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## Attendance At USO Increases As Club Activities Begin

### First Club Dance Tonight; Committee Is Praised For Work

Organization work at Hertford's newly opened USO Club has reached its advanced stages during the past week and within a few days all committees are expected to be able to carry on the duties of the large volunteer force which will take care of most of the activities. Edward J. Ronshelm, who was sent to Hertford by the regional office to get the club operating, was high in his praise for the way local residents have taken part in the work.

Although the piano and juke box ordered have not yet been put in operation, plans call for an opening dance Friday night with records providing the music and Hertford girls taking part. In the near future it is hoped that an orchestra may be secured at regular periods for the weekly event.

Records show attendance ranging from 200 to almost 400 a day on the door count at the club and it is believed this will reach 600 when all activities are under way. So far, table tennis, checkers, dominoes, Chinese checkers and cards have furnished the amusement with informal dancing.

The writing desks and reading room are in constant use and letters mailed at the club have been addressed to a third of all the States and overseas. More than 25 national magazines and three newspapers have been ordered for the club. The library also is being developed for service use.

A special shelf for religious booklets and books also will be provided as soon as equipment is received. The snack bar, which is entirely what it is named, has allowed men and their wives to find a snack at odd hours. Sandwiches, coffee, soft drinks, candy and cakes are available.

Club hours have been fixed from 9 a. m. until 11:30 p. m., during week days and from 12:30 p. m., until 11:30 p. m., on Sundays. The Sunday program will include less active events and meeting the request of Hertford citizens, no dancing will be allowed on this day. As soon as equipment is received, special affairs suitable for the day will be arranged.

One of the important organization jobs under way this week is the creation of the GSO, a certified group of girls more than 16 years of age, who will participate in activities with the men. These girls, the service wives and hostesses are the only civilians permitted to use the club although all are urged to visit the building and observe what goes on.

Application sheets for membership in the GSO, an organization which includes tens of thousands of girls in the nation, may be had at the club on Grubb Street. After this week, only girls who have filed such applications and been certified and given membership cards will be eligible to engage in activities. New groups will be taken in each week.

Although considerable additional work has been done on the building, much remains to be done before May 7, the date fixed for the dedication.

## Annual Junior-Senior Banquet Thursday

Pre-commencement activity at the Perquimans County High School got under way last Thursday night, when members of the Senior Class presented their annual Senior Class play.

Last night the stage in the high school auditorium was the scene of the annual Junior-Senior banquet, the Juniors being hosts to members of the graduating class and other guests. The theme of this year's banquet was the activity of a USO Center and decorations were red, white and blue.

Marjorie Frances White was toastmistress, and the program included a solo by Carolyn Jo Phillips. A toast to the seniors was given by Joann Winslow; to Mr. Johnson by Lucy Forehand; to the faculty by Bill Murray; "I Am An American," by Nonie Lou Lane; to the officials by Marguerite Cook. Ruth Tucker and Peggy Felton sang a duet, "I Threw A Kiss Into The Ocean." George Wood gave a toast to the coaches, "And This Is The Army" was given by Carl Winslow, Curtis Wilson, W. M. Byrnes and Hilton White. A prophecy to the Future was given by Edna Wilson. Music was furnished by the NAAS Harvey Point orchestra.

Following the banquet, the Juniors and Seniors attended a dance held at Walker's.

## CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCES RED CROSS WAR FUND DRIVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

### Total Raised Slightly Over Quota; Will Still Accept Gifts

A report issued this week by Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman of the Red Cross War Fund drive, showed that Perquimans County is now over the top in the drive to raise \$5,300, its portion of the 1944 Red Cross drive.

Mrs. Morris, in releasing figures on the sum raised here, stated that several smaller reports are still outstanding, but that the county is now among those which have successfully completed their goals. A total of \$5,349.16 has been reported to the committee, Mrs. Morris announced and she stated that this amount was raised by the following contributions: Special gifts, \$890; contributions from residents of Hertford, \$1,895.41; contributions from residents of county, \$1,673.20; Colored division, \$345.55; contributions from NAAS Harvey Point, \$545.

The chairman expressed her appreciation to all those who took part in the drive, either by working as a solicitor or by contributing toward the fund. She added that if any person desired to make an additional contribution to the 1944 War Fund, the local chapter would appreciate it as the Red Cross needs a tremendous sum of money to carry out its program during the coming year.

As stated before, part of the funds raised in this drive remains in the treasury of the Perquimans Chapter for expenditures of the local Red Cross, including the expense of the Home Service division which is now an important link between men and women serving in the armed forces and their folks at home. The balance of the quota will be sent to National Red Cross headquarters to be added to the funds raised throughout the nation to enable the Red Cross to carry on its fine work throughout the world and on all the battle fronts.

## April Term Superior Court Concluded On Tuesday Afternoon

The April Term of Superior Court, expected by many of the court officials to last at least through Thursday, was concluded Tuesday afternoon and the jurors were dismissed from further duty.

Seven divorce cases on the civil calendar were heard by Judge Leo Carr and divorces were granted in each case. Several cases on the civil docket were continued to the next term of court.

The Grand Jury reported to the court shortly after noon Tuesday, and issued the following report:

"We, the Grand Jurors for the above term of court, respectfully make our report as follows: "We have agreed and passed on all bills sent to us from court. We have discussed the unlawful activities being carried on in the county. However, very few facts regarding people committing the unlawful activities were at hand. One presentment was prepared and turned over to the Solicitor."

The Grand Jury reported that they had visited each school in the county and found all to be well kept and in good state of repairs; a few exceptions were noted, especially as to the Negro school situation in Winfall and the Negro school in Hertford. Recommendations were made by the Grand Jury that the conditions be remedied as soon as possible.

Several minor repairs were recommended made to some of the school buses. The County Home, Prison Farm and offices in the courthouse were visited and each place was found to be well kept and in order. The courthouse was reported to be in need of some minor repairs.

## Rufus Brinn Awarded Russian "Red Star"

Lieut. Rufus T. Brinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Brinn of Hertford, was one of 52 American Army, Navy and Merchant Marine personnel to be awarded recognition recently by the Russian government.

The awards were presented by Ambassador Gromyko, who stated the decorations expressed the friendly feeling of the Soviet people toward the people of the United States. Lieut. Brinn was given the Order of the Red Star.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Taking no chances that news of the coming invasion will leak out of Britain, the British government this week tightened censorship to the point of forbidding messages to be sent from or received in Britain, except by American, British and Russian officials. A London radio broadcast news to France for the French to store up food for use while the Allies liberate France. The radio stated that the invasion is near and that the French should take steps to prepare for it. Meanwhile, American air forces stationed in both England and Italy continued to hammer at German production centers and air fields throughout Germany and occupied Europe. Nearly 2,000 U. S. bombers hit Berlin on Tuesday and blasted German plane factories.

Russian troops continued to advance toward the last stronghold of the Germans in the Crimea. Sevastopol, where hundreds of Germans and Rumanians are attempting to escape by sea, is expected to fall to the Red forces before the end of this week. The Russians continue to press the fighting in Rumania, and in Poland although little fighting has been reported this week on those fronts. American airmen from Italy have bombed Axis points in Rumania during the week to lend assistance to the Russian drive.

The Japanese met with set-backs in India and Burma during the week, when British forces routed Japs on both fronts. U. S. planes bombed the Jap Kuriles Islands. Little news regarding American fighting in the Pacific was released this week.

The attempt of Badoglio to form a new government in Italy, following the King's announcement to turn over the government to his son, is meeting with little success. Badoglio is attempting to form a coalition government, but seeks to retain most of the cabinet offices for himself and members of his old line group.

In Washington a Congressional committee tossed the 4-F problem back into the hands of executive agencies, when it balked at recommending legislation to utilize the services of draft age men rejected for military service. The committee stated that the action was unnecessary at this time.

OPA announced this week that there was no hope that holders of B gas ration books would get an increase in value of their tickets. A spokesman stated that consumption of gasoline during March was about equal with quotas and an increase was not warranted at any place at the present time.

A tornado, which hit parts of Georgia and South Carolina early this week, caused the deaths of 38 and injury to more than 300. Property damages were estimated as being high. The American Red Cross rushed workers to the scene to aid the injured and homeless.

## Hertford Lions Club Has Naval Chaplain As Guest Speaker

The Hertford Lions Club meeting last Friday night made plans for holding their annual Ladies' Night meeting on May 12, Charles M. Wilford, club president, announced today.

The club is planning a gala affair and have arranged for Wade Marr as speaker for the occasion. Mr. Marr is well known throughout the State as an after-dinner orator.

G. C. Buck and Herbert Nixon have been appointed chairmen for the program and Charles Skinner, Clinton Eley and Archie T. Lane compose the arrangement committee.

Aside from the local club members and their wives, a large number of out-of-town guests are expected to be on hand to celebrate the Lions anniversary night.

Guest speaker at the meeting last Friday was Paul S. Sanders, USNR, chaplain at NAAS Harvey Point, who gave an interesting talk to the club on conditions which can be expected to arise following the close of the war.

## Nine Negroes Pass Pre-induction Exams Await Service Call

### No Official Word on Last Contingent of White Youths

A report released this week by Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local draft board, showed that nine out of the 30 Negro selectees who reported for pre-induction examinations on April 6, were passed for service. The army accepted six of the men, while the Navy accepted three.

Mrs. Sumner stated that Perry White, colored, left Tuesday of this week to report for induction into the Navy. Two other colored youths James Riddick and Andrew White, will report for Army induction on April 28.

No further calls for induction or preinduction examinations have been received up to the present time.

Mrs. Sumner stated that no official announcement as to the number of white youths, who left for pre-induction examinations last Saturday, accepted had been received. However, unofficial reports state that more than ten were accepted on first examination and a number of others were held over for further examination.

Members of the local draft board attended a district meeting in Edenton last week, at which meeting the program Selective Service intended to use in assisting in re-employment of returned veterans was outlined. It was pointed out that local boards will work in cooperation with U. S. Employment offices to help returning soldiers locate employment.

V. N. Darden has been named as reemployment committeeman of the Perquimans draft board to aid in this program.

Perquimans County men, it was announced at this meeting, are eligible for unemployment compensation, but they must file application for this compensation within six months after receiving their discharge. Veterans who return from service and have difficulty in locating employment should apply to local boards for assistance and also contact U. S. Employment offices.

An announcement was made this week that Jonas R. Futrell has been appointed as a member of the local board, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. L. DeLaney. Mr. Futrell accepted the appointment and has assumed the position as the third member of the local board.

## Small Farmer Finds Poultry Project Is Paying Proposition

W. Howard Williams of Perquimans County, who purchased a small farm through the aid of the Farm Security Administration, is having success with a poultry project he started shortly after he obtained his farm. In March, 1943, Mr. Williams purchased 700 New Hampshire Red chicks. Later he sold the roosters and cull pullets and kept the good pullets to start his flock.

In August of last year he had his pullets blood-tested, and now has 200 blood-tested laying hens. These hens are laying an average of about 160 eggs per day and Mr. Williams is selling them to a hatchery at a premium above market price for eggs. By supplementing protein and grain feeds with grazing crops consisting of crimson clover, wheat, oats and lespedeza, Mr. Williams is making a profit of \$10 to \$12 per week from his flock.

He now has 300 broilers on hand, from which he plans to sell the roosters and cull pullets and keep the better pullets for replacements and for increasing his laying flock to 250 hens. In order to take care of this larger flock, Mr. Williams plans to build another laying house this summer.

The Williams family say their success in poultry is due to plenty of hard work and following the advice of their FSA Supervisor on handling the poultry flock.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Lane, of Hertford, Route 2, a 9½-pound son, born on April 13. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Sumner, on April 14, a daughter. Mother and baby are doing nicely. Mrs. Sumner is the former Miss Helen Chappell.

## SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR APRIL TERM ENDS TUESDAY AFTERNOON

### Entire State County Candidates Without Primary Opposition

For the first time in a number of years, candidates seeking offices in the local county government are without opposition in the primary election to be held this year on May 27.

When the final hour for filing names as candidates in the primary arrived at six o'clock last Saturday night, L. N. Hollowell, chairman of the Perquimans Board of Elections, discovered only one name had been filed as a candidate for the offices of representative, Recorder's Court Judge, Register of Deeds county treasurer, board of education and county commissioner for each of the five townships.

The present office holders, with exception of E. U. Morgan, county commissioner for Parkville Township, filed for renomination. Mr. Morgan does not seek renomination. George Jackson filed in place of Mr. Morgan and is therefore nominated for the office.

Candidates filing their names were: W. W. White, for representative; J. W. Ward, for register of deeds; Charles Johnson, for recorder's court judge; J. L. White, for treasurer; C. E. White, L. L. Winslow, R. T. Brinn, E. M. Perry and George Jackson, for board of county commissioners, and Shelton Long, D. L. Barber and W. E. Dail, for board of education.

Local voters will cast ballots for candidates seeking the offices of Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, U. S. Senator and State Senator. Most of these offices are being sought after by two or more candidates and there is some possibility that the interest in the campaigns for Governor and U. S. Senator may pick up as election time nears.

R. Gregg Cherry and Ralph McDonald, candidates for governor, are expected to begin a concentrated campaign soon and the battle between these two may generate interest in the race for other offices.

All local candidates are nominated for office automatically, and therefore no ballot will be offered on the local candidates.

## Rotary Entertains Perquimans Basket Ball Teams Tuesday

The Hertford Rotary Club entertained the members of the boys and girls basketball teams of Perquimans high school at a delicious banquet served at the high school Tuesday night in recognition of the outstanding record achieved by the teams this year.

The Rotary Club has entertained the local teams annually but this year the club had the pleasure of seeing F. T. Johnson, County School Superintendent, present the members of the boys team with trophies won at the Rural Conference Tournament. A permanent trophy was received by boys for having won the tourney championship and each member of the squad was presented with a small basketball.

A brief history of the past season was given by Coaches Howard Dawkins and Max Campbell. Coach Dawkins' girls squad played a total of 14 games, winning seven and losing seven. They were defeated in the semi-finals of the Rural Tourney by Weeksville, who won the championship.

Coach Campbell's squad of Indians played 17 games, winning 14 and losing 3. The Indians scored 421 points to their opponents' 297. Two of the defeats suffered during the season were avenged when the Indians downed Central to win the tournament.

Judge Leo Carr, who presided at the April term of Perquimans Superior Court, was also a guest at the meeting.

## Light Hail Storm Causes No Damage

A light hail storm, which was reported at several points in Perquimans County, on Sunday failed to cause serious damage, according to reports heard this week.

The hail storm hit a several points around Winfall and at a point on the Edenton Highway, south of Hertford.

## Motion of Non-Suit Allowed In Case of Percy Winslow

The entire docket and several cases listed on the civil calendar for the April Term of Superior Court was completed early Tuesday afternoon. Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, presided over this term of Superior Court.

A total of 17 cases, five of which charged George Roche and William Rhinehart, both colored, with breaking and entering, were entered on the criminal docket. Most of the defendants given hearings entered pleas of guilty and thus much time was saved in completing the docket.

Judge Carr allowed a motion of non suit, made by the attorney of Percy Winslow, who was charged with manslaughter. The motion was made following the completion of State's evidence. The defense contended insufficient evidence had been produced by the State to show that Winslow was the driver of a car involved in an accident in which Gideon Saunders lost his life. The State contended sufficient evidence was introduced by it to have the case passed to the jury, but Judge Carr ruled for the defense and the case was dismissed.

Wendell Nixon, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, and prayer of judgment was continued upon the condition the defendant pay \$100 into the Clerk's office for use of William Belch and that the defendant pay the court costs.

John Armstead, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of manslaughter and was sentenced to State prison for a period of not less than 2½ years, nor more than three years.

A nol pros was taken in cases charging Ben Butts, Joe Butts and Ethel Butts, all Negroes, with trespass, when the court ruled the case belonged on the civil calendar. A compromise affecting this case was reached before court adjourned.

Mary Blount, colored, was given a sentence of 18 months at a State colony for women, after pleading guilty to two counts, assault with a deadly weapon and interfering with officers in performance of their duty.

George Roche and William Rhinehart, both Negroes, were charged in five counts for breaking and entering. Three of the counts were for breaking into the service stations of John Hall, Asa Stallings and Charlie Mathews, the other charges grew out of breaking and entering a station in Edenton. The defendants each plead guilty and for purpose of judgment the cases were consolidated. Roche was sentenced to not less than six years nor more than eight years in State prison, while Rhinehart was sentenced to not less than five nor more than seven years, in prison.

Aubrey Wiggins plead guilty to a charge of larceny and was sentenced to the roads for four months.

The case charging Bill Hayes with reckless driving and driving under the influence was continued.

Henry McClinton, colored, charged with driving drunk, failed to appear and his bond was ordered forfeited. Malaki Harrell, colored, charged with non support, failed to appear for hearing and the case was continued.

## List Certificates Issued By Board

A total of 26 motorists were issued certificates for the purchase of tires and tubes, at the Perquimans Ration office this week, according to Miss Mary Frances Dail, clerk of the board.

Passenger Type Certificates were issued to Bryant Miller, tire and tube; J. H. Tucker, 1; W. E. Lane, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Wendell Benton, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Robert Shippe, 2; J. R. Nelson, tire and tube; Harry Winslow, tire and tube; A. J. Smith, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Julia F. Stokes, tire and tube; Charles E. Payne, 2 tires and 2 tubes; W. E. Curtis, 1; Towe Motor Co., tire and tube; C. T. Chappell, tire and tube; Alton Winslow, 1; E. T. Phillips, tire and tube; Foster Felton, tire and tube; Jessie Hunter, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Lonnie Dickert, 2 tires and 2 tubes, and W. C. Morgan, 2 tires.

Truck Type: E. L. Jennings, tire and tube; W. L. White, tire and tube; F. T. Mathews, tire and tube; E. A. Goodman, Jr., 1; N. O. Chappell, tire and tube; T. B. Sumner, 3 tires and 3 tubes; Joseph Spruill, 1 tire.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Marion Harris, on April 6, at the Medical Center in Elizabeth City, a son, Roy Herbert. Mrs. Harris was formerly Miss Shirley Hurdle.