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W. Zachary Killed In Highway Accident Last Thursday Night

Funeral Service For Hertford Dentist Conducted Sunday

Dr. John W. Zachary, 40, was instantly killed last Thursday night, at about eleven o'clock, when his automobile, which he was driving, overturned on the Harvey Point road about three miles south of Hertford.

Doctor Zachary was Hertford's only dentist, and he had been practicing here since February, 1936, when he replaced Dr. Luther Butler. He was a member of the Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Rotary Club, the American, State and District Dental Associations.

The entire community was shocked to learn of his death. He had attended a fish fry earlier in the evening and was en route to his home at the time of the accident. No cause for the accident has been discovered, but it was known that his car was traveling at a slow rate of speed.

A short funeral service was conducted at the Lynch Funeral Home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Rev. H. G. Dawkins, assisted by the Rev. B. C. Reavis and the Rev. E. T. Jilson, officiating. After this service, the body was moved to the family home at Yadkinville for services which were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Transou Zachary, and one daughter, Nancy.

Pallbearers for the service here were Dr. L. A. Ward, Dr. C. A. Davenport, Dr. T. P. Brinn, R. M. Riddick, W. H. Harcastle, F. T. Johnson, V. N. Darden and J. Emmett Winslow.

Members of the Masonic Lodge, Hertford Rotary Club and the Hertford Lions Club were honorary bearers.

Motorists Slow In Renewing A Books; Kerosene Rations

Perquimans motorists are acting slowly in renewing their A gasoline ration books, according to Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Board, who reminded all car owners that A books should be renewed before October 22.

Mrs. Davenport also announced that consumers of kerosene are not returning their ration stubs with applications for new rations, and the Board is assuming that the users still have kerosene coupons and will issue new coupons when users return the stubs to the ration office.

Tire certificates were issued to the following motorists this week:

Grade I Passenger Tires—Soler Newby, tire; C. R. Ward, tire and tube; E. E. Morgan, tire; William Winslow, tire; Ernest Morse, tire and tube; A. H. Edwards, tire and tube; Henry Layden, tire and tube; E. H. Simons, tube; G. E. Wood, tire; Nathan Riddick, tire and tube; Glenn Mathews, tire; Irvin Long, tire; H. F. Simons, tire; Andrew Dale, tire and tube; C. O. Fowler, tire and tube; C. F. Tynch, tube; Joe Perry, tire and tube; Charles Johnson, tire; Fred Cates, tire; C. J. Stallings, tire and tube.

Grade III—Alvin Winslow, tire and tube; Clyde Layden, tire and tube; Odie Newby, tire and tube; Bertha Lane, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Oscar Lane, 2 tires; John Wood, tire and tube; D. Moody White, 2 tires and 2 tubes. Truck Tires—L. A. Smith, 2 tires; T. B. Sumner, 4 tires; M. H. Elliott, tire; G. D. Towe, tire and tube.

James N. Newby was issued a certificate for the purchase of a new car.

Cotton Gin Destroyed By Fire Last Friday

A fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the S. P. Jessup cotton gin at Winfall and burned about 25 bales of cotton last Friday afternoon. The fire was discovered around three o'clock and it was soon out of control.

The Hertford Fire Department was called to the scene, but the lack of water prevented the Department extinguishing the blaze. Damage was estimated at around \$15,000.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Goodman announce the birth of a son, born on Wednesday, October 13th. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Registration Plans For Ration Book 4 Now Being Completed

Final plans are now being completed for holding a registration for Ration Book No. 4 here sometime the latter part of October. The registration will be conducted under the supervision of the schools, and F. T. Johnson, superintendent, is expected to announce the dates for the registration next week.

One important item in connection with the registration is that all applicants will be required to show registrars their Ration Book No. 3, before they will be issued Book No. 4. Persons should bear this in mind and be sure to take along Book No. 3 when applying for Book No. 4.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Allies won a diplomatic battle this week when Portugal granted the British use of Portuguese Islands in the Atlantic as naval and air anti-submarine bases. This action is expected to forestall any success Hitler may have in attempting to renew sub warfare. It has been reported important developments were expected in Portugal at any moment, but it now seems unlikely any further events may take place. Officials believe Hitler will not declare war upon Portugal for the action taken in granting the Allies use of the bases.

Fighting in Italy was bogged down during this week due to heavy rains and flooded rivers, but a statement from American headquarters in Naples says General Clarke is set to renew the battle for Rome, and the British Eighth Army on the eastern side of the country is reported as advancing. It is believed the Nazis have withdrawn some troops further north toward the Po River line, but heavy fighting is expected to develop before Rome is taken.

With renewed activity of the partisans in the Balkan countries, reports from the Balkans have been received that the partisans have bombed Crete, Greece and some Yugoslav points in hampering German positions at these points. It has been reported the fighting on the part of the Yugoslav Partisans practically amounts to a third front in the Balkan area.

While climatic conditions have been bad on the Russian front, Red Army forces continue their offensive all along the Dnieper River front. Further advances have been reported near Kiev and Vitebsk. Reports from Moscow are optimistic and indicate continued success against the Germans.

Despite an optimistic report recently by Secretary Iskes regarding oil and gasoline supplies in the East, the Office of War Information on Wednesday announced the situation may become worse. Iskes reported pipe lines will more than supply the East with its needs, but the OWI announcement says war needs will cut in heavily on the supply and additional cuts in civilian driving may be ordered. It was reported the grade of gasoline will also become poorer.

American and British airmen are continuing to take a terrific toll of Nazi planes. Allied raids were carried out in force all last week. The American flyers going as far as Danzig. The Germans have reported the American forces are now using "super" fortresses for protection of bombing planes. The Nazis say these super forts do not carry bombs but have many more guns than usual, thus gaining additional striking power against defensive tactics.

Important Meeting Of Farmers Monday

There will be an important meeting of Perquimans County farmers at the Agriculture Building in Hertford on Monday night, October 18, at 8 o'clock.

R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, will be present to speak on the farm situation. It is reported plans for producing and marketing crops for next year will be discussed.

All farmers are urged to attend.

CONCLUDES FUND DRIVE

The executive committee of the Hertford troop of Boy Scouts, headed by C. F. Morris, has concluded the annual drive for funds for the Boy Scouts. Mr. Morris announced this week.

The committee collected the sum of \$310.75, which will meet the needs of the Scout troop for the coming year.

Army Accepts Five Selectees; Nineteen Negroes Leave Next

Large Number Fathers Ordered For Local Examination

An unofficial report early this week stated that the Army had accepted five of the group of selectees who received their final physical examinations at Fort Bragg last Thursday. The men accepted were Kramer Williams, Alphonso Williams, John Hill and Kenneth Jordan, and Alfred Riddick, a transfer from Portsmouth, Va. These men will report for service after a 21-day furlough.

Nineteen Negro selectees will leave Hertford on October 22 to fill the second call for men this month, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local board, said Tuesday.

These men are: Ellis Riddick, James Brickhouse, Robert Jones, William Riddick, Charlie Johnson, Elisha Dillard, Willie White, Augustus Hudson, William Brickhouse, William Reed, William Carter, Stephen Felton, Maurice Holly, Wilder Gregory, Joseph Gordon, Odell Hurdle, Alphonso Lightfoot, Charles Winslow and Ezekiel Robertson. The last eleven named are all fathers.

Mrs. Sumner stated that a large number of fathers were mailed orders to report for local physical examinations during this week, in preparation for filling calls during November and December. The Board has not yet received a call for November, but it is expected that this call will be for about 35 white men.

Many of these men will be fathers, due to the small number of single men and non-fathers available for call.

The Perquimans Board, handicapped by the fact that the majority of its registrants are engaged in agriculture and other essential work which makes such registrants eligible for deferment under the Selective Service law, will again shortly reach the bottom of the barrel, insofar as registrants are concerned. Thus even its list of fathers subject to draft under the law may soon be exhausted.

Reports from Washington this week indicate additional provision will be made for dependents of fathers accepted for service. Bills now pending call for increased allotments in monthly payments over the present system which allows \$50 for a wife and \$12 for one child and \$10 for each additional child. It is expected this allotment will be increased materially.

Third War Loan Sales Reach \$306,201 This Week Chairman Says

War Bond sales in Perquimans County during the Third War Loan, which closes Saturday night, have reached the sum of \$306,201, according to R. M. Riddick, chairman of the War Finance Committee.

This represents an over-subscription of forty-five thousand, two hundred and one dollars, as the county's goal during the drive was \$261,000.

Mr. Riddick stated that no quota for Perquimans had been received for the month of October, but he urged all residents to continue to purchase war bonds as the Government continues to need more and more money to carry on the fight for victory.

W. H. Woolard, district chairman for War Bond sales, in a letter to the local committee this week, expressed his thanks to the people of this county for making the Third War Loan drive a success here.

Friday Final Date For Mailing Parcels

Today, Friday, October 15, is the final day for mailing Christmas parcels to men in the U. S. Army stationed overseas, Silas M. Whedbee, Hertford postmaster, announced this week.

Persons who wish to mail parcels for men of the Army should mail them today, for the postoffice may not accept parcels for mailing after October 15. Parcels, however, being mailed to personnel of the Navy may be mailed up to November 1.

Town Board Meets In Routine Session

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford met in a routine business session on last Monday night. Little business was brought to the attention of the Board at the meeting and it adjourned after a short session.

Recorder's Court Collected Over \$300 In Fines Tuesday

Court Had Busiest Day In Recent Weeks; 18 Cases Heard

The Perquimans Recorder's Court had its busiest day in recent weeks on Tuesday, when Judge Charles E. Johnson disposed of eighteen cases and the court collected more than three hundred dollars in fines assessed against defendants. A large number of defendants, especially those charged with speeding, entered pleas of guilty, but the entire morning was needed to clear the large docket.

The case of Windell Nixon, Negro, charged with assault on William Belch, was continued until next week and Nixon, who, it is alleged struck Belch with a pea pole, causing serious injury, was placed under \$500 bond.

Romaine Scott was assessed costs of court for speeding.

Fred Bissinger, Elmo Swindell, Walter Simpson, R. R. Rivenbach, Herbert Smith and Willie Johnson, all plead guilty to speeding and each was fined \$10 and costs.

William Moore entered a plea of guilty to speeding and driving without a license and he was fined \$10 and costs.

Cornwell Richardson, Sr., was fined \$25 and costs for speeding. James Wilson plead guilty to speeding and was fined \$15, court costs to come therefrom.

Lillian Boone and Janie Riddick, both colored, were found guilty of assault. The Boone girl was given a 30-day suspended sentence upon good behavior for six months and judgment was continued against the Riddick girl.

William Boyce was found guilty of driving under the influence of whiskey and was given a 30-day suspended sentence and fined \$75 and costs.

Raymond Brickhouse was fined \$75 and costs, after pleading guilty to driving drunk.

Raymond Clarke, Negro, was found not guilty of driving under the influence, but was found guilty of reckless driving and was given a 30-day suspended sentence and fined \$30 and costs.

Earl Phillips was found guilty of reckless driving and was given a 30-day suspended sentence and fined \$30 and costs.

Wiley Whedbee, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs; \$20 of the fine being suspended upon the condition that the defendant doesn't drive again until licensed, after he entered a plea of guilty to driving without license.

Robert Pinner was fined with court costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Lions Club Festival Drawing Good Crowd Saturday Last Day

The Hertford Lions Club fall festival, which has been presented on the Town lot during the week, is drawing a large crowd nightly, and the last two days of the festival, Friday and Saturday, are expected to be the best days yet.

The Kaus Exposition Shows are presenting modern rides and clean shows on the midway and these are providing entertainment for all who attend. The show was a day late in opening, due to break downs of several trucks carrying equipment and which did not reach here until Tuesday.

Gate prizes, in the form of \$25 War Bonds, are being awarded each night by the festival and persons holding tickets are asked to keep the tickets until after each drawing. A special performance will be held on Saturday afternoon from 2:30 until 6 o'clock, for the children.

Demonstration Clubs Suspend Curb Market During Winter Months

Miss Frances Maness, County Home Agent, announced this week that the Home Demonstration Curb market has been suspended for the winter months, due to lack of space available for the market. The project will be resumed next spring, according to present plans, Miss Maness said.

She reported business done at the market during its existence had been splendid and the various club women were appreciative of the patronage given the market by the people of the county.

White Schools Remain On Short Session At War Board Request

Perquimans County white schools remained on a short session during this week, following a request by the War Board that the proposed full schedule be postponed one week. F. T. Johnson, superintendent, stated Monday that the full schedule will begin next Monday.

The War Board requested a delay in operating on a full schedule in order that the students could assist in harvesting crops. It is now the plan of the Board of Education to operate all white schools on full schedule, beginning Monday, and to reopen all colored schools on a short session.

Tuberculosis Seal Committee Plans Program Of Control

A meeting of the Perquimans County Tuberculosis Seal Sale Committee was held on October 12, at the home of the chairman, Mrs. I. A. Ward, to discuss the program of tuberculosis control for the county with Dr. Hackett, county health officer, and Miss Umphlett, public health nurse. Mrs. R. T. Brinn, Mrs. L. C. Winslow and Mrs. F. T. Johnson, treasurer, attended with Mrs. Ward. Dr. Hackett and Miss Umphlett outlined the work already done in completing tuberculin tests on contacts of known cases of tuberculosis, and outlined the program for doing tuberculin tests in the schools in order to have as many children available as possible for an X-ray clinic during the week of November 8. It was estimated that between 300 and 600 X-rays will have to be made.

The Seal Sale Committee undertook to provide \$100 to help pay the costs of the X-rays, with the understanding that each individual will be charged 50c for the X-ray, but that any individuals unable to pay this sum will be X-rayed without cost. The X-rays will cost 60c to 70c, and will be taken by a technician provided by the North Carolina Sanatorium, using the X-ray equipment owned by the District Health Department.

The Committee also voted to provide funds up to \$40 for the purchase of materials to be used for the care of patients sick with tuberculosis, and for the purchase of educational material, including a motion picture film about Tuberculosis. Twenty-five dollars was set aside to defray the expense of materials for this year's Christmas Seal Sale.

Red Cross Chapter To Elect Officers At Meeting Oct. 21

The Perquimans County Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a meeting next Thursday night, Oct. 21, at 8 o'clock, in the Courthouse for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

S. M. Whedbee, county chairman, today issued an invitation to the public to attend the meeting and participate in the election of the new officers.

Services Sunday For Mrs. Nora Humphries

Mrs. Nora L. Humphries, 69, wife of W. M. Humphries of New Hope, died last Friday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. L. Sawyer, in Elizabeth City, following an illness of several weeks.

A native of Perquimans County, she was a member of the Methodist Church.

Funeral services were conducted last Sunday afternoon at Elizabeth City by the Rev. I. S. Richmond, pastor of the City Road Methodist Church. Interment was in Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery in Norfolk.

Surviving are her husband, W. M. Humphries; one daughter, Mrs. L. J. Moran of Philadelphia, Pa.; a sister, Mrs. W. L. Sawyer; one brother, W. H. Hendricks of Norfolk; two half-sisters, Mrs. Oliver Layden of Winfall and Mrs. John Jones of Norfolk; one half-brother, J. W. Ward, of Hertford; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

CHAS. F. SUMNER PROMOTED TO RANK STAFF SERGEANT

Charles F. Sumner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Jr., has recently been promoted to the rank of staff sergeant, according to an announcement received here.

Sergeant Sumner is stationed with the Armed Forces in Iceland.

County Solicitors Named For War Fund Campaign; Date Set

Drive Opens October 25; County's Quota Set at \$3,500

The week beginning October 25 has been set as a date for the Perquimans War Fund Campaign, according to J. Emmett Winslow, co-chairman of the county committee, which met last Friday night and named township chairmen and solicitors for the drive.

The Perquimans War Fund quota was set at \$3,500, which is part of the quota for the State of North Carolina in this national campaign to raise funds for all war agencies except the Red Cross. The local committee is planning, and hopes to conclude its drive within one week.

The township chairmen and solicitors are: New Hope, W. E. Dail, chairman; solicitors, Mesdames Guy Webb, E. M. Perry, E. A. Turner, Wrightson Jackson, Jasper Sawyer, A. R. Cook, J. P. White and Messrs. S. T. Perry and W. L. Wood. Bethel Township—C. E. White, chairman; solicitors, Mesdames Preston Long, E. J. Proctor, Johnnie Phillips, Sidney Layden, Glenn Mathews and Miss Rosa Lassiter. Hertford Township, Miss Frances Maness, chairman; solicitors, Mesdames R. C. Murray, Norman Elliott, Charles Skinner, Corbin Dozier, C. F. Sumner, Jr., A. E. Hendley, Riley Monds, H. S. Lane, P. E. Lane, Wayland Howell, C. W. Reed, A. E. Layden, W. O. Hunter, L. A. Proctor, Milton Dail and T. E. Mardis.

Dr. E. S. White is chairman of Belvidere Township, and George Jackson is chairman of Parkville Township. The names of the solicitors for these districts had not been reported when The Weekly went to press.

King Williams and W. R. Privott were named chairman of the colored divisions.

The County committee has divided the quota by townships and the following quota for each township is given: Hertford, \$1,500; Parkville, \$1,000; Belvidere, \$500; New Hope, \$350, and Bethel, \$300. The money raised through this drive is to be divided among 18 war agencies carrying on relief and other services for American military men and Allied people.

A meeting of the County committee and all solicitors has been set for Friday night, October 22, at 8 o'clock, at the Courthouse, and details of the drive will be given solicitors at that time.

Contractor States Housing Project To Start In Two Weeks

Robert L. Payer, contractor of Fayetteville, in a telephone conversation with Mayor V. N. Darden on Monday, stated that the Hertford housing project will be started within the next two weeks, unless unforeseen happenings prevent, Mayor Darden told this newspaper on Tuesday.

It is understood that the preliminary plans for the project have now been completed and priorities for materials have been approved. Maps of the Gaiter property at the west end of Market Street, where the project will be situated, have been made, it is understood, and the ground platted.

The project will consist of thirty-five new houses, reported to be of the bungalow type, and each will be an individual unit. No information has been released as yet regarding the rental or sale of the units.

Central PTA Meeting At School Monday Nite

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School will hold its second meeting of the year on Monday night, October 18, at 8:30 o'clock.

The program will be based on Safety.

All parents and interested people are urged to attend.

Cotton Report Shows Increase In 1943

A cotton ginning report, released this week by Willie M. Harrell, special agent, shows 1,869 bales of cotton were ginned in Perquimans County from the crop of 1943, prior to October 1. This shows an increase over 1942, when 1,731 bales were ginned for a similar period.