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## Plans Being Readied For School Opening On September 3rd

### Two Vacancies Still Exist on Teachers List At High School

Plans for opening Perquimans County's schools on Monday, September 3, are rapidly being formulated and all school buildings in the county are now undergoing a clean-up in preparation for the beginning of the next school term, F. T. Johnson, superintendent of schools, stated this week.

The major problem still facing the superintendent is locating two more teachers to fill vacancies which still exist on school faculties. One of these vacancies is the French position at the high school, and Mr. Johnson has stated that all attempts to fill this position to date has failed. He said he had driven hundreds of miles seeking teachers, but the severe shortage of teachers over the entire State is causing all schools trouble in locating a sufficient number of teachers.

Two of the county schools, the Central Grammar School and the Hertford colored schools are expected to be re-roofed some time before the opening of the school term. Both of these buildings need new roofs and they will be repaired as soon as the contractor can get to the projects.

E. C. Woodard, who was elected to serve as principal of the white schools, is expected to arrive in Hertford this week. He and Mr. Johnson will make a survey of all bus routes, but it is expected that the school bus routes will remain about the same as they were last year.

## Applications For Tires Off This Week

Perquimans County's Ration Board had fewer applications for new tires this past week than for some time, and when the Board completed its meeting last Saturday afternoon 28 motorists were ordered to receive permits to purchase tires.

Passenger type certificates were issued to James Jordan, Irv Stallings 2, Robert Brinn 2, Henry C. Sullivan, M. T. Griffin 2, Charlie Umphlett, King A. Williams, F. A. McGoogan, W. R. Webb, Thomas Jenkins, Sarah B. Perry 2, Arthur Lane, Louis Western 2, Edgar J. Hill 2, Amy Thompson, T. E. Mansfield, G. W. Baker 2, H. G. Dauritz 2, Johnnie Phillips, Beulah Wilson 2, Charles Willford 2, Floyd Modin 2, W. G. Riddick 2, Melvin Rogerson and F. S. Long 2.

Truck type: M. J. Layden 2, Marion Copeland and T. M. Twine.

## FSA Launches Safety Drive For Borrowers

Realization that more farm people were killed by accidents the first two years of the present war than the number of fighting men killed during that period in the war itself, has focused attention on the necessity for farm safety activities throughout the year, A. Houston Edwards, County FSA supervisor, has announced.

The FSA is conducting a vigorous campaign on an annual basis to prevent accidents on the farm and in the home of borrowers.

Both farm and home supervisors will make safety a part of their regular work toward the rehabilitation of farm families, Mr. Edwards said. On regular visits to borrowers supervisors will bring to their attention any evident hazards. Appropriate notations will be made regarding the type and seriousness of hazards and recommendations made for their elimination. On later visits supervisors will make further checks on progress in correction.

Supervisors can provide farm families with a simple but effective check list which enables them to discover many existing hazards. Farm operators will have additional ideas to supplement the list. Statistics show that deaths from farm work accidents amount to 25 per cent of all occupational deaths, and that the three greatest hazards existing on farms are dangers from fire, carelessness in handling livestock and in the operation of power-driven equipment.

Mr. Edwards said additional precautions on the safety check list are prevent falls, preventing accidents in the home, availability of first-aid materials and familiarity with their use. "Inspection points the way to protection," Mr. Edwards said, "the safe practice is to locate danger spots on the farm and in the home and get rid of them."

## BROTHERS MEET ON OKINAWA



Pictured here are two brothers, Roy and Monroe Hoffer, sons of Mrs. Lizzie Hoffer, of Hertford, who recently held a reunion on the island of Okinawa, after being separated from each other for three years. Roy is stationed aboard an LST, while Monroe is serving with a Seabee outfit in the Pacific.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

World-chattering news was released to the public this week when the report of the atomic bomb was made by President Truman. Scientists, for years, have been attempting to solve the secret of atomic power, and that this secret has been uncovered in America and put to war use means that the Allies now have the most powerful weapon the world has ever known. The first atomic bomb was dropped on Japan, at a military base, on Sunday and reports indicate the destruction was so great the entire city was wiped from the earth. It is believed that a new ultimatum will now be handed the Japanese nation to surrender or face the prospects of having their country blown to bits. Washington officials say the solving of the atomic power has cost two billion dollars and that the production of the bomb has been going on for three years. A sufficient number of the bombs are reported ready for use against the Japanese.

Reports from Tokyo state the Jap cabinet held emergency sessions on Monday and Tuesday, but no news was released regarding the destruction by the atomic bomb which hit Japan Sunday. The Japs have called the bomb a diabolical weapon and admitted great damage. Across the world, in London, Prime Minister Attlee also called his cabinet into session, probably to outline the powerful new weapon at the disposal of the Allies.

President Truman arrived back in this country Monday from the meeting of the Big Three at Potsdam. He is now back at Washington and is expected to make a radio address to the nation, giving details of the Potsdam conference. A large list of domestic and international problems will claim the attention of the President for the next several days. Included in the problems are reconversion, release of critically needed men from the Army and possibly reduction of the size of the army.

Senator Hiram Johnson, one of the leading isolationists in the Senate for 28 years, died in Washington this week. Johnson represented the State of California and was one of the leaders who fought U. S. entry into the League of Nations.

American carrier planes continued to tighten the blockade of the Japanese mainland this week, striking along the China coast at Jap shipping while other warplanes carried out attacks at enemy targets in the Pacific. The Chinese land forces have also continued their attack at Jap positions. Chinese troops are now driving toward Canton and have captured two more objectives from the Japs.

### ACCEPTS POSITION

Miss Mary Helene Newby has returned home from New York, where she has been employed and has accepted a position with the Aemarle Electric Membership Corporation.

## County Board Holds Routine Session; White Reappointed

The board of commissioners for Perquimans County met in a routine business session last Monday morning, and received another petition for additional work on county roads. The petition, presented this week, requests the State Highway Commission to work the Swamp Road, in Belvidere Township and to arrange a better system of drainage for the roadway than it now has.

The board reappointed C. B. White as superintendent of the County Home for a period of one year. Following the adjournment of the meeting, members of the official county family, including the commissioners and other officials, gathered at the county home for a delicious dinner tendered the officials by Mr. and Mrs. White.

## Montgomery-Mathews Vows Spoken Saturday

The marriage of Miss Christine Mathews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Matt Mathews, to Jack Montgomery, son of Mrs. C. A. Rowe, of Roanoke, Va., took place Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Baptist Church with the Rev. Howard Dawkins officiating. The church was decorated with palms and summer flowers. Mrs. Fred Mathews played the wedding music. Before the ceremony Miss Ruth Tucker sang "I Love You Truly."

The bride wore a dressmakers suit of light blue and a corsage of gardenias. She had as her matron of honor and only attendant her sister, Mrs. Richard Cone, who wore a yellow gabardine suit and a corsage of Talisman roses.

Walter Purdy was best man. After the wedding the couple took a short wedding trip to Roanoke, Va.

## To Preach Sunday At Baptist Church

Rev. Frank Cale, former pastor of the Rocky Hock church, will be the guest minister at the Hertford Baptist Church on Sunday, August 12, filling the pulpit in the absence of the Rev. H. G. Dawkins, who is away on vacation.

The Rev. Mr. Cale is now studying at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and his many friends are looking forward to renewing their friendship with his appearance here.

The Sunday evening services on the date will be in form of a youth program with the young people of the church taking a part in the service. The public is cordially invited to both services.

**BURGESS CLUB HAS FISH FRY**  
The Burgess Home Demonstration Club members and families and many invited guests had a most pleasant recreational meeting in the form of a fish fry at Newbold's Beach Thursday afternoon.

Bathing and boat riding were enjoyed, after which fish, corn bread, slaw, ice tea and ice cream were served.

## Manslaughter Case Continued To Oct. Term Lower Court

### Varied Docket Consumes Little Time Tuesday Morning

Harold Kiky, former Harvey Point sailor, will be given a preliminary hearing on a charge of manslaughter in the Perquimans Recorder's Court October 23. The case was continued on agreement of the State and defendant's attorney, due to the defendant's physical condition. Kiky was riding a motorcycle on route 17, near Wadville early in July when the motorcycle swerved from the road and struck two Negroes, one of them, Clyde Seymour, died from injuries received in the accident. Since the accident, Kiky has been under the care of the Naval doctors.

A varied docket of minor cases consumed little of the Recorder's Court's time at the session here Tuesday morning. Besides continuing the Kiky case, Judge Johnson passed judgement on seven other defendants.

Court costs were assessed against the prosecuting witness in the case charging Robert Key, Negro, with assault.

Jim Williams, Negro, plead guilty to being drunk and paid the costs of court.

Addie Mae Jones and Laura Umphlett, both colored, were charged with assault and assault with a deadly weapon. Court costs were charged to the prosecuting witnesses.

Ross Hampton was ordered to pay the costs of court on a charge of speeding.

Clarence Roughton was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the costs after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Roy Hodges was taxed with the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of operating a car without a license.

## W. H. Oakey Buys Insurance Agency

Major Walter H. Oakey, who recently returned to Hertford after being placed on the inactive duty list of the U. S. Marine Corps, has purchased the insurance agency owned by Edgar Fields. Mr. Oakey will assume control of the agency on September 1.

In addition to handling the local insurance agency, Mr. Oakey will resume his practice of law, and his offices will be in the same location as the insurance business.

Prior to entering the service with the Marine Corps in 1940, Mr. Oakey was connected with the legal department of the Federal Trade Commission in Washington. Before that he practiced law in Hertford and served as judge of the Perquimans recorder's court for about eight years.

## Crop Report Shows Cotton, Peanuts Hurt

Outlook of crops in this county remains none too good, according to a weather-crop report issued this week by the State's USDA Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

According to the report, at least two inches of rain fell in the county last week, and soils continue too wet for peanuts. Little progress has been made against grassy conditions and many farmers consider the crop laid by. Hot temperatures and rains have caused rapid cotton growth, with fruiting not up to expectation. Weevil infestation is causing anxiety among most farmers. The prospects for a good corn crop in the county still exist.

### HOLY TRINITY PASTOR LEAVES FOR VACATION

Services at Holy Trinity Parish in Hertford will be discontinued until further notice, the Rev. E. T. Jilson, rector, announced this week.

Mr. Jilson will leave this week for a vacation and stated that an announcement would be made when services are resumed.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Lieut. and Mrs. H. R. Christensen announce the birth of a daughter, born Monday, August 6th, at the Naval Hospital in Weeksville. Mrs. Christensen, before her marriage, was Miss Florence Darden. Mother and daughter are getting along nicely.

### AT BEREIA CHURCH

Revival services will begin at Berea Christian Church Monday night, August 13, at 8:30 o'clock.

The pastor, the Rev. Preston Cayton, will conduct this meeting. The public is cordially invited to come hear him.

## ARMY TASK FORCE BRIEF NEWS EDITORS ON PROBLEMS FACED IN JAPANESE WAR

### RUSSIA AT WAR

Russia declared war on Japan, effective August 9, according to news released by officials in Moscow on Wednesday. The Jap ambassador was notified by Russian authorities that inasmuch as the Japanese failed to accept the Allied peace proposal, the Russian government felt its duty to join the war to hasten peace.

Following the handing of the declaration of war to the Japanese, Red troops attacked Jap installations along the Manchukuo border, and it was reported some Russian planes joined in the attack. The action of Russia now cuts Japan off from many resources and tightens the blockade placed by the Allies. Many officials in Washington believe the Russian entry into the war, along with the attack by the atomic bomb, will shorten the war considerably.

## Hertford Seaman Cited For Saving Shipmate's Life

Julian H. Broughton, Coxswain, U. S. Naval Reserve, son of Mrs. Vera Broughton of Hertford, has been commended by James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, for conspicuous gallantry in rescuing a shipmate from death by drowning in San Pedro Bay, in the Philippine Islands, on February 9, 1945.

Coxswain Broughton, attached to the USS Lloyd, received the commendation and ribbon for his heroic work in saving the life of a buddy from Captain Hunter Wood, Jr., assistant director of enlisted performance division.

The commendation reads: "The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending Julian Harold Broughton, Coxswain, USNR, for action set forth in the following citation:

"For conspicuous gallantry in rescuing a shipmate from death by drowning in San Pedro Bay, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on the ninth of February, 1945. Broughton, serving aboard an APD, witnessed the accident when the coxswain of a boat which was being hoisted was thrown into the water, striking and severely bruising his leg on the rail of the ship. Knowing that his friend could not swim, he unhesitatingly went to his assistance, diving into the bay fully clothed and swimming through the choppy waters to his side, where he supported and aided him back to his ship. Broughton's courageous conduct and complete disregard for his personal safety in this emergency were in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Navy service."

"A copy of the citation has been made a part of Broughton's official record and he is happily authorized to wear the Commendation Ribbon."

Broughton has a twin brother who served sometime aboard a ship in the South Pacific and was recently stationed in Washington.

## Mrs. Jake White Sells Millinery Business

One of Hertford's older businesses changed hands this week when Mrs. Jake White sold her millinery interest to Simon Rutenburg. Mrs. White, who has served the ladies of this county and the surrounding territory with millinery for the past 28 years, plans to retire from business. In announcing her retirement from business Mrs. White expressed her appreciation to her many friends and customers for their patronage over the period of years and stated it had been a great pleasure to her to serve them.

## Firemen Answer Call To Major-Loomis Mill

Hertford's Volunteer Firemen answered a call to the Major-Loomis Lumber Company last Friday to aid in extinguishing a blaze discovered at the fuel house which burned several weeks ago.

The cause of the new blaze was undetermined and the loss was not estimated. The mill is still closed pending repairs to the damage.

### FRACTURES HIP

Miss Helen Gaither, who broke her hip last week when she fell in her home, is at the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, and is getting along nicely.

## Supplying Troops In Pacific Presents Tremendous Job

An army task force, comprised of four overseas veterans, outlined to newspaper editors, at a meeting held at Rocky Mount Sunday, the problems facing the United States in writing the end to the war with Japan.

The old bottleneck, logistics, which held up for two and one half years the show down battles with the Germans is again showing up in the plans drawn to defeat Japan. Logistics, as explained by Colonel Cyril Bassich, veteran of the North African and Italian campaigns, one of the speakers on the program, is the art of getting the right number of men with the right amount of materiel at the right place at the right time. Colonel Bassich outlined the tremendous problem facing the army in supplying the vast numbers of troops in the Pacific. He stated that by next year the Army will have more men fighting the Japs in the Pacific than were used in the European war. Service personnel are now being re-deployed to areas to set up huge warehousing spaces needed for the mountains of supplies to be shipped to the Pacific for the use of our army. In this matter the United States must prepare these areas from scratch. Unlike in Europe, where England was used as an arch or for one end of a conveyor belt and where huge supplies were stored up for the fight against the Nazis, there is now no such area in the Pacific and even though the Philippines no doubt will be used largely for this purpose, these islands are still 1,500 miles from Japan and supplies must be carried over the distance, which will require time and much of it in keeping troops supplied.

The Army expects to cut back orders on certain types of war materiel but on the other hand, orders have already been increased on many others. One such item increased is cotch slaves. The Army estimated the need for five million of these for the next year, but this order has been increased to 15 million. War production of medium tanks, jeeps and other items will be cut down but other steel items such as ducks, used to transport supplies from ships to shore, mortar shells and incendiary bombs will be increased greatly.

Other speakers on the program were Major Harry Van Arman, a veteran of the Fourth Armored Division which participated in the breakthrough at St. Lo and in relieving the airborne troops at Bastogne; Sgt. William K. House, who just returned from Okinawa and also saw action on Leyte, and Captain James G. Tate, veteran of the Aleutian Islands campaign.

Sgt. House gave the newsmen an (Continued on Page Six)

## 9 More White Men Get Induction Orders

Nine more Perquimans County white men have received orders to report at the local draft board for induction into the armed forces. Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local draft board, stated this week. The men who received the draft orders this week will report on August 16.

The group is composed of Jarvis Ward, Robert Lane, Julius Fleetwood, Horace Cartwright, Jasper Layden, Lander Overton, Edgar Roberson, George Riddick, Jr., and Merrill Layden.

Another group of white selectees will leave Hertford at a later date this month to undergo their pre-induction examinations.

## Revival At Anderson Church Starts Sunday

A series of revival services at the Anderson Methodist Church will begin Sunday evening, August 12, at 8:30 o'clock. Services are to be held each night through August 17, and afternoon services will be conducted beginning Wednesday at 3:30 o'clock.

The Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, will be the guest minister for all services and the public is invited to attend.

### MRS. JULIA W. JORDAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Julian W. Jordan, who died at her home near Ryland Monday afternoon at 1:15 o'clock, after a lingering illness, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Piney Woods Friends Church near Belvidere.

Surviving are the husband, T. E. Jordan, and one foster daughter, Mrs. Jerome Hurdle, of Belvidere. Burial was in the family plot.