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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

News from the Italian war front appeared brighter this week with Allied Headquarters reporting the beachhead at Anzio firmly established and attacks from the Nazis beaten back. On the southern Italian front, the Allies, re-inforced by air power, blasted a monastery in which the Germans were holding up the advance of the Fifth Armies. The Nazis had converted the monastery into a fortress and were using it as a shield against the Americans and British.

Unconfirmed reports from Sweden this week state that Finland is preparing to get out of the war by making peace with Russia. It was reported Finn peace envoys had arrived in Sweden to confer with Russian officials. A report on Wednesday announced the Germans were believed to be preparing to remove troops from Finland before peace is concluded. The Reds heavily bombed Finland twice last week as a last warning for them to withdraw before Red forces overran the small nation.

While American troops were consolidating their hold in the Marshall Islands this week, forces under General MacArthur completed a conquest of the Solomons, and reports from the Pacific indicate that the remaining Jap forces on the Solomons are trapped and doomed to die. The Japs made their first attack by air on American positions in the Marshalls this week, but were beaten back with damage to newly installed U. S. positions reported as moderate.

American and British bombers teamed up this week to hit at the invasion coast of France, probably as a prelude to the coming invasion of Europe. The bombers blasted France with one of the heaviest attacks of recent weeks. Little opposition was reported from German airmen.

Fighting on the Russian front continued to be a fierce battle between the Reds and Nazis. Moscow reported a total of 33,000 Germans had been killed on the Southern front, near Cherkassy, as the Russian troops tightened the circle around the ten German divisions trapped there. In the north the Reds are slowly moving westward in the Baltic nation of Estonia and in Old Poland.

Wendell Willkie, regarded by most people as a candidate for the GOP nomination for President, formally announced himself this week and stated he would enter his name in the Oregon primary. He stated he intends to campaign actively in every state in the Union.

Peanut Delegation In Capital; Seeking Better Crop Prices

In the hope of achieving at least a parity price for the 1944 peanut crop, a delegation of North Carolinians representing the peanut growers of the State conferred yesterday, February 17, with officials of the Commodity Credit Corporation at Washington.

The State delegates joined other similar groups from other states and the whole session of prices and marketing methods for the 1944 crop was discussed. A tentative program for the crop, which has been outlined by the War Food Administration, sets the price of peanuts at \$1.50 per ton, compared with \$1.40 per ton last year.

Dentist Equipment On Way; Office Expected To Be Open Soon

Dr. Allan B. Bonner notified Mayor V. N. Darden this week that he had shipped his dental equipment to Hertford and expected to have it installed in his office here before the end of this week.

An announcement of the opening of his office will be made later, it was said.

Dr. Bonner has rented the office building occupied by Dr. Zachary, and will arrive soon to begin his practice here.

RED CROSS CHAPTER DRAWING PLANS FOR DRIVE TO RAISE FUNDS DURING MARCH

Quota Expected to Be Around \$5,000 In Annual Drive For War Funds

Members of the Perquimans County chapter of the Red Cross are now making plans for conducting one of the most intensive fund raising campaigns ever held in this county in anticipation of raising the county's quota in the annual Red Cross drive to be held during the month of March.

Mrs. C. P. Morris, who has successfully acted as chairman of previous drives, will again serve as head of the campaign next month.

Following the practice used last year, the drive will combine the annual roll call and the drive for funds to carry out the work the Red Cross is doing on the many battle fronts of the world.

However, it will be necessary for the Red Cross to request probably the largest amount ever asked of the American public in order for the organization to continue the tremendous job which confronts it.

Official figures expected to be raised during the drive have not yet been released, but local Red Cross authorities believe that Perquimans County will be asked to contribute somewhere near \$5,000, or about double the amount asked for last year. Contributions last year were somewhat above the quota, but did not reach a figure near what this year's amount is expected to be.

The local chapter is expected to conduct this drive along similar lines to last year's campaign, and an effort will be made to contact every person in the county for contributions. The public should give serious thought to this drive, as it is one of the most important ones of the present times. The money needed by the Red Cross today is far more than in ordinary times, and one should remember that for every dollar contributed some American in the armed forces may receive aid and medical care that might save his life because the Red Cross will be able to be on the job to render that aid.

Trespass Case Goes To Superior Court On Defendant's Appeal

Nine cases were disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court here on Tuesday morning in what might have been a short session had it not been for the case charging Joe Butts and Ethel Butts with trespassing. A lengthy trial ensued over this case, and when Judge Johnson found the defendant guilty and continued prayer for judgment, a motion of appeal was noted and the case set up on the docket of Superior Court for hearing in April.

Willie Jeannette, Negro, was found guilty of simple assault and ordered to pay the costs of court.

William Thompson was assessed the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Linwood Hill, Negro, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and was fined with court costs.

Raymond Burcham was assessed court costs after pleading guilty to being drunk and disorderly.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case charging James Riddick, Negro, with using profanity.

John Copeland filed reply to a charge of speeding and paid the fine of \$10 and court costs.

Willie Johnson, charged with reckless driving, failed to appear to answer to the charge and his bond of \$25 was ordered forfeited.

Willie Red Smith also failed to appear in court to answer a charge of speeding. A copy of the defendant was ordered issued and that he be held on a bond of \$300.

Revenue Official To Aid With Tax Reports

Nate Parker, deputy collector of revenue, announced today that he will be in Hertford at the court house, on February 23 and 24 for the purpose of assisting taxpayers to file their national income tax returns.

He stated that he will be unable to assist taxpayers effectively unless they come prepared to furnish necessary information, such as having Form W-2, furnished by employer showing amount of wages received and tax withheld; Form 1125 sent by Collector of Internal Revenue and an accurate record of all other income besides wages received in 1943.

In Pacific Area



TRACY WINSLOW
Another Perquimans youth who is seeing action in the Pacific area is Tracy Winslow, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Winslow, Route 2, Hertford. Tracy has been in the Navy since July 6, 1942.

County Office Soil Conservation Dist. Opened; Work Begins

F. A. McGoogan, who has been named to serve as Work Unit Leader for Perquimans County in the Albemarle Soil Conservation district, has arrived in Hertford and opened offices for the county in the Hertford Bank Building.

The Albemarle District was formed in 1943 and includes all of Chowan and Perquimans Counties, "with the exception of town and village lots and lands owned by, or under the jurisdiction of the United States. It covers an area of more than 282,000 acres. Control of the work and activities of this Soil Conservation District is vested in a board of supervisors composed of A. T. Lane, chairman; T. C. Byrum of Chowan County, secretary; E. M. Perry, John T. Lane and E. N. Elliott of Chowan.

The local office, just opened, is to serve the farmers of Perquimans and those wishing to avail themselves of the service and benefits of the District may contact any of the above supervisors, Mr. McGoogan or L. W. Anderson, County Agent.

Some of the work carried on by the Conservation District is making complete soils maps of farms, showing degree of erosion, slope and type of soil; inspecting farms at farmers convenience and helping to develop farm plans which may include one or more of the following: crop rotation, cover crops, drainage, terracing, pasture improvement, woodland improvement, wild life etc., assist in establishing any of the above practices needed on farms.

Mr. McGoogan, in talking about the work of the Soil Conservation District, announced that any assistance obtained will be without cost to the farmer, except for whatever materials, seed, plants or fertilizer he may agree to make use of in his farm conservation plan.

He added that several farmers of Perquimans have already made plans to improve land through the assistance of the Conservation District.

New Industry Opens In County Soon

Perquimans County will have another new industry just as soon as the Harper & Estleman Company establish their pickle plant at the Elmwood Farms Dairy, which they leased from B. B. Dawson recently.

The firm, whose home offices are at Hurlock, Md., is now moving equipment into the building near Winfall and will start operation as soon as the year's crop is produced.

The company is now contracting with farmers of this area for pickles, and interested persons may write the company, or contact J. M. Davis, at the plant. Mr. Davis will be the manager of the local plant.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Smith, of Route Three, announce the birth of a daughter on Monday, February 14, at Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City. Mrs. Smith is the former Miss Maxine Griffin.

12 White Selectees Ordered To Report Preinduction Exam

Second Group to Fort Bragg Under New Regulations

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Perquimans Draft Board, stated that orders to report for pre-induction physical examinations have been mailed to 12 white selectees this week and these men will leave here for Fort Bragg next Tuesday morning.

The men ordered to report were: Royce Vickers, Willis Jessup, Elwood White, Ervin Ivey, Edward Jordan, Martin Towe, Raymond Lewis, Eugene Byrum, Charlie Elliott, Raymond Kermit Lane, Tony Ferrell and Jack Hopkins.

This will be the second group of selectees from this county to have taken pre-induction examinations under the new Selective Service system, whereby a manpower pool will be built up to fill future calls for the armed forces.

A group of Negro Selectees was given examinations last week, but no official word has been received as to how many of the group were acceptable for service and thus marked 1-A.

Under the new system, these selectees will return home and await a call to begin training, which will be received not sooner than 21 days after the examinations.

Mrs. Sumner also announced, in order to enlighten selectees regarding their rights, that the privilege of appealing is still open to registrants under this new set-up. However, a registrant must notify his board of his intention of appealing before he leaves to take his pre-induction examination. That is after the board has ordered him to appear for this examination. In the event that a registrant is not accepted by the Armed forces and he is placed in 4-F, then his appeal is disregarded. This system relieves the local and district boards of handling so many appeal cases.

Morris Griffin, Jr., who was accepted for service and will leave soon for training, was a volunteer at the time he took his examination, it was stated this week.

Indians Drop Games To Elizabeth City; Win Over South Mills

After marking up six straight victories, the Perquimans High School basketball team faltered in a game against the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets Tuesday night and lost by a score of 45-26.

The game was hard-fought throughout, and the one-sided score does not indicate the hard playing done by the local quintet. The Indians defeated Elizabeth City, on the local court, earlier in the season 30-15.

The Indians jumped into a 2-0 lead at the outset of the game, which was played on the Jackets' floor, but Elizabeth City soon overcame the Indians' lead and was ahead at the end of the quarter 10-5. During the second period the Indians played about even with the Jackets and the score at half-time was 19-13, Elizabeth City.

During the second half, the Yellow Jackets, led by their tall center, Bamnigh, hit the hoop from all angles on the floor and soon held a commanding lead which the Indians could not overcome.

The game was exceedingly rough and was out of the hands of the officials on one or two occasions. A total of 25 personal fouls was called during the game. D. Jones was (Continued on Page Two)

World Day Of Prayer At Methodist Church

A World Day of Prayer will be observed next Friday afternoon, February 25, at the Hertford Methodist Church, at 3:30 o'clock.

An excellent program is being arranged by those in charge and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Knitters Wanted

The Perquimans Chapter of the Red Cross today issued a call for volunteers to join the local knitting classes of the Red Cross to knit sweaters for men in service.

Persons wishing to assist in this work are requested to see Miss Kate Blanchard, who has the necessary materials.

PERQUIMANS TOPS STATE IN PERCENTAGE OF BOND SALES IN FOURTH WAR LOAN

Aid For Veterans

Perquimans County veterans of World War II, who are eligible for mustering-out pay, are asked to contact members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion if they find difficulties in preparing their applications, it was announced here this week.

Veterans discharged from the service, after December 7, 1941, and before February 3, 1944, are eligible for mustering-out pay, providing they were discharged under honorable conditions; did not receive their discharge to accept employment, or were not members of the Army Specialized Training Program.

Any veteran who is in doubt regarding his eligibility, should also contact the local American Legion Post which will gladly aid veterans in making proper application and to the proper authorities. It is understood that veterans whose homes were in this State when inducted should apply for mustering-out pay to the Finance Officer, U. S. Army, Mutual Building, 909 East Main Street, Richmond, Va.

OPA Ruling Causes Changes In Hertford Milk Distribution

Hertford's milk supply, which has been quite a problem during recent months, received another jolt late last week when the Office of Price Administration ordered J. Oliver White, local distributor, to cease distribution at prices above the OPA ceiling.

Mr. White, who purchased his supply of milk for the Hertford area, in order to maintain his business and operate it with at least enough profit to stay in business, had been charging 20 cents per quart for milk. Under existing conditions, Mr. White announced that he could not continue to operate his distribution service on the scale of previous months at charging only the ceiling price of 17 cents per quart.

On receipt of OPA orders, Mr. White discontinued his delivery system and made application to the OPA to permit him to charge a fair price in his area and thus resume his distribution of milk on a retail scale.

An OPA representative conferred with Mr. White here last Saturday and a plan was worked out whereby people of this community may obtain milk from local stores at the price of 17 cents per quart. These stores are cooperating on a non-profit basis with Mr. White in order that the people may obtain milk. The stores which will handle milk are Fred Winslow, Winfall; J. C. Blanchard, Central Grocery and W. H. Barber.

The public may buy milk at these stores during the afternoons, when the supply is brought here from the dairy in Elizabeth City.

An attempt will be made to maintain this system until some action is taken by the OPA on Mr. White's application for increase in price for this area, which will permit him to resume house-to-house delivery.

Local Police Working On Series Of Crimes Committed Last Week

A small sized crime wave broke out in Hertford during the past weekend when two cars were stolen and several auto and bicycle tires were slashed by unknown criminals.

Local police authorities are working on the series of crimes, but according to information released early this week, few clues were available.

Cars owned by R. Tim Brinn and a Mr. Rountree were stolen from their parking places near their respective homes. The Brinn car was later recovered near Edenton, but had been badly abused and damaged.

Auto tires on cars owned by Sam Long and Policeman Bob White were destroyed when cut, while the cars were parked near the corner of Church and Grubb Streets last Thursday night. Several tires on bicycles were cut the next night near the State Theatre.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sergeant and Mrs. J. W. Paul, of Ogden, Utah, announce the birth of a son, weighing 9 pounds, on February 7th. Mrs. Paul is the former Miss Maude Keaton.

Chairman Reports Local Figures Reach Total of \$473,808.50

Out of 47 counties in North Carolina reported by State Chairman C. T. Leinbach to have over-subscribed their quotas for the Fourth War Loan, Perquimans led the entire list with a larger percentage in excess of its quota.

Total sales of war bonds in the county during the drive, which ended Tuesday, amounted to \$473,808.50, according to R. M. Riddick, local chairman. Sales of Series E bonds totaled \$86,660.50. The excess of the county's quota was 208 percent.

Mr. Leinbach, in a letter to Mr. Riddick on Monday, stated: "I congratulate you upon the wonderful record your county is making in the sale of E bonds. According to reports received by me this morning (February 14) your total sales for all bonds was \$425,000, which is approximately 187% of your county quota. That is a larger percentage of excess over your quota than any other county in the State."

The Fourth War Loan was over-subscribed throughout the nation, more than 14 billions of dollars worth of bonds being purchased. However, the sale of E bonds was less than the Treasury Department had set as a goal. Sale of E bonds during the balance of the month will count toward the war loan goal.

The results obtained here are more than gratifying. It is conclusive proof that the people of this county are backing the boys of our armed forces in their drive for victory over the Axis. The splendid sales, too, show the work done by the local War Finance Committee and those who solicited bonds during the drive.

The hundreds of orders for bonds purchased here during the drive have not yet been tallied to find the winners of the prizes offered by the committee. Neither have the records of the various school children been counted, but a check will be made today and an announcement of the winners will be carried in this paper next week.

The record set on the sales of E bonds here was in a great part the work of the school students who sold a tremendous number of applications.

Contract With Power Company Discussed At Town Meeting

A possibility looms that the Town of Hertford may, when its present contract with the Virginia Power and Electric Company terminates in 1946, purchase diesel engines and manufacture its own power for consumers now served by the Town.

At a meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Monday night, Town Attorney Charles E. Johnson was authorized to notify the Virginia Power and Electric Company that the Town had no intention of renewing its present contract unless the Power Company makes some reductions in the present rate for furnishing power to the Town.

Part of the high cost of electricity here in Hertford is now due to many charges made by the Power Company against the Town for service, and this in turn must be paid for by the local consumers.

The present contract with the Power Company terminates in 1946, but it is understood that, according to the terms of the contract, it can not be broken unless either party properly notifies the other at least two years before the expiration of the contract.

The possibility that the Town Board will be able to purchase suitable machinery by that time for the purpose of manufacturing power is very likely and under such conditions will be able to show greater profits in the power department than are being shown at the present time.

Patrolman Injured In Accident Monday

State Highway Patrolman Charles Payne suffered minor injuries early Monday morning when his car, which he was driving along the fill at Williamston, skidded on ice and overturned down the embankment.

The floors of the bridges along the fill were coated with ice, while the highway was clear, Mr. Payne said, and when his car passed through the first bridge it started to skid and he was unable to control it.