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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Asserting that the needs of the armed forces and war plants is now so extreme that voluntary controls will no longer work, President Roosevelt is expected to ask Congress to enact a national service bill to remedy the situation. Under the act, the Government will be empowered to assign men to war important tasks. Meanwhile, War Mobilizer Byrnes has issued a new list of occupations by which draft boards may grant deferment to men in critical jobs. The list has been decreased in size to designate the jobs considered essential.

Berlin beat Moscow to the punch in announcing the opening of the Russian's winter offensive in Poland, which began late last week. The Russians are reported using eight armies, totaling some two million men on a 600-mile front. Both Berlin and Moscow report Russian successes at several points along the eastern battle zone. The Reds have reached points near the German border, in the Oder River basin, important for its ore and coal, as well as German industrial plants. Moscow reports continued success at Budapest and states that the capital of Hungary is all but captured. The Russians are reported as being in control of 90 per cent of the city.

American and British forces, fighting on the Western front, have recaptured nearly all of the territory overrun by the Nazis in their December drive. Washington announced our casualties at less than 40,000 and placed the Nazis losses at more than 90,000. Troops from the First and Third Armies have rejoined their lines and the bulge, once nearly 50 miles deep, has been reduced to about 20 miles. In the south, where the Nazis have been applying the pressure to the U. S. Seventh Army, conditions are reported better. The Americans have held their ground and reports indicate the Germans have slackened their drive. Allied forces continue to put the attack on driving the Germans back toward the Rhine. The air forces, meanwhile, have been hammering at German supplies and troop movements, hindering the retreat toward Germany. The planes have also bombed and wrecked many bridges over the Rhine, further hindering the German supply line.

The Americans on Luzon, under General MacArthur, have moved to within two-thirds of the distance to Manilla, after repelling the first Jap counter-attack to the American landings on the island. Complete control of the air, reported by MacArthur, has given the American forces a big edge in the fighting. While the Americans have been advancing on Manilla, the U. S. Fleet, under Admiral Nimitz, struck hard this week at Jap ports in China, sinking several Jap ships and disrupting Jap plans for re-inforcing the garrisons in the Philippines.

Local Soldier Cited For Action In France

Twenty-ninth Infantry Division—M-Sgt. William R. Chappell of Hertford has received a certificate personally signed by his commanding general honoring him for fighting with the Twenty-ninth Infantry Division from D-Day to St. Lo.

The honor is a personal salute from Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt to the officers and men who battered their way through flooded areas and Normandy hedgerows and stormed the key city of St. Lo in a campaign where the taking of every 500 yards was a major battle.

The Army reckons the Normandy fighting as one campaign, which entities participants the one star on their theatre ribbons, but General Gerhardt's certificate recognizes the unusual toughness of the fighting.

The "Blue and Grey" Division has won two unit citations and its members have been awarded 4,629 personal decorations since the outfit stormed the invasion beaches. The 188th Infantry Regiment was cited for being the first unit into St. Lo.

AAA Production Goal Meeting Held Thurs.

Members of the Perquimans County Triple-A Community Committees met Thursday at the Agriculture Building in Hertford for the purpose of carrying out production goals for 1945.

A representative of the OPA met with the committee members for the purpose of outlining the prospects of obtaining materials and equipment for the production of these goals for the year.

Mr. and Mrs. America Study This Picture



Sgt. William Barbero, while taking the picture of his buddies who died to take Hill 700 in the far off Southwest Pacific, expressed a desire that it be published in the United States to arouse the folks back home to the fact that our boys are dying for them. Here, Sergeant, is the picture for all to see. Other pictures he made of that fight were so grisly—and in some instances so clear that recognition may have been possible no the Army has restricted them. Look again and buy War Bonds today.

From U. S. Treasury

Funds For Memorial Athletic Field Near Goal, Reports Show

Members of the committee in charge of raising funds for the construction of a memorial athletic field at Perquimans High School will meet again Friday night at 8:30 at Pender's store for the purpose of ascertaining the total amount raised in the drive.

At a meeting of the group last week the solicitors reported more than two thousand dollars had been raised, and it was hopeful that the three thousand dollar goal would be met by today.

Howard G. Dawkins, who has charge of the solicitation by school children, announced each student has been asked to turn over all funds to home room teachers today, and scattered reports from the students indicate they will make a good report.

Response to this drive has been well received and the committee is planning to name a building chairman to head the construction work just as soon as the total amount is raised.

Persons who desire to contribute to this fund and who have not been contacted may make a donation by leaving their contribution with W. H. Pitt, Charlie Vann or L. C. Winslow.

All funds collected in this drive will be used to construct the field, which will be dedicated as memorial to Perquimans County boys and girls serving in the armed forces, and for equipment for use by the high school football team.

Woodland W. S. C. S. Meeting Held Wed.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Woodland Methodist Church met on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. M. Mathews.

The president, Mrs. Earl Hollowell, presided over the business session.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, after which the pledge cards were passed out, each member signing her pledge card for the year. At the end of the business session, the program was turned over to Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Russell Baker, who were assisted by several members.

A playlet, "What Choice Shall I Make?" was given by Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Mrs. Odell Cartwright, Mrs. Abby Jordan and Mrs. Henry Cartwright.

The Spiritual Life leader, Mrs. Ernest Cartwright, gave an inspiring program.

After adjournment by prayer, the hosts served delicious refreshments to those present.

WCTU MEETS WEDNESDAY
The Perquimans chapter of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. B. C. Reavis at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, January 24. All members are urged to be present.

BANK CLOSED FRIDAY

The Hertford Banking Company will be closed all day Friday, January 19, in observance of the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, R. M. Riddick, executive vice president, announced Wednesday.

USO Op Committee Grants Use Of Club For President's Ball

Attendance at Club Last Year Is Recorded at 112,691

Action taken by the operating committee of the Hertford USO, at a meeting held Monday night, will make it possible for the Perquimans Police Committee to stage a President's Ball here again this year. The committee granted the use of the USO Club to the Town of Hertford for the purpose of staging the dance to raise funds for the infantile paralysis campaign.

In granting permission to use the Club, however, the USO committee did so under the conditions that no liquor would be brought into the Club during the dance and that service men, both enlisted personnel and officers would be admitted free of charge. The Operating Committee stated those in charge of the dance would have to appoint groups to see that these conditions would be carried out.

Reports on the operation of the USO Club were given by Director Edgar J. Hill and Miss Margaret Pearson, Staff Assistant. The reports showed that during 1944 attendance at the Club was 112,691, and that an average of five volunteers per month served an average of 20 hours per month at the Club. One hundred and twelve senior hostesses and hosts served an average of 476 hours at the Club each month.

More than 200 activities of a program nature were planned and carried out with attendance at these totalling 12,623. The officials at the club rendered 4,268 different types of information services during the year to service men. These services included such items as information on housing facilities, bus and train schedules, etc.

A detailed report was made to the committee on the financial operation of the club during the year, and it was conservatively estimated that the amount of money expended on salaries and purchases, which reflected directly into the purchasing power of Hertford, was over \$18,000. The Operating Committee voted to change its meeting night to the second Monday in each month.

Few Changes Made In Peanut Program At Washington Meet

More than 200 representatives of the peanut industry met in Washington this week to consider the 1945 peanut program. W. T. Parker, chief of the peanut section of the War Food Administration, announced that the program will continue with few changes over last year's program. From reports at the meeting all was harmony, scheduled to last two days the business was concluded in one.

Suggestions were advanced for adequate harvesting labor, to increase the spread for shellers between buying and selling prices, federal inspection and delivery to the Commodity Credit Corporation.

At present the CCC buys all the peanut crop, according to paper reckoning, but actually the government does not take physical control of the peanuts.

Rep. John Kerr, of this State, praised the Government's control program which, he said, boosted the peanut industry from seven million to a \$289,000,000 per year business.

Mr. Parker announced that the program will be made public sometime in May or June. He said he would consider the suggestions, but thought most of them impractical, and that few changes would be made.

While Perquimans County was not represented at the meeting, several men from this area of the State did attend.

Rotary Banquet For Grid Squad Tuesday

Hertford's Rotary Club will be hosts to the undefeated Perquimans High School football team at a banquet to be held next Tuesday night, it was announced today by J. R. Futrell, president of the club.

The Rotarians will entertain the entire squad of boys who made up the 1944 team.

The banquet was previously set for a date in December, but had to be postponed. Nevertheless, the boys have been looking forward to the party and an entertaining program has been arranged for them.

Hertford Colored Youth Listed Killed

Another Perquimans County Colored youth has made the supreme sacrifice for his country, according to a telegram received here last Saturday by Charlie Lowther from the War Department.

The telegram announced that Charlie Lowther, Jr., Stewart M. Lee, had been killed in action and that due to conditions, burial was impossible at sea. The date of death was not given.

Lowther was induced into service through the Perquims. In it he had been serving in the Navy. He was an employee of the Southern Cotton Oil Company prior to his entry into service.

Four White Youths Leave Wednesday For Induction Call

Local Board Still in Need of One Member For Completion

Four white youths—Samuel T. Twine, Edgar V. Berry, Alvin Colson, Jr., and Perry Evans—will leave here next Wednesday for the first 1945 induction call. Mrs. Ruth Sumner, wife of the local draft board chairman, has been serving as a member of the local draft board since last week. The youths had been accepted for military service at previous examinations.

Mrs. Sumner announced that far the Perquimans board has received no selective service calls for the month of February. No even calls for pre-induction examinations and induction may be received before this month is over.

The local board situation still remains in a quandary, due to the inability of the membership committee to find a third member for the Perquimans board. The board had only one member last month, due to the resignations of R. M. Riddick and Thad C. Chappell, but it is understood that the nomination of Charles E. White has been made and that he has accepted the position, to bring the membership up to two.

However, for the board to function in the manner as set out in the Selective Service rules, it must be composed of three members. Thus far, the committee seeking to fill the membership has been turned down by a large number of men sought for the post and because of this reluctance on the part of the public, the operation of the local draft office has been slowed down considerably.

Just what the future course of the committee will be in locating the third member is not known, but they stated they are looking for a public-spirited citizen who will volunteer to serve.

Information released from Washington indicates that draft calls during the next few months will be higher than the last six months of 1943, and more men will be needed for replacement in the armed forces. Tighter deferment regulations are expected to call most of the youths 18 through 30 into service during the first half of this year.

Mrs. Sumner announced that the two member board will meet at the draft board offices on next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Patrolman Captures 95 Gallons Whiskey

Two flat tires on a 1935 Ford coach led to the capture of 95 gallons of bootleg whiskey, the car and Raeford Marshburn, one of the occupants of the car, by State Patrolman Charles E. Payne, last Friday afternoon.

The possessors of the whiskey, Marshburn and Claude Hill, had driven into town and were nearing Joe & Bill's Service Station, when one of their tires blew out. They took the tire to the service station for repairs and on returning to the car discovered the second tire was going flat. Meanwhile, Patrolman Payne arrived on the scene and inquired of the trouble and becoming suspicious, he searched the car and found the whiskey in the rear seat and trunk, in five gallon glass containers and glass jars.

As Patrolman Payne was placing Hill under arrest, Marshburn started to run, whereupon Payne caught Marshburn and, after searching him, found bottle of whiskey on him. While this was taking place, Hill escaped through a side street and as yet is unapprehended.

Central PTA Meeting Held Monday Night

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Central Grammar School met on Monday night at the school building and heard O. D. Moore, Sanitation Officer for the Perquimans Health Department, speak on food sanitation.

The theme of the program was "Health" and was led by the Belvidere Community.

Mrs. F. C. White had charge of the devotional.

Special music was rendered by F. C. White and a mixed quartet.

The lunch room inspectors reported that the school's lunch room had a high rating, but urged parents' assistance to bring the score up to a hundred. It was reported that as soon as all equipment is installed, the school's lunch room will be one of the best in this district.