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Heading for a Beachhead



Official U. S. Coast Guard Photo
Grim-faced Army Infantrymen are seen in the background as they load a tank on a beach. Pictured is an LVT (A) on the beach. The hidden reefs that some- times break in the Mighty 7th War Loan

Senior Class Play To Be Presented May 17; Cast Selected

"You're Young Only Twice," a comedy in three acts, by Joseph Spalding, has been chosen by members of the senior class of Perquimans High School for their annual class play, to be presented at the high school auditorium on Thursday, May 17.

The cast for the play has been selected and is now rehearsing under the direction of Miss Eloise Scott, who is coaching the play.

The cast includes Ruth Tucker, who is to play the role of Mrs. Trigg, house mother of the Alpha Beta Sigma; Marjorie Rebecca White, who is Sophie, maid of all work; Peggy Felton, Libby Frohman, a college senior; Dorothy Faye White, Helen Hunter, president of the sorority; Marguerite Cook, Beatrice Newman, a wise-cracking freshman; Helen Raye Baker, Irene Pratt, a co-ed; Pauline Smith, Avis Laurel, another co-ed; Marjorie Rebecca White, Dorothy Randolph, a Georgia peach; Grace Barnett, Miss Agatha Dunning, a spinster in her forties and an alumna; Bill Murray, Van Wyck Waterhouse, a football hero and a rich man's son; Horace Baker, Emil de Soto, his roommate; Curtis Wilson, Stubby Holcomb, a sophomore; George Wood, Chester Pearson, a boy working his way through school; Colon Jackson, Lowell Cooper, a senior, and Thurman White, Van Wyck Waterhouse, Sr., Van's father.

USO Anniversary Party Held Friday

Hertford's USO Club celebrated its first anniversary with a birthday dance, held at the club room on Friday, April 20, with a large crowd of service men and GSO's enjoying the evening. Mrs. R. S. Monds and Miss Ruth Tucker were in charge of decorations and Miss Frances Maness served as chairman of the committee for refreshments.

During the evening Mrs. Olivia Hobbs told fortunes which, as usual, was a very popular sidelight to the dance. At intermission a "blind date" contest was staged with Miss Joyce Harrell and Miss Eloise Scott chosen as the blind dates.

Members of the Hertford GSO have been invited to attend a formal dance to be sponsored by the Edenton USO at the Edenton armory to-night, and it has been announced that transportation will leave the Hertford Club at 7:30 tonight.

The USO will stage a Monte Carlo night at the Club on April 30, and plenty of fun is promised all who attend.

Services Being Held At Whiteville Church

There will be a week-end revival held at Whiteville Grove Baptist Church, Belvidere, April 28 and 29. Services start Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock, Sunday at 11 A. M., 3 P. M. and 8:00 P. M.

The Rev. James Baker, pastor of the church, will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Methodist District Meeting To Be Held At Columbia May 3

The Methodist churches of the Elizabeth City District will hold the District Conference at Columbia, N. C., on Thursday, May 3. The meeting will be called to order at 9:30 A. M., and will continue throughout the day. At this conference reports of the work being done in every church in the district will be made and plans made for the work during the remainder of this conference year. V. N. Darden and G. A. White have been elected by the Quarterly Conference of the Hertford Methodist Church as delegates to the Conference at Columbia.

The Rev. J. Herbert Miller, superintendent of the Elizabeth City District, will preside at the Conference. The Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Methodist Church in Hertford, is chairman of the committee to license young men to preach, to renew the license of all local preachers and to recommend suitable persons to the Annual Conference. Mr. Reavis is a member of the Committee on Temperance and Social Service also.

The last Sunday in April marks the end of the first half of this conference year. All churches throughout the district are being called upon to check their programs and see if the year's work is half way complete.

Pre-School Clinics Scheduled For May

The Perquimans County Health Department today announced a schedule for a series of pre-school clinics to be conducted in the county during the second week in May. The schedule is published in this issue and parents are requested to clip the schedule for their information and to bring children to the schools on dates listed.

The clinics are being conducted for both white and colored children, and attention is called to the fact that clinics this year will be held at only three colored schools. Prospective students of other colored schools must appear at one of those listed for the clinic.

The Health Department will be assisted in conducting the clinics by Dr. I. A. Hoggard at the white schools and Dr. J. D. Weaver at the colored schools.

Architect Passes On Grammar School

Frank W. Benton, well known school architect of Wilson, notified F. T. Johnson, superintendent of schools, that an inspection of the Hertford Grammar School indicated that the rafters of the building were satisfactory to stand the weight of the new roof now being placed on the building.

The new roof being applied is somewhat heavier than the tin which was torn off during the recent storm, and there was some question regarding the safety of the building with the additional weight, but the inspection revealed the rafters sufficient to stand even greater weight than being applied.

Russian Attack On Berlin Moves Fast, One-half Occupied

Population Is Reported Fighting Against the Nazi SS Troops

Berlin, third largest city of the world, lies in shambles, with Russian troops battering through unconquered sections in drives to wipe out the Nazi defenders left in the area. The Russian attack has been so fierce and powerful to put up a defense such as the Reds did at Moscow, Stalingrad and Leningrad. The German claim that the city would be defended block by block, house by house has not materialized. Some reports state the city is so destroyed it will be impossible to rebuild for years.

The Red drive on Berlin opened early this week and by Wednesday the Russian troops were half way through the city. Fighting between the Germans themselves was reported to have broken out in the northern section of the city, with hundreds of Germans attempting to surrender the fort against the will of Nazi SS troops. The Russians encircled most of Berlin prior to launching the drive, and reports on Wednesday stated the city was completely cut off from outside help. Two Russian armies met inside Berlin by mid-week and joined forces to complete the job of capturing the German capital.

Lowell Thomas, news commentator, flew over the city and reported it to be burning from one end to the other. Only one section, Potsdam, seemed to be undamaged, he reported. He added he saw a group of 20 to 30 thousand unarmed Germans headed toward the American lines, seemingly to surrender.

German radios continue to announce that Hitler is in Berlin, leading his Nazi defenders. However, the majority of Allied leaders believe he has long since left the capital for his retreat in Berchtesgaden.

This destruction of Berlin is the first time in 175 years, and several wars that the German capital has been touched by war. Russian armies sacked the city in a war against forces of Frederick the Great, but from that time to the present the Germans have escaped damage until this week.

With more than half the city overrun, its capture depends upon the will of the Nazis to resist the tremendous bombardment of the Red forces, but the superiority of the Russians no doubt will continue to roll up the Nazis in the final fighting as rapidly as the early gains.

Ration Board Issues Tire Permits To 37

By limiting the majority of applicants to one tire, the Perquimans Ration Board issued purchase certificates to 37 local motorists for tires at its meeting last Saturday.

Passenger type certificates went to Roy Boyce, Clyde Wilson, L. R. Lane, Earl Morse, Irving Whedbee, J. E. Stallings, Julia Stokes, C. F. Griffin, Robert Hendren, J. L. DeLaney, E. L. Jennings, Ernest Lamb, Dr. T. P. Brinn 4, Thomas Lane, J. R. White, L. W. Hobbs, C. T. Rogerson, Jr., Lawrence Towle, Dora White, J. F. Hollowell, Nathan Riddick, C. C. Mansfield, Sr., and W. E. Lane.

Tractor type: White & Monds 2, H. W. Lynch 1, E. M. Perry 2, Major-Loomis 2.

Tractor type: Kenneth Miller 1, G. H. Hunter 1, W. F. Elliott 1, N. C. Spivey 1, Floyd Mathews 1, W. L. Wood 1, J. M. Benton 1, C. E. Russell 1, W. L. Jessup 2, and W. H. Winslow 1.

Central PTA Discusses Lunch Room Project

The Parent Teacher Association of the Central Grammar School held its meeting last Monday night at the school auditorium. The meeting opened with a devotional by the Rev. J. D. Cranford. Miss Mildred Lewis sang two selections.

During the business session F. T. Johnson, school superintendent, gave a report on available material for a lunch room building and a committee was appointed to appear before the Board of Education relative to construction of the building.

Following a recreational hour, which included two contests, ice cream was served. The program was in charge of the Chapanoke group and the third grade won the attendance prize.

Guest Evangelist



REV. ALBERT SIMMS

Revival Services Scheduled To Begin Baptist Church Sun.

The Rev. Albert Simms of Littleton will be the guest evangelist at a series of revival services scheduled to begin at the Hertford Baptist Church Sunday, April 29, and continuing through May 9, the Rev. Howard G. Dawkins, pastor of the church, announced today.

Services will be conducted twice daily, at 8:15 A. M. to give school children and store employees an opportunity to attend the morning worship, and then each evening at 8 o'clock. It was announced that the morning services would last only 30 minutes.

The Rev. Mr. Dawkins issued a cordial invitation to the public to attend all services and stated the Rev. Mr. Simms will deliver some stirring messages during the series.

He said, "Let us take time from our busy lives and make these days count for the Lord in this community. I feel that one of the things most needed in the community is a revival of God's love. Plan to attend this revival and bring your friends."

Winners 4-H Contest Announced This Week

During the past week a biscuit contest was held in 4-H clubs in Perquimans County. The contest was a follow-up of a demonstration given by the assistant agent at regular club meetings in March.

Kathleen Hurdle, age 10, of the Winfall Junior Club, has been chosen as first place winner in the county.

Sybil Louise Lane of the Hertford Grammar Senior Club was second place winner.

Carolyn Matthews of the Hertford Grammar Junior Club was third place winner.

The county winners were selected from the first place winner of each club. Biscuits were scored according to general appearance, crust, texture and flavor. Each entry was placed in one of the following groups: Award of Excellence, Award of Merit, and Honorable Mention.

The following girls were in the Award of Excellence group: Norma Frances Butt, New Hope Junior Club.

Doris Carver, Carolyn Hurdle, Gerelene Winslow and Virginia Gay, Winfall Senior Club.

Kathleen Hurdle and Janie Winslow, Winfall Junior Club.

Carolyn Matthews and Mary Beth Perry, Hertford Grammar Junior Club.

Sybil Louise Lane and Laura Hoskins, Hertford Grammar Senior Club. There were 59 entries in the contest.

Recorder's Court In Short Session

Four cases were disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning, while six cases were continued until the next term of court due to the absence of the prosecuting witness, Charles Payne, State Patrolman, who was attending Superior Court in Washington County. The State took a nol pro in the case charging Raymond Bateman with non support of his children, when the prosecuting witness failed to appear in the case.

Raymond Ivey entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving with improper brakes and paid the costs of court.

Ralph Burke, Negro, was taxed with court costs after pleading guilty to driving with insufficient brakes.

Melvin Byrum entered a plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of all costs.

Sale Of War Bonds During April Lags As 7th Drive Nears

Meeting of Finance Committee Set For First Week In May

Perquimans County residents are lagging in the purchase of Series E War Bonds during the month of April, according to a report issued this week by R. M. Riddick, chairman of the War Finance Committee. Only seven thousand dollars worth of E bonds had been purchased up to noon on Wednesday as against a quota of \$10,000 for the Seventh War Loan.

From all indications the War Finance Committee faces a tremendous job in selling sufficient bonds during the drive to meet the quota. The drive, now under way, will go into high gear on May 14, when the Treasury Department will offer other types of bonds to the public.

Plans for a concentrated house to house canvass in selling Series E bonds will be made at a meeting of the entire War Finance Committee which will be held during the first week in May, Mr. Riddick said. While the chairman has no fear that the county will not meet its overall quota for the Seventh War Loan, he does have apprehensions regarding the Series E quota and for that reason he is urging the public to buy every E bond possible before May 14, when the other types of bonds are offered for sale.

He stated, "We will have a hard task meeting this Seventh War Loan quota in E bonds unless every man, woman and child participates by purchasing Series E bonds."

"Perquimans County has successfully met every war bond quota yet, and we must not fail in this one. This call for heavy buying on the part of individuals can be a challenge hurled at our enemy. It will show our fighting men the home front is backing up the battle to victory."

It has been figured out that if 1,300 persons would each buy a \$100 Series E bond, the county could easily and quickly reach its Seventh War Loan quota. It's time to start the parade for the purchase of E bonds... do it today. Buy a \$100 bond from the bank or post office to help put the county over the goal.

Draft Board To Fill Four Calls In May

A total of fifty Perquimans County draft registrants will receive orders to report to the local board for pre-induction and induction calls during the month of May, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, announced this week.

The board has four calls, two pre-induction and two induction, to be filled during the month. The first call is for 15 white registrants to take pre-induction examinations on May 10 and ten white selectees will leave for induction on May 29. Ten Negroes will be ordered to report for pre-induction exams on May 16, and 15 Negro selectees will be inducted on May 21.

The last contingent called up during the present month, 20 white selectees, left here this morning for Fort Bragg for induction into the armed forces.

Name Honor Students At Perquimans High

Bill Murray and Esther Winslow, members of the Senior Class of Perquimans High School, have been named as valedictorian and salutatorian of the 1945 graduating class, F. T. Johnson, county superintendent, announced this week.

The honors between the two were very close, Murray's grades for four years of study averaged 95.25, while Miss Winslow's average was 92.25.

The choice of valedictorian and salutatorian is made each year from members of the graduating class and the honors go to the students whose grades are highest during the four years of study.

County WMU Meeting At Mt. Sinai Church

The Woman's Missionary Union of Perquimans County will hold a meeting at the Mt. Sinai Baptist Church on Wednesday, May 2.

Mrs. Minnie Ward, Division Superintendent, will deliver the address at the morning session and Mrs. C. T. Doughtie, Associational Y. P. Superintendent, will speak at the afternoon session. The closing address will be given by Mrs. I. A. Ward.