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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

American forces, under the direction of General MacArthur have invaded the island of Luzon, just a little more than three years after the Jap invasion which gave them all of the Philippines. The American announcement of the invasion was made Tuesday, but Jap radios have been telling of the invasion for almost a week, following the sighting of the huge American convoy, which carried the landing forces to the shores of Lingayen Bay. General MacArthur reports that casualties in the landing operations were insignificant, and that Jap opposition was weak. The beachhead established on Luzon places the American forces about 107 miles from Manila, and to the rear of the Jap defenders, only 525 miles from the coast of China. More than 800 ships were in the convoy and more than 2,500 landing craft were used to ferry the men and material ashore. Heavy air and sea bombardments took place prior to the actual invasion of the island.

Doughboys of the First, Third and Ninth Armies are closing the trap on the Nazi offensive bulge in Belgium. Only a few miles separate the forces at the neck of the German salient, reports say, the Germans have had to turn and fight their way out of the trap. Heavy fighting is reported all along the lines and there is no estimate of the strength of the Nazis left in the sector west of their main line. It is believed that the German high command will attempt to withdraw his entire force before the Americans can join forces, rather than fight it out and risk destruction of such a large number of men. Reports from the fighting on the southern front indicate a renewed strong push by the Nazis, despite the strong defense being put up by the U. S. Seventh Army.

The Germans showed another sudden burst of reserve strength during the past week by holding off the Russian offensive for Budapest and opening a counter-drive of their own. The Reds have halted the German thrust to relieve the Nazi garrison at Budapest, but fierce fighting for the city continues, with each house and block serving as individual forts. Elsewhere in the battle between the Nazis and Russians the Reds have made slight gains. The Polish front still remains unchanged.

President Roosevelt, on Tuesday, sent Congress a budget for the year 1946 calling for the expenditure of 83 billion dollars, and stated that there could be no relief from high taxes, rationing or price control so long as the war continued. In his budget message the President estimated the total war costs from 1941 through 1946 at 450 billions of dollars. He made no request for new taxes and refused to predict a date for the end of the war. He stated that his program for demobilization could hardly be expected to begin before July of 1946.

Polio Chairman In Annual Fund Appeal; Drive Opens Jan. 14

Pointing out that the 1944 epidemic of infantile paralysis was the second worst outbreak of the disease in its history in the United States, Mrs. B. G. Koonce, chairman of the 1945 polio campaign in this county, issued a statement today in which she emphasized the "need to reinforce our lines of defense against this insidious enemy of childhood."

The annual fund appeal is being conducted this year from January 14-31 in celebration of the President's Birthday, and, as in the past, most of the funds will be used to combat polio in this State.

Although North Carolina had one of its worst epidemics of infantile paralysis during the past year, the death rate from the dread disease was the lowest ever recorded, solely because the funds to provide the best possible medical aid and equipment were immediately available, Mrs. Koonce pointed out.

This record proves again that quick hospitalization of victims is imperative and the campaign this year will be pointed towards funds to provide adequate hospital facilities to care the growing number of persons stricken each year, the chairman said.

"Since no one knows where, or how long, polio may strike in 1945, we must be ready to meet the attack whenever it may come," Chairman Koonce said.

PRESIDENT CALLS FOR DRAFT CHANGES TO RELIEVE SHORTAGES IN MANPOWER

Boards Called Upon to Review Classification Of 4-Fs

Serious manpower shortages in essential war plants, plus a darker picture from the war fronts, has caused War Mobilizer Byrnes to call for changes in the Selective Service which may affect many registrants now in deferred classifications, who have left essential jobs for peacetime ones. President Roosevelt, in his speech to Congress on the State of the Nation last Saturday, emphasized the continued need for war production and manning of war plants and stated that necessary changes in Selective Service will be ordered to provide manpower.

It was pointed out that draft boards will be ordered to review the files of all 4-Fs and possibly order many of them up for new examinations unless they are in jobs essential to the war effort. The Army, also, is reported to be lowering the physical standards in order to put some of these registrants in uniform, possibly in limited service duties.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Perquimans draft board, stated on Tuesday that the local office had not as yet received any orders relative to the new regulations.

Selective Service officials have already announced an increase in the draft calls for the present month. This increase is twenty per cent more than calls for the past several months, and calls after this month might be expected to be increased even greater.

The action taken by officials in Washington is believed to be due to the greatly increased numbers of war workers who have been leaving their war-time jobs for ones expected to continue through peace years, thus causing a slackening off of war production. The German drive launched in December also has taken a toll in casualties and prisoners, unforeseen earlier, thus causing a heavier demand for men in the armed forces.

Included in the new set-up is a possible draft for nurses, badly needed for duty in the Army, Navy and war hospitals. Several bills are expected to change the manpower situation, but from reports none of these call for an outright draft of labor.

Indians Retain Lead In Conference Race; Lose To Greenville

Perquimans' Indians retained their lead in the Albemarle Rural Basketball conference by defeating the Moyock High School last Friday night by a 26 to 11 score. The game was played at Moyock.

Opening strong, the Indians gained a 12 to 3 advantage of the host team and were never in trouble, excepting for a slump in basket shooting during the second and third periods. Coach Max Campbell started his squad of veterans and Dan Berry rang up the high score for the game, hitting for ten points. Wilson tallied six, White six, Nowell and Wood two each.

The score at half time stood 14 to five in favor of the Indians. Both teams played even during the third period, counting four points each, but in the final quarter the Indians regained their driving power and tallied eight points while holding Moyock to a lone counter.

The game was the third straight conference victory for the Indians this season.

On Tuesday night the Indians journeyed to Greenville to meet the power quintet there and lost by a 70 to 40 count. The tall, fast Greenville team had superior speed and height over the Indians, who were unable to cope with the Greenville attack.

The Indians opened the scoring in the first quarter and led until the final four minutes of the period, when Greenville tied the count at 5-5, then the host team went into a commanding lead which Perquimans could not overcome.

The score at the close of the first quarter was Greenville 18, Perquimans 10. At half time the Greensies maintained their eight point margin and the score was 32 to 24.

The Indians could not get started during the third quarter, and Greenville opened the attack fast and ran their score to forty before the Indians started hitting. The period ended with the score at 56 to 29. During the final period the Indians scored 11 points while Greenville counted for 14.

Town Plans Action On Delinquent Taxes

Members of the Town Board, at their meeting Monday night, instructed Mayor V. N. Darden and Town Attorney Charles E. Johnson to take steps immediately toward the collection of delinquent property taxes due the Town.

The Town has a number of property owners on the delinquent list and has been carrying some of these for several years, but it now seems that action to foreclose the tax liens will be taken unless settlement is made soon. The Board's instructions were that the taxes are to be collected at once.

Mary Wood Koonce Weds Lieut. Wallace In Ceremony Tues.

The marriage of Miss Mary Wood Koonce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin G. Koonce, to Lieutenant Ralph McE. Wallace, U. S. N. R., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wallace of Madison, Indiana, took place on Tuesday evening, January 9, at 8 o'clock, in the Hertford Methodist Church. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the church.

The church was decorated with fern, palms, cathedral candles and white gladioli.

Miss Kate Blanchard played the wedding music and Mrs. Jean Piggott of Greenville was the soloist.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown of ivory illusion, fashioned with round yoke of sheer marquisette applied in seed pearls and braiding, long sleeves tapered to points over the hands and basque bodice buttoned down the back. The fullness of the skirt formed a wide, round train. Her full length veil of imported illusion fell from a crown of seed pearls. She carried an arm bouquet of bud roses centered with a white orchid.

Mrs. Charles Ward, Jr., of Elizabeth City, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a gown of white satin and net, made with sweetheart neckline, edged with marine, bracelet-length sleeves, basque bodice of satin and bouffant net skirt. Her sweetheart shaped bonnet of white net was caught with a bow knot and streamers. She carried an arm bouquet of red carnations.

Miss Edwina McMullan, of Greenville, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a gown of white dotted net over satin and carried a nosegay of red carnations and baby-breath.

The bridesmaids, Miss Patricia Stephens of Hertford, Miss Dot Harris of Elizabeth City, Misses Prue Newby and Dot Davis of Windsor, were attired in gowns of white taffeta made with scalloped neckline, bracelet-length sleeves, basque bodice trimmed with tiny self-covered buttons and bouffant skirts. They wore Juliet caps arranged with off-the-face shoulder length veils and carried nosegays of red carnations and baby-breath.

The mother of the bride wore a dress of fuchsia crepe, matching hat and a corsage of pink roses. The mother of the groom wore a blue dress and her corsage was of pink roses.

Mrs. Charles Whedbee was mistress of ceremonies.

Tommy Suraner, Jr., cousin of the bride, lighted the candles preceding the ceremony.

Lieutenant Wallace had as his best man Lieut. Bill Jessup, U. S. N. R. The ushers were Charles Ward, Jr., Lieut. R. Y. Grant, Lieut. Dennis Roberts and Lieut. G. W. Gerrard.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents entertained at a reception at their home for the bridal party and out-of-town guests.

The bride traveled in a brown crepe dress, American beauty tuxedo coat trimmed with muskrat. She wore a hat of matching material and brown accessories. Her corsage was the white orchid taken from her bridal bouquet.

Conference At Cedar Grove Church Saturday

The first quarterly conference of the Perquimans Methodist Charge will be held at the Cedar Grove Church on Saturday, January 13.

Preaching services will be held at 11 o'clock by the Rev. J. H. Miller, district superintendent, and a business session will be held immediately after lunch.

Work Stock Clinics Scheduled In County Begins Next Week

Stock Owners Urged to See Horses and Mules In Good Condition

Plans have been completed for conducting a work stock clinic in this county for four days next week, according to L. W. Anderson, County Agent, who stated that the clinics will be sponsored by the N. C. State College Extension Service, and will be under the direction of Dr. L. A. Deese, of Edenton.

The clinics will be held next Monday through Thursday, and all farmers of the county owning work stock are urged to bring their stock to these clinics to see that the stock is in proper condition to work during the coming crop season.

The purpose of the clinic will be to demonstrate the benefits derived from control of internal parasites, treat stock for certain ailments, and to discuss the feeding and management of work stock.

The schedule of the clinics for next week is: Monday, January 15, at 9 a. m., Griffin's Store on Edenton Highway; 10 a. m., C. T. Phillips' Store, Bethel; 11 a. m., Parker's Store, Burgess; 1 p. m., Wynfork Colored School, Wynfork community; 2 p. m., Town Lot, Hertford.

Tuesday, January 16, 9 a. m., Overton's Store, Forestburg community; 10 a. m., Jackson's Store, Durants Neck; 11:15 a. m., Webb's Store, Concord community; 1 p. m., Godfrey's Store, Woodville community; 1:45 p. m., Tow's Store, Chapanoke; 3 p. m., Bright's Store, Parkville.

Wednesday, January 17, 9 a. m., Winslow's Store, Winfall; 10:15 a. m., George Jackson's Store, E. City Highway; 11:15 a. m., Billups' Store, Whiteston community; 1 p. m., R. M. Baker's Store, Nicanor; 2:15 p. m., Belvidere Service Station, Belvidere.

Thursday, January 18, 9 a. m., Yeopim Station, Yeopim community; 9:45 a. m., Evans Mill, Great Hope community; 10:45 a. m., Beech Spring Fork, Beech Spring Community; 1 p. m., Goodwin's Mill Bridge, Goodwin's Mill; 2 p. m., G. C. Chappell's Service Station, Chappell Hill community, and 2:45 p. m., Hickory Cross Roads, Hickory Cross.

Seal Sale Chairman Reports Drive Best Ever Conducted Here

A report made this week by the Perquimans County Tuberculosis committee revealed that the sale of Christmas Seals reached the total of \$508.38 during the campaign conducted recently. This total was the largest ever reached in Perquimans County and was \$58.38 above the quota set for Perquimans prior to the opening of the drive.

Mrs. C. A. Davenport, who assumed the chairmanship of the Seal Sale only a few weeks before the campaign opened, has carried the drive through most successfully. Much credit is also due Mrs. Charles Skinner, who acted as chairman of the bond sales, and Mrs. E. W. Mayes and Mrs. L. C. Winslow, who had charge of the bangle sales. It was pointed out that the USO and Roberson's also sold large numbers of Seals.

For the first time a greater number of citizens were mailed Seals and their response toward the campaign was most gratifying. The public indicated a sincere interest in the control and eradication of tuberculosis, and the committee expressed itself to do its best during the coming year to make sure that the 75 per cent of the funds raised this year, which remain in this county, will be used in every possible way to fight and control the disease.

In making her report, Mrs. Davenport expressed her sincere appreciation to the public and to her co-workers for their part in the drive. She stated "It gives me real pleasure to express my thanks for the enthusiastic cooperation which was shown by the citizens in putting Perquimans County over the top in the Christmas Seal Sale."

"The tabulation of the returns shows that the county's quota of \$450 has been exceeded. This is a record of which all may be proud. Still more impressive than the amount of money raised, was the number of individuals who contributed. I am deeply grateful for the backing which you all gave me as chairman of the Seal Sale in 1944."

COMMUNITY FACES MEAT SHORTAGE DUE TO LACK OF LOCAL SANITARY ABATTOIR

Baptist Conference In Hertford Jan. 19

A conference of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union of the Chowan Association will be held with the Hertford church on Friday, January 19th, beginning at 10 a. m. Every officer in each Society, from the president down to the chairman, is supposed to be there. Each person is required to carry her lunch.

Mrs. C. T. Doughtie will lead the discussion and R. A. and Sunbeam work. She wishes to appeal especially to the leaders of the young people and the junior organizations.

The president of each Society is asked to see that all officers attend this meeting as it is very important.

Merrill-Edwards Vows Read Saturday At Holy Trinity

The wedding of Miss Pat Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards of Greenville, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. C. Edwards of Hertford, and Leo Brown Merrill, Lieut. (jg), son of Mrs. Frederick Merrill and the late Mr. Merrill, of Phoenix, Arizona, took place Saturday, January 6, at five o'clock, in Holy Trinity Church, with the pastor, the Rev. E. T. Jilson, performing the ceremony.

Nuptial music was played by Miss Kate Blanchard and L. W. Anderson sang "O Perfect Love."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown of ivory satin and lace. Her veil of illusion fell from a cap of real lace and orange blossoms. She carried a white prayer book with orchids and a shower.

Miss Ann McMullan of Edenton, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor and the only attendant. She wore a dress of blue satin and net. Her head dress was a cap of brilliant and she carried an old-fashioned nosegay of mixed flowers.

Lieut. Robert Shelton White, U. S. N. R., of Hertford, was best man, and the groomsmen were F. S. McMullan of Edenton, and W. L. Whedbee of Greenville.

Immediately following the wedding, a reception was given at the home of the bride's grandparents for the bridal party and out-of-town guests.

Lieut. and Mrs. Merrill left by motor for an unannounced destination. For traveling the bride wore a brown dress, moss green coat with brown fur trimming. Her hat was of matching fur and she wore brown accessories.

The bride is a graduate of Perquimans High School and is a member of the Senior Class of Eastern Carolina Teachers College, Greenville. The groom is a graduate of the University of Utah.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Sidney McMullan, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. McMullan of Edenton; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whedbee, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bundy of Greenville; Mrs. Henry Vos of Henderson; Mrs. B. R. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Farrow, Mrs. T. J. Mitchell, Jr., and Miss Claire Mitchell of New Bern; Mrs. Lloyd Horton, Miss Gertrude Woolard of Plymouth; Miss Eva B. Harris of Greensboro; Miss Frances Carter of Woodland; Miss Prue Newby of Windsor, and Miss Frances Newby of Belhaven.

Recorder's Court Has Short Session

Little time was needed to clear the docket of the Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning. Only five minor cases were on the docket and in one of these the defendant failed to appear for the hearing.

Judge Charles E. Johnson allowed a motion for non-suit in the case charging William Riddick and Sue Riddick, Negroes, with larceny of a set of seat covers.

John Burke, Negro, was placed on good behavior for six months, when judgment was continued in the case charging him with assault with a deadly weapon.

Theodore Brickhouse failed to appear to answer a charge of speeding and a capias was issued for him.

Thomas Hickman entered a plea of guilty to speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and court costs.

Louis Lamb was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the court costs for driving without a license. This was the defendant's second offense.

Slaughterers Ordered To Discontinue Killing Under Present Conditions

Unless orders are changed or local slaughterers make arrangements, says a town present office, Hertford faces a drastic shortage of beef within the next thirty to forty days.

W. D. Moore, Sanitation Officer of the Board of Health, told members of the Hertford Town Council on Tuesday that the War Food Administration has ordered that local slaughterers cease business unless they slaughter beef inside an abattoir meeting the sanitary requirements of the WFA and the Board of Health. There is no such abattoir in this county, nor in the other counties making up the Perquimans-Asquon-Canden Board of Health, therefore, slaughterers face State or Federal court action and a heavy fine unless they discontinue business under their present system, or make provision to comply with the law.

George Barbee, local slaughterer, met with the Board and discussed his proposal to construct an abattoir on property adjoining the town's municipal plant but requested a privilege of purchasing a part of the town's land adjoining the cold storage plant on which to build part of the abattoir. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board not to sell the land and Mr. Barbee stated that he was hesitant to build on property not owned by him. The Town Board previously had voted to lease the portion of the land needed by Mr. Barbee for his construction and it was believed this action had solved the local situation.

Unless Mr. Barbee is able to make satisfactory arrangements, the town will face a meat shortage, as the Board of Health has extended Barbee's slaughtering permit for a period of just ten days, and this permit, possibly, can not be renewed at its expiration unless the local slaughterer can show the Board of Health that he plans to start construction of an abattoir within sixty days. It has been stated by Mr. Barbee that the tract of land near the town plant is the only remaining available property upon which he can construct his building and, therefore, unless this arrangement can be made, slaughtering here will have to be discontinued.

Barbee explained to members of the Board that he has on hand a number of heaves, which, when slaughtered, will provide a possible 30-day supply of beef for this community, after which there will be no supply available.

Mr. Moore, also told the Town Board that condition of the Town's old storage room was not at all times satisfactory, due to persons leaving pelts and other items in the room too long. Mayor V. N. Darden stated that steps will be taken to correct this condition.

Memorial Fund Drive Hits Half-way Mark

More than \$1,500 has been raised to date by the committee collecting funds for the construction of a Memorial Athletic Field at the Perquimans High School, in honor of the boys and girls from this county in the armed forces, according to reports from the teams in charge.

This amount represents about one-half of the total estimated as needed for the construction of a shower house, bleachers and to install the lights for playing night football and baseball, and one spokesman for the committee expresses confidence that the remainder needed will be raised within the next few days.

The school children of the county are acting as solicitors, as well as the four adult teams composed of members of the two local civic clubs and other interested men. The students are working under the direction of the Rev. H. G. Dawkins and reports show they are meeting with success in their drive.

The committee has obtained estimates for the building of the Memorial field and this estimate is approximately three thousand dollars. Members of the four teams named last week by the chairman of the drive, have been calling on individuals this week for contributions, but it is pointed out that any person who desires to give toward this fund and who has not been seen can contribute by leaving the donation with Howard Pitt, the Rev. H. G. Dawkins, J. H. Towe or Charlie Vann.

Construction will be started just as soon as the total fund has been raised, it was announced this week.