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## AMERICAN LEGION TO REQUEST LAWS FOR EXPANSION OF VETS' SERVICE FACILITIES

### Recommendation to Be Presented In General Assembly

In order to have adequate expansion of the Veterans' service facilities in North Carolina, the American Legion will present a number of recommendations to the General Assembly requesting the enactment of laws to provide for the expansion of the service.

Perquimans County's Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the Legion unanimously approved the recommendation at its meeting, held in November, and the local post will join in petitioning the Legislature to act on them.

Main points of the recommendations call for the establishment of a Veterans' Commission, consisting of five members, to control and supervise all State and County Service officers and other employees. The Legion recommends the establishment of an office in Raleigh for the Commission and this to be the headquarters of the State Director.

In addition to setting up a State Commission in Raleigh, the plan calls for a branch office to be set up and maintained in each county of the state. The local County Service Officer would be named by the Commission and be part or full time, as needs appear to the Commission. The County officer would provide service to county veterans. The plan calls for county officers to undergo training courses to qualify them for the job.

According to the recommendations, the Legion is requesting the Legislature to provide that the State Commission shall serve without pay, other than per diem expenses, and that the State provide funds for maintaining the State office.

The plan further calls for all members of the Commission, State Director and all county officers to be honorably discharged veterans of World War I, World War II or both, and that both major political parties of the State be represented on the State Commission.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Germans, stopped in their drive through Belgium by the counterattacking American Third Army, have launched a new drive south of the bulge facing the First Army. The Nazis began this second offensive on New Year's day, at three or four spots against the Third and Seventh Armies' positions. Reports indicate the battle has all the fury of the German attack in the Belgium area, but that American forces have stopped or retained the advance to a relative small gain for the Nazis. Weather conditions have been such that Allied planes have been able to operate in full against the Germans, thus hampering the effort of their new drive. Allied planes have been active for the past several days and have bombed German supply dumps all along the Western front and have destroyed 260 German planes. The German air force has shown itself in greater strength than at any time since 1941.

General Patton's Third Army continues to attack the German breakthrough area and reports announce the Third Army has won new territory back from the enemy. The Germans have withdrawn their tanks from the bulge into Belgium, and it is believed these have been moved into position in the second German drive.

German attempts to stage a rescue drive to relieve troops in the encircled areas of Budapest have been repulsed according to reports from Moscow. The Red troops are closing in on the Nazis and the complete capture of the Hungarian capital is expected at any time. The Nazis refused a Russian appeal for surrender and the fighting within the city has been described as fierce as that at Stalingrad.

American planes have opened a new air offensive against Japanese positions in the Philippines and Formosa. It was reported Wednesday, B-29s raided the island of Formosa, thus extending the fight in the Philippines, and also sank eight ships in the area. American forces continued mopping up troops on Leyte.

### Does It Himself

Everybody knows there is a shortage of help for farm work, but up in the Belvidere community 81 year old J. R. Chappell decided last year that he would plant his usual crop of cotton, despite the possibility that he might not get help in picking it.

The crop grew and it came time to pick, but there was little help to be had, so the 81-year-old farmer did it himself. He picked nearly three thousand pounds of his cotton, which we believe is some kind of a record for a youth of that age.

### Drive For Funds For Memorial Athletic Field Opens Monday

### Project Sponsored By Civic Clubs In Honor Of Boys In Service

A drive to raise three thousand dollars to provide a Memorial Athletic Field at the Perquimans High School, honoring the school's students of the Armed forces, will begin here Monday, under the sponsorship of the Hertford Lions and Rotary Clubs.

The proposed project calls for the construction of a shower house, bleachers and equipping the field with flood lights for night baseball and football games. Estimates have been made on the costs of the project, and any amount left from the contributions will be used to purchase additional playing equipment for the football team.

At a meeting of the committee in charge of the plan, held Wednesday night, four teams of solicitors were named by Max Campbell, chairman of the committee, and these teams will begin soliciting Monday to raise the necessary funds.

The school children of the county will also join in soliciting and individuals may contribute through the children or adults.

The captains of the four teams, composed of members of the two civic clubs, are Dr. A. B. Bonner, R. S. Monds, Charlie Vann and J. H. Towe. The teams are expected to make a complete canvass of the county and give every individual an opportunity to contribute to the fund which will provide a Memorial for youths from this county who have served in the Armed forces during World War I.

The decision to merge this project into a Memorial one for the youths of the Armed services was arrived at in a discussion relative to naming the field and, inasmuch as there is no such memorial here for service men, it was decided to make this project such a memorial. No doubt, when the campaign for funds has been completed and the work finished, a suitable service will be conducted at the site and the field officially named Memorial Field, with a plaque set up listing the names of the students.

### Rotarians To Meet Next Tuesday Night

The Hertford Rotary Club will meet next Tuesday night at the regular meeting time and all members are urged to attend.

The Rotarians suspended meetings on December 19, for the holidays, and the meeting Tuesday night will be the first of the new year.

### THOMAS JACKSON IN STATES AFTER OVERSEAS DUTY

Gertrude Jackson, of Ryland, received a letter from her son, Thomas Jackson, Monday, saying that he has returned to the United States and is in a hospital near Boston, Mass. Jackson was wounded in action several months ago and was hospitalized in England for some time before being sent back to the States. His mother has the Purple Heart given him for injuries received in combat

#### CATHOLIC SERVICES

The most holy sacrifice of the mass is offered every Sunday at 11 a. m., including sermon (January 7, Sunday Within Octave of Epiphany, "Little Christmas," on "Docility and Obstinate"), Holy Communion, high mass or hymns, prayer for peace, followed by Sunday School at St. Ann's Catholic Church, stated the Rev. Father Francis J. McCourt, rector.

Everybody invited to all services there.

### The Price a Patriot Pays



This 25-year-old Italian girl was wounded by German pistol fire when she risked her life to warn an American patrol that the Nazis lay in ambush for them. The scene is North of Rome and our medical men are giving her first aid. It is of such stuff that heroines are made. Are you backing up our fighting men by buying extra War Bonds?

From U. S. Treasury

### Local Student Wins College Recognition

### Present Auto Tags Expire January 31

Miss Elizabeth Darden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Darden of Hertford, will receive her A. B. degree from East Carolina Teachers College in June. She is among those students who will be listed in the 1944-45 issue of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. The book will be released in April.

This publication is published through the cooperation of over 600 American universities and colleges. It is the only means of national recognition for graduates which is devoid of politics, fees and dues.

Miss Darden is a graduate of Perquimans County High School, class of 1942.

Since enrollment at college, she is a member of the Home Economics Club, President of the Science Club, Vice President of Emerson Society, past vice president of the College Band and College Marshal for one year. Miss Darden has also taken an active part in church work, having been secretary of the Students' Auxiliary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Greenville and is president of the Canterbury Club for students.

### Belvidere Couple Has Fortieth Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Lane were honored at an Open House on December 23rd, at their home in Belvidere. The affair was given in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary. Christmas decorations were attractively arranged throughout the home. A hot Russian tea course with accessories was served in the dining room with Mrs. Louis Howell presiding over the tea table.

During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Lane were presented an honor gift in ruby glassware by their children, after which Mrs. Elizabeth White read an appropriate poem, followed by prayer.

Approximately 100 friends and relatives of the couple were invited to call during the evening.

### Indians To Play At Moyock High Friday

The Perquimans High School's basketball team will resume their rural conference schedule of games Friday night, when they travel to Moyock for two games.

Both the boys' and girls' teams have practiced several times this week in preparation for the games tonight and the local coaches are expecting to bring back the long end of the scores.

The next home games for the Indians will be played next Wednesday night on the local court with South Mills furnishing the competition.

#### INFANT HUNTER

Marjorie Lou, the three-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hunter, of near Hertford, died at her home last Wednesday evening a victim of pneumonia and heart trouble.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon. Burial was at the White burying ground.

Besides her parents, the baby is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Wilbur Roberson, Norma Marie, Lilly Rebecca, and four brothers, Albert Marvin, Elgin Ray, Percy Edward and Wayland J. Hunter.

### WAR BOND SALES HIT HIGHEST MARK DURING SIXTH WAR LOAN CAMPAIGN

#### Local Soldier Wins Infantryman Badge

Pfc. Spurgeon T. Lane, son of Mrs. Sara B. Lane of Route 2, a member of the 81st "Wildcat" Infantry Division, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct and skill in action against the enemy.

The Wildcat Division recently invaded the Southern Islands of the Far East Pacific group, east of the Philippines.

#### Finance Committee Reports Sales Amount To \$639,918.75

War bonds sales reached their highest mark in Perquimans County during the Sixth War Loan, according to R. M. Ridick, chairman of the War Finance Committee, who stated Tuesday that total sales of bonds during the drive reached \$639,918.75.

The chairman stated that "This is the largest amount of bonds we have sold in any drive since the sale of the bonds started back in 1939, and the fact that the people of the county nearly tripled the Sixth War Loan quota speaks for itself in saying we are backing up the boys at the fronts."

C. T. Leinbach, State Chairman of war bond sales, expressed his appreciation for the splendid job done in Perquimans in a letter to Mr. Ridick. He announced that up to December 28, only 27 counties had reached their E bond quota, but that the State has more than over-subscribed the Sixth War Loan quota because of such fine efforts as those made here. He added that it was believed additional counties would reach their total goals before the close of the month.

War bonds have increased in sales here since the first drive, which was over-subscribed, but not in proportion to later drives. Despite the large amounts being raised through each War Loan drive, the Treasury Department urges each individual to continue purchasing bonds regularly.

The present outlook in Europe and in the Pacific indicates that a great amount of war materials and weapons will be needed before victory is finally won and to provide the armed forces with these items it will be necessary for the government to borrow money to buy them. Every bond purchased weekly or monthly will be that much less to be borrowed. The Treasury also urged the public to keep the bonds once they have been bought.

### County Body Cancels Superior Court Term Instruct List Takers

The Perquimans Board of Commissioners, meeting on Monday and after hearing reports that there were little prospects of more than six divorce cases being tried at the January term of Superior Court voted to cancel plans for holding the court and to request the Governor to suspend the term. In view of the fact that so little litigation seemed pending, the Board felt the process would not warrant the expenditure of funds necessary for a term of the Superior Court.

The Board voted \$75 to the amount needed to complete the Hertford USO Club for Negro servicemen stationed at Harvey Point. The County Board in cooperation with the Town of Hertford and the national USO has been preparing the Negro USO for the past two months and, according to plans, it will be ready for use some time next month.

Following their meeting, the Commissioners met with the list takers and instructions were issued to the group who began Tuesday the work of listing property for taxes. Each list taker was presented a valuation list of farm equipment and other personal items for making up tax lists and it was announced that little change was made in the valuation list this year.

### Farmers Required To File Income Returns

The Internal Revenue Bureau reminds farmers that income tax declarations are required from all who had a gross income of more than \$500 during the past year. These declarations must be made before January 15, and penalties are provided for those who fail or neglect to file a return on time.

It is understood that the office of the county agent has a bulletin relative to filing of income tax returns by farmers. This explains in full the procedure to follow in filing returns.

#### W. S. C. S. TO MEET

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Hertford Methodist Church will meet Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in the Sunday School auditorium. All members are urged to note the change in the hour for this one meeting, and to start the first meeting of the year with a large attendance.

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