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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The German troops in southern Russia face a Dunkirk, according to reports from Turkey, which state the Russians have broken through German lines in the Ukraine and are encircling German forces around Odessa. Moscow reports Red success in the fighting along the southern front. The important town of Kherston has been captured and hundreds of Nazis killed or captured. The reports from Turkey state that the Germans may attempt to withdraw by sea from Odessa and re-establish lines in Rumania. Finland is reported to have rejected the Russian terms for peace and there is the possibility of heavy Red attacks in the north sector coming up to finish the knock-out blow against the Finns.

Rain and mud continue to halt the fighting in Italy. However, Allied planes are bombing German installations and communications. The plea of Pope Pius to spare Rome from bombing was answered by Secretary of State Hull who said that Allied governments desired to spare historic shrines, but so long as the Germans use these shrines for military purpose the Allies shall try to dislodge them. In an attack against Rome on Tuesday, reports from Rome state, Virginia Gayda former mouth-piece for Mussolini, was killed when a bomb struck his home. Gayda was known for his bitter writing against America and Britain during Mussolini's drive to establish his empire.

Hitler, evidently in retaliation for recent heavy bombings of German centers, sent his bombers against London Tuesday night and caused heavy damage to business and residential sections of the British capital. No reports were released on casualties caused by the German raid. Allied bombers and fighter planes continued their round-the-clock sweeps against Hitler's Europe, but met little German resistance. The heavy toll taken by American airmen last week evidently has slowed down the German air force until replacements can be made.

Selective Service announced this week that deferments will be placed on strict basis henceforth, and youths between 18 and 25 will be prohibited from obtaining deferments unless recommended by the State Director. It is believed that some youths in essential occupations will be granted further deferments; this action extends to men aged 23 to 25 the policy adopted a few weeks ago for youths 18-23. The Service also stated that manpower may be put on a rationing basis, allowing deferments to those industries most vital to the war effort.

Great Britain, this week, suspended travel between Ireland and Britain, following Eire's refusal of President Roosevelt's plea for it to break relations with the Axis and thus prevent Germany and Japan from gaining vital invasion data by maintaining its diplomatic corps in Ireland. Further action may be taken against Ireland in this effort to save the lives of American and British men who will be in the invasion.

The Senate, this week, passed a soldier's vote bill, and the bill is expected to pass in the House. However, the compromise offers little opportunity for many soldiers to vote in the elections this year; unless some States simplify present voting procedure for men in the service.

OPA announced the cutting of value of A gasoline coupons in all States outside the Eastern area. The cut allowed A coupon holders to buy two gallons of gas. This value is the same as has been allotted in Eastern States since last summer.

Manslaughter Case Set For Recorder's Court Next Week

For the first time in many weeks, there was not a single case on the Recorder's Court docket for hearing when court convened last Tuesday.

Three cases are docketed, but each had been set for hearing at the March 21 session. Included is the case charging Percy Winslow with manslaughter in connection with the death of Gideon Saunders, Jr., who died in a highway accident near Belvidere early Monday morning, March 6th.

The hearing for Winslow will be one of probable cause and if sufficient evidence is found, the defendant will be bound over for hearing at the April term of Superior Court.

Byrum Brothers In Armed Forces



Three brothers from Perquimans County serving in the armed forces are Edward Byrum, M.M. 1-C; S-Sgt. Wm. Percy Byrum, who is now somewhere in England, and James Byrum, Chief Storekeeper, U. S. Navy. The youths are sons of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Byrum of Hertford. Edward and James are now stationed at Norfolk.

Perquimans Indians Crowned Albemarle Champions By Winning Rural Tournament

Indians Beat Central to Annex Title In Final Round

The Perquimans High School Indians firmly established themselves as the outstanding basketball team of the Albemarle last Saturday night when they won the Rural Conference basketball tourney, defeating the strong Central High School in the final game, 18 to 14.

Playing an aggressive offense and a determined defense which Central was unable to penetrate, the Indians chalked up their final victory, after defeating Shiloh and South Mills in previous games.

The game between Perquimans and Central was a nip and tuck battle from the opening whistle. Central gained a 3-2 lead at the close of the first quarter, but the Indians hit for two points in the opening seconds of the second period and were never headed after that time. Central staged several strong attempts to win the lead but the playing of the entire Perquimans team was so good the host team was unable to score at vital stages. The score was tied 13-13 with four minutes left to play, when the Indians cinched the title by hitting for five points while holding Central to one lone charity toss.

Coach Max Campbell started Dail and W. B. Jones at forwards, White at center and Wood and Berry at guard positions in the final game. Wood was ejected from the game because of four fouls in the final quarter and his place was taken by Doward Jones, who broke up several Central High attempts to score baskets.

The Indians won the right to meet Central in the final game of the tourney by defeating South Mills in the semi-final rounds 28-20. The semi-final game was played Friday night, and, as in the last game, the Indians forged ahead during the second quarter to lead all the way.

County Lagging In Purchase Of Bonds Toward March Goal

War bond sales for the month of March are running considerably behind the county's quota, according to a statement this week by E. M. Riddick, chairman of the local War Finance Committee.

Mr. Riddick said the county has been given a quota of \$19,110 for March, and thus far sales were no way near the quota.

He added that he had received a letter from W. H. Woolard, chairman of Region One for the War Finance Committee, expressing gratitude for the splendid showing made in Perquimans during the Fourth War Loan. "The results far exceeded my expectation," Mr. Woolard wrote.

Even though the county exceeded its Fourth War Loan quota by about 200 per cent, local residents are urged to continue the buying of bonds to aid the all-out war effort. Every dollar invested helps to bring victory that much closer.

Musical Instruments

The boys down at Harvey Point Naval Air Station are in the market for a set of drums, a bass horn and a guitar.

They are in the process of forming an orchestra for the Station, but have been unable to locate these instruments.

Anyone having any of these musical instruments will be doing the boys a big favor if they will contact Lieut. Frank regarding them. He can be reached by phoning 2951.

Rev. Clegg At Methodist Church Sunday Morning

The Rev. W. L. Clegg, District Superintendent of the Elizabeth City District of the Methodist Church will preach at the First Methodist Church in Hertford next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. At 2 p. m., the second Quarterly Conference for this conference year will be conducted. The conference will begin promptly on time and must necessarily be brief, as Mr. Clegg has another appointment on another charge at 3:30 p. m.

All members of the Conference are urged to be present and all who are to make reports will please have them ready.

The Church Loyalty Campaign which is on at the Methodist Church is meeting with fine success. It began two weeks ago and each of the two Sundays there have been large congregations. The campaign will come to a close on Easter Sunday, at which time a series of revival services will reach its climax and a "Love Offering" be taken to pay off a debt and do some repairing and redecorating of the church.

Following March 26, a series of evangelistic prayer services will be conducted at the church, Monday through Friday, at 4 p. m. These services are being sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and every one is invited to attend. During the same week an Evangelistic Visitation Program will be conducted by the pastor, the stewards, and the evangelistic committee. During Holy Week a series of revival services will be conducted by the pastor.

Weather Conditions Slows Local Project

Bad weather during the past six weeks has hindered the work on the Hertford housing project, and it is unlikely that any of the buildings will be completed by the deadline date of April 1.

However, despite the inclement weather, the contractors have been busy and a number of houses are rapidly going up and being completed. Nearly all foundations for the 35 houses have been completed, and more than half of the houses are in various stages of construction. It is believed that with good weather, the project will be finished and the houses ready for occupancy very soon.

More Instructions On Farm Deferment Received By Board

Six White Men Pass Pre-induction Examination Last Week

Many farm youths, aged 18 to 26, throughout the nation face being reclassified as A-1 under new instructions received by draft boards this week. According to these instructions, youths who have been classed in 2-C and 3-C, but who do not actually produce 16 farm units are to have their cases reviewed and may be placed in 1-A and ordered to take pre-induction examinations.

The local board, this week, began the task of reviewing the data sheets of all deferred registrants, especially those coming within the 18 to 26 age bracket and will notify all registrants of action taken.

The action ordered by Selective Service is due to the shortage of men being received by the Armed Forces. Reported as being 200,000 men short of goals as of January 1, the Selective Service is being called upon to fill this deficit.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local board, announced this week that the local office had received a call for one man to be inducted into the Navy on March 27.

Six white men out of the eleven sent to Fort Bragg last week, it is unofficially reported, passed their pre-induction examinations and are now a part of the manpower pool awaiting calls for induction. However, none of these men are eligible for call under 21 days. The men reported as having passed their examinations are Zack Robertson, Littleton Gibbs, Jasper Winslow, Lloyd Owens, Edward Barber and Earl Riddick. These men also have the right to request deferments from the local board.

It was announced this week that J. L. DeLaney, member of the Perquimans Board, resigned effective March 15. Mr. DeLaney had served as a member of the local board for some time. No successor has been named yet.

The local board has been notified by officials of the U. S. Navy Headquarters at Raleigh that henceforth men reporting for induction at Raleigh, with intoxicants on their breath will be jailed until such time as the officer in charge sees fit to accept the man for service. Some men, it is reported, have been reporting for duty while under influence of liquor and this is a violation.

Squaws Lose In Tourney Game; Member Wins Honors

The girls' basketball team of Perquimans High School lost a hard-fought game to the Weeksville girls in the semi-finals of the Rural Conference tournament last Friday night. The score was 34-16.

The Squaws won the right to play in the semi-finals by winning over the Manteo girls in a double overtime game Thursday night. The score was Perquimans 29, Manteo 27. The Squaws were overcome by the Weeksville girls, who later won the girls' championship by downing the Central High girls in the final game.

Coach Howard Dawkins' team played a splendid game but was unable to cope with the Weeksville team, which was ceded as the best in the tournament. Both teams played on even terms until during the second half when the Weeksville team seemingly could not miss the basket.

Anne Mathews, stellar guard for the Perquimans team, was named by the tourney committee as one of the outstanding players of the tournament. She will receive a special award for her fine playing during the meet. Eunice White and Belle Landing of the Perquimans squad, also received votes as outstanding players, but were not voted awards.

CENTRAL P. T. A. MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Perquimans Central Grammar School will meet on Monday night, March 20, at 8 o'clock. The Whiten-ton community group will have charge of the program. All parents are invited to attend.

COUNTY'S RED CROSS WAR FUND DRIVE RUNNING FAR BEHIND GOAL REQUESTED

Red Cross Supplies

To help meet the increasing need of the Red Cross for supplies made by local chapters, the Perquimans County Chapter forwarded a large shipment of material during the month of February, according to a report released this week.

The supplies shipped last month also shows a considerable increase over garments shipped in 1943. Last month the local chapter shipped the national headquarters 500 housewives (sewing kits), 100 bedside bags, 100 pairs bedroom mules, 600 bedpan covers, 200 utility bags, 100 wash cloths, 11 short sleeve Army sweaters, 10 short sleeve Navy sweaters, and seven turtle-neck sweaters.

During 1943 the local chapter shipped out 85 sweaters for men and boys, 1 helmet, 123 ladies and children's gowns, 81 slips and 259 kit bags.

Store Survey Being Conducted By Price Control Workers

A drive to mobilize price control forces among retailers and consumers in Perquimans was launched this week under the direction of the local war price and rationing board, E. Leigh Winslow, chairman, announced today.

The program calls for about five price panel representatives to conduct a survey of every food store in this area with the main objective of helping retailers to understand the necessary price control requirements.

In the survey, 10 popular market-basket food items will be checked for selling and ceiling prices. A second check, about two weeks later, will be made of all food stores where violations were discovered on the first check. Later, storekeepers who were found "out of line" during the second survey will be asked to meet with the price panel of the local board and deliberate violations will be referred to Raleigh OPA district office for enforcement action.

Mr. Winslow said that one of the primary jobs of the local board now is to show retailers that complete compliance with price regulations will result in firm control of living costs in this area. He also emphasized that the drive will serve to protect storekeepers and their customers from black market competition.

"At the same time," he added, "it will enable the board to bring deliberate violators to the attention of OPA enforcement officials as a protection for the great majority of honest merchants who are abiding by the price control regulations."

Town Board Restricts Area For Shine Boys

The Town Board, meeting in regular session Monday night, voted to adopt an ordinance which will restrict the area in which bootblacks may operate upon the streets of Hertford.

A large number of Colored boys have been practicing this trade in recent months, and their activity, at times, has caused considerable congestion on the sidewalks of the town.

Under the terms of the ordinance, bootblacks will not be permitted to shine shoes on the north side of Market Street from Flannegan's Alley to Church Street, on the west side of Church Street from Market to Grubb Streets, or on the south side of Grubb Street from Church to the USO building.

The Board also voted to amend the ordinance regarding the parking of autos in the restricted area near the bus stations. A penalty will be added to the ordinance, and violators will face court action for parking within bus stop zones.

The Board also voted the sum of \$50 to be contributed to the Red Cross War Fund drive now in progress throughout the county.

EQUALIZATION BOARD WILL MEET MONDAY

The Board of County Commissioners will meet Monday, March 20, as a Board of Equalization and Review to hear complaints on valuation of property listed for taxes.

Persons desiring to see the Board during this meeting will find them in the courtroom. The Commissioners will meet each day until all complaints have been heard.

Chairman Reports Contributions to Date at Only \$704.47

Perquimans County's drive to raise \$5,300 for the American Red Cross War fund is lagging far behind the goal, according to a report released Wednesday by Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman of the local campaign.

Mrs. Morris stated that solicitors had reported contributions in the amount of \$704.47 to date. This is less than one-fifth of the county's goal, and it is very likely that Perquimans will fail to meet this goal unless the citizens make to the vast need of the Red Cross and contribute to their utmost for this worthy cause.

The chairman stated that reports handed in by solicitors showed that smaller amounts are being contributed this year than last. Many solicitors have failed to make a canvass of their territory and a few have not reported to the chairman.

Those who have not yet canvassed their territory and made reports are urged to do this task at once in order that the committee may keep in touch with the trend of the drive and assure it being successful.

The Red Cross is asking Americans to back this war fund drive this year by contributing at least double the amount given in 1943. Yes, it's true that income tax time is here and the war bond drive has just been completed, but the war is still on and hundreds of American lives are being saved today because the Red Cross is on the job. Certainly, one can not let the Red Cross down when he stops and thinks that it is his dollars that keep the Red Cross on the job . . . at the side of the boys winning this war for us at home.

This newspaper urges every reader to contribute generously to the Red Cross War fund. It urges readers to contribute today. Perquimans should not lag in this drive. It has successfully met every other goal requested and it should more than meet this one.

If you have not been asked to contribute to the Red Cross . . . don't wait . . . contributions may be left with the chairman of the local chapter, S. M. Whedbee, who may be found at the Hertford postoffice. Contribute today.

Dr. Frank P. Lide Be Feature Speaker At Baptist Meeting

The people of Northeastern North Carolina will be interested to learn that the feature address of the Friday night session of the annual Baptist Training Union Convention for the Eastern Region, to be held with the Cashie Baptist Church in Windsor on March 24-25, will be brought by Dr. Frank P. Lide, a missionary returned from China on the Gripsholm in an exchange of internees.

Dr. Lide has spent some 23 years as a Baptist Missionary in North China and has spent much of this time as a Seminary instructor. During this expanse of years he has had very interesting experiences. The subject he has chosen for his address during the Friday night session of the convention is "Thy Will Be Done Through War and Internment," and he will relate a number of interesting experiences as a teacher, missionary, and internee in an enemy internment camp where he was held for some seven months.

The people of this section will be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to hear from the lips of one who has been interned his experiences under these conditions. This session of the convention will open at 7:30 p. m., and the program of this session will also include a worship period conducted by the Hertford Church; vocal music by the Aulander Glee Club; an open forum on the church training program conducted by State Secretary W. Wilbur Hutchins of Raleigh; a play, "A Tale of Tithes," presented by the Ahooskie church; and a tribute to our boys in the service of their country by the Cashie Church of Windsor.

CALLED TO LEMON SPRINGS

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Johnson were called to Lemon Springs this week because of the serious illness of Mrs. Johnson's mother, who died at her home there on Wednesday.