

Hertford Boy Scouts Resume Paper Drive

Hertford's troop of Boy Scouts have resumed their campaign for the collection of paper and old magazines, according to W. H. Pitt, Scoutmaster, who stated this week the boys of the troop would collect paper every Saturday morning until further notice.

The paper shortage is one of the most critical at the present time, and the public is urged to cooperate with the boys in their effort to help the war effort by placing bundles of old papers on porches, where the Scouts may collect them.

Number OPA Coupons To Expire Saturday

A reminder is issued this week by the OPA that a number of ration coupons will expire this coming Saturday. Included are consumers Blue stamps X5, Y5, Z5, A2, B2 and red stamps Q5, R5 and S5.

Motorists are reminded that gas stamps B5, C5, E1 and R1 also expire on this date. At the same time first quarter 1945 T coupons will expire for use of commercial users.

OPA officials urge that book holders not use these stamps unless actual need for food and gasoline is evident.

Crop Insurance Is Economy Stabilizer

The new Federal all-risk crop insurance program now being offered Perquimans County cotton growers is an important help in stabilizing the economy of communities, according to Dr. E. S. White, chairman of the Perquimans County Triple-A Committee.

"The new insurance program not only offers individual growers protection against the unavoidable hazards to cotton growing, but helps to keep the community in a healthy condition as well," he declared.

"We all remember the terrible droughts of 1934 and 1936. Many farmers were completely wiped out during those years, and those who managed to keep going had little or no crop to sell. As a result, they couldn't meet mortgage payments and other obligations. They couldn't buy machinery, furniture clothing or other necessities.

"Whole communities suffered from these crop losses," he added, "but with crop insurance it needn't have happened. Crop insurance would have protected crop investments and would have absorbed the economic shock to the communities."

The present program offers cotton growers a choice of coverage of 50 or 75 per cent of their average farm yields, and protects against such unavoidable hazards as drought, floods, frost, wildlife, snow, excessive rainfall, hail, fire, lightning, wind, plant disease, winterkill and insects.

The insurance program is administered locally by the AAA, and growers have until April 10, 1945 to apply.

Complete information and rates for individual farms can be obtained at the local Triple-A office.

Methodist Church's Services For Easter

Easter services will be observed in the three Methodist churches of the Perquimans District, the Rev. J. D. Cranford announced today. Services will be held at New Hope at 11 a. m., and the subject of the sermon will be "The Easter Parade." At Oak Grove the services will be held at 3:30 o'clock with the sermon being "Easter Journey." At 8 o'clock Sunday night dedication services for the Altar Crosses donated by the Epworth Church by Chaplain Paul Sanders, formerly at Harvey Point, will be conducted.

The Rev. Mr. Cranford announced that repairs on Cedar Grove had been delayed until next Monday and that Sunday School would be held there as usual.

Trade Meeting Set For Friday, April 6

A trade meeting of merchants affected by the OPA regulation 580, relative to price control on wearing apparel and house furnishings will be held at the Agriculture Building in Hertford at 8 o'clock Friday night, April 6, Miss Mary Frances Dail, price clerk of the local Ration Board, announced today.

George P. Whitley, Jr., OPA official from Raleigh, will be present to give the merchants details of the new regulation.

This new regulation was issued in order to provide a simple and more effective method of fixing retail prices for articles covered in the order and it is believed that some re-pricing of wearing apparel will be necessary by the order.

Legion Commander At Oratorical Meet

V. N. Darden, Commander of the First American Legion District, attended the Legion sponsored oratorical contest held at Rocky Mount, Monday evening.

Bobby Swain of Elizabeth City was the First District's representative, and he competed against others from this region. The winner of the Rocky Mount contest will speak against other regional winners at Raleigh.

Draft Status Of Registrants Explained

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ible for deferment. Under the policy adopted by the Selective Service System, it would be practically impossible for any registrant within the age limits mentioned above, to produce a sufficient volume of essential crops and livestock with hand labor and work stock to qualify for an agricultural deferment.

"Provision is made under the Selective Service policy to permit deferment for mechanized farming where outstanding production is achieved but Selective Service representatives have studied the files of a number of registrants in this county who farm entirely with tractors and power equipment, yet these representatives claim that the production in these cases is not sufficient to justify deferment. On the basis of their findings, it is doubtful that any registrant between the ages of 18 and 26 in Perquimans County could qualify for deferment under the special provisions or mechanized farming.

"There is a special provision for the deferment of 'hardship cases,' but according to the standards set up to qualify a registrant for deferment under this provision, it is evident that very few registrants will be deferred as 'hardship cases.' The government has made provisions for the care of a registrant's dependents.

"Referring to the confusing and controversial publicity relative to the Selective Service program and policies, it is generally accepted that the local boards have full authority to classify a registrant in accord with their judgment and findings in each case. However, Selective Service Headquarters has issued 'directives' that must be complied with and it is not an arbitrary matter with the local board. Under the present policy of the Selective Service System, it is practically mandatory that all registrants within the age limit mentioned above be placed in the classification of 1-A.

"The Perquimans County Local Board and the County USDA War Board realize that many hardships will result from the above mentioned policy; production on our farms will necessarily be reduced and doubtless many acres of land will be idle in 1945 and possibly 1946. However, it is apparent that there is no alternative and it is not within the power of either board to change this policy. The War Department insists that it needs all of our young men to win this war, and the war must be won regardless of the cost. We hope that registrants and their families will appreciate the position in which the two boards are placed and not feel that there is a lack of sympathy or consideration for any individual registrant who is required to answer the call to duty in the armed forces of our nation.

"We must do our part in the war effort even if all our farms are forced to remain idle for the duration. Victory must come, and if Perquimans County cannot contribute its fair share to the war effort by production on the farm, our farm boys will contribute our share on the battlefield. In the face of this dire and extreme adversity, let us recall General Sherman's definition of war," the statement concluded.

Legislature Ratifies Five Local Bills

Five local bills presented before the 1945 General Assembly by Rep. W. W. White were ratified by that body, according to an announcement released this week.

The bills include the one calling for an extension of the limits of the Town of Hertford and pay increases for members of the boards of county commissioners and education, as well as jurors.

The remaining bill extends the power of Hertford's police to a two mile radius outside the town's limits.

Cotton Report Shows 4,444 Bales Ginned

A census report issued this week by Willie M. Harrell, special agent, showed 4,444 bales of cotton were ginned in Perquimans County from the 1944 crop, as compared with 4,019 bales ginned from the 1943 crop.

THREE MASSES AT CATHOLIC CHURCH - EASTER SUNDAY

The most holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered at 7, 9 and 11 A. M. Easter Sunday, April 1, each including sermon on "Christ's Resurrection Proves His Divinity," Holy Communion, prayer for peace, concluding in 45 minutes, in St. Ann's Catholic Church, stated the Rev. Father Francis J. McCourt, pastor. A special

program of Easter music and singing will be rendered.

Confessions Holy Saturday, March 31, 4:30 P. M. to 5:30, 7:30 to 10, Easter Sunday, 6:30 to 8:55, 8:30 to 8:55 and 10 to 10:55 A. M. Everybody invited to all services.

Percy—My dear, I've long had something on my mind. Penelope—I wish you wouldn't brag so, Percy.

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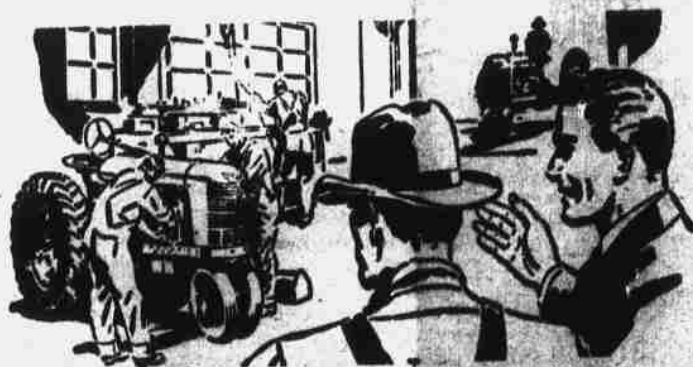
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