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Committee Named To Assist County Veterans With Their Postwar Problems

Information And Help For G. I.'s Is Aim Of Organization

Final organization of a Veterans Committee for Perquimans County was completed here this week, and a group named to render aid and information to returned veterans concerning their postwar readjustment problems.

Veterans having questions and problems on which they desire help are urged to contact this committee, which will gladly render all possible assistance to the veterans.

Mayor V. N. Darden and the U. S. Employment Office will assist veterans seeking help on re-employment, employment, readjustment allowances and self employment.

The education problems will be handled by F. T. Johnson, superintendent of schools, E. C. Woodard and G. C. Buck.

Veterans' Service Officer, pensions, compensation and claims will be under the direction of F. T. Johnson, and B. C. Berry, adjutant of the American Legion.

Information on G. I. loans may be obtained from R. M. Riddick, executive vice-president of the Hertford Banking Company, J. W. Ward, register of deeds and Major Walter H. Oskey, attorney.

Government insurance: W. B. Tucker and Mrs. Viola Nachman.

Hospitalization and medical advice: Dr. T. P. Brinn and Dr. C. A. Davenport.

Business advice and council: B. C. Berry, Mayor V. N. Darden and Sheriff J. E. Winslow.

Personal and family problems: Miss Grace Knowles, superintendent of Public Welfare, Ralph White, vice cmdr. American Legion and W. G. Hollowell, postmaster at Winfall.

Publicity: Max R. Campbell, editor Perquimans Weekly.

Town Board Passes Auto Tag Ordinance

Automobile owners, living in the Town of Hertford, must purchase their town auto tags and have them displayed on their cars by February 1, or face court action.

The Town Board, meeting on Monday night, passed an ordinance making February 1 the deadline for purchase of tags. Police officers will ticket all cars found on the streets after this date and the owners will be liable for fine or court costs.

Routine financial matters were the only other business handled by the board at the meeting this week.

Bank Stockholders Name New Officers; Riddick President

Officers and directors of the Hertford Banking Company to serve during 1946 were announced this week following a meeting of the stockholders held at the bank Tuesday afternoon.

Directors named by the stockholders are W. F. C. Edwards, R. M. Riddick, Jr., W. H. Hardcastle, Dr. T. P. Brinn, J. W. Ward, Dr. E. S. White, and Charles E. Johnson.

Officers elected by the directors at this meeting following the stockholders election, were R. M. Riddick, Jr., president, W. F. C. Edwards, chairman of the board of directors, W. H. Hardcastle, vice-president and cashier, Dr. T. P. Brinn, vice-president and G. R. Tucker, assistant cashier.

The new president, R. M. Riddick, has been associated with the local bank for 23 years, having come to Hertford from Gatesville. He has been engaged in banking business since 1908. Besides serving the local bank in the capacity of cashier and then later as executive vice-president, Mr. Riddick has been active in the North Carolina Bankers Association. He served that organization as secretary-treasurer for Region One for about 10 years and was chairman of Region One for one year, and was a member of the executive committee of the N. C. Bankers Association.

The Hertford Bank has shown a steady growth during the time Mr. Riddick has been associated with it. Its assets have grown from \$400,000 in 1922 to more than two million in 1945. The assets of the bank on December 31, 1933 were \$427,776.17, December 31, 1940 they were \$877,853.47 and on December 31, 1945, \$2,889,232.04.

Mrs. Koonce Resigns As Polio Chairman

Mrs. B. G. Koonce, recently named to lead the Infantile Paralysis drive in Perquimans County scheduled to get underway today, has notified Ralph McDonald, State Chairman, that she will be unable to serve as chairman of the committee this year.

She has served in this capacity for the past several years, but because of recent illness is unable to continue in the work.

According to an announcement from the State Headquarters, Perquimans County's goal in this drive will be \$860, but as of this morning no person had been selected to act as chairman for the campaign.

David Boyce Assigned To Wilmington Post

David E. Boyce, chief petty officer, USN, has been assigned to permanent duty at the Naval recruiting station at Wilmington, N. C. Boyce has spent eight years in the Navy, with a total of six years duty in the Pacific theatre. He goes to Wilmington from the recruiting school at Norfolk, Va.

During his duty overseas Boyce served on the U. S. S. Indiana; U. S. S. Raleigh and on the transport Alntah. He wears the American Defense ribbon, with bronze star, the Asiatic and Pacific ribbon with stars for Guadalcanal, Marcus Islands, Okinawa and Bougainville campaigns.

CPO and Mrs. Boyce and daughter are now living in Wilmington.

PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

C. W. Phillips, on terminal leave from the U. S. Army, has been notified he has been promoted to the rank of captain, effective as of December 30, 1945.

Captain Phillips was attached to the Quartermaster's Corp during his active service in the armed forces.

Frozen Food Locker Plant Project Gains Public Support Here

Two Local Men Join Co.; Rentals Being Taken Now

Representatives of Hertford's Frozen Food Locker Plant stated today that preliminary results of a survey conducted in the community relative to construction a locker plant here indicated a need and a desire of local people for such a plant, and that a sufficient number of persons are interested in the project for the local company to continue plans for operation in this community.

The project has gained such public support that already a number of persons have signed up for locker space in the plant, when it is constructed. Officials of the concern point out that they require one year's rent of a locker to be paid in advance, however, this money, paid in now, is held in trust at the Hertford Banking Company pending construction of the plant and it is at that time that the rent of the locker begins.

Two local young men Edison and Jesse Lee Harris, who just recently returned to Hertford from the Army, have joined the locker plant company, and it has been announced that persons desiring further information concerning the frozen food locker plant and its operation may obtain it by seeing J. M. Nesbet at the Agriculture Building in Hertford on Saturdays, or Mr. Harris at the Z. A. Harris store.

The company estimates that persons using lockers in the plant will save up to one hundred dollars a year on food bills, by being able to preserve food stuffs and at the same time having available fresh fruits and vegetables the year around.

The local company plans to construct a 500 locker capacity plant here, but say that construction will start on the project just as soon as they obtain signatures for rental of lockers totaling approximately 250. This number is the minimum that any company can start with for successful operation of such a project. According to early estimates and the number of persons who have already signed up for lockers the company believes the minimum rentals will be obtained.

Indians Lose Double Header To Central Hi

Perquimans High School's basketball teams lost a double bill to Central High School, in rural conference play here last Friday night. The Indian Squaws lost a thrilling game by a one point margin after having led throughout most of the game. The Indians lost by a three point margin 18 to 15.

The Squaws got off to a slow start and trailed the Central girls by two points in the first period. At the opening of the second quarter the local girls turned on the heat and soon had a comfortable lead over the visitors. Central was trailing at half time by five points. Central took the offensive play away from the Squaws during the third quarter and tied the score at 20-20 with but a few minutes remaining in the game. Perquimans' girls had numerous chances to maintain their lead but muffed the ball at critical points. Central forged ahead in the final minute to win 23-22.

Central's boys outclassed the Indians throughout the entire first half and scored nine points while the Indians failed to score. Central led at the first quarter 5-0. The Indians seemingly failed to get started and missed several set up shots in the first half.

Coming back strong in the third quarter the Indians counted three baskets before Central scored and the score stood 8-6 for Central. The Indians continued to press for scores and fouled the Central boys, who converted the fouls into points. The Indians counted 12 points during the third period, while Central scored a lone charity toss. At the end of the period the Indians led 12-10. During the fourth period Central regained the lead and scored 8 points to Perquimans 3. The final score was Central 18, Perquimans 15.

P. T. A. MEETING
The Parent Teachers Association of the Hertford Grammar school met Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at the school. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Ben Thatch, Mrs. C. R. Holmes presided. The speaker for the evening was C. R. Holmes, he chose for his subject, "Compulsory Military Training In Relation To The Schools", which was very interesting. The fifth grade was presented the end for having the most attendance. Miss Ruth Elliott received the door prize.

SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

Watt Copeland, who suffered serious injuries last Thursday, is reported as being slightly improved this week.

Mr. Copeland was run over by a tractor, which he was operating at the time of the accident, and sustained a broken leg and numerous abrasions. He was taken to the Albermarle hospital for treatment.

Highway Officials Discuss Road Plans At Rotary Meeting

County Slated To Get Two Projects; U. S. 17 Being Improved

Merrill Evans, State Highway Commissioner for this District and Tom McKim, Resident Engineer for the District, were guests at the meeting of the Hertford Rotary club here Tuesday night and spoke briefly on the plans for road repairs and construction in Perquimans County for the near future.

The appearance here of the commissioner was to give the Rotarians an explanation of the type of repairs being given to U. S. 17, between Hertford and Elizabeth City. Mr. Evans told the group that when the repairs are completed this highway will be as fine as any in the State; he said that the shoulders of the highway will be repaired and thus reduce the hazard now evident while the highway is under repair. In answer to a question regarding further improvement on the road between Hertford and the Chowan County line, Mr. Evans stated no additional work is contemplated for the present time.

Perquimans County is slated to get two projects in highway work within the near future, the commissioner told the Rotarians. He stated that bids were to be sought for the completion of the short cut, on U. S. 17, toward Elizabeth City at a meeting of the state commission this month, and that money had been appropriated for the construction of a new road way leading from Hertford to the point on the Center Hill highway, which was repaired prior to the war. This would make the Center Hill road the same type of highway all the distance between the two points.

Regarding secondary roads in this county, Mr. Evans said that plans for future work would be made when he and Mr. McKim meet with the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, February 4, but at the present, due to shortage of machinery little work is being done anywhere on secondary roads.

Indians Drop Games To Elizabeth City

Perquimans High School's basketball teams dropped two games to the Elizabeth City teams on the local court Tuesday night. The Indian Squaws lost by a score of 24-11, while the Indians came out on the short end of a 42-30 score.

The Elizabeth City girls opened fast in the preliminary game and soon rolled up an 11-3 score in the first quarter and the Squaws were unable to overcome this lead. The local girls rallied during the second period and held the visitors to a lone field goal. The score at half time was 13-5.

Elizabeth City counted 11 more points during the second half to run their score up to 24, while the Squaws scored six points for a total of 11. In the boys' game Elizabeth City was off to a 9-3 lead in the first quarter, with the Indians finding it difficult to hit the basket, however, in the second stanza the Indians started clicking and tallied 11 points while the Yellow Jackets scored only 9. The score at half time was 18-14 for the visitors.

During the third quarter the Indians took the game away from Elizabeth City and scored 9 points while holding the visitors to two baskets. The Indians led by a 23-22 count at the beginning of the final period. The first four minutes of this final quarter was a battle royal with both teams trying hard to win a commanding lead. First one side then the other would gain the lead only to lose it seconds later. The score stood at 30 to 29 for Elizabeth City when George Wood left the game by the foul route and then Elizabeth City hit three baskets in succession to take a seven point lead. With one minute and 45 seconds left Coach Max Campbell sent in his reserves and the Yellow Jackets scored five more points while the Indians counted one from the charity line. The game ended with Elizabeth City showing 42 points to Perquimans' 30.

MASONS MEET

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet in the Court House Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All Masons are invited to attend.

Farm Security Administration Proposes To Aid Veterans Seeking Farm Property

Fourteen Veterans Get Discharge Papers

Fourteen Perquimans County veterans reported their discharges from the armed forces at the local draft office during the past week, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board. Seven of the veterans were white and seven Negro.

The men who reported are Clyde E. Harris, Daniel Hurdle, John Stan, Adolphus Howard, Walton Wood, Robert Turner and Henry Ward, white, and Raleigh Hurdle, James White, William Felton, Mason Nixon, James Holley, Harry Barcliff and William Jordan, Negroes.

Mrs. Sumner announced that the pre-induction call for white registrants for the month of January had been cancelled by the local board.

District Health Board Replaces Old County Board

Under a new set-up the old county health board has been dissolved and a new district board has taken its place. The new board is composed of a mayor, a superintendent of public schools, and a chairman of a board of county commissioners, appointed by Dr. Reynolds, head of the State Board of Public Health; these members, in turn, appoint a physician, a dentist, a pharmacist and a public spirited citizen to complete the district board.

Dr. Reynolds appointed Vivian Darden, mayor of Hertford; F. P. Leary, superintendent of public schools in Camden County; and Noah Burfoot, chairman of the board of commissioners for Camden County.

These men met last Friday and appointed the following members to complete the board: Dr. W. L. Stevens of Shiloh; Dr. A. B. Bonner, dentist of Hertford; S. G. Etheridge of Elizabeth City; and J. B. Flora of Elizabeth City.

The new district board will administer the affairs of the health department for the counties of Camden, Pasquotank and Perquimans. These members met Thursday at a luncheon meeting at the Virginia Dare Hotel at 12:30 o'clock to complete the organization.

Council Of State Rescinds Labor Rule

The Council of State, meeting on November 14th and acting upon the recommendation of Commissioner of Labor, Forrest H. Shuford, voted to rescind War Proclamations Numbers 1 and 3, effective January 19, 1946.

As a result of the revocation of these proclamations, female employees, subject to the statutory provisions of the law, may not work more than nine hours per day and forty-eight hours per week; girls sixteen and seventeen years of age may not work later than nine o'clock at night; minors fourteen and fifteen years of age may not work after 6 p. m.; and, girls under eighteen years of age may not carry newspaper routes under any circumstances.

The Commissioner of Labor has no discretionary power under which exemptions to the statutory law might be granted to permit longer or later hours.

Employers are urged to take note of the effective date of this action and to take necessary steps on or before January 19 to bring their establishments into compliance with the statutory laws of the state.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Susan L. Morgan

Funeral services for Mrs. Susan L. Morgan, who died at her home in Hertford Thursday morning, January 10, were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Toxey, Berry and Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. H. G. Dawkins and Dr. R. E. Wall.

Mrs. Charles Tillet and Mrs. Ernest Sanders sang "Lead Kindly Light" and "Safe In The Arms of Jesus," accompanied by Mrs. Oden Hughes.

Burial was in Hollywood Cemetery.

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Loans Available To Veterans With Experience On Farms

Recognizing that the farm-minded veteran's biggest problem these days is finding a suitable farm for sale at a reasonable price, or one for rent or lease on a sound arrangement, A. Houston Edwards, FSA Supervisor for Perquimans County has announced a plan for helping qualified veterans to get started on the road to farm ownership.

There's plenty of help available to a farm-experienced veteran in the way of sound advice and adequate financing but it is of little value in getting him started if he can't find a farm. It's like having plenty of gas and oil but no car to use it in, he says.

"In some areas farm owners who wanted to help have contacted FSA offices and offered to sell their farms to qualified veterans on the basis of impartial appraisals. This is a way that farmers who are planning to retire, and non-resident farm owners can make farm ownership possible for some of the veteran applicants," Mr. Edwards said. "The same applies to owners of large estates who will sell enough land to make a good family-type farm. There is no better way to create an opportunity for a veteran to attain farm ownership."

In appropriating \$50,000,000 for FSA's farm ownership program this fiscal year Congress earmarked half of it for veterans, but few of the farms for sale are priced on the basis of their long-time earning capacity, the supervisor pointed out. Loans are made on the basis of long-time average appraised values. They are repayable over a period of 40 years and bear 3 per cent interest. Similar loans are available to qualified tenants, share-croppers and farm laborers.

FSA operating loans are also available to veterans with sufficient farm experience who can obtain equitable lease or share agreements on good farms. These loans are made for almost all farm and home needs that will increase yields, improve the farm and result in a better living standard. They are repayable in one to five years, Mr. Edwards said that in addition to being priced on the basis of long-time values, veterans want farms that are convenient to churches and schools, and preferably equipped with buildings. Veterans are not interested in attempting to readjust themselves on worn-out and inaccessible farms that are priced too high just because of temporarily inflated land values.

Anyone who has information about a good family-type farm for sale at a reasonable price or for lease over a period of years can help by notifying the FSA office, which will put the seller or lessor in touch with one or more qualified veterans.

Superior Court Adjourned Here On Wednesday Morning

Perquimans County's January term of superior court was adjourned on Wednesday morning because of the death of the sister of Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, who was presiding over the court. The judge's sister was killed Tuesday night in an automobile accident which occurred in Virginia.

Only one case had been concluded at the term of court, and the case of J. W. Ward, et al, versus S. P. Jessup, was being heard at the time court was adjourned Wednesday morning.

A juror was withdrawn in the Ward-Jessup case and a mis-trial ordered, this case as well as all others on the docket was continued until the April term of court.

Rev. Gerald F. Burrill To Hold Conference

The Rev. Gerald F. Burrill of the National Council of the Episcopal church will hold a conference of local parishes at Holy Trinity church at Hertford at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, January 20, the Rev. E. T. Jilson, rector of Trinity announced today.

The Rev. Burrill's topic will be on "Reconstruction and Advance Program of the Episcopal Church." Members of parishes from Sunbury, Gatesville and Creswell, as well as all members of the local congregation are expected to attend.

Rev. Jilson stated the matter is of vital importance and the Rev. Mr. Burrill is a man highly qualified to present the subject.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Washington officials are attempting to put an end to the waves of strikes now sweeping the country, by settling the steel dispute this week. No ground has been gained in the General Motors strike, and many communities in the nation have been affected by the western union and telephone strike now in progress. Workers in major meat packing plants were expected to quit work the middle of this week. Union officials seemingly have adopted the General Motors fact-finding board's suggested 19 1-2 per cent increase in wages as the basis for settling all strikes.

General Eisenhower stated this week that it has been necessary to slow down the movement of men from overseas, as well as discharges, to maintain a sufficient number of men for the task of occupying Germany and Japan. The General stated all Army men with 40 points or two years service would be home by June 30 and called upon GI's and congressmen to stop the clamor for quick discharges.

Admiral Kimmel, the Navy commander in charge at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Jap attack, had his say this week when he appeared as a witness before the Pearl Harbor Committee. He told the committee that Washington was to blame for the attack, and that the Navy Department had failed to provide him with proper reports to safeguard the fleet. He said had he been properly informed that he would have taken certain measures that would have prevented the fleet being knocked out of commission.

Thirteen men were killed and one died later, from injuries, when an explosion occurred at a coal mine near Welch, W. Va., Tuesday. More than 200 miners escaped injury, which caused the event to be recorded as unusual in that section. School children and other adults were injured by broken glass and flying articles caused by the blast. The miracle aspect of the explosion was that with so many men in the mine so few were killed or injured.

Chowan Association Officers To Meet

The WMU Officers meeting of the Chowan Association will be held at the Hobbieville Baptist Church at 10 a. m. Wednesday, January 23. Every officer of each WMU in the churches of the association is urged to attend. Each is asked to bring lunch.