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## JUDGE RICHARD DIXON SAYS COMPROMISE PEACE MEANS FUTURE WORLD CONFLICTS

### Praises Libraries and Urges Use; Grand Jury Recommends School Improvements

"Unless we demand nothing less than unconditional surrender and then follow Wilson's plans for world peace, we might as well, right now, prepare for World War III," Judge Richard Dixon told the grand jury and spectators, in opening the October term of Perquimans Superior Court.

Judge Dixon, in charging the grand jury, told how, when he was a soldier in World War I, and the armistice was announced that he and other soldiers expected at least to see the Germans forced to surrender their arms, but that no such action was forthcoming. Instead, the Germans were permitted to form in order and march back to their capital with rifles shining and banners flying, as if they were the ones victorious. He stated that no such thing should be permitted this time, as the sand in the hourglass of time was running lower for the Germans and Japs.

Judge Dixon, speaking on conditions within our State, praised the libraries of North Carolina and the great work they are doing in rendering educational advantages to those who use the libraries, and he urged greater use by all the people as a method of expanding the education received in the public schools. He stated that one of the bright spots in the life of our State during this century has been the increased efficiency in our schools.

Members of the grand jury, chosen at the opening session Monday morning, were: David Cox, Jr., foreman; H. A. Whitley, J. L. Sutton, Jr., J. W. Harrell, Henry Riddick, Ernest Morse, Herbert Nixon, Nathan Riddick, W. H. Winslow, Charlie Trueblood, Thomas Swain, Dockery Cartwright, Nathan Sawyer, Walter Nowell, Noah Felton, Jr., W. J. Benton, Walter Winslow and J. D. Chappell.

In their report to the Court, the grand jury stated that it had made a complete investigation of the county's property and found all of it to be in good condition. Minor repairs were recommended to be made to the Courthouse.

Other recommendations were for repairs to school buildings, all noticed to be in good condition and well-kept, but needing minor repairs. A number of school buses were also recommended to be repaired, and two buses were recommended to be replaced by new ones.

## Lt. Fordham Speaker At High School On Navy Day Program

Lieutenant J. B. Fordham, Executive Officer of Harvey Point Air Station, was the principal speaker Friday morning, October 27, at 11:30 o'clock, when the Perquimans County High School students observed the 169th anniversary of the establishment of the Navy.

For the occasion the service flag, representing 244 alumni of the High School, was mounted behind the speaker's stand. A large proportion of these men and two women are in the Navy.

The program, which was given by the seniors, opened with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner." Lt. Forehand read the Sixty-seventh Psalm, and Joann Winslow offered a prayer written by Henry C. Baker. Marjorie Frances White conducted a quiz on the Navy with 12 members of the senior class answering the questions. Pauline Smith introduced the speaker.

Lieutenant Fordham first compared the Navy as it was in 1936 with it as it is now. He next spoke of the achievements of the Navy, dwelling particularly upon its recent victories in the Pacific War Zone. Finally, he urged the students to beware of complacency and gave several practical suggestions that they might follow in helping to win the war. His talk was both entertaining and enlightening.

The program was concluded by the singing of "Anchors Aweigh."

## Community Day At Methodist Church

World Community Day will be observed at the Methodist Church on Friday evening, November 3rd, at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor, will conduct the service, the theme of his talk being "The Price of Enduring Peace."

All denominations of the county are invited to join in this service.

## Sgt. D. J. White Given 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England.—Technical Sergeant Dempsey J. White, Jr., 22, of Hertford, has been awarded his second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, equivalent to another award of the Medal, for "courage, coolness and skill" displayed on bombing attacks over Nazi Europe as radio operator and gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress in the group commanded by Colonel Frank P. Bostrom of Bangor, Me.

The flyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey J. White, Sr., of Route 2, Hertford. Before entering the AAF in January, 1943, he was a projectionist with the State Theatre, in Hertford.

Following their complete naval defeat at the hands of U. S. Fleets, the Japs have been reported as massing their troops on the Island of Leyte or a suicidal last stand against the advancing forces under General MacArthur in the Philippines. Latest Naval reports state that 58 Jap warships were sunk or damaged in the battle off the Philippines. Reports from the Pacific state that American forces, aided by Philippine natives, have captured all of Samar Island, north of Leyte. More than 14,000 Japs, members of the unit that conducted the infamous death march from Bataan, were killed by the Americans.

British and Canadian troops have broken the German line in north Holland and are moving to trap some 40,000 Nazis attempting to escape into Germany. Fighting along the American lines in France and Germany has been static this week. Troops of the First and Third Armies have been hitting at the Nazi lines for openings through which to smash the German stand. Some commentators believe that the Allies are now readying the greatest offensive of the war against the Nazis, which will be an attempt to knock Germany out of the war before Christmas. However, Churchill, this week, warns that the Nazis may last until next summer.

Reports from Aachen, the first German city of any size captured by the Americans, say that German civilians are not being pampered, but are being impressed that they have been captured. The American officials have designated a non-Nazi as mayor of the city. The first free mayor Germany has had since Hitler took over Germany.

Russian troops, after battering their way into East Prussia, have intensified their drive in Hungary and are now some 43 miles from the capital city, Budapest. Fierce fighting continues between the Russians and the Germans in the Eastern sector, in Poland and the Baltic States.

The War Department has recalled General Stillwell from the China-India battle zone due, according to unconfirmed reports, of his inability to get along with Chiang Kai-shek, commander of China. Reports say that General Stillwell will be given the task of training an American Army for invasion of China.

## Local Postmasters Advise Patrons To Mail Parcels Early

Local postmasters in Perquimans County, this week, are advising patrons of the postoffices to mail all Christmas parcels, addressed to points throughout the country, not later than December 1, to be assured the parcels will reach their destination in time for delivery by Christmas.

Silas Whedbee, postmaster at Hertford, pointed out that this move to have all Christmas parcels in the mails early this year is due to the great demand upon transportation facilities, now heavily burdened with carrying war supplies. He said that the shortage of help on railroads, and other transportation lines, causes delay in handling mail and parcel post, as well as other types of shipments, and all indications are that the mail, this holiday season, will be the greatest ever.

That he advice, to be sure of prompt delivery of Christmas parcels one can be certain only by mailing the packages by December 1.

## War Fund Campaign Continues As County Still Short Of Goal

### One Thousand Dollars Needed to Put Drive Over the Top

Additional contributions have been coming in for the Perquimans United War Fund drive, but J. Emmett Winslow, co-chairman for the committee, stated Wednesday that one thousand dollars is still needed to put the county over the top in the campaign for \$4,500. He stated that the total amount already collected is approximately \$3,500.

Several counties of this district, including Chowan and Gates counties, have already reached their goal in this drive and the local committee is hopeful that Perquimans will shortly be added to the list of counties who have successfully met their quota.

Mr. Winslow and the Rev. B. C. Reavis, co-chairmen of the drive, have met several times this week to map out further plans for bringing the drive to a successful conclusion, but they appeal to the public that the only way the fund can be raised is for individuals to increase their contributions, or for individuals who have not yet made a donation to give liberally to this cause.

A check of contributors to the War Fund is now being made and as soon as this is completed, it is expected that solicitors will be called to meet and urged to canvass their territories in order to contact individuals who have been missed up to this time. Mr. Winslow said that all township chairmen and county solicitors will be notified by mail of the time and place for this meeting.

Several townships in the county still remain short of the amount reported in the War Fund Campaign last year, and since the county's quota was increased 14 per cent in this year's drive, it will be necessary for each township to increase its contributions accordingly.

All solicitors are requested to continue working on this drive, and to report funds collected either to township chairmen or to Julian A. White, committee treasurer.

## Army Returns Three Selectees In Last Contingent Of Men

For the first time, since Selective Service went into operation in 1940, the Perquimans County Draft Board had three registrants rejected when they reported at Fort Bragg for induction, after having already passed pre-induction examinations.

The three men were rejected from the last contingent of selectees, who reported for induction last week, and they have now returned home.

The local board has no calls for induction of men during this month, but does have a call for pre-induction examinations of five white men for November 20, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Board, stated this week.

Mrs. Sumner stated she has been notified that registrants under 26 years of age, who were previously banned from existing in the Merchant Marines, may now do so, under new regulations recently announced. This ban was removed, due to the increased need for personnel of all types to man ships carrying supplies to the armed forces, especially since the tempo of the fighting in the Pacific has been stepped up to its present peak.

She also stated that the local board is in the process of reclassifying men 38 and over in the group of 4-A, in accordance with the recently changed regulations.

## Sgt. Morris Spruill Wins Conduct Medal

An Eighth Air Force Fighter Station, England.—Sergeant Morris L. Spruill, son of Mrs. Mary M. Spruill, has been awarded the Army's Good Conduct Medal, according to an announcement by Colonel Donald W. Graham, Commanding Officer of this P-51 Mustang station.

Responsible for the preparation of special orders, general orders, daily bulletins, documents and other official publications originating from the headquarters of this Eighth Fighter Command Station, Sgt. Spruill is one of the vital "Keep 'Em Flying" personnel commended for teamwork with the pilots.

Teamwork between flying and ground personnel was demonstrated when the hard-hitting pilots destroyed 300 Nazi aircraft in five months for a crushing blow to the battered Luftwaffe.

## Voters Will Choose Chief Executive At Election Tuesday

### Polls Open For Voting From Sunrise to Sunset

From sunrise to sunset next Tuesday, November 7, Perquimans County voters will join those of the entire nation in casting their ballots which will decide if President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Democratic candidate, will be re-elected for a four-year term as chief executive of the United States, or if he will be succeeded by Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of New York, the Republican candidate.

Of course, there is little doubt but that Perquimans will roll up its usual overwhelming majority for the Democratic nominee, but the concern of C. P. Morris, chairman of the Perquimans County Democratic Executive Committee, as well as other Democrats, is to get out the vote. While quite a lot of interest in the election of a President has been created, still the fact that there are no local contests is reason to believe that many will not go to the polls unless they are reminded and even urged to exercise their right, privilege and duty.

When going to cast their ballots next Tuesday voters will be given four ballots. One of these will be for the offices of President and Vice President, the Democratic candidates being Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman. The Republican candidates are Thomas E. Dewey and John W. Bricker.

Another ballot will be for State officers, for which the candidates are as follows: For United States Senator, Clyde R. Hoey, Democrat, and A. I. Ferree, Republican.

For Governor, R. Gregg Cherry, Democrat, and Frank C. Patton, Republican.

For Lieutenant Governor, T. Y. Ballentine, Democrat, and George L. Greene, Republican.

For Secretary of State, Thad Eure, Democrat, and W. H. Gregg, Republican.

For State Auditor, George Ross, Democrat, and J. M. Van Hoy, Republican.

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## Finance Chairmen Meet Sunday To Plan Sixth War Bond Drive

R. M. Kiddick, chairman of the Perquimans County War Finance committee, which has charge of all war bond drives, will attend a meeting of chairmen from this region, to be held Sunday at Greenville, to hear the plans mapped out for conducting the Sixth War Loan, which is scheduled to open on November 20.

Mr. Kiddick stated this week that he had no information relative to the quota Perquimans County will get for this next drive, but that the Treasury Department has announced a slight decrease in the national quota, compared to the Fifth War Loan.

The local chairman announced that a meeting of the county committee will be called within a short time, and that plans for the local drive will be made at this meeting. There is a possibility that the drive here will open with a bond rally, in an effort to sell the entire quota for the county during the rally. The chairman also stated that the school children of the community will be asked to sell bonds during the drive.

Mr. Kiddick issued an appeal to the people to be prepared to continue the fine record Perquimans has made in all bond drives, during which each drive has been oversubscribed by 200 per cent.

## Legion Post Holds Armistice Banquet At New Hope Thurs.

Members of Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, their wives and guests, observed an Armistice Night program by holding a banquet at the New Hope Community House on Thursday night, and enjoyed, besides a delicious dinner served by the ladies of the New Hope community, a program in keeping with the celebration of Armistice Day, marking the 25th anniversary of the end of World War I.

A large number of persons were present and heard the program.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barbee announce the birth of a daughter, Retsy Crowell Barbee, on October 27th, at the Medical Center in Elizabeth City. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

## SUPERIOR COURT COMPLETES DOCKET ON WEDNESDAY CONCLUDING OCTOBER TERM

### Julian E. Dail Supt. Air Corps Warehouse

An Eighth Air Force Bomber Station, England.—Warehouse superintendent of the Air Corps Supply Division at the bomber base, Master Sergeant Julian E. Dail, Hertford, speeds the shipment of equipment that soon will become part of a re-conditioned bomber ready for more blows in support of Allied troops on the continent. He is a member of an VIII Air Force Service Command sub-depot here.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Dale, Route 2, Hertford, he was employed by the Norfolk Navy Yards, Portsmouth, Va., prior to entering the service in July, 1941. He has been overseas 16 months.

## Indians Remain In Undefeated Class By Downing Ahoskie

The Perquimans Indians won their fourth straight victory, and still remain in the undefeated class, by downing a determined Ahoskie high school football team on the Ahoskie field last Friday by a 24 to 13 margin. This was the first game this season the Indians permitted an opponent to cross their goal line.

Ahoskie scored first by a series of passes shortly after the opening kickoff, but failed to convert the try for extra point and led by 6-0 count. The Indians played listless ball during most of the first half and permitted the Ahoskie team to complete a number of passes which kept the pressure on the Indians' defense. Late in the first quarter the Indians' offensive started clicking and, after a series of end runs and line bucks, Joe Nowell crossed the goal line for Perquimans' first touchdown. The try for extra point was declared bad and the score was 6-6. Neither team scored during the second period and score at half time was still tied.

The Indians received the kickoff at the beginning of the second half, and Joe Nowell, who scored all four of the Indians' touchdowns, again crossed the Ahoskie goal line for six points to put the Indians ahead 12 to 6. Ahoskie gained 30 yards, after a series of plays in this quarter, to put the ball in scoring position and added six points to their total on another pass. Their try for extra point was good and the score was 12-12, Ahoskie.

The local squad got going during the final quarter and tallied two more touchdowns to run their score up to 24 points, while Ahoskie was held scoreless.

Coach Max Campbell used fifteen men in the game against Ahoskie and switched Wilson from center to the backfield for part of the game. Several of the players received minor bruises, but all are expected to be in fine shape for the game this week with the Washington High School team to be played Friday night at 8 o'clock, at Washington, N. C.

## Price Panel Board Sets Ceiling For Wood Used As Fuel

Members of the Price Panel Board of the Perquimans OPA office met last Thursday night with E. S. Dixon, OPA field officer, and wood dealers of this area and set a ceiling price for wood used as fuel.

The ceiling price established is \$12 per cord, or \$3 per cart load, one-fourth of a cord. All mill wood, board ends and slab wood is to sell not higher than \$8 per cord.

These prices established at the meeting are higher than prices in 1942, but the increase was due to the shortage of labor for cutting wood and the higher wages now paid for the labor.

Wood dealers may sell wood for fuel at prices under these ceilings, but will be violating the law by charging prices higher than those set at the Board meeting.

## Wearer Of Purple Heart Home On Leave

Pfc. Harry L. Forbes, U. S. M. C., who was wounded on Guam and was awarded the Purple Heart, is spending a leave with his aunt, Mrs. Mark Hathaway.

The youth has just returned from 22 months overseas duty and, in addition to having won the Purple Heart, has also been awarded a Unit Citation by the President for action during the time he served overseas.

## Negro Sailor Gets Two Years on Charge of Manslaughter; Civil Actions Continued

Perquimans County's October term of Superior Court adjourned Wednesday, after completing its docket of 13 criminal cases, and continuing all civil actions, excepting divorce cases, until the January term of Superior Court.

Prior to the opening of court, it appeared that the entire week would be needed to clear the docket, but the task was expedited by court officials, and this made possible the return to work of many farmers who were serving on the jury.

The State accepted a plea of guilty to reckless driving from Bill Hayes, charged with drunken driving, and the defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs.

Judge Richard Dixon, who presided over the term, ordered the cases of Malaki Hatrell and Elijah White, colored, charged with non-support, remanded to the Recorder's Court, when it was shown that the defendants were complying with the judgment of the lower court.

A capias was ordered issued for Ashley Fleetwood, who failed to appear to answer to a charge of simple assault.

The case of Trim Gordon, charged with fraud, was continued until the next term of court, upon the plea of the defense.

Clarence Lane was fined \$25 and ordered to pay the court costs on a plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving. The State accepted this plea when Solicitor Chester Morris announced that the State had insufficient evidence against the defendant on a charge of driving drunk.

The Court allowed a motion of the State for continuing the case charging Ransom Edmunds with non-slaughter.

Joe Butts, Negro, was found guilty of simple assault, and with being a Peeping Tom, and was sentenced to the roads for 30 days on the first count and nine months on the second count.

Wayland White, Jr., was found guilty of reckless driving and was sentenced to six months on the roads, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$100 and costs of court.

Tommy King, Negro sailor, charged with murder, entered a plea of guilty to manslaughter and the plea was accepted by the State. King was sentenced to State Prison for a period of not less than two years and not more than three years.

## University Head Gives Support To School Amendments

In support of the school amendment to the constitution, to be voted on in the November 7 elections, President Frank P. Graham of the University of North Carolina, vice chairman of the state-wide group sponsoring the amendment, issued a statement in which he listed the following five main reasons for supporting the amendment:

No one Governor could appoint a majority of the State School Board under provisions of the amendment.

The setting up of the needed office of the controller should be left to the Legislature and the Board of Education, who can safely be trusted to provide for a sound and efficient business administration of the schools.

The provision for members from the State at large is a more certain guarantee of representation of the minority party as is just and in accordance with the fair and democratic traditions of our people.

The amendment eliminates the requirement that a majority should be appointed with business and professional experience and gives more assurance of representation from agricultural, professional, labor and civic groups as well as business and financial groups.

It has the support of Governor Broughton, Democratic Nominee R. Gregg Cherry, Republican Nominee Patton, Democratic State Chairman Umstead, Editor Clarence Poe of the Progressive Farmer, the educational organizations and a large number of lay citizens who consider the passing of the amendment for the best interest of the schools and the State.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Pollard, of Wilmington, announce the birth of a son on Saturday, October 28th. Mrs. Pollard is the former Miss Martha Jane Elliott, of Hertford.