

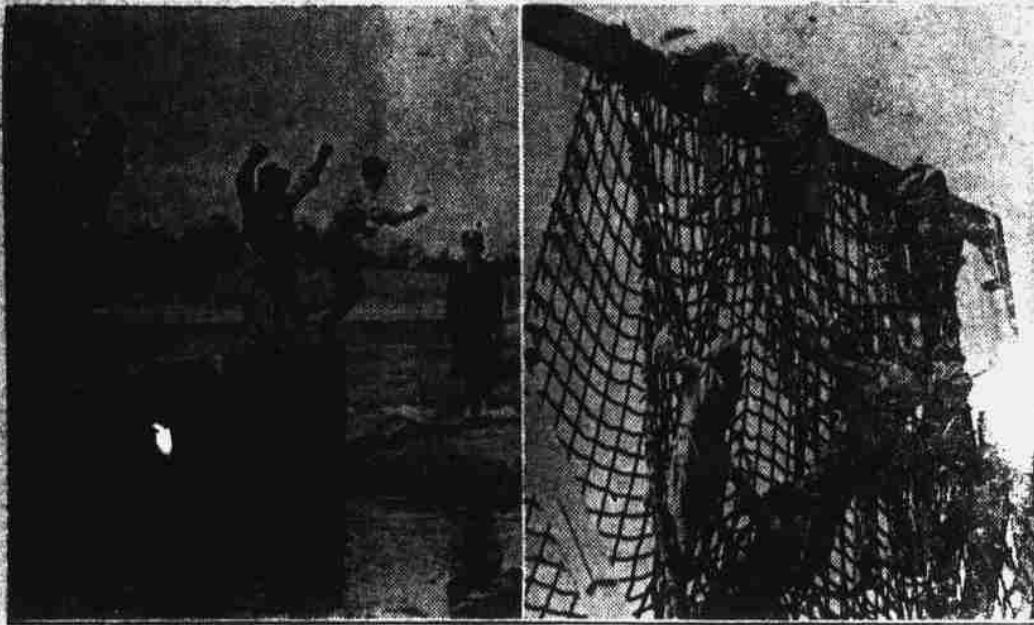
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ARMY NURSES PREPARE FOR OVERSEAS HARDSHIPS—"Toughening up" instruction gives members of the Army Nurse Corps as part of their basic training courses is paying dividends around the globe where in every theater of operation these women are serving. Dressed in G. I. overalls, these nurses spend hours on an obstacle course crawling through barbed wire entanglements, jumping over water hazards and walking over rough terrain such as shelled fields afford. They learn to climb rapidly and easily in the meshes of a cargo net, as shown on the right.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

American troops under General Bradley continued their march toward Paris this week, repulsing a local counterattack by German tank forces earlier near the Normandy peninsula. The American troops, reported about 100 miles from Paris Wednesday, were strengthened in their drive by a push launched by the Canadian forces near Caen. A terrific Allied air bombardment opened the Canadian drive, and reports from the front indicate the German hinge in that sector has been broken, thus throwing the enemy into disorder.

Berlin continues to report a possible Allied invasion of the southern coast of France, the report stated soldiers of the Fifth Army in Italy have been relieved and moved into position for attacking the Mediterranean coast. Steady fighting in Italy continues as the Allies push the Germans further back into the mountainous country. British troops captured the city of Florence last week-end after the Nazis had declared it as an open city. However, the Germans have shelled the town since the entry by Allied troops.

German troops all along the Eastern front opened a tremendous counter-offensive against the Russians this week, according to a report from Moscow, which announced the Nazis were being "bled white" in their desperate attempt to stop the Reds. Russian troops are now fighting about 320 miles from Berlin and have the Polish city of Warsaw under siege. The Russians captured German oil fields in Southern Poland this week, thus further hindering the Nazi supply problem.

Trouble still brews inside Germany, and a report, unconfirmed by either the Allies or the Nazis, says that Himmler has been killed and Goering, number two man of the Nazi machine, has been wounded in uprisings following the trial of German officers for the attempt on Hitler's life. Eight officers were reported hanged following their conviction by a "people's court."

American forces on the island of Guam have pushed the Japs into one corner of the island for final annihilation, according to a release from the Pacific. In New Guinea the Jap forces have been split by hard driving troops under General MacArthur and these face knockout blows from the Americans. Thirty-eight more Jap ships were sunk this week by a Task Force under Admiral Nimitz. The attack was made on a convoy about 500 miles from Japan.

Officials in Washington this week predicted that new cars, wash machines, refrigerators and irons, when in production again, would increase in cost from 20 to 35 per cent due to increased costs of production and higher taxes.

Mrs. Helen Daveport Back At OPA Office

Mrs. Helen Daveport, who has been on leave of absence, has returned to assume the duties as chief clerk of the Perquimans National Guard. It was announced at the regional office this week.

Miss Mary Frances Hall, who has been serving as clerk, will resume the duties as clerk of the regional office this week.

Rotary, Lions Clubs To Meet Jointly Monday Night 6:15

Members of the Hertford Rotary and Lions Clubs will hold a joint meeting Monday night at 6:15 o'clock, at the Methodist Church, and will have as their guest Dr. LeComte du Nouy, French scientist, who appears here Monday night under the auspices of the Hertford USO.

County Postmasters Give Dates Mailing Overseas Packages

Postmasters throughout Perquimans County are this week reminding parents and friends of soldiers now overseas that Christmas packages for Army and Navy personnel in foreign ports must be mailed between September 15 and October 15 to assure that they will be delivered on time.

The announcement of these dates for mailing was made this week by Postmaster General Frank Walker. Urging that more care be taken in wrapping and packing parcels securely, and addressing them clearly and correctly, he suggested these mailing rules:

The address of the sender and addressee should be written inside the package as well as outside to assure delivery in case the outside wrapper is lost.

Containers made of metal, wood or fiberboard are preferable.

Parcels must not exceed five pounds, nor be more than 15 inches in length or 36 in length and girth combined.

"Christmas Parcel" should be marked plainly on the outside.

One sender may mail no more than one parcel a week to the same addressee.

Perishable goods, intoxicants, inflammable materials and anything that may damage other mail may not be sent. Sharp instruments must be protected carefully.

Street Work Delayed Latter Part Of August

Mayor V. N. Darden stated this week that the project calling for the re-surfacing of most of the streets of the Town has been delayed a few weeks, due to the fact that the contractor engaged for the work has been unable to come here. The Mayor said the work is expected to begin sometime the latter part of August.

The street department is now laying drainage pipe on Covent Garden Street, between Dobb and King Streets, which is expected to aid materially in draining water from the area. The block, at this section, is low and during rain storms considerable water remains standing for a long period of time before it eventually drains off.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Pvt. and Mrs. W. F. Ansley announced the birth of a son, William Franklin, Jr., on Saturday, August 5th, 1944.

MASONS MEET TUESDAY
Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will have a regular meeting next Tuesday night.

Draft Call Reduced 31 White Youths To Leave August 16th

For Pre-induction Examination at Fort Bragg

Perquimans County's draft call for 75 white youths to report for pre-induction examinations next Wednesday, August 16, was reduced this week to 31, after the local board had been informed by a representative from the State headquarters that the needs of the armed forces was for young men, and local boards should be liberal in deferring older men from 26 through 37 so long as they were contributing to the interest and welfare of the community.

It was pointed out, however, that in cases of men between 18 and 25 a tightening of deferment rules had been made and all boards should reclassify men in this group for induction in the armed forces.

Following receipt of this information, the board rechecked its list of registrants and ordered the following list of men, 27 of whom are under 25 and four between 26 and 29, to report for pre-induction exams next week: Joseph White, Borden Winslow, James Lane, Sterling Colson, Paul Colson, Jr., William Trueblood, Jr., Walter Mathews, Jr., Earle Goodwin, Jr., Worth Dale, Thomas Fleetwood, Leroy Wilson, Clarence Winslow, Roland Copeland, Jr., Hallett Evans, Jack Harrell, William Lamb, Jack Rountree, Linwood Trueblood, Donald Lane, Robert Perry, Jr., Clarence Harrell, Julian Tudlock, Horace Boyce, Matt Spivey, Jr., William Elliott, Robert Sutton, Richard Goodwin, Hercules Byrum, Joel Perry, Lindsay Russell and Delmar Spear.

This group will be the last call for men to take pre-induction exams this month. Seventeen Negroes left last Wednesday for Fort Bragg to fill the first call for August. No calls for September have been received yet.

An induction call for four white men for August has been received and the board will select men to fill this call at a meeting this week.

Six Cases Heard In Recorder's Court On Tuesday Morning

Business continued slow in Perquimans Recorder's Court this week, only six cases being on the docket when court was opened. Four of these cases were traffic violations.

James Foreman, colored, was taxed with court costs after pleading guilty to assault with a deadly weapon.

Joseph Ballance, colored, was found guilty of reckless driving and was given a 30-day suspended sentence upon payment of a fine of \$30 and costs.

Rosewood Woodley, colored, was taxed with court costs for speeding.

Carlton Copeland entered a plea of guilty to speeding and was taxed with costs of court.

Henry Watson, Jr., colored, was fined \$75 and ordered to pay court costs after pleading guilty to driving drunk.

Jack Coston and Artellia Berke, both colored, entered pleas of guilty to a charge of mutual assault. Coston was fined \$5 and the costs of court were divided between the defendants.

Local Legionnaires Plan To Join Nation Wide Paper Drive

Will Start First Week In September; Membership Is Good

Members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, at a meeting last Friday night, voted to participate in a nation-wide paper drive which will be conducted by American Legion posts throughout the country during the weeks of September 3 and 10.

A committee composed of B. C. Berry, chairman, S. C. Chappell, W. G. Hollowell, G. C. Buck and R. R. White has been appointed to devise plans for conducting the drive here. It was announced by Mr. Berry that the campaign is being undertaken by the Legion in an effort to supply factories with much needed paper, now one of the critical needs of the armed forces.

The methods of collecting the paper, when the drive opens, will be announced later, it was stated by the committee chairman, who added the local Legion Post now asks for the cooperation of the public in the drive.

S. G. Chappell, post commander, also named a committee whose purpose will be to compile a record of the names of all men from Perquimans County who are now or have been in the service during the present war. This committee will seek to obtain the name of every man from the county, and may possibly erect an honor roll of the names on the court house green. Further details regarding this program will also be announced later.

The post voted to hold a supper at New Hope some time following the regular September meeting.

Membership in the Wm. Paul Stallings Post is expected to reach a new high mark before the close of the drive for renewal of membership next month. At the present time 50 of the 78 members of last year have already renewed their memberships and a number of veterans of World War II who have now returned home are expected to join.

Motorists Holding B And C Gas Rations Must Join Car Pools

The Perquimans War Price and Rationing Board has been instructed by OPA in Washington not to renew "B" and "C" ration books for home-to-work driving except to motorists participating in car-sharing pools after August 1, E. Leigh Winslow, chairman, said today.

Renewable home-to-work ration books—those expiring after July 31—will be individually considered and where motorists cannot prove participation in car-sharing, the board is authorized to issue only a 30-day probationary supply of gasoline with instruction that the car owner must join or form a car-pool before additional rations can be issued.

Pointing out that motorists who drive to work daily with empty seats are seriously handicapping the war effort, Mr. Winslow emphasized that car-sharing is the only feasible relief from a serious civilian transportation crisis that threatens to result from inevitable reduction in the number of usable automobiles.

Normally, the chairman pointed out, 83 per cent of passenger traffic moves in privately-owned automobiles. Among these are many war workers whose transportation is vital to the war effort. As automobiles leave the road through breakdowns, the burden is shifted to already overtaxed public transportation facilities.

In many cases the empty seat of the "solo driver" is the only answer to the transportation problem, he said.

Bowling Alley To Be Installed In Town

Sports lovers will welcome the announcement made this week by A. W. Hefren and B. F. Ainsley that they have completed plans for installing a bowling alley in Hertford.

The two men have purchased the Hollowell warehouse on Grubb street and last week purchased the alleys now being installed.

Mr. Hefren stated yesterday that the alleys would probably be opened to the public the first part of September.

BOARD OF HEALTH ADOPTS MEASURES TO PREVENT POSSIBLE INFECTION BY POLIO

Speaks Here Monday



DR. LECOMTE DU NOUY

The public is invited to hear Dr. Lecomte du Nouy, noted French scientist, who will speak at the Hertford Grammar School auditorium next Monday night at 8 o'clock. The professor's subject will be "Two Years in Paris Under Hitler's Rule." Dr. du Nouy will appear here under the auspices of the Hertford USO.

Speech Monday By Doctor de Nouy Heads USO Program

Talk on Hitler to Be Given at Grammar School at 8 P. M.

Highlight of the program at the Hertford USO Club next week will be the appearance here on Monday night of Dr. Lecomte de Nouy, French scientist, who lived in Paris two years while that city was under the control of the Nazis.

Judging from the interest being manifested by his appearance, a large crowd is expected to hear Dr. du Nouy, who will deliver his talk at the Hertford Grammar school at 8 o'clock. The public as well as all service men and women in this area are invited to be present. There is no admission charge.

Edgar J. Hill, director of the Hertford USO, stated the program for the USO next week, besides the talk on Monday night, includes a quiz program on Wednesday night, free movies on Thursday night and a bingo party on Friday night. Both the movies and bingo parties have been drawing a large number of service personnel.

The street dance held Tuesday night of this week drew the usual large number of dancers and spectators. However, few civilians enjoyed the dancing. Mr. Hill again announced that the civilians as well as service men and women may participate in the block dances if they so desire. The next block dance will be held on Tuesday night, August 22, and music will be furnished by the Naval Air Station Band from Weeksville. These boys are splendid musicians and give a swell performance each time they appear here.

The local director stated the USO Club has a need for cakes and pies and desires the names of persons who will bake these for the club. The ingredients for the pies and cakes will be furnished by the club. Any person wishing to help with this matter is asked to see Mr. Hill at the USO.

Final Figures For Fifth War Loan Drive Released By Chairman

Final figures for the sale of war bonds in Perquimans County during the Fifth War Loan were released here this week by R. M. Riddick, chairman of the War Finance Committee.

Total sales of all types of bonds amounted to \$571,937, or approximately 215 per cent of the \$267,000 quota given Perquimans. Sales of E bonds amounted to \$37,297. The quota for E bonds was \$74,000.

Mr. Riddick announced a war bond quota of \$15,288 has been assigned to the county for the month of August, and he urged the public to renew the buying of bonds on a regular basis. Perquimans' record for war bond sales during each of the five bond drives is outstanding. However, sales on the regular monthly basis have not reached the monthly quota recently.

Postpones Opening of Schools; Restricts All Gathering of Children; Empowers Local Doctors to Act

The Perquimans County Board of Health, acting to forestall any possible outbreak of infantile paralysis in this county, at a meeting Tuesday night, named a committee composed of Dr. J. H. Bickett, Dr. C. A. Gavenport, Dr. T. E. Brum, Dr. I. A. East and Dr. A. F. Conner, to pass upon the emergency of the polio epidemic which is now raging in the western part of the State.

The Board of Health voted to postpone indefinitely the opening of county schools, and also voted to restrict all gatherings of children under the age of 16 years. Children are not to gather in picture shows, at picnics, clubs, such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or at any places of amusement.

The Board recommended and urges all churches to suspend or restrict church activities for children under sixteen.

These restrictions pertain to both white and colored children, and parents are urged to see that children remain close by their homes.

The committee of doctors is empowered with authority to meet from time to time and pass upon conditions as they exist locally. A meeting of the group has been set for August 21, at which time a discussion on the date for opening of schools will be held. At the present time there is no reported cases of polio in Perquimans County. However, the disease seemingly has spread from the western part of the State to the eastern part and the local Board of Health, by this action, hopes to prevent any infection in this county.

Negro schools of the county were scheduled to open next Monday, but the action taken by the Board of Health at the meeting this week will delay the opening. F. T. Johnson, county school superintendent, stated he will wait until such time as the committee of doctors report that the danger from polio has passed before making further plans for school opening.

Parents of children under 16 are urged to assist the Board of Health in this emergency by observing the restrictions set out by the committee, and to inform their friends and neighbors that such action has been taken.

Budget Adopted By Commissioners In Meeting On Monday

Perquimans County's tax rate will remain at \$1.50 per hundred for the next year as the result of the budget adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in a meeting on Monday.

Little change was made in the budget this year, as compared to the one for the past fiscal year, which permitted the county to close the fiscal year with a goodly balance.

Two cents was deducted from the levy for school funds, but this was added to the general fund which was increased from 13 to 15 cents. The biggest levy adopted was the 90 cents for the debt service fund.

W. F. C. Edwards, county accountant, gave the commissioners a detailed report on expenditures during the past fiscal year and, in connection with the debt service levy for next year, stated interest to be paid amounted to \$18,740 and principal amounted to \$15,000. School bonds to be paid this year amounts to \$8,790 principal and \$1,200 in interest.

Total county property valuation is now approximately \$6,240,000, an increase over last year of \$151,850. This increase in valuation, however, is subject to any change that might be noted in corporation holdings in the county.

A representative of the firm who audits the county's books told the Board that the recently completed audit revealed the county's financial condition as good, and he stated that 90.9 per cent of the taxes levied for 1943 had been collected. This year's collections range as high if not higher.

By a unanimous vote the Board reappointed C. B. White as superintendent of the County Home.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ward, Route One, announce the birth of a son, on Thursday, August 3rd, 1944.