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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The American Fifth Army, under General Mark Clark, is engaged in a bitter battle with the Nazis in the Salerno area south of Naples. Reports on Wednesday indicated the Germans, evidently making every attempt to hold as much of Italy as possible, were making strong counter-attacks against the invading Fifth Army. Heavy losses were reported on both sides, although it is believed reinforcements being put ashore by the Allies will stem the tide.

The British Eighth Army, in the south of Italy, has been meeting little resistance and is advancing toward a junction with the American Fifth. This southern army was about 100 miles from the Salerno sector. The Germans have made numerous claims regarding their success in Italy but none of the claims have been confirmed.

The report that Nazi paratroopers freed Mussolini and that he is now head of a national Fascist government in Italy is also unconfirmed. The Allies have not made a statement regarding the situation. It is reported from Italy that the Italian Army strongly opposes Mussolini being placed in any position of government. Heavy fighting between Italians and Germans has been reported during the week on the streets in many northern cities of Italy. One report also stated clashes between Italians themselves.

The Russians are still advancing on the Eastern front. Berlin announced the fall of the important rail center of Bryansk early this week and stated the Germans withdrew in good order. The Russians claim further advances along the entire Eastern front. The gain at Bryansk will give the Red forces better rail facilities between Moscow and the southern fighting front, lending aid in supplying men and materials.

Allied forces under General MacArthur captured the Japanese airport at Salamaua, along with the town, and it was reported only a small group of Japs escaped. The major portion of the garrison was killed or captured. In connection with set-backs now being handed them, it is reported Japan is making peace offerings to China. High China officials, however, have refused all offers.

A report from Washington this week stated President Roosevelt may recommend a national labor draft to Congress on Friday. It was stated the President told Congressional leaders the induction of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers is essential from a military viewpoint.

Three Cases Heard; Four Continued In Recorder's Court

Three cases were heard by Judge Charles E. Johnson in Perquimans Recorder's Court on Tuesday morning, and four cases were continued until the next term of court.

George Washington Williams, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to driving without an operator's license and was taxed with court costs.

Edward Modlin, Negro, paid the costs of court, after pleading guilty to being drunk on the highway.

Charles Overton was given a 30-day suspended sentence and ordered to pay a fine of \$50 and costs, after being found guilty of reckless driving. Overton's driving license was revoked for one year, as this was his second conviction on the charge.

The cases continued included those of Alphonso Lane, charged with driving drunk; Claude Dail, charged with driving drunk, and Troy Elliott, who faces two charges, one of being drunk and the other for destroying county property.

County Farm Agent Urges Barley Crop For Corn Shortage

L. W. Anderson, County Agent, in a statement this week urges local farmers to plant a small barley crop this fall, for harvesting next spring, as a plan to aid in the corn shortage which is expected in this county again this year.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that the corn crop will be short and in order to combat the shortage, barley can be produced here which can be used as a substitute.

PLANS FOR HERTFORD HOUSING PROJECT MOVE ALONG; SITE TO BE PURCHASED

Mayor Darden Informed Project Approved; 35 Houses to Be Built

Although slowed for some unknown reasons, the Hertford Housing project plans are moving along. Mayor V. N. Darden was informed this week that the project has been fully approved and the construction company having the priority for the project is gathering materials needed in the construction.

One of the important items, selection of the site of the project, remains to be made, and the land purchased. It is understood that the company has options on two pieces of property near the town limits, but due to priority problems, the site expected to be accepted is the Gaither property at the western edge of Hertford. This site now is the location of the Hertford trailer camp.

It is still unknown just when construction of the thirty-five houses included in the project will get underway, or how soon the houses will be ready for occupancy, but Aubrey McCage, State Housing official, stated earlier to Mayor Darden that speed is essential in constructing the project, and it is hoped the work will begin soon in order that the local housing situation may be eased.

Nothing has been learned of the type of houses to be constructed, but it is understood that each one will be of modern design and is expected to cost somewhere between three and four thousand dollars. It is also understood that the houses, when completed, will be offered for sale, probably under the FHA arrangements.

The Federal Housing Authority approved the local project on July 16, which calls for the construction of thirty-five new houses and allows for fifteen conversion units. Mayor Darden has worked diligently on the problem since it was first announced and local officials are hoping there will be no further snags to hold up the beginning of the work.

Town Board Votes To Invest Surplus In Government Bonds

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford, meeting in regular session on Monday night, voted to invest a part of the Town's surplus cash in war bonds during the current Third War Loan. The Commissioners voted to invest a sum of five thousand dollars in the bonds. It was ordered that in the event the Town's income should drop and the cash be needed to meet obligations, the bonds would be redeemed.

A lengthy session was conducted at the meeting, due to a hearing given representatives of the Perquimans Health Department and B. B. Dawson, owner of the Elmwood Farms Dairy relative to sanitary conditions at the dairy. Both Dr. D. C. Hackett, health officer, and Mr. Dawson were heard by the Board.

It is believed that a satisfactory understanding has been arrived at and the dairy is now up to the standards requested by the Health Department at the time the dairy was given Grade A last month.

The only other items arising at the meeting were the usual routine business matters handled at the monthly meetings.

Tax Payments Still Received By Sheriff

Although tax liens have been sold for all delinquent 1942 real property taxes, Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow announced today that he will accept payment of 1942 taxes up to and including September 25.

Persons who have not yet paid their 1942 taxes may do so by calling at the Sheriff's office in the Court-house.

Correction

In the W. M. Morgan advertisement, appearing in last week's paper, there was an error in listing the prices of the mattresses advertised. The Leader mattresses, priced at \$20 and, offered with a showing of a war bond purchased during this month, at \$15, should have been Ceiling Price \$25, Special Offer \$20; and the Slumberland mattress should have been Ceiling Price \$20, Special Offer \$15.

The Weekly is sorry this error occurred and calls special attention of its readers to this correction.

Truck Owners Must Renew Gas Cards By September 22nd

Perquimans County truck owners are requested by the local Ration Board to appear at its offices before September 22, for the purpose of renewing truck gasoline ration cards for the fourth quarter.

Ration cards for trucks must be renewed before that date, in order for truck owners to purchase gas during the final quarter of the year, according to Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Ration Board.

Letter From Local Boy In Africa Tells Varied Experiences

A letter received by Mrs. J. C. Bundy, of Route 3, last week from her son, William, now in service in North Africa, gave some interesting light on the experiences the boys undergo "over there."

The letter was written August 23, and follows:

"I received several very welcome letters from home today and was very glad to hear from you all, again. I also got several newspaper clippings from the home-town paper that I was glad to get as a guy always likes to know what is going on back there.

"So the boys are writing home, telling of the action that they have seen over here. Maybe, you think I am a coward or goldbrick, but I've seen quite a bit of action, too. A guy doesn't always like to write of such things as it is not such a good morale builder, besides the censor might make it look like a jig-saw puzzle.

"A few days after the invasion, a few of us were sent to Youko La Bain where we lived in caves and foxholes. We always had plenty of food and good clothes. Occasionally fresh meats were flown to us from the coast. At times it rained every day and it was the muddiest that I've ever seen. We worked in and around Tebessa and were at Kassinine when the Jerries made their big push in February. They were so close we had to evacuate an airbase. We were chased off the road several times when they strafed and dive-bombed the roads and equipment. We had to run as fast as we could several times and dive into mudholes or ditches to keep from getting lead in our backs.

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Hertford Merchants Vote To Close Stores Thursday Afternoon

The members of the Hertford Merchants Association, at a meeting on Thursday night, voted to close their stores on Thursday afternoons throughout the year. Stores will close at 12 noon each Thursday until further notice.

It was announced, however, that this closing will not be in effect during the month of December.

The half-holidays will begin on Thursday, September 23, and patrons of stores are requested to note this action.

Commander Kaiser Thanks Civic Groups For Gifts To Base

W. C. Kaiser, commander of the Harvey Point Naval Air Station, this week expressed thanks and appreciation to the Hertford Rotary and Lions Clubs and to the American Legion for gifts of \$50 each, donated by the organizations for the welfare of the station's crew.

Commander Kaiser in his letter stated: "Please forgive this belated letter of thanks. It is assuredly no index to the appreciation of this command and the personnel of Harvey Point for your gracious gift of \$50 for the welfare of the crew. All hands are most grateful.

"Such assistance as we were able to render at the Blanchard fire was little enough to do for good neighbors. You can always count on Harvey Point to do anything within its power, consistent with its military mission, for its friends and neighbors in Hertford."

Farm Bureau Leaders To Return To Capital On Peanut Question

Seek Representation on CCC Board and Better Prices

Farm Bureau leaders of North Carolina have joined with leaders of other States and plan to reconvene in Washington next week for the purpose of placing resolutions before Congress seeking to have peanut producer representatives placed on the Commodity Credit Corporation, and also to seek better prices during 1943 for peanuts, according to a letter received here this week from R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the N. C. Farm Bureau.

Mr. Shaw stated leaders from this State had joined with leaders in Georgia, South Carolina, Florida and Alabama to draw the resolutions calling for this action and urges local peanut producers to write their Congressional asking full support in the action.

Local Farm Bureau representatives have been active in working among peanut producers of this area on the problem confronting the growers at the present time. However, they urge all producers to join together in order that greater support may be obtained in fighting the conditions existing.

Archie T. Lane, president of the Perquimans Farm Bureau, stated this week the local Bureau is now conducting a membership drive and hopes more farmers will sign this year than ever before. He stated Perquimans County's quota for membership is 250.

Membership in the Bureau expired September 1, Mr. Lane said, and producers must renew their memberships for the coming year to be in good standing.

Blanchard's Store Entirely Renewed Opens Saturday

The J. C. Blanchard store, which was destroyed by fire early in July, will be reopened Saturday, September 18, Mr. Blanchard announced today. The store has been completely remodeled and restocked with new merchandise purchased by the company since the fire.

Several changes have been made in the arrangement of the store, and included in the changes made is the heating system. A new central plant is being installed and the store will be heated from this during the winter.

Workmen are still on the job at the building, however, as all of the work has not been completed.

Under the new store arrangements, patrons and customers will find all merchandise located on the first floor of the building. For the present time the second floor is being used for storage only.

The management has issued a cordial invitation to the public to attend the reopening on Saturday and promises many surprises for those who attend.

W. E. White Appointed Labor Assistant To County Farm Agent

W. E. White has been appointed as labor assistant to the Perquimans County Farm Agent, according to an announcement made this week by L. W. Anderson, County Agent.

Mr. White will work with the farmers of the county in placing labor where it is needed. He will seek jobs for those out of work and make every attempt to assist operators of combines and peanut pickers in locating sufficient help during the season.

He will also work in cooperation with the Labor Mobilization Committee in an attempt to see that there is no idle labor in his county.

Farmers who need labor and laborers seeking work may help by contacting Mr. White regarding work.

SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY ON SUNDAY

Services at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, September 19, according to the Rev. E. T. Jilson, rector, will be as follows: 9 o'clock, Holy Communion; 10 o'clock, Church School; 11 o'clock, morning prayer and sermon.

The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

URGE ALL RESIDENTS SUPPORT THIRD WAR LOAN; SALES MOUNTING DAILY

W. M. Morgan Investing Income Of Store In Purchase Of War Bonds

Stating that "everyone in Perquimans should back the Third War Loan to the greatest possible extent," W. M. Morgan, Hertford's well-known Furniture Man, announced today that the entire sales of his store, beginning today and running through September 29th, will be invested in war bonds.

Mr. Morgan stated that this means credit sales as well as cash sales. All expenses of the store during the period will be underwritten by him, and the total income will be used to buy war bonds.

Three White Youths Leave For Induction On Monday Morning

Three Perquimans County youths: Jarvis Ward, Jesse White and Wilton Lamb, will leave Monday for the Fort Bragg induction center to fill the call for five white men received by the local draft board for September.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Draft Board, stated this week that the Board is still considering registrants of Class 3-A and reclassifying many of the fathers in Class 1-A, in preparation for their induction into the Armed Forces.

The Board will conduct an inventory of all registrants, beginning this week, for the purpose of checking each registrant for proper classification. If any registrant is found to be improperly classified, the Board may re-open his case immediately for the purpose of proper classification.

Induction of fathers is scheduled for next month and, unless orders to the contrary are received here, several fathers will be among the call leaving here October 6.

It is believed that Congress, which re-convened this week, will take some action along this line. However, there is no indication that further deferment or a law prohibiting the drafting of fathers will be forthcoming.

Several Congressmen have voiced the opinion that fathers should not be drafted, but some time will be needed to learn what action Congress will take.

Ration Board Issues 32 Certificates For Tires During Week

Thirty-two applications for tires and tubes were passed on by the local Ration Board during the past week and certificates were issued for the purchases.

Motorists receiving certificates were:

Grade 1 Tires—J. C. Hobbs, 2 tires and 2 tubes; L. E. Umphlett, 2 tires and 1 tube; C. W. Miller, tire; Levi Goodwin, tire and tube; J. H. Newbold, 2 tires and 2 tubes; K. W. Bateman, 2 tires and 2 tubes; G. A. Jordan, tire and tube; Philip Parhley, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Robert McKinsey, tire and tube; C. H. Ward, 2 tires and 2 tubes; J. I. Lowe, 3 tires and 3 tubes; F. E. Smith, tire and tube; Delmar Spear, tire and tube; V. C. Winslow, tire and tube; Herman Monds, 2 tires.

Grade III—Sim Burke, tire; T. S. Nixon, tire; Tom Perry, tire and tube; Blount Eure, 4 tires; James Hunter, 2 tires; C. C. Mansfield, Jr., tire and tube; H. L. Ward, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Luther Horner, tire and tube; Harold Hurdle, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Ellie Goodwin, 2 tires.

Suffers Broken Hip In Fall At Home

Ben Berry sustained a broken hip when he fell from the porch of his home on Route 1, last Friday afternoon. He was rushed to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City for treatment.

Mr. Berry's condition was reported as serious on Tuesday.

SOCIAL HOUR AT METHODIST CHURCH SATURDAY EVENING

A social hour will be held at the Methodist Sunday School auditorium on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. All young people and all service men of this community are invited to attend. Games and refreshments will be enjoyed.

Committeemen Asked To Report Sales By Saturday Night

The local Government bodies of Perquimans County, this week, joined in the campaign to put Perquimans County over the top in the Third War Loan drive, which is now on. Both the County Board of Commissioners and the Town Board urge all residents of Hertford and Perquimans County to support to the fullest extent the sale of bonds, and to purchase every bond possible.

The drive is meeting with success in Perquimans, although complete tabulation of sales had not been made when The Weekly went to press. It was estimated by R. M. Riddick, chairman, that sales are over the hundred thousand dollar mark and reports from County Committeemen are still to be made.

Mr. Riddick urges all rural committeemen to make reports of pledges received not later than Saturday, so that the County Committee can survey the work accomplished, and complete plans for meeting the county goal.

Several large subscriptions have been received and the bonds sold, but the War Finance Committee urges every citizen to join in "backing the invading forces" by purchasing at least a hundred dollar bond during the drive.

King Williams, chairman of the Colored committee, announces that an excellent start has been made by his group and the Colored residents are responding well. He stated that every teacher has volunteered to make himself or herself a committee of one to canvass every nook and corner of the county during the drive.

Adding to the list of prizes already announced for this drive, three prizes to be awarded among the Colored workers have been announced. The Deluxe Cleaners will award \$18 to the teacher selling the largest number of bonds; Billups Service Station offers a cash prize to the teacher selling the largest amount in bonds, and the Perquimans Training School will award \$2 to the student purchasing the largest bond during the drive.

In connection with their appeal to the public to support the drive, the local Government boards, this week, are publishing a full page advertisement in honor of the boys and girls of Hertford and Perquimans County who are serving in the armed forces.

A lot of bonds must be purchased yet before Perquimans reaches its \$261,000 goal. . . think it over and if you have not yet purchased your bonds do it today . . . if you have purchased some . . . buy more!

Central Grammar PTA Holds First Meeting Monday

The Parent-Teachers' Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School will hold its first meeting of the school year on Monday evening, September 20, at 8:30 o'clock.

An interesting program on Health, of interest to all parents, has been planned and will be presented before the regular business session.

Miss York Kiker, Associate Marketing Specialist, of Raleigh, will be present. Among other items of interest will be a film treating Health from a nutritional standpoint.

At this meeting the various committees for the coming year will be announced. All parents are urged to attend so that the year's work will be a great success.

Catholic Services For Sunday Announced

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will start every Sunday at Harvey's Point Air Station at 8:30 a. m., and at St. Ann's Catholic Church, corner of N. Broad and Albemarle Streets, Edenton, at 11 a. m., announced the Reverend Father Francis J. McCourt, pastor of St. Ann's and chaplain to all Catholics connected with the Harvey's Point Air Station.

Confessions will begin half hour and end five minutes before each Service, which will include Holy Communion and Sermon and conclude in 45 minutes.

Everybody invited to all St. Ann's Services.