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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Heavy smashes by hard-hitting Red troops broke the southern lines of the Nazis during this week and Russian forces are now inside Rumania. Reports state that the Germans are retreating in unorganized groups for the first time in the fighting in the East. The Reds are now nearing the Prut river from which Hitler launched his invasion in 1941. A report from Turkey stated that Rumania is seeking an armistice with Russia.

Meanwhile, as a possible attempt to stem the invasion tide in the Balkans, Hitler has seized Hungary and taken over all government agencies of that tiny nation. Neutral sources say Bulgaria and Rumania face the same action. The Nazis made no statement regarding the march of their army into Hungary, as they did when they overran Austria, Belgium and Holland, but the action is believed to be an attempt on the part of Hitler to prevent these nations from getting out of the war.

American heavy bombers, stationed in England and Italy blasted Nazi targets in northern and southern Germany during the week, hitting at plane factories. Germany has lost many fighter planes in combat during the past week and it is reported that the airmen have seriously damaged production centers.

The Germans made another token raid on London Tuesday night and were met by a heavy barrage of anti-aircraft fire. One Nazi was reported shot down, but no report on damage to London was released. British and American airmen also bombed the invasion coast of France and General Alexander stated that these targets are the beginning of the second front. The land invasion, he said, will start when the Germans are sufficiently stunned.

The War Department announced this week that General Patton, head of the Seventh Army, had been replaced by General Patch, who led U. S. Army forces on Guadalcanal. Patton, it was announced, will be placed at the head of one of the invasion armies.

The War Production Board, ruled on Tuesday against the coupon rationing of coal to householders during the coming winter. It was announced that shortages reported are not sufficient to deem rationing necessary.

New Taxes Affecting Postal Rates; Other Items Start Shortly

Beginning March 26, postal rates for letters for local delivery will require three cents postage, Postmaster Silas M. Whedbee announced this week.

The increased postal rates are a part of the tax bill passed recently by Congress and, in addition to the increase on local delivery letters, the cost of air mail stamps will also advance from six to eight cents, air mail letters to members of the armed forces will remain at six cents per 1/2 ounce. Other postal changes include an increased rate on insured parcels, money orders, C. O. D. parcels and others.

Patrons of the postoffices of the county are requested to note the date of increase of rates and to place correct postage on mail.

The new rates for postoffice items become effective one week ahead of new taxes on other items advanced by the tax bill. These new taxes will begin April 1.

Included will be additional taxes on luggage, some cosmetics, admissions to movies, telephones and telegraph services, liquor, beer, and attendance at night clubs.

Meanwhile, Congress is now discussing ways and means of simplifying the income tax reports, and may pass a bill which will save some 30 million people the trouble of having to file a return. Present indications are that a new bill calling for withholding all income taxes on salaries and wages up to \$5,000 may be passed.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cook, of Stockton Farm, announce the birth of a daughter, Mabel Louise, born March 15.

NAVAL EXPANSION PROGRAM CALLS FOR HARVEY POINT TO RECEIVE 2 1-2 MILLIONS

Part of Navy Program To Expand Norfolk As Air Center

Further development of the Norfolk and Northeastern North Carolina area, including the Harvey Point Naval Auxiliary Air Station, into a gigantic naval aviation center is indicated in an appropriation measure containing \$20 millions for this purpose due shortly from the House Naval Affairs Committee.

Authority for the bill was given last Friday by the House Rules Committee, according to an Associated Press dispatch, which stated that the appropriation measure translating the authority into actual cash would follow soon.

Under the measure, the Harvey Point Naval Auxiliary Air Station will be allotted the sum of two and one-half million dollars for further possible expansion of the local base.

Additional information concerning the proposed program has not been released and definite Naval plans are unknown.

Rumors regarding possible expansion of the base at Harvey Point have been numerous during the past week, but up to the time The Weekly went to press, there were no further developments available for publication.

Christensen-Darden Vows Spoken Sunday At Methodist Church

The marriage of Miss Florence Estelle Darden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Norfleet Darden, to Ensign Harland Robert Christensen, U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Christensen, of Clark, South Dakota took place Sunday afternoon March 19, at 5:30 o'clock, in the Hertford Methodist Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the church. The church was decorated with ferns, palms, cathedral candles, white gladioli and snapdragons. Miss Kate M. Blanchard, organist, played the wedding music and Mrs. Charles E. Johnson sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly."

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a wedding gown of ivory slipper satin, fashioned with hoop skirt effect, made with sweetheart neckline edged with Chantilly lace and long sleeves tapered to lace points over the hands. The full skirt, draped at the hemline to reveal rows of lace, extended from a basque bodice and formed a wide round train. Her full-length veil of imported Candlelight illusion fell from a halo headdress of rows of Chantilly lace trimmed with petite clusters of orange blossoms. She carried white roses centered with orchids showered with tuberoses.

Miss Ruth Hollowell was maid of honor. She wore a gown of ice blue taffeta made with sweetheart neckline, bracelet-length sleeves, basque bodice with shirred taffeta bands forming a V-shaped trimming and bouffant skirt. Her tricorn hat of fluted ice blue taffeta was draped with matching veiling. She carried a nosegay of multi-colored sweet peas.

Mrs. R. D. Turgeon, Jr., of Sanford, Fla., was matron of honor. She wore a gown of ice blue taffeta made like that of the maid of honor. She also wore a matching tricorn arranged with veiling and carried a nosegay of multi-colored sweet peas.

The bridesmaids, Ensign Anna P. Tucker, of New York City, and Miss Nita Newbold, wore gowns of British rose taffeta made like those of the other attendants. They wore tricorn hats draped with veiling to match their gowns and carried nosegays of multi-colored sweet peas.

The Misses Julia Ann and Jo Pat Stokes were flower girls and their dresses were identical to those of the bridesmaids, and they wore matching poke bonnets. They carried nosegays of multi-colored sweet peas.

The mother of the bride chose for the occasion a two-piece dress of seafoam green crepe, brown straw hat with pompons of green, brown accessories and a corsage of orchids.

Mistresses of ceremonies were Mrs. T. L. Jessup and Mrs. C. E. Soderholm.

Ensign Christensen had as his best man Lieut. Carl Soderholm, of Norfolk, Va. The ushers were Lieut. (Continued on Page Six)

In Wisconsin



Sgt. and Mrs. David Pike are now living in Wisconsin, where Sergeant Pike is stationed with members of the Armed Forces. Sgt. Pike is the son of Mrs. B. F. Pike, of Winfall.

Committee Named To Handle Program For Hertford USO

Miss Mae Wood Winslow has been named as chairman of the permanent committee of the Hertford USO which tentative plans call for opening on Sunday, April 2nd.

Following her acceptance of the appointment as chairman, Miss Winslow has named five committees to handle the program at the local center.

Mesdames Olivia Hobbs, Clinton Ely, J. E. Winslow, W. H. Oakley, D. F. Reed and W. H. Pitt have been named to serve as members of the hostess committee, and will have charge of supplying both junior and senior hostesses for the USO. Mrs. B. G. Koonce was named chairman of the entertainment committee and it was announced that she will soon select other members to serve on this committee.

Mrs. Hoyle Umphlett, Mrs. Riley Monds and Mrs. Holliday have been named to serve as the decorations committee.

W. H. Hardcastle is chairman of the finance committee, and V. N. Darden has been named to head the men's host group.

The work of renovating the Morgan building into the USO center is almost completed. The club furniture has arrived and been placed and the club rooms are especially attractive and will soon be available for use by service men.

The Rev. B. C. Reavis, chairman of the dedication committee, stated that plans for opening the center are moving along fine and it is now tentatively scheduled to hold a dedication program on Sunday afternoon, April 2nd, at 2:30 o'clock.

The program for the occasion is now being worked out, but at the present is not completed.

Historical Group Seeks Information On Men In Service

Mrs. Mattie Lister White, Collector of War Records for Perquimans County, desires to secure the names of all men and women who are now or have been in the armed services, together with as much information concerning them as may be available at this time.

The information will be used by the North Carolina Historical Commission in cooperation with the State Office of Civilian Defense in preparing the history of World War II.

For the convenience of those having sons or daughters, or friends in the armed forces, The Perquimans Weekly will publish in its next issue a questionnaire, which Mrs. White urges to be clipped out and filled in and mailed to her at 118 Church Street, Hertford.

The questionnaire will, when filled in, furnish all information wanted by the Commission for its records. Watch for this questionnaire next week, and if you have a member of your family in service fill in the questionnaire and mail it to Mrs. White.

16 Negro Selectees Leave Saturday For Pre-induction Exam

Large Number of Farm Youths May Be Called In Short Time

A contingent of 16 Negro selectees will leave here Saturday morning for Fort Bragg, where they will undergo pre-induction examinations for the armed forces. This group of selectees will be the last call for pre-induction exam, it was announced here this week.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local board, stated that orders to report for pre-induction examination had been mailed to the following list of registrants: Adam Clark, Aubrey Thach, Matthew White, Gilbert Riddick, Joseph Butts, Archie Felton, Aubrey Wiggins, Alexander Robinson, Raymond Wilson, Norman Cooper, William Felton, Haywood Ferebee, Bernice Woodard, Henry White, Herman Winslow, Melton Winslow, Robert Lindsay, Jesse Jacobs, Charlie Parker and Charlie White.

A call for one man to report for induction into the Navy has been received and Royce Vickers, who passed his pre-induction examination in February, has been ordered to report to the Navy on March 27. The board has not received any other calls as yet for induction.

The local draft board is now reviewing the files of all registrants in deferred classification and many youths, especially those between the ages of 18-25 may soon be called to take pre-induction examinations. Selective service officials have announced that the manpower situation is serious and that the armed forces quotas must be filled. It is believed that many Perquimans youths may be affected by the recent ruling which advanced the number of farm units needed for continued farm classification and a large number of these may also be called to take examination for military service.

Some estimates have shown that some 45,000 North Carolina farmers are now earning less than the necessary 16 war units, although no report on the number in Perquimans County has been made.

Judging from recent announcements by Draft officials, Selective Service is expected to be very strict in giving further deferments to registrants in the younger age bracket.

Pre-Easter Services At Methodist Church Start Next Monday

The Rev. W. L. Clegg, Superintendent of the Elizabeth City District, preached at the First Methodist Church in Hertford last Sunday at 11 o'clock. "The Question of the Hour" was the subject of a very forceful sermon. The second Quarterly Conference for the conference year was conducted in the afternoon. The report showed the church to be in splendid condition in every way, with all items in the budget paid up to date.

Mrs. William Trueblood and H. C. Sullivan were elected delegates to the Elizabeth City District Conference which meets April 5 at New Hope Church on the Perquimans Charge. J. H. Towe, J. R. Jarvis and Mrs. R. L. Knowles are also delegates to the conference by virtue of the office they hold in the local church.

Beginning next Monday, prayer services will be conducted at the church each day at 4 p. m., except Wednesday. On Wednesday the service will be held in connection with the regular mid-week service at 7:30 p. m. In addition to the prayer services, there will be special emphasis placed on visitation and church loyalty during the week leading up to Palm Sunday. From Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday a series of revival services will be conducted with the pastor doing the preaching.

Rotarians Endorse Holmes For Office

The Hertford Rotary Club, in a meeting this week, endorsed the candidacy of John A. Holmes of Edenton for the office of District Governor of Rotary for the 189th District.

Mr. Holmes, a leading member of the Edenton Rotary Club, is superintendent of city schools at Edenton, and has long been an outstanding civic leader in the Albemarle.

COUNTY MAKING POOR SHOWING IN RED CROSS WAR FUND DRIVE; SHORT \$3,000

Promoted To CPO



Carson White, U. S. N., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. White, Route 1, Hertford, has just been promoted to rank of chief petty officer (carpenter's mate). Carson has been in the Navy six years. He has not been home for three years and is now stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Waste Paper Drive To Be Conducted By Hertford Lions Club

Plans for a waste paper collection drive for the Town of Hertford were completed by the Lions Club at its meeting last Friday night. Charlie Vann was named as chairman of the committee, which will conduct the drive to help solve one of the nation's most vital shortages. The local drive will be part of a nation-wide campaign which was started recently at the request of Donald Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board.

The local Lions Club will conduct the drive here for two weeks, beginning next Wednesday. Members of the club will canvass the entire town, street by street, and collect waste paper from all residents who have paper to give to the collection. The members will collect paper on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the weeks of March 27 and April 3.

People who have waste paper to give in this drive are asked to separate the newspapers from magazines and cardboard and to tie each in separate bundles and leave the bundles on porches of their homes. The club members will gather the paper as they pass each house.

The paper, Mr. Vann said, will be stored in the small building on the Barrow property on Grubb Street, until the drive closes, then it will be removed to a pulp mill for use in the war effort. He added that anyone desiring to bring the paper to the store house may do so by contacting him, and he will take care of all bundles brought to him.

The entire membership of the local club will take part in the drive. A number of them will operate the truck and pick-up system during the two weeks' drive.

Rent Representative In Hertford Tuesday

Thomas J. Markham, area OPA rent representative for Perquimans County, announced this week the following change of schedule: He stated that he will be in Hertford on Tuesday from 9:30 to 5:30 each week to confer with persons desiring information on rent control.

The representative has been coming to Hertford on Wednesday in recent weeks and this change of date is hereby given.

Navy Recruiter In Hertford March 27

Youths desiring information on opportunities offered by the U. S. Navy may obtain this information by contacting J. W. Brown, Navy Recruiting Officer, who will be at the courthouse in Hertford on March 27. Mr. Brown advised this newspaper that the Navy now needs radio technicians urgently and requests youths interested in this type of work to see him while he is in town.

Chairman Says Drive May Be Extended Into April

Unless the public responds with greater generosity during the next week than it has during the past three, Perquimans County's Red Cross War Fund drive will have to be extended into April to secure the county meeting the quota of \$5,300.

Mrs. C. P. Morris chairman of the drive, announced Wednesday that reports turned in by solicitors showed that only \$2,370 had been contributed to date. This is indeed a poor showing for Perquimans, which has been so generous in contributing to other war programs.

Mrs. Morris added that most of the solicitors had completed the task of canvassing their districts; a few reports are still coming in, but these are not expected to be sufficient for the county to meet the quota.

According to the records turned in by the workers, nearly every community of the county has contributed less toward the Red Cross War Fund this year than they did last year. A few exceptions to this are noted, but none of the communities have contributed double the amount which is necessary for the local chapter to meet its goal.

Reports from other counties, surrounding Perquimans, show that contributions are good and that most all counties will meet their quota on time. The drive, everywhere, was off to a slow start, due to inclement weather, but local solicitors state that they have made a thorough coverage of their territories and lack of interest has been shown in the drive.

The local chairman stated that the chapter will extend the drive into April, unless the full amount of the quota is reached before the drive closes on March 31.

As in past years, The Perquimans Weekly will publish the list of contributors to the Red Cross. However, this year due to the shortage of newsprint and lack of space, it will be necessary to limit the list of names to those contributors who give at least \$2.00 or more, toward this cause. No contributions less than \$2 will be published.

Chairman Announces Sale Of Easter Seals Starts Next Monday

Mrs. Sarah B. Perry, County Superintendent of Welfare, who will act as chairman of the annual sale of Easter Seals for crippled children, announced today that the sale of seals will be started Monday, March 27, and run through Monday, April 10th.

Mrs. Perry stated that the Hertford troop of Girl Scouts will again aid in the sale of the seals, and that the troop will conduct a lily sale during the drive.

The seal sale, which is sponsored by the National Society for Crippled Children and participated in by over 2,000 county and local units, is conducted to raise funds for carrying out a medical program to aid all crippled children.

Half of the funds raised here are retained locally for use in aiding children of this county who are or might become crippled. Mrs. Perry stated that a clinic is conducted in Elizabeth City each month, where children are given treatment by Dr. R. B. Raney, of Duke Hospital, and funds retained by the local chapter are used to see that crippled children are transported to this clinic for treatment. The local society also uses these funds for the purchase of equipment needed by children here.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Mary E. Brothers Held At Newland

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Ellen Brothers, 68, mother of Mrs. Cecil Winslow, were conducted on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at Newland Methodist Church by the Rev. L. T. Singleton, assisted by the Rev. J. M. Jolliff.

Mrs. Brothers died at her home in Newland Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, following a short illness. She was the wife of the late Joseph J. Brothers.

Surviving, besides Mrs. Winslow, are twelve children, 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.