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## Charles F. Sumner III Killed In Action In France On August 4

### Parents Received War Department Notice on Monday

Technical Sergeant Charles Ford Sumner III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ford Sumner, Jr., was killed in action in France on August 4, according to a telegram from the War Department, received here Monday by the parents.

Tech. Sgt. Sumner was a member of an engineering group which had been engaged in constructing advanced air fields in France from shortly after D-Day. He had been a member of the Army of the United States since August, 1940, having been stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va., before being shipped overseas for duty in Iceland. His organization was in the first convoy to leave this country after Pearl Harbor. He had been overseas two years and eight months.

After being stationed in Iceland for some time, he was transferred to England for further training before the invasion of Europe.

The word of the death of the popular young man, who was a graduate of Perquimans High School, and a member of the Hertford Methodist Church, was a shock to the entire community.

He was a grandson of the late Colonel and Mrs. James T. Anthony of Charlotte, N. C.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Harry Tillett, of Elizabeth City.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

American armored forces under General Patton again proved superior to Nazi troops in France when they swiftly dashed 65 miles southeast of Paris on the high road to Berlin, while other Allied columns battled their way toward the rocket coast city of Calais. Reports from France state the trapped Germans in the Normandy sector have been mopped up and thousands of more Nazis are being taken prisoners daily. General Patton's forces are reported only 160 miles from the German territory while other forces coming up have the situation around Paris well in hand. The Allies had not yet taken the French capital, but it was assumed by reports the city could be seized any time the Allies wanted to march in.

The battle in Southern France continues to be a one-sided affair with Allied soldiers rushing so far ahead of their schedules that the officers in charge have to improvise battle tactics. Thousands of French patriots are joining forces with trained French troops and are being armed to help round up the Germans. A report from Spain stated that a new landing of troops was being effected at the port of Bordeaux, which previously was reported in the hands of French volunteers. The Allies continue to hammer the Germans with heavy air blows and artillery over all parts of the battle zones.

A report from London this week stated that Marshal Petain, Vichy government head, had been kidnapped by the Gestapo and taken to the French town of Belfort. The French patriots were reported as having taken over the town of Vichy and scattered the pro-Nazi French leaders, among whom were Laval. It is believed the Russians have fled to Germany.

The Russians have made little advance against the Germans in the past during the week, and reported a retreat in the Riga area in the Baltic. However, Moscow reports offensive launched against German controlled oil centers of Rumania. The battle between the Russians and the Germans still rages at various points and indications are the Red army may soon break through the German lines at this point.

U. S. super fortresses raided Japan this week and caused heavy damage to war manufacturing. Additional bombing strikes have been made by forces under General MacArthur, presumably as a prelude to the invasion of the Philippines.

### GRADUATE RADIO SCHOOL

Each Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Harris, has been graduated from an Army airway radio school at Scott Field, according to an announcement received here this week.

## Ox-Cart Train on Saipan



After the Marines established their beachhead they found oxen and carts that the Jap defenders had been using to haul their supplies. Always able to adapt themselves to any situation anywhere the Marines lost no time in harnessing the beasts to the carts and let them do the heavy hauling. Back their attacks with War Bonds. From U. S. Treasury

## UNITED WAR FUND CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCES COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR SECOND DRIVE

### Organization Meeting Is Scheduled For Mid-September

J. Emmett Winslow and the Rev. B. C. Reavis, co-chairmen of the Perquimans County United War Fund Committee, this week renamed last year's county-wide committee for the purpose of conducting the second annual United War Fund drive which will get under way here early in October.

The executive committee is composed of Julian A. White, Max R. Campbell, C. E. White, J. D. Cranford, George Jackson, H. G. Dawkins, E. T. Jilson and W. E. Dail, Mayor V. N. Darden, C. P. Morris, A. W. Hefren, F. T. Johnson and Dr. E. S. White.

The committee will be called together about the middle of September for the purpose of outlining the plans for holding the drive and to name solicitors for each township. The township chairmen who served last year will be asked to act in the same capacity during the drive.

The money raised through the United War Fund campaign is used to carry on relief work within nations overrun and upset due to occupation by Axis armed forces, and to carry on the work of the USO. The largest part of the amount raised is used for the latter purpose.

Some question has been raised as to the necessity for funds for the USO in case the war should suddenly end. This question is answered by the authorities of the armed forces who are requesting USO to continue its work for at least two years as an aid in rehabilitating men who return from the war.

The quota set for Perquimans County this year has not been announced, but the co-chairmen expect the amount to be somewhat higher than the goal last year.

## Funeral Services Held Tuesday For Mrs. Mary E. Ward

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ward, 68, died at her home on Route 3, near Hertford Sunday night at 7:40 o'clock after a long illness.

She is survived by two sons, Linwood, a member of the U. S. Army, and Vernon Ward of this county; two daughters, Mrs. Cassa Godfrey of Hertford and Mrs. Annie Thompson of Princess Anne, Va.; two brothers, T. S. White of Perquimans and N. L. White of Norfolk; one sister, Miss Minnie White of this county.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home by the Rev. J. D. Cranford. Burial was made in the family plot.

## Ens. Richard Spivey Named As Instructor

Ensign Richard Spivey, son of Mrs. Battle Spivey, has been made a flight instructor at Pensacola, Fla., according to an announcement received here this week.

Ensign Spivey completed his pre-flight Navy air training and was commissioned June 16 of this year.

## Assistant Home Agent Begins Work Sept. 1st

Miss Virginia Bailey of Chedborn, N. C., will arrive here next week to begin her duties as assistant home agent for Perquimans County. She will have charge of girls 4-H club work, it was announced by Miss Frances Maness, county home agent.

Miss Bailey will serve as assistant agent in four counties, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Chowan, dividing her time equally in each county.

A graduate of Meredith College, Miss Bailey was a member of the faculty of Hallboro High School and has worked in Pasquotank County as assistant home agent since June 1.

## Thirty Men To Get Pre-Induction Call During September

Pre-induction calls for thirty men, 15 white and 15 colored, to report to Fort Bragg for physical examinations during the month of September have been received by the local Draft Board, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Board, who also announced an induction call for nine colored selectees to report on September 8 had been received.

An induction call for 12 white men to report on September 26 has also been received.

The 15 colored selectees will leave on September 7 and the 15 white men will leave September 18.

Six white men left Hertford Tuesday to report for induction into the armed forces. Four of these men were local registrants and two were transfers from other boards.

Mrs. Sumner stated that 17 out of 29 white men who underwent pre-induction examinations last week were accepted for military service. These men will be subject to future calls.

## Revival Services At Anderson Church

The Rev. M. L. Chappell, retired Methodist minister, is to preach at the Anderson Methodist Church near Hertford Sunday, August 27, at the regular church services at 12 noon. The public is cordially invited to this service.

The Rev. Arthur Stephenson, pastor at Anderson's Church, announced that revival services are scheduled for the second week in September. The Rev. A. L. Thompson of Ahoakie is to deliver the messages.

## Recorder's Court In Recess This Week

Perquimans County's Recorder's Court was in recess this week due to the absence from the city of Prosecutor C. E. Holmes. Several cases are listed on the docket to be heard when court convenes next Tuesday.

## Thos. S. White Died Sunday Morning At Home In Hertford

### President of School Board Passes After Long Illness

Thomas S. White, 64, prominent citizen of Hertford and chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Education, died at his home Sunday morning at 3:15 o'clock after a long illness.

One of Hertford's older residents, Mr. White was actively interested in community welfare and the Hertford Baptist Church, of which he was a member. He was also a Shriner.

Besides having extensive farming interests, Mr. White also was vice president of Major-Loomis Lumber Company. He was a former president of the Eastern Cotton Oil Company and served as president of the North Carolina State Fair in 1928.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mattie Toms White; one daughter, Mrs. W. H. Pitt, of Hertford; two sons, Major Thomas S. White, Jr., A. U. S., and Zach Toms White of Springfield, Mass., and three sisters, Mrs. J. H. Ayldett and Mrs. J. M. Weeks of Elizabeth City and Mrs. J. L. Abbott of Norfolk.

The funeral services were conducted at the residence Monday, August 21, at noon. His pastor, the Rev. Howard G. Dawkins, and the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Methodist Church, officiated.

Opening the services, Miss Kate Blanchard played two of Mr. White's favorite hymns, "I'm Coming to the Cross" and "Bless Be the Tie That Binds." Rev. Mr. Dawkins read from his favorite Scriptures and remarked briefly of his companionship with Mr. White during his two years as the latter's pastor.

The "McMullan Club," Mrs. E. G. Koonce, Mrs. W. G. Wright and Mrs. T. B. Sumner sang "In the Garden."

Rev. Mr. Reavis read "He Is Just Away" by James Whitcomb Riley and offered prayer. As the remains were taken from the home Miss Blanchard played "Home Sweet Home."

The rites were concluded with a short service at the graveside.

The many flowers and the large attendance, which overflowed the home into the yard paid high tribute to Mr. White.

The nephews of Mr. White, James H. Ayldett, Jr., Morton Abbott, Mat White and Trim Ayldett of Norfolk, Va., J. Matthew Weeks, Julian Ayldett and J. M. Weeks of Elizabeth City, the latter substituting for his son, Lieut. Tom White Weeks, who is now in the Pacific, Dr. Earl Weeks of Baltimore, Md., and care takers of Mr. White's farm, James Sawyer and George Caddy of Hertford were active pallbearers.

Interment was made in Cedarwood Cemetery.

## Tire Certificates Issued 28 Motorists

Following months of rushing business in issuing certificates for the purchase of new tires, the local Ration Board has had a noted decrease in the number of applications filed during the past two weeks.

Twenty-eight motorists were issued certificates during the past week, according to Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Board.

Those issued passenger type certificates were Mrs. Gertrude Fleetwood, J. I. Lowe, William Divers, Jr., H. M. Layden, E. J. Proctor 2, Lillian Elliott, J. J. Skinner, L. E. Butt 2, Sim Burke, Freeman Umphlett, Noah Felton, Jr., D. C. Umphlett, T. W. Nixon, Ben Harrell, Roland Copeland 2, Hubert Dail, R. T. Layden, N. J. Smith, E. B. Hollowell, H. J. Winslow, State Highway Patrol 2, and Towe Motor Co.

Truck type: W. F. Elliott, Elihu Lane, J. Varf Roach 2, G. W. Bright 2, Josiah Elliott 3, and A. R. Winslow, Jr. 4.

## Meeting Of Polio Committee Called Off

The meeting of the Polio Committee, composed of local doctors and Dr. D. C. Hackett, scheduled for Monday night, was called off in as much as the State Board of Education recommended the opening date for schools.

The committee was to meet to discuss possible opening dates for local schools, but the action of the State Board made this unnecessary. It was stated, however, that the committee recommend the continuance of the restrictions placed upon gathering of children under 16, and it is unlikely this restriction will be removed until schools open on September 18.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION PLANS OPENING DATE FOR SCHOOLS ON SEPTEMBER 18

### New Assistant At USO; Program Will Include Luncheons

Edgar J. Hill, director of the Hertford USO Club, announced today that Miss Margaret Pearson, of Richmond, Va., would arrive here next Monday to assume the duties as assistant director of the club. Miss Pearson replaces Miss Cleda Steward, who left for her home in Kansas last Friday.

Mrs. Nora Roberts has replaced Miss Marguerite Ward as another USO assistant. Miss Ward resigned to resume her position as teacher at Columbia, N. C.

Included in the program at the USO Club next week are two luncheons, one for officers' wives on Monday at 12:30 o'clock, and one for enlisted men's wives on Thursday at 12:30 o'clock.

The club sponsored another block dance on Tuesday of this week which was well attended, both by service personnel and the public. Music was furnished by the Naval Air Station orchestra from Weeksville.

## Town Board To Buy Parking Lot; Levies Privilege Taxes

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford, meeting in regular session last Thursday night, voted to purchase the vacant lot back of the stores on the west side of Church Street for the purpose of converting the lot into a parking space.

The lot, owned by L. N. Hollowell, adjoins the alley running from Market Street to Grubb and will afford ample room to park a large number of cars.

The Board, on motion made and passed, restricted shoe shine boys from shining shoes on Church Street in front of the Court House. This ban was ordered added to the ordinance which prohibits the shining of shoes on the streets in the business area.

Due to the business of levying privilege taxes for the present fiscal year, the Board was in session somewhat longer than usual. The privilege taxes were set for all types of businesses and those subject to these taxes may now pay them at the town office.

Mayor V. N. Darden stated this week that the work of resurfacing the streets of Hertford would not begin before the middle of September, due to the inability of the contractor to come here before that time. The project of paving the alley back of the business houses on the west side of Church street will be included in this work when started.

## John T. Lane Victim Heart Attack; Dies At Home Sunday

John T. Lane, 67, well known farmer of Hertford Route 2, died suddenly at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning at his home following a heart attack.

A native of this county, Mr. Lane was a prominent farmer and a member of the Anderson Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. I. Lane, one foster son, J. T. Lane of Hertford; two brothers, J. E. Lane of California and G. O. Lane of Chowan County.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, assisted by the Rev. B. C. Reavis. Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ed Bagley, Jack Brinn, Mr. Elliott, Oscar Hunter, Jack Sutton and B. Stallings.

## Services At Bethel Start Monday P. M.

The Rev. J. T. Byrum, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, announced a series of revival services will be held at the Bethel Church beginning Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The Rev. Mr. Wall, pastor of the Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church of Elizabeth City will preach at the services to be held each afternoon at 3:30 and each evening at 8:45 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Follows Action Taken by State Board In Meeting Last Week

Following action taken by the State Board of Education at a meeting last week, the Perquimans board of education now plans for opening all county schools for the new term on September 18. F. T. Johnson, superintendent, stated this week.

The State Board recommended to schools open before the September date due to the polio epidemic throughout the state.

Mr. Johnson stated that the opening date is, of course, subject to change if the polio situation becomes worse. However, at present, plans call for students to assemble on Monday the 18th. In accordance with the State Board's recommendation, two work days have also been set up for September 14 and 15, at which time teachers' meetings will be conducted and work for the school term will be outlined.

The Superintendent announced that school bus routes this year will remain on the same plan as used last year.

One or two vacancies still exist on the teaching staff for the schools, but Mr. Johnson said he hoped to have these filled within the next few days.

Opening date for the schools here was postponed because of the threat of polio. Colored schools were previously scheduled to open August 14, and all white schools on September 7; however, it is believed that the work that will be outlined at the teachers meeting prior to the opening of school will stress the making up of the lost time.

## County Farm Labor Advisory Committee Sets Picking Price

With indications pointing toward the price of cotton remaining at about the same prices as obtained last year, the Perquimans County Farm Labor Advisory Committee at a meeting held Wednesday at the Agriculture Building adopted a resolution recommending that a maximum price of \$1.50 per hundred be paid for the first picking of this year's cotton crop.

Picks for picking second and third times will depend upon the amount of cotton remaining after the first picking, the committee decided.

The committee, headed by D. S. Darden, as chairman, and composed of farmers and business men, believe this program will work satisfactorily for both producers and laborers, and urge all producers to cooperate to maintain satisfactory relations between farmers and laborers.

It was announced that a labor supervisor will be appointed by the committee to work with both producers and laborers to see that labor is distributed where needed and to enforce the Governor's order to work or fight.

## W. E. Dail Elected Chairman Perquimans Board Of Education

The Perquimans County Board of Education, at a meeting Monday, elected W. E. Dail as chairman to succeed T. S. White, who died at his home here Sunday morning.

Mr. Dail has served as a member of the Board of Education for about ten years. Other members of the Board are D. L. Barber, Carroll V. Ward and F. T. Johnson, superintendent of schools.

## Bowling Alley Opens Thursday, August 31

A. W. Hefren and B. F. Ainsley, who recently announced they had completed arrangements to install bowling alleys in Hertford, stated this week the new alleys would be opened to the public on Thursday evening, August 31.

The owners have had workmen renovating the building purchased for the alleys and this work is expected to be finished within the next day or two.

Four alleys have been installed for the pleasure of men and women of this community who like to bowl, and the public is invited to attend the opening next week.

MASONS MEET TUESDAY  
Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night.