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## COUNTY TOPS ALL PREVIOUS BOND DRIVES IN SEVENTH; SALES MORE THAN MILLION

### Present Campaign to Close at Midnight on Saturday

With war bond sales topping the million dollar mark, the Perquimans War Finance Committee is closing the most successful war bond campaign conducted here since sale drives started in 1941.

R. M. Riddick, chairman of the group, announced Tuesday that the sale of E bonds during the Seventh War Loan totaled \$1,408,875, or slightly more than the \$1,300,000 quota. Sales of all types of bonds had reached the high figure of one million, twenty-seven thousand nine hundred and ten dollars.

The chairman pointed out that the Mighty Seventh War Loan will not close until midnight Saturday, and that all sales made up to that time will be counted on the total sold in Perquimans. He urged all county solicitors who have applications for bonds, not yet reported, to turn them in by tomorrow, so that the bonds may be issued and tallied during the Seventh War Loan.

It was explained that the excess sales here in Perquimans County will go toward helping the State meet its quota for this drive. Several counties of the State are lagging in bond sales and the State's showing will be made by adding the total sales made in all counties.

Mr. Riddick again expressed his appreciation to the people of the county for their cooperation with the War Finance Committee in making the Seventh Loan a complete success. He said, "We have done it again. We have maintained our leading position among the counties of the State in putting over bond issues and have helped make possible the financing of the war program against the enemy. Such response surely will help to hasten victory."

Persons who joined the 1800 Club during the past week by purchasing a \$100 war bond were: George Jackson, Mrs. George Jackson, Archie T. Lane, Jarvis Winslow, Leo Merrill, Mrs. Gertrude Moore, J. J. Moore, Lucille Anderson, Carol Anderson, Thomas Anderson, Faye Anderson, Charles E. White, Mrs. Charles E. White, Charles E. White, Jr., Mrs. Hattie Symons, John Jolliff, Wilma Jolliff and Dr. C. A. Davenport.

A meeting of the War Finance Committee is expected to be held some time next week for making a final check of sales during the drive and determining the winners of the prizes offered at the opening of the campaign. The winners will be announced as soon thereafter as possible.

## Specialist To Give Demonstration Here

Howard R. Garriss, Extension Plant Pathologist from North Carolina State College, will spend Wednesday, July 11, in Perquimans County and will assist in conducting two peanut dusting demonstrations for the control of peanut leaf spot and leaf hoppers. Mr. Garriss has been supervising the peanut dusting program in North Carolina for a number of years, all during the experimental stage, and is well qualified to advise farmers relative to dusting peanuts. There is no longer any question about the importance of dusting peanuts or the profits to be derived from the practice. It not only increases the quantity and quality of the nuts produced but also increases the quantity and quality of hay produced.

A dusting demonstration will be conducted on the farm of Freeman Long on Route 1, about one-half mile south of Hertford on the Burgess road, Wednesday morning, July 11, at 10 o'clock (war time). Another demonstration will be held on the Nixon farm in Old Neck community (operated by Floyd Matthews) on Route 3 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on the same date. The public is invited to attend either or both of these demonstrations and Mr. Garriss will be glad to explain the details of the program and answer any questions about peanut dusting. Peanut growers should learn all they can about dusting peanuts as it is profitable, inexpensive and requires little extra labor.

## Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans County's Recorder Court was in recess this week due to the absence from the city, on business, of Judge Charles E. Johnson.

All cases set for hearing this week were continued until the next term of court, July 10th.

## County Council Meet Scheduled For Saturday

The July meeting of the Council of Perquimans County Home Demonstration Clubs will be held Saturday afternoon, July 7, at 3:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the agriculture building, Miss Frances Maness, County Home Agent, stated today.

In addition to the business session, fourteen 4-H girls will model dresses that they have made as part of 4-H Club work. Prizes will be awarded the winners in the dress contest.

Following the meeting refreshments will be served by the 4-H Club girls.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Between 450 and 500 American B-29s hit four more Jap cities in an air attack on July 4, raining down 3,000 tons of fire bombs upon vital industrial areas. The bombing by the superforts are not only causing havoc with Japan's industry, but reports show that the attacks are hitting the Nips' food supply. Tokyo this week announced another 10 per cent reduction in rations.

Australian troops are advancing steadily with their attack in Borneo, and are nearing the important port of Balikpapan. The Jap opposition in the area is reported light. Two more airfields in this area have been captured by the forces under the direct command of General MacArthur. Japanese admit that Tokyo is practically wiped off the map, with only 200,000 of its seven million people remaining within its charred limits.

American troops of the famed Second Armored Division rode into Berlin on July 3 to take over the American zone of occupation of the German capital. American newsmen reported downtown Berlin was wrecked but some outlying districts are fairly well intact. The Russians announced Wednesday that the body of Goebbels had been identified despite the efforts of SS troopers to burn the remains.

Reports from Washington indicate that the United Nations charter, adopted at San Francisco, for setting up a permanent peace machine will receive a majority vote in the U. S. Senate. President Truman has urged the upper House to speed the vote on the proposal. Following the close of the San Francisco conference Secretary of State Stettinius resigned his office and the President immediately named James F. Byrnes, assistant to President Roosevelt, to the post. The nomination was passed in the Senate within a few minutes.

Harry Hopkins, for 12 years an aid to President Roosevelt, left government service this week when he resigned a post as assistant to the President. Hopkins had recently returned to this country from a conference in Moscow. President Truman accepted the resignation with regret.

## Eldon Winslow Home After Liberation

Eldon Winslow, gunner with the Army Air Force, arrived in Hertford Monday night to visit relatives and friends after being liberated from an enemy prisoner of war camp in Europe.

Mr. Winslow was reported missing in action March 25, but a short time later was reported liberated. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Winslow and his aunt, Mrs. Riddick Chappell, resides here.

## Ceiling Prices On Used Cars Lowered

Prospective used car buyers were advised to look for the lower ceiling price tags on all used cars offered for sale, in a statement issued by OPA District Director Theodore S. Johnson.

Johnson reminded buyers that ceiling prices of all used cars were reduced four per cent on July 1st, in line with OPA's policy of taking normal depreciation into consideration. New ceiling prices will be figured to the nearest even dollar, he said.

Ceiling prices on equipment for which extra charges may be made were also reduced four per cent at the same time, Johnson added.

## Local Army Nurse Weds Lieutenant At Lawson Hospital

### Lt. Katherine Stephens Bride of Lt. Alvin C. Hall, U. S. Army

A romance which began in the Fijian Islands three years ago culminated June 29 at the Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., when Lieut. Katherine E. Stephens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Stephens of Hertford became the bride of Lieut. Alvin C. Hall, of Birmingham, Ala.

The ceremony was performed in Ward B of the hospital, where the bridegroom is a patient, recovering from malaria contracted in the Fijian and an amputated leg, lost because of shrapnel wounds received on Luzon Island.

The ceremony, performed by Lieut. Col. Eugene Alexander, chaplain at Lawson, could not have been more sacredly solemn had the vows been spoken at a cathedral altar. And the musical prelude, "Because" and "I Love You Truly," sung by Sgt. Earl W. Printz, lost none of its traditional appeal in the setting of hospital beds and tables where baskets of gladioli lined the "aisle."

As the wedding march began on a tiny portable organ, the bride, trim in her beige uniform and carrying an orchid bouquet, entered on the arm of Lieut. William Schellings, a patient at the hospital.

The groom's bed was rolled forward and the double ring ceremony was performed.

The 29-year-old officer from Birmingham, Ala., propped on his pillow, and the 28-year-old nurse from Hertford had too much to remember for gaiety, but the joy was there in their quiet smiles.

Their war was won—their war against malaria in the Fijian, against the enemy shrapnel that took Lieut. Hall's left leg at Luzon and the sniper's bullet in his right leg, which is now in a cast—their war against time and distance.

For Lieut. Stephens remained in the Fijian when her sweetheart was sent to New Georgia and on into the Philippine campaign, and then she was transferred to Walter Reed hospital in Washington. But they wrote to each other every day for two and a half years, the bride said.

They had become engaged within six months after meeting. And now, on leave from Walter Reed, Mrs. Hall will visit her husband every day while she is here, as he is unable to leave his bed.

So they took the showers of rice and the impatient jibes of the guests, shouting, "When can we kiss the bride?" with quiet laughter. Together they cut the wedding cake. And the wedding luncheon was happily eaten from hospital trays.

## Lightning Strikes; Plant Damaged

The Town of Hertford and territory served with electric power by the Town was without power for approximately three hours Monday when lightning struck and damaged the municipal plant.

The lightning struck the main line carrying current into the plant and burned this line in half. The bolt set fire to a radio in the building and to a window frame.

Town employees worked for more than two hours and finally restored electric power at about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. The amount of damage at the plant had not been estimated by Mayor V. N. Darden pending further investigation of equipment.

## OPA Chairman Urges Public To Use Mail For Prompt Service

Persons in Perquimans County who apply for their gasoline, fuel oil, sugar and other rations by mail will receive prompt service from the War Price and Rationing Board, E. L. Winslow, chairman, said today.

It is estimated that ten applications received through the mail can be processed in the time it takes to process one application made in person, he pointed out.

By sending a penny postcard to the War Price and Rationing Board, applicants will save time, effort, shoe leather and tires, Mr. Winslow concluded.

PERQUIMANS LODGE WILL MEET ON TUESDAY NIGHT  
Perquimans Lodge, No. 6, A. F. & A. M., will have a regular meeting Tuesday night in the Court House. All members and visiting Masons are invited to be present.

## American Legion To Install Officers At Meeting Fri. Night

### V. N. Darden, Commander, Names Appointive Positions

All members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion are urged to attend the meeting of the Post Friday night at 8 o'clock, at the Agriculture Building, during which installation services for new officers will be conducted.

The officers, as well as delegates to the State Convention, were chosen at the Post meeting held in June.

Delegates to the convention are J. D. Cranford, V. N. Darden and S. G. Chappell, with R. C. Berry, Charles E. White and W. G. Hollowell as alternates.

Officers chosen by the Post members, who will be installed tonight are V. N. Darden, commander; J. R. Futrell, vice commander; R. R. White, vice commander; W. G. Hollowell, vice commander; B. C. Berry, adjutant.

The new commander has also announced the appointive positions and named the following members to those posts as follows: Finance officer, V. N. Darden; service officer, F. T. Johnson; assistant, B. C. Berry; guardianship officer, G. T. Roach; sergeant-at-arms, E. Lee Hurdle and Wayland Butler; chaplain, W. T. Willoughby; historian, Carrol W. Ward; athletic officer, Cecil W. White, child welfare officer, Anderson E. Layden; Americanism officer, J. D. Cranford; national defense officer, Charles F. Sumner, Jr.; graves registration officer, J. A. Perry; employment officer, Charles E. White; Boys' Scout officer, J. Oliver White; Boy Scout officer, William D. Cox; membership chairman, Shelton G. Chappell; publicity, B. C. Berry; oratorical contest officer, G. C. Buck and chairman Sons of Legion, C. A. Davenport.

Shelton G. Chappell is the outgoing post commander and he reported that at the end of June the total paid up membership of the local post was 83 members.

## Baptists To Conduct Youth Revival Here

The month of July is Youth and Home month in the Hertford Baptist Church. The pastor has planned a series of helpful messages which he will deliver at services during the month, leading up to the Youth Revival, scheduled to begin the fifth Sunday in the month. The Rev. Norfleet Gardner, of Henderson, N. C., husband of the former Mattie Macon White of Hertford, is to lead in this revival.

The Rev. H. G. Dawkins stated, "We especially encourage the young people to attend church services each Sunday and we extend a special invitation to the members to be faithful in attending all services and give their cooperation in making this month a forward step toward helping youth feel their responsibility to their church."

## 33 Motorists Issued Tire Certificates

Tire certificates were issued to 33 motorists at the last meeting of the Perquimans Ration Board, Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Board, stated Monday.

Passenger type permits were issued to E. J. Proctor, W. E. Faulkner, W. F. Madre, G. H. Hunter, Dixie Belle Brothers, Roy Winslow, S. H. Manley, George Eure, Ray Bacus, R. B. Thach, Mary Ward, Mamie Stallings, Forest Felton, B. E. Emmons, C. D. Rountree, Mrs. T. S. White, M. M. Spivey, Margaret Pearson, William Beaman, E. W. Daughtry, Louis Nachman, J. C. Layden, J. A. Sutton, Sarah C. White, W. C. Morgan and J. F. Coffey.

Truck type: J. W. Pierce, Elmer Chappell, Winslow Oil Co., Riddick & Roach, Perquimans County Schools, R. B. Thursday and Ashley Jordan.

## Notified Son Died In Germany April 1

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blanchard received a telegram from the War Department last Saturday notifying them that their son, William, died in Germany on April 1, this year.

The family had previously received word that the youth had died on March 1, while located in a Nazi prisoner of war camp. The message received here last week was official and stated a letter of details followed.

## COMMISSIONERS SET TAX RATE FOR YEAR; NAME NEW DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR

### Board Sets Date For Opening Of Schools

School children must make the most of the remaining days of their summer vacation, for the Board of Education, at a meeting last Monday, set the date for opening the county schools for the 1945-46 term.

Superintendent F. T. Johnson announced Tuesday that the county schools would open Monday, September 3, for the new semester, and barring unseen events, continue throughout the nine months term.

He added that he had received several applications regarding the vacancies in the local school system, but to date none of the vacancies had been filled.

## Welfare Department Reports Increase In Payments To Needy

As the State and its counties prepare to go into another fiscal year, North Carolina public welfare agencies look forward to even greater accomplishments in 1945-46 than in the past year.

During the past 12 months Perquimans County has increased its average payment monthly to needy aged persons from \$9.59 to \$12.00. The state-wide average has gone up from \$10.67 to \$12.50, according to Mrs. Sarah B. Perry, county welfare superintendent.

In this county there were 94 persons receiving old age assistance last June as compared with 101 this month.

Perquimans County has increased its monthly average grant to families of dependent children from \$24.16 to \$26.84 for the 19 families now receiving aid. A year ago there were 19 families receiving this aid.

A year ago there were 91 private homes in North Carolina in which children could be boarded temporarily while arrangements were being made for their permanent care. Now there are 121 homes although a good number of them are in some of the more populous counties.

Perquimans County has not established such a home within the past year but every effort is being made to provide at least one during the coming year, Mrs. Perry said this week.

Mrs. Perry said she had been advised by the State Board of Public Welfare at Raleigh that 39 of the 139 city jails and lockups had been inspected during the year along with all county homes and county jails.

## New Ceiling Price Lists Available At Ration Board Office

Complete lists of the legal ceiling prices on all grades and cuts of meat, printed in a convenient size that will fold to fit the purse, have been received in a limited quantity at the War Price and Rationing Board, E. L. Winslow, chairman, said today.

Housewives and shoppers may obtain these lists by sending in person at the local War Price and Rationing Board or by sending a penny postcard, he explained.

"We are placing in the hands of consumers a simple and powerful weapon to help smash black market in meat," Mr. Winslow said.

Prices shown on the Consumer Meat Price List are the highest that may be charged regardless of the size of the store, he pointed out.

"Housewives can immediately help relieve the maldistribution of meat and stamp out black market, simply by refusing to pay more than the ceiling prices listed and by reporting all evidence of black market operations to OPA," he said.

The chairman also stated a supply of the new booklets containing price information for farmers, on certain food items offered for sale are also available at the ration office.

## Local Firm To Build Farm Equipment Plant

J. C. Blanchard and Company will shortly begin construction of a new building to house the sales rooms and repair parts of their farm implement business, it was announced here this week.

The new building will be constructed at the rear of their store on Church street. The original Blanchard's store, now situated on the lot, will be torn down and replaced by the new structure.

Work on the building is expected to get under way about the first part of August.

## Tax Rate Remains at Same Figure; Minor Changes In Budget

Perquimans County's tax rate for 1946 will remain at \$1.50 per hundred dollar valuation as a result of action taken by the board of county commissioners at their meeting held Monday morning.

W. F. C. Edwards reviewed a tentative budget, which is expected to be adopted by the board at a meeting in August, based on the dollar fifty rate which showed sufficient returns to meet the county expense for the next fiscal year.

The only change made in the budget was a minor one, which deducted one cent from the fund for aid to dependent children and this was added to the fund for the expenses of the Welfare Department.

Largest item in the budget is the debt service fund calling for ninety cents of the entire tax rate. This is used to meet the interest and principal payments of the county's indebtedness.

The board named W. F. C. Edwards as delinquent tax collector, succeeding Charles Whedbee who held the office until his death last week. No action was taken by the commissioners in naming an attorney for the county to fill that office also held by Mr. Whedbee.

On motion it was ordered that the county would renew its contract with the State for the continuation of the Fire Control program in Perquimans, and it was ordered that the costs of this program, \$1,200 annually, be set up in the budget.

J. W. Ward, tax supervisor, stated that the total valuation in the county had increased approximately two hundred thousand dollars over last year. The valuation is now approximately six million, four hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. Ward was authorized to request the State Highway Commission to close a certain road, leading off the Center Hill road, crossing the lands owned by Jack Sutton and to turn over the land to Mr. Sutton. This action was taken on conditions promised at the time the Center Hill road was hard surfaced several years ago. The portion of road requested closed has no direct traffic and is not a part of the highway system. The commissioners also heard a complaint regarding the Lake road, in Parkville township, and were requested to urge the highway department to widen this road.

## Saturday Last Day For 4-H Clubbers To Sign Up For Camp

Saturday, July 2, will be the last day for County 4-H Club members to sign up for the camp to be held at Jamestown, Virginia, August 6 through August 11. Miss Frances Maness, County Home Agent, stated Tuesday.

Forty-two club members have already signed up to attend the camp, Miss Maness said, and there remains eight openings for 4-H Clubbers who want to attend the outing, which will be made up of groups from Perquimans, Camden, Pasquotank and Chowan counties. Each county has been allotted a quota of 50 members.

The home agent stated that an application fee of two dollars must be handed in at the time the application to attend the camp is made. Applications will be received through Saturday at the home agent's office or at the office of L. W. Anderson, farm agent.

## Sweet Potato Show Scheduled Next Week

J. Y. Lassiter, horticultural extension specialist from North Carolina State College will be in Perquimans County on Thursday morning, July 12, and will give a demonstration at 10 o'clock in the cultivation and "hilling" of sweet potatoes, using a plow with "vine turners" attached, on the farm of Clarence Chappell, Belvidere, Route 2, near Lonesome Pine Service Station, about two miles northwest of Belvidere.

Mr. Lassiter is a specialist in the production of sweet potatoes and will be glad to answer any questions relative to the problems involved in producing, storing and marketing sweet potatoes. The public is invited to attend the demonstration and those farmers interested in the production of sweet potatoes are urged to attend.