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Six War Loan Drive Opens Monday

Officers Find Four Gallons Bootleg In Raid Saturday Night

Recorder's Docket Is Large After Three Weeks' Recess

A raid made by local officers on the home of Hazel Hayes, Negro, last Saturday night, netted nearly four gallons of bootleg liquor and cost the defendant a 60-day suspended sentence and a fine of \$100 and court costs in Perquimans Recorder's Court on Tuesday morning.

The court docket was a rather large one this week, since court had been in recess for three weeks.

Richard Matthews was fined \$10 and costs on a speeding charge.

Robert Dixon plead guilty to being drunk on the highway and was taxed with costs of court.

Fred Clark, Negro, was assessed court costs, after pleading guilty to a charge of assault on a female.

P. H. Small was fined \$5 and ordered to pay court costs, for being drunk.

Carl Poland plead guilty to a charge of driving drunk and destroying property and was fined \$75 on the first count and \$25 on the second.

Herbert Brown, Negro, was found not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon.

Thomas Wells was taxed with costs of court for driving with insufficient brakes.

Malaki Harrell, Negro, was ordered to pay court costs on a charge of assault on a female.

Donald Koch and Raymond Lassiter entered pleas of guilty to speeding and each was fined \$10 and costs.

Eddie Quinn, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs for speeding.

J. C. Jones, Negro, was taxed with costs of court for driving without an operator's license.

Charlie Perches, Negro, was ordered to pay costs of court for driving with improper lights.

Wallace Chappell was taxed with court costs for driving with improper lights.

Joe White paid the court costs for being drunk on the highway.

Audrey Wiggins, Negro, was fined \$10 and taxed with court costs on a charge of fraud.

John Harris plead guilty to a charge of speeding and reckless driving and was fined \$50 and ordered to pay court costs.

LSM 299 Launched Honoring County's 5th War Loan Record

A series of six launchings scheduled in a space of 24 hours was begun early this week at the Charleston Navy Yard when two landing ships slid down the building ways and into a fog-enshrouded Cooper River.

The other four ships hit the water during quadruple launching ceremonies Tuesday.

Christened by relatives of navy yard employes, the LSM's launched bore shields on their bows stating that the vessels were made possible by the War Bond purchases of citizens of 11 North Carolina counties who oversubscribed their Fifth War Loan quotas.

The LSM 298 honored Macon, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Montgomery, New Hanover and Pamlico, while the LSM 299 honored Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person and Polk counties.

Presiding over the ceremonies was Rear Admiral Jules James, USN, Commandant of the navy yard and the Sixth Naval District, who conducted his brief address with the admiral's honor.

"Wherever you are, whatever you do, never forget that this war is being fought on two fronts—at home and on a rapidly changing battle line stretching around the world. Until it is finished, until the total score adds up in our favor, it is our duty to fight, and fight hard, the battle to which we are assigned. The men on the fighting fronts expect it. The situation requires it. The peril to the nation we love demands it. In the words of our Commander-in-Chief, let us hit the enemy and hit him again and again."

MAJORS MEET TUESDAY
Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. M., will meet Tuesday at 8 P. M.

Face to Face with Death



This is one of the most unusual pictures to come out of the war. Here is a Japanese soldier who had hidden himself in an American foxhole, then dug a little deeper. But sharp-eyed doughboys discovered him. Here you see him, slumped down, miraculously dodging bullets and grenades that were shot and lobbed at him. When this picture was taken he was alive, but the fear of death on his face. A few moments later he died in the hands of American land. Back our boys up who are fighting such wars as this by buying War Bonds.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

American Third Army forces, under General Patton, are storming the fortress of Metz this week and, indications are that the city will fall into Allied hands shortly, removing the last barrier between the Third Army and the German frontier. The Americans have been probing the German lines for several days, seeking weak points, possibly as a prelude to the biggest offensive on the Western front. During the lull in the fighting during the past few weeks, it is known that General Eisenhower was massing tremendous supplies for a new break through toward Berlin. Reports from the front state that the Germans have been retreating from the Metz area for several days.

On the Pacific front American Naval units sank or damaged an additional 14 Jap ships in the Manila area . . . and General MacArthur's troops on Leyte are reported to have trapped the Japs in fierce fighting on that island. Reports show the Japs are continuing the job of reinforcing their garrison on Leyte.

The Russian armies on the Eastern front continue to add to the pressure thrown against the Nazis. The Reds have moved into the outskirts of the Hungarian capital of Budapest, but heavy fighting is still reported in the section.

The mystery of the whereabouts of Hitler continues to deepen as reports lay no light on his state of health or his location. Some officials of London believe he has been thrown out as top man of the Nazis, and is either sick or hiding. High Nazi officials have made radio reports this week that Hitler is in excellent health, but is too busy to speak himself.

Reports from Europe say that the German morale is not as good as in recent months and that high Nazi officials have told German soldiers to shoot any one planning to surrender. Hundreds of Germans have been deserting in recent weeks, going over to the Allies, as the opportunity presented itself.

The French government, seeking to rebuild France, is seeking some two billion dollars worth of United States exports during the next 12 months, according to reports from Washington. The French seek to buy locomotives, trucks, fertilizers, and raw materials.

New Race Track At Elizabeth City Opens On Thanksgiving

Harness racing in Elizabeth City will be revived on Thanksgiving Day on the rebuilt track of the old Albemarle Fair Association a mile out on the Weeksville Road, recently taken over by the Eastern Fair Association, according to an announcement by Roland Wright, president of the Association.

More than a dozen horses have been entered by owners in Hertford, Gatesville, Roduco and the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and L. Seabrook Smith, widely known Virginia horseman, will come down to act as starter for the meet. Other entries are probable, but definite commitments have already been made by owners in these communities.

Both trotting and pacing races will be run Thanksgiving afternoon, in the event scheduled to begin at one o'clock. During the coming week bleachers will be set up to accommodate more than 1,000 spectators, and there will be ample parking space for those who wish to view the spectacle from their vehicles.

Officials of the new company look forward with assurance of wide interest in the resumption of racing in the Albemarle, where it was an established sport as long as 250 years ago. Edenton had a race track in early colonial times, before the Carolinas were separated into two states, and in one form or another, racing has been continued since.

Local horses, known to have been entered in the Elizabeth City meet on Thanksgiving Day, are those owned by J. H. Towe, and it is believed that a number of other local owners will enter their horses before starting time.

Mr. Towe's stable has been establishing a record in races this season, and they are likely to carry away the honors at this new track.

Weekly To Print Early Next Week

Following its usual custom of observing Thanksgiving, The Perquimans Weekly will be printed one day earlier next week, and all correspondents and others having news items for publication next week must have the items in this office not later than 3 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon.

Thanksgiving will be observed in Hertford with all business houses and offices, along with the postoffice, being closed for the day.

Sale Of Christmas Seals Started Here Monday Morning

Mrs. C. A. Davenport to Serve as Chairman; Quota Is \$450

Perquimans County's annual campaign to raise funds to fight tuberculosis, through the sale of Christmas Seals, got under way here last Monday, under the direction of a committee headed by Mrs. C. A. Davenport.

The small seals, used by thousands of Americans everywhere, will be sold to the public by direct mail, through school children and a special Bangle Day will also be observed to help raise funds. The bangles will be sold on a Saturday between now and Christmas Day, when the drive is scheduled to close, and this part of the campaign will be directed by Mrs. L. C. Winslow and Mrs. E. W. Mayes. Mrs. Charles Skinner will be in charge of the sale of Christmas Seal bonds.

Mrs. Davenport, in announcing the start of the Seal Sale, stated that the quota given Perquimans County this year is somewhat larger than last year, and she urges the public to give full support to this drive by buying seals when approached by solicitors. The quota for 1944 is \$450, compared to \$175 for last year.

The funds raised through sale of Christmas Seals are used entirely to fight tuberculosis, and the chairman stated that a small portion of the quota from this county is forwarded to the national headquarters, and the balance remains here to be used locally.

Tests made last year by the local Health Department revealed an alarmingly high tuberculosis rating in this county, and the funds raised are used to help fight the conditions which make this possible, as well as to effect care for those affected.

The drive, Mrs. Davenport announced, will continue from now until Christmas Day, and she urges the public to buy Seals freely and to use them on letters and packages mailed during the period.

Five Youths Leave Monday For Exams; Colored Call Dec. 7

Five Perquimans County white youths, Edgar Berry, James S. McNider, Louis Stallings, Ralph Perry and Robert Elliott, have been ordered to report to the draft office next Monday to go to Fort Bragg for pre-induction examinations. Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, stated today.

There is no induction call for white men this month, and no pre-induction call for next month. However, Mrs. Sumner stated that the local board has an induction call for eight Negro selectees for December 7. This call will be filled on the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

Selective Service has made few calls for men in recent months, but some commentators are predicting that very shortly calls will be increased to possibly 250,000 per month for the nation.

Final Effort To Raise County's United War Fund Quota Being Made

Members of the executive committee of the Perquimans County United War Fund met Tuesday night for the purpose of reviewing the work accomplished thus far in the drive to raise \$4,500 in this county for the use of the United War Fund, and to outline a plan to bring the campaign to a successful conclusion.

J. Emmett Winslow, chairman of the committee, stated that a total of \$3,800 had been reported to the committee treasurer, and that \$700 is still needed to put the fund over the top.

The committee members agreed that they will contact individuals throughout the county within the next few days in a final effort to raise the county's quota.

An appeal was issued to the public, especially to those who have not been asked to contribute to this fund, to contact Mr. Winslow and help put this drive over by making a contribution.

COUNTY COMMITTEE TO STAGE MAMMOTH BOND RALLY AT COURT HOUSE NOV. 25th

Pastor Returned



Conference Assigns Reavis And Cranford To County For Year

Announcement was made at the meeting of the Methodist Conference, held in Raleigh last week, that the Rev. B. C. Reavis has been re-assigned as pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church for another year, and the Rev. J. G. Cranford was re-assigned to the Perquimans County pastorate for the same period.

Both of these ministers have served here for the past years and their work has been outstanding, not only in their own churches but in all community enterprises.

Indians Idle This Week; Play Roanoke Rapids Here Nov. 22

Efforts on the part of Coach Max Campbell to schedule a football game for the unbeaten, untied Perquimans Indians for this week have been unsuccessful, so the team will remain idle until next Wednesday afternoon, when they will meet the strong Roanoke Rapids High School on the local field. The game will start at three o'clock.

A game scheduled for Plymouth last Friday night was called off by the Plymouth officials without excuse, but it is believed here that the showing of the Indians this season has put too much fear into the minds of nearby teams and they have no desire to match their talent with the Perquimans squad.

The game here next week promises to give the fans of this community plenty of action for their money, and a large crowd is expected to attend. The Indians will match their unbeaten record against a school much larger than Perquimans and the Yellow Jackets from up State have lost only one game this year that to the Elizabeth City eleven. Roanoke Rapids holds victories over Scotland Neck, Tarboro, Edenton and Ahoskie this season.

Coach Campbell has been putting his team through a series of strenuous drills this week in preparation for the game next week and he states the Indians are ready for the contest. Minor ailments of some of the boys have cleared up and all are in good condition for the game.

Thieves Loot Two Business Houses

Thieves broke into the Darden Brothers' store and Reed Oil Company office here on Tuesday night and made away with money amounting to forty or fifty dollars and a gun owned by Mayor V. N. Darden.

The money and the gun was taken from the Darden Store, and Durwood Reed reported to police that, so far as he can determine, nothing was taken from his office, but much damage was done to furniture and the safe in the office.

The thieves entered the Darden Store by breaking through the doors at the rear of the store. No clues were left by the intruders.

Quota of \$218,000 Expected to Be Sold Within Short Time

Township chairmen and their solicitors, who will make a thorough canvass of Perquimans County during the Sixth War Loan drive, which opens Monday, November 20, met with the War Finance Committee at the Courthouse on Thursday night to receive supplies and instructions for the drive.

The War Finance Committee will stage a mammoth war bond rally at the Courthouse on Saturday night, November 25, at 8 o'clock, in an effort to sell enough bonds to complete the county's quota of \$218,000. During the rally, which will be similar to the one held here during the Fifth War Loan, bonds of all types will be auctioned off by Ray Ogglesby, well-known tobacco auctioneer of Greenville. Valuable articles will go to the persons bidding highest in war bond purchases.

In addition to staging the big War Bond rally, the local finance committee, at a meeting held last week, voted to offer a series of prizes to individuals for assisting in the drive. Two \$25 War Bonds will be offered to individuals, including school children, for the greatest number of bonds sold in the campaign, and for the largest amount in dollars sold. Three prizes in war stamps will be awarded to the school child in the High School and the two grammar schools for the best sales effort. Each of these awards will be \$6.25 in War Stamps.

The county's quota for the Sixth War Loan is approximately fifty thousand dollars less than the Fifth drive, and the local committee, headed by R. M. Riddick as chairman, is hopeful that the quota can be raised within a short time. The quota for Series E bonds has been set at \$65,000, and individuals are urged to purchase at least one extra \$100 Series E bond during the drive.

Township chairmen announced for this drive are: C. F. Morris, Hertford; W. E. Dail, New Hope; Dr. E. S. White, Belvidere; Charles E. White, Bethel, and G. W. Jackson, Parkville. The township solicitors will be the same as those who did such an excellent job during the last bond campaign. King Williams has been named again to head the drive among the colored division.

The public is urged to remember the date of the bond rally and plan on attending for, in addition to aiding the county to put over the Sixth War Loan, a very interesting program will be arranged and plenty of fun is in store for all.

New Year Begins At Methodist Church; Open House Planned

Another year is beginning on the calendar of the First Methodist Church at Hertford. Last year was one of the best years in the history of the church under the leadership of the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor. After the unanimous request of the official board and the quarterly conference of the local church to the North Carolina Conference for the return of Mr. Reavis, he has been returned for another year.

Plans are being made and the schedule mapped out for the year ahead. Last Sunday at 11 o'clock Mr. Reavis expressed his delight at being back as pastor and in his sermon issued a forceful challenge to the church for faithful and earnest cooperation of all members for the full and important year ahead, and stated that every department and organization in the church is expected to do nothing short of the best.

Among other things Mr. Reavis announced that "open house" is being planned for the church on November 26 from three to five in the afternoon. Special music will be rendered, refreshments will be served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the whole membership of the church is urged to come and enjoy the fellowship and become better acquainted. All members of the board of stewards will be present with their lists and each member of the church will be given an opportunity to make the pledge to the church budget for the year. Pledge cards and packages of envelopes will be furnished.