

THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE UPBUILDING OF HERTFORD AND PERQUIMANS COUNTY.

Volume XII.—Number 30.

Hertford, Perquimans County, North Carolina, Friday, July 27, 1945.

\$1.50 Per Year.

Ration Book Five To Be Issued During December, Says OPA

Coupons In Book Valid After First of Year; New Gas Book, Too

War Ration Book Five, "smaller than a dollar bill" and containing just half as many stamps as the last book issued, will be distributed through the public schools in December, Theodore A. Johnson, Raleigh OPA district director, has announced. The new "A" gasoline ration book will be issued at the same time, he said.

Distribution, Johnson said, will take place from December 3 through December 15. The new "A" gasoline books will go into use December 22, and War Ration Book Five will be used soon after the first of the year for food rationing and for rationing of shoes.

The new book five will be a better book, Johnson said. It will be easier to carry and to handle. It will be just as long as book four but only half as wide. The number and arrangement of stamps is more convenient. The new stamps will be the same size, but will not have both a letter and a number as the present stamps do and OPA hopes the new edition will be the last of the series of wartime ration books, Johnson said.

One hundred and fifty million copies of book five are now being printed at approximately half the cost of the preceding book, Johnson said. The gigantic task of distribution is one that the teachers and school officials are fully equal to, he said, recalling the efficient way in which they handled the distribution of war ration book four.

At the current rate of making stamps good, Johnson explained—five red stamps and five blue stamps at the beginning of each month—war ration book five can last, if needed, about 15 months. Because of the enormous job required to print and distribute ration books for about 130 million people it was decided to be on the safe side and provide for this period and avoid the expense of having to get out still another book later.

Since war ration book five will not go into effect before January 1st, it will be necessary to use other stamps in book four as substitutes for processed food and meat fats during the interim period. Interim period use of shoe and sugar stamps will not be necessary, Johnson said, since the stamps provide for these items in books three and four will carry the programs without resort to substitutions.

War Ration Book Five will be the fourth war ration book to be distributed by school teachers and other volunteers, Johnson said. The first book was distributed May 4, 1942.

The new "A" gasoline book, the third issued under rationing, will differ from the present book only in color. The book will contain five sets of coupons, six coupons to a set numbered A-18 through A-23. Each set of coupons will cover a different period. The first set, numbered A-18, becomes good December 22, said Johnson.

Ration Board Issues Tire Certificates To 54 Car Owners

Clearing the office of all applications on hand for new tires, the Perquimans Ration Board passed on permits for 54 car owners, at its meeting last Saturday, Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Board, stated Monday.

Passenger-type tire permits were issued to Henry Jones, 2; O. T. Hogard, 2; W. E. Black, C. P. Davis, 2; L. B. Sitterton, Gilbert Eure, Ellis Stallings, Roy Pierce, 2; M. V. Walker, 2; W. S. Felton, Louis Felton, 2; Isaac Jordan, 2; Howard Williams, W. P. Davis, Alvin Copeland, Vassie Proctor, 2; Louis Proctor, 2; Charlie Dail, 2; Nixon Hollowell, Kenneth Miller, Thomas Winslow, Thomas Chappell, George Hollowell, 2; Linwood Winslow, J. E. Jordan, M. T. Griffin, 2; J. A. Carver, 2; Herbert Williams, Alton Moore, L. J. Winslow, J. V. Rountree, Johnnie White, 2; C. M. Harrell, Francis Taylor, P. M. Daston, Luther Reed, Robert Shippe, G. C. Fordyce, J. J. Moore, 2; Sammie Jones, Nathan Riddick, W. L. Jessup, Maxey Stallings, Robert Elliott, William Hollowell, the Rev. G. W. Gaines, and William Cox.

Truck type: D. F. Reed, W. H. Winslow, J. E. Ward, Ellis Lane, Nathan Riddick, Bill Fowler and George Winslow.

Making for the Japs



Two LCI's (Landing Craft Infantry) from a vast armada of American ships head for a beachhead on a Pacific Island. Your money for War Bonds helps to make these landings possible. Buy another \$100 War Bond.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

After several days of a news blackout concerning the U. S. Third Fleet, Admiral Halsey revealed that the fleet had struck at the Jap port of Kure and is now engaged in attacks in the Inland Sea, sinking and damaging the remainder of the Jap fleet. The Admiral's report stated that seven enemy warships, including the enemy's last two serviceable battle ships, have been damaged. Along with the attacks of the fleet's surface craft, the planes of the task force are continuing their attacks from the air. Radio Tokyo reported one northern Jap city was reduced to pitiful ruins. These blows by the Third Fleet were tied in with an attack by 620 Superforts of the 20th Air Force, which hit Japan Tuesday.

While the Third Fleet has been hitting at the Jap mainland, air groups under General MacArthur have been striking at Jap shipping and ports along the China coast. The Japs have attempted to break through Chinese army lines in the coastal areas to reform with isolated Jap troops, but these attempts are being foiled by the Chinese. Australian troops, aided by East Indian Dutch forces, have scored new gains against the Japs in Borneo.

The meeting of the Big Three at Potsdam, Germany, was recessed on Thursday to enable Churchill to return to England to receive the results of the British election held last month. The meeting will resume today and reports, although all unofficial due to a news blackout on the subject, indicate that Truman, Churchill and Stalin are making progress with the problems confronting the conference. One report stated that the meeting may close next week and that one group of American representatives have already left the scene.

The Army and Navy revealed new plans for discharging men from service. The Army says that shortly it will reduce the number of points needed by veterans to obtain a discharge and the Navy reports a system whereby older reserve officers and enlisted personnel may be discharged. Men must now have 85 points to obtain an Army discharge, while under the Navy plan a man scoring 53 points may be let out.

A London newspaper reported in a story Sunday that the United States has ignored three indirect peace feelers made by Japan through neutral channels. According to the story, the Japs have attempted to learn on what, if any, terms the U. S. will accept surrender. The story continued that no direct approach has been made to Washington. U. S. officials, the story stated, dismissed the indirect approaches as an attempt on the part of the Japs to unsettle American opinion and start a quarrel in this country over the question of giving Japan any peace terms.

Methodist Young People's Banquet Held Tuesday Night

About fifty young people of the First Methodist Church, from Winfall and New Hope, enjoyed a banquet at the church last Tuesday night. A splendid dinner was served by the ladies of the church and an interesting and helpful program was presented. The motto, "We Would be Building," was used as the general theme. Ruth Tucker, president of the Young Peoples' Department, presided and the program was led by Pauline Reavis, who gave readings, led songs and directed stunts put on by others. Horace Baker, of Winfall, rendered two piano selections.

Following the program of fun, the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor, introduced Frank M. Harris, of Elizabeth City, who brought a helpful message on the subject, "The Building of Personality." "Till We Meet Again" was sung and the Rev. J. D. Cranford, of Winfall, pronounced the benediction.

The young people had charge of the Vesper Service last Sunday evening with Chaplain Miller, NAAS, Harvey Point, as guest speaker and S. I. R. L. Hess as soloist. "The Place of the Young People in the Postwar World" was the general theme and Chaplain Miller brought a most inspiring message on that subject.

Vesper Services will be conducted next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock and a splendid program is being prepared. The program is entirely different each Sunday evening, and will continue through the month of August.

"Working Together" will be the subject of the sermon by the pastor at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning. The Vesper Service will take the place of the regular evening worship service.

Draft Board To Call Thirty Men In August

A total of 30 men will be called up by the local draft board during the month of August to undergo pre-induction examinations and to be inducted into military service, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, announced today.

There are four calls for the month: Two for white men and two for Negro registrants. The first white call is set for August 16, when ten selectees will be ordered up for induction. Fifteen white registrants will receive pre-induction calls for August 27.

Ten colored registrants will be called up for pre-induction examinations on August 8, and five men will be selected for induction on August 9. It was announced today by Mrs. Sumner that there will be no meeting of the local board on August 2, and persons desiring to have an interview on that date may do so at the meeting on August 8.

Open House Dance Scheduled At USO Club Tuesday Night

Service Personnel and Public Invited; Pins To Volunteers

Plans for an open house dance at which service personnel of this area and the public will be the guests are being formulated by the staff at Hertford's USO Club Edgar J. Hill, club director, stated this week.

The dance will be staged next Tuesday evening, July 31, from nine to eleven o'clock at the local USO Club rooms. Special invitations will be sent out to the large number of local residents who have served as volunteers at the USO Club during its operation. All service men, their wives and sweethearts are also invited to the event.

Mr. Hill stated that during the evening USO pins and certificates will be presented to the civilian volunteers who have given of their time to assist the staff at the USO in carrying on the operation of the club for the benefit of service men.

No further progress can be reported on the plan to convert the USO to a community conducted project at this time, but a proposal has been forwarded to regional USO offices for their consideration of the matter. Mr. Hill stated this week that in all probability the USO will continue operation under its present system until September 1. However, a few changes are announced in the staff.

Miss Margaret Pearson, who has been serving as staff assistant at the Club, will leave Hertford on August 1 to join the American Red Cross. She has been assigned to a hospital unit and will take a special training course at Washington, D. C., before assuming her duties. Mary Paschal White, who has had charge of the snack bar at the local club, has been released and has accepted a similar position at the Edenton USO Club. Pending further decisions about the Hertford USO, Mr. Hill will continue as director and Miss Bernice White will be assistant.

Despite a large number of Navy personnel being removed from the local base, attendance at the USO has continued good during the past week, Mr. Hill stated today.

Miss Mildred White Weds Ralph Layden In Home Ceremony

The wedding of Miss Mildred Irene White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. White of Hertford, to Ralph Lee Layden of Hertford, was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock. The Rev. Howard G. Dawkins, pastor of the bride, officiated, using the double ring ceremony. The vows were spoken in a candle light service before an improvised altar of white gladioli and palms, interspersed with candelabra.

During the ceremony a program of nuptial music was rendered by Mrs. R. M. Riddick and before the ceremony the soloist, Miss Pauline Reavis, sang "O Perfect Day" and "I Love You."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown of white faille, styled on old-fashioned lines with a deep yoke edged with a wide ruffle and bracelet-length sleeves. The gathered skirt, with ruffles the full length of the dress, extended from a basque bodice and formed a short train. Her finger-tip veil of imported illusion fell from a halo trimmed with white flowers. She carried a prayer book showered with white orchids and stephanotis.

Miss Marian White, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a gown of white satin and marquisette of old-fashioned design, fashioned after the bride's dress. Her headpiece was a picture hat which matched her dress. She wore long white net mittens and carried a nosegay of garden flowers.

Mrs. Ned Nixon, cousin of the bride, was mistress of ceremonies, wore an aqua dress with a corsage of pink roses.

The bride's mother was attired in a dress of black and white crepe and her flowers were a shoulder corsage of gardenias. The mother of the bridegroom wore a dress of black crepe and her flowers were red roses. The bride is a graduate of Eastern Carolina Teachers College, Greenville. (Continued on Page Six)

NAVY CONSIDERS CLOSING HARVEY POINT AIR STATION; NO DEFINITE STATEMENT

Health Department To Hold Clinics Soon

The Perquimans County Health Department today released the schedule of typhoid clinics to be conducted during the early part of next month. The schedule of clinics, time and location are published elsewhere in this issue.

Parents are urged to clip the schedule and to bring their children to the clinic nearest their homes.

Recorder's Court Has Long Session After Week Recess

Varied Docket Contained Number of Traffic Cases

After a week's recess, due to the illness of County Prosecutor J. S. McNider who was able to resume his duties this week, the Perquimans Recorder's Court was in a long session Tuesday, clearing the docket of a varied number of cases.

Charlie Nixon, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to driving without a license and paid the costs of court.

Wilbur Phthisic was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and exposing his person in public. He was fined \$10 and costs.

Willie Webb was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the costs of court, after pleading guilty to assault on a female.

Fred Cox was taxed with court costs on a charge of speeding.

Ruby Midgette, charged with parking on the highway, was ordered to pay the costs of court.

John Webb was taxed with the court costs on a charge of driving with insufficient brakes.

Sherman Overton, Negro, was fined \$30 and costs, after pleading guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

Henry Foreman, Negro, was fined \$10 and ordered to pay court costs, after pleading guilty to being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest.

Howard Blanchard, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to assault on a female and he was fined \$25 and ordered to pay the costs.

Malachi Ashley was fined \$10 and costs on a charge of speeding and driving with insufficient brakes.

John Everett, Negro, was found guilty of permitting chickens to run at large. He was ordered to pay the court costs.

William White, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs on a charge of illegal use of a spotlight.

David Spivey was taxed with the costs of court on a charge of driving with insufficient brakes.

Joe Winslow, Negro, was assessed costs of court on a charge of beating a board bill.

James Randolph, Negro, paid the costs of court on a charge of driving with insufficient brakes.

James Overton, Negro, paid the (Continued on Page Two)

Flight Surgeon Says Thanks To Hertford For Hospitality

With the exodus of Hedron 5-2 from the Harvey Point Auxiliary Air Station, Flight Surgeon Lieut. Francis N. Taylor, USNR, in a letter to Mayor V. N. Darden, expressed his appreciation and those of his fellow officers for the courtesy and hospitality shown them by the people of the Town of Hertford during their stay here.

In his letter to Mayor Darden, Lieut. Taylor stated: "On the eve of our departure from Hertford I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the people of Hertford for the courtesy and hospitality that has been shown us of the Navy while we were privileged to make our home among you."

"I have been present in your civic clubs, a guest in your homes and a constant visitor in your churches, and I leave realizing that it has been by far the most enjoyable stay that I have had at any station since enlisting in the service three years ago."

"I feel that I express the sentiments of my fellow officers and hope that you will pass the word on to our friends that we leave behind."

"Mrs. Taylor and my two little girls join me in my appreciation."

Personnel at Base Reduced During Past Week; Report RFC May Take Over Location

The Navy Department, in an announcement made early this week at Washington, is considering the closing of the Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Harvey Point. A spokesman added, however, that there was nothing further that the Navy could say on the subject at this time.

It has been known here for some time that changes were in the air at Harvey Point, and during the past week large numbers of the personnel and some of the equipment have been removed from the local base. Rumors have been numerous regarding the action being taken, but no definite announcement as to the status of the base has been made.

It has been learned from an unofficial, but reliable source, that the location of the base and the facilities that remain may be turned over to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which is a government agency handling a great part of the disposal of surplus government property. Another unofficial report states that the original date for closing the base has been set back to an undisclosed date.

Harvey Point NAAS has been in commission slightly longer than 25 months and cost an estimated three million dollars. Work at the base was begun in November, 1942, and the station was commissioned June 15, 1943, with Lieut. Comdr' W. C. Kaiser as commanding officer. He was relieved of the station command late in 1943 and Lieut. Comdr' John Staub was assigned the post. Mr. Staub retired from service late last year and Lieut. Comdr' Mills was given the command at Harvey Point.

During its period of operation a large number of Naval personnel at Harvey Point have lived in Hertford and many friendships were cemented between local residents and the service men. A high standard of cooperation was achieved between the people of the town and the men at the station and the residents here have always regretted the time when the service groups have moved on to other stations.

Youth Revival At Baptist Church To Begin Next Monday

The Rev. Norfleet Garner, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Henderson, will be the guest minister at a series of services which open on Monday evening at the Hertford Baptist Church. These services will continue through August 5. During the revival special emphasis will be placed upon the youth of the community, and a special invitation is issued to all young people, regardless of their denominations, to take part in the programs. Adults are also invited to all services.

Each evening from 7:30 until 8 o'clock discussion groups will be held at the church for the purpose of discussing problems or questions any one may present. The adults will be led by the Rev. H. G. Dawkins, the young people by the Rev. Mr. Gardner and the juniors by Miss Marjorie White. On Wednesday and Friday, of the week following, the worship services, there will be a fellowship meeting for the young people. Group singing and recreation will be the feature of these meetings.

The Rev. Mr. Dawkins, pastor of the local church, has stated that this revival is not only for Baptists but that all parents are urged to attend the services and to encourage their children in attendance, with the hope that the young people may obtain a better vision of Christ and His task.

The Rev. Mr. Gardner has announced that his messages for the week will be as follows: Monday, "The Hope of the World"; Tuesday, "Why Men Fail"; Wednesday, "Alibis"; Thursday, "Supreme Revelations"; Friday, "Human Nature Can Be Changed"; Saturday, "What It Costs to be a Christian"; and on Sunday, "Life's Greatest Struggle and Reflecting the Glory of Christ."

CHAPLAIN TO SPEAK HERE ON SUNDAY

Lieut. Comdr' Miller, chaplain at the Harvey Point Air Station, will be the guest speaker at the evening services at the Hertford Baptist Church on Sunday, July 29. The public is cordially invited to attend.