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## SOLICITORS FOR RED CROSS WAR FUND REPORT COUNTY'S QUOTA MET MONDAY

### County First In Albemarle to Meet Goal; Splendid Job Done

Perquimans County's 1945 Red Cross War Fund campaign reached the point of success on Monday of this week, when Mrs. R. S. Monds, chairman of the drive, announced the \$5,200 quota had been raised, with still scattered reports to be made.

Thus, so far as known, Perquimans became the first county of the Albemarle section to meet its 1945 Red Cross goal, and one of the few counties of the State as yet to report a successful drive. Some towns and townships have reported meeting their quotas, but few entire counties have reported to date.

Mrs. Monds stated that a total of \$5,863.17 had been turned over to her by Monday evening, and that a number of solicitors still had reports to make, which indicates that the County will go well over the top in the drive this year.

The chairman and other officials of the drive were in a jubilant mood when tallies showed on Monday the quota had been met. Mrs. Monds expressed her appreciation for the splendid work carried out by each of the solicitors throughout the county and especially pointed out that the colored division, supervised by W. J. Thompson, W. R. Privott and King Williams, had reported a total of \$470, which shows an excellent piece of work done by the colored workers.

Miss Frances Maness, co-chairman in charge of the canvass in the rural areas, stated the response by the residents of the county to the appeal for Red Cross funds was excellent and one of the factors making it possible for the county to reach its goal so shortly after the drive opened.

A complete tabulation of reports on the drive will be published as soon as the drive officials can ready the reports and meanwhile solicitors who have not completed their reports are requested to do so as quickly as possible so that the drive may be concluded.

## Central PTA Meeting Held Monday Night

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School met in the school auditorium at Winfall on Monday evening.

The President called the meeting to order and "America" was used as the opening song. The Rev. Howard Dawkins conducted the devotional, the 19th Psalm being used. Elisabeth Lane sang as a solo, "Speak to My Heart."

The Whiteston community had charge of the program, using as their subject "Home Problems of Youth Affecting Learning Processes at School." A group of girls sang a health song. Mrs. J. T. Johnson gave a very inspirational talk on Health. Several beautiful selections were sung by Misses Doris Lane, Lena Winslow, Thelma and Marjorie White, Elseberry Lane and Thurman White. A timely talk was given by William Chappell on "Education."

During the business session, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A nominating committee comprised of Mrs. L. C. Winslow, G. H. Baker, Mrs. Eddie Harrell, Mrs. A. R. Cook and Mrs. R. R. White was elected.

Mr. Baker's room received a prize for having a 100 per cent in PTA membership. Prizes were presented to the grades winning in the art exhibit contest. They were awarded to the first grade, Mrs. H. E. Winslow's room, for the primary department, and to the sixth grade, Miss Margaret White's room, in the grammar grade department.

A quiz program was conducted in which several members of the audience, picked at random, took part.

The picture for having the largest per cent in attendance went to the seventh grade, Miss Elizabeth Stevens' room.

## Major Walter Oakley Home From Pacific

Major Walter Oakley, USMC, arrived here Monday after serving a year on duty with the Marines in the Pacific theater of war.

Major Oakley is spending his leave with his wife and daughter.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Baker announce the birth of a daughter, Annie Mae, born March 11, at the Medical Center at Elizabeth City.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Thousands of German soldiers face death or capture in the Saar region of Germany following the linking up of the American Third and Seventh Armies, in a smashing attack which has been in operation most of this week. The action of the Americans virtually wiped out the last resistance of the Nazis west of the Rhine River, and the Germans are hopelessly trapped because bridges, which might have been an avenue of escape into inner Germany were blown before the Americans could capture them.

The American push in the Remagen area continues to spread out despite the fact that the Remagen bridge, over which American troops and supplies were traveling into inner Germany, collapsed last Saturday. Berlin claimed the bridge had been hit by Nazi shells, but the collapse was caused by strain upon the girders, caused by the unsuccessful attempt of the Nazis to blow the bridge before the Americans captured it. The bridgehead at Remagen has been widened to eight miles by 18 miles, and American forces have cut the super-highway leading from Cologne to Frankfurt.

Reports from the Western front state the Germans are pulling out of areas in North Holland and also at points along the northern tip of the Western front, to prevent being trapped by Allied forces. Good weather conditions have permitted planes to continue strafing of the German ground troops as well as German cities and supply centers. Berlin is reported a desolate place. Once having a population of more than four million, it can now house only about 400,000 people. Both American and British planes have raided Berlin every day for weeks.

The Japanese Navy was again offered a battle by the U. S. Pacific Fleet, this week, when a large force of American carriers attacked the Japs in the inland waterways of their homeland. American planes bombed Japan proper for the third time in recent weeks, while superforts continued to raid Japanese industrial cities. The U. S. Fleet in the strike this week damaged 17 warships and destroyed 475 Nip planes.

General MacArthur announced the invasion of another Philippine island this week when Americans went ashore on Panay. Mopping up fighting continues on the island of Luzon, and American Marines have concluded the battle for Iwo Jima, which is now rapidly being converted into an unsinkable plane base for bombers bound for Tokyo.

Fighting on the Eastern front has been overshadowed by the powerful blows of the Americans on the west, but Russian forces have moved closer to the port of Stettin, and wiped out a German bridgehead on the Oder River. Heavy fighting is reported on the front facing Berlin, but little change is reported in battle lines.

## Local FFA Chapter Wins Judging Contest

Members of the Perquimans High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America won a seed judging contest, staged last week at Central High School, in competition with teams from Central, Weaverville and Moyock. The local team finished 42 points ahead of their nearest opponent.

The Perquimans FFA group was praised by their district supervisor, T. B. Elliott, following his visit to the local chapter. In a letter to G. C. Buck, Agricultural teacher at Perquimans, he stated, "It is always a pleasure to visit a department where it is easy to see that good work is in progress."

"You are to be congratulated upon the seeds and plants that you have collected and saved for the purpose of giving your boys training in identification and judging."

"The pleasure that your boys were getting out of their work in preparation of the contest was an evidence of the fact that boys like to do things when inspired by a good teacher and proper facilities."

The local team was composed of Paul Smith, John Ward, Louis Monds, Clifford Winslow and Walter Baker.

## Largest Draft Group From County Leaves For Induction Soon

### Local Office Receives Four Calls For Men For Next Month

The largest group of selectees ordered for induction by the Perquimans draft board in recent months will leave here next Wednesday for Fort Bragg to begin their service in the armed forces, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the draft board, stated this week.

Twenty-five white registrants have been ordered to report on that date and include Anderson E. Layden, Clyde Russell, Thomas D. Nixon, Lloyd Lane, Jesse Harrell, Jesse Winslow, Sterling Colson, Lewis Stallings, Leroy White, Edward Hurdle, Jr., Delton Stallings, Thomas Rogerson, Medford Trueblood, John Riddick, Lyndon White, Elihu Winslow, James Rountree, Robert Perry, Jr., Lloyd Lane, William Lane, Thomas Dail, Othus Mansfield, Odus Mansfield, Ralph Higgins and Ray Godfrey.

Twelve registrants, ten from the local board and two transfers, will leave next Tuesday for pre-induction examinations, Mrs. Sumner said. These selectees will be Ralph Layden, William Belch, William Barcliff, Johnnie Harrell, Jacob White, Robert Evans, Lindsey Bacucus, Charlie Winslow, James Lilly, Calvin Wilson, Edgar Chappell and Thomas Lane.

The local board has received four calls for the month of April, two calls for induction and two for pre-induction examinations. Ten white registrants will be ordered to report for preinduction exams on April 4 and ten for induction on April 27. The other two calls are for Negro registrants, one a preinduction call for April 18. Seven Negroes will be ordered to report for induction on April 19.

The majority of the registrants ordered to report for induction next week are in the 18-26 age group, and were deferred for farm purposes, but received induction calls under the regulations changed a short time ago. According to an announcement from Washington last week, the Army will be given all men in this age group for the next several months, while the Navy will induct older men.

## Local Civic Clubs To Sponsor Drive For Old Clothing

As part of a nation-wide campaign for the collection of old clothes, to be distributed among the people of liberated areas throughout the world, Hertford's two civic clubs, Rotary and Lions, will sponsor an old clothes drive in Perquimans County, beginning April 1 and continuing through April 25.

The purpose of the drive will be similar to the one conducted two years ago, when old clothing and shoes were collected for the people of Russia, but the drive next month will be a larger one, due to the needs for clothing for people in all parts of the world who have lost their possessions because of the war.

F. T. Johnson, representing the Rotary Club, and Charlie Vann, representing the Lions Club, have been appointed to serve as chairmen for the drive, and they will be assisted by members of the two clubs. Plans for the campaign will be announced later, but the public is asked to start searching their homes and attics for usable clothing to be contributed to the cause.

There will be no goal in this drive, but the purpose will be to collect as much clothing as possible to help relieve the shortage in the war torn areas.

Mr. Johnson stated that he plans to enlist the aid of the school children of the County to serve as collectors throughout the rural areas, and that the children will be asked to bring the clothing to school.

## Pvt. James C. Baker Killed In Germany

Pvt. James Carson Baker, 26, husband of Mrs. Wilma Baker of Staten Island, and son of Mrs. Sarah Baker of this county, was killed in action in Germany on February 16, according to word received here late last week.

Pvt. Baker entered the armed forces on July 25, 1944, and received his training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. He went overseas in January and served with General Patton's Third Army. He has a brother, Harrison Baker, with the army in France.

## Sunrise Service And Musical Program To Be Presented Easter

### USO and Churches Plan Program; Club Committee at Work

Hertford's USO Club, in cooperation with the chaplain at Harvey Point and the churches of Hertford, has planned a series of services for Easter Sunday, which will open with a sunrise service on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Brinn, on Front Street, and close with an Easter musical to be presented Sunday evening, April 1.

The time for the sunrise service will be announced next week, and the musical will be presented at the Baptist Church at 8 P. M. The musical program will also be presented at the Naval base on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The choir for the musical will be made up of 35 voices, chosen from membership in the Hertford churches, and will be under the direction of USO Director Edgar J. Hill and Staff Assistant Miss Margaret Pearson. The program of music will be arranged under the following headings: Lent, Passion, Resurrection, the Everliving Christ. There will be two numbers for each group. Soloists will be Mrs. Anna Hess and Miss Pearson. Miss Kate Blanchard will play.

Mr. Hill, this week, announced a reorganization of the Program Committee at the USO, which met Monday night to draw plans for future programs at the local club. The new program committee is composed of Mr. Hill, Miss Pearson, Andy Pilney, Miss Frances Maness, Mrs. Olivia Hobbs, Mrs. R. S. Monds, W. H. Pitt and Max Campbell, and Misses Mary Jane Spruill, Beuna Mae Godwin, Ruth Tucker, Ruth Elliott, Lucy Spivey and Lillian Rae Perry. The latter six young ladies, working in cooperation with groups of GSO girls, will present a program once each month, and in addition the club will sponsor two parties each month for the entertainment of service personnel.

The first of these parties will be held April 13, celebrating the first anniversary of the Hertford USO and will be in form of a formal dance, to be staged at the USO Club.

## Easter Seal Sales To Aid Crippled Kiddies In Progress

The urgent need for voluntary health and welfare services was stressed today by Mrs. J. P. Perry, Jr., Superintendent of Public Welfare, in announcing the opening of the annual Easter seal sale for crippled children.

The Easter seal sale is put on annually and participated in by the entire nation to finance the program of the National Society for Crippled Children.

This general program, Mrs. Perry said, includes support of all public and private activities which aim to bring about discovery of crippled children, physical correction, education, recreational opportunity, job training and final employment.

The usual goal of the Perquimans drive is \$200, half of which remains in this county for local work. About 25 crippled children from Perquimans were aided during the past year by funds raised through the seal sale, Mrs. Perry stated.

The local drive is being directed by Mrs. Perry and she is being assisted by the school children of the county, who are making a personal canvass of the neighborhoods for seal sales.

## Basketball Squads Entertained By Store

Members of the Perquimans High School's basketball teams were guests last Thursday night of Henry Clay Sullivan, owner of Roberson's Store, who turned over his store, soda fountain and all, to the boys and girls as an award for their outstanding record achieved during the past season.

The team members enjoyed the evening by making their own fountain drinks, and the host served a delicious home-made cake and peanuts.

Polly Smith and George Wood were awarded presents for being the two players who cooperated best throughout the season in training and teamwork. Contests and dancing were also enjoyed by the cage stars.

## WIND STORM WEDNESDAY MORNING CAUSES HEAVY PROPERTY DAMAGE

### Red Cross Chapter Ships More Garments

Another shipment of garments to the Red Cross headquarters has gone out from Perquimans, according to an announcement made here this week. The shipment included 22 sweaters completed by volunteer workers, along with 25 pairs of hospital shoes, 100 hospital bags and 50 wash cloths.

Fifty pairs of hospital pajamas are now being made and will be ready for shipment soon. Twenty-five pairs of these have been made by ladies of the various Home Demonstration Clubs and the other 25 by volunteers in the town.

There is still need for more volunteers to help with the Red Cross sewing project, and persons desiring to assist in this work are urged to contact their block leaders.

## Ration Board Issues Tire Certificates To 55 Local Motorists

Despite the fact that tire quotas for the month of April will probably be lower than in 12 months, the applications for new tires continue to pour into ration board offices. Motorists are urged to take the best of care of present tires, for present prospects of increased tire quotas are slim.

The Perquimans ration board issued certificates for purchase of new tires to 55 motorists at its last meeting and those receiving the permits were: Grace Chappell 2, James Stallings 1, Hayward Riddick 2, Max Campbell 1, N. O. Chappell 2, Robert White 1, S. F. Pollard 2, H. A. Lane 1, C. M. Bundy 1, Edgar Riddick 2, S. A. Owens 2, L. E. Winslow 1, Thomas Lamb 2, John Tolson 1, Eltie Lyons 2, Audrey Umphlett 2, J. R. Proctor 2, John Winslow 1, Geneva Kenton 2, Johnnie Baker 1, Anderson White 1, Jordan Godfrey 2, G. H. Winslow 1, R. L. Boyce 2, W. L. Jessup 2, Steward White 2, William Beaman 2, Ernest Long 1, E. E. Taine 2, T. J. Bear 1, Leroy Nixon 1, Dr. I. A. Ward 1, William C. Chappell 3, C. F. White 2, Ralph Layden 2, G. L. Marre 2, G. S. Giraud 2, E. D. Singleton 2, Ionia Rogerson 1, Moody Mathews 1, W. D. Rogerson 1, L. W. Hobbs 2, Traverse White 1, Clifton Jones 1, Floro Felton 2, W. C. Stroud 1, Julian Long 1, Sterling Colson 2, Robert Sutton 2, Martha Blanchard 1, Ben Owens 1 and Roger Morris 2.

Truck type: Major-Loomis 2, Robert Sutton 2 and Hollowell Chevrolet Company 2.

Several service stations have reported no tires available for holders of certificates during the past week or two, and this condition no doubt will prevail until the present critical shortage is over.

## Widows And Orphans Entitled To Pensions Service Officer Says

Widows of veterans of World War I, and orphans under the age of 18, are entitled to receive pensions under certain conditions, F. T. Johnson, service officer of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, stated this week, and announced he will gladly furnish application blanks and information to those seeking such pensions.

Conditions which prevent applicants from receiving pensions, Mr. Johnson stated, were, if a Federal income tax was paid the preceding year, or if the widow had remarried. This action, however, does not affect an orphan from obtaining one.

Persons desiring information on this matter may obtain it by contacting the local service officer.

### METHODISTS TO HOLD LAYMAN DAY SERVICES

Laymen's Day services will be conducted Sunday at the Cedar Grove, Woodland and Epworth churches, the Rev. J. D. Cranford announced today, and the public is invited to all services.

Services will be held at 11 o'clock at Cedar Grove, with W. E. Dail as the speaker; at Woodland at 12 o'clock, with J. L. Delaney as speaker and at the Epworth church at 8 o'clock Sunday night, with Frank Harris of Elizabeth City as the speaker, Mr. Cranford said.

### WINS PROMOTION

Elmo H. Cannon, Jr., now serving with the Ninth Air Force in France, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cannon.

## Damage Estimated at Fifteen Thousand Dollars; Roofs of Homes And Schools Blown Off; Red Cross Aid Is Requested

A wind storm, which struck Hertford at approximately 10:45 o'clock Wednesday morning caused property damage estimated at between \$15,000 and \$20,000, and left the town without electric power for the day.

The twister came into the town from the southwest and hit heavy in the area between King street and Grubb, between Edenton Road Street and Hyde Park Street, blowing trees into houses, unroofing many of the homes and blew the roof completely from atop the Hertford Grammar School.

Hardest hit were colored residents in the area. There was hardly a house in the district that was not damaged to some extent, and many, including the homes of Laura Sharp, Marvella Jones, Mattie Reed, Lula Jones, and Mamie Lowe, had heavy damage.

The home of Mrs. William Madre was badly struck by the wind and damage was noted to the roof, chimney and windows, as was the store buildings across from Mrs. Madre's on Market Street. Towe Motor Company's garage received damage to its roof. Many homes on Grubb Street also received damage from the storm.

At the Hertford Grammar School the wind ripped the entire roof from the building, scattering it over the playground, and leaving many pieces of tin in the tree tops of the neighborhood.

The Town suffered damage to its power lines and current was off in the biggest part of the Town until the Electric Department, assisted by crews from the VEP Company, could restore the lines. Shortly after the damage was surveyed by Mayor A. N. Darden, the VEP Company was requested to aid the Town in order to restore electricity as soon as possible.

The storm seemingly crossed the river between Hyde Park and the Southern Cotton Oil Company property, then twisted and hit several houses at the north end of Church Street, causing heavy damage in that section.

The building housing the Negro Masonic Lodge on Edenton Road Street, was completely upset and viewed as a total loss. A building situated on the lot of the Negro school was also twisted to such a degree as to be untenable.

Scores of trees were uprooted in the section of Town where the storm seemed to hit hardest and several streets were blocked for traffic until the debris could be cleared.

Fortunately no serious injuries were reported but several persons received minor bruises and cuts from flying glass caused by chimney bricks and debris striking windows.

W. H. Pitt, chairman of the Red Cross Disaster Committee, notified Red Cross authorities about the damage here and requested an official visit for the purpose of rendering aid to persons whose homes were so severely damaged that aid would be needed to make repairs.

## County 4-H Council Meets Saturday P.M.

The 4-H County Council for Perquimans will meet Saturday, March 24, at 3 P. M. in the Agriculture Building. Miss Frances Maness, County Home Agent, stated today.

All club members are urged to be present for the special movies, "Goodbye, Mr. Germ," which are being given in cooperation with the local Health Department. Miss Sara Yarborough, Health Consultant, will be in charge of the movie.

Another feature of the program will be the 4-H Victory Garden, a play written by John Harris, Extension Specialist, State College. Marjorie Perry, Pete Mathews and Emma Rogerson will be in charge of the play.

All county 4-H clubs held meetings during the past week, with L. W. Anderson leading discussions with boys and Miss Bailey, assistant Home Agent, demonstrating cooking practices with the girls.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mathews are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Johnnie Floyd Mathews, Jr., born Wednesday, March 14, at the Medical Center, Elizabeth City.