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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Five Russian armies have plowed through German defenses all along the Eastern front, and advanced forces of the Red troops were within 137 miles of Berlin on Wednesday. The Russians are moving at such a rapid rate that even the Germans acknowledge there is no telling where they will stop. Two of the Red armies are nearing a junction in East Prussia, already have severed the railway between Berlin and the capital of the Prussians. The Reds reached the Oder River, last natural defense barrier between them and Berlin, on Wednesday, and reports do not indicate whether or not the Nazis are retreating in disorder or following a pre-arranged plan.

There is some speculation that the Germans may quit when the Reds reach Berlin, but reports from the Nazi capital shows no inclination toward this point. There is also speculation that the Germans, in fear of Russian treatment, may let down the bars on the Western front and thus enable the American and British troops to reach Berlin first. However, this is deemed unlikely as there is no indication that Von Rundstedt will permit any weakening of his armies to bolster the Nazis in the East.

American troops recaptured the town of St. Vith early this week and, aided by tremendous air strikes which literally tore the Germans and their motorized equipment to shreds throughout the Belgian bulge, have pushed further into the Siegfried line. Berlin reported that a new offensive in the west has been planned and will be launched by General Eisenhower at any time now. Although the news of the Russian advance on the Eastern front has occupied the biggest spot in the news this week, the steady push of the American and British against the Nazis has not diminished. Improved weather conditions have permitted greater use of Allied planes than in previous weeks.

General MacArthur's forces in the Philippines have driven to within 50 miles of Manila, repulsing all attempts of the Japanese to halt the recapture of Luzon. The Japs, thus far, have not been able to put up the resistance expected prior to the landing in the island. American planes have mastery of the air, and have seriously hampered the Japanese.

The first shake-up in President Roosevelt's cabinet occurred this week when Jesse Jones resigned as Secretary of Commerce. Former vice president Wallace was named to the post by the President. A group of Senators, seemingly, object to this change and it is reported that steps may be taken to strip the Commerce Department of some of its agencies before Wallace takes over.

An armistice was signed this week between the Allied Nations and representatives of a Hungarian government, which is acting to take Hungary out of the war. The terms, as announced, call for Hungary to pay \$500,000,000 in reparations and lend aid to the Allies and relinquish claims to territory given the country by Hitler.

William Blanchard Reported Missing On Western Front

William (Bill) Blanchard, Hertford youth, has been missing in action on the Western front since January 5, his father, J. C. Blanchard, was advised by the War Department last Tuesday.

The popular young man entered service in July of last year and has been overseas about two months. He was a member of an infantry unit of General Patton's Army.

Following his entry into the armed forces, he received his basic training in Florida and was transferred to a replacement group immediately. He was home on furlough shortly before being shipped overseas.

MINNIE WILSON SOCIETY HAS REGULAR MEETING

The Minnie Wilson Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met on Monday evening with Mrs. Simon Rutenburg. Mrs. B. C. Reavis, the society leader, was in charge of the business session. Mrs. Rosser Brinn gave the devotionals.

Twelve members and three visitors were present. During the social hour the hostess served dainty refreshments.

Government Boards To Cut Prices On Items Of Clothing

Program Calls For Better Quality at Smaller Price

Following surveys which have shown an alarming increase in prices of clothing, the War Production Board and Office of Price Administration have jointly proposed a program to save civilians a half billion dollars a year on their clothing bill and to make available more low-cost items of better quality.

Chester A. Bowles, head of OPA, reported clothing has increased in price more than 11 per cent since June, 1943. He added the entire price structure was endangered because prices on clothing threaten to increase further.

Together with J. A. Krug, head of WPB, Mr. Bowles released an eight-point program which calls for regulation of the industry entirely. Affected especially will be underwear and outerwear for children and adults.

A detailed program will be announced later. The tentative plan calls for a rollback of the average price for the first half of this year. Textiles will be channelled into more essential and lower priced types of apparel. Manufacturers will produce the same average price lines in which they were producing two years ago. On the average, this clothing will be of better quality for the price.

Most clothing will carry tags giving the OPA legal ceiling price, and firmer control of prices will be in effect at all levels, including retail. Mr. Bowles pointed out that this program will not increase the total supply of civilian clothes, but it will change the emphasis from high priced and non-essential garments to the essential and lower priced clothing. It is expected within a few months between 6 and 7 per cent, perhaps more, will be cut out of currently inflated clothing prices.

The officials agree that the program may be considered by some as too tough, but they have told the leaders of the industry that prices are so inflated that the planned rollback still will leave profits well above peace time earnings.

Town Requested To Observe Light Law

Officials of the Utilities Department of the War Production Board have requested the Town of Hertford to use municipal authority to enforce compliance of the recent WPB order banning the use of outdoor lighting classed as non-essential for the purpose of conserving electric power and coal used for the production of electricity.

The order banning the use of outdoor advertising signs and other effects, excepting lights used for lighting interiors of stores becomes effective February 1.

WPB announced the order following surveys which showed a shortage of coal and other fuels, needed for war production. The ban prohibits the use of all types of advertising signs or devices which use electricity for lighting movie marquees and other non-essential lighting effects of stores and business houses.

It is understood that the Town of Hertford, which supplies electric power within the Town, will request its consumers to observe the ban.

Chowan Association Meeting Held Here

The Executive Committee of the Chowan Baptist Association met at the Hertford Baptist Church last Friday.

The meeting was opened with the hymn of the year, "Lead On, Oh King Eternal."

Conferences for the young people were led by Mrs. J. W. Ward of Hertford, and Mrs. C. T. Doughtie of Edenton.

Conferences for the Y. W. A. were led by Mrs. Guy of Gatesville, and Mrs. J. S. Farmer of Raleigh. Mrs. R. E. Wall of Elizabeth City gave the devotionals.

Lunch was then served, after which the afternoon session was opened with a short business session. Inspirational messages on Stewardship were given by Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Howard G. Dawkins.

MASONS MEET TUESDAY

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Court House.

Dealers Must Apply For OPA Adjustment

Retailers and wholesalers may obtain adjustments for losses in sugar, processed foods and fats by applying at the local OPA offices, Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Perquimans War Rationing Board, announced this week.

She added, however, that all applications for adjustment must be filed not later than February 10.

Thirty-one Motorists Get Tires This Week

Thirty-one motorists received certificates for the purchase of passenger and truck tires from the local OPA board during the past week, according to Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the board, who issued the following list of receiving permits:

Passenger Type Tires: M. T. Griffin, Jr.; H. R. Miller, 2; L. B. Sitterton, 2; W. C. Morgan, 3; Eugene Felton, 3; J. B. Perry, 2; Melvin King, 2; Isaac Lowe, 1; B. W. Copeland, 2; Preston Copeland, 1; B. E. Lane, 2; Mathew Smith, 1; T. E. Morgan, 2; J. W. Hampton, 1; L. H. Chappell, 2; Thomas Jenkins, 1; David Cox, Jr., 2; A. J. Onley, 1; Hernig White, 1; R. A. Winslow, 4; E. W. White, 2; Morgan Walker, 2; Elihu Lane, 2; R. H. Harrell, 1; W. M. Harrell, 2; Evelyn Ferguson, 2; and W. H. Winslow, 2.

Truck Type: F. N. Mansfield, 2; Murray Motor Parts, 1; L. L. Winslow, 1, and Winslow Oil Co., 4.

Frank M. Wilson Dies Suddenly Saturday

Funeral services for Francis M. Wilson, 57, who died suddenly at his rooming place here last Saturday afternoon, were conducted Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at the Toxey-Lynch Funeral Home in Elizabeth City. The Rev. Allen P. Brantley officiated.

Mr. Wilson was found dead in his room by his brother, Trim Wilson, Jr., with whom he was associated in business here. His home was in Elizabeth City.

He was the son of the late John Kit Wilson and Gertrude Banks Wilson.

Surviving, besides his brother here, are the widow, Mrs. Bessie Hughes Wilson; one son, F. M. Wilson, Jr., of Elizabeth City; three sisters, Mrs. L. R. Christie of Atlantic, Ga., Mrs. Z. W. Evans and Mrs. B. W. Evans of Tyler; three brothers, Dr. Tiffany Wilson of Savannah, Ga., J. C. Wilson of Chapanoke, and Jess Wilson of Tyler.

Palbearers were: C. M. Whitley, C. L. Leggett, G. W. Evans, W. E. Dunstan, Roland Sawyer and Gaither Cartwright.

A native of Perquimans, Mr. Wilson was well known throughout this section of the State, due to his business of operating a bakery in Elizabeth City, and later engaging in the horse and mule business here in Hertford.

Polio Campaign Gets Under Way; Dance To Feature Local Drive

Due to the serious need for funds in the polio epidemic, which raged throughout the State last summer, Perquimans County's quota has been more than doubled for this year's drive, according to Mrs. B. G. Koonce, chairman.

Nearly seven hundred dollars is to be raised here, if the county meets its quota, and the local chairman stated that the funds will be raised by three methods: by direct solicitation on the part of the chairman and her co-workers, by the March of Dimes, and by a President's Ball.

The dance will be a big feature of the drive here and it will be held on January 30, at the Hertford USO Club.

In addition to the above, collections will be made each night for one week at the State Theatre, as has been the custom in past years. The theatres of the nation have played a leading role in the polio campaign and have been instrumental in raising large amounts for the fight against infantile paralysis.

It was announced by the chairman that music for the dance at the USO will be furnished by the music box at the Club, in order that expenses can be held at a minimum and a greater amount be realized from the dance.

STUDY GROUP MEETS

The Study Group of the Chapanoke community held its meeting Monday afternoon, January 15, at the home of Mrs. Talmadge Lewis. Mrs. W. W. Lewis conducted the worship service. The subject for study, "Counselling With Our Children," was given in an informal way in the form of a round table discussion, led by Mrs. Marvin Robbins.

Weeksville Fifth Victim Of Indians In Conference Race

Three Home Games On Tap Next Week; Central Played Wed.

Perquimans High School's basketball team added the scalp of Weeksville to those already hanging from their belt in games played at the Weeksville gym last Friday night. The Indians won their conference tilt by a 30 to 25 margin, while the Squaws noded out the Weeksville girls, 9 to 8.

The local girls' team played an excellent floor game, but had some difficulty in hitting the hoop for points. They blanked the hostess team 4-0 during the first quarter, and each team tallied only one point in the second. Weeksville out-scored Perquimans in the third, 3 to 2, and again in the final clunker, 4 to 2. The final score was Perquimans 9, Weeksville 8.

The Indians moved nearer to their first rural conference championship by defeating the Weeksville boys 30 to 26. Opening fast, the Indians rolled up a 11 to 5 advantage during the first period and added seven more points in the second frame to hold an 18 to 8 lead at half time.

Weeksville showed added strength in the second half, but the Indians out-pointed them 8 to 7 in the third quarter and coasted to victory in the final period.

Coach Max Campbell used ten boys in the game, substituting some of the younger players after the varsity had the game cinched. Scoring for the locals was evenly divided between all the players and the Indians showed some improvement in their defensive work.

The Indians played the strong Central team in another conference game Wednesday night, and the victory in that game would practically cinch the conference title for the local high school. The Indians have defeated all of the contenders thus far.

Three home games are on tap for next week, Coach Campbell stated today. The strong Greenville team will play here next Tuesday night, with the Indians meeting Columbia on Wednesday and Moyock on Friday night. All games next week will be played on the local floor at the High School.

Committee Expects Reach Quota Soon

Max Campbell, chairman of the committee in charge of raising funds for the construction of a Memorial Athletic Field, reported this week that the committee expected to bring the drive to a close within the next two or three days.

Contributions reported to L. C. Winslow, treasurer of the committee, totaled nearly \$2,500 on Wednesday of this week, and the remaining \$500 needed to meet the quota set for the goal, is expected to be in hand early next week.

The committee will meet again on Friday night to make reports, but it is believed that some of the solicitors will be unable to complete their canvassing by that time.

Up to Wednesday, only the Perquimans High School had reported for the school children acting as canvassers, and no reports had been received from the Central Grammar School or Hertford Grammar School. The High School reported between \$350 and \$400, but a sizeable sum is expected to be raised through the children at the Hertford and Central Grammar Schools.

Farmers Asked Sign Crop Plan Next Week

Perquimans County farmers were requested today by W. E. White, secretary of the ACA, to call at the community meeting points on Friday and Saturday of next week for the purpose of meeting their committee and securing assistance in making plans for the 1945 crop, and to place orders for conservation materials.

Mr. White named the following points in the county for the meeting places: Hertford, Bethel and Parkville Townships, Agriculture Building in Hertford; New Hope community, Community House; Nicanc community, Ralph White's Store; Belvidere, Community House.

LIONS MEET TONIGHT

The Hertford Lions Club will meet tonight (Friday) at 7:15 at the Colonial Tourist Home. This will be an important meeting and President G. C. Buck is very anxious to have all members present.

Five Days Remain To List Property

Property owners are reminded that they have just five more days in which to list property for 1945 taxes. Failure to list property by the last day of January means a penalty added for late listing.

The township tax listers report listing of property has been progressing at a rapid rate during the past week, but that there are still a large number of property owners who have not listed. These are advised to see the listers now and avoid the rash of the last day or two.

Recorder's Court In Short Session Tuesday

Perquimans County's Recorder's Court was in another short session this week, due to a light docket. Only six cases were for trial when court convened at 9:30, and these were quickly disposed of.

Doris Ferebee, Negro, was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the court costs, after being found guilty of driving with improper brakes.

Clarence Felton, Negro, was assessed costs of court for driving with insufficient brakes.

Robert Bragg, Negro, was given a 30-day suspended sentence and was fined with a fine of \$10 and costs on conviction of assault with a deadly weapon.

Leslie Nixon, Negro, was found guilty of driving drunk and noted an appeal to the Superior Court on the judgment of a fine of \$75 and costs.

Othus Boyce was fined \$25 and ordered to pay court costs for speeding.

Charlie Hunter, Negro, was fined \$50 and costs on a charge of speeding.

Cafes, Meat Markets Given Grades By HD

The District Health Department, this week, announced the grades of eating establishments and meat markets in Perquimans County for the quarter October 1 through December 31, 1944. The grades are based on sanitary inspections made during the quarter to determine compliance with State regulations governing the sanitation of these establishments.

Grade A Cafes: Matthew's Barbecue, U. S. O.

Grade B Cafes: Elliott's Hot Dog Stand, Holy Cafe (C).

Grade C Cafes: Hertford Cafe.

Grade A Meat Markets: J. C. Blanchard, A. White's Store (Winfall), Mrs. L. S. White's (Hertford), Winslow's Market (Winfall).

Grade B Meat Markets: Barber's Grocery, Bateman and Hendrix, Cannon Grocery, Pender's, Stallings Market (New Hope).

Grade C Meat Markets: Harris Grocery, T. L. Jessup (Winfall).

Grading of a few establishments now in operation has been omitted as extensive alterations are in progress.

Finance Committee Announces Winners

Perquimans County's War Finance Committee met Monday night for the purpose of determining the winners of prizes offered during the Sixth War Loan campaign, conducted here during December. The chairman of the committee, R. M. Riddick, stated that his group was sorry that so much time elapsed between the close of the drive and the awarding of the prizes, but this delay was unavoidable.

In tallying sales made by solicitors, the committee found Mrs. Viola Nachman to be the winner of a \$25 war bond for selling the largest amount in bonds; Miss Violet Winslow was the winner of a \$25 war bond for securing the greatest number of applications for bonds purchased. She also won \$6.25 worth of war stamps for the best record in the Central Grammar School.

Alfred Williams won \$6.25 worth of war stamps for selling the largest amount in bonds for the Hertford Grammar School, and Jack Symons was awarded a similar prize of \$6.25 in war stamps for selling the most bonds of any student at Perquimans High School.

These prizes, as well as those awarded at the bond auction in December, were contributed by local merchants and business men.

Draft Director Says Boards Face Task Of Supplying Manpower

Local Board Receives Induction Call For Four Men In Feb.

Pointing out that the armed forces will need an increased number of men during the next six months and, at the same time, war production must be maintained at top level, Lewis Hershey, Director of Selective Service, has written all draft boards that they face a task of supplying the manpower for successful operation of the war.

He stated that the War Manpower Commission has revised its list of critical and essential jobs and advises the boards to use the list as a guide in determining men selected for the armed forces. He pointed out the necessity of selecting men 25-29 in filling future draft calls, due to the group 18 to 26 being almost exhausted.

In calling up men 25 through 29 the Director listed five steps for boards to use, taking the men in this order:

1. Registrants not employed in an activity appearing on the essential list.

2. Registrants whom the local board find to be employed in relatively unimportant jobs in essential but not critical activities.

3. Registrants whom the board finds to be employed in relatively unimportant jobs in critical activities.

4. Registrants the board finds to be engaged in relatively more important jobs in essential activities.

5. Registrants the board finds to be engaged in more important jobs in critical activities.

If the director added, you find that a replacement is available for a registrant, he should be classified as available for induction, regardless of his place in the groups listed above.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local board, announced this week that Perquimans County will be called upon to furnish four white men for induction on February 21. There has been no calls for men for production for next month.

Four youths left here Wednesday to fill the induction call for January and two will leave on January 29th to fill this month's call for induction. The two registrants named to fill this call are Harvey Nixon and Milton Dail, Jr.

Parents Notified Telegram Mistake; Son In Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bogue, of Woodville, received a telegram on January 19, from the War Department stating that the report that their son, Sergeant William A. Bogue, was missing in action was a mistake. The last telegram stated that he was wounded on December 23, in Belgium, and that details would follow from the hospital.

Sgt. Bogue has seen action in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, being with the 30th Division of the First Army. He has been decorated twice, received the Purple Heart, Infantry Badge and Good Conduct Medal.

Perquimans Native Leaves Ag Department

After 41 years of service in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., Dr. Joshua J. Skinner has retired from active service and will make his home in Perquimans County, near Hertford, his native community.

Dr. Skinner, for a number of years, has directed the fertilizer and soil fertility research of the U. S. Bureau of Plant Industry, soils and agricultural engineering in the South and has become an authority on the fertilization of Southern crops. He has received a number of awards for his contributions to agriculture. Dr. Skinner, who graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1903, has worked cooperatively with N. C. State College for a number of years on crop production problems. He has been retained by the Department of Agriculture in an advisory capacity in soil fertility work in the South.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Long, of Edenton, Route 2, announce the birth of a daughter, Celtic Anne, born on Thursday, January 18, weight eight pounds. Mother and daughter are getting along nicely.