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## Pre-Induction Call For 75 White Men Received By Board

### State Office Advises County Lags In Number In Service

Seventy-five white men, the largest group ever called up by Selective Service in this county, will be ordered to report for pre-induction examinations on August 16, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local board, stated this week.

Since most of the young men between 18 and 25 in this county have already received pre-induction examinations, this August call is expected to be filled by youths between 26 and 29 years of age.

Two induction calls have also been received here. Four white men will be inducted into service on August 22, and six colored inductees, Milton McDonald, John James, Dan Felton, William Peyton, Milton Harvey and Joseph Butts, will leave here August 3rd, for Fort Bragg.

No official report as yet has been received regarding the 46 white men who underwent pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg this week. These youths left here on Wednesday.

Mrs. Sumner released a copy of a letter the Perquimans Board received from Lt.-Col. Thomas Upton, of the State Selective Service Headquarters, showing that Perquimans County has 24 per cent of its total white registration in Class 1-C, and 21.6 per cent of its total colored registration in Class 1-C.

Lt.-Col. Upton's letter reads: "We regret the necessity for calling to your attention certain facts which we are quite sure neither the personnel of your local Board nor the citizens of your county will regard with pride. The report furnished by the Statistical Division of the Headquarters on June 1, 1944, indicates that you have in Class 1-C 24 per cent of your total white registration 18 to 37 years, inclusive, and 21.6 per cent of your total colored registration of the same age group, as compared to a State average of 38.5 per cent white and 21.7 per cent colored.

"We are confident that all North Carolinians wish to contribute their proportion of manpower as well as material things in support of the war effort. For that reason, we believe that your Board will reside to remedy the above situation at the earliest possible moment. We feel that an effort to correct the situation in the least possible time is advisable, as it is our opinion that we are nearing the climax in furnishing manpower for the armed forces, and it will be more difficult after that time to correct the situation, as our calls will probably be considerably less than heretofore.

"We believe that after an analysis of the situation, your Board can remedy it and, therefore, request that you advise us the plan of operation by which you propose to remedy the matter and when you expect to accomplish such remedy."

## Motorists Receive 54 Certificates For Tires From Board

Fifty-four motorists were issued certificates for the purchase of tires during the past week, according to Miss Mary Frances Dail, clerk of the local ration board.

Passenger type certificates were issued to W. H. Winslow, 1; Valerie Schmidt, 1; Ralph Perry, 1; Robert New, 2; R. B. Chappell, 1; A. L. Dail, 1; Irene Mathews, 2; Joseph Kowalski, 2; Nathan Riddick, 2; Leslie Shaw, 1; O. B. Gray, 1; John Gullett, 1; Joe Butts, 1; Eugene Felton, 1; Theodore Felton, 1; George Powell, 1; D. F. Synder, 1; J. I. Lane, 1; T. W. Nison, 1; Wright Dinity, 1; Louis Stallings, 1; J. I. Winslow, 1; Herbert Nixon, 1; C. T. Winslow, 1; Kenneth Miller, 1; Grace Knowles, 1; D. J. Rogerson, 1; Nathan Sawyer, 1; W. L. Wood, Jr., 1; J. M. Fleetwood, 1; Cath Jeanette, 1; E. A. Harris, 1; Ben Owens, 2; Charles Diverse, 2; E. H. Harrell, 1; J. L. White, 1; C. T. Chappell, 1; Annabel Burke, 1; John Grady, 1; Philip Parsley, 1; A. E. Cannon, 1; D. H. Sirk, 1; Myrtle Franka, 1; John Dinapoli, 2; Robert McDonald, 2; W. H. Elliott, 1; and Hayward Lilly, 1.

Truck type certificates were issued to T. B. Sumner, 3; G. W. Baker, 2; E. B. Thurston, 2; M. H. Elliott, 1; W. H. Winslow, 2; Major Leona Co., 6; and W. M. Wood, 2.

## Invasion Casualty



A medical corpsman bends over one of our wounded Yanks making out a casualty tag before evacuation from France. You may be sure this wounded man received the best medical attention in the world. Your War Bond purchases make this possible.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Four top Nazis, Hitler, Goering, Goebbels and Himmler, now hold complete control over life within the Reich, according to reports issued this week by Hitler, who seemingly is attempting to maintain full control over Germany following the attempt on his life last week. Reports indicate Hitler has survived the bombing of last week, but only time will tell whether or not the Nazi control of Germany will continue and the war fought to its bitter end. Neutral sources report Hitler and the Nazis have purged the minor officials connected with the uprising last week, but have thus failed to bring under control the top leaders of the opposition to Hitler. The attempt to kill Hitler was made following a flood of leaflets circulated within Germany calling for peace.

The internal trouble in Germany is reflected upon the battlefields throughout Europe. On the Eastern front the Red armies, seven are now in the field, are advancing at the rate of nearly one mile per hour and it is reported, following a new offensive launched Tuesday directly at Germany, the Reds are now only about 150 miles from the boundary separating Germany and old Poland. The Red forces have swept past Warsaw in a drive toward Berlin itself, and this drive caught the Nazis bat-footed, and permitted a break through on the middle of the Eastern front.

American and British forces in Normandy, after several days of a near stalemate, launched a heavy offensive against the Germans Tuesday. The Allied drive was preceded by one of the heaviest air-blitzes yet seen in France. More than 4,000 planes dropped bombs and strafed the German ground troops in the Caen and St. Lo sectors. The Allies, it was reported, advanced against stiff opposition.

German resistance in Italy is reported as stiffening also. However, the Allies there continued to march toward the Nazi's Gothic Line. American troops were near Florence and still fighting in the Pisa section. The Allies have now turned over to the Italian government control of all of Italy south of Rome.

Heavy fighting is noted in Guam, where American Marines and Army troops are advancing against the Japs. The Americans have captured most of the territory around the harbor of Orote, and have consolidated the two drives from north and south converging on the harbor. Casualties in the fighting on Guam are reported light as compared to Saipan.

## Firemen Out On Call Tuesday Afternoon

The Hertford Fire Department answered a call at 1:10 Tuesday afternoon to extinguish a roof fire at No. 6 Cox Avenue.

The house, occupied by Tucker Hamlin, colored, was slightly damaged by the small blaze and water thrown by the firemen in putting out the fire.

## Henry C. Stokes Weds New Jersey Girl At Elizabeth City

In a quiet ceremony held in Elizabeth City on July 16, Henry C. Stokes, Specialist 1-c (M) U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stokes of this city, was married to Miss Jean Elizabeth Wilson, Specialist 3-c (M) U. S. Navy.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. William J. Wilson, of Cliffside Park, New Jersey, and prior to her entry into the Navy in August, 1943, as a WAVE, she was employed by the Air Reduction Sales Company of New York City. She is a graduate of Cliffside Park, N. J., high school.

The bridegroom is one of Hertford's most popular young men and before entering the service in February, 1942, was an employee of the Hertford Postoffice. He graduated from Perquimans High School and attended Louisburg College.

The couple are making their home at Norfolk, Va.

## Veteran Of Pacific Fighting Visiting Relatives Here

Platoon Sergeant Keary Lane, a veteran of two and one-half years of fighting in the Pacific, is visiting his grandfather, A. D. Lane, of Hertford, before reporting for new duty at Camp Le Jeune.

Sgt. Lane has been in the Marines for four and a half years and now wears the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action and the Purple Heart for injury under fire. He was wounded in action in the fighting at Cape Gloucester, when a Jap machine gunner pumped three bullets through his shoulder. Disregarding the wound, Lane continued fighting until he fainted from loss of blood and was hospitalized.

He saw action for the first time on Guadalcanal, and stated it was the courage of the Marines there that won the battle. Later his division saw action in New Guinea, New Britain and on other islands in the Pacific.

He praised the medical attention given those wounded, and also the U. S. forces now engaged in the Pacific. He said, it is really a sight to see the amount of power and material America has in the Pacific.

Sgt. Lane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lane, now live at Franklin, Virginia.

## County Welfare Head Attends Raleigh Meet

Mrs. Sara Brinn Perry, county welfare superintendent, was among the 16 county welfare heads in North Carolina asked by the State Department of Public Welfare to attend a four-day refresher course in Raleigh last week. The course was given as part of the State department's program of staff development.

Among the subjects studied were relationships of county welfare departments with other agencies; interpretation of the program to the public; financial, statistical and mental testing procedures; work with Negro families; child welfare problems; public assistance; and staff development.

## Recorder's Court Disposes Of Nine Cases Tuesday A. M.

### Four Injured In Accident Last Saturday Morning

Nine cases were disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning, including the one charging Thad Whedbee, Negro, with driving without license, reckless driving and failure to stop before entering a highway; the charges resulted from an accident which occurred last Saturday morning on the New Hope road, when G. L. Sutton, Jr., his brother Clyde and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Eure were injured as Mr. Sutton drove his car into a ditch in attempting to miss striking the Whedbee car, which according to testimony offered in court had stopped at the edge of the pavement.

The occupants of the Sutton car were badly cut and shaken from the accident and received treatment from Dr. T. P. Brinn.

Whedbee was found guilty of driving without a license and given a 60 day suspended sentence upon payment of a fine of \$10 and costs.

Victor Leaf and William Snell each entered pleas of guilty to a charge of speeding and were ordered to pay the costs of court.

Joseph Armstrong, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs after pleading guilty to driving with improper lights and improper brakes.

William Green, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs for speeding.

Alec Watson, Negro, was taxed with court costs on a charge of being drunk.

Russell Basnight, Negro, was taxed with court costs for driving without a license and his father, Sidney Basnight, was assessed costs for permitting his car to be so operated.

Elijah White, Negro, was found guilty of non-support and given a 60 day suspended sentence upon payment of court costs and \$3 per week for the support of his child. The defendant noted an appeal to the superior court.

## Marion Riddick In Group Cited For Part Played In Invasion

Marion Riddick, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Riddick, as a member of the 1814th Ordnance S. & M. Co., has been cited for the work the group did in keeping two crack bomber groups operating on D-Day.

According to a report received here, the group with which First Sergeant Riddick is assigned, composed of service group personnel, under the command of Major George Bibby and Major Leland Richardson, were responsible for keeping the Thunderbolts in flying condition, repairing and refitting them on a 24-hour schedule.

According to the report which read, "It is possible, if not probable that their efforts were in a large part responsible for the attack on Beach \_\_\_\_\_ continuing. History may show that they saved the day."

## MASONS MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

## French Instructor To Speak Here Under Auspices USO Club

### Dr. Lecomte de Nouy to Tell of Life Under Hitler

Edgar J. Hill, director of the Hertford USO Club, announced today arrangements have been completed for Dr. Lecomte de Nouy, famous French biologist and physicist, to come to Hertford on August 14 and speak on the subject "Two Years In Paris Under Hitler."

The arrangements for Dr. de Nouy to come to Hertford was made by the USO, and he will appear here under the USO sponsorship. Mr. Hill stated that the time and place for the speech will be announced at a later date.

Dr. de Nouy studied at the University of Paris and obtained his Ph.D. and his D.S. degrees there.

He was an officer in the French army during the first World War, and at the end of the war came to the Rockefeller Institute in New York to carry on his experimental researches. For eight years he stayed in that city, as an associate member of the Institute. He went back to France in 1927 and organized a department at the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

He published about 200 memoirs and papers on his own researches and seven books. He escaped from France in August, 1942, after spending two years under the Nazi regime.

It has been stated that his presentation "Two Years in Paris Under the Hitler Rule" is educational, inspirational and certainly sound in every way.

People of Perquimans County will have an opportunity of hearing, first hand, of the methods used by Hitler in ruling France during de Nouy's stay, and the public will be invited to attend this meeting.

## Lions President Names Committees At Last Meeting

Chairmen and members of the various committees for the Lions Club for the coming year were named at a meeting of the Club last Friday night, by the Club's new president, G. C. Buck.

Members of the administrative committee are: Attendance, Houston Edwards; Zack Robertson, Luther Sitterson, Jim Bass, Charles Williford; By-Laws, Archie T. Lane, Claude White, Simon Rutenburg; Convention, Claude White, F. B. Skinner, Morgan Walker, J. D. Cranford; Finance, Julian White, Dr. I. A. Ward, F. B. Skinner, Ralph White, Houston Edwards; Lions Education, J. D. Cranford, Clinton Ely, Hoyle Umphlett, Charlie Vann, Corbin Dozier; Membership, Charlie Vann, Herbert Nixon, Will Trueblood, Zack Robertson, Bill White; Program, Charles Williford, Howard Dawkins, F. A. McGoogan; Juitan White, R. A. Willis; Publicity, Herbert Nixon, Charles Skinner, Simon Rutenburg, Morgan Walker and Archie T. Lane.

Special Wartime Committees—military affairs: Hoyle Umphlett, J. H. Towe, Clinton Ely and Bill Cox; Greeter: Charles Skinner, Howard Dawkins, Bill White, Jim Bass, Tom Byrum, Elton Hurdle, Food: Luther Sitterson, Will Trueblood, Ralph White and R. A. Willis. Activities Committee Chairmen—Boys and Girls: J. H. Towe; Citizenship: Frank Skinner; Civic Improvement: Ralph White; Community Betterment: F. A. McGoogan; Education: Howard Dawkins; Health and Welfare: Archie T. Lane; Safety: Clinton Ely; Sight Conservation and Blind: Dr. I. A. Ward.

Julian A. White was appointed to represent the Club in working with local organizations toward employment of service men as they return home.

Two new members were inducted into the Club at this meeting, they being R. O. Blocher and Edgar Hill. Two visitors, Ensign Dwain Peterson and Louis Sitterson, were also present.

## CHARLES CAMPEN SPENDING LEAVE WITH GRANDMOTHER

C. P. O. Charles Campen, U. S. Coast Guard, who recently arrived in this country from a survivors' camp in Southern England, is spending his leave here with his grandmother, Mrs. Jesse Campen.

## County Co-chairmen Attend United War Fund Meeting Mon.

### Plans For Conducting Second Annual Drive Outlined to Group

The Rev. B. C. Reavis and J. Emmett Winslow, co-chairmen of the Perquimans County United War Fund Committee, were among representatives from this district attending a meeting in Elizabeth City on Monday to hear plans outlining the second annual War Fund drive, which will be conducted around October 9th.

Chester A. Keel, executive director and Chester Morris, chairman of District 13, which is made up of counties of the Albemarle, presided over the meeting and explained the purpose of the United War Fund campaign.

On their return, the local chairmen stated that they had accepted a quota to be raised in Perquimans when the drive starts. However, it was said that the amount of this quota will be announced later. Last year Perquimans was given a quota of \$3,197, and it is believed that the 1944 quota will be somewhat higher.

The local chairmen stated that they plan to call a meeting of the county-wide committee and organize it for the local campaign about the middle of September.

The funds raised for this purpose are used for thirteen relief organizations, the main of which is the USO, and its program is widely known in presenting clubs and recreation centers and programs for service men, not only in this country, but all over the world where our men are serving in the war.

The meeting in Elizabeth City was held for the purpose of allotting to each county in this district a quota for the drive this fall, and in addition the presiding officers gave a complete report on the handling of funds raised last year by the United War Fund group, showing the aid and assistance rendered to people in Russia, Greece, China and other nations overrun by the Axis war machine.

## Colored Seaman Of County Loses Life In Explosion Last Week

Joseph M. Tolson, 18-year-old colored seaman, second class, son of Isaac Tolson of the Old Neck community of this county, lost his life in the explosion which occurred at the Naval Depot at Port Chicago, California, last week, according to word received here by the youth's father last Thursday.

Capt. M. T. Kinnie, commanding officer of the U. S. Naval Barracks at Port Chicago, sent the father this message: "Deeply regret to advise you that your son, Joseph M. Tolson, S. 2-c, is missing and presumed dead as result of explosion occurring at 10:22, 17 July, 1944, at Port Chicago."

According to his father, the youth enlisted in the Navy at New York last March, while still under the age of 18, and had been at home on leave once since he entered the service.

## USO Program Includes Dance And Fish Fry

A formal dance sponsored by the GSO is scheduled to be held at the Hertford USO Club Friday night at nine o'clock. This is the second party given by the GSO group, the enlisted men from Harvey Point were entertained last Friday night at a watermelon party and dance on the municipal pier, and a large number were present.

The Hertford Rotary Club will entertain the enlisted personnel from the base at a fish fry to be held at the municipal plant on Grubb street next Wednesday night. All enlisted personnel are invited to attend.

The club's block dance held Wednesday night on Church street drew its usual large attendance and the music furnished by the Naval orchestra from Weeksville was enjoyed by both dancers and spectators.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. Calvin Meads, of Elizabeth City, on Saturday, July 8, at the Medical Center in Elizabeth City, a daughter, Betty Delores. Mother and baby are doing nicely. Mrs. Meads is the former Miss Leona Baccus.