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4th War Loan Campaign Now On

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Following an announcement by General Eisenhower that he was well pleased at the pre-invasion work being accomplished on his arrival in London, President Roosevelt, this week stated that plans are being developed to exert the greatest possible pressure against the Germans and Japs simultaneously. Very little additional news regarding the coming invasion has been released this week, except that Allied leaders, now in London are continuing the task of preparing for the attack.

Meanwhile the Russians have opened two new offensive drives on the Eastern front. After having captured two important towns, which were gateways on the road dividing the marshes in Northern Russia, the Red forces are advancing from these towns to a point on the Baltic Sea. The fighting in Southern Russia continues in favor of the Reds, and the battle line is but a short distance from the Rumanian frontier.

In Italy the fighting is still fierce. The Allies continue to gain a few miles each day against heavy Axis defenses but with the capture of Cassino which is expected after a terrible battle now forming, Allied leaders believe the advance on Rome will be swifter. French troops, which have been re-armed by the U. S., are reported increasing their activity on the Italian front.

The Russian radio, on Wednesday, announced the story printed in Pravda, Russian newspaper, regarding the meeting of British and German diplomats to discuss terms of a separate peace, was a rumor, thus somewhat easing the feeling which existed following publication of the rumor. However, a complicated situation exists between the Allied nations at this time regarding the solving of boundary lines, following the close of the war. Russia and Poland are still at odds over the settlement of their boundaries and the attempts of the British to bring the two nations together have been unsuccessful.

President Roosevelt announced this week that following a settlement of the wage dispute, non-operating unions of the railroads had agreed to stay on the job and the President has freed the railroads of Government control. The Government assumed control of the railroads late in December when the unions threatened to strike.

Jackson Day Dinner Scheduled January 31 In Raleigh

The North Carolina Jackson Dinner will be held this year on January 31 at Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh. These dinners are held every year for the purpose of raising funds for the national Democratic party, but they are more important in the years when the State has to elect a governor and the national presidential campaign is under way.

The 1944 dinner is expected to exceed all former affairs in interest. Apathy has marked both State and national campaigns up to date, and the Jackson Dinner is looked to as the starting point for real interest.

Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, chairman of the national Democratic committee, has accepted the invitation to speak at the dinner in Raleigh. He will be introduced by Senator Josiah W. Bailey.

State Senator Joe Blythe of Charlotte again heads the State campaign. This is his fourth consecutive year in this capacity and he has promised to make it the most memorable of them all. Tickets for the dinner are now on sale but are allocated to counties on basis of contributions, each \$25 entitling the county to one seat at the table.

The quota for Perquimans County is \$100, and C. P. Morris, county Democratic chairman, has been asked to raise that amount and get it into State headquarters at Room 1081, Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, as soon as possible. Seats at the dinner table are being assigned on basis of "first come, first served."

Killed In Action



LIEUT. WM. N. TUCKER

Lt. William N. Tucker Killed In Action In European War Area

Lieutenant William N. Tucker, Jr., U. S. Army Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Tucker, of Hertford, was killed in action in the European Theatre of War, according to a telegram received here Wednesday morning from the War Department.

No details were given in the message received by the parents, but it was stated a letter would follow containing additional information regarding the death.

Lieutenant Tucker was graduated from Moon Field, Texas, and received his wings on March 20, 1943. He was one of ten men of his class chosen to fly one of the Army's newest fighting planes.

Lieutenant Tucker was a graduate of Perquimans County High School and was one of the most popular young men of Hertford.

Kinston Dentist To Open Office Here

Dr. Allan B. Bonner, Kinston dentist, has completed plans to move his office to Hertford and practice dentistry in Perquimans County, it was reported here this week.

Dr. Bonner has been in Hertford several times recently and just this week made final arrangements for opening his office here. It is expected he will arrive sometime early in February.

The county has been without a dentist since the death of Dr. J. W. Zachary last fall, and the coming of Dr. Bonner will benefit the town and county to a great extent.

Abe Martin Named USO Director For Hertford

In order to expedite the work of establishing a USO Center here in Hertford, Abe Martin, director of the Edenton USO, has been named temporary director of the Hertford USO.

It is understood that a contract has been let calling for renovation of the W. M. Morgan building, which will house the center, and Mr. Martin stated this week that he thought the center would be operating by the middle of February.

Murray Vick Receives Navy Commendation

Murray Vick, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Vick, and formerly of Hertford, recently received a citation from the Navy Department for his performance of duty when his ship was attacked by enemy air forces.

The citation reads: Subject Commendation. 1. Commander Task Group commends you for fine devotion and performance of duty when the U. S. S. Mayrant was seriously damaged as a result of an enemy air attack off Palermo, Sicily, on July 26, 1943.

2. You assisted in rigging, operating and repairing pumps to the forward fireroom for more than six hours which successfully controlled the flooding to that compartment. Your action contributed materially to the saving of your ship and reflects credit upon the naval service.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Blanchard, Jr., of Ahoskie, announce the birth of a son, born Thursday, January 18th. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Recorder's Court Hears Number Petty Criminal Cases Tues.

Two Defendants Fined For Allowing Dogs to Roam at Nights

For the first time in several months, the majority of the cases on the Recorder's Court docket Tuesday morning were those for petty crimes such as stealing and assaulting with deadly weapons. The traffic cases which flooded the court for some time have declined considerably.

The dog situation, which has been somewhat of a problem recently, was also aired and two defendants, Maliki Harrell and Anna Boyce, both Colored, were found guilty of allowing their dogs to roam at large at night. Each was given a 30-day suspended sentence and taxed with court costs. They were also ordered to pay the sum of \$2.50 each for a pig the dogs had killed.

Gussie Cole, Negro, was assessed with the costs of court after pleading guilty to driving without a license.

Aubrey Wiggins, Colored, was given a 30-day suspended sentence and fined \$25 and costs, after pleading guilty to stealing.

James Johnson and Roberta Mason, both Colored, were found guilty of buying stolen property from Wiggins, and each was given a 60-day suspended sentence and fined \$50 and costs. The property stolen was wheat and corn.

George Ferebee, Negro, was found not guilty of stealing a savings bank, after his attorney moved for a non-suit on the grounds of insufficient evidence.

The case charging Thelma Spivey, Colored, with operating a cafe without a permit, was not pressed, when the prosecuting witness failed to appear in court.

Clara McCleese, Negro, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and was given a 30-day sentence, suspended upon payment of court costs.

Walter Swain, Negro, was found not guilty of obtaining money under false pretense.

Local Schools Add Driver Education To Help Motorists

The Perquimans County School administrative unit, reports Superintendent F. T. Johnson, has decided to incorporate pre-induction driver education in the curricula of the Perquimans County High School.

As presently outlined, the pre-induction driver education course is one developed by the Military Training Division, Office of The Quartermaster General in cooperation with educational leaders. Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, North Carolina State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was one of two chief State school officials who cooperated with the Army in building the course outline which is presented to the North Carolina teachers in an attractive, practical booklet entitled, "Preinduction Driver Education in Schools and Colleges."

The Army course is very little different from those approved by civilians in pre-war driver education work. Map reading, motor marches, and special and difficult driving techniques have been added. Many feel that map reading and special and difficult driving techniques could very well have been added to any civilian course.

The local schools, by offering work in driver education, are not only helping their students to be better prepared for effective work in our Armed Service, Superintendent Johnson points out, but are helping to alleviate the present traffic accident conditions in our country. "When we realize," says Superintendent Johnson, "that in 1942, in traffic accidents alone, we lost 28,000 killed and over 1,000,000 injured at a cost of \$1,600,000,000 we can see why the Battle of the Highways is one that merits the attention of our schools. Unless we do everything possible now to better these conditions, the figures for 1942 will look like only a skirmish compared to the carnage on our highways when tires and gasoline supplies are again adequate and speed laws revert to pre-war levels."

Fourteen White Men Ordered To Report For Induction Tues.

Change In System Expected to Start on February 1st

Another contingent of Perquimans County men has been ordered to report next Tuesday, January 25, to Fort Bragg to receive their final physical examination prior to induction into the armed forces. Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local board, stated this week.

The men ordered to report are: Royce Hurdle, Willie Stallings, Lonnie Miller, Julian White, Morris Griffin, Jr., Norman Layden, John Dail, Carlton Perry, William Russell, Charlie Umphlett, John Thomas Lane, Claude Dail, Roy Lane and Garland Stanton, the last nine registrants being fathers.

This contingent will be the last group of men inducted into service under the old system, whereby local physical examinations were given before induction. Beginning February 1, the local board will order registrants to report for pre-induction examinations which will be given at Fort Bragg, and then the registrant will return home to await call for training. Registrants accepted under the new system will not be called under 21 days, and if a large enough pool of men is built up, this period may be extended to more than 21 days.

While the new system will do away with local examinations it will not terminate entirely the services of local doctors, who have given of their time for screening examinations during the time since Selective Service began. When a registrant receives his notice to appear for pre-induction examination he may, if he believes he has a disqualifying defect, appear before the local board or present an affidavit to the effect, whereupon the local board may order the registrant to a local physician for examination to determine if the defect does disqualify the registrant from service. It is believed, however, there will be few cases of this type for local examination.

After the registrant receives his pre-induction examination at an induction center, he will be notified as to his status and advised whether he has been accepted or rejected for service.

Perquimans Court Teams Drop Games To Central High

The Perquimans County High School basketball team lost a double-header to the Central High School teams on the local court last Friday night.

In the preliminary game, the Perquimans girls' team lost by a narrow margin of five points. Central tallied 21 points and the Squaws 16. The game was marked by good defensive tactics on both sides. The Squaws started off with a 2-0 lead during the first quarter, but the Central girls nosed ahead 6-4 at rest time. During the second period, Central tallied 7 points, while Perquimans totalled 6. The Squaws hit for six points during the third period and were within one point of the lead when Central hit for two field goals during the final chukker to win 21-16.

Divers scored 3 goals, White 2, and Debb 3 for Hertford, while Scott, Brite and Muse tallied the total points for Central.

In the second game of the evening, the boys' team opened with some fast playing and the score at the end of the first quarter stood Central 8, Perquimans 6. During the second period, the Indians went into a nose dive and were unable to score, while the visitors broke loose for a total of 11 points. Score at half-time was Central 19, Perquimans 6.

During the second half the Indians displayed a come-back and, while still running in bad luck and unable to hit the basket during the third period, held Central to 7 points. During the final period, sparked by George Wood, the Indians broke loose and hit the hoop for 10 points while holding Central to six. Final score was Central 32, Perquimans 17.

PLANS FOR CONDUCTING 4th WAR LOAN COMPLETED BY WAR FINANCE COMMITTEE

Have YOU Given?



By fighting Infantile Paralysis with your contributions, you can help such a story as the one pictured above have a happy ending. Your money is used to aid and cure those afflicted with this disease. Contribute to this worthy cause and help some child today.

Paralysis Chairman Announces Dance To Be Held For Funds

Mrs. B. G. Koonce, chairman of the Perquimans Infantile Paralysis drive, announced today that the committee has decided to hold a public dance on Friday night, January 28, at Walker's, in order to raise extra funds toward meeting the county infantile paralysis quota.

The dance will be held in honor of President Roosevelt's birthday, which is Sunday, January 30.

The chairman named Misses Grace Knowles, Nita Newbold, Ruth Elliott and Virginia White to serve as the dance committee, and these young ladies will have charge of making arrangements for the ball.

It was announced that advance ticket sales will start soon and the price of admission at the door will be announced shortly.

Mrs. Koonce, who has been conducting a canvass for funds since last Friday, stated that the response thus far has been good, and she is hopeful the county's quota will be met by the close of the campaign on January 31. Several large contributions have been made to the fund and many people are contributing lesser amounts toward the goal needed to carry on the fight against one of the nation's worst diseases.

Money raised through this drive is used to combat infantile paralysis from all points, a portion being set aside to be used by science in laboratory tests which might arrest the disease. Other amounts are used in conducting clinics and hospitals, and in offering curing treatments to those afflicted.

In urging the public to contribute toward the county goal, Mrs. Koonce stated, "no community, no home is safe against this disease. One never knows when or where it will strike, and it is up to every one to aid in fighting and stamping out this terrible disease."

Additional Funds Allotted For Project At Harvey Point Base

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner advised The Weekly this week that he had been informed by Admiral B. Moreell that Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, recently approved a project for the construction of a sprinkler system in a hangar at the Harvey Point Naval Air Station.

The project calls for expenditures of \$48,960 and, according to the announcement, this sum has been allotted for the project.

N. C. Press Association Meeting In Chapel Hill

Members of the North Carolina Press Association are holding their mid-winter press institute in Chapel Hill Thursday and Friday of this week. The Association will hear E. C. Daniels, London representative for the Associated Press, who is expected to give details of wartime London.

Announce Prizes to Be Awarded to Students And Solicitors Obtaining Best Sales

Final plans for conducting the Fourth War Loan drive, which opened Thursday morning, were completed by the War Finance Committee and acted on by the local board of the War Finance Committee.

At the meeting last Friday, it was announced that the Hertford Rotary and Hertford Lions Clubs had assumed the task of selling fifty thousand dollars worth of the county's quota of \$227,000 worth of war bonds. The civic clubs will work independently of the township solicitors and possibly will follow many canvassers in making a house-to-house solicitation for sales.

Also included in the drive were plans for each school child to be given an application blank and asked to urge his parents to purchase a war bond during the Fourth War Loan.

The Finance Committee, in the meeting Monday night, voted to award prizes to individuals during the Fourth War Loan for obtaining best results in the drive.

Four prizes will be awarded to the school children of the county. Each prize will be \$6.25 worth of war stamps to be awarded as follows: (1) One book of stamps worth \$6.25 to be awarded to the white high school student selling the greatest number of war bonds; (2) \$6.25 worth of stamps to be awarded the elementary white school student selling the greatest number of bonds; (3) \$6.25 in stamps to the Colored high school student selling the greatest number of bonds, and (4) \$6.25 in stamps to be awarded the elementary Colored school student selling the greatest number of bonds.

Two \$25 war bonds will be awarded to the two individuals selling (1) the greatest number of war bonds, and (2) selling the largest amount in war bonds. No individual is eligible to collect both prizes. This contest is open to both adults and to the school children.

The awards will be based upon sales made and bonds purchased between the dates of January 18 and February 15, inclusive.

The War Finance Committee, in opening the Fourth War Loan, issued an appeal to the people of the county to buy every possible bond during the drive to help put the county over in this drive. "Let's all back the attack" is the slogan for the campaign and these words adequately describe the necessity for individuals to invest in war bonds.

Our armed forces are attacking the enemy from all points and in this drive for victory in '44 they will need material in amounts beyond the human imagination... and the purchase of war bonds will be the answer to supplying this material... If you haven't purchased a war bond yet... do it today.

Membership Central PTA Increased By One-third Over '43

The Parent-Teacher Association of Perquimans Central Grammar School held its December-January meeting on Monday night, January 17.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "America the Beautiful." A timely talk was given by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, of Hertford. He used as his subject "Education and Spiritual Faith," leaving as the main thought "Let's give the child a chance."

The President's message for both December and January were read by the secretary pro tem, Mrs. J. Van Roach.

Mrs. Clifton Morgan, of the Cumberland section, had charge of the program, using as her subject: "Recreation." The program opened with the singing of "America." The devotional was beautifully given by Mrs. E. U. Morgan, who included in it a prayer.

A Quiz Program was conducted in which several members of the audience, picked at random, took part. (Continued on Page Two)