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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

After pounding the Jap homeland for several days, the U. S. Navy landed an invasion force of Marines on the island of Iwo Jima early this week, and reports from Guam announce the landing troops are now engaged with the Japs in one of the bitterest battles of the Pacific. It has been reported the Japs had some twenty thousand soldiers on Iwo Jima, but the U. S. Marines, according to reports Wednesday, had captured about one-third of the island. In the air attacks on Tokyo the Navy reported some 1,400 planes bombed important installations there. The invasion of Iwo was preceded by a terrific naval bombardment by air and heavy guns.

Canadian and British troops, in their offensive at the northern tip of the Saipuri line, have crashed through the German central point of Gosh, which places them at the gateway of the Ruhr valley. British General Montgomery, in an order of the day, earlier this week, called on his men to deliver the knock-out punch to the Germans facing the British. Meanwhile, at two points on the western front, U. S. troops of General Patton's Third Army have made new gains through the west wall. Patton's troops are now pushing into the Moselle Valley. Reports indicate the Germans are offering strong resistance.

On the eastern front Red armies have continued to push ahead through German resistance, but the drive for Berlin has slowed down as compared with the attack of a week ago. The Russians are consolidating their positions to the north and south of Berlin, wiping out pockets of Germans previously bypassed by the attacking Russians. Conditions inside Berlin, which has been hit by Allied warplanes, is reported extremely bad. Food riots have been reported as well as typhus epidemics. One commentator this week stated conditions inside Germany now are comparable with October, 1918. Neutral sources report Hitler has ordered German troops out of northern Italy, and Italian Fascists are making attempts to save themselves as best they can.

General MacArthur reported this week that Japanese resistance in Manila has been reduced to an area of about one square mile. The Japs are reported to be showing utmost savagery as they are herded into pockets on annihilation. The U. S. troops, landed late last week on Corregidor are mopping up the remaining Japs on that tiny island in the Manila Bay.

It was revealed this week that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill met at Alexandria following the Big Three meeting, and mapped out plans for the knock-out blow to the Japs. Churchill pledged anew that Great Britain would lend full support to the American effort to bring the Pacific war to a close.

Night clubs and other amusement spots in America were effected by an order issued this week by War Mobilizer Byrnes, who announced that beginning Monday such places must be closed by midnight. The order was made in an effort to further conserve fuel and electric power.

Ration Board Issues 31 New Tire Permits

Thirty-one motorists were issued certificates to purchase new tires by the Perquimans Ration Board at its last meeting, Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Board, stated on Monday. Passenger Type permits went to G. A. Umphlett, 2; J. E. Hunter, 2; Zack Phillips, 2; Norman Elliott, 2; Shelton G. Chappell, 2; H. H. Stallings, 1; Lawrence Perry, 1; L. N. Hollowell, 2; Clifton Griffin, 1; J. E. Twine, 2; Eddie Harrell, 1; M. H. Elliott, 2; Henry Mallory, 1; J. B. Davenport, 2; State Highway Patrol, 2; L. N. Rountree, 2; L. D. Chappell, 2; Garland Lane, 2; W. L. Jessup, 3; J. N. Newby, 1; J. C. Monds, 1; Richard Blocker, 2; W. F. Tarantone, 2; James Hunter, 2; G. D. Gardner, 1; G. C. Fordyce, 1; J. T. Blair, 1, and R. C. Murray, 1.

Truck Type—George Armstrong, 2; W. H. Winslow, 1, and Board of Education, 4.

Soil Conservation District Enlarged By Action Last Week

Local Representative Explains Set-up of Organization

Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties have been added to the Albemarle Soil Conservation District, it was announced here this week. The farmers in the above three counties recently made a petition to come into the Albemarle District, and the necessary measures were made and approved. The Albemarle Conservation District was originally composed of Chowan and Perquimans counties.

A Soil Conservation District is not a government agency. F. A. McGoogan pointed out. It is organized under and in accordance with the respective State law, is a legally constituted political subdivision of the State, just as is a county, municipality, school district or other local unit of government. It has rights and responsibilities which are exercised by the board of district supervisors which functions in an executive and managing capacity as the governing body of the district.

"The primary purpose of soil conservation districts is to outline and put into effect a program of conservation of soil and soil resources and the prevention and control of soil erosion," said Mr. McGoogan.

The strongest asset of the soil conservation district is that it is locally governed and controlled by farmers themselves, and operates under a soil conservation program which it has developed to meet its particular needs. It is not responsible to any Federal or State agency, and well may be considered as a working example of cooperative effort at its best.

Inasmuch as the Soil Conservation Service and the Soil Conservation Districts have similar objectives, it is to be expected that they would have much in common. The Soil Conservation Service will, upon request and if facilities permit, enter into a supplemental memorandum of understanding with the district. Under the terms of this memorandum, the services agree to furnish certain technical assistance and specified quantities of available materials, supplies and equipment.

When the Albemarle Soil Conservation District was formed the Soil Conservation Service detailed R. C. Jordan to work in Chowan County and F. A. McGoogan to work in Perquimans County.

R. F. Tuttle Will Aid In Filing Tax Returns Here March 7 To 10

The State Department of Revenue will have its representative, Deputy Commissioner R. F. Tuttle, at the Court House, Hertford, on March 7, 8, 9 and 10, to assist those who may need help in preparing their income and intangible-tax returns for North Carolina.

All married men living with wife and receiving income of \$2,000 or more, all married women receiving income separate from the husband in amount of \$1,000 or more, all single persons having incomes of \$1,000 or more, are required to file a return. Husband and wife cannot file a joint return.

All persons owning stocks, bonds, notes, mortgages or having money on hand not deposited in banks, or deposited in banks outside the State, and all persons having accounts receivable, are required to file an intangible tax return.

Failure to file a return, whether taxable or non taxable, if in the liable amounts, subjects one to severe penalties. Deputy Tuttle will cheerfully assist those who may need his help.

Local Soldier Wins Good Conduct Ribbon

Pfc. William E. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Williams of Route 3, has recently been awarded the good conduct ribbon, the European Theatre of Operations Ribbon, with three bronze stars for campaigns in their area, according to word received here.

Pvt. Williams entered the service in April, 1942, and has been overseas since February, 1943.

Draft Board To Call 16 Men During March

Perquimans County's draft board will call up a total of 16 men during the month of March, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, announced this week. Two of the number will be ordered to report for induction into the armed forces on March 1, and the other 14 will be called up for pre-induction examinations.

The calls, two colored registrants for induction on March 1, will be filled by Horace Wiggins and Clifton Jenkins. On March 5, five more colored registrants will be called to report for examinations.

On March 27, nine white registrants will be sent to Fort Bragg to receive their pre-induction examinations.

Thus far the board has no induction call for white men during next month.

Lt. Col. Crawford Killed In Action In Philippine Islands

Lieut.-Col. William R. Crawford, United States Army, 30, was killed in action in the Philippine Islands on February 6, according to information released by the War Department last week.

The young Army officer was the only son of the late Captain Louis R. Crawford, a flyer in World War I, and Mrs. Crawford of Hertford. He was a grandson of the late Dr. William Riddick.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Mary Shelbourne of Washington, N. C.; his mother, Mrs. L. R. Crawford; one sister, Mrs. Louise Woods, and two nephews.

Lieut.-Col. Crawford, a graduate of West Point, Class of 1937, attained the rank of major at the age of 27 and that of lieutenant-colonel before his thirtieth birthday. He was picked for the general staff also prior to this date.

At the time of his death he was attached to the 11th Airborne Group, stationed in the Philippines. He was among the first officers to volunteer their services in the organization of paratroopers in the U. S. Army, but he was ordered overseas before being assigned. After two years service at an outpost in the South Atlantic, he returned to this country and again requested duty with the paratroopers and was so assigned. After graduating from the Paratroop School at Fort Benning, Ga., he was assigned with the 11th Division in the Pacific. He served throughout the Leyte campaign and was awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious achievement, following the close of the Leyte campaign.

At the time of his death, Col. Crawford was with his division in the attack which led to the recapture of the city of Manila.

Navy Chaplain In Southwest Pacific

Chaplain Paul S. Sanders, formerly attached to the Harvey Point Naval Auxiliary Air Station, is now somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, he wrote The Perquimans Weekly recently. His address is: Chaplain P. S. Sanders, USNR, 6th Mar. Div. Med. Bn. Hq., Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

In his letter to the local editor, Chaplain Sanders said, "I've come a long way from Harvey Point, traversed many a weary mile, and seen all kinds of places and people. It's been interesting, and so far, rather enjoyable."

"However, tucked away in my memory is a corner I reserve especially for the people of Hertford and Perquimans County, and for Harvey Point. You people were so gracious and kind I could not help loving you. My work at the base was rich and full and satisfying and the contacts I made among you will bring joy to my heart as often as I think of that 'land of beautiful women' and of beautiful moons and beautiful friendships. For I believe the glory of the South is not altogether a departed one, but also a matter for future reference."

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETING
The cottage prayer meeting of the Baptist Church will meet Tuesday, February 27, at 3:30 P. M. with Mrs. Will Hoffer at her home on Grubb street. The public is invited to attend.

Indians Top Chowan Cagers For Ninth Victory This Season

Squaws Win Easily In Game With Chowan Girls' Team

Off to a slow start during the first quarter, which ended 5 to 0 in their favor, the Perquimans Indians turned on the power during the remainder of the game to chalk up their ninth basketball victory of this season at the expense of the Chowan High School quintet. The final score was Perquimans 38, Chowan 28.

Sparked by the aggressive playing of the entire starting line-up, the Indians became the masters of the game during the second quarter and ran their score to 11 points, while Chowan tallied seven. During the third period the Indians, led by some good shooting on the part of Wilson and White, increased their score by 11 more points to hold a 22-14 lead as the last quarter opened.

The Indians showed much improvement in their floor work, as well as their shooting, and during the last period, after the Indians had increased their lead to 12 points, Coach Max Campbell began substituting his string of reserves. In the final canto the Indians rolled up another 16 points while Chowan scored 14 points.

The scoring for Perquimans was almost equally divided between White, Wilson, Nowell, Berry and Wood, while Evans was best for Chowan, collecting 11 of his team's 28 points. The game was played on the Chowan floor and was hard fought throughout, but aside from the opening minutes of play, the Chowan boys were completely outclassed by the Indians.

In the preliminary game the Indian Squaws won easily from the Chowan girls by a 31 to 17 count. Coach Lister used her entire team in the playing, substituting frequently after the second half began and the Squaws were leading by a score of 22 to 6. During the first period the Squaws gained an eight to six advantage and in the second frame rolled up 14 points while holding the host team to one lone basket. In the third period the local six eased off and each team counted for six points. Chowan out-shot the local girls in the final quarter, counting for five points while Perquimans tallied three. The final score was Squaws 31, Chowan 17.

T. S. Broughton Dies At Vets' Hospital; Funeral Wednesday

Thomas Sidney Broughton, 47, died at the Veterans Hospital in Augusta, Ga., early Sunday morning. He was a native of Perquimans County and a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Vera Hemmingway Broughton, formerly of Dunn, twin sons, Julian H. and Sidney C. Broughton, both of the U. S. Naval Reserve; three sisters, Mrs. Milton Dail, Mrs. Ed Harrell of near Hertford and Mrs. Carrie Sitterson of Edenton; nine brothers, John and Harry of Hertford, Charles of Dunn, T. Louis of Savannah, Ga., Sam Broughton of Portsmouth, Julian and Jesse Broughton of Detroit, and John Gatling of Bethel and Wilford Gatling of Suffolk.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Lynch Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard G. Dawkins officiating. Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Tom Perry, Robert A. White, Charles Mathews, Mark Gregory, Raymond Skinner and J. Emmett Winslow.

HOBBSVILLE HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire, caused by the explosion of an oil stove, completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bunch, at Hobbsville, on last Wednesday. The house was burned to the ground and no estimate of the loss was made.

WOUNDED IN ACTION
Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Miller, of Route Three, were notified last Sunday that their son, Henry Miller, had been wounded in action while serving somewhere in the European Theatre of Operations.

Chairman Announces Solicitors For Red Cross War Fund Drive Opening March 1

Jack Jarvis Picked As Ranking Student Navy Training Base

Ensign Jack R. Jarvis, Jr., 24, USNR, of Hertford, was recently selected by his division officer as a top student in his group of officer trainees attending diesel school at the Amphibious Training Base, Coronado, Calif.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jarvis of Hertford, Ensign Jarvis attended the University of Georgia Pre-Flight School, and was attached to the Naval Air Corps from August, 1943, to September, 1944.

Ensign Jarvis graduated from the University of North Carolina and was active in football and wrestling prior to entering the Navy August 28, 1942.

Committee Working To Finish Canvass Athletic Field Fund

Members of the committee of interested citizens who have been sponsoring the drive for funds to construct a modern athletic field at the Perquimans High School met Tuesday night for the purpose of reporting on the work accomplished to date. It was announced by L. C. Winslow, serving as treasurer of the group, that \$3,260 is now in hand.

The committee has learned through contact with equipment companies that the total costs for building the field as planned will be approximately five thousand dollars, therefore the group still needs \$1,700 to complete the project.

They plan to continue the canvass for funds one more week in an effort to raise the remainder needed to give this county an up-to-date athletic field. According to plans mapped out Tuesday night, the committee will solicit throughout the entire county and the public is asked to cooperate by making a contribution now.

Since the local group began this drive for a modern field here in Perquimans, several surrounding counties have launched similar drives. In Elizabeth City, it was announced, the three civic clubs there will shortly begin a drive to raise forty thousand dollars to construct a city stadium, and it has been reported that Edenton also plans to revamp its present field to make it equally as good as any in this section.

Residents who desire to contribute to this fund, but who have not been asked by one of the committee, are urged to hand their donations to any one of the group working on the plan, or contributions may be handed to J. H. Towe, W. H. Pitt, Charlie Vann, Fred Mathews, the Rev. B. C. Reavis or Clinton Eley.

The committee plans to begin construction on the field as rapidly as possible after the funds have been collected, in order that the field may be ready for use by the high school's football team next fall.

Speeders Top Docket In Recorder's Court

Five of seven cases disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court this week were for speeding violations, and with all of the defendants entering pleas of guilty, the court was in a short session.

James Harris, Negro, was fined \$100 and ordered to pay court costs after being found guilty of reckless driving and hit and run.

Louis Holley was taxed with court costs after pleading guilty to driving without a license.

Robert Wallace was assessed a fine of \$10 and ordered to pay the costs on a charge of speeding.

Johnnie Riddick was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs on a speeding charge.

Scott Harvey was ordered to pay court costs after pleading guilty to speeding.

Francis Owens was fined \$50 and ordered to pay the court costs for speeding and driving recklessly.

Wheeler Jones was taxed with costs of court on a charge of speeding.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Lieut. and Mrs. Edward Griffin announce the birth of a son, born on Sunday, February 18, in Elizabeth City. Mother and baby are doing nicely. Mrs. Griffin is the former Miss Jean Newbold.

Perquimans County Is Asked to Raise Goal Of \$5,200 By 15th

Mrs. R. S. Monds, Jr., chairman of the 1945 Red Cross War Fund campaign in Perquimans County, this week, in announcing the names of solicitors who will conduct a house-to-house canvass for funds, issued an appeal to the people of the county to give liberally toward this campaign in order that the Red Cross will be able to carry out completely its program of aid to American soldiers and sailors.

She stated, "Several years ago, prior to the war, most people contributed one dollar each year for the Red Cross roll call, and Perquimans County's goal was \$500, but that now, with the needs so greatly increased by the war, Perquimans is requested to raise the sum of \$5,200 for the 1945 drive, and to raise this sum, the great majority of givers must increase their contributions in like amounts for us to conclude the drive successfully."

The War Fund drive will open here on March 1, and the chairman and her committee of workers hope to complete the campaign by March 15, that being the date set for the close of the National canvass.

Solicitors named by Mrs. Monds were: Initial Gifts, S. M. Whedbee, A. W. Hefren, C. P. Morris, V. N. Darden, J. H. Towe and the Rev. B. C. Reavis.

For Hertford: West Hertford, Mrs. B. T. Wood; Housing Project, Mrs. Martin Towe; Edenton Road St., Mrs. Lilly Spivey; Dobb St., Mrs. Charles Skinner; Grubb St., Mrs. Dennis Holliday and Mrs. Julian White; Market St., Mrs. Willis Jessup and Mrs. Hoyle Umphlett; Church St., Mrs. Walter Oakley, Jr., Mrs. J. H. Towe and Miss Nettie Day; Front St., Mrs. C. A. Davenport and Miss Helene Nixon.

In the rural areas the drive will be under the direction of Miss Frances Mance, who is serving as co-chairman, and her solicitors are: Chapinok, Mrs. John Symons; Newbolds, Mrs. J. A. Bray; Parkville, Miss Alice Ferrell; Cumberland, Mrs. Effie Miller; Hurdletown, Quinton Hurdle; Hopewell, Mrs. Ernest Long; Ballahack, Mrs. W. M. Elliott and Mrs. F. M. Elliott; Beech Spring, Mrs. Joseph Layden; Anderson's, Mrs. C. W. Reed; Durants Neck, W. E. Dail; Bethel, Mrs. Ennis Phillips and Mrs. W. P. Long; Snow Hill, Mrs. William Whedbee; White Hat, Mrs. Hazel Hoskins; Belvidere, Mrs. T. C. Perry; Wynfork, Mrs. T. E. Madre and Miss Rosa Lassiter; Whiteston, Mrs. John Stallings and Miss Lena Winslow; Burgess, Mrs. J. B. Basnight; Old Neck, Mrs. Ed Benton, and Bagley Swamp, L. A. Smith. The solicitor for the Woodville community has not yet been named.

The Colored division will be under the direction of W. J. Thompson, for all communities south of the Perquimans River, and W. R. Privott, all communities north of the river. It is also understood that all teachers in Colored schools will receive contributions for the drive.

Funeral Services C. E. Walker Held Tuesday Afternoon

Clarence E. Walker, 57, well known resident of Hertford, died in a Norfolk hospital early Sunday morning after an illness of two weeks. He was a native of Currituck County, but moved to Hertford several years ago.

For the past ten or twelve years he had been employed by the Town of Hertford and was superintendent of the Street Department and a member of the police force.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Clarence E. Walker; two daughters, Miss Esbie Walker and Mrs. Glen Mathews; one son, Morgan V. Walker; two brothers, Cary Walker of Raleigh and William Walker of Virginia Beach, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Lynch Funeral Home, by the Rev. B. C. Reavis. Burial was made in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were V. N. Darden, W. H. Pitt, Fred Mathews, Wayland Butler, Bill Cox and Robert White.