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Selective Service Director Explains Recent Directives

Local Board Follows Rulings on Inducting Registrants

General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, has issued the following statement regarding recent directives of Selective Service headquarters:

"Recent directives from National Headquarters require the re-classification of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers without regard to their eligibility for a 3-A classification. Such registrants who are essential farmers or who are employed in war production or in support of the war effort are in no danger of re-classification. Such registrants, whose induction would result in extreme hardship and privation to a wife, parent, or child, may be deferred for dependency in class 3-D. All other registrants now classified in 3-A on account of their family status should not be surprised if they receive notice that they have been classified in class 1-A.

"The fact that a pre-Pearl Harbor father finds himself in 1-A does not necessarily mean that he will be inducted immediately. Registrants are divided into four groups and all available men from each group will be inducted before men are selected from the next group. These groups are:

"Men with no dependents; Men with collateral dependents; Men who have wives and maintain bona fide homes, and men who have children and maintain bona fide homes.

"Group four is divided into two sub-groups. The first group will be exhausted before any men are called from the second sub-group. These two groups are: Registrants classified in 1-A because they left an agricultural occupation or because they are engaged in a non-deferrable activity. The other group who are re-classified to 1-A as a result of the current directive."

The Perquimans County Board is reclassifying registrants under the rule that in order for a man to get an occupational deferment, now, a registrant must be a necessary man in war production or in an occupation which supports the war effort.

Another Option For Housing Project

A new development has arisen concerning the Hertford housing project, according to information from a reliable source, who stated this week that an option on another location for the project had been taken by the officials in charge of the project.

The option was taken on the Gaither property, located at the edge of town, which now is the location of the Hertford trailer camp.

It was reported that the State Housing Authority refused to recommend the project to be constructed on the land originally sought, due to the fact that priority for materials needed could not be obtained if the project was constructed that distance from the town.

All indications point toward the houses being constructed on the Gaither site, and it is believed that inasmuch as a release has been received from the trailer camp that construction may begin soon.

OPA Sponsors Home Front Pledge Drive

Members of the Perquimans Rationing Board attended a District OPA meeting in Elizabeth City on Monday, during which plans for the Home Front Pledge Campaign, being sponsored by the OPA as a means of controlling inflation, was explained to the group.

OPA will conduct the Home Front Pledge Campaign throughout the nation and housewives will be asked to pledge: "I will pay no more than top legal prices, and I will accept no rationed goods without giving up ration stamps."

This pledge will also be a step toward fighting black-markets and OPA urges every merchant and housewife to sign the pledge at the earliest opportunity.

The American Legion will meet on Friday evening at the Agricultural Building. Commander J. D. Cranford urges all members to be present.

BOMBER NAMED FOR PERQUIMANS COUNTY



Meet "Perquimans County," folks! The money you invested in War Bonds during the Second War Loan last April helped to produce this bomber which will be used to help defeat the Axis. The bomber is the Boeing B-17F Flying Fortress, and is used for the famous high altitude daylight precision bombing now causing such a headache in Axis headquarters. This bomber has four engines and a wing span of approximately 104 feet. It has a top speed well in excess of 300 miles per hour, carries a bomb load up to ten tons. The money you invest during the Third War Loan, starting next week, will help keep Perquimans County, N. C., well loaded with bombs to be dropped on the enemy.

FARM LABOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND WAR BOARD IN JOINT MEETING TUESDAY

Recommend Maximum Price For Picking Cotton This Year

The Perquimans County Farm Labor Advisory Committee and the USDA War Board, in a joint meeting held Tuesday night at the Agricultural Building, adopted a resolution recommending that cotton producers pay a maximum price of \$1.50 per hundred for picking of the 1943 cotton crop.

The group, after discussing the labor situation as it appears to be for this harvesting season, adopted this price as a maximum due to the fact that this year's crop has been more costly to produce, while at the same time, there has been no increase in the price of cotton.

The Committee urges all farmers of the County to utilize the available labor on each farm, and to assist neighbors as much as possible in harvesting crops this fall. It has been learned that no convict labor or war prisoners will be available to assist with harvesting.

Farmers are urged to plan their harvest work ahead of time and to be ready for the job when the time arrives to harvest cotton and peanuts and soybeans. The Boards discussed possible prices for peanuts and soybeans, but no recommendations were made, due to the factor of the costs of labor to be involved.

The two Boards plan to work in close cooperation with farmers of the county in locating labor, and it was decided that any person who is offered a job and refuses, or who, in any way, hinders the labor situation, the name of that person will be taken and turned over to the Labor Mobilization Board for court action.

The group was told of a meeting held in Washington early this week, and attended by Dr. E. S. White, L. W. Anderson and Milton Dail, relative to prices to be paid for peanuts. It was reported that some relief may be made in the present ceiling prices, but nothing definite was actually accomplished or announced. Prices for peanuts have been announced at \$140 per ton.

Doctors' Offices To Close Wednesday P.M.

The offices of Dr. C. A. Davenport and Dr. T. P. Brinn will continue to be closed on Wednesday afternoon for the balance of this year, according to an announcement made this week from the respective offices.

The two doctors will maintain the same office hours as have been kept during the past three months, until further notice.

Father Of Mrs. Darden Dies In Virginia

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Darden and daughters, Elizabeth and Nancy, were called to Rustburg, Va., last week on account of the serious illness and death of Mrs. Darden's father, R. L. Perrow.

Mr. Perrow died Saturday morning at a Lynchburg, Va., hospital, and funeral services were conducted Monday morning.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Unrest and open revolt against Nazi rule grows each day in Occupied Europe as the Allies continue to hit the Axis heavy blows on all fronts. Denmark, the Nazis' ideal protectorate, was placed under military rule this week after the Danes openly revolted against the Germans. Hundreds have been killed by the Germans, in their attempts to quell the Danes. Most of the Danish fleet has been scuttled and some ships have escaped to neutral Sweden. The Swedes, also, have been having trouble with the Nazis and this situation may become worse as the Swedes continue to defy Hitler.

The Russian armies of the East are still advancing into the German lines, capturing many important points and the Germans seem to be in retreat all along the southern front. The Reds have opened a drive to recapture Smolensk, one of the last strong hedgehogs Germany has on Russian soil. Moscow reports that thousands of German soldiers are being killed in this latest Russian drive.

Possibly as a prelude to an invasion of Italy, Allied air forces have literally bombed southern Italy to pieces. All communication lines in the south of Italy have been reported destroyed, and reports show the Axis are offering little resistance. A German report stated that 400 British Commandos landed on the toe of Italy but were repulsed.

Prime Minister Churchill, in a speech at Quebec on Wednesday, extended an invitation to Stalin to join in a conference with him and President Roosevelt to make decisions of great advantage for the free world. He stated, however, that great blows will be made against the Germans in France for military and not political reasons.

Although the Allies are preparing for heavy ground action against Axis troops, the main action this week has been by the Allied Air Forces. American and British flyers have hammered German and Japanese bases at points all over the world and excellent results have been announced.

A report was made this week that Count Ciano, son-in-law of Mussolini, had attempted to escape from Italy into Spain. Reports from Rome stated he had been caught, but a radio announcement from Berlin said he was at Hitler's home in Munich.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell S. Benton, of Belvidere, announce the birth of a daughter, Judy Canova, born Monday, August 23, and weighing 8 1/4 lbs. Mrs. Benton is the former Miss Leasia Mae Chappell.

Labor Mobilization Board Prepares To Act Against Idlers

Governor Active In Program to See That All Men Are at Work

With the appointment recently of Charles Whedbee as chairman of the Labor Mobilization Board for Perquimans County, Governor J. M. Broughton served definite notice on local loafers that they must find gainful employment within the next few days or be charged guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to punishment by a prison sentence, a fine, or both a fine and a prison sentence.

Governor Broughton named the following as members of the Board to assist the chairman in putting all idlers of this county to work: Claude White, Hertford; Julian White, Hertford; E. M. Perry, Route 3, Hertford; Charles E. Johnson, Hertford; J. H. Newbold, Route 1, Hertford; S. M. Long, Route 1, Hertford; Dr. E. S. White, Belvidere; W. W. Spencer, Durants Neck; Archie T. Lane, Route 1, Hertford; Dr. T. P. Brinn, Hertford; C. D. White, Hertford; J. F. Winslow, Route 1, Hertford; W. O. Hunter, Route 1, Hertford; King Williams, Winfield; the Rev. J. A. Harrell, Hertford; the Rev. G. W. Gaines, Hertford; the Rev. Cliff Parker, Hertford; W. R. Prixott, Hertford; Frank Elliott, Hertford; W. N. Douglas, Hertford; and L. D. Turner, Hertford.

In announcing the appointments, Governor Broughton made it clear that this Board's first duty will be that of reporting to the local representative of the U. S. Employment Service the names and addresses of all able-bodied men in this county between 18 and 55 years of age who are not gainfully employed as much as 35 hours per week.

"If the unemployed person refuses to accept employment provided him by the service, or refuses any other gainful job offered him, without cause or excuse, this refusal will constitute a clear-cut violation of the North Carolina Emergency War Powers Proclamation Number Four and this person will be guilty of a misdemeanor," declared Governor Broughton.

The Governor added that the committee will give the law enforcement officers the names and addresses of all persons refusing to accept work or to continue any employment accepted by them.

YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONDUCT BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICES

The evening service of the Hertford Baptist Church, on September 5, will be conducted by the young people, including some of the men who are stationed at Harvey's Point.

Those who will take part on the program include: Misses Bertha White, Myrtle Elliott, Vivian Spivey, Carolyn Phillips, Dorothy Elliott and Lloyd Bagley and Don Roberson, U. S. N. The ushers for the occasion will be sailors who are stationed at Harvey's Point. The choir will be filled by members of the B. T. U.

A cordial welcome awaits all who will come and worship with the young people in this service.

WAR FINANCE COMMITTEE MAPS FINAL PLANS FOR THIRD WAR LOAN CAMPAIGN

Continue Drive To Get More Pulpwood

Efforts to whip the large shortage of pulpwood are now being continued in the pulpwood producing states, according to an announcement from the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee, and results thus far indicate that many farmers are volunteering to give three days extra during the remaining months of this year to assist in wiping out the pulpwood shortage.

Cooperating in this campaign is the North Carolina Pulpwood Company located at Plymouth. Representatives of this organization, under the direction of T. W. Earle, are contacting owners of pulpwood in this area and assisting in marketing the pulpwood.

Mr. Earle, in urging farmers to cut more pulpwood, pointed out the many vital uses pulpwood plays in the war. For instance, pulpwood from a single tree will make enough smokeless powder to fire 35 shells from a 105-mm. cannon aboard a warship or on the battlefield.

Those who cut pulpwood should know, also, that a cord will make enough smokeless powder to propel two of the most destructive 16-inch shells from Navy or Coast Defense guns.

In addition to being used to make smokeless powder, pulpwood is used to make containers for medical supplies, arms and ammunition shipped to the war fronts.

The seriousness of the pulpwood shortage may be gleaned from official reports which show less than five million cords were produced between January and June of this year; the need is estimated at 13 million cords.

The Perquimans County committee, working toward getting more pulpwood out during the remaining months of this year, is urging every farmer having pulpwood to pledge at least three extra days to cutting. Producers who wish information on prices and marketing may obtain same by contacting County Agent L. W. Anderson or Frank Winslow.

September Tire Quota Announced By Board; Certificates Issued

In announcing tire quotas for Perquimans for September, the local Ration Board issued a statement by William Jeffers, Rubber Director, to the effect that the tire outlook continues bad, and will be bad until production of synthetic rubber reaches the point where tires will be plentiful. He urges motorists to care for present tires and make them do.

Perquimans has been allotted 171 Grade 1, 42 Grade II passenger tires, 131 passenger tubes, 64 truck tires and 51 truck tubes for September.

Tire certificates issued this week by the Board were:

Grade I—Garvin Thompkins, tire and 2 tubes; James Noland, tire; W. L. Jessup, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Latham Felton, tire and tube; Matt Matthews, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Robert Lynch, tire; Freeman Long, tube; Clarence Vick, tube; Jacob L. White, tube; Fred Winslow, 4 tubes; Edgar Self, tire and tube; H. E. Sadler, tire; William Winslow, tire; Zollar Van White, tire; William McLaughlin, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Thomas Rogers, tire; William Cox, 2 tires; Floyd Burrell, tire; J. W. Farr, tire; J. D. Yeates, 2 tires and 2 tubes; E. T. Stallings, tire and tube; Charles Willford, 2 tires; J. C. Blanchard & Co., 2 tires and 2 tubes; Carroll Williams, tire and tube; Martin Pritchard, 3 tires; Sanford Lane, tire and tube; Preston Divers, 2 tires; Robert Barnes, tire; H. S. Umphlett, tire.

Grade III—H. B. Hollowell, 2.

Truck type—W. A. Chappell, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Joe Perry, tire and tube; Major Loomis, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Town of Hertford, tire and tube; Preston Nixon, tire and tube.

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Meeting Held Thursday Night; County Given Quota of \$261,000

Faced with the challenge of selling a total of 261 thousand dollars worth of war bonds during the Third War Loan drive, which starts next Thursday, September 9, the entire membership of the Perquimans County War Finance Committee met Thursday night and mapped out final plans for the campaign here.

The committee will make an intensive house-to-house canvass of the county, beginning on the opening day of the drive, in an effort to contact and sell every resident of the county bonds during the drive.

The meeting on Thursday night was presided over by R. M. Kiddick, chairman, who explained the various bond issues being offered for sale by the Government during the drive. The bonds range in price from \$18.75 up to ten thousand dollars, easily in reason of every person's pocketbook. Mr. Kiddick, stressing the task confronting the committee, stated: "We have a big job to do, but if the people will realize the sacrifice being made by the boys in the Armed Forces and will 'back the attack' with war bonds we shall meet our quota."

As an extra incentive for pushing bond sales during the drive, W. M. Morgan is offering a lawn set as a prize to the person in the county purchasing the largest amount of dollars worth of bonds. One bond will be awarded the person selling the greatest amount in dollars and another bond will be awarded the person selling the largest number of individual bonds. These awards are open for competition and persons residing in the county can work for them.

The War Finance Committee is entering this Third War Loan drive determined that Perquimans will meet its goal, but the help of everybody will be needed and every individual is asked to be ready to buy bonds. It was pointed out that if the residents of the county will double their purchases during this drive compared to the Second War Loan, the county will be successful.

Post Office Gives Data For Mailing Packages Overseas

The Christmas shopping season is here again for those people having sons, friends and sweethearts in service overseas.

The Post Office Department has just released data for the mailing of Christmas parcels to men and women overseas. Gift packages must be mailed between September 15 and October 15. After the latter date, such parcels may not be mailed unless a written request from the soldier for the articles is presented with each parcel. No soldier has to ask for a Christmas gift, so gifts must be mailed on time. The Navy also urges that gifts be mailed between September 15 and October 15.

Reasons for the early mailing dates are: The vast distances that the parcels must travel to reach the men at war fronts and stations all over the world, frequent transfers which require forwarding of parcels, sufficient time is needed for shipping space for all parcels.

Rules for Christmas mailings to the fighting forces were released in June and persons desiring to mail Christmas parcels and who do not know these rules should inquire at the local postoffice.

Addresses must be written clearly and completely, and the package must also have the name of the sender written on it.

Services At Holy Trinity September 5

Church services will be held at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, September 5, it was announced today by the Rev. E. T. Jilson, rector. Church school will be held at 10 o'clock and Holy Communion at 11.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

The Perquimans County Recorder's Court was in recess this week due to Judge Charles Johnson's absence from the city on business. All cases on the docket have been set for hearing at next Tuesday's term of Court.

Promoted To Rank Of First Lieutenant

William N. Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Tucker, has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant, according to an announcement received here this week. Lieut. Tucker received the promotion while on leave recently and was notified on his return to his station at Westover Field, Mass.

The Lions Club will meet Tuesday evening at 7:45 at the Colonial Tourist Home.