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George Miller White Killed In Auto Crash Near Elizabeth City

Funeral Services Conducted on Wednesday Afternoon

George Miller White, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. White, of Route 2, was killed instantly Tuesday morning about 7 o'clock, when the car he was driving collided head-on with a truck two miles southwest of Elizabeth City, on U. S. Highway 17.

Mr. White, a night worker at the Norfolk Navy Yard, was on his way home from work at the time of the accident.

According to reports made to investigating officers, it was believed that the youth may have gone to sleep at the time of the crash. It was reported that one motorist passed the car and at that time it was being driven in proper manner. However, the driver of the truck struck the White car seemed to swerve in the road as it approached his truck, and was traveling at a rate of about 30 miles per hour.

The truck driver, Grady Harris, Fayetteville, Negro, said the car crashed into his truck, which was on the right side of the road, and turned completely around. The impact was so great that the truck driver had to break the window of his cab to open the door to get out, and a torch had to be used to remove White's body from the driver's seat of his car.

A coroner's jury exonerated the truck driver of any blame for the accident.

Funeral services for Mr. White were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the home of his parents, by the Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor of the Winfall Methodist Church.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. White, three daughters, Mrs. White of Perquimans County, Mrs. Lee White of Norfolk, Va., and one sister, Mrs. Irvin Perry, of Norfolk, Va.

Interment was made in Cedarwood Cemetery in Hertford.

Perquimans Indians To Meet Edenton In Return Game Today

In an effort to aid the Edenton High School football team raise the funds to purchase sweaters for this year's squad, the Perquimans Indians will play the Aces again Friday afternoon on the Hertford field at 2 o'clock.

The Indians defeated the Edenton eleven in a game on Thanksgiving Day by a score of 6 to 0, and the return game this afternoon is expected to be a good one, as both teams are about evenly matched.

Both the Edenton and Perquimans teams had previously planned to close their season with the game last week, but after a conversation between the principals on Monday, the second game was decided upon and fans from both towns are urged to turn out for the battle.

The Indians defeated the Aces in a closely fought game which provided the fans with an interesting afternoon. The Edenton squad fumbled the ball on the second down, after receiving the kick-off and after attempting one line plunge the Indians scored on a pass from Mayes to Berry, but failed to convert the extra point. The score remained at 6-0 throughout the balance of the game.

Dan Berry, right halfback for the Indians, was injured near the close of the first half and was replaced by Johnnie Hunter. Berry did not return to the game and his running may help to determine the winner of the game today.

The entire Indian squad displayed a fine brand of play last week and the running of Wood and Roberts on the backfield was outstanding. Hilton and Thurston White, Keston and Winslow showed up well for the Perquimans line.

The Indians will close their season with the game today and will begin basketball practice next week.

TRUCK OWNERS MAY APPLY NOW FOR 1ST QUARTER GAS

Perquimans County truck owners may apply at the local ration office for first quarter gasoline rations for 1944, during the month of December, Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Board, stated today.

The Board will receive applications for gas rations and will mail new coupons at a later date.

Hertford Grammar PTA Meeting Next Thursday Afternoon

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Hertford Grammar School will hold its December meeting on next Thursday afternoon, December 9, at 3:30 o'clock, at the school auditorium.

All members of the Association are urged to bring canned goods to the meeting as donations to the Grammar School lunchroom. It has been reported that the food ration stamps of the lunchroom are being exhausted, and only by contributions of canned goods by parents will it be possible to continue the lunchroom, until additional stamps become valid.

Parents who are unable to attend the meeting Thursday may leave their contributions of canned goods at the home of Miss Mary Sumner on Saturday.

All Employers Must Observe Provisions Manpower Program

Since E. L. Daughtridge, special representative of the War Manpower Commission, checked a number of employers' pay rolls in the Elizabeth City area three weeks ago to determine whether the provisions of the Stabilization Program were being complied with, there has been some delay on the part of a few employers in getting their records in order and in clearing any employees hired in violation of the Stabilization Program, P. B. Pollock, area director of the War Manpower Commission, announced on his visits to the Elizabeth City office this week.

It is absolutely important that all employers comply with the provisions of the Region-wide Stabilization Program which became effective on May 15 of this year and was amended on October 15, and certain sanctions may be invoked against those employers who insist on violating the plan, Mr. Pollock stated.

All employers in the Elizabeth City Area are required to have either a Certificate of Prior Employment, an Employer's Release from another employer in the Elizabeth City Area, or a Statement of Availability from the United States Employment Service in Elizabeth City. The Elizabeth City Area comprises the counties of Chowan, Perquimans, Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank, Dare and Gates.

A Certificate of Prior Employment may be accepted from employees formerly employed by other than essential employers in the Elizabeth City Area or from individuals living in the Elizabeth City Area and entering the labor market for the first time.

An Employer's Release from any employer in the Elizabeth City Area may be accepted in lieu of a Statement of Availability by an essential employer. Since the Statement of Availability stipulates that workers may be hired only in another essential activity, other than essential employers are not allowed to employ workers possessing releases from essential employers. Such employers in the other than essential category may employ a worker coming from an essential industry only when referred by the United States Employment Service office in Elizabeth City. The worker is referred by the Elizabeth City office of the United States Employment Service by the use of Uses Form 508, which also serves as a Statement of Availability. This referral is issued to a worker seeking employment with any other than essential employer only when there is no full-time essential job in the area to be filled.

Stores Open Thursday Afternoons This Month

Hertford stores, which have been closing on Thursday afternoons for the past several months, will remain open each Thursday afternoon during the month of December, L. C. Winslow, chairman of the Merchants' Committee, has announced.

This decision to open on Thursday afternoons during December was made at the time the merchants voted to continue half-day closings, following the usual summer procedure.

Harold Copeland Wins Certificate Of Merit

Cpl. Harold H. Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Copeland, has been awarded a certificate of merit by his commanding officer of the U. S. Army, for exemplary behavior while a member of the armed forces. The award was made November 1, according to an announcement received here recently.

Tire Quotas For Dec. Approximately Same As During November

B and C Gas Coupons to Be Increased In Value This Month

Perquimans County's tire allotment for the month of December is approximately the same as it was during November, according to Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Board, who stated this week that the county had been allotted 83 Grade I, 52 Grade III tires and 90 passenger car tubes; 33 truck tires and 36 truck tubes.

The OPA also announced that beginning December 1, all B-2 and C-2 gas coupons will be increased in value to five gallons for each coupon. There will be no increase in the mileage allotment of motorists, only values of the coupon unit. This ruling has been made as a paper-saving plan. Motorists now holding B and C-1 and C-1 coupons will continue to get two gallons of gas for each coupon.

Tire certificates issued during the past week were given the following motorists:

Grade I—A. L. Onley, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Norman Gatling, 2 tires; J. E. Roberts, 2 tires; J. W. Morris, 2 tires and 2 tubes; M. D. Lane, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Nathan Riddick, 2 tires and 2 tubes; W. H. Stallings, 2 tires and 2 tubes; E. H. Simons, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Elihu Lane, 2 tires.

Grade III—Melvin Rogerson, 2 tires; Stephen Vaughan, 2 tubes; Leroy White, 2 tires; Lon Stallings, tire and tube; J. E. Stallings, 2 tires and 2 tubes; J. T. Lane, tire; C. R. Williams, tire; Roy Winslow, 2 tires and 1 tube; D. F. Hopkins, 2 tires and 2 tubes; H. W. Lynch, tire and tube.

Truck Tires—A. R. Winslow, Jr., 3 tires and 3 tubes; Morris Copeland, tire and tube; Major-Loomis, 3 tires and 3 tubes; Walter Umphelett, 2 tractor tires and 1 tube.

Stove certificates were issued to Mrs. M. J. Brown, Alex Stallings, J. F. Riddick, W. L. Sawyer, J. L. Lane, Luther James, Claud Moore, C. E. Monds, Harry Winslow, USO Center and A. R. Winslow, Jr.

Edwards-Towe Vows Spoken Saturday At Methodist Church

The Methodist Church was the scene of a very lovely wedding on Saturday, November 27, at noon, when Miss Mary Towe became the bride of Walter Edwards.

The church was beautifully decorated with palm ferns, white gladioli and lighted candles.

Miss Kate Blanchard, organist and a cousin of the bride, rendered a program of nuptial music.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, J. H. Towe, Jr., wore a Dressmaker suit of Plying blue wool, matching tricornie felt hat edged with loops of felt and veiling, and her corsage was of orchids.

The groom had as his best man, his brother, Jack Edwards, of Greenville. The Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the bride, performed the single ring ceremony in the presence of the members of the immediate families.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Towe, Jr., entertained at a wedding breakfast, after which the couple left for a short wedding trip.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are members of the popular young people's group of Hertford.

Mrs. Shirlee A. Jurs New H. S. Teacher

F. T. Johnson, County Superintendent of Schools, announced this week that he had secured Mrs. Shirlee A. Jurs to fill the vacancy as commercial teacher at the Perquimans High School, caused by the resignation of Miss Nell Riddick, who resigned last month.

Mrs. Jurs is a graduate of Leland-Stanford University of California.

1943 COTTON GINNING SHOWS FURTHER DECLINE

Willie M. Harrell, special agent, reported this week a total of 3,609 bales of cotton were ginned in Perquimans County from the 1943 crop prior to November 14, as compared with 3,975 bales from the crop of 1942.

No Probable Cause Verdict In Powers Manslaughter Case

Recorder's Court Has Heavy Docket After Week Recess

A verdict of no probable cause was returned by Judge Charles E. Johnson, in the case charging Bill Powers with manslaughter, as a result of an accident last Friday night which cost the life of Merrill T. Lane.

Some thirty-eight cases were on the Recorder's Court docket when court convened Tuesday, following a week's recess, but several cases were continued, including a number charging defendants with vagrancy, and the docket was cleared shortly after noon.

John Gregory paid a fine of \$75 and costs, after pleading guilty to a charge of driving drunk.

Strackine Woodard, Cornelius Griffin and Fred Mathews each paid the costs of court, after pleading guilty to speeding.

William Pierce, Howard Winslow, Clayton Wynn and William Harrell each paid a fine of \$10 and costs for speeding.

Johnnie Hooker, charged with operating a car without license, failed to appear in court and a warrant was returned for his arrest, and he was ordered held under \$50 bond.

Malaik Harrell, Negro, was ordered to pay a sum of \$3 per week for the support of his child, after Judge Johnson continued prayer for judgment in a case charging Harrell with non-support.

George Griffin and Roberta Jenkins, Negroes, were found not guilty of assault upon Donna Mae Taylor, Negro. However, the Taylor woman was found guilty of assault and ordered to pay the costs.

Alex Adams, Negro, plead guilty to speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

The State took a nol pro in the case charging Furman Brickhouse, Curtis Shambry, Horace Reed, Howard Manly, Willie Jones and Stewart Nixon, all Negroes, with gambling. James Brickhouse, Negro, was found guilty of assault with a deadly (Continued on Page Six)

Funeral Services For Mrs. Annie Willis Conducted Thursday

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Blanchard Willis, who died suddenly at her home here November 23, were conducted Thursday afternoon, November 25, at three o'clock, at the Hertford Methodist Church by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, assisted by the Rev. M. Y. Self.

Mrs. Willis was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Blanchard. She was an active member of the Methodist Church, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Surviving are three brothers, J. C. Blanchard, of Hertford; Dr. Julian Blanchard, of New York City, and L. E. Blanchard, of Raleigh; two sisters, Mrs. P. L. Bostick, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Charles Christianman, of Charlotte, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: L. C. Winslow, G. A. White, Joseph H. Towe, Lawrence Towe, Robbins Blanchard and Martin Towe.

Burial was made in Hollywood Cemetery in Elizabeth City.

Book Circulation At Library On Increase

The Perquimans County Library Board, in its November meeting, was given figures showing that circulation of books at the Hertford Library increased during November to 1,297. Circulation as of October was 1,032.

It was announced at the meeting that all books in the county unit will be exchanged by December 25, and that a total of 30 new books has arrived at the library and are now ready for circulation.

The Board discussed and voted on several important business matters relative to the county library.

Members present at the meeting were Miss Mae Wood Winslow, Mrs. V. N. Darden, Mrs. T. P. Brinn, Mrs. Silas Whedbee and Mrs. Josiah Elliott.

HERTFORD LIONS TO MEET

The Hertford Lions will meet tonight at 7:15 at the Colonial Tourist Home.

District Meeting At Methodist Church Friday, December 3

A District Set-Up meeting for all of the Methodist churches in the Elizabeth City District will be held at the First Methodist Church in Hertford next Friday, December 3, beginning at 10 a. m. All pastors and representative laymen from each church in the District are expected to attend. The Rev. W. L. Clegg, Superintendent of the District, will preside and many of the church connectional men, representatives of colleges and universities, and others will have part on the program.

A joint session will be held from 10 a. m., until lunch and following lunch, which will be served by the ladies of the church in the educational building of the church, interest group meetings will be held.

The First Quarterly Conference for this conference year will be held next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. W. L. Clegg will deliver the sermon and conduct the conference immediately following.

In order that the local church be ready for the Quarterly Conference, there will be an important called meeting of the Board of Stewards next Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

It was revealed this week that a new fire bomb was used in the air attacks which destroyed almost one-third of Berlin. Also, it was revealed that the British have perfected new devices which enable their flyers to see their targets clearly and still use clouds as means of protection against enemy fighter planes. The Allied airmen continued to hammer at chief German cities and ports during the week, but no attacks in force such as hit Berlin last week have been reported.

Important diplomatic news is expected daily, now that President Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin are reported meeting at Iraq, Roosevelt, Churchill and China's Chiang Kai-Shek concluded a meeting in Cairo earlier this week and an announcement of this meeting is also expected momentarily. Some authorities believe the Big Four will call upon the German people to overthrow the Nazi regime, or suffer total destruction of their most important cities by air attacks.

Rumors of peace feelers have been numerous during the week, but Secretary of State Hull points out that these are originated by the Nazis in an effort to foster over-confidence among the Allies and thus slow down our war effort. Mr. Hull urges no American to place much faith in these rumors. However, one commentator this week announced that private opinions of State Department observers in neutral Capitals believe Germany will seek peace at some time during the winter.

British and American forces, fighting in Italy, made important gains this week. The British 8th Army captured an Adriatic seaport town, which cracked the Nazi Winter line across Italy. The 5th Army, under General Clark, also advanced several miles against heavy German opposition.

The Red Army, while reporting the loss of the town of Korosten, still continues its winter offensive against the Germans in the Gomel sector. The Russian forces, it has been reported, have split the German army into two separate divisions, these in the southern part of the Ukraine and the remainder in the north, around the Leningrad area.

Postmaster Reminds Patrons Mail Early

Patrons of the Hertford postoffice were reminded this week by Postmaster Silas Whedbee to mail early and be sure that cards and parcels reach their destination in time for delivery before Christmas.

Mr. Whedbee again stated that the postal officials foresee the heaviest mail this Christmas ever handled by the Postoffice Department, and unless patrons cooperate it may be possible that many parcels will be delayed and will not be delivered until after Christmas.

The Postal System has been hard hit by manpower shortage, as has other enterprises, and unless patrons cooperate by mailing early, this shortage of help and the fact that transportation facilities are also heavily taxed will tend to slow up mail delivery. The Postmaster warns . . . be sure by mailing early.

January Draft Calls Expected To Be 80% Of December Quotas

Board Ordered to Review Cases of Men Having Hernia

The expected decline of draft calls will not take place until after January at least, according to an announcement received at the local draft office this week, which stated that January calls will be approximately eighty percent of the quotas during December. It was believed that due to the Army acquiring its quota of men, that calls would be somewhat reduced, beginning the first of the year, but reports show many boards are behind with their quotas and this action will not come, at least during next month.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Perquimans board, announced this week that the local board has been notified to review and reclassify all registrants classed as 4-F due to Inguinal Hernia. The Army recently ruled certain cases suffering from hernia might be inducted for limited military service, thus men suffering from this condition may expect reclassification soon, with possibly further medical examination to determine whether they are acceptable for service.

The Army accepted only one of the nine selectees who left here on November 23. Lester Mansfield was the selectee accepted and he will report for duty after a 21-day furlough.

Fifteen white men left for the induction center yesterday to receive their physical examinations prior to being inducted. These men are part of the call for 80 selectees from Perquimans for December. Sixty-five Negroes will be ordered to appear.

One additional white selectee left with the contingent yesterday when Calvin Banks volunteered for service and was included in the December 2 call for men.

In amending the ruling regarding the induction of men with hernia, the Army hopes to reduce the number of men in category 4, registrants with children, being called into service. Registrants inducted under the ruling will be given limited service, doing work which will not cause further injury to the individual.

Merrill T. Lane Dies Of Injuries Received In Accident Friday

Merrill T. Lane, well known resident of near Belvidere, died in the Albemarle Hospital last Friday night of injuries sustained earlier in the evening when a car in which he was riding was struck by an automobile.

The accident occurred about two miles west of Belvidere and, according to Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow, who investigated, Mr. Lane was riding west, at about dusk, when his car was struck by a car being driven by Bill Powers. Powers told Sheriff Winslow that he did not see the car until he was nearly on it and that he attempted to swerve away from the car, but the distance was so short he was unable to miss it. It was reported by several people that the car did not carry any lights on it when seen a short time before the collision occurred.

Mr. Lane was the son of the late Hosea and Elizabeth Layden Lane.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Lizzie Lane; two daughters, Seva and Vida Lane; one son, Merrill T. Lane, Jr.; five brothers, Arthur C., Linden, Erwin J. and Murray Lane, all of Belvidere, and Horace Lane, of Portsmouth, Va., and three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Copeland and Mrs. R. H. Goodwin, of Tyner, and Mrs. H. P. Lamb, of Newport News, Va.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Chappell Hill Church by the Rev. Mr. Briggs.

Burial was made in the family plot.

To Hold Study Course Next Thursday 5:30

The young people of the Hertford Baptist Church will hold a study course Thursday afternoon, December 3, at 5:30 o'clock, at the church. The book to be studied is "More Conquerors," by Blanche Snyder White.

A luncheon will be served. Young people interested in the study courses are cordially invited to attend.