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## Indians Open Court Season With Victory Over Weeksville Hi

### Meet Strong Central Team at Local Gym Friday Night

Prospects for one of the best basketball teams in the Albemarle appeared bright for the Perquimans High School, following the double-headed victory over Weeksville High School last Friday night.

The Indians won their first game easily by a 24 to 15 count, while the girls' squad handed the Weeksville girls their first defeat, 19 to 17. Coach Max Campbell's squad is made up of veterans from last year's conference champions and from all indications, they are out to repeat again this year.

In the curtain-raiser to the boys' game, the Perquimans girls, coached by Miss Janice Lister, outpointed the Weeksville girls in all but the third quarter of the game. The score, at half time, stood 12 to 8 for Perquimans. The Weeksville girls came back in the third quarter to close the gap to a one point margin, and it was a thrilling game to the finish. Mansfield tallied 13 points for Perquimans, and White hit for three goals to add six points.

The Indians opened their season against the visitors by gaining a 7 to 6 advantage at the close of the first quarter. They added four more points during the second quarter to run their score to 11, while holding the visitors to one tally. In the third period Berry scored four points and Nowell three to add seven more points, while Weeksville added two. The scoring was almost even during the final period, but Weeksville was unable to overcome the lead gained by the local basketballers.

Coach Campbell switched the team around somewhat to find his best combination, and stated that he has not picked his squad as yet as several new players are showing considerable promise.

Scoring for the Indians in last Friday's game was divided as follows: Berry 10, Nowell 5, Holmes 2, Wilson 6, and Winslow 1.

The Indians play the strong Central High School in another conference game at the local High School Friday night. The girls' game will start at 7:30, and the boys' game at 8:30.

## Christmas Program USO Club Includes Cantata And Party

The Hertford USO Club's Christmas program for entertainment of the public and service personnel in this area includes a Cantata to be presented at the Hertford Methodist Church on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 4:30 o'clock, and an old-fashioned Christmas party for service personnel at the USO Club on Christmas night, at 8 o'clock.

The Cantata is under the direction of J. Edgar Hill, club director, and Miss Margaret Pearson, staff assistant. The choir is made up of members of the Methodist, Baptist and Holy Trinity Churches.

The Christmas party at the USO Club will include everything, even Santa Claus, who will have presents for all service men, and plenty of good eats, such as home-baked cakes, cookies, nuts, fruits and candies. The senior hostesses of the club will provide the foods and the junior hostesses will act as hostesses at the party. All service personnel is invited to attend both the Cantata and the Christmas party. The public is also invited to attend the Cantata.

## Ration Board Issues 26 Tire Certificates

Twenty-six motorists were issued certificates to purchase tires by the local Ration Board at its last meeting, according to Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Board.

Passenger type certificates were issued to L. E. Umphlett, 2; A. L. Winslow, 2; Maxey Stallings, 1; Daisy Perry, 1; Jones Perry, 2; W. N. Lane, 2; C. L. Godwin, 1; J. W. Goodwin, 1; J. C. Bacon, 2; Edwin S. White, 2; S. S. Colson, 2; Emmett Riddick, 2; Mary Lane, 1; Preston Nixon, 1; E. L. Brooks, 1; W. N. Cartwright, 1; L. S. Nixon, 2; C. L. White, 2; James Sawyer, 2; and E. T. Layden, 1.

Truck type: Nathan Riddick, 1; John Lane, 1; Major-Loomis, 2; W. N. Lane, 2; F. E. Winslow, 4; and Holmes and Mathews, 1.



REMAINS OF CHARLEMAGNE'S CAPITAL—This is a view looking east on Franzstrasse in the German city of Aachen after its capture by U. S. troops.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Tightening the pressure on the German troops west of the Rhine River, American forces of the First, Third and Ninth Armies are waging an offensive which may be the deciding battle for the territory, according to dispatches from the front this week. Each of the American armies has advanced steadily all week and is forcing the Nazis to give ground.

After weeks of heavy fighting in Hungary, it appears that the Red Army may capture Budapest any day now. The German position in this capital is now hopeless, and reports from neutral sources say that the Nazis are retreating and taking everything of value with them. The Russian troops have entered the city and are staging a house-to-house fight for the site.

The American Seventh and 77th Divisions, which have been revenging Uncle Sam on the island of Leyte, captured the Jap-held town of Ormoc this week and thus weakened the Jap position on that island. Thousands of Japs were annihilated in the heavy fighting which led to the capture of the garrison at Ormoc.

American warplanes and light naval craft in the Philippine area knocked out another Jap convoy, sinking or damaging 10 Jap ships this week. The Americans have all but wrecked the Jap shipping in and around the Philippines, and reports state that the Japanese are building a railroad all the way across China in order to transport supplies and materials to get away from the heavy losses suffered from American forces.

Conditions within Greece continue bad this week as civil war is being waged, following the liberation of the country from the Germans. The trouble seems to come from the question as to whether or not the former Greek king shall return to rule the nation, or whether a plebiscite shall be conducted and the people decide what type of government they desire.

American air groups are causing the Japs in Tokyo to get the air-war jitters, according to reports from the Pacific. Heavy U. S. B-29s have been bombing the Jap capital regularly and causing great damage. The planes are being sent over in small waves, some bombing and some taking pictures. Reports from Berlin say the Japs are evacuating the city.

A London report, this week, stated that American plans for post-war Germany calls for the abolition of Nazi war industries and strict control of all German economy. Secretary of State Stettinius, this week, announced that it would be his plan to follow a liberal program in administering the affairs of State.

## Ginning Report Shows Increase First Time

For the first time this year cotton ginning in Perquimans passed last year's mark, according to a report issued by Willie M. Harrell, special agent. The report showed 4,119 bales of cotton were ginned here, prior to December 1, as compared with 3,791 bales from the 1943 crop.

## Post Office Urges Public To Observe Mail Suggestions

In order that the mail service can function as efficiently as possible during the height of the Christmas rush, Postmaster Silas M. Whedbee is asking the public to observe the following suggestions which, if followed, will be of great aid to the efficient and prompt handling of the mails during this and next week:

1—Try not to make large mailings, or transact other postal business, such as buying money orders, registering letters or mail large parcels between the hours of 12:30 and 2:30 p. m. Between these hours the local post office has to receive and dispatch the largest mail of the day, and mail received must be distributed.

2—Please separate out-of-town mail and local mail and place it in the proper slot when mailing, or better still, hand them to a postal employee.

## Town Board Studies Lease Of Property For Local Abattoir

Members of Hertford's Town Board voted at a meeting Monday night to consider the leasing of a small piece of town property, near the municipal plant, to George Barbee for the purpose of adding to Mr. Barbee's lot upon which he proposes to construct an abattoir, in order to continue serving this community in the meat business.

Mr. Barbee appeared before the board relative to obtaining a lease on the property and told the Board that his plans call for the construction of a brick building, which will provide this community with the most sanitary abattoir in the State.

The board named Max R. Campbell on a committee to work with a group of colored citizens of Hertford to bring about better understanding of problems confronting racial situations now or which might arise at some future date. The action grew out of false reports issued recently over a disturbance in the town, when this disturbance was reported as a race riot.

W. G. Newby, town clerk, announced that he now has the 1944 tax books and urges all taxpayers to save penalties by paying their taxes at this time.

## WINSLOW—HARRELL VOWS SPOKEN AT PARSONAGE

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Winslow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Winslow, of Belvidere, to Thomas E. Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Harrell, of Hertford, Route 1, was performed on Wednesday evening, November 29, at 9:30 o'clock, by the Rev. Howard G. Dawkins, at the Baptist parsonage in Hertford.

The bride wore a dress of blue wool with black accessories. Her only ornament was a necklace, the gift of the groom.

Mrs. Leroy Casey, of McHenry, Ky., was matron of honor, and the best man was Leroy Casey, of McHenry, Ky., now stationed at the Harvey Point Air Station.

## HERTFORD LION CLUB MEETS FRIDAY NIGHT

The Hertford Lions Club will meet Friday night at the Colonial Tourist Home at 7:15. G. C. Back, president, urges all members to be present.

## Draft Boards Called On To Relieve Manpower Shortages

The Perquimans Draft Board has received notice, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, that Selective Service will back the director of war mobilization in his call for Draft Boards to reclassify registrants 26 to 37, who have left essential industries for peace-time jobs, in an effort to relieve the manpower shortages in war industries.

The Perquimans Board received the following telegram this week from State Director Van B. Metts relative to the new order: "The Director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion has requested the director of Selective Service to take an affirmative action with respect to the present urgent manpower situation. There is continuing urgent need for combat replacements in the European and Pacific theatres of war and a most serious shortage of workers in war activities. It is increasingly necessary that all persons, and particularly registrants 18 through 37, participate to the full extent of their abilities, either in the armed forces or in the civilian war effort. Immediate action will be taken by the Selective Service System and this action will be carried out by local boards.

"Selective Service Regulations and Memoranda are being amended to provide that when an occupationally deferred registrant leaves the employment for which he has been deferred, he shall be reclassified into a class immediately available for service, unless before leaving such employment he requests a determination and a determination is made by the local Board that it is in the best interest of the war effort for him to leave such employment. To accomplish the purpose that registrants 18 through 37 carry their full share of the nation's war effort in order to remain occupationally deferred, local boards will apply present occupational deferral instructions in the light of immediate urgencies for men in the armed forces and the civilian war effort."

## Hertford Stores To Remain Open Nights; Closed Two Days Xmas

Hertford's stores will begin staying open nights next week for the convenience of Christmas shoppers, according to a check made of the stores this week.

Christmas will be observed completely, however, as all stores, the County and State offices and the Post Office will be closed all day December 25, and all stores will remain closed on Tuesday, December 26, in order to give the employees an extra day holiday.

## Local Bank Deposits Show Big Increase

Bank deposits at The Hertford Banking Company have increased almost five times in the past five years, according to an announcement released this week by R. M. Riddick, executive vice president of the local institution, and he added that the deposits are now larger than at any time in the history of the bank.

Figures for the past five years are shown in a report elsewhere in this issue.

## PERQUIMANS BELIEVED FIRST COUNTY IN STATE TO REACH SIXTH WAR LOAN QUOTA

### State Alumni Head Speaks At Meeting

E. Y. Floyd, president of the General Alumni Association of State College, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Perquimans State College Club, held Thursday night, December 7, at the Agriculture Building.

Mr. Floyd outlined to the local State alumni the plans the College hopes to put in effect during the post-war period, and told of progress the college has made in recent years.

Members of the local club attending the meeting were: E. Leigh Winslow, A. H. Edwards, J. H. Towse, F. A. McGoogan, T. B. Sumner, A. R. Winslow, L. W. Anderson, and H. J. Bragg, of Windsor.

## Varied Docket In Recorder's Court Tuesday Morning

### Twelve Cases Heard By Judge Charles Johnson

A varied docket consisting of 12 cases was disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court here on Tuesday morning by Judge Charles E. Johnson. The majority of the cases were of minor nature and little time was consumed in clearing the docket.

Ruth Sutton, Negro, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, and judgment was continued upon the condition the defendant be of good behavior for one year.

Andrew Winslow was fined \$10 and ordered to pay court costs, after pleading guilty to speeding.

Willie White, Negro, was taxed with costs of court on a speeding charge.

Leroy Byrd was ordered to pay court costs after pleading guilty to driving without a license.

Grover Lamb was taxed with the costs of court on a charge of being drunk.

Donnie Mae Taylor, Negro, was fined \$5 and ordered to pay court costs on conviction of using profanity on the public highway.

James Ellison, Negro, was assessed court costs for being drunk.

Jessie Hunter, Negro, was taxed with court costs for driving with improper lights.

Dan Curry, Negro sailor, was given a 12 months road sentence upon conviction of assaulting an officer, resisting arrest and destroying property.

Lillie Forehand, Negro, was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the costs of court, after she was found guilty of being drunk.

James Cofield was assessed court costs, after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Ed Roth, Negro, was ordered to pay \$2 per week for support of his child, but judgment was continued, after a hearing charging Roth with non-support.

## Students Hear Two Speakers At Chapel

The Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, and R. M. Riddick, chairman of the War Finance Committee, were the speakers at the chapel service at Perquimans High School December 6.

How, Mr. Reavis asked in his talk, would you measure a man or woman? What is your idea of a great one? The truly great man, he stated, is not the one who is just a great fighter, a go-getter, or a great thinker. Each of these has his place but is not fundamental. The really great person, the speaker continued, is the one who fills the definitions which Jesus gave, "Except ye become converted, and become as little children," and "Ye must be the servant of all." He is a servant, not in the sense of being a slave, but in that of living a life of unselfishness, of giving out to others. In conclusion, Mr. Reavis suggested that each person take this as his creed: "I will be the servant in the name of my Christ, who showed me how to live." As always, Mr. Reavis' message was an inspiring one.

Mr. Riddick's topic was that of the Sixth War Loan Drive. He reminded his hearers that in War Bonds the United States is offering the safest, soundest securities in the world, and more important still, that the citizens must lend the government money in order to hasten the war and to lessen the number of casualties. Mr. Riddick also called attention to the prizes to be awarded to the Perquimans County students who prove to be the best bond salesmen.

## E Bond Goal Obtained Tuesday; Total Now Over Half Million

R. M. Riddick, chairman of the Perquimans County War Finance Committee, announced at noon Tuesday that Perquimans had, again for the sixth time, completed its war bond goal. Mr. Riddick stated that the public response to last week's appeal for the purchase of Series E bonds was splendid and at noon on Tuesday the sale of Series E bonds stood at \$496,000.00, thus the county had successfully completed its overall quota for the Sixth War Loan.

Total sales up to Tuesday, for all types of bonds, amounted to \$443,000.00, or more than twice the amount given Perquimans for its Sixth War Bond goal. Sale of bonds, other than Series E bonds, amounted to \$447,000. Mr. Riddick stated.

In making public the figures for the Sixth War Loan, the local chairman stated, "We have had the finest cooperation of the public, and a splendid job was done by the Township chairmen and the school children of the county in soliciting sales. If we had not had this cooperation, we could not have achieved our goal in such a short time."

The Township chairmen were: C. P. Morris, Hertford; Dr. E. S. White, Belvidere; W. E. Dail, New Hope; George Jackson, Parkville; and Charles E. White, Bethel. King A. Williams was chairman of the Colored division, which also did a fine job.

In expressing his appreciation to the public and his assistants for helping Perquimans to become the first county in the State to reach its Sixth War Loan quota, Mr. Riddick also expressed his thanks to the merchants of Hertford and others who contributed prizes for use at the War Bond rally and for the prizes offered to solicitors in the drive.

The record established by this county during the Sixth War Loan, which still has several days to run, is in line with the amount of bonds sold here during the previous five war loan drives, and continued the record of this county as one of the best in the entire State for the sale of war bonds.

Although the Sixth War drive goal has been achieved, the local committee will continue to accept applications for war bonds until the drive officially closes at the end of this month, Mr. Riddick said today.

## Civic Clubs To Feed And Entertain High School Grid Squad

The Perquimans High School's undefeated football team will be the honored guests of the Hertford Rotary Club and the Lions Club at two banquets and other entertainment, according to plans announced here this week.

The first banquet will be given on Tuesday night, December 19, by the Rotary Club, following which both the Rotarians and the Lions, together with the State College Alumni Club, will entertain the boys with a talk by Coach Wood of State College. Mr. Wood will show the team pictures of the State College games made this fall.

The Lions Club will feed the team at a banquet, the date of which is to be set. The Lions had planned to honor the team at their meeting Friday night, but due to the Indians' basketball game with Central, this event was postponed.

Members of the grid squad who will be entertained at the banquets are Chester Winslow, Bill Murray, Jack Symons, Calvin Wilson, William Elliott, Cecil Winslow, Thurman White, Edward Mayes, Dan Berry, George Wood, Joe Nowell, Johnny Hunter, Bobby Holmes, Colin Jackson, Jimmy Sawyer, Bill Boyce, Sidney Layden, Howard Pitt, Howard Broughton, Reginald Tucker, and Tom Perry.

Six members of this year's squad are seniors and have played their last game for Perquimans, but the record hung up by the 1944 grid team is one of the best in the entire State. The Indians won seven games, scoring 173 points to their opponents 13. Only one team, Ahoskie, crossed the Indians' goal line during the season.

## PROMOTED TO SERGEANT

Vance Proctor, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Proctor of the Bethel Community, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, according to an announcement received here this week. Sgt. Proctor is now stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas.