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## NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE SPONSOR DRIVE TO RELIEVE LARGE PULPWOOD SHORTAGE

### Local Committee To Be Formed To Aid In Campaign

The Newspaper Pulpwood Committee, in cooperation with the daily and weekly newspapers of the United States, are this month launching a victory pulpwood drive with hopes of relieving an estimated 2,500,000 cord shortage in this vital war material. Local committees in 27 pulpwood producing States will be formed to assist in this drive and readers of this newspaper are urged to watch for announcements regarding the drive. Pulpwood is an essential war material, in addition to being used to furnish newsprint for newspapers, it is used to manufacture containers for shells, ammunition, blood plasma, packing of field rations, production of smokeless powder and the packing of many other war materials. The National Committee believes that if everyone of the 3,800,000 farmers who live in the 27 pulpwood producing States will devote three extra days during the remainder of 1943, the nation will be able to overcome the estimated shortage of this product. The committee which will be formed locally will endeavor to enlist the voluntary aid of residents to cut more pulpwood during the remainder of the year.

Governmental authorities point out that the United States has an abundance of pulpwood and need not suffer a shortage of this product, providing the citizens living in the producing areas will give of their time to help fight this problem.

The Perquimans Weekly is engaging in this drive to help solve this shortage and it hopes to supply vital information to farmers of this area of the manner in which all can help. Meanwhile, persons having pulpwood are requested to contact County Agent L. W. Anderson, who can supply information regarding the sale of pulpwood and contacts which should be made in getting the product ready for market.

## One Hundred Dollar Bond Ordered For 2 Traffic Violators

Two out-of-town motorists, W. H. Aldridge and Thomas Dozier, failed to appear before Judge Charles E. Johnson in Recorder's Court on Tuesday morning to answer to charges of speeding, and as a result, Judge Johnson ordered them held, if apprehended, on a \$100 bond.

Willie Webb, Negro, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, on two counts, and trespass and was given a 60-day road sentence in each case. Thirty days of each sentence were suspended upon payment of court costs.

The State Highway Patrol, continuing its drive against speeders, cited seven motorists to court for exceeding the 35-mile-per-hour law.

James Barnes entered a plea of guilty to speeding and driving drunk and paid a fine of \$75 and costs. G. W. Topping, who was a passenger with Barnes, later took Barnes' car and he was apprehended for driving drunk. He pleaded guilty to the charge and paid a fine of \$75 and costs.

Roy Davis paid a fine of \$25 and costs, after pleading guilty to speeding.

Bobbie Crowder was fined \$25 and costs for riding 60 miles per hour on a motorcycle. A companion, H. Lewis, also charged with speeding, failed to appear and his bonding company notified to return him here for trial.

Robert B. Wray was assessed court costs for speeding.

Joseph Curtis plead guilty to speeding and paid costs of court.

William Ward was fined \$10 and costs on pleading guilty to speeding.

## One Mass Next Sunday At St. Ann's Church

On Sunday, August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, will be celebrated by only one mass in this territory and that at St. Ann's Catholic Church, corner Broad and Albemarle streets, Edenton, at 8:30 a. m., stated the Rev. Father Francis J. McCourt, pastor of St. Ann's and chaplain to all Catholics connected with the Edenton and Harvey Point air stations.

Confessions will be heard at St. Ann's on the coming Sunday only from 8 to 8:25 a. m.

Week mornings from August 18 to 21, mass at 8 o'clock.

## Blackout On Tuesday Termed Successful

Hertford underwent another surprise blackout on Tuesday night and from all reports, it was completely successful. The Office of Civilian Defense reported all auxiliaries were at their posts and the public cooperated completely with blackout rules. The blackout lasted approximately 45 minutes, beginning at about 10 o'clock, and the all-clear signal came on at 10:45.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill are preparing to hold another war conference, in all probabilities it has already begun, during which it is believed final phases of the war against Hitler will be drawn. The meeting, it is believed, will take place in Canada, as an announcement of Churchill's arrival there was made on Wednesday.

The Axis are still hanging on in Sicily, but from all indications the Allies have won the battle and it is now but a question of pushing the remaining Axis forces off the landing point at Messina. The American forces on the northern side of Sicily have broken Axis resistance and are advancing steadily, while the British 8th Army continues to advance in the Mt. Etna area. Reports during the week stated that the Germans are blasting the mountain passes in an effort to hinder the Allied advance.

Further advices regarding the upset of Hitler, as supreme leader in Germany have not been made since the Spanish report early this week announced that Hitler had been replaced by a military trio, composed of Goerring, Keitel and Doenitz. These men, it was announced, took over the real power in Germany, following a meeting at Hitler's headquarters last week and would continue the war in the interest of the Reich. It was stated that Hitler would retain control of the Nazi party and it would handle the governmental bureaus. It was deemed necessary to continue with the Nazis due to conditions within Germany, the report continued, stating it was doubtful if Germany could stand such a "slap at the Nazis" as was handed Mussolini by the Italians.

Following the news from Germany, unofficial comments from Bern, Switzerland, state that authorities there believe that the war in Europe may come to an end in from three to eight months. The comments were based upon parallels of the war of 1918. It was pointed out by the speakers, conditions within Germany at the present time seem similar to those which existed during the late fall of 1918.

The Russian Armies in the East are still advancing against the retreating Germans, threatening to encircle the important city of Kharkov and gain positions within the Ukrainian area. There seems to be no attempt by the Germans to halt the advancing Russians, and it is unknown whether the Axis could stop them if they wished.

Unrest increases in the Balkan countries as the Russians continue to pile up victories over the Axis. Indications are that many of the small countries fear revolutions if the Allies continue the all-out hammering now being administered to the Axis. One Russian report states many German soldiers are deserting in the Lowlands.

## Recruiting Officer Says Navy Has Many Openings For Youths

The Navy still has many openings for young men of 17, according to J. W. Brown, recruiting officer in charge of the Elizabeth City Recruiting Station, who stated this week that over 1000 youths from North Carolina enlisted during July. Mr. Brown said the Navy offers youths an opportunity to learn any one of 57 different trades, any one of which will be valuable to a young man in civilian life. Young men who have not reached their 18th birthday and who wish information on the Navy may apply at the Post Office Building in Elizabeth City.

## Town Board Adopts Budget; Votes Tax Rate Monday Night

### Review of Audit Reveals Financial Gain For Year

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford, meeting in regular session Monday night, voted to retain the \$1.10 tax rate for the town for the year 1943. The tax rate was set following adoption of a budget for the present fiscal year, which will end June 30, 1943.

Mr. Williams, of Wall and Williams, Public Accountants, met with the Board and reviewed an audit recently completed, showing the financial condition of the town at the close of business on June 30. According to the report made, Hertford closed one of its best financial years, and the audit reveals a nice gain in the surplus for the town.

The audit showed that while the Town's expenditures for the past year decreased about \$1,500, the income rose to more than \$8,000, the ice and power departments showing greater gain than any other source of income. It was stated that nearly 88 percent of the taxes were collected during the year. The Board decided, during the audit review, that a list of delinquent sidewalk assessments would be turned over to the Town Attorney for collection.

The budget, as adopted for the coming year, remained at about the same figure as last year's. However, some increases were included in the budget for possible work to be done in connection with the housing project which has been awarded Hertford. The budget also included additional funds for the Health Department and the Police Department. These departments have been added and enlarged since the budget was adopted last year.

In view of the fact that the Town's contract with the Virginia Electric and Power Company expires in 1946, the members discussed the possibility of obtaining the necessary machinery for providing the Town's own power at the expiration of the contract.

The members, also, discussed action to be taken against violators of the Town's traffic ordinances. The Police Department is now issuing warning tags to violators, citing them to appear before the Chief of Police, but continued violations will cause the offender to be fined.

## Unofficial Report States Location For Houses Selected

According to an unofficial report circulating this week, the company in charge of constructing the thirty-five housing units in Hertford has tentatively selected a ten-acre site for the project.

The site selected, it was stated by the reporter, is a part of the land owned by Jacob L. White, adjacent to the Cox property on the Edenton Highway, not far from the Perquimans High School. It was reported that as soon as the property can be surveyed and the site oked by a Federal Housing official, the property will be transferred and construction rushed on the project.

The Town of Hertford has agreed to furnish light and water facilities to the site and work of running these utilities from the town limits to the location will be started as soon as it can be determined that the project will be constructed on this location, it is believed.

## Ration Board Wants Fuel Oil Consumers Forms By August 17

The Perquimans County Ration Board today issued a notice to all fuel oil consumers to return, at once, their applications for fuel oil for the coming season.

Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Board, stated that the application blanks were mailed out to consumers several weeks ago, and they must be returned to the local office by August 17, in order that consumers may be sure of receiving their allotments on time to purchase oil during the ration period.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Harris announce the birth of a daughter, born at General Hospital, Norfolk, Va., on July 26. Mother and baby are reported as doing nicely.

## July War Bond Sales Short One-third Of Perquimans Quota

### Local Committee Preparing For Drive to Start September 9

July seems to be a jinx month so far as war bond sales are concerned, according to R. M. Riddick, chairman of the Perquimans War Finance Committee, who announced late last week that the county purchased only two-thirds of its monthly quota of bonds and stamps.

Mr. Riddick announced the total sales amounted to \$12,462.50, while the quota was \$19,110.

This was the first month in a long time that Perquimans failed to meet its quota, and the local committee is hoping residents will buy heavily during August, in order that the month's quota will be met.

It is believed the August quota will remain at the same figure as given for last month, although no set goal has been announced as yet.

The Perquimans War Finance Committee is preparing plans for the third war bond drive which will get under way on September 9, and promises to be one of the largest money-raising campaigns ever conducted by the government.

In pointing out the need for a successful drive, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau stated, "We will spend a total of 52 billion dollars between July 1 and the end of this calendar year. Today, it is costing \$200 millions a day to equip our men and to take care of other necessary war expenditures. We are going to have to sell more than twice as many bonds to individual citizens as we did in the first year of the war."

The amount to be raised by the dividing areas of bonds for the County is \$1,000,000. The present year, but the local committee expects a larger amount to be raised by selling the bonds in a drive which will get under way on September 9, and that Perquimans must get over the top and get on producing for the government's need to win the war.

## Area Rent Director Calls Attention To Registration Rules

Thomas A. Markham, Area Rent Director, calling attention to the regulations of Perquimans County, in his registration held here on Monday, stated a number of errors had been noted in their rental applications.

He pointed out that many applicants of the County had not included their monthly rents, but it had been found to be impossible to do so without registration.

The Director announced that in the convenience of tenants and landlords who have not registered, a list will be placed in the office of the Clerk of Court and the Board of Health, and asked that each owner of rental property, that is, a house, apartment, rooms or groups of rooms, call at once at one of the offices and procure this form and instructions for filling it out. After filling in the form, it is to be mailed to the Area Rent Office, Kramer Building, Elizabeth City.

Mr. Markham stated that a survey of the registration that has been filed discloses that it is not generally understood that rooms must be registered. He pointed out that this is a mistake and anyone renting a room must register as though he were renting an apartment or house.

## Lions President Names Committees

Committee chairmen for the Hertford Lions Club for the coming year were announced this week by President Charles Williford.

The chairmen and committees are: G. C. Buck, attendance; C. T. Ely, constitution and by-laws; Littleton Gibbs, convention; Julian White, finance; G. C. Buck, Lions Education; Julian White, membership; Herbert Nixon, program; H. G. Dawkins, boys and girls; J. D. Cranford, citizenship; Simon Rutenburg, civic improvement; C. T. Skinner, community betterment; Dr. I. A. Ward, health and welfare; Claude White, safety; Archie T. Lane, sight conservation and blind.

Special wartime committees are headed by the Rev. J. D. Cranford and A. H. Edwards.

## WHITE SCHOOLS OF COUNTY TO START NEW TERM SEPT. 1; FACULTY COMPLETE

### USO Considering Sites For Location

Field representatives of the United Service Organization are now considering several sites for locating a USO Center in Hertford. The men were in Hertford last week and were shown available locations and it is expected that an announcement of their choice will be made soon.

The center will be used as a place of recreation for men stationed at the Harvey Point Auxiliary Air Station. It will be comprised of a reading room and a larger room for games and dancing.

## Local Draft Board Reclassifying Dads For Induction Calls

### Five Negro Selectees to Leave For Fort Bragg August 19

The Perquimans County Draft Board this week began the task of reclassifying all pre-war Harbor fathers, registered with the Board, in anticipation of possible calls for these registrants some time after October 1. The Board will possibly meet twice each week until the job of reclassifying all of these registrants is completed.

Mrs. Ruth Summers, clerk to the Board, stated early this week that there are quite a number of such registrants not engaged in essential occupations and that it is possible they are being considered for military jobs, may be called.

Since the earlier call for men to prepare for draft had been without success, the Board is now making a second opportunity, but now and then as a possibility that some change may be made after Congress adjourns on the 15th. However, it is expected that the War Relocation Authority will have to do its best to get the men out of the country by the end of the year.

The local Board is now calling on Negro selectees to report for induction on August 19 to the local office of the Board. The office is located in the County Courthouse, 101 West 1st Street, and will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on the day of the call.

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## Tire Applications Passed By Board

A total of 27 applications for the use of tires on motor vehicles was approved by the Board during the week ending August 13.

The applications were as follows: Passenger Tires, Grade III, Joshua S. Peep, 2; Jesse Harrell, 2; Rev. R. A. Sparks, 2; Roosevelt Vaughan, 2; Dewey Newby, 2; Lewellyn Bentley, 2; Howard Hurdle, 1; James Collins, 1; R. B. Crooks, 1.

Grade I, R. T. Brum, tire and tube; C. K. Ward, 2 tires and 2 tubes; N. S. Newby, tire and tube; J. H. Layden, 1; Thomas Nixon, tire and tube; J. C. Hobbs, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Johnson Downing, 1; W. L. Sawyer, 1; W. S. Long, tire and tube; Sidney Layden, tire and tube; Howard Hurdle, 2 tires and 2 tubes; J. C. Jordan, tube; Alice Thompson, 4 tires and 4 tubes; Edgar Riddick, tire and tube; S. C. Smith, 1; Sallie Lane, 1; T. J. Goodwin, tire and tube; E. E. Snell, 2; C. S. Jackson, tire and tube; Dallas White, 2 tires and 2 tubes; James Trueblood, tire and tube; Helen Davenport, tire and tube; G. N. Reid, tube; J. P. Chesson, 2 tubes, and W. P. Dail, 2 tubes.

Truck Tires—T. B. Sumner, 4 tires and 1 tube; Major-Loomis, tire and tube; S. F. Harrell, 3 tires and 1 tube, and J. Van Roach, 2 tires and 2 tubes.

## Perquimans Lodge Meets Tonight At 8

The Perquimans Lodge, A. F. & A. M., 106, will hold a special communication at the lodge rooms on Friday night, August 13, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring the third degree.

All members are urged to attend, and visiting Masons are welcomed to the meeting.

## Superintendent Johnson Says Most Arrangements For Opening Are Made

Summer vacation, the delight of every school child, will come to an end in Perquimans on September 1st, when all white schools of the county will open for the 1943-44 term. P. T. Johnson, County Superintendent, stated today that most arrangements for the opening have been completed.

All colored schools in the county will open next Monday, somewhat earlier than the white schools, but these will close in a month or so in order that the children may assist in the fall harvest.

Mr. Johnson stated that the faculty for the various schools throughout the county is complete, with the exception of an opening in the eighth grade and one in the Central Elementary School, but he expected to have these filled shortly. Two former teachers, Miss Eloise Scott and Miss Nell Hedrick, will return here this year, and Miss Nell Lee Day has been assigned as teacher of home economics.

School bus work this year will be about the same as last year, the Superintendent stated. The only changes will be one to changes made by new drivers, thus these will have new starting points.

A part-time schedule will be served for the first day, during which the students will enroll and receive class schedules, etc, and full sessions will start on Thursday, September 2.

County schools will have a nine-month term this year, under the terms of the State-wide provision enacted at a legislative last session. By a vote of September 1, 1943, the State Board of Education expected that schools would have the term from August 1st to the first of May.

Total enrollment is expected to be about the same as last year, according to Mr. Johnson. Teachers' salaries will probably be given by the State Board of Education, as was the case last year.

Mr. Johnson stated that the State Board of Education has approved the plan for the new year, and that the State Board of Education will be in session on August 19, and will probably discuss the plan for the new year.

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## Growers Of Peanuts Will Meet Tuesday To Discuss Ceiling Price

Hertford County growers will meet on Tuesday, August 17, to discuss the proposed ceiling price for peanuts. The meeting will be held at the High School auditorium, one block off Main Street on High Street.

Many Virginia growers have accepted invitations to appear on the program. Among them will be Secretary of Agriculture Walker, President of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation Holsinger, and Congressman Wynder B. Harris of Norfolk.

Plans for the two-state meeting were formulated in local meetings held in several counties of the two states, and a large representation from all counties of the entire peanut producing area is certain to be had.

The movement against unfair peanut ceilings for the North Carolina-Virginia belt got under way several weeks ago when growers and agriculture leaders rose up in protest and made plans for organized pressure. Under the present set-up oil peanuts, which are grown principally in the states to the south, may bring as much per pound as the premium quality Virginias and Jumbos, which are grown principally in North Carolina and Virginia.

The movement being sponsored by the peanut growers is similar to the one of the tobacco growers of the bright belt, who are protesting ceilings on superior graded tobacco being placed on a ceiling price level with ungraded tobacco of the Georgia-Florida belt.