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## Seven White Youths To Receive Exams; 12 More Vets Home

### Farm Deferred Youths Face Induction Under Recent Order

Selective Service orders to report for pre-induction examinations have gone out to seven more white youths of the county, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Draft Board, who stated the youths would leave Hertford for Fort Bragg on October 17 to be given their examinations.

The registrars ordered to report are Clyde Lane, Cyril Winslow, Gilbert Eure, Jr., James Twine, Floyd Monds, Robert Evans and Lester Baker.

Twelve more veterans of World War II have returned home since the last issue of the paper, and have reported at the local Draft Board to record their discharge. The veterans who reported this week are William Bundy, Carson White, George Winslow, Clarence Smith, Robert Rountree, Claude Simpson, Aubrey Umphlett, Walter Symons, William Harris, Roulac Webb, white, and Alphonzo Hudson and Jacob Martin, colored.

Mrs. Sumner reported that the local board has been notified by State headquarters of Selective Service that although monthly quotas for the draft have been cut, it is still necessary for boards to furnish men for the armed forces to fill in the gaps made vacant by veterans being discharged. Since the largest group of deferred men between 18 and 25 is represented by men in Class 2-C, the board has been notified that in many cases inductees will have to come from this class. Class 2-C is a deferred classification for youths engaged in farming.

Selective Service does not desire to hinder agriculture production, but it points out that calls and quotas must be filled to keep the armed forces up to strength called by the War Department.

## HD Clubs, Students Respond Splendidly To Appeal For Gifts

Miss Frances Maness, County Home Agent, reported this week that the response from members of the Home Demonstration Clubs and school students of the county, to the appeal to share their Christmas with less fortunate people in war ravaged countries by donating small gifts and money has been a complete success. Miss Maness reports that 605 wrapped gifts had been collected and a cash donation of \$42.50 received.

These items were packed this week for shipment to New York where they will be distributed by the World Educational Service Council in the countries designated by the giver. Miss Maness shipped the Perquimans gifts on Tuesday and these are scheduled to arrive in New York Friday, and will be added to the gifts collected in other counties throughout the nation.

The Central Grammar School topped the list of contributions made here, 227 items were collected at that school, while Hertford Grammar School gave 170; Perquimans High School 76 and New Hope School, 32. The money was contributed, mostly, by faculty members of all the schools.

Miss Maness stated she was extremely pleased with the response received from the appeal and expressed her thanks to all those who cooperated in the plan.

## Cotton Stolen From Field Near Hertford

Sheriff J. E. Winslow and Deputy Sheriff Melvin Owens are investigating the theft of approximately 500 pounds of cotton, stolen last Saturday morning from the field of Jack Benton.

Benton reported to the sheriff last Saturday that the cotton, picked last Wednesday, was left in the field, near Jackson's store on the Elizabeth City highway and thieves stole the crop sometime during Wednesday night or early Thursday morning.

## Recorder's Court Recess This Week

Perquimans County's Recorder's Court was in recess this week due to the absence from Hertford of Judge Charles E. Johnson. All cases cited for hearing in court before Judge Johnson were set for Tuesday, October 16.

Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt reported that six cases are already on the docket for next week.

## AUDIT FIRM REPORTS TOWN'S FINANCIAL CONDITION BEST IN NUMBER OF YEARS

### Board Is Contemplating Some Reduction In Income Source

Wall and Williams, certified public accountants of Raleigh, who recently completed the annual audit of the books of the Town of Hertford, have reported to the board of commissioners for the town, that its financial condition at the present time is the best in a number of years. A resume of the condition appears on page two of this newspaper.

Mr. Williams, of the auditing firm who usually meets with the town board at the conclusion of the audit, was unable to come to Hertford for the regular meeting Monday night, for the purpose of reviewing the audit and setting the tax rate for the present fiscal year, however, this action will be taken at a special meeting during the next week or two.

The board had few matters, other than routine financial items, to handle during the meeting Monday, but the members did discuss possible decrease in the sources of revenue for the town, now that the decrease in population is evident following the closing down of Harvey Point. Despite this fact, however, the board discussed the possibility of a lower tax rate for the town to be set if not this year, then by next year at the latest.

There was some discussion of the town purchasing all power and light meters now in use in Hertford, but this matter was tabled for the present.

## Elizabeth City Band To Play Here Friday

Elizabeth City's High School Band, recognized as one of the outstanding musical groups in North Carolina, will appear at Hertford Friday night to furnish music at the Perquimans-Elizabeth City High School football game on Memorial Field.

J. B. McDuffie, principal of the Elizabeth City High School, stated Wednesday that the band would accompany the Yellow Jackets to Hertford for the first night football game to be played here.

Originally it was planned that the game this week would be the dedication game for Memorial Field and the band would have a part in the dedication service, but due to delays in completing the field the dedication service will be held later.

## Fewer Tire Permits Issued During Week

Applications for new tire permits fell off at the Perquimans ration office last week, and only 23 certificates were issued, according to Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the board.

The tire situation still remains dark despite the fact the war is over and officials of the ration board advise motorists to continue to take care of their present tires until the supply nears normal needs.

Passenger type certificates were issued to Thad Chappell, 2, Elnora Nixon, 2, W. A. Sanders, Major Lomis, Charles E. Johnson, 2, W. D. Dail, A. R. Cook, Clifton Stallings, L. E. Lane, 2, G. W. Jackson, Irvin Whitbee, 2, Charlie Dail, 2, Charles Ward, 2, N. F. Nissinger, 2, Walter Lane, 2, Elizabeth Morgan, 2, Simon Rutenburg, Luther Perry, 2, Emmett Riddick, 2, G. R. Riddick, W. E. B. Spellman and T. E. Morgan. T. E. Kirby received a permit for a truck tire.

## Local Resident Reported Missing

Police officers of North Carolina and Virginia are looking for a Hertford resident, Harry Overton, who has been reported as missing since last Saturday night.

Overton, whose family lives in Hertford, works in Norfolk and he was last seen on Saturday when he appeared at his boarding house, supposedly to obtain clothing prior to coming to Hertford to visit his family.

Checks made by local officials with Norfolk have failed to reveal any clues as to his whereabouts.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Capt. and Mrs. Paul Bumbarger of Laurinburg, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, born Monday night, Mrs. Bumbarger before her marriage was Miss Sarah Ward.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Mathews announce the birth of a son, born Thursday, September 27th. Mother and son are getting along nicely.

## Hertford Stores Now Observing New Hours

The majority of Hertford stores and business houses began observing new closing hours for week days on last Monday. Following a get-together the store owners began closing at 5:30 o'clock, and will observe this closing hour in the future.

There is some talk among the merchants of closing earlier on Saturday nights, but this plan has not been adopted by all the stores.

## Dawkins Resigns As Baptist Pastor; Gets Call To Kinston

The Rev. Howard G. Dawkins, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church for the past three years, tendered his resignation to the church board last Sunday morning, after having received a call to become pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kinston.

In a statement made following his resignation Mr. Dawkins said, "It has been a great privilege to live in Hertford for the past three years and we appreciate the many kindnesses that have been shown us from all the people of the community. I am thankful for a community that cooperates with the ministers of the town as you have."

"It has been an added pleasure to be a part of a community where the spirit of cooperation has been in the churches. It has been a pleasure to work with my fellow ministers in Christian ideals and I am thankful for the fine work of Hertford's civic clubs and I shall always cherish my work here with the schools and boys and girls of the community. My prayer is for the community to do more for our young people."

During his stay as pastor the local church received 123 fellowships, the church debt was cleared entirely and the church and parsonage were completely renovated. The gifts to missions and benevolence were increased from \$929 in 1942 to more than \$6,000 this year. In gifts to missions the church rose from 233rd in the State to 62nd. In all, nearly \$36,000 was raised for all causes for the church during that time.

Mr. Dawkins, a native of Mount Gilead, filled the pulpit of the church at Louisville, Ky., Seminary, prior to his coming to Hertford. His call to Kinston was presented to the church by the pulp committee without considering any other nominations from the floor.

The pastor and his family are expected to move to Kinston some time around the first part of November.

## Preference For Vets In Job Campaign

In a special message to The Weekly today, Pulpwood Campaign headquarters stated that returning veterans will get preference for woods and mills jobs in the recruitment campaign now being conducted in North Carolina by the pulp and paper industry and the United States Employment Service. The message follows:

"Reports reaching this office indicate that mills and wood producers are rapidly rehiring former employees who went into the services. In addition they are trying to place other returning ex-servicemen who apply in one of the 20,000 woods jobs or 30,000 mill jobs now being made available by the industry through the offices of the United States Employment Service.

"The current re-employment program of the pulp and paper industry and U.S.E.S. will not interfere with the preference being given to ex-servicemen. In the experience of the industry, service backgrounds give returning veterans outstanding qualifications for filling skilled and unskilled jobs."

Job seekers should contact their nearest U.S.E.S. offices. Mills in this area are in urgent need of more top quality pulpwood NOW.

## Former Resident Dies At Fentress

William F. Corprew, of Fentress, Va., formerly of Hertford, died at 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Hollowell Corprew, and four sons, Clifton Corprew, of the USN, stationed in South Carolina, Thomas E. Corprew, USCG, stationed at Sampson, N. Y., Louis Corprew of South Norfolk, Va., and William Corprew, USN, stationed at Santa Rosa, Cal.

Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, at the Graham Funeral Home in South Norfolk.

## Indians Ready For Grid Battle With Elizabeth City High

### Columbia Victim of Local Gridders in Game Last Week

Fresh from their 27-0 victory over Columbia High School gridders last Friday, the Perquimans Indians have put in a hard week drilling for their game with the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets, which is scheduled to be played on Memorial Field at the local high school Friday night at 8 o'clock.

This will be the first night game to be played here this season.

The Indians won their first victory of the season by easily downing the Columbia Tater Bugs on the Columbia field last Friday afternoon. Playing without Dan Berry, a regular back, the Indians opened slowly against Columbia, but were in scoring position at the end of the first quarter, and John Ward back for the Indians ran ten yards for six points immediately after the opening of the second period. George Wood converted, and the score was 7-0 Perquimans. Coach Max Campbell began substituting right after the first Indian score and the entire squad of 35 boys saw action against the Tyrrell County team.

The lighter Columbia team had trouble attempting plays against the Indians, and aside from completing three passes, were unable to gain from scrimmage. Midway of the second quarter John Ward broke loose on a beautiful end run play and scurried 55 yards for the second Indian score. Wood again converted the try for extra point and the score was Perquimans 14-Columbia 0.

The Indians opened up with a pass offensive during the third quarter which resulted in Chester Winslow scoring the Indians' third touchdown, on a pass from Wood. A line buck by Wood converted the extra point and the Indians led 21-0. During the final period Columbia threatened the Perquimans goal line but the locals held and Columbia was forced to punt. George Wood broke through the Columbia line, blocked the punt and raced forty yards for the final score of the game.

Coach Campbell announced Wednesday that the starting line-up for the game today would be Winslow and Lane, ends, Perry and Winslow, tackles, Symons and Mansfield, guards, Paul Smith, center and Berry, Wood, Ward and Layden, backs.

## OPA Plans Control Of Building Costs

Some details on OPA's far-reaching peace-time price control program have been released by OPA officials with the declaration "building material costs must and will be stabilized."

OPA asserted, "One look at the record of what happened after the last war is enough to show why this program is so vital; 68,000 mortgage foreclosures on homes in 1926; 97,000 in 1927; 116,000 in 1928; 134,000 in 1929."

Commenting on these figures a few days ago, OPA Administrator Chester Bowles said, "That's what happens when a building boom goes bust."

Authority has been received from Washington empowering district OPA officials to set community dollar-and-cent ceiling prices on construction materials and building costs in each area. These will be decided upon after a survey has been completed to determine what costs need to be flat-priced and where.

An "unprecedented boom" in building is anticipated, according to OPA, and officials said that before long a person could consult a chart in his area and determine how much it will cost to modernize a bathroom, put a new roof on the garage or barn, or build a whole house.

## Local Boy Crosses Equator 32 Times

Tracy C. Winslow, ship's service man third class, USNR, Route 2, Hertford, with other members of the crew of the hardy USS Schuykill, crossed the equator 32 times in providing supplies for the fighting fleet in the Pacific.

The Schuykill participated in the operations in the Western Carolines and the Marianas, as well as the engagements at Leyte, Luzon and Iwo Jima.

She has carried PT boats, planes and all the usual supplies which fleet oilers furnish to the fighting ships, in addition to her precious fuel.

On several occasions she traveled a distance of 2,000 miles to keep rendezvous with other ships of the fleet.

## COUNTY WAR FUND COMMITTEE MEETING CALLED FOR TUESDAY NIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK

### THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

General MacArthur's troops continue to occupy more and more of the Jap homeland as a new premier assumed the leadership of the Tokyo government this week. MacArthur's men have uncovered and placed under Allied guard rich reserves of gold, silver and platinum, estimated in value at more than 250 million. American headquarters is checking to see what amount of this treasure might be stolen loot.

Still another big news on the home front again this week, and the coal situation looks none too bright. The Navy has taken over oil refineries which has eased the oil and gasoline supply. Auto manufacturers are still hampered by strikers and government officials are attempting to mediate most of the labor arguments.

Trials of war criminals are under way throughout the world. In France Pierre Laval was convicted and sentenced to die for collaborating with the Nazis during the occupation of France. Nazis who were in charge of concentration camps are being tried in Germany and a Nazi general is also being tried for shooting American soldiers without trial. Jap General Yamashita, the terror of Malaya, is being tried in the Philippines for crimes committed against natives and American soldiers.

Argentina's pro-Fascist government fell this week after several days of unrest in that South American country. Col. Peron, key man of the nation, was forced to resign and new elections have been called for next spring. Argentina, which acted pro-Nazi during the war, was snubbed again last week by nations of this hemisphere when a meeting, called for uniting the Americas more closely, was cancelled at the request of the United States.

General Marshall, in what may be his last biennial report as chief of the Army, called for compulsory military training in this country as a way to maintain peace. He stated, "A rich nation which lays down its arms as we have done after every war in our history will court disaster." Marshall is expected to resign soon and reports say he will be replaced by General Eisenhower.

## Methodist Pastor Returns From Troy

The Rev. B. C. Reavis has returned from Troy, N. C., where he has been for the past two weeks doing the preaching at the Love Joy Camp Meeting. During his absence last Sunday, the Rev. A. H. Outlaw and the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson filled the pulpit at the Methodist Church. Mr. Reavis will be in the pulpit next Sunday for services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

On his arrival he stated the annual conference for the Methodist churches will meet on November 7 in Goldsboro, with sessions continuing through November 11, with appointments being read at the session on that day.

Mr. Reavis is a member of the Conference Board of Evangelism and is chairman of the Program Committee to arrange for special emphasis meetings and radio program at Goldsboro.

## Police Investigate Petty Crimes Here

Police officials here are investigating a series of petty crimes, the latest of which was committed Monday night when a thief or thieves broke into the Towe Motor Company office and stole a small portable radio.

Sheriff J. E. Winslow and other police officers have tracked down a forger during the past week and are working on a number of other small crimes that have been reported.

## John Lowe Victim Of Heart Attack

John Lowe, 78, highly respected colored resident of Hertford, died suddenly Monday morning at his home, from a heart attack.

Although born in Virginia, he had resided in Hertford for many years and was engaged in business here. He and his son operated the Lowe Funeral Home on Market street.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

## Executive Group to Map Drive Plan; Solicitors Meet October 19

J. Emmett Winslow and Rev. B. C. Reavis, co-chairmen of the Perquimans County War Fund committee have called a meeting of the executive group for next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at the Courthouse, at which time a plan for conducting the final war fund drive will be drawn. This plan will be presented to the entire county committee and the solicitors at a meeting to be held on Friday night, October 19.

The co-chairmen have delayed the opening of this final drive, due to general conditions within the county, but they express hopes that by conducting a concentrated campaign for a period of about ten days the county quota of approximately \$4200 can and will be obtained.

Both Rev. Reavis and Mr. Winslow urge the public to heed the appeal which has been made by President Truman, Governor Cherry and other high government officials for success in this war fund drive. These officials have pointed out that despite the fact that the war is finished, there still remains a terrific job to be done by war relief agencies and by the USO, which must provide camp shows and USO Clubs for the men who remain in service until they are discharged.

Every person in Perquimans is urged to give at least as great a donation toward the fund as was made last year; only through this kind of cooperation can the drive be brought to a successful close.

The goal in this drive is slightly under the amount raised in last year's campaign, which included the budget for the Hertford Boy Scout Troop. Half of the amount is to go to the United Service Organization and the remainder is divided among 13 agencies which handle relief in countries such as China and Belgium, and a small percentage goes to relief agencies for Russia, France and Great Britain.

Township chairmen, who are members of the executive committee, are asked to have the township solicitors appointed by the time of the meeting next week.

## Naval Officer Wins Bronze Star Medal

For displaying exemplary courage and skill in fighting the fire caused by an enemy bomb hit, Lieut. Samuel Shorey Hollingsworth, USNR, of Hertford, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

While serving as a member of a repair party aboard a large aircraft carrier in the vicinity of Shikoku Island, an enemy bomb hit caused extensive fires and blast damage in the below deck spaces of his ship on March 19, 1945.

Hollingsworth, with utter disregard for his own safety and in face of great personal danger, succeeded in effectively directing damage control parties in the immediate area of the explosion.

Working under extremely adverse conditions resulting from the presence of live steam, intense heat and smoke, he was instrumental in effecting control of the fires and preventing their spread.

According to his citation, "his courage, skill, devotion to duty and determination were at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States naval service."

## Peanut Harvest Under Way; Yield Not Good

Peanut harvesting is underway on a large scale throughout the county this week, and next week is expected to see the peak of the harvesting season. Labor conditions remain bad, although the additional help gained by bringing in prisoners of war has helped the situation some.

Some reports indicate a fairly good crop on certain lands, but these are the exception, as most farmers report a smaller yield this year than last. Heavy rains prevented proper cultivation and the fields are very grassy.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Lieut. (jg) Bill Jessup and Mrs. Jessup announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Jean, born Wednesday, October 3. Mother and daughter are fine.

### PTA MEETS MONDAY

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Central Grammar School will meet Monday night, October 15, at 7:30 o'clock at the school building in Winfall. All parents and interested persons are urged to attend.