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## MEMBERSHIPS IN 1800 CLUB BEING TAKEN BY BOND SOLICITORS SEVENTH WAR LOAN

### County Canvassers to Concentrate Efforts On Sale E Bonds

Memberships in Perquimans County's newest club—the 1800 Club—are now being accepted by members of the county's war finance solicitors, who are selling war bonds during the Seventh War Loan. Membership in the new club is not limited and the only requirement for membership is that a person purchase a \$100 Series E war bond, to help Perquimans County achieve its Seventh War Loan goal.

Names of the members of the club, and it is growing each day, will be published in The Weekly. The purpose of the club is to obtain 1,800 members, thus assuring the E bond goal for the Seventh War Loan.

A meeting of the County War Finance Committee was held at the Court House last Friday night and it was decided the house to house solicitors, while they would not turn down any orders for any types of bonds, will concentrate on selling Series E bonds during the drive. School children of the county are now conducting a canvass which they will close on May 21, but the adult solicitors will continue the work through June 30, the closing date of the Seventh War Loan.

A \$25 war bond will be awarded to the adult solicitor who sells the largest amount in E bonds during this drive. This prize is in addition to the prizes to be awarded school children for their efforts.

R. M. Riddick, chairman of the War Finance Committee, told that group at the meeting last week that the big problem facing the county in this drive is the meeting of the E bond quota, which is the highest the county has ever had during any bond drive, and he urged the solicitors to work at the task harder than ever before to insure Perquimans County of maintaining its splendid record during war loan drives. Heretofore Perquimans has always been one of the first counties of the State to report its quota sold.

He explained the 1800 Club and said that any person who desires to join the club can do so by purchasing a \$100 war bond and thus investing the money in the war to knock Japan out and secure final victory.

## European Victory Observed Quietly In Hertford Tuesday

Awaiting the official announcement of President Truman of the surrender of Germany, this community observed V-E Day Tuesday, following the 9 o'clock announcement. Stores closed upon the signal of the siren and ringing of church bells and many residents attended special services at the Hertford Baptist church, which began shortly after the signal.

Hertford was quiet as the day progressed, most of the streets were deserted and there was no hilarious celebration. The official announcement of the end of the European war came as an anti-climax here. The premature report of peace two weeks ago left a great majority of people expecting the report to come any day. Then the news released on Monday caused even more confusion.

The observance of V-E Day here followed the program worked out last Fall. Several stores, believing that the official announcement would be made Tuesday morning, did not open at all and the remainder closed promptly as the fire siren gave out its waving blast. Many residents went immediately to church to offer prayer for the ending of the war in Europe.

### GRADUATES AT BAINBRIDGE

Carl W. Lewis, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lewis, of Hertford Route 2, graduated from the Quartermaster School at Bainbridge, Md., May 1. He spent the week-end with his parents and returned Sunday night to await further orders.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Lane announce the birth of a daughter, Marjorie Lou, weight 7 1/4 pounds, born Saturday, April 28. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lane of Chappell announce the birth of a daughter, weight 8 pounds, born Tuesday, May 1. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

### Tire Applicants At OPA Office Dwindle

Applications for new tires fell off somewhat at the local Ration office during the past week, and only 18 motorists were issued permits to purchase new tires by the Board at a meeting last Saturday.

Passenger type certificates were issued to J. H. Winslow 2, J. P. White 1, L. E. Winslow 1, Arba E. Winslow 1, Tommy Miller 2, Melton Bryant 2, N. R. Powell 4, Geraldine Powell 4, Ed Mathews 1, R. E. Mathews 1, C. T. Rogerson 1 and W. F. Elliott 1.

Truck type: E. N. Miller 2, C. W. White 2, Floyd Mathews 2, Milton Dail 1, Board of Education 2 and L. B. Elliott 2.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Marshal Stalin announced to all the Russians Tuesday evening of the surrender of the Germans and the ending of the war in Europe, which took place officially at 6:01 P. M. Tuesday, May 8. Reports from Europe state the Red Army continued to fight Nazis right up to the final minute permitted under the surrender terms. President Truman and Prime Minister Churchill had already proclaimed V-E Day in Washington and London. In his speech Churchill promised tremendous blows by the English against the Japanese in the Pacific war.

The last fighting in the European war took place in Czechoslovakia, where remnants of Nazi forces continued to fight to the last. Ironically it was this territory over which Hitler threatened to go to war in 1938 prior to the Munich conference which appeased the Germans and handed Hitler the Sudetenland. Admiral Doenitz, successor to Hitler as leader in Germany, pronounced the end of the war and told the German people the Reich was a defeated nation. However, the German leaders have not admitted guilt for starting the war.

While most of the world celebrated V-E Day heavy fighting was in progress on the Pacific battle fronts. The Japs launched an attack on Daveo in the Philippines and gained ground against American forces. The battle for Okinawa showed no signs of a let-up, as members of the U. S. armed forces saw no reason to celebrate V-E Day. They all proclaimed a tough job lies ahead in downing the Japs. Australian forces which invaded Borneo have made gains and recaptured an important oil center on that island. It was reported the Japs blasted the oil wells before pulling out.

The conference at San Francisco paused briefly to observe V-E Day, but then continued its work on organization of a world peace plan. The conference has been going well during the week, except the disagreement over the Polish question. It has been reported this problem has been referred back to the heads of American, British and Russian governments to be ironed out when Truman, Churchill and Stalin meet, which is expected soon.

Certain war-time restrictions are expected to be lifted, now that the European war is over. The government has already announced the lifting of the brownout, and the ban against horse racing is expected to be lifted this week. Rationing will continue, although easing of some commodities are expected. It has been announced that OPA will raise the amount of gasoline allotted a coupon holders, but no date has been given. Selective Service officials have stated there will be no easing of draft quotas for the present. The Army is expected to release about two million men during the coming year, but state nearly seven million men will be used against the Japs in the war in the Pacific.

### KIMBRELL-GILLIAM

The marriage of Stanley Kimbrell, USNR, and Mrs. Blanche Gilliam was solemnized Saturday evening, April 28, with the Rev. Howard G. Dawkins, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Kimbrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo E. Cannon. Mr. Kimbrell, whose home is in Decatur, Alabama, has seen service in the South Pacific and the European Theater of Operation.

## Construction Work On Memorial Field To Be Started Soon

### Funds Now Available For Lighted Field For Athletics

Construction work on Perquimans County's War Memorial athletic field at the high school is expected to begin within a short time, according to an announcement made this week by the committee who sponsored the project.

Sufficient funds have been collected to construct a modern athletic field at the high school, lighted to provide for the playing of night football and baseball games, and the field will be known as Memorial Field, dedicated to Perquimans County men and women who served as members of the armed forces during World War II.

According to plans drawn for the field, it will be able to accommodate a full size football field, baseball diamond and soft ball diamond. A new fence enclosing the field will be erected as will bleachers for both baseball and football spectators. A shower house will also be erected for the athletic teams engaged in playing.

The project which began early last winter, sponsored by the Hertford civic clubs and other interested citizens, was well received by the public who contributed the funds for the erection of the Memorial Field. It is in line with the now popular nation-wide movement to provide living memorials for veterans of this war, rather than types proposed before. The field will be used by the youth for years to come in a program designed to build up physical education and health in the country.

The funds collected by public subscription will be turned over to the Board of Education and the Building Committee of the group, who will oversee the construction of the field. The building committee is composed of Mayor V. N. Darden, J. H. Towe, W. H. Pitt, A. W. Hefren, F. T. Britt and Clinton Ely, who will work with the Board of Education in carrying out the plans for the field.

It is expected that the field will be ready for use by the high school football team when the season opens next fall, if not sooner.

## New Road Official Meets County Board

Merrill Evans, recently appointed as a member of the State Highway Commission representing the First Division, was a visitor at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on Monday. He told the Board he appreciated the support he had received toward his appointment and added that Governor Gregg Cherry, meeting with the Highway Commission recently, told that group that "secondary roads should be an important factor in the next highway program."

The Commissioners authorized County Accountant W. F. C. Edwards to purchase a total of \$50,000 worth of war bonds during the present war bond drive. The money available for this purpose is being set aside for the construction of school buildings after the war and the payment on bonded indebtedness, and does not represent surplus.

On motion ordered G. C. Buck was renamed Rabies Inspector for the county for a period of one year.

The county board also drew names for the jury box for the next four year period. Persons whose names were placed in the jury box will be subject to jury service providing their names are drawn prior to each term of court.

Dr. D. C. Hackett of the Health Department presented a proposed budget for the next fiscal year, but no action was taken on this matter as the county budget will not be drawn until the meeting in July.

## 1800 Club Members

The first list of members of the County's 1800 Club, those who have purchased a \$100 war bond to help pay Perquimans over the top in the Seventh War Loan, was released today by R. M. Riddick, chairman of the War Finance Committee as follows:

R. M. Riddick, C. P. Morris, Mrs. W. G. Wright, W. G. Hollowell, A. W. Hefren, M. J. Gregory, Milton Dail, Mrs. Jake T. White, Mrs. George Jackson, George Jackson, Mrs. R. M. Riddick, V. N. Darden, D. S. Darden, S. P. Mathews and S. M. Long.

## Belvidere Invader With Coast Guard In Okinawa Battle

### Survivor of Vessel Sunk In Atlantic Tells of Fighting

Aboard a Coast Guard Manned LST Off Okinawa Shima (Special)—A hero of the sinking of the famed Coast Guard combat cutter Hamilton, when she was torpedoed in the North Atlantic, David L. Chappell, Ship's Cook First Class, of Belvidere, North Carolina, has returned to action; this time in the Pacific.

Chappell, acting chief commissary steward aboard this Coast Guard manned LST, recently participated in the initial amphibious landing operations on Okinawa Shima, Japanese homeland territory located only 330 miles from the Nip mainland.

During general quarters the Belvidere Coast Guardsman deserted his galley and took his battle station in gun tub four, where he serves as loader on one of the deadly 40 mm anti-aircraft guns.

None of our guns had an opportunity to fire until L plus five, as the Nip planes were unable to get through our outer ring of defense. But on L plus five nine Jap dive bombers managed to sneak through, and at last the guns on the Coast Guard and Navy LST's in the area opened up, and within a few moments all of the planes had been shot out of the sky," stated Chappell.

Summing up the Okinawa invasion, the acting chief said, "We had expected a lot of action on L day, but when the day was over we hadn't seen a bit. There were no planes in the sky, and outside of two machine gun nests on the beach, we received no land opposition. Assault troops swept inland several miles before running into small Jap sniper groups. The lack of aerial resistance really proved a puzzle. I guess that our landing so close to their homeland caught them by surprise, or else the terrific pre-invasion shelling and bombardment must have driven them up into the hills," he added.

A native of Belvidere, Chappell enlisted in the Coast Guard on November 3, 1940, and received his boot training at Curtis Bay, Md. Leaving boot camp, he was assigned aboard the cutter Alexander Hamilton, and served aboard her for 15 months until she was torpedoed by a Nazi sub in the North Atlantic on the night of January 29, 1942.

"One torpedo hit midships, and we lost 26 men who were sleeping just after getting off watch," related Chappell. "At the time we were hit we were about ten miles off Iceland, and were on convoy duty with a destroyer. The torpedo tore a big gap in our bulkhead but it didn't sink us. The following day we had taken on so much water that it was necessary for the destroyer to put a fish in us and send the old Hamilton to the bottom."

Chappell described how his first thoughts were of his wife and mother. "I can't explain it," said Chap, "but their visions just popped into

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## Ten Negro Selectees Up For Preinduction

Ten Negro selectees have been ordered to report to the local Draft offices on May 16 to leave for Fort Bragg for pre-induction examinations, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Board, announced this week.

The selectees ordered up include Jerry Williams, William Turner, James Jordan, Mathew Harris, George Lindsay, Preston Thatch, James Lee, Cornelius Sharp, Johnnie Davis and Horace Brothers.

This will be the second group given pre-induction examinations from this county this month and two more calls, both for induction, are on file at the Draft office to be filled this month. Fifteen colored selectees will leave for induction on May 21 and ten white men will leave on May 29.

### AWARDED PURPLE HEART

Capt. Fenton Butler, son of Mrs. George Butler, has been awarded the Purple Heart, according to word received here this week. Capt. Butler is stationed in the European Theater of Operations.

### MOTHER'S DAY PROGRAM

A Mother's Day program will be presented at the Methodist Church Sunday night, May 13, at 8 o'clock, honoring the boys and girls from the church who are serving in the armed forces. The public is invited.

## PRESIDENT TRUMAN PROCLAIMS SUNDAY MAY 13 AS DAY OF PRAYER AS WAR ENDS

### Rotary Club Names Scout Committee

Hertford's Rotary Club voted Tuesday night to continue sponsorship of the Boy Scout Troop and named a Scout Committee to handle the details in connection with the local Boy Scouts. The committee named included Dr. A. E. Bonner, chairman, F. T. Britt and Max Campbell.

The club voted to assume responsibility for selling \$25,000 worth of E war bonds during the Seventh War Loan drive now in progress.

Guests of the club at the meeting were the Rev. Albert Simus and the Rev. Howard Dawkins. Miss Margaret Pearson sang a solo as part of the V-E program held.

## School Committee Elects Principal For High School

F. T. Johnson, County School Superintendent, announced today that E. C. Woodard, superintendent of Currituck County Schools for the past two years, had been elected as principal of Perquimans County High School for the year beginning next September. The election was made by the School Committee at a meeting held Tuesday night.

In addition to serving as principal at the high school, Mr. Woodard will also serve as district principal and will be in charge of the Hertford, Central and New Hope grammar schools.

Mr. Woodard will come to Perquimans on high recommendations. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and formerly taught schools at Chowan and Windsor before going to Currituck. He was available for the position here, due to Currituck's former superintendent being released from the armed forces and returning to resume the post as superintendent.

The action taken by the school committee, which is composed of H. C. Stokes, chairman, A. W. Hefren, secretary, Clarence C. Chappell, Delwin H. Fure and Dr. E. S. White, affirmed by the Board of Education at a meeting Wednesday.

Mr. Woodard is married and has one child. He expects to move his family to Hertford some time during the summer.

### Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans County's Recorder's Court recessed its regular term on Tuesday of this week in observance of V-E Day. Judge Charles E. Johnson announced that all cases docketed for hearing this week were continued to the May 14 term, and advised all defendants and witnesses to note this change of date for hearings scheduled for last Tuesday.

A number of cases were on the docket for this week, but the majority were for traffic violations. Local police report very little activity during the past week.

### OPA Announces New Shoe Stamp Soon

To help housewives and others in budgeting their remaining shoe stamps to fit the family needs, OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson has announced that another shoe stamp will be valid on August 1 for one pair of shoes per ration book holder.

The number of the new stamp has not yet been selected, but will be announced before August 1, he said.

Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 are now good and will continue valid indefinitely, he added.

### Ernest White Wins Inf. Combat Badge

Pvt. Ernest White, husband of Mrs. Annie Maude White of Hertford Route 3, has been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge after participating in the Colmar campaign in the European Theater of War, according to an announcement received here this week.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis Perry of Windsor announce the birth of a daughter, Joan Gregory, born Friday, May 4th. Mother and daughter are doing nicely. Mrs. Perry before her marriage was Miss Hattie Weaver Riddick.

## Announcement of Surrender of Germany Made Tuesday; Nazis Quit on Monday; Japs To Face Full Force

President Harry S. Truman, in announcing the unconditional surrender of Germany, thus ending the European phase of World War II, proclaimed Sunday, May 13, as a Day of Prayer and he urged all people of this nation to attend their church on that date and offer thanks for the ending of the hostilities in Europe and to pray for the men who died that victory might be won.

Special services are being arranged at local churches for Sunday in connection with the Day of Prayer observance and each church cordially invites everybody to attend the services.

The President's announcement of the Nazi surrender was made Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, simultaneously with similar announcements in London and Moscow, although the actual terms were signed by the Germans at Rheims, France, at 2:35 o'clock, French time, on Monday, May 7, ending the war after five years, eight months and six days of the greatest bloodshed and destruction the world has ever seen.

The news of the surrender was reported unofficially Monday afternoon but General Eisenhower's headquarters refused to confirm the report, and for its greatest news scoop in history, the Associated Press was suspended temporarily from activity in Europe. However, this suspension was lifted Tuesday.

The European part of World War II, which began with the invasion of Poland by the Germans in September, 1939, ended when the German chief of staff, Col. Gen. Jodl, appeared at General Eisenhower's headquarters, a little red brick school house in Rheims, France, and signed the surrender articles after 26 hours of conversations.

It marked the end of the German war machine, which for a period was the last the world had ever seen; it had overrun almost the entire continent of Europe and controlled all of the capitals except London and Moscow and the four neutral nations.

General Eisenhower was not present at the actual signing of the surrender, but later received the German admiral, Von Friedburg. The Germans stated the terms of surrender were harsh but called upon the German people to accept the burden because there was nothing else left for them to do.

Reports Tuesday morning stated that German elements in Czechoslovakia were still fighting on orders of a Nazi leader, who defied the German order to cease firing, but these troops are expected to be liquidated shortly.

President Truman in his announcement of the surrender reminded the American people that the peace in Europe does not end the entire war, for the Japanese continue to fight on in the Pacific. He called upon all Americans to continue to work at their war jobs and stated that the full force of American might would be thrown against the Japs to speed final victory as soon as possible.

## Special Election Monday To Decide Hertford Boundary

A special election called by the County Board of Elections to determine whether or not a certain tract of land at the western limits of the Town of Hertford shall be incorporated into the town will be held Monday, May 14.

Persons eligible to vote in the election are those residing in the Town of Hertford and the area affected by the election. The proposed extension of the Town's limits was voted by the General Assembly last February, subject to the outcome of the election next week.

The polls will open at the Court House in Hertford from 6:30 A. M. to 6:30 P. M. Eastern Standard time, or 7:30 to 7:30 Eastern War Time.

At the time the bill was passed by the Legislature it was understood there was little opposition to the proposal. However, since that time several property owners have voiced objections. The outcome will be decided by the votes cast on Monday.

Eligible voters are urged to vote in the election and to remember the time the polls will be open.