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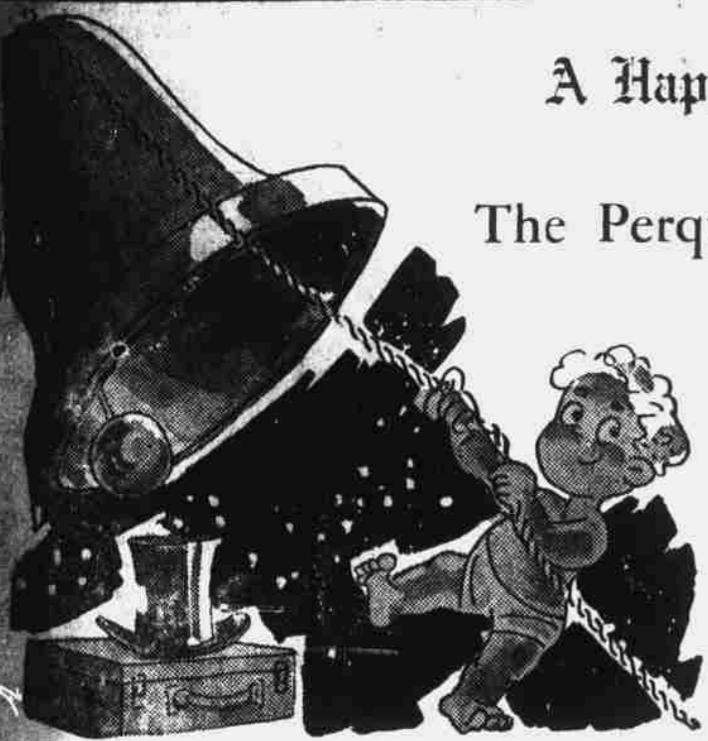
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A Happy New Year

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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

After pausing, evidently to reorganize their forces, the Germans have renewed their drive on Christmas Eve and have pushed an additional 15 miles into Belgium, according to reports from the Western Front Wednesday. The Nazis were reported to have advanced four miles from the Meuse and close to several important communication centers being held by American troops. Reports say American forces are fighting fiercely for every inch of territory, and reinforcements are being sent forward to stem the Nazi advance. The German advance has now carried them some 60 miles into Belgium since their attack opened, and casualties have been reported as heavy on both sides.

The Germans are reported to be in two and possibly three armies in this drive, and some reports state the Nazis are being directed by Hitler. Many Germans were seen through the American lines dressed in American uniforms and riding in American jeeps and trucks in order to gain time for sabotage. When captured these Nazis are shot as spies. It has been reported the American forces have stopped the Nazi's flanking movement and are holding at all points other than the 35 mile break through in Belgium.

Weather conditions were somewhat better early this week over the European area and the Allied air force flew more than 21 thousand sorties against the Germans in an effort to break up the Nazi drive. The Germans have been using their planes, too, in greater number than any time since D-Day. Allied reports say 500 German planes and 4,000 vehicles have been destroyed by the Allied planes.

Russian troops have renewed their drive for Budapest by closing an escape corridor, and smashing one and a half miles into the city, a London report announces. Berlin also reports the Reds have started their winter offensive in the Baltic section, but Moscow has not released an account of this front to date. No action is reported on the Polish front.

U. S. Army forces of the 77th Division captured Palompon and all but ended the fighting for the island of Leyte, according to a report from General MacArthur. American planes have blasted Jap air fields in the Manila area, and troops continue to advance on Mindoro. Heavy B-29s have raided the Jap homeland and caused heavy damage to Jap production plants.

Little change is noted on conditions inside Greece. Both Churchill and Anthony Eden are reported in Athens, but fighting continues. Members of the ELAS are demanding an election at once to determine the Greek form of government. Nearly a ton of explosives were discovered in a sewer beneath one of the hotels during high Greek and British operations.

Stores, Schools Open On New Year's Day

Hertford's stores and business places will be open on New Year's Day, according to a survey made of the community area this week. One exception will be the Hertford Bank, which will observe the holiday. The Johnson county school superintendent stated that schools will be closed on January 1st, and are planned to complete the semester on schedule to complete next semester.

LORD HAS BEEN GOOD TO FARMERS OF STATE IN YEARS OF WAR, SAYS COLTRANE

Pointing out that "the Lord has been good to us, sending us favorable seasons during these years of war," D. S. Coltrane, assistant to the Commissioner of Agriculture, has reported an 8 per cent increase in the production of corn in this State in the past two years; a 25 per cent increase in wheat; a 23 per cent increase in oats; and a 254 per cent increase in the production of barley. Other increases over the pre-war period from 1932 to 1941: cotton, 9 per cent; tobacco, 8 per cent; Irish potatoes, 33 per cent; lespedeza seed, 66 per cent; soybeans (for beans), 37 per cent; and peanuts, 25 per cent. "We have made the most of opportunities afforded us by nature by producing, despite serious shortages of labor, farm machinery, fertilizer, and other essentials, the greatest volume of food and fiber in the history of the State," asserted Coltrane. As for livestock, he said that there has been a 253 per cent increase in the production of broilers; a 10 per cent jump in the number of cows and heifers; a 35 per cent rise in the number of hogs on hand; and an increase of 11 per cent in the production of milk. The 10-year (1924-33) average cash income from crops, livestock and Government payments was \$214,298,000, while that for the years 1940 and 1941 was \$258,576,000, and that for 1942 and 1943 was \$493,818,000, according to Coltrane.

Superior Court To Convene January 15

Perquimans County's January term of Superior Court will convene here on Monday, January 15, with Judge Richard D. Dixon of Edenton, presiding, it was announced here this week. This term of court will be confined entirely to civil cases and Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt states that a number of cases are docketed for trial, including six actions for divorce. Jurors drawn by the commissioners for this term of court are: L. J. Winslow, Ben E. Smith, Wilson Reed, W. L. Sawyer, Albert White, John Elliott, W. D. Perry, T. J. Stallings, J. R. Jarvis, Walter Dail, D. E. Winslow, O. J. Lane, D. C. Umphlett, J. S. Stallings, A. D. Weston, S. D. Banks, Henry Belch, Will R. Chappell, Dan Williams, W. O. Lamb, Asa Stallings, J. L. Cartwright, C. P. Morris and C. T. Jordan.

Ration Board Issues Tire Permits To 31

Certificates to purchase new tires were issued to 31 motorists by the Perquimans Ration Board, at its last meeting, according to Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the board. Passenger type permits were issued as follows: Julia Weston, 1; I. S. Blanchard, 2; J. B. Perry, 2; P. E. Lane, 2; W. S. Hurdle, 2; C. W. Reed, 1; Frances Maness, 1; G. H. Baker, Jr., 2; Preston Nixon, 1; T. H. Janis, 1; S. P. Mathews, 1; Viola Overton, 2; A. Pilney, 2; F. B. Skinner, 1; Arnold McCrary, 1; Henry Clay Stokes, 1; E. E. Miller, 2; Albert White, 1; W. H. Riddick, 2; Dr. J. D. Weaver, 1; Addie M. Hoffer, 1; Otis Newby, 1; Floyd Burrell, 2; W. H. Stallings, 2; W. R. Brothers, 2, and J. R. Proctor, 2. Truck type tires were issued to: F. S. Winslow, 4; T. B. Sumner, 2; Vernon Ward, 1; Major-Loomis Co., 2, and Winslow Oil Co., 4.

Tax Listers Begin Work Next Tuesday

J. W. Ward, County Tax Supervisor, announced today that tax listers for the five townships will begin their task of listing property for 1945 taxes on next Tuesday. A schedule of each tax lister appears in this issue. Mr. Ward issued an appeal to property owners of the county to list property as early as possible to aid the tax listers and to avoid the usual last-minute rush. The tax listers for this year, as appointed by the board of commissioners, are: Carroll V. Ward, Belvidere; R. S. Chappell, Bethel; J. O. White, Hertford; Seth Long, New Hope, and Raymond Stanton, Parkville. Each farmer must report the acreage of each crop, as usual, and the tax supervisor also urges farmers to lend the tax listers every assistance in making a full report. The tax listers will complete their work on January 31, and all property owners who fail to list property by that time will face a penalty as a late lister.

Town And Farm In Wartime

Reminders
Meats and Fats—Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through S5 good indefinitely. No new stamps until December 31.
Processed Foods—Blue stamps A8 through Z8; A5 through Z5, A2 and B2 remain valid indefinitely. No new blue stamps will be validated until the first of next month.
Sugar—Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 each good for five pounds indefinitely. Stamp 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar through February 28, 1945.
Gasoline—A-14 coupons good for four gallons beginning December 22.
Fuel Oil—East and Far West 1 and 2 coupons good for ten gallons per unit. Mid-west and South 2 and 3 coupons good for ten gallons per unit.
Shoes—Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 in Book Three good indefinitely. Any Of This \$25,000,000 Yours, Vet? There are approximately \$25,000,000 waiting to be picked up by some 30,000 veterans of the last war at the Veterans Administration if they will apply for it before the maturity date of their service certificates (bonus), which in most cases is January 1, 1945, it is stated by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. All these veterans have to do to collect this money is to exercise their rights in connection with their adjusted service certificates. Some 15,000 veterans can collect up to \$625 each, part of which is interest they are now being charged on loans and part interest they are losing by not having applied for the bonds that were issued in exchange for certificates. The others can collect in addition to the face value of their certificates an average of \$250 each in bond interest by exchanging their certificates for bonds now. G. I. Joe's Post-War Plans Seven per cent of the men now in the Army have definite plans for operating a business and five per cent plan on farms, according to a survey conducted among troops in the United States and overseas by the Information and Education Division, Army Service Forces. For the most part they are interested primarily in relatively small enterprises, with half of these having definite plans saying that they will invest \$4,000 or less.

Officers Elected For Woodland W. S. C. S.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Woodland Church elected the following officers for 1945 at the December meeting: President—Mrs. Earl Hollowell. Vice President—Mrs. Odell Cartwright. Recording Secretary—Mrs. Ashby Jordan. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Ralph Harrell. Treasurer—Mrs. J. W. Overton. Local Treasurer—Mrs. George Jordan. Secretaries
Missionary Education—Mrs. Earl Hollowell. Christian Social Relations—Mrs. Jack Benton. Mrs. Ashby Jordan and Mrs. George Jordan. Children's Work—Mrs. Henry Cartwright. Supplies—Mrs. Ralph Harrell. Spiritual Life—Mrs. Ernest Cartwright, Mrs. Elmer Wood and Mrs. Henry Cartwright. Program—Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Mrs. W. M. Mathews and Mrs. Henry Cartwright. Membership—Mrs. Elmer Wood, Mrs. Lowery Cartwright and Mrs. E. D. Mathews.

Five Negro Selectees Ordered To Report Preinduction Exam

Five Negro selectees, William Phillips, James Wells, Howard Overton, Welton Hardy, and Clifton Banks, have been ordered to report for preinduction examinations on January 4, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local draft board, announced today. Two calls for white men for the month of January are also on hand at the local office, Mrs. Sumner said. Four white men are to be ordered to report for induction on January 24, and two white registrants will be ordered to take pre-induction examinations on January 30. Jonas R. Futrell still remains as the only member of the local board. However, it is understood that the committee charged with maintaining the membership of the board will soon name two new members.

CANNED VEGETABLES, MEATS, RETURNED TO RATIONED LIST AS STOCKS DWINDLE

Infantile Paralysis Drive Starts Jan. 14

An announcement was made this week that Mrs. B. G. Koonce has been named to serve as chairman of the Perquimans Infantile Paralysis campaign, which will open on January 14. The nation-wide drive is conducted annually to raise funds to aid in research and laboratory work to combat the disease and to assist local persons stricken with the malady. The local chairman stated that the county drive will be a short time and that plans would be announced soon. Last year the local drive was a complete success and funds from the county chapter were used in the epidemic which raged throughout the western part of the State, as well as for preventive measures taken here.

Action Effective Tuesday For Canned Stuff, Meats Later

Following the severe jolt the American public received when they discovered the war was not over with the German onslaught through last week, OPA handed down another jolt this week by announcing that meat and civilian food supplies were to be placed on a rationed list at the earliest possible moment and that canned vegetables and fruits were to be included in the rationed list. The action will be effective on Tuesday, January 3, and will affect all stores. The order affecting canned goods was originally scheduled to go into effect December 31, too, but was moved up to prevent hoarders from stockpiling on present store inventories. Stamps remaining valid are blue stamps, X5 through Z5 and A2, B2, and red stamps Q5 through S5. Blue stamps C2 through G2 become good January 1. Red stamps T5 through X5 also become valid on January 1. In addition to the action taken on foodstuffs, Government officials have announced that motorists face a serious tire shortage during the first half of next year. An order has gone through cutting production on passenger type tires, and it was announced that holders of A gasoline books can not expect to receive new tires before next summer, and then, only if the war situation becomes brighter.

Special Services At Baptist Church

Along with thousands of other Baptist Churches in the Southland, the Hertford Baptist Church will observe Student Night at Christmas on Sunday evening, December 31, at 7:30 o'clock. At this time the students of the church who are away in colleges will have charge of the program. Among the colleges that are to be represented are Wake Forest, Campbell, E. C. T. C., Greensboro College, Lenoir, Richmond Dental College and Harvard. The program will consist of Scripture, prayer, special music, both vocal and instrumental, and talks on the work of B. S. U. The public is invited to come and hear these students tell of the witnessing for Christ on their college campuses and around the world. At the Sunday morning service of the church, the Rev. Albert Simms, of Littleton, will be the guest speaker. He is the son of the Hon. R. N. Simms, Sr., of Raleigh, one of the outstanding Baptist laymen of North Carolina. Young Mr. Simms was a college and seminary mate of the Rev. Howard G. Dawkins, pastor of the Hertford Church.

Local Soldier Serves In Fighting In Italy

With The Fifth Army, Italy—Ernest Lane, son of Mrs. Caroline Lane, Route Three, is fighting in Italy with the 388th Infantry Regiment, which has been credited with killing and wounding many hundreds of Germans and taking nearly 700 prisoners in four weeks of cold, bitter fighting in the Gothic Line. They are called the "old timers," these men and officers of the 388th, part of the 85th "Custer" Division in Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army. They are veterans of bloody Soloniano Ridge and the Gustav Line, Formia, the Gaeta Peninsula and Rome. They are now standing at the approaches to the Po Valley, a long haul from Minturno, where the regiment entered the lines on last April 21. The First Battalion led in the capture of Mount Altuzzo, 3,000 feet of "straight up" rock, key to the vital H Gogo Pass, major objective of the 5th Division. This same unit staged an amphibious landing to occupy Sperlonga above Gaeta last May. Earlier, a company in the 2nd Battalion seized a strategic position in the Gustav Line and held it against a desperate German battalion for three days. This feat was almost duplicated by the same company in attacking Mount Zanolli above Firenzuola and holding the peak all day against four Jerry counterattacks, including two with tanks which fired directly into the GI's foxholes. The 2nd Battalion, one of the first Allied units to enter Rome, defeated elements of the German crack 4th Paratroop Division in the H Gogo Pass drive. The "old timers" of the 388th have won three Distinguished Service Crosses, 35 Silver Stars and more than 200 Bronze Stars.

Indians In Practice Session On Friday

Perquimans High School's basketball team will resume practice on Friday night of this week when they play an alumni team a game on the High School court. The Indians discontinued practice last week for the holidays, but Coach Max Campbell expects to put his team through a series of strenuous drills in preparation for the conference game with Moyock a week from Friday. Both the Indians and Squaws face some tough competition in games coming up soon and, according to the schedule, games have been scheduled for each Wednesday and Friday between now and the rural tourney to be held in March.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

The Perquimans County Recorder's Court joined with the business houses and merchants of Hertford in observing a holiday on Tuesday, and no cases were heard by Judge Chas. E. Johnson. Several arrests have been made since court convened last week, but all cases were continued until next week.

Cotton Gin Report Shows More Increase

A census report, issued this week by Willie M. Harrell, special agent, showed that 4,334 bales of cotton were ginned in Perquimans County from the crop of 1944, as compared to 3,791 bales ginned from the crop of 1943. The figures given were tabulated prior to December 13. INFANT McCOLLOUGH

Masons To Install New Officers Tuesday

Installation of new officers for the year 1945 will be held by Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., at a meeting next Tuesday night at the Masonic Hall in the Court House. Officers to be installed are Archie T. Lane, master; C. C. Winslow, senior warden; M. H. Umphlett, junior warden; L. B. Sitterson, treasurer, and J. S. Vick, secretary. Appointive officers will be named by the master at the meeting Tuesday night. All members of the lodge and visiting Masons are invited to attend.

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