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On the Road to Mandalay



These are some of Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill's "Merrill's Marauders" deep in the heart of Burma resting during a lull in fighting the Japs. The men of this command are all volunteers and veterans of the Southwest Pacific jungle fighting. The Army's old standby, the mule, is playing an important part in this war in the Far East. Are you backing up these fighting men of ours by buying War Bonds?

From U. S. Treasury

Large Number Bonds Being Cashed Under New Regulations

War bonds are being cashed in at a rapid rate at the Hertford Bank the first two days of this week, under the new Treasury regulations which permit authorized banks to cash bonds held for a 60-day period, R. M. Riddick, chairman of the Perquimans war finance committee, said today.

Mr. Riddick stated that early this week bonds were being cashed faster than the bank was issuing new bonds, and he urged that people who have bonds hold them until such time as they may need money for emergency purposes. The new system was organized solely for the convenience of people needing cash quickly, and since this can now be obtained from war bonds in such a short time, holders of bonds are urged to keep all their war bonds unless emergencies do arise.

The Government still needs a tremendous amount of money to finance the war . . . which is not over yet . . . and for every bond cashed, it means that much more money must be borrowed by the government to continue the drive for victory.

An announcement has been made that the Sixth War Loan will be conducted by the Treasury Department, and will start on November 20. The national quota for this drive will be 14 billion dollars, an amount slightly under the last war bond drive. The quota for Perquimans County for the coming drive has not been announced.

Central PTA Met At School Building Monday

The Parent-Teacher Association of Central Grammar School held its first meeting of the year on Monday night, with Mrs. Hunter, the new president, presiding. An impressive devotional was conducted by Mrs. Eddie Harrell.

After the business meeting, at which the chairmen of the standing committees reported their plans for the year, the speaker for the evening, Chaplain Paul Saunders of Harvey Point, made an interesting talk on the subject, "The P. T. A. and the Post-War World."

George Baker, the new principal, introduced two new teachers, Miss Elizabeth Stephens and Miss Marie Chapman.

Superintendent F. T. Johnson announced that the lunch room equipment will be installed soon. Mrs. Hunter announced that all pupils of the school and any interested friends are asked to contribute spoons, forks, plates and soup bowls to the lunch room. This luncheon shower is to be held the first week in October.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boyce, of Norfolk, Va., formerly of Hertford, announce the birth of a son, John Robert Boyce, born September 19, at General Hospital. Mother and son returned home Thursday and are getting along nicely.

COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSED WEDNESDAY TO PERMIT STUDENTS AID CROP HARVEST

Action Is Recommended Monday By Board Of Education

F. T. Johnson, county superintendent of schools, acting upon the recommendation of the Board of Education, closed all schools Wednesday for a period of ten days to permit the students to aid in the housing of crops.

Mr. Johnson stated that both white and colored schools would remain closed until Monday, October 16, at which time the schools would reopen on a full time basis. The Board of Education recommended the action at its meeting Monday following reports from all parts of the county that heavy loss might be sustained unless additional labor could be obtained to finish picking of cotton and digging peanuts. Members of the Board decided that by closing the schools a large number of the students would be available to help their parents and neighbors in housing of these two crops.

Schools have been operating on a half-day basis since opening on September 18, but due to the serious shortage of labor in this county what little time of day was left when the students arrived home was not sufficient to relieve the labor situation.

In acting on the recommendation of the local Board of Education, Mr. Johnson contacted the office of the State Superintendent of Schools and received authority for the action taken here. He stated that the time lost by closing the schools would be made up by continuing the school year next spring.

The picking of cotton has slowed down considerably since schools opened last month, and much of the crop still remains in the fields. Many farmers of the county started digging peanuts last week, but reports are that there still remains many acres to be dug and stacked. The heavy rains last Friday and Saturday stopped peanut digging in all sections of the county but this work was resumed early this week.

Special Meetings At Cedar Grove Church

The Rev. J. D. Cranford has announced that a special series of meetings will be conducted at the Cedar Grove church, starting Sunday evening and continuing through next Friday.

The Rev. Mr. Cranford will preach on Sunday and, beginning Monday through Friday, the Rev. R. L. Crossno, of Moyock, will preach daily. Services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

RETURNS TO THE STATES
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nachman have received word that their son, Louis Nachman, Jr., has returned to the United States, after serving two years with the Seabees on foreign duty. He is now stationed at Camp Parks, Cal., and writes that he hopes to be home in a few weeks.

Al Ward, Paratrooper Killed In Holland Invasion Sept. 18th

Ivie A. Ward, Jr., 27-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. I. A. Ward, of Hertford, was killed in action in Holland on September 18, according to a telegram from the War Department, received here by the parents on Wednesday.

Al, as he was known to his many friends in this community, was a member of the 101st Airborne Division and took part in the invasion of Holland on September 17, although no detailed information was given regarding the action in which he lost his life.

He entered the armed forces in January, 1942, and later volunteered for service as a paratrooper, and in this role he also saw action in the invasion of France on D-Day. His unit landed in France some six hours in advance of the invading forces. He had been on overseas duty for the past twelve months.

He attended school at Buies Creek and Fork Union Military School. Surviving besides his parents are one brother, Jarvis Ward, and two sisters, Mrs. Frank Sloop and Miss Marguerite Ward.

Sidney L. Long Dies At Home In Bethel; Funeral Yesterday

Sidney L. Long, 68, died suddenly Tuesday morning at 10:50 o'clock, at his home in Bethel Township. He suffered a heart attack and never rallied.

Mr. Long was a life-long resident of Perquimans County and a member of Bethel Baptist Church. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sallie Williams Long; seven sons, Seth W. Long, Claude M. Long, Ernest W. Long, Irvin C. Long, Truman S. Long and Howard Long, all of Perquimans County, and Ambrose B. Long, of the U. S. Navy; two daughters, Miss Eunice Long and Miss Madge Long, both of the county; six grandchildren; two brothers, Henry J. Long, of Elizabeth City, and Shelton M. Long, and one half sister, Mrs. W. S. Evans, of Perquimans. Funeral services were conducted at Bethel Baptist Church on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by the pastor, the Rev. J. T. Byrum.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riddick announce the birth of a daughter, Alice Gays, born September 11 at Lake View Hospital, Suffolk, Va. Mother and daughter are doing fine. Mrs. Riddick was the former Miss Katherine Eason of Belvidere.

USO Seeking Talent For Variety Show; Two Shows Planned

Community Sing to Be Held Tonight on Court House Green

Edgar J. Hill and Miss Margaret Pearson, director and staff assistant of the Hertford USO Club, are seeking local talent for a home-produced variety show to be presented at the USO Club just as soon as a sufficient number of people sign up and the show can be produced.

Sketches of the show have been written, but thus far only a few of the USO girls have volunteered for parts, and Mr. Hill announced that any person who desires to take part in the show is requested to leave her name at the USO, regardless of whether or not the person has been active in the Club volunteers.

Miss Pearson announced that the local club has scheduled two shows, produced and played by service personnel to appear in Hertford under the sponsorship of the USO. One of these shows is the variety show from the Marine Air Station at Edenton and, according to reports from that town where the show was presented last week, it is very entertaining and good. The other show to appear here is from Fort Monroe. The show from Fort Monroe will be presented later this month, while a date for the Marine show is scheduled tentatively for sometime in November.

The USO will sponsor a community sing tonight at 8 o'clock on the Courthouse Green in Hertford and the public, as well as all service men and their wives in the community, is invited to join in the singing.

The Lions Club conducted the semi-monthly bingo party of the USO Club on Wednesday night, and a grand prize of a telephone call back home was awarded the winner.

Free movies for service men are shown at the club every Thursday evening and informal dancing and games are on tap for Friday and Saturday nights of this week.

A luncheon for officers' wives will be held next Monday at noon, while service men's wives will hold a luncheon Thursday at 12:30.

Local Draft Board Offers Assistance Returned Veterans

Perquimans County's draft board is prepared to offer assistance to returning veterans seeking re-employment. Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local board, stated this week. She pointed out that the draft board furnishes information and advice regarding the veterans' status with his former employer and guides him to proper agencies should he seek new employment.

Under the recently passed GI Bill of Rights regulations a veteran who was drafted from his original job is entitled to return to that position, if he so desires, and providing he makes application for the job within 40 days after his discharge.

In the event that any difficulties arise relative to the veteran returning to this position, the matter is handled by the Re-employment Committeeman.

The work of the local board is connected directly with the Veterans Assistance Program and Mrs. Sumner stated that returned veterans are requested to give employment information to the draft board upon their return home.

The first draft call for October was filled by the local board yesterday, when five Negro selectees left for Fort Bragg for induction into the armed forces.

The final call for men for this month will be filled October 26, when nine white men will leave.

New Shoe Stamp Valid First Of November

The Office of Price Administration has announced a new, but yet unidentified, coupon will become valid for purchase of one new pair of rationed shoes November 1.

The new stamp, like Airplane stamps 1 and 2, will be valid indefinitely. Advance notice of the decision to make another stamp valid for shoes was made by OPA to allow retailers to adjust stocks accordingly. The proposed validation carries out OPA intention to make valid a new stamp each 6 months as long as civilian supplies make such action possible.

COUNTY UNITED WAR FUND CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$4,500 STARTS MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Julian A. White New School Board Member

Julian A. White of Hertford has been appointed as a member of the Perquimans County Board of Education to fill the vacancy caused by the death of T. S. White, according to an announcement made this week.

Mr. White's appointment was made by the County Executive Committee and the State Board of Education. He is married and the father of two children attending local schools.

Indians Open Grid Season With Victory Over Columbia 28-0

Playing the entire game in a down-pour of rain, the Perquimans High School Indians opened their 1944 football season last Friday afternoon with a victory over Columbia High School, 28-0.

The Indians scored their first touchdown within three minutes of the opening whistle, after recovering the ball from the "Tater Bugs," who elected to receive the kick-off. Fleet-footed Joe Nowell, half back of the Indians, smashed off tackle for sixty yards, six points, on the first attempt of the Indians. The try for extra point was bad.

Coach Max Campbell started the game with Chester Winslow and Bobby Holmes at ends, C. Winslow and Murray at tackles, Elliott and Symons, guards; Wilson, center; Mayes, Nowell, Berry and Wood in the back field. During the second half several substitutions were made by both teams and a number of fresh Indians were sent into the game by Coach Campbell. The Indian substitutes were Jackson, Layden, Collins, Pitt, Perry and Sawyer.

The Indians scored three touchdowns during the first quarter, Nowell carrying the ball over the goal line each time, and two tries for extra points were good. Berry converted one point on a sweep around end and Mayes passed to Wood for the second. The score stood 20-0 at the first quarter. The Indians pushed the visitors back of their own goal line at the opening of the second period and scored two points by the safety. Nowell broke loose again, shortly after, and scored another touchdown, making the score Perquimans 28, Columbia 0.

Despite the bad weather, the Indians played an exceptionally good game and Coach Campbell expressed himself as satisfied with the team's opening performance.

The Indians will meet the Plymouth High School eleven on the Hertford field Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in their second game of the season. Most of the local squad are in excellent shape for the game and a hard practice was held Wednesday in preparing for the visiting eleven.

Wholesale Auto Parts Store To Open Here

Hertford will soon have a new store devoted to the wholesaling of automobile parts and accessories for all types of automobiles, according to an announcement made this week by W. W. (Bill) White and R. C. Murray, who will own and operate the store.

The two men have leased part of the Shannonhouse building, recently purchased by W. C. Morgan, and will open the new store just as soon as renovations are completed. They stated that they hoped to have the store open for business about November 1, and will carry a complete line of parts and accessories for all cars.

Street Repair Work Started Last Week

The work of resurfacing streets in the Town of Hertford got under way last week, and Mayor V. N. Darden stated today that the contractor is expected to complete the job shortly, providing the weather permits work each day.

Much improvement is noted in the alleys back of the stores on the west side of Church Street. This alley has been straightened and better drainage provided, and additional parking room has been arranged. The roadway is also receiving surface treatment and will be a decided improvement for the town.

ZONE MEETING OCTOBER 11
Seminar and regular fall meeting of Perquimans-Chowan Zone of the Methodist Churches will be held in Hertford on Wednesday, October 11, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.

Solicitors Urged to Attend Pep Meeting at Methodist Church

With Perquimans County War Fund drive scheduled to get under way Monday morning, October 9th, Township captains and their solicitors and members of the county general committee will meet at a pep meeting and dinner Friday night, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Methodist Church, to map out plans and stimulate interest among those who will handle the work of the drive.

The dinner was planned at a meeting of the executive committee held Tuesday night, at which time J. Emmett Winslow, co-chairman, explained the county quota to be raised here amounts to \$4,500, and 1644 of the various agencies that operate through money raised by the United War Fund campaign. While this county's quota is somewhat higher than last year, it was generally agreed by the executive committee that with hard work on the part of those directing the campaign the goal can be reached.

Present at the meeting Tuesday night were the five Township chairmen: Miss Frances Maness for Hertford, Dr. E. S. White for Belvidere, Charles E. White for Bethel, George Jackson for Parkville, and W. E. Dail for New Hope.

It was pointed out at the meeting Tuesday night that the budget of the Hertford Troop of Boy Scouts, which amounts to nearly \$600, is also included in this campaign. Thus the quota of the United War Fund agencies is only slightly larger than last year. The Scout budget was added to this drive in order to do away with the usual drive made to raise funds for this organization.

The executive committee agreed that an effort would be made to raise the county's goal within a week, and solicitors, at the meeting, tonight will be urged to make a complete canvass of their territories within that time.

Pointing out that the greater portion of the money raised through this United War Fund drive goes to maintain USO clubs throughout the world for men and women of our armed forces, Mr. Winslow urged the public to contribute liberally toward this fund in order that our service men and women may continue to have these clubs at their disposal, as a home away from home.

The list of solicitors who will work in the campaign and who are invited and urged to attend the dinner tonight, are listed by their Townships: Bethel—Mrs. Preston Long, Mrs. (Continued on Page Two)

Commissioners In Meeting Draw Jury For Superior Court

In one of their shortest meetings in recent months of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday drew the list of jurors who will serve at the October term of Superior Court, which will open here on October 30, with Judge Q. K. Nimmo presiding, and completed a settlement with Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow for 1943 taxes.

The list of jurors drawn to serve are: C. B. Griffin, David Cox, Jr., J. D. Chappell, Capt. T. S. White, W. J. Benton, Thomas Rogerson, Thomas Swain, Noah Felton, Jr., J. Wesley Harrell, Allen Winslow, G. L. Sutton, Jr., Henry Riddick, Nathan Sawyer, Nathan Riddick, W. N. Winslow, Charlie Trueblood, Herbert Nixon, Ernest Morse, W. W. Lewis, J. P. Ward, Walter Nowell, W. H. Cartwright, Sr., Morgan Walker, L. B. Perry, M. J. Gregory, H. H. Caddy, Ira Winslow, H. A. Whitley, Walter Winslow, C. R. Spivey, Eddie Harrell, B. W. Pennington, Dockey Cartwright, C. D. Spivey, Henry C. Sullivan and Walter D. Lane.

Sheriff Winslow reported to the Board that of the \$95,401 levied for 1943 taxes, his office had collected \$87,518. This is the highest percentage of taxes collected in Perquimans in several years. Sales of delinquent tax certificates were made the first Monday in September and these sales amounted to a lesser amount than any year in more than a decade.

American Legion Meet Friday At 8 P. M.

S. G. Chappell, commander of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, announced today that a meeting of the local post will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Agriculture Building. He urged all members to be present.