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TYPICAL BATTLEFIELD SCENE ON WESTERN FRONT—Troops of the 7th Armored Division pass through the smoke in their advance on the abandoned road from Hunnige to St. Vith in Belgium.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

U. S. troops of the First Army have widened the Rhine bridgehead at Remagen, following unsuccessful attempts by the Germans to knock out the bridge by planes and artillery fire. Reports state the Americans have widened the bridgehead to fifteen miles and have rushed some 70,000 troops and their equipment into the breach. The Americans are now only two miles from Hitler's super-highway leading to Cologne and Frankfurt. Elsewhere on the western front, which has been relatively quiet in comparison to the fighting of last week, American Third and Ninth Armies continue their pressure on the Rhine River area. Berlin reports that pontoon bridges have been installed by the Allies to further the crossing of the river.

Russian troops on the Eastern front have cornered some 100,000 Germans into a pocket in the Danzig sector, and continue to apply pressure on the front directly facing Berlin. Moscow claims the capture of Kuestin on the road to Berlin, but this claim is denied by Berlin. The Nazis report Red troops have been massing huge supplies and men for the final push on the Nazi capital.

In the Pacific area, American Marines are pushing ahead on the island of Iwo Jima, and have captured all but the last 1,000 yards of the tiny battlefield. American planes and warships have been throwing bombardments at the remaining Japs in connection with the mopping-up process. Two other smaller islands near Iwo were taken over this week by American forces.

Allied warplanes have played a heavy role in the fighting this week. Planes in the Pacific have bombed the three largest Jap cities and left miles of devastation in the wake. Fires burned for days in Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka, all hit by at least 300 superforts in three days. In Europe the Allied planes, hampered somewhat by weather conditions, have maintained a cover for the Rhine bridgehead, as well as protected the bridge itself, and continued to lay waste to German oil, industrial and transportation centers.

A report released Wednesday indicates that many Allied military officials believe the Germans will quit the war early this summer. The Nazi morale has dropped to the point where the Germans will continue to fight for position, but once by-passed they surrender, evidently having no desire to escape or carry on the fight, the report stated.

Fire Burns Brooder And 300 Baby Chicks

Fire, early Tuesday morning, completely destroyed a brooder house and 300 baby chicks, owned by Freeman Long, on the Harvey Point road. The Hertford Fire Department was called to the scene to help in preventing the blaze spreading to other nearby buildings. No estimate was made of the loss, but it is understood the owner carried insurance on the building.

LAYMEN'S DAY SUNDAY AT OAK GROVE CHURCH

Laymen's Day will be observed Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Oak Grove Methodist Church. The public is invited.

PERQUIMANS INDIANS ANNEX ALBEMARLE TOURNAMENT; DOWN CENTRAL IN FINALS

Local Cagers Display Powerful Offensive to Win Title

Perquimans High School's powerful basketball team became the first team ever to win the Albemarle Rural Conference Tournament two straight years, by downing a determined Central team in the final game of the 1945 meet last Saturday night by a nine point margin, 29-20. Coach Max Campbell's Indians came out behind during the first quarter to score seven points while holding Central to one lone basket in the second period to gain a 13-11 advantage at half time. From then on the Indians maintained control of the game at all times and the Pasquotank team was unable to cope with the superior power of the local netters.

The Indians, led by the offensive trio, Nowell, White and Wilson, tallied six points in the third period to Central's four. During this canto Dan Berry, stellar guard of the Indians, twisted his ankle, but remained in the game to stop Central's star forward, Sivills. George Wood also held Central's Bridgeman scoreless. The third chucker ended with Perquimans holding a four point lead 19-15. Central's offensive failed during the final period and the Indians racked up a total of ten points while the host school tallied five. The Indians were ahead 11 points with two minutes remaining of the games and they coasted to their second rural conference championship while Central strived in vain to overcome the Indian lead.

Joe Nowell, top performer for the Indians throughout the tournament, scored 12 of Perquimans' points, White racked up six and Berry tallied six. Wood counted for three points and Wilson two. Sivills was high point man for Central with 7, Alley tallied 6, Davis 5 and Bridgeman 2. Following the final game of the tournament the committee in charge chose the All Tournament team and Joe Nowell and Dan Berry, ace netters of the Perquimans team, were elected to the group, as were Sivills and Davis of Central and Mann of Manteo. Joe Nowell, who was high scorer of the tournament, was selected as the outstanding player in the meet.

The Indians, classed as the outstanding team in the tournament by virtue of their season's record of 12 wins against four losses, won the right to meet Central in the final (Continued on Page Two)

Ray White Arrived In Country Friday

Mrs. Hazel White of Hertford received a telephone message from her husband, Ray White, who received a broken ankle in France last November, who announced he had landed at Newport News from a hospital in England. Mrs. White visited her husband during the past week-end. Mr. White was transferred to the Battery General Hospital, Rome, Ga., early this week for further treatment.

He entered the armed forces three years ago and has been overseas, attached to General Patton's Third Army for the past 13 months. After being injured last November he spent some time in hospitals in both England and France before being shipped home.

Poor Imitation

Editor Max Campbell has been fooling a few people this week by handing them a money bill and asking for a dollar's worth of change. The bill is a phoney printed by the Japanese government for use in the Philippine Islands, and was in circulation until U. S. troops ran the Japs out of circulation. The money appears similar to the U. S. one dollar bill, but on close examination it fools nobody. The local editor received the Jap souvenir from Sgt. F. B. Holley, one of Hertford's Negro soldiers now in the islands.

War Bond Sales Hit New High In County And State In Feb.

Perquimans County and the State of North Carolina made an excellent record in the purchase of war bonds during the month of February, according to a report received here this week by R. M. Riddick, chairman of the county war finance committee.

Series E bonds purchased during the month amounted to \$16,829, which was slightly over the quota, and the report showed that in the State a total of more than 11 million dollars was invested in Series E, F and G bonds, for an over-subscription of the State's quota by one and one-half million dollars. Total sales in the State amounted to \$11,489,305.

Ninety-one out of the 100 counties in the State made or exceeded their February quotas, according to the report.

Mr. Riddick stated he has been notified that the seventh war loan drive will start early next month, and the sale of series E bonds will continue through June 30, but definite information on the dates for the drive and the types of bonds to be offered, other than series E, F and G bonds will be made later.

The over-all quota for the coming drive will be the same as during the sixth war loan drive, however, half of the quota for the next drive has been set up in series E bonds. This amount is seven billion dollars, and the Treasury Department is urging the public to invest more and more dollars in war bonds, to help pave the way to final victory.

Joseph H. Stallings Wins Bronze Star

Joseph H. Stallings, son of Mrs. J. H. Stallings of Belvidere, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, according to word received here.

The citation was made by the commanding officer for heroic achievement in a battle in France on January 2, 1945. The citation read:

"During the night when the enemy launched a counter-attack which brought the company command post under direct fire, Sergeant Stallings unhesitatingly and without regard for his own safety raced across the street under fire, mounted his tank and placed effective machine gun fire on the German position. By his quick thinking and heroic action he was influential in pinning down the attacking enemy until the balance of the tanks in his platoon were fully manned."

Recorder's Court Cases Prosecuted By J. S. McNider

Tuesday Docket Consumes Entire Morning Session

J. S. McNider assumed his new duties as County Prosecutor at Tuesday's session of Recorder's Court, when ten cases were disposed of before adjournment at noon-time.

Much time was consumed in disposing of a neighborhood squabble involving six Negroes living between Hertford and Winfall, which ended by a 14-year-old defendant being turned over to the juvenile court for action as the only guilty person. Hazel Hayes and Clara Miller were found not guilty in the case charging assault with a deadly weapon.

McKinley Hayes was turned over to juvenile court for striking the prosecuting witnesses with his fists.

J. D. Ayldett was taxed with court costs after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Court costs were assessed against the prosecuting witness, Jasper Jordan, in two cases charging Eula Thach and Winfred Jordan, colored, with assault.

Horace Modlin was ordered to pay the costs of court for being drunk. Fenton Bemby and Wilson White, Negro youths, were remanded to the juvenile court on charges of setting fire to a school building.

John Blanchard entered a plea of guilty to reckless driving and was ordered to pay a fine of \$30 and court costs.

Leland Ward plead guilty to a charge of reckless driving and was fined \$30 and ordered to pay costs of court.

Will Fauntleroy, Negro, was found guilty of possessing non-tax paid whiskey for sale, and was fined \$75 and ordered to pay court costs.

Clyde Smith entered a plea of guilty to driving drunk and was ordered to pay a fine of \$75 and costs of court.

Two cases were continued until the next term of Recorder's Court.

Fire Wards Defined To Avoid Confusion

Mayor V. N. Darden this week released a description of the fire wards within the Town of Hertford for the purpose of clearing up a point which seems to be causing some confusion among the residents of the town.

Some months ago the fire officials of the town rearranged the fire wards and in the process reduced the number of fire wards from six to four.

The new division places all of the town east of Covent Garden Street in Ward One, all of that part of the town between Covent Garden Street and the railroad tracks south of Market Street in Ward Two, all of the part of town between Covent Garden Street and the railroad tracks north of Market Street in Ward Three, all that part of the town west of the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks in Ward Four.

In notifying the volunteer firemen when a fire is reported the siren is blown to designate the ward by the following manner: In case the fire is located in Ward One, the siren blown one long blast, followed by one short blast; if Ward Two, it blows one long blast and two short blasts, so on up to one long and four short blasts for Ward Four. When the siren blows just one short blast it is a signal that the firemen are being called out of the town, and it does not designate a local fire.

Funeral Held Tuesday For Mrs. Mamie Farmer

Mrs. Mamie Hobbs Farmer, 68, widow of the late Tom M. Farmer, died at the home of her son, A. M. Farmer, in Norfolk Sunday morning following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Lynch Funeral Home at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. John T. Byrum, pastor of the Bethel Church. During the services the Hertford Baptist choir sang "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me." Miss Margaret Pearson sang "Sometime We Will Understand." Surviving are three sons, Thomas of Norfolk, J. T. Farmer of Elizabeth City and Raymond Farmer of Hertford; two sisters, Miss Laura Elliott and Mrs. Ed Stallings.

Funeralbearers were E. Y. Berry, Moody Mathews, Vasti Proctor, Joseph Proctor, Willie Lane and Warner Madra. Burial was in the Bethel Cemetery.

REPORTS SHOW COUNTY AT HALF-WAY MARK IN DRIVE FOR RED CROSS FUNDS

Correction

In reporting the meeting between Town authorities and residents of the Hertford housing project, relative to utility rates, The Weekly published last week that a request for a special rate for the houses was voted by the Town. This was in error, as the Town refused to consider the proposal. Our report should have been VETOED.

The houses in the project, because of the several appliances used, have their utility bills figured on the stove rate, which is somewhat less than the regular and commercial rates also used in figuring local utility bills.

Indian Squaws Lose Final Tournament Game To Central Hi

In a heart-breaking game that was lost in the final two minutes of play, the Perquimans girls' basketball team lost the final game in the Rural Tourney last Saturday night to the Central girls by a one point margin, 18 to 17.

The final girls' game was a nip and tuck affair from the opening whistle until the final second with both teams striving for a commanding lead. Central opened fast to gain a 5-2 advantage in the first period, but the Squaws came back strong in the second to tally five points while holding Central scoreless for a 7-5 margin at half time. During the third quarter the Indians increased their lead to four points, having a 14-10 lead at the beginning of the final canto. The Indians continued to hold a slight lead throughout the game until the final two minutes, when Central gained a one point advantage after scoring a basket which was counted and tossing in a foul shot which put them ahead 18-17. The Indians had two attempts to score in the final few seconds, but tight guarding by the Central guards prevented the attempts from being successful.

In their semi-final round with the Weeksville girls, the Squaws outshot their rivals to win by a five point margin, 29 to 24. Weeksville gained a four point lead in the first period and was ahead 7-3, but the Squaws rallied during the second canto to score 7 points to the Weeksville team's 4 and were behind only one point at half time. In the third period the Squaws found the hoop for the total of ten points while Weeksville hit for six and the Squaws assumed the lead 20-17, never to lose the advantage. The final score was 29-24.

Anne Mathews, star guard of the Perquimans team, was chosen as a member of the All Tournament team for the second straight year, and won the honors as being the second best outstanding girl player in the meet. Willie Mae Mansfield, Mildred Webb and Polly Smith, other members of the Perquimans team, also received votes for the All Tourney team but not enough to win places on the honor squad.

Draft Call For Seven Negroes For April 26

The Perquimans draft board has received a call to order seven Negro registrants to report for preinduction examination on April 26, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, announced Monday. This is the first call received for next month.

Two calls for induction for the 27th and 28th of March are on file at the local office and selectees to fill these calls will receive orders within a short time. The call for March 28 is for 25 white selectees to report for induction.

Ration Board Passes On 23 Tire Permits

Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the local Ration Board, stated Monday that 23 motorists were issued certificates for the purchase of new tires by the Board at its last meeting.

Passenger type certificates were issued to T. C. Story 2, George Bonner 1, Joseph D. Weaver 1, J. E. Twine 1, Sim Burke 1, L. L. Lane 1, Charles Williford 1, J. I. Lowe 1, Texas Company 1, G. H. Chappell 2, H. H. Caddy 1, W. L. White, Jr., 1, L. C. Winslow 1, M. M. Spivey 1, W. H. Mathews 1, Claude Long 1, G. W. Riddick 1, Bill Fowler 1, J. C. Jessup 2 and John O. White 2.

Few Solicitors Have Made Complete Reports of Canvass

Perquimans County's Red Cross War Fund drive reached the half-way mark on Wednesday morning, when Mrs. R. S. Monds, Jr., chairman of the drive, reported a total of \$2,608 had been turned over to local chapter officials toward the \$5,200 goal.

The amount reported this week represented contributions collected by the majority of the solicitors within the Town of Hertford. Only four community solicitors in the rural areas had made reports up to that time. Miss Frances Maness, co-chairman in charge of the neighborhood contributions, stated she expects reports from all of her canvassers by Saturday of this week, and when these reports are in the total should stand somewhere near the county's quota.

The amount listed above does not include any report, either, from the colored division, which usually turns over a goodly sum in the Red Cross drives.

The initial gifts, contributed toward the 1945 Red Cross War Fund, amounted to \$950, according to Mrs. Monds, which represents about one-fifth of the goal.

The Red Cross drive opened here March 1, and the leaders planned to close the campaign by March 15, providing the quota was met, but the report this week indicates that the drive must be continued until the total \$5,200 is raised. It is expected that as soon as all solicitors have made their reports and the children have had an opportunity to total the contributions, a better idea on the progress of the drive can be seen.

Miss Maness today urged the rural solicitors to complete a canvass of their territory and to make their reports not later than Saturday of this week.

All solicitors are urged to continue the canvass for Red Cross funds to enable the county to meet this year's goal.

Health Department To Conduct X-Ray Clinic March 23rd

An X-ray clinic for Perquimans County will begin next Friday morning, March 23, at the Health Department offices in Hertford, at 9 o'clock. X-rays are to be made on that date and also on Monday, March 26, according to an announcement made this week.

"Everyone should consider himself responsible," a health official stated, "to be sure he is free from tuberculosis, and everyone should realize the necessity for TB tests and X-rays, especially so when the latest death rate for Perquimans County is 61.4 per cent for every 100 thousand persons, as compared with a national rate of 41.9 and a State rate of 39.7.

On Saturday, from 9 to 12 o'clock, TB tests will be given persons who would like to determine whether or not they need an X-ray. If the tuberculin test is positive, arrangements will be made for the person to have an X-ray made during the clinic at the local office.

It was announced that a moderate fee would be charged for an X-ray.

USO Training Class Concludes Course

Miss Florence Williams, assistant director of the Norfolk USO recreation building, was the leader of the final class of the USO training course conducted by the Hertford and Edenton USO, which was concluded at Edenton last Wednesday night.

The meeting was well attended by local GSO girls and hostesses who volunteer their services at the Hertford USO.

Edgar J. Hill, local USO director, announced this week that beginning Monday, March 19, at one o'clock, the Enlisted Wives Club will meet at the Agriculture Building to hold classes in sewing and cooking, under the direction of Miss Frances Maness. These classes will be held every Monday at the same hour.

The program at the USO for the coming week includes a St. Patrick Day dance Friday night, a community sing, under the direction of Mrs. R. M. Riddick on Saturday night, Hobby Night on next Tuesday and another community sing next Wednesday, under the direction of Miss Margaret Pearson.