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Health Department Accomplished Much Work During Year

Many Vaccinations and Treatments Given at Clinics

By D. C. Hackett, Health Officer
The Perquimans County Health Department has now been in full operation for nine months. Though the appropriation for this service was approved by the County Commissioners and Hertford Town Board in early January, inevitable wartime delays in securing personnel and in obtaining equipment delayed the opening of the office until March 17, 1943.

Since that date the program of the department has been rapidly expanding to reach many groups. Work has been particularly directed to the school children, and to sanitary protection in Hertford where the load of the Harvey Point Navy Base has created sanitary hazards. Venereal Disease Control has also presented a large problem, very considerable numbers of patients having been found who were in need of treatment for these diseases.

Smallpox vaccinations have totaled 747, 246 complete immunizations for diphtheria, and 2,323 complete vaccinations for typhoid fever. Many of the vaccinations were done in the schools, but others were done at vaccination clinics which were held throughout the county at community centers during July and August.

Prenatal clinics were started in July, and are held on the first and third Friday afternoons of each month. During July and August these were conducted by practicing physicians of the county, and since then they have been conducted by the health officer. Thirty patients have been admitted to these clinics, and 57 clinic visits have been made. Thirteen midwives have been registered for supervision, 4 days of instruction were given to these midwives, and they all received complete physicals.

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January Draft Quota Calls For 25 Men

Mrs. Thomas E. Sumner, clerk of the Perquimans County Draft Board, announced today that the local board has received two calls for Perquimans County to furnish 25 men for the armed services for January.

The first call is to be filled on January 14, calling for 10 Negroes, and the other call is for 15 white men on January 25.

The biggest contingent of draftees ordered for induction from the county in recent months left Perquimans for the induction center yesterday which included 65 Negroes to receive their physical examinations prior to being inducted.

Five white men inducted into the armed forces also left this week to begin their training. These men were Simon Stallings, Horace Stallings, Elvin Spivey, William Owens and Fenton Hurdle, and were accepted by the Army from the December 2nd call.

Hertford Stores Will Not Close New Year's

Stores in Hertford will not close for New Year's as has been the understanding. At a meeting of the Perquimans Merchants Committee here Tuesday night, it was decided that the stores not close this year for New Year's Day.

It was decided, however, that the local stores will close each Wednesday afternoon at 12 o'clock, beginning next Wednesday. The stores will continue to close each Wednesday afternoon until the month of December, at which time they will cease to close for the half-day.

Infantile Paralysis Drive Starts Jan. 14

The nation-wide infantile paralysis campaign will get under way January 14 and continue through the month, according to an announcement from national headquarters.

Mrs. B. G. Koonce is chairman of the Perquimans committee, again, this year, and she stated that plans for the local drive will be announced very soon. The funds raised through the infantile paralysis campaign are used to combat the disease, which cripples many persons annually. The county over-subscribed its goal last year, and Mrs. Koonce is hopeful that an even larger amount can be raised next month.

Archie Lane Installed Master Masonic Lodge

Installation of new officers for the year 1944 was held by Perquimans Lodge, Number 106, A. F. & A. M., of Hertford, at a meeting held Tuesday night at the Masonic Hall in the Court House.

Archie T. Lane was installed as master of the lodge.

Other officers installed were: Clinton T. Eley, senior warden; C. C. Winslow, junior warden; J. S. Vick, secretary; Luther Sitterson, treasurer; John O. White, Jr., senior deacon; Charlie R. Vann, junior deacon; Harry Winslow, steward, and W. A. Hoffer, tyler.

Red Cross Chapter Shipped Many Items To Headquarters

The sewing and knitting departments of the Perquimans County Chapter of the American Red Cross have been doing a splendid job during the past year in supplying the national headquarters with items used for relief in war-torn areas, and among our armed forces.

A report issued this week by Mrs. Helen Skinner, who keeps an accurate record of all items shipped to the American Red Cross, shows the local chapter made and shipped the following items:

Mufflers, 15; children's sweaters, 64; men's sweaters, 92; ladies' sweaters, 19; girls' woolen dresses, 28; ladies' woolen dresses, 12; hospital shirts, 42; boys' shirts, 35; baby garments: dresses, 3; petticoats, 16; shirts, 11; bands, 6; sleeping garments, 25; socks, 4; caps, 4; crib blankets, 2; boots, 4 pair; mittens, 4 pair; kit bags, 259; hospital bed-side bags, 100; wash cloths, 100; kits, 200; bedroom slippers, 100; B. P. Covers and Housewives (soldiers' sewing kits), 100.

Mrs. Mark Hathaway and Miss Helen Gaither have been conducting classes each week which have been helpful in making this fine record for the local chapter. Interested persons who wish to join in this work of sewing and knitting can do so by seeing either of the two leaders.

Materials for garments are furnished by the Red Cross and local Red Cross leaders aid in helping individuals work on the products.

Funeral Monday For Charlie M. Hurdle

Charlie M. Hurdle, 47, of near Winfall, died suddenly at his home Saturday afternoon. He was the son of Sam and Carrie Griffin Hurdle.

Mr. Hurdle is survived by his wife, the former Miss Mary Scaff; two sons, Vivian Hurdle, of Norfolk, Va., and Eugene Hurdle, of Perquimans; one daughter, Shirley Hurdle, of Perquimans; two brothers, Nathan and Quentin Hurdle of Perquimans; three sisters, Mrs. Deanie Umphlett, of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Eula Ferrell, of Pasquotank County, and Mrs. Eunice Jennings, of Perquimans.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the Pleasant Grove Church at Hurdletown with the Rev. L. Sigsbee Miller, of Elizabeth City, assisted by the Rev. J. D. Cranford, of the Winfall Methodist Church, officiating.

During the services the church choir sang "Abide With Me," "Last Mile of the Way" and "The Morning of Joy."

Active pallbearers were: Fred Winslow, Howard Copeland, Ellis Miller, George Hall, Walter Umphlett and Ernest Spivey.

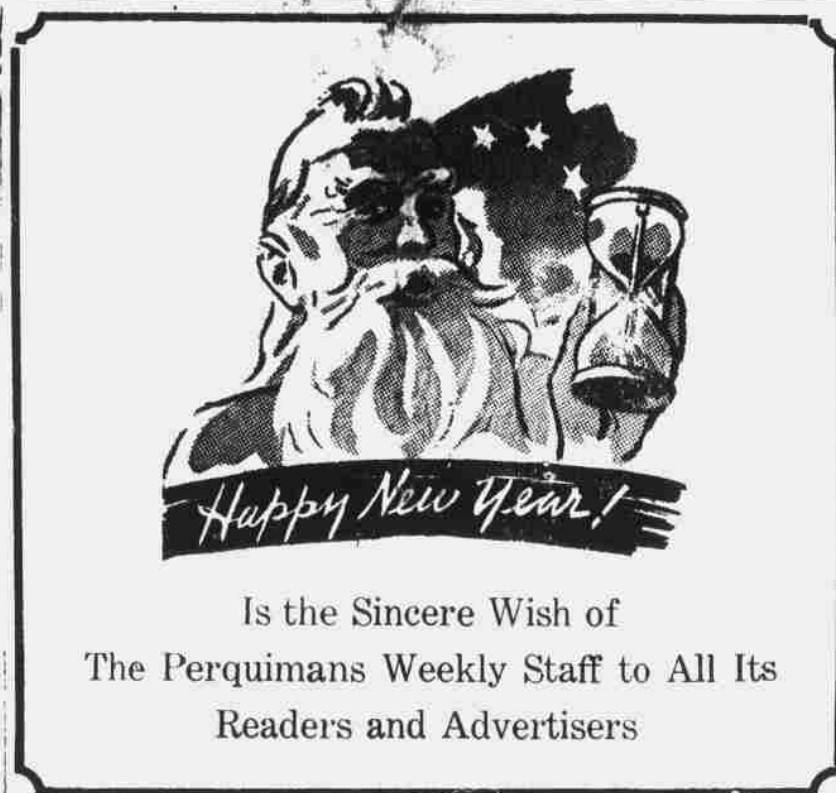
The casket was covered with a pall of pink and white carnations. Interment was made in the church cemetery and was under the direction of the Lynch Funeral Home.

Gin Report Shows Decline For Year

Cotton ginning in Perquimans from the 1943 crop up to December 13, showed a decrease as compared to 1942, according to Willie M. Harrell, special agent. For this year, local gins report 3,791 bales of cotton ginned up to December 13. Last year a total of 4,425 bales was ginned.

Cpl. Carson Banks Wins Good Conduct Medal

Corporal Carson B. Banks, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Banks, of Hertford, Route Three, has been awarded a good conduct medal for having demonstrated faithful and exact performance of duty while a member of the armed forces, according to an announcement received here this week.



REVIEWING 1943

As the clock strikes 12 midnight, tonight, a weary old man will slowly move from the present into history. The old man, 1943, will be making way for the young, new, 1944. Nineteen hundred and forty-three has been an historic year; it has seen many changes on the battle fronts, the fall of Italy and the continued progress of the Allied Nations toward victory over the Axis. In many ways 1943 has been a grand year, but it also has brought sadness into the lives of many. It can be hoped that the new year will bring gladness to all and peace for the World.

Many things occurred right here in Perquimans during 1943 and these items, as recorded in our files, are herewith reviewed for the readers of The Perquimans Weekly:

January 1.—Perquimans youths offered war training through NYA projects. Forty-seven 18-year-olds register for draft. Tax listing starts in all townships.

January 8.—P. C. H. S. students sell five thousand dollars worth of War Bonds. B. C. Berry installed as Master of Masonic Lodge. Mrs. Minnie Newbold, respected resident, passes; Draft quota calls for 36 white men.

January 15.—Final arrangements made for Perquimans Health Service; January Term of Superior Court in session; Hertford Woman's Club buys \$300 in War Bonds; Fire causes heavy loss at Fred Winslow's home in Winfall. Mrs. L. A. Ward heads Woman's Division of War Savings Staff.

January 22.—Local Farm Bureau leaders attend State meeting; Granbery Tucker resigns as County Prosecutor, replaced by C. R. Holmes; Seventeen enrolled in Home Nursing Course. Dr. Hackett speaks to the Rotary Club.

January 29.—Hertford Baptist Church concludes drive to clear indebtedness. L. W. Anderson announces Government plan to relieve farm labor shortage; County Council holds Federation meeting.

February 5.—Office of Town Commissioners lengthened by bill in legislature, introduced by Rep. W. W. White; Service men's pictures on exhibition at Roberson's; Red Cross Chapter ships 50 sweaters to Headquarters.

February 12.—Charles Skinner, Billy White and Doward Jones win rank as Eagle Scouts; Town Board passes traffic ordinance; 30 Negroes leave for induction center; Local ration board in meeting at Elizabeth City; Perquimans infantile paralysis campaign raises \$265.

February 19.—Draft Board seeks information on delinquents; Methodist Church observes week of dedication; Perquimans teachers meet to plan for ration registration; Gas violators are warned by Ration Board Chairman E. Leigh Winslow.

February 26.—Red Cross Chapter concludes plans for War Fund Campaign, led by Mrs. C. P. Morris; Health Officer D. C. Hackett speaks at Central Grammar School; Emergency crop loans applications taken at Sheriff's office.

March 5.—Blackout termed successful by OCD; War Ration Books II issued through county schools; Rosser E. Brinn passes away at his home; Equalization Board hears tax complaints.

March 12.—Employees at Major-Loomis contribute half-day's pay to Red Cross drive; Juniors at P. C. H. S. entertain Senior Class.

March 19.—Perquimans Health Office begins active operation in County; Many vagrants taken to court on War Board request.

March 26.—Announcement of meat rationing made; OPA lifts ban on pleasure driving; Red Cross short of war fund goal; Housing Authority rejects proposed housing project.

April 2.—County Red Cross meets

Volunteer Workers To Receive OPA Badges

Volunteer workers on 64 local war price and rationing boards in the Raleigh OPA District who have taken the federal oath of office and price panel assistants now serving on various local boards will receive a small badge of identification in the near future, Theodore S. Johnson, district director, announced today.

The badge is of shield shape, slightly larger than a postage stamp and is made of inexpensive plastic. The lettering is red and blue on a background of white and says "OPA War Price and Rationing Board Volunteer."

Arrangements are being made throughout the Raleigh district, Johnson said, to present badges to qualified volunteers by various board chairmen.

Plans For Fourth War Loan Drive Getting Under Way

R. M. Kiddick, chairman of the War Finance Committee in Perquimans County, announced today that he has received a letter from W. H. Woolard, chairman of North Carolina War Finance Committee Region 1, inviting him to a luncheon and meeting of all the county chairmen to be held at the Hotel Louise in Washington, N. C., on Sunday morning, January 2, at 10:30, for the purpose of planning and making preparations for the Fourth War Bond drive coming in January.

County Chairman Kiddick said that within a day or so following this meeting, the county organizations will be called together to discuss plans for the drive.

The chairman said, "it is desired that all members of the committees without fail attend the meeting. And as in the past, I'm depending upon the people of Perquimans County, in order to put the county quota over as we have always done in the past, and without this, I dare say it can't be put over."

The quota will be announced as soon as it is given out, the chairman said.

Hertford Girl One Xmas Blood Donors

Betty Bray Holmes, yeoman third class, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holmes, was among the 70 Coast Guard SPARS who gave blood that may save the life of a fighting brother overseas, in a mass Christmas present on the night of December 14, at Norfolk, according to an announcement received here from the U. S. Coast Guard public relations office at Charleston, S. C.

It used to be red neckties they gave to their brothers, husbands and sweethearts for Christmas, but this year the women of the Coast Guard gave their red blood as the best aid for the American fighters who could not be home for Christmas.

After a regular working day, the SPARS assembled at the District Coast Guard Medical Office in Norfolk and donated their blood.

January Superior Court Is Called Off

The January Civil Term of Perquimans County Superior Court has been called off, according to a notice received here by Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt, from the Governor's Office.

A notice was forwarded to Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, who had been assigned to preside at the court, of the action.

According to the clerk, fourteen cases are on the civil docket, and these will automatically be carried over for hearing when Superior Court convenes in April, for a mixed term.

Hertford Boy Graduates From Mechanic School

According to an announcement received here, Pfc. Wallace M. Coffield, son of Mrs. Mary L. Coffield, of Hertford, has been graduated from Gulfport Army Air Forces Technical Training Command School for air plane mechanics specialized in maintenance of cargo and transport type airplanes, at Gulfport Field, Miss.

Pfc. Coffield was an auto mechanic in civilian life, prior to entering the services, and was employed by the Coffield Bros., Wreckers, of Norfolk, Virginia.

Intensive Drive For Scrap Material To Be Started Jan. 3rd

Salvage Chairman Requests Public to Aid Children In Work

A. R. Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans County Salvage Committee, stated today that an intensive campaign for the collection of scrap iron and steel will get underway throughout the county, beginning on January 3rd, and the local committee is urging the public to cooperate in this campaign to its fullest extent.

The campaign is really an extension of the drive started here in December, but which resulted in little scrap material being gathered, and the committee thus decided to extend the campaign until after the holidays.

Students of the county schools will continue the campaign to gather scrap material, working toward winning a \$25 war bond the salvage committee is giving to the school collecting the greatest amount of scrap during the campaign.

Mrs. Winslow stated that surveys show a large amount of scrap to be found within the county, and his committee, in cooperation with State and National WPB authorities, are hoping this scrap will be contributed during the drive next month to swell the stock piles of scrap at our war production centers, where it is badly needed to continue the manufacture of war materials.

He continued, saying that people who have scrap and who do not wish to donate it to the schools or various organizations in the county, may sell it, if they will contact a dealer in scrap metal. He said he would be glad to see a reliable scrap dealer and make arrangements for the sale of any scrap, providing individuals having scrap will see or write him.

Hertford Recorder Has Light Docket

Judge of Recorder's Court Charles E. Johnson had a light docket Tuesday following arrests made over the Christmas holidays, when only 11 cases were tried.

Of the 11 cases, six were traffic violators cited to court by Patrolman Charles E. Payne.

Rufus Hines, charged with operating an automobile on the North Carolina State highway while under the influence of intoxicants, was given a 60-days jail sentence. Sentence to be suspended upon payment of a \$75 fine, costs of court and his operator's license was ordered revoked for a period of 12 months.

Henry Malery, charged with reckless driving and with driving while under the influence of intoxicants, was fined \$75, costs of court and his license revoked for 12 months.

Allen Steele Hopkins and Richard E. Matthews, each charged with exceeding the speed limit law, were fined \$10 and assessed with court costs.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case charging William Henry Tillson, Negro, with operating an automobile with no operator's license. The defendant was advised not to drive another car until an operator's license had been obtained.

John Tollson, Negro, was fined \$5.00 and taxed with court costs after being found guilty of allowing his car to be driven by a person with no operator's license.

Henry Foreman, Negro charged with being drunk and disorderly on the streets of Hertford, was fined \$10 and court costs.

Joshua Zachary, Negro, submitted and paid costs to a charge of simple drunkenness.

A. C. Watson and William Everett, both Negroes of the Goose Hollow section of Hertford, charged with mutual assault with a deadly weapon, were each given 30 days in jail, the sentences to be suspended upon payment of court costs and settlement of hospital and local medical attention bills.

Observation Post Needs Volunteers

J. S. Vick, chief observer of the Hertford Observation Post, today issued a call for volunteers for a four-hour watch every Wednesday.

The four-hour watch is to be no broken up, that each volunteer will only have a two-hour a week stand.

Residents of Hertford who will serve on this watch are asked to get in touch with Mr. Vick.