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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Judging from reports from some war correspondents, it is possible that some explanation may be forthcoming regarding the slow advance of Allied forces, which established a beachhead at Nattuno. The Germans, it is reported, have now seized the offensive in this sector and are pounding Allied positions with artillery. It has been announced that adverse weather conditions have slowed Allied advancement, but seemingly there has been some miscalculation which has caused the Allies to lose the advantage gained by the surprise attack.

The Navy reported Wednesday that fighting on the Kwajalein atoll in Marshalls had ceased with American forces in complete control of the island. The Japs are reported to have been wiped out or to have fled, and little opposition is reported from Jap planes or ships. The winning of this position, according to a Navy release, cost 286 American lives compared with 8,122 dead Japs. Following up the capture of Marshall, American warships attacked the important Jap base of Paramushiro this week and shelled the base for more than twenty minutes.

Fighting on the Russian front continued slowly this week with the Red Army moving farther into Estonia and Old Poland. In the south of Russia Red Army forces captured the town of Nikopol, from which Hitler has been receiving large stores of ore used in manufacturing steel products. The Reds are reported to have trapped 75,000 Germans in this latest attack. Red air forces, this week, raided the Finnish capital of Helsinki, setting fires which raged for several days. Russia had warned Finland to get out of the war or suffer the consequences. Residents of Helsinki are reported leaving the city, but no statement has been issued by Finnish leaders regarding possible peace.

The Senate, on Tuesday, voted to attack the soldier voting bill to one passed by itself and the House earlier in the year, then submit both to conference for possible action. The bill, calling for a Federal ballot for soldiers, it is thought, will not pass.

Governor Broughton acted this week to relieve a serious gasoline shortage throughout the State. Authorities in Washington promised additional allotments will be shipped into the State at once to aid in restoring transportation and farm work which had practically come to a stand-still in many parts of North Carolina.

Legion Post Receives Cards From Soldiers And Thanks For Fags

Members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post, No. 126, of the American Legion, have received cards of thanks from Sgt. Clinton L. Smith and Lt. Bernard L. Lormier, both stationed in North Africa, for the cigarettes supplied to men of their companies.

The cigarettes are sent to the men overseas by the local Post from funds collected in the small glass banks placed in many of the business places in Hertford. The response to this silent campaign has been splendid, according to J. D. Cranford, Post commander, who said in releasing the statements from the service men, "We are thankful to those who have contributed to this fund and we hope they will continue to help us provide smokes for the boys."

Sgt. Smith, on his card to the Post, said: "In behalf of the men of my organization, I wish to thank you for the fifty cartons of cigarettes you so kindly sent. I don't believe I need tell you 'Ed Yard Birds' how well a smoke can make a fellow feel—At Ease."

Boy Scouts Celebrate Anniversary Week

This week is being observed as National Boy Scout Week throughout the nation and tribute is being paid to thousands of boys as members of the Scout organization.

Although the Hertford troop plans no special celebration, it is pertinent to remind the public that the local troop is an outstanding one and its record for aiding in war work is excellent. The local Scouts have assisted the local OCD in all black-outs and have conducted numerous drives for aiding the war effort. The boys are now working on a waste paper campaign to help solve the paper shortage, and the collection of waste paper is expected to be good.

FIRE CONTROL PROBLEM AGAIN BEFORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; WARDEN QUILTS

Applications Sought For An Appointee; Control Tower to Be Constructed

Following several costly forest fires in various parts of the county last week, the question of fire control was again before the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting Monday.

The Board was notified that Jim Carver, county fire warden, had resigned the position effective February 15, and it was agreed by the members that a reorganization of the county fire control system was needed. A representative of the State Board of Conservation attended and requested the Board to ask for applications for filling the position as county fire warden, and stated it was believed as soon as a new warden is appointed, the system can be organized here to give greater efficiency.

The fire warden's job is one that can be worked in connection with other duties, and persons desiring to make application for the post are requested to contact J. W. Ward, clerk of the Board of Commissioners.

It was announced in the meeting that a look-out tower to aid in fire control will be constructed soon upon county property, near Winfall. This tower will stand 100 feet in the air and a warden will be stationed at the tower during fire seasons to watch for fires and report them to the fire warden.

The Board authorized its clerk to write the State Highway Commission and request that certain road repairs be made on a section of the Turnpike, in Belvidere Township, which is now reported to be almost impassable.

Mr. Ward, who also serves as tax supervisor, told the Board that most of the tax lists had completed the job of listing taxes for 1944, and a report will be made by each of them on Friday. It is thought a large per cent of tax payers have listed, but those who have not listed are reminded that a penalty is added for not listing, and they are reminded to list as soon, now, as possible.

Federation Of Music Clubs Seek To Buy Units For U. S. Troops

The North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, observing War Service Month during February, is cooperating with the National Federation in a project to provide record albums and musical units for the men and women of the U. S. Armed Forces.

Mrs. Thomas Nixon has been named as chairman of the Perquimans County drive for funds to buy these items for our service people.

She has announced that no concentrated drive will be conducted, but people who desire to help furnish musical recreation to our service men are requested to give their contributions to one of the following persons named to assist Mrs. Nixon in Perquimans, Miss Frances Maness, Miss Kate Blanchard, Mrs. I. A. Ward, Mrs. R. M. Riddick, Mrs. Louis Nachman, Miss Mary Sumner, F. T. Johnson or Max Campbell.

The funds collected here will be sent to the State headquarters and used with other funds to buy the albums and units. It was announced that the record albums cost \$25 and the musical units \$100 each.

USO To Open Local Office February 28

Abe Martin, temporary director of the Hertford USO, stated this week that plans call for the opening of a local USO office on February 28. While the contractor has not yet arrived to begin renovation of the Morgan building, which will house the center, the organization plans to have everything in readiness for opening the recreational center just as soon as the contractor completes the work.

Miss Helene Nixon has been named as secretary for the temporary director, and she will be in charge of the local office when it is opened.

Mr. Martin announced that plans for the center call for a lounging room, a snack bar and the office on the ground floor of the building, while a quiet room, play room and social room will be located on the second floor. Furnishings for the center have all been ordered and some of these fixtures are already arriving.

Blackout Tuesday Night Successful

The test black-out held throughout this district Tuesday night was termed successful so far as Hertford was concerned by the local office of Civilian Defense.

The black-out was ordered by the Army and began at 9:30 o'clock, with the Red signal, and lasted until 10:10 o'clock.

The officials of the local OCD conducted their usual duties during the black-out and, according to checks all residents of the town cooperated fully during the test.

Gregg Cherry Opens Political Campaign By Naming Manager

R. Gregg Cherry, candidate for Governor, fired the opening gun in the battle of politics this year by naming William B. Umstead, of Durham, to serve as his campaign manager.

This action by Mr. Cherry is expected to start the ball rolling, with other candidates for the various offices naming managers and making announcements for office.

Little interest is being displayed here in the coming elections, although many important offices are to be filled. Candidates already announced are Mr. Cherry and Ralph MacDonald for Governor; Clyde Hoey and Morrison will oppose each other for the seat of Robert Reynolds while W. I. Halstead and L. Y. Ballentine will battle each other for the office of Lieutenant-Governor.

With only the offices of Register of Deeds, Representative, Recorder's Court Judge and those of County Commissioners at stake locally, this year, it is likely that a small vote will be cast in the primary in May. However, action on the part of the senatorial and gubernatorial candidates may increase local interest as the day of election draws nearer.

No announcement has been made by candidates who would seek the office of Congressman from this District, but it is a foregone conclusion that Herbert C. Bonner will be a candidate to succeed himself, with possibly no opposition.

In naming Mr. Umstead to manage his campaign Candidate Cherry said, "I wish to make an active and thorough campaign, during which I hope to visit every section of the State. Since I announced my candidacy, I have received an ever-increasing number of pledges of support from every county in North Carolina."

26 Applications For Tires And Tubes Are Passed By Board

A total of 26 applications for tires and tubes were passed by the local ration board during the past week, Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Board, said Monday.

Certificates of purchase were issued to the following motorists for Grade I tires: Alfred Winslow, tire; William T. Wheelbee, 2 tires and 2 tubes; C. E. Vick, 2 tires; W. Q. Hurdle, tire and tube; Wright Demery, tire; M. C. Boyce, tire and tube; M. H. Elliott, tire and tube; W. J. Scarpino, 2 tires; V. L. Proctor, tube; Major-Loomis, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Mrs. Nellie Chappell, 2 tires and 2 tubes; M. S. Beasley, tire and tube; R. E. Mathews, 2 tubes; E. E. Morse, tire and tube; P. H. Luke, tire and tube.

Grade III: Hollowell Chevrolet Co., 4 tires and 4 tubes; Llewellyn Embury, 3 tires and 2 tubes; John Felton, 2 tires; John Tolson, 2 tires; Richard Kingsbury, tire and tube, and Theodore Felton, 2 tires and 2 tubes.

Truck Tires: H. W. Winslow, tire and tube; J. Oliver White, tire and tube; Murray Elliott, tire and tube; Major-Loomis Co., tire and tube, and Earl Morse, 4 tractor tires and 4 tubes.

Lions Club To Assist With Boy Scout Work

The Hertford Lions Club, meeting last Friday night, appointed Joe H. Towse as the Club representative to work with the Rotary Club in carrying out the Boy Scout activities of Hertford.

The Club voted funds to furnish glasses to two needy persons and it was announced that two members will be appointed each meeting to provide programs, a prize to be awarded for the best program presented during a series of meetings.

Colored Inductees Left Thursday For Service In Army

New Regulations Are In Effect; 20 White Men Called Feb. 22

Six more Perquimans County men have left to join the U. S. Armed forces. The inductees, all Negroes, were Horace Jones, Roy Sutton, Charlie E. Skinner, John Webb, Oscar Green and Arthur Jones. They left Thursday for Fort Bragg, where they will receive army assignments. This group represents the local registrants accepted from the January call for Negroes.

Two white youths were accepted from the white quota during last month, these being Morris Griffin, Jr., who will leave for duty on February 16, and Roy Lane, who will report at a later date.

A call for 20 white men to report on February 22 for their preinduction examinations has been received by the local draft board, but Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, stated it is doubtful if the quota will be filled. Eleven Negroes left for camp last Tuesday for their pre-induction physicals, but no report on them had been received at the time The Weekly went to press.

These men will be the first from this county to be examined under the new Selective Service regulations, whereby registrants are given their examinations before being notified to report for induction. The men will no longer be told at Fort Bragg whether they are accepted or not, but will be notified by their local board, after arriving back home. Then they will be subject to call within 21 days to begin active training.

Mrs. Sumner stated that there is no foundation to the rumor going around that a registrant can not ask for a deferment more than once. The new regulations do, however, point out that registrants between 18 and 22 should not be deferred, unless engaged in farming and having enough war units to be classified essential.

Final Rites For Mrs. Effie W. Elliott Held Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Effie Winslow Elliott, wife of J. F. Elliott, died at her home on Grubb Street early Saturday morning, after an illness of short duration.

Surviving, besides the husband, are four daughters, Misses Thelma and Ruth Elliott and Mrs. D. H. Holliday, all of Hertford, and Mrs. Charles H. Godwin, Jr., of Williamston; two brothers, Walter and Oscar Winslow, of Perquimans County; a sister, Mrs. E. L. Winslow, of South Mills, and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the home by the Rev. A. G. Stephenson, pastor of the Anderson Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. B. G. Reavis, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

Members of the choir of the Hertford Methodist Church sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Asleep in Jesus," and at the graveside "Abide With Me."

The casket was covered with a pall of red roses and white carnations. Pallbearers were: Julian A. White, Riley S. Mondis, Carlton Cannon, Ben Thatch, Jr., Thomas and Charles Ford Sumner.

Flower girls were members of the Mary Towe Missionary Society of the Hertford Methodist Church. Interment was in Cedarwood cemetery.

Belvidere Resident Dies At Home Monday

Mrs. Sue Eason, widow of the late Horace Eason of Belvidere, died at her home at 2 o'clock Monday morning.

Mrs. Eason is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Arma Lea Myers and Mrs. Georgia Roberts, of Norfolk, Va., Miss Ethel Eason, of Belvidere, and Mrs. Allie Gregory, of Newland; one son, Tom Eason, of Belvidere, and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, at the home in Belvidere.

WOUNDED IN ACTION
Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Lane have been informed that their son, Staff Sergeant Keary Lee Lane, has been wounded in action.

PERQUIMANS FIRST COUNTY IN REGION TO PASS QUOTA IN FOURTH WAR LOAN

Added Prize

Another prize has been added to the list of awards to be given for the best bond sales during the Fourth War Loan, R. M. Riddick, chairman of the Finance Committee, announced this week.

Mr. Riddick stated that a German combat helmet, used during World War I, had been donated to be given as an award to the girl in Perquimans County who sells the largest number of bonds during the drive. The helmet is now on display at the Hertford bank, and has a hole through the top, evidently caused by a shell fragment during fighting in that war.

Perquimans Court Teams Continue Winning Streak

The Perquimans High School basketball team chalked up its fourth and fifth consecutive victories during the past week-end by defeating the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets on Thursday night by a score of 30 to 15, then came back Friday night to beat the Chowan quintet 42-14.

The Perquimans girls' team also won two games by beating the Elizabeth City girls 20-15, and winning easily from the Chowan sextet 51 to 24.

The Indians completely outclassed the Yellow Jackets in floor work and shooting. Off to a 4-2 lead, the local five were ahead 12 to 6 at the end of the first period, and had an eight point lead at half time. Each team tallied four points during the third quarter, but the Indians came back strong in the final period to hit for ten points, while holding the visitors to 3. Final score was Perquimans 30, Elizabeth City 15.

The entire Perquimans team played a good brand of basketball and the scoring was evenly divided between Dail, W. B. Jones, White and Berry.

The Indians, playing Chowan for the second time this season, were too much for the neighboring boys and won by the lopsided score of 42-14. Coach Max Campbell used the entire squad in the game with Chowan and each of the boys gave a good account of himself. Wood hit for two baskets, W. B. Jones got four two pointers, Dail tallied eight from the field, and Berry hit the loop four times.

The Indians led 10-3 at the end of the first quarter and held the visit- (Continued on Page Two)

Construction Work On Housing Project Progressing Rapidly

The construction work on the Hertford housing project is moving along at a rapid rate, with the Player Construction Company in charge of building the new houses on the old trailer camp site.

The frame work for several houses is already in place and the foundation work for many more has already been completed. However, it is not known as yet just when the houses will be completed and ready for occupancy.

It is, also, not known just how the houses will be managed, that is whether they are to be sold immediately, or if some of them will be available as rentals. It is thought that as the houses near completion, officials of the Albemarle Housing Company, which will control the project, will let these facts be known.

Lt. Clifford C. Byrum In Army Medical School

Lieut. Clifford C. Byrum, son of the Rev. John Byrum, of Tyner, is now training with several hundred new Medical Corps officers in the Army's new MRTC School, which opened January 10, according to an announcement received here this week.

Open House At Baptist Parsonage Friday Night

The Rev. and Mrs. Howard G. Dawkins will be at home to the members of the Hertford Baptist Church and Sunday School and their families on Friday night, February 11, from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Sales Reach Total of \$371,368 on Monday; Series E Bond Sale Slightly Off

Despite reports to the contrary, Perquimans County was the first in reaching its Fourth War Loan quota of the counties in the First Region, it was announced here this week. R. M. Riddick, chairman of the War Finance Committee, stated that he had been informed thus by G. T. Leinbach, State chairman.

Perquimans and Bertie Counties were reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond to have reached their quotas on February 4, but the local chairman points out that we passed our quota of \$227,000 on January 28.

Sales in this county during the Fourth War Loan, according to present figures, are reaching new highs and may be the greatest war bond sales ever recorded in Perquimans.

Mr. Riddick announced that sales of all types of bonds up to Monday night totaled \$371,368.75. This is \$144,368.74 above the county's quota, or 63 per cent. It is believed that this percentage is higher than in any nearby county.

The sale of Series E bonds, the ones the Treasury is urging individuals to purchase, is slightly behind the county's goal, according to the figures released this week. Sales amounted to \$56,868.75, while the quota is \$68,700. It is believed that this percentage is higher than in any nearby county.

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Persons who are participating in the drive, acting as solicitors, are reminded of the War Bond prizes being offered for the best sales records during the drive. A \$25 bond will be awarded to the person selling the greatest amount in bonds, and a \$25 bond will be awarded the person selling the largest number of bonds. Prizes will also be awarded to school children who have been doing a swell job in soliciting and selling bonds during the Fourth War Loan.

Usual Round Up Of Cases Heard Tuesday By Recorder Judge

Nine cases, ranging in charges from drunkenness to non-support, were quickly disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning.

Penelope Riddick, Negro, paid the costs of court, after pleading guilty to driving with insufficient brakes. Michael Saba plead guilty to speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

William Wright, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of non-support of his child and was ordered to pay the sum of \$3 per week for same.

Jay Dunbar was fined \$10 and ordered to pay court costs for speeding.

Charlie Craig plead guilty to a charge of speeding and was fined \$20 and court costs.

Elihu Holley was assessed costs of court on a charge of being drunk.

Richard Spruill, Negro, failed to appear to answer to a charge of driving with improper license and a capias was ordered issued and the defendant held on a \$50 bond.

Lloyd Reed was taxed with court costs for failing to display proper license on his car.

Dennis and Laura Revells, Negroes, was each fined \$10, after pleading guilty to assaulting each other.

Charlie King plead guilty to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and court costs.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Chappell announce the birth of a daughter, Linda Ward, born on February 3. The little lady weighed 8½ pounds.

NEW HOPE SOCIETY MEETS

The Minnie Costen White Society of Christian Service will meet at New Hope Methodist Church, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are urged to be present. Visitors are cordially invited.