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DEMOBLIZING GERMAN MINES—So fast were Nazi soldiers chased from some sectors in Normandy that they did not have time to remove the warning signs in their mine fields. Here an American Engineer officer calmly locates the hidden explosives, renders them useless and piles up the salvage. Failure of the enemy to conceal the death's hand insignia probably saved many American lives.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

American troops, armored columns and infantrymen fighting under General Bradley, fanned out in two directions after breaking through the German line in Normandy. One column of Americans headed across the Brittany peninsula while another turned inland to cut off the Germans fighting the British in the Caen sector.

Given an advantage by the mountainous terrain of northern Italy, the Nazis have slowed the Allied drive on that front this week, according to reports from Rome. The Allies, however, moved slowly ahead and have called upon Italian patriots to sabotage German communication and supply lines running back into the mountains.

While the Allies are still some 600 miles from Berlin, the Red armies have fought their way into Warsaw and are now about 300 miles from the German capital. Moscow reports all seven Red armies are pushing ahead each day, but little news has been given out about successes on the southern front. The Red troops have captured most of the territory of the Baltic States, and are several miles inside the German state of East Prussia.

General MacArthur's forces in the Pacific leaped past another big Japanese force early this week when they landed at Sansapor, 200 miles nearer the Philippines. Reports state the Americans bypassed nearly 100,000 Japs and are now engaged in a battle to end the fighting on New Guinea. The Americans under MacArthur are now only 600 miles from the Philippines. Admiral Nimitz announced that the battle for Tinian, an island in the Marianna group, has ended and the Americans are now in control. The fighting on Guam continues.

Reports from the battle front in Normandy this week stated that the German ace general, Rommel, has been killed. According to the report Rommel suffered wounds when Allied planes strafed his staff car. Berlin has not denied Rommel's death, but has admitted he was wounded and in serious condition.

Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippines, died in New York this week of tuberculosis. He had been ill for some time, but has looked after his country's affairs since he escaped the islands in 1942. Sergio Osmeña, vice president, was sworn in as the new Philippine president almost immediately.

Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau announced Wednesday that total sales during the Fifth War Loan amounted to more than \$9 billion dollars. The nation's quota had been set at \$6 billion. In the five drives conducted by the Treasury Department more than \$7 billion dollars worth of bonds have been sold.

Storm Hits Coast At Wilmington; Wind And Rain In County

Storm warnings were issued for this section of North Carolina again this week, but the tropical gale hit at Wilmington, N. C., early Tuesday evening, with only moderate winds and heavy rains being recorded here. The storm warning was the second issued here in the past three weeks, but it is believed that the storm this week was less intensive than the one reported last month.

According to reports from the Wilmington area, the storm wrecked communication lines, cutting off that city from outside territory. The wind was reported blowing at a rate of 60 to 80 miles per hour and roads leading to Wrightsville and Carolina Beaches were covered with water.

Thousands of people living and vacationing at the two beaches were evacuated into the city of Wilmington, already overcrowded with war workers and reports were that many faced a problem of having no place to sleep.

The heavy winds and rains started in Hertford at about nine o'clock, and continued through several hours of the night. A moderate wind continued to blow during most of Wednesday.

Rotary President Names Committees

J. R. Futrell, president of the Hertford Rotary Club, this week announced the membership of the club committees for the coming year. The board of directors for the club are: J. R. Futrell, president; W. H. Harcastle, vice president; C. P. Morris, Henry Newbold, T. B. Sumner and E. L. Winslow.

Members of the committees are: Club Service, W. H. Harcastle, W. A. Hefren, F. T. Johnson, B. C. Reavis; Attendance, A. B. Bonner, J. W. Ward, V. N. Darden; Fellowship, Howard Pitt, J. Emmett Winslow, C. A. Davenport; Classification, C. P. Morris, Henry Newbold, E. L. Winslow; Membership, T. B. Sumner, A. W. Hefren; Vocational Service, T. B. Sumner, Henry Newbold, C. A. Davenport; International Service, E. L. Winslow, J. W. Ward, B. C. Reavis; Public Information, Max Campbell, R. S. Monds; Community Service, C. P. Morris, A. W. Hefren, Howard Pitt and V. N. Darden.

Members of the Rotary Club were hosts Wednesday night at a fish fry of enlisted personnel of the Harvey Point NAAS. The fish fry was held at the municipal plant on Grubb Street and was well attended.

American Legion Meets Tonight At 8

The Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock, at the Agriculture Building in Hertford. Post Commander S. G. Chappell urges all members to be present.

Public Invited To Hear Professor's Speech On Hitler

Scheduled On August 14 at Hertford Grammar School

Much interest is being manifested here on the coming appearance of Dr. Leonide de Nouy, who under the auspices of the Hertford USO Club will speak of his experiences in Paris for two years, while that city was under Hitler's rule.

Edgar J. Hill, director of the USO, stated today that Dr. de Nouy's speech will be delivered in the auditorium of the Hertford Grammar School at 8 p. m., August 14, and that the public, as well as service men and women, is invited to attend. There will be no admission.

Dr. de Nouy escaped from France in 1942, after spending several years in Paris connected with the Pasteur Institute. He was at one time associated with the Rockefeller Institute in New York City.

In announcing the program for the USO Club next week, Mr. Hill stated that the street dance to be held on August 8 will be open for both the public and service personnel. Previously block dances have been exclusive for service men and women; but beginning with the one next Tuesday, residents of the county who desire may join in the party.

The GSO girls held a formal dance at the club last Friday night which was well attended and enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served by the Mary Towe Missionary Society and Mrs. R. S. Monds and Mrs. Sarah B. Perry presided at the punch bowl.

The program for next week at the USO includes, besides the block dance, a luncheon for Officers' wives, a luncheon for Service wives, free movies on Thursday night and a barn dance on next Friday night. Open house with informal dances and games will be enjoyed on Monday and Saturday nights.

Recorder's Docket Cleared Quickly On Tuesday Morning

Business was brief in the Perquimans Recorder's Court this week when the docket, made up of eight cases, was quickly disposed of by the court officials. Seven of the eight cases on this week's docket were for traffic violations.

William Peeden, colored, was assessed court costs after pleading guilty to being drunk and disorderly. Wheeler Dumber, colored, plead guilty to driving without license and he was ordered to pay court costs. Erwin Jordan and Lewis Lamb were taxed with court costs for driving without license.

Noland Chandler paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court on a charge of speeding.

William Figgs, colored, was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the costs, after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Harvey Porter was fined \$10 and costs on a speeding charge.

William Harrell, Jr., plead guilty to speeding and was fined \$50 and ordered to pay court costs.

Ora L. Byrd, found guilty of prostitution several weeks ago, was ordered committed to the State Industrial Center for women for a period not to exceed six months.

County Agent Reports Crops In Good Shape

General rains fell throughout the county last Thursday and Friday nights and did wonders in bringing out crops in this county, according to L. W. Anderson, county agent, who stated this week it was his belief that corn, cotton and peanut crops here would be almost normal.

Some parts of the county had little rain during most of June and July, but recent rains in those sections have helped crops greatly.

Mr. Anderson, who is also secretary of the County War Board, stated the labor situation throughout the county at the present is good, and he thought with normal weather conditions during the harvesting period, there would be sufficient labor to harvest and house all crops.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Freeman S. Long, of Hertford, Route 1, on Tuesday, July 25th, a son, Freeman, Jr. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Brothers Serving In Armed Forces



Pfc. William E. Smith and Pvt. Carlton E. Smith, shown with cap, sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Smith, of Belvidere, make another brother team from this county serving in the armed forces. William has been in service for two and a half years and is now somewhere in England. Carlton, a member of the service for two years, has been stationed somewhere in the Southwest Pacific for 18 months.

County Percentage For Fifth War Loan Reaches New Mark

R. M. Riddick, chairman of the Perquimans County War Finance Committee, announced Tuesday that total sales of war bonds during the Fifth War Loan reached a new high of \$565,548.50, or more than 212 percent of the county's quota.

Sales of E bonds amounted to \$90,908.50. Mr. Riddick stated, and the balance of the sales were made up of series F, G and other types of bonds offered during the Fifth War Loan drive.

The chairman again expressed his appreciation to the people of the county whose splendid cooperation made it possible to achieve this record, and to those who aided the drive by soliciting sales of war bonds.

He added that thus far the county has not been assigned a quota for the month of August.

Fifty-one Motorists Issued Certificates For Tires This Week

Fifty-one motorists were issued certificates for the purchase of tires by the Perquimans Rating Board during the past week, Miss Mary Frances Dail, clerk of the board, stated today.

Truck type certificates were issued to Major-Loomis Co., 2; Hertford Hardware, 2; R. B. Chappell, 1; B. P. Monds, 1; William Cartwright, 3; and Winslow Oil Co., 2.

Passenger Type: H. S. Lane, 1; C. M. Stephens, 2; R. E. Matthews, 1; Walter Dail, 3; S. W. Long, 2; B. S. Hoskins, 2; Ralph Perry, 1; W. H. Riddick, 2; Robert Bischoff, 3; Will Stephens, 2; Robert Perry, 2; W. A. Chappell, 1; L. T. Franks, 1; Hertford Cab Co., 2; Charles Cadden, 3; W. A. Cartwright, 2; Alvin Copeland, 2; W. R. Brothers, 3; Floyd Riddick, 2; S. F. Snyder, 1; James Collins, 2; O. B. Grady, 1; Elsworth White, 2; C. L. White, 1; Laura Overton, 2; C. I. Lewis, 1; Henry Cleaners, 2; Rufus Lilly, 1; Sterling Belch, 1; Robert White, 2; Deluxe Colson, 2; W. H. Oakley, 2; Herman Monds, 2; H. G. Dawkins, 1; C. S. Jackson, 1; Preston Copeland, 1; G. E. Renton, 1; Richard Harrell, 2; W. L. Sawyer, 3; Joshua Simpson, 1; J. R. Henden, 1; Alvin Winslow, 1; Jack King, 2; Shelton Long, 2; and Harry Winslow, 1.

Special Services At New Hope Church

A series of special meetings will be conducted at the New Hope Methodist Church, beginning Sunday, August 6, and continuing for one week, the Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor, announced today.

Lieut. (jg) Paul Sanders, chaplain at Harvey Point, will be the speaker for the morning service at 11 o'clock Sunday, and the Rev. B. C. Reavis will speak each afternoon at 4 o'clock and each evening at 8:30 o'clock during the remainder of the services.

The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Beale, Jr., of Jackson, announce the birth of a daughter, Margaret Harmon, on July 30; at Roanoke Rapids Hospital, Roanoke Rapids. Mrs. Beale is the former Nell Hobbs.

The first induction call for August was filled yesterday, when six Negro inductees left to begin their military training.



Changing conditions inside Europe give indication that more problems are being faced by the Nazis daily. Turkey is expected to break diplomatic relations with Germany any day now, and there is a possibility that a state of war may be declared. Turkey has prepared for any coming, and reports from there state all German nationals are ready to leave the country.

Changing Events In Europe Give Nazis Additional Problems

A shake-up was made in Finland on Tuesday when the pro-Nazi president Iyri resigned and Baron Mannerheim, famed Finnish general, was named to that post by the Finnish Parliament. Some officials believe Mannerheim will take immediate steps to seek peace with Russia, now that the Red armies have severed the Baltic states from the Nazi armies.

The Russians by their break through in the Baltic sector have trapped some 300,000 German soldiers, and now control most of the area surrounding Finland. The Red forces are battling for the city of Warsaw, first United Nations capital overrun by Hitler. The reports state the Nazis are burning Warsaw as they prepare to evacuate before the rolling Russian armies.

No reports have been made on conditions inside Germany proper since the news of the attempt on Hitler's life. However, the seemingly hopeless situation now confronting the German armies on the East, West and South must be having its effect on the German population.

The Allied troops in Normandy have broken out of the narrow stretches of that peninsula and American armored forces now are plunging ahead across the Brittany peninsula, on which is situated the important port of Brest. The American troops were reported as advancing some 15 miles per day, as compared to the one mile a day they gained fighting in Normandy.

More than 10,000 Germans have been buried by the Allied troops, while the count on prisoners is unofficial due to the large number being taken, as the Allies drive to new gains. More than 7,000 Germans were captured in one day of the drive which is now in its second week.

Colored Selectees To Leave For Fort Bragg August 9th

Fifteen colored selectees will leave here next Wednesday, August 9, for Fort Bragg, where they will undergo pre-induction examinations, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local draft board, announced today.

The board has ordered the following registrants to report at the local office to entrain for Fort Bragg: James Newcom, William Turner, Hollis Mitchell, Rufus Rouse, Bill Mallory, James Johnson, Roosevelt Harvey, Albert Turner, Ulysses Harrell, Oliver Riddick, Melvin Butts, Thomas White, Earl Zachery, Frank Whedbee, Ulysses Skinner, James White, Arthur Harrell and Alphonso Gibbs.

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School Opening May Be Delayed Due To Polio Situation

State Official Suggests Proposal; No Cases Here

Opening of Perquimans County schools for the new term may be delayed for a short time, if a suggestion of the State Health Officer, Dr. Carl A. Reynolds, State Health Officer, is put into effect by the local Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. J. H. Williams, said Reynolds.

Dr. Reynolds, in a letter to county health officers, suggested that schools of the State delay opening until September 15, because of the polio epidemic.

While this section of the State has reported few cases of the disease, the State Health Officer believes delay in opening schools everywhere will aid in combatting polio. Contrary to a rumor going around this week, the local health department, told this reporter there were no cases, as far as they knew, in this county.

Mr. Johnson announced that plans for opening the colored schools about August 14, and opening of white schools on September 7 would be delayed if such action was requested by the local Health Department.

He stated that if the opening of schools were delayed, it would permit sufficient time for contractors to complete the new building now being constructed to house the classes of the Negro school in Winfall. Work is progressing well on this building, he said, and it should be ready for the holding of classes about the middle of September.

Other schools throughout the county are also being prepared for the return of students. Because of their excellent condition, little work is needed to put the Perquimans High School building and the Central and Hertford Grammar School buildings in condition for opening.

Mr. Johnson announced he is still in need of a teacher for the first grade at the Central Grammar School, but otherwise his teaching staff is rapidly being completed.

Local Pastor Heads District Commission On Evangelism

At the meeting of the Elizabeth City District Conference last May the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Methodist Church in Hertford, was elected chairman of the Commission on Evangelism for this district and since that time has been giving much time and thought to that work in addition to his regular duties as pastor. Meetings have been held with preachers in the interest of that work besides doing the preaching in revival meetings.

Last week Mr. Reavis brought to a close a most successful series of revival services at Weeksville, and he is doing the preaching this week in a series of services in the Evans Church, and next Sunday afternoon he will begin a series of services at New Hope Church. Many other calls have come to Mr. Reavis to help in similar services and he will bring his work as preacher in these meetings to a close in September, when he does the preaching at the Love Joy Camp Meeting, Troy, N. C. He plans to do the preaching in a series of revival services in the local Methodist Church here in October.

It is understood that Mr. Reavis is not neglecting his own pulpit in doing the preaching in these revival meetings, as he will be in his pulpit each Sunday morning and evening, and is looking after the pastoral duties also.

Henry Wilbur Bright Awarded Purple Heart Wounded On D-Day

Mrs. John Bright of the Chapin community, has received the Purple Heart from her son, Cpl. Henry W. Bright, who, according to a letter written his mother, was wounded in action on D-Day. Cpl. Bright informed his mother that he is now getting along fine and has spent the week-end in France.

He stated in his letter that he has spent the week-end eating and sleeping in a fox hole, and he expects a furlough some time in 1945. He is attached to a unit of combat engineers and has been in five campaigns, and according to his letter, is looking forward to more.