembly is that it covers the entire Baptist Church program and those attending are required to attend at least two classes each morning, thereby availing themselves of the benefits to be had in at least two departments of the church work. Swimming, games, and supervised recreation are planned for each afternoon.

The officers of the Assembly are: Director, the Rev. J. M. Duncan, Murfreesboro; Associate Director, the Rev. E. R. Stewart, Windsor; Dean of Preachers' School; the Rev. J. L. White, Elizabeth City; Dean of Sunday Schools, the Rev. Dr. E. H. Potts, Elizabeth City; Dean of Training Unions, J. M. Elliott, Edenton; Dean of W. M. U. Department, Mrs. J. Grady Bridgers, Murfreesboro.

Those expecting to attend are asked to make reservation as soon as possible by sending in name and address, along with \$1.00 reservation fee, to the Rev. J. M. Duncan, Director, Murfreesboro, N. C. The total expenses for the entire week are \$7, which includes the \$1 reservation fee. Each year the attendance of the Assembly has been growing and another large crowd is expected this year to enjoy the fun, fellowship, instruction and inspiration.