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## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Japs felt the force of American might again this week, when U. S. Marines and regular Army troops, veterans of the fighting in the Gilbert Islands and Attu, invaded the strong Jap-controlled Marshall Islands. It is reported that the American beachhead is firmly established and casualties of the invasion were moderate. This attack, probably, will force the Jap fleet, holed up at Truk, to come out and fight in an attempt to prevent further American gains against Jap mid-Pacific bases.

American and British forces have advanced to within 16 miles of Rome, in the battle for Italy, while Americans are reported as making further gains on the front near Cassino. The flanking Allied troops are threatening to cut the German main supply line, running to the Nazis in the southern Italian front. The Germans continue to move more troops into the Rome line from northern bases in Italy.

Berlin reports heavy fighting on the southern Russian front, claiming hundreds of Russians have been killed while the Reds attempt to break through the Dnieper river bend. No reports have come from Moscow regarding the battle in southern Russia, but Red sources report further victories over the Germans in the Leningrad area. The Reds have pushed the Germans back to the Estonia frontier, crossing into this tiny nation at several points. Moscow reports the Nazis retreating and leaving much material, trucks and heavy guns behind.

In what is believed to be the beginning of the greatest air attacks of the war, American and British flyers hit at Hitler's Europe in round-the-clock raids all during this week. The RAF blasted Berlin so severely fires started Monday were still raging late this week. American airmen concentrated on the industrial heart of France and inland Nazi air ports. It was reported that Nazi fighter planes put up little resistance to many of the raids this week. Neutral sources reported that Hitler has ordered the evacuation of Berlin as the administrative center of the Reich. No report on the new capital location has been given.

Spain is reported to be on the verge of breaking diplomatic relations with the Axis nations, following pressure brought on by the U. S. and Britain. American and British diplomats have been stating a clear case to the Spanish government, and already Spain has released many Italian ships formerly held in Spanish ports. Transportation is reported to be bad in Spain, following the embargo placed on gasoline for this month by our government.

President Roosevelt, in a press conference this week, stated that the Japs guilty of atrocities against American nationals and service men and women will be tracked down and punished for their crimes. He said the details of the torture and playing of our soldiers gave this country a good slant on the Jap mentality.

Congress has passed a new tax bill calling for two billion, three hundred million dollars in revenue. The bill increases tax on cosmetics, amusements, liquor and many other items. It also does away with the earned income credit on income tax reports, but does not increase social security payments. It is reported from Washington that President Roosevelt may not sign the bill because it does not call for increased taxation on the sole asked for by the administration.

## Serves On Committee Farm Bureau Meeting

Archie T. Lane, representing the Perquimans County Farm Bureau, attended the annual meeting of the N. C. Farm Bureau held Wednesday and Thursday in Raleigh.

Mr. Lane was appointed to serve as a member of the peanut committee for this meeting.

Speakers at the convention included J. B. Hutson, Chas. D. Lewis and Stephen Pace.

## SPECIAL SERVICES AT OAK GROVE CHURCH

The public is invited to attend a special service to be held at Oak Grove Church, Chapin, Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor, will deliver a message on peace and post-war problems. Special music will also be rendered.

## FINAL REPORT OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS COMMITTEE SHOWS \$500 RAISED HERE

### Chairman Extends Appreciation to Solicitors And Contributors

Residents of Perquimans County contributed more than \$500 to the Infantile Paralysis campaign fund here during the drive ending last Monday, Mrs. B. G. Koonce, chairman of the committee, stated Wednesday.

A few small reports are still outstanding, but Mrs. Koonce said that \$501.70 had been reported up to Monday night, and of this sum, 50 percent will be sent to State headquarters, while the remainder is kept here to help combat infantile paralysis in this county.

The drive this year was the most successful ever conducted and the chairman expressed her appreciation to everybody who contributed or who solicited funds. Special mention was made for Mrs. Charlie Elliott, of Hertford; Mrs. Thomas White, of Winfall, and Mrs. Wrightson Jackson, of New Hope, for soliciting in their communities.

The March of Dimes part of the campaign, and which raised a nice sum, was directed by Miss Mary Sumner and Rupert Ainsley.

The dance, which was held last Friday night, brought in a total of \$66, Mrs. Koonce stated, and the balance of the amount was raised through contributions.

The collection made at the State Theatre is not included in the amount reported by Mrs. Koonce, as the funds raised through the theatre is part of the drive conducted by theatre operators and managers. However, it is understood that the county receives credit for the collection as it is reported to State headquarters.

Perquimans county's quota for the infantile paralysis fund was \$292 for this year, and the total raised was almost double the amount requested from this county. The results are indeed gratifying and the committee is to be congratulated for the splendid job. The money will go a long way in aiding victims of the disease and also will help in the work of discovering new remedies and preventives for future victims.

## Observers Awarded Pins At Meeting Last Friday Night

Thirty-six plane spotters, who served at the Hertford observation post during the past year were awarded service pins at a meeting held last Friday night at the court house in Hertford.

The awards were handed out by Lieut. David Skinner, U. S. Army, and Chief Observer J. S. Vick.

Mr. Vick was awarded a special pin by Lieut. Skinner for having served at the post during 4,500 hours.

Due to the loss of some of the service records of the past, several individuals entitled to awards did not receive them last week, but it was announced that if those individuals will notify Mr. Vick, the pins will be handed to them.

Those receiving pins at the meeting last week were Misses Nancy Zachary, Romona Divers, Helene Nixon; Mesdames Carlton A. Davenport, Max Campbell, Norman Elliott, Clinton Ely, W. F. Ainsley, D. H. Holliday, Addie Jones, F. T. Johnson, E. W. Mayes, J. E. Morris, Charles Skinner, Agnes T. Bryant, Charles Williford, and C. I. Barcliff, J. T. Britt, L. N. Hollowell, F. T. Johnson, J. R. Jarvis, B. G. Koonce, H. W. Lynch, C. F. Morris, E. M. Newby, Louis Nachman, Rev. B. C. Reavis, Simon Rittenburg, W. B. Tucker, Raymond Winslow, E. W. Mayes, T. W. White, C. R. Vann, J. R. Futrell, C. F. Sumner, Reginald Tucker and Howard Broughton.

## Wm. Paul Stallings Post Meets Tonight

The Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion will hold its regular meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock, in the Agriculture Building in Hertford, the Rev. J. D. Cranford, post commander, stated today. All members are urged to be present.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Riddick, of Portsmouth, Va., wish to announce the birth of a daughter, Mona Jeanne, born on January 28. The little lady weighed 8 pounds, one and three-quarter ounces. Mrs. Riddick is the former Miss Helen Layden.

## Free Tickets

The State Theatre, cooperating with the Perquimans War Finance Committee, is offering free tickets to a special showing of the motion picture, "Thousands Cheer," to persons buying Series E war bonds between now and February 10.

The tickets are now in the hands of the Hertford Banking Company and the Hertford Post Office, and individuals are being given tickets as they purchase bonds.

The movie will be shown on Thursday evening, February 10, at 9:15 o'clock.

## Negro Bound Over To Superior Court On Manslaughter Count

### Large Number of Cases Heard By Recorder Tuesday Morning

Recorder's Court Judge Charles E. Johnson, after hearing testimony presented in the case charging John Armistead, Negro, with manslaughter, growing out of an auto accident which happened on Saturday night, January 22, found probable cause against Armistead and bound him over for hearing at the April term of Superior Court. Bond for the defendant was set at \$750.

One of the largest dockets in recent weeks was disposed of by the court at Tuesday's session when the State took a nol pro in cases charging Lee Butts, Negro, with assault with a deadly weapon, Roosevelt Smith, charged with trespass, and John Armistead with reckless and drunken driving.

A verdict of not guilty was rendered in the case charging Mrs. Ruth Dail with abandonment.

Moses Copeland plead guilty to driving with improper lights and paid the costs of court.

Fred O'Mera was fined \$10 and costs, after pleading guilty to speeding.

Ellis Hunter was assessed court costs for driving with insufficient brakes.

B. S. Alexander entered a plea of guilty to driving under the influence of liquor and paid a fine of \$75 and costs of court.

S. P. Jessup was taxed \$25 and court costs for speeding.

Ernest Lee plead guilty to a charge of speeding and paid the costs of court.

Nevella Cox and Sadie Ferebee, colored, were found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and each was given a 30-day suspended sentence. The Cox woman was ordered to pay the costs of court and Sadie was fined \$5 and costs.

Theodore Cox was found guilty of assault and ordered to pay court costs.

W. T. Chappell paid the costs of court for driving with insufficient brakes.

P. M. Copeland, Frank Hassell and T. H. Small each entered a plea of guilty to being drunk and disorderly and each was taxed with court costs.

## Lt. T. J. Nixon Gets Purple Heart Medal, Cited By Commander

Lieutenant T. J. Nixon, III, U. S. N., son of Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Jr., of Hertford, has been presented the Purple Heart medal, awarded for injuries received in the Coral Sea battle. The award was made recently at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va.

Lieut. Nixon, some time ago, was also commended by the following citation from Admiral Nimitz: "For meritorious and heroic performance of duty in the line of his profession as Assistant Damage Control Officer of the U. S. S. Lexington, in action against Japanese forces in the Coral Sea on May 7 and 8, 1942. He displayed complete disregard for personal safety during the battle and assisted in keeping the ship on an even keel and in fighting condition. As a result of his actions, he contributed materially to the fighting efficiency of the ship, until badly wounded and rendered unconscious by an explosion in Central Station."

## Ration Board Gets Authority To Issue Hardship Gasoline

### Tire, Tube and Stove Quotas For February Announced This Week

Effective February 1, local ration boards will be allowed to issue from available gasoline allotments, rations to motorists who face personal necessities emergencies not already covered by OPA regulations, it was announced this week.

"This does not mean," an OPA official stated, "that there is any more gas available for rationing, nor can such hardship rations be used for business purposes."

Monthly quotas of hardship gasoline will be assigned each county and local boards will be required to stay within their allotment. Perquimans quota for this gas for February is 194 gallons.

Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Perquimans Board, announced this week the following quotas for February has been allotted for tires, tubes and stoves: Grade I tires, 84; Grade III tires, 48; passenger tubes, 81; truck tires, 34; truck tubes, 34; coal and wood heaters, 17; oil heaters, 2; coal and wood cook stoves, 10; oil cook stoves, 10.

Tire certificates issued during the week went to these motorists:

Grade I Tires—Charlie Dail, tire and tube; Joseph Carbone, tire and tube; C. R. Lane, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Vernon Ward, tire; Edgar Vietz, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Charlie Fowler, tire and tube; Edwin White, 2 tires and 2 tubes; D. T. Fisher, 2 tires; E. Y. Berry, 2 tires and 2 tubes; W. G. Hollowell, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Robert Beach, 2 tires and 2 tubes; E. A. Heinz, tire and tube; Max Campbell, 1 tube; Guthrie Joliff, 2 tubes.

Grade III—W. D. Simpson, 2 tires and 2 tubes; C. E. Cannon, tire and tube; Feison Hoffer, 2 tires; Martha Blanchard, tire and tube; Jeffrey White, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Oliver Layden, 2 tires; Claude Williams, tire and tube; Charlie Hudson, 2 tires; C. P. Quincy, Jr., tire and tube; J. E. Copeland, 2 tires, and D. C. Umphlett, 2 tires and 1 tube.

Truck Tires—W. H. Winslow, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Noah Felton, Jr., tire and tube; Major-Loomis, 3 tires and 3 tubes; Warner Madre, 2 tires and 2 tubes, and G. R. Mathews, 2 tractor tires.

## Ruth Nachman Weds Rex Stephenson At Kensington, Md.

The marriage of Miss Ruth Nachman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nachman, to Rex Hartwell Stephenson, Jr., U. S. Army Air Forces, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Stephenson, of Kensington, Md., took place January 24th, at the home of the bridegroom, with the Rev. George E. MacDorman officiating.

The bride wore a two-piece yellow suit with brown accessories, and her corsage was of orchids. Her only attendant was Miss Mary Lou Stephenson, sister of the bridegroom.

Mr. Stephenson had as his best man, his uncle, Horace S. Main. Mrs. Stephenson was one of Hertford's most popular young ladies. She is a graduate of Perquimans High School and attended Woman's College, Greensboro. She is employed in the office of the Post engineer at Camp Pendleton, Va.

Mr. Stephenson, prior to his entering the service, was connected with the North Carolina State Highway Commission.

## Catholic Religious Services Scheduled

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered every Sunday, first at Harvey Point Air Station at 8:45 a. m., second at St. Ann's Church, corner of N. Broad and Albemarle Streets, Edenton, at 11 a. m., third at Windsor Prisoners of War Labor Camp at 4:30 p. m. Confessions start at Harvey Point Air Station at 8 a. m., St. Ann's at 10:30 a. m., and Windsor Prisoners of War Labor Camp at 4 p. m., each service including Sermon, Holy Communion and concluding in 45 minutes, stated the Reverend Father Francis J. McCourt, Pastor and Chaplain.

Mass Friday, February 4, at 9 a. m. Everybody invited to all St. Ann's services.

## BOND SALES DURING FOURTH WAR LOAN DRIVE EXCEEDING PERQUIMANS QUOTA

### Test Blackout

Charles Whedbee, chairman of the Office of Civilian Defense, announced this week that he had been notified of a test blackout to be held in this area on Tuesday night, February 8.

The announcement stated that the red signal will be sounded at 9:30 o'clock, the blue signal at 9:45, and the all clear at 10:10 o'clock.

The public is urged to obey all blackout rules and cooperate to make this test successful. In previous blackouts here the local OCD has stated, tests were almost 100 per cent perfect.

## Armed Forces Take One Selectee From Last Group Of Men

### Call Received For 20 White Men Feb. 22nd; 11 Leave Tuesday

Morris Griffin, Jr., was the only Perquimans County youth accepted by the armed forces from the last contingent of selectees given their final examinations at Fort Bragg on January 25, according to reports received by the local draft board.

Fourteen men were included in the group.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, stated this week that a call for 20 white men has been received, and these will be ordered to report for pre-induction examinations on February 22nd.

The first group of Perquimans men who will report under the new regulations, whereby selectees receive pre-induction examinations before being ordered for duty, will be eleven Negroes, scheduled to report next Tuesday. These men are John Parker, Jr., Actavis Long, Jr., Earl Spence, Perry White, Luther James, Henry Riddick, Haywood Ferebee, James Shambles and Joseph Butts.

The percentage of men accepted for service reached the lowest mark yet with the call last week. It was understood that one or two other registrants had been held over for further examination, but it is thought that young Griffin will be the only youth accepted.

Under the new regulations, effective this week, men given examinations will learn through their local board whether they have been accepted or not. If accepted, they will not be called under 21 days, regardless of the branch of service they are assigned to duty.

## Benjamin Berry Dies At Home In Bethel Township Tuesday

Benjamin Augustus Berry, 86 years of age, died at his home in Bethel Township at one o'clock Tuesday afternoon, following an illness of several months.

Mr. Berry was born in Pasquotank County, but had lived in Perquimans most of his life. He was a member of the Christian Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Bateman Berry; two sons, B. C. and E. Y. Berry; one foster-daughter, Mrs. Grace Harrell, of Norfolk, Va., and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Lynch Funeral Home in Hertford at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, with the Rev. Howard G. Dawkins officiating. Interment was made in Cedarwood Cemetery.

## Local Resident Has Five Sons In Service

Many families of the county have at least one member in the service of the country, but the record for having the largest number, it is thought, belongs to J. F. Britt, who has five sons in the Army and Navy.

The boys, Lieut. J. H. Britt, Cpl. Sam Britt, Julian Britt and Alvin Britt, are members of the Army, while Carl Britt is in the Navy.

All of the boys were born and reared here, but according to the records, the county is not credited with any of them, as each entered the service from another county.

## Finance Committee Is Hopeful Sales Will Reach \$325,000

War bond sales in Perquimans County during the Fourth War Loan drive have exceeded the quota by 90 thousand dollars, R. M. Riddick, chairman of the War Finance Committee, announced on Monday of this week. The county's quota of \$227,000 was reached late last week and on Monday sales totaled \$317,112.50.

The committee expressed hope that, with the splendid cooperation being shown in this drive, the county sales will reach \$325,000 before the drive closes February 15.

Mr. Riddick stated, "We are moving up our quota a bit for we think the good people of this county will buy more bonds during the remainder of this drive to show the boys on the fighting line that we are backing them 100 per cent in providing the money needed to bring victory. The bonds purchased during this drive is the answer we can give to the news released on the treatment the Japs are giving our prisoners. Every dollar invested will help eliminate them."

It is believed that Perquimans is one of the first counties of the State to have reached its quota during the Fourth War Loan, and G. T. Leimbach, State chairman of the drive, has written the local committee and congratulated the county for the splendid results obtained.

In commenting on the county going over the top in sales, Mr. Riddick pointed out that the success of the drive is due to the hard work done by the solicitors and to the county school organization which has rendered a big hand in selling bonds. Every school child, teacher, principal and the superintendent has worked toward making this drive a success, he said.

The quota was reached eight days after the drive opened and sales of Series E bonds now stand at \$45,612, which is a little short of the goal for this type of bond.

The committee urges people who have not yet purchased bonds to buy them now, while the drive is still on to help reach the new goal.

## Perquimans Indians Making Fine Record On Hardwood Court

In winning two basketball games over the week-end the Perquimans Indians have improved their standing for the season by winning four out of five games, while the girls' team has broken even, winning two and losing two.

The local teams played and defeated the Moyock High School teams last Friday night, the boys winning 28 to 11, while the Squaws won 32-20.

On Monday the locals went to Edenton, where the Indians downed the Aces 26 to 23, but the Squaws lost by a 16-10 margin.

Both of the Perquimans teams have shown improvement as the season has advanced and Coaches Max Campbell and Howard Dawkins expect their proteges to finish the season in a blaze of glory.

Two games are on tap for this week-end, when Elizabeth City High School and Chowan High School come here for games on Thursday and Friday nights. The games will start at 7:30 o'clock and local fans are urged to turn out for the exhibitions.

In the games at Moyock the local teams completely outclassed the host teams and the outcome of the games was never in doubt. The Squaws, led by Mildred Webb, were behind 3-2 at the end of the quarter, but had a lead of 12-5 at half-time and increased the margin before the end of the game. Margaret Divers was also effective on the offensive for the local six, while Godwin, C. Mathews and A. Mathews were best on the defense.

The Indians played their best game of the season at Moyock and outclassed the host team in all departments of the game. Wood, W. B. Jones and Dail were high point getters, while Perry and D. Jones played best on defense.

In the Edenton game the Indians led off by tallying four points during the first quarter and led at half-time 12 to 9. Both teams rallied during the final half, but Perquimans managed to maintain their lead and the game ended with the Indians holding a three-point edge.