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## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The First Allied Airborne Army invaded Holland this week, and British forces are now linking up with these paratroopers and glider troops in a drive to outflank the Siegfried line in Northern Germany. The airborne attack was a complete success, covered by hundreds of Allied bombers and fighter planes. Little damage to the invasion was reported. The troops landed behind many strong German defense posts and have liberated hundreds of Dutch towns.

After driving wedges into the Siegfried line opposite France, the American First, Third and Seventh Armies have met strong Nazi resistance and since early this week have had to fight for every mile of ground gained. While the advance has not been as spectacular as the drive across France, the American forces are slowly pushing ahead into Germany. Reports state that German civilians have defied Hitler's orders to evacuate the Rhineland and are remaining behind in Allied occupied territory. There seems no evidence of an uprising against the Nazis any time soon.

On the Eastern front, Russian troops are waging a fierce fight for the Baltic States and reports from Moscow say that a Nazi army of some 200,000 men face being trapped near Riga. The Russians have concluded peace terms with Finland, and reports now say Finland is fighting the Nazis, who attempted to seize Finnish islands in the Baltic. Moscow also reports Red troops have entered Hungary after signing an armistice with Bulgaria.

Heavy fighting is reported on the Italian front, where Nazi troops have renewed their efforts to hold the Allies out of the northern parts of Italy. This front has remained almost stationary for several weeks, but reports Wednesday stated American forces had made new gains in the Gothic Line.

Marines on Peleliu Island in the Pacific are slowly winning that territory away from the Japs. After capturing the Peleliu airport, the Marines slowed down the battle in order to prevent heavy casualties. Navy task forces have hit the Philippine Islands several times during the past week, and little air resistance from the Japs was reported. The Navy has reported further victories over Jap shipping.

Meeting in Chicago this week for their 26th annual convention, members of the American Legion went on record urging that a ban be placed on immigration until there was less than one million unemployed in this country. The Legion also recommended the deportation of all foreign labor battalions and war refugees.

## Landing Brothers Meet In Hawaii

Residents of Hawaii must have thought two GI Joes had gone crazy one day recently, but their fears can be abated for it was just a reunion of Sgt. Emmett Landing, USMC, and his brother, Pfc. William Landing, AUS, after a separation of two years. Mrs. W. D. Landing, mother of the boys, stated that she received a letter this week from Emmett telling of the reunion. Emmett just recently landed in Hawaii, where William has been on duty for almost two years. On landing, Emmett phoned his brother, but due to military regulations, was unable to meet William for about a week. However, they arranged a meeting which took place at the home of Hunter West, a former resident of this section who now lives in Hawaii.

According to Emmett's letter, both boys are getting along swell, and they thoroughly enjoyed their reunion.

## Enrollment At County Schools Nearly 900

Opening enrollment in the Perquimans County schools totaled 889, according to F. T. Johnson, county superintendent, who stated the figure was about the same as last year.

The superintendent said the enrollment would possibly increase slightly by next week, as a few more students hesitantly begin the new term.

For the present all schools are operating on a short schedule, opening at 8:30 a. m. and dismissing at 1 o'clock.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Johnson announce the birth of a daughter, born Monday, September 19th. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

## STORM CAUSES DAMAGE IN COUNTY; LOSS ESTIMATED AT NEARLY \$200,000

### Power and Telephone Service Now Restored; Debris Cleared

Hertford and Perquimans County suffered an estimated loss of nearly two hundred thousand dollars from the storm which struck here last Thursday morning, according to reports gathered following the storm. The peak of the heavy winds, reported in flurries reaching from 80 to 90 miles per hour, struck at about 10 o'clock Thursday morning and continued until about one o'clock in the afternoon. Trees were uprooted and roof tops were carried away. Heavy damage was done to electric power and telephone lines, mostly from limbs and trees being blown across them. The electric power was cut off from this area most of the day, and street lighting in Hertford was not restored until Saturday night. Both the Town of Hertford and the Virginia Power and Electric Company had crews working most of this week in restoring power to all sections of the county and customers.

Practically every business house in Hertford suffered some damage, but Darden Brothers' store and J. Broughton and Brothers' store were hardest hit. The tin roofs of these two buildings were blown off and water damaged stocks heavily in each store. Darden Brothers were forced to suspend business operations all day Friday in order to replace their roof and sort out damaged stock. However, they reopened on Saturday. The State Highway Patrol radio system was pressed into service to relay messages to and from various parts of Eastern North Carolina which were vital in rendering aid to maintaining transportation and aiding storm victims.

The biggest loss suffered in Perquimans is thought to be the damage to crops and farm outbuildings. L. W. Anderson, county agent, reported a survey made of the county revealed heavy damage to corn and cotton. He estimated crop damage was near \$150,000. The wind practically flattened every corn stalk in the fields and badly tore cotton bolls. Some damage is also expected to the soy bean and peanut crops.

Residents and labor were busy most of the week cleaning up the debris caused by the storm. However, by mid-week most of the leaves, limbs, trees and other debris had been piled up and carried away, leaving little evidence of one of the worst storms in this section in years.

## Board Of Health In Meeting Last Friday

The Perquimans County Board of Health met last Friday night with Dr. D. C. Hackett, county health officer, for the purpose of reviewing certain actions taken recently by Sanitation Officials of the Health Department.

The board chiefly discussed recent action by Sanitation Officials in attempting to rescind the license of Josiah Elliott, who operates a sandwich stand on Church Street. The officials of the Health Department contend that Elliott fails to comply with the health laws by not constructing four pit-type toilets for customers, and have ordered him to do so in order to receive a license to operate. According to the law, any stand or place of business serving meals, sandwiches, etc., must have such facilities, or access to them within reasonable distance.

The Board of Health authorized Charles Whedee to write Carl Reynolds, State Health Officer, relative to the interpretation of the law as it applies to such matters, and left the matter thus until word is received from the State Official.

## Town Board In Short Session Monday Night

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford, in one of the shortest meetings held this year, Monday night went on record recommending the work of the Volunteer Fire Department during the storm here last week.

The firemen rendered valuable assistance at several stores in town, where damage was caused by the storm, and maintained a constant watch throughout the day against damage to property and injury to people. The Board voted all firemen \$5 for the work performed, this pay to be applied toward their insurance.

It was reported that the auditor for the town had completed the annual audit and that a report will be made of the same within a short time.

## Doctors Committee Lifts Restrictions For Control Polio

The committee of Perquimans County doctors appointed by the Board of Health to advise regarding restrictive measures to control the spread of poliomyelitis in Perquimans County has decided that all restrictions are no longer necessary as the public schools of the county have reopened.

There is still a possibility that one or two sporadic cases of poliomyelitis may occur in the county, but as the outbreak in North Carolina has subsided very considerably, and as Perquimans County has been exceptionally fortunate up to this point, it is not necessary to continue restrictions further.

## Draft Board Orders 12 White Youths To Report For Induction

Twelve more Perquimans County white youths have received orders to report for induction into the armed forces, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local Draft Board, stated Tuesday.

The youths will leave Hertford for Fort Bragg next Tuesday, September 26, to begin military training. The list includes William Harrell, James Boyce, Raymond Godfrey, Melvin Rountree, Calvin Godfrey, Oliver Elliott, Joseph Elliott, Carl Lewis, William Trueblood, Jr., Hilton White, William White and John W. Trueblood.

Mrs. Sumner stated that the Board had not received a call for pre-induction examinations for either white or Negro registrants for the month of October, but that induction calls for nine white men for October 24, and five Negroes for October 5, have been received. The induction calls will be filled by registrants who have already been accepted for service.

Three white youths left here Monday for Fort Bragg to undergo pre-induction examinations, but as yet no official report has been received as to the number accepted for service.

## Ration Board Issues Tire Certificates To 59 Motorists

Attempting to stretch out a limited and reduced supply of tires during this month, the Perquimans Ration Board issued certificates to 59 county motorists at a meeting last Saturday. All but three applicants were issued certificates for only one tire each, despite the fact that the majority sought two and three tires.

Passenger type tires were issued to Ernest Seymour, 2; Barbara Hansen, John Blanchard, Charles Brown, Leslie Shaw, USO, J. F. Alexander, W. S. Long, J. J. Phillips, Warner Madre, William Weiff, John Winslow, Mrs. Hattie Spivey, J. L. Lane, Floyd Jennings, Jack King, B. H. Hill, James Davenport, T. P. Byrum, Haywood Lilly, William Roberson, A. J. Pilney, George Trueblood, Sidney Parson, Amy Thompson, W. D. Landing, Luther Dunn, Mathew Smith, A. H. Williams, E. L. Jennings, E. T. Sutton, Ben Owens, Earl Daughtry, George Morse, Grant Dail, Payne Felton, Richard Taylor, Joshua Simpson, Grant Wilson, V. J. Mandis, Grady Russ, J. T. Lowe, Vernon Harrell, William Skinner, C. G. Chappell, Clifton Stallings, T. E. Mansfield, Wm. Wood, Mrs. Noah Felton, Sr., L. J. Chappell, George Hollowell, A. M. Winslow, O. R. Christian and David Cox, Jr.

Truck tire certificates went to Willie Mallery, E. M. Perry, E. E. Morgan, Major Loomis, 4, and Gilliam Twine, 2.

## Bank Authorized To Redeem War Bonds

R. M. Riddick, executive vice president of the Hertford Bank, announced today that the bank had been authorized by the Treasury Department to pay, on and after October 2, any United States savings bonds of Series A, B, C, D, E, subject to the Department's regulations.

Mr. Riddick stated that the Treasury Department urges the public not to redeem any bond before its maturity date, unless a real personal emergency requires such action.

## Recorder's Court Handles Usual Run Of Cases Tuesday

Little time was needed by the Perquimans Recorder's Court to clear the docket at this week's session held Tuesday morning. Eleven cases were disposed of by Judge Charles Johnson, with most of the defendants entering pleas of guilty to charges.

George Chappell was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the costs of court, after entering a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of transporting non-tax paid whiskey.

Benjamin Riddick, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court on a charge of driving without a chauffeur's license.

Clyde Morgan plead guilty to a charge of speeding and paid the costs of court.

Henry Furlough was taxed with court costs on a charge of speeding.

M. G. Fee, F. Ferenc and W. J. Berry, three U. S. Marines, entered a plea of guilty to being drunk on the highway and each was assessed the costs of court. The men were arrested after being put off a bus between Hertford and Edenton.

Riley Elliott, Negro, plead guilty to being drunk and was ordered to pay the costs of court.

T. D. Cooper was taxed with court costs, after pleading guilty to being drunk.

Herbert Grandy, Negro, was fined \$5 and ordered to pay the costs, after pleading guilty to being drunk and disorderly.

Ernest Stephney, Negro, was assessed court costs, after pleading guilty to driving an auto with improper license.

## Indians To Begin Football Practice Saturday Afternoon

Football practice for the 1944 Perquimans High School team will start Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, Max Campbell, coach of the team, stated today.

Little practice is expected until the schools go on the full day schedules about October first, but Coach Campbell hopes to give the boys plenty of preliminary drilling before that date.

Prospects for this year's grid squad appear bright at the present time with the return to school of fleet-footed Joe Nowell, star back field, and Calvin Wilson. However, the local eleven will have to build an entirely new line, as all of the line regulars of the 1943 squad are out of school.

Veterans from last year's team, around which Coach Campbell expects to build the 1944 team, are Dan Berry and George Wood, backs, and Edward Mayes, quarter back. Other veterans who saw action last season and who are expected to play important parts in games this year are Gale Winslow, Chester Winslow, Cecil Winslow, William Murray, William Elliott, Tom Perry, Johnnie Hunter, Bobby Holmes and James Sawyer.

Coach Campbell also expects several promising freshmen to turn out for the opening practice, and he hopes to develop these boys into utility players.

Games are being arranged at the present and the schedule is expected to include Edenton, Plymouth, Williamston, Ahoskie and possibly Columbia, providing these schools play football this year.

Practice sessions will be held each day as soon as the High School begins full-day sessions.

## Army Nurse Home On Leave From Overseas

Lieutenant Katherine Stephens, Army Nurse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Stephens of Hertford, arrived home Tuesday to spend a 21-day leave with her parents, after having served on foreign duty for the past 28 months.

Lieut. Stephens was stationed in the Fiji Islands in the Southwest Pacific for some time.

## Central PTA Meets First Time Monday

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School will hold its first meeting of the present school year at 8:30 o'clock, Monday, September 25, at the school building in Winfall, today.

A guest speaker has been secured for the program, and the public is invited to attend.

## UNITED WAR FUND COUNTY COMMITTEE PLANS CONCENTRATED DRIVE FOR FUNDS

### Killed In France



## Elsbury P. Chappell Killed In Action In France On August 25

Another Perquimans County man has made the supreme sacrifice for his country in the Global War.

Pvt. Elsbury P. Chappell, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chappell of Tyner, was killed in action in France on August 25, according to a telegram from the War Department received by the parents this week.

Chappell entered the Army on February, 1942, and received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He was a member of the Field Artillery. Prior to entering the service he worked for Johnnie Whaley in Elizabeth City and has many friends there. He was sent overseas for duty in December, 1943.

Surviving besides the parents are three sisters, Mrs. Hillard Bunch of Sunbury, Mrs. James Scheer of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Miss Edith Chappell of Norfolk, Va., and one brother, Sgt. Gilbert Chappell, now in service in New Guinea.

## Farm Bureau Elects Officers; Prepares Membership Drive

Officers were elected for the coming year by members of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau at a meeting held at the Agriculture building last Friday night.

Archie T. Lane was re-elected to serve as president of the bureau, and other officers chosen were Jacob L. White, vice president; Warner L. Madre, secretary-treasurer; E. Leigh Winslow, chairman of the board of directors; Elihu Lane, director, and S. G. Chappell, director.

Joe R. Williams, Farm Bureau official of Greensboro, was the principal speaker at the meeting here, and he told local members of the program carried out by the Farm Bureau during the past year and outlined post-war plans the bureau plans for the coming years.

The meeting was well attended and the members made plans for conducting the annual membership drive, which will get under way within a short time. It was voted by the Bureau that the membership drive will be placed in the hands of the members of the various Home Demonstration Clubs and the ladies of these clubs will collect dues for renewal and new memberships. Further announcement of the membership drive will be made later.

## Plans To Organize State College Group

Efforts are being made to organize an N. C. State College Alumni Association here in Perquimans County, according to an announcement made this week by E. Leigh Winslow and A. R. Winslow, Jr., two graduates of State College interested in the plans being formulated.

Graduates and former students of State College who desire to see such an organization formed here are asked to get in touch with Mr. Winslow, or any other former State College man, with views of arranging an initial meeting for the group.

## To Meet Next Tuesday Night at 8 O'clock For Final Plans

Facing the task of raising \$4,500, which is the county's quota for the second annual United War Fund, the county executive committee for the campaign will meet next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Court House to map final plans for a concentrated drive to put Perquimans over the top.

J. Emmett Winslow and the Rev. B. C. Reavis, co-chairmen for this county, issued a statement this week saying that the funds raised for the United War Fund should not be confused with funds for the Red Cross, as there is no overlapping or competition between these organizations in carrying on work with men of the armed forces and people of Allied nations.

The greatest part of the money raised by the United War Fund drive goes to the support of USO clubs throughout the world, serving as a home away from home for men and women in the service. Other funds from the drive go to aid people in war-torn countries such as Greece, Russia, France and China. Sufficient government aid is not yet available to keep all of the people of these countries from starvation, and the United War Fund Committee sends supplies and equipment to supplement the government supplies.

The War Fund drive will open in Perquimans on October 9, and the co-chairmen are hopeful that the campaign can be concluded within a few days. Last year the county reached its quota within two days, and speed did work was accomplished by the solicitors.

Notices will be mailed to members of the county committee and to each of the township chairmen, and all are urged to attend the meeting Tuesday night.

## Rotary Seeks Ed Harding On Program

Plans are being completed by the Hertford Rotary Club for its banquet next Tuesday night when the Rotarians will entertain their wives and members of the Perquimans County school faculty.

The club is attempting to secure Edmund Harding, well known after-dinner speaker from Washington, N. C., to be the headliner on the program for the evening. Mr. Harding is an outstanding speaker and if he can be secured, the Rotarians and their guests are assured of an interesting program.

The dinner will be served by the ladies of the Methodist Church at the church and besides gala entertainment, a delicious meal is being planned for the occasion.

## Dog Show Program At USO Friday Night; Block Dance Sept. 26

Observing National Dog Week, the Hertford USO Club will sponsor a dog parade Friday night at 7:45 o'clock on Market street. Prizes for the biggest, smallest and best dogs will be offered and another prize will be awarded for the best float in the parade.

The Hertford Lions Club will be in charge of the dog parade and Miss Margaret Pearson, staff assistant of the USO, announces there will be about 25 dogs entered in the contest by children of the town.

Following the parade a dog-party will be given at the USO Club for service men.

On next Tuesday, September 26, the USO will stage its last block dance of the summer. The Naval Air Station Orchestra from Wakeville will furnish the music, and the public, as well as service personnel, are invited to dance.

## Lions Club Festival To Open Here Monday

The Hertford Lions Club's Fall Festival, postponed for a week, will open here Monday night and continue for one week, according to the club's committee, headed by Ralph White, who announced that the Dumont Shows, Inc., have been secured to provide the feature attractions for the midway.

The Dumont Shows will arrive here from Norfolk, where they have played this week, in time to open all rides and shows to the public on Monday night.

According to reports, the festival will offer five modern rides for both children and adults, five shows and numerous other concessions.