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## PERQUIMANS POST OF AMERICAN LEGION DEMAND EQUAL PRIVILEGES FOR WIVES

### Congressman Bonner Urged To Support Change In Bill

The Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion went on record this week as opposing any bill passed by congress which would permit wives and families of high non-commissioned men and officers to join their husbands overseas, at the expense of the government. The local post of the Legion demands that wives and families of all personnel be granted equal privilege and if one is permitted such privilege, all should be granted the right, and means for travel.

The Legion here wired Congressman Herbert D. Bonner on Monday requesting his support in seeing that the bill be changed to read and include the wives and families of all personnel instead of just the high non-coms and officers.

The wire sent by the local post to Mr. Bonner, follows:

"People of this county request your full support in changing bill permitting wives and families of high non-coms and officers to join service personnel overseas. People here want bill passed permitting wives of all personnel to have equal privileges. This action backed by Wm. Paul Stallings, Post 126, American Legion, Hertford, North Carolina."

The telegram was signed by V. N. Darden, commander of the post, J. D. Cranford, past commander and B. C. Berry, adjutant.

Congress is now considering a bill which calls for a law permitting wives of sergeants and commissioned officers to travel at government expense to join their husbands at foreign stations. Some objection to the slighting of G. I.'s has been raised and more objections are expected. The objections are raised because the bill does not include wives and families of all service personnel.

A provision is included in the bill, it is reported, which would allow all personnel, whose wives join them at foreign stations, to remain overseas for a period of one year. This provision would be mandatory if the service man's family joined him overseas.

## Recorder's Court Has Varied Docket

A varied docket of eleven cases were disposed of by the Perquimans County Recorder's Court in a half day session here on Tuesday.

William Brody, Negro, was found guilty of assault on his wife. He was given a 30-day suspended sentence and ordered to pay a fine of \$15 and costs.

Burley Barclift, Negro, paid the court costs after pleading guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

William Copeland, Negro, was assessed the costs of court on a charge of being drunk and also on a charge of assault.

John Phillips, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault and paid the costs of court.

Richard Auge was fined \$5 and ordered to pay the costs of court for driving without a 1946 license.

Clifton Haskett was ordered to pay the costs of court for driving with improper license.

Cleas Williamston, Negro, was found guilty of driving with improper license and prayer for judgment was continued.

A. R. Patrick was taxed with the costs of court for driving without a 1946 license.

Wilbur Lamb was ordered to pay the court costs after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Joshua Dilly was taxed with the court costs for speeding.

Henry Balden, Negro, was found guilty of destroying property. He was given 12 months on the roads, suspended upon payment of court costs and payment of repair to property destroyed.

## Sgt. John Trueblood Awarded Purple Heart

SEOUL, Korea, Jan. 17.—Sergeant John W. Trueblood, 19, of Winfall, N. C., was awarded the Purple Heart Medal here today. He was cited for wounds sustained in the Okinawa battle while serving with the Seventh Infantry Division.

Other awards he has earned are the combat infantryman's badge and Asiatic-Pacific ribbon with battle star.

Trueblood attended Hertford High school and was manager of the Hertford-Almsley bowling alley in Hertford before joining the Army in September, 1944. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Trueblood reside in Winfall.

## Sugar Applications At Draft Offices

Veterans of World War II, babies, and persons who have lost their sugar ration coupons may make application for new coupons at the office of the Perquimans Draft Board, it was announced here this week by Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the draft board.

The new arrangement was announced following the closing of the ration office here the first of the month. The sugar coupons are issued by the OPA district office at Raleigh, but application forms may be obtained at the local draft office. Only the persons listed above are eligible to make application, as no additional coupons are being issued.

## Mathews Rites Held Sunday Afternoon

Simon P. Mathews, 67, prominent Perquimans County farmer, died at his home in Bethel Township, last Thursday morning at 10:15 o'clock after a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. J. T. Byrum, assisted by the Rev. B. C. Reavis. A quartet consisting of Mrs. Reginald Tucker, Mrs. T. B. Sumner, R. S. Monks and J. R. Futrell sang "When They Ring Those Golden Bells" and "Sometime We'll Understand."

Mr. Mathews was a native of this county, the son of the late Matt and Mollie Hobbs Mathews, and lived here all his life except for four years spent in Gates County. He attended Warwick Academy when a youth. He was a member of the Bethel Baptist church and served as deacon for the past 20 years. He also served Perquimans County by filling public offices and was always interested in the upbuilding of the county, in which he took great pride.

He is survived by his wife, Amanda Hobbs Mathews; five sons, Alton D. Matt, Wendell, Fred T. Mathews and Glenn R. Mathews. The latter of the U. S. Army now serving in Germany; one brother, Ned Mathews and one sister, Mrs. R. L. Spivey; eight grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Moody Mathews, Julian Mathews, Hazel Mathews, Vivian Mathews, Charlie Mathews, Craft Mathews, Johnnie Floyd Mathews and Ned Mathews, Jr., nephews of the deceased.

Honorary pallbearers were R. M. Riddick, Tim Brinn, C. P. Morris, J. E. Winslow, D. F. Reed, L. W. Anderson, T. W. Wilson, W. H. Pitt, V. N. Darden, Corp Reed, Cecil White, Henry Newbold, L. N. Hollowell, George Powell, J. B. Basnight, Dr. I. A. Ward, Dr. T. P. Brinn, Dr. C. A. Davenport, William Morgan, Dick Elliott, Shelton Long, Miles Elliott, J. C. Blanchard, Ambrose Proctor, R. S. Chappell, John Harris, Alonza Thatch, Oscar Hunter and J. C. Hobbs.

Interment was made in Cedarwood Cemetery.

## Fourteen Veterans Report Discharges

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Perquimans Draft Board, reported Monday that fourteen more local veterans had filed their army discharges at the local office during the past week.

The veterans who reported were Willis Lane, David Pike, Cleveland Buck, Winston Winslow, James Ambrose and Thomas S. White, Jr., white, and Oliver Elliott, Claude White, Hayward Felton, Edgar Harvey, Clarence Perry, Willie Wright, Charliq Welch and Archie Bembry, colored.

All veterans must report to their draft boards, and file discharge papers within ten days after receiving discharges from the army or navy.

## Police Fine Eight For Tag Violation

Hertford motorists who had failed to purchase and display their 1946 town auto tags by last Friday found themselves in the clutches of the law over the week-end. Local police conducted a drive against all violators and a check on Tuesday revealed that eight motorists were fined for violating the law.

An ordinance was passed at the January meeting of the Town Board setting up the procedure for handling such violations and February 1 was set as a deadline date for car owners to buy and place the tags on automobiles.

## Perquimans Indians Down Columbia To Remain In R. C. Race

### Locals Show Improvement; Meet Weeksville Here Tonight

Perquimans High School's basketball team turned into giant killers, by downing the Rural Conference leaders, Columbia, in a game played on the local court last Friday night. It was the third straight victory for the Indians, who out fought and out shot the boys from Tyrrell County to win by a 37-34 score. The defeat was the second suffered by Columbia this season.

The Indians opened the game by scoring quickly, but the tall boys from Columbia soon retaliated and then went ahead to score eight points in the first quarter while the Indians collected six. In the second quarter, the Indians tightened their defense and held Columbia to eight points while hitting the hoop for 10 points, to knot the score at 16-16 at half time. The superior height of the Columbia team, which had two boys well over the six foot mark, was an advantage for the visitors, but the Indians sewed up these tall players to keep on even terms.

Columbia came back strong in the third period to mark up 16 points while the Indians were collecting only 12, and Columbia led at the end of the third period by a four point margin 32 to 28. It was in the final period the Indians showed their ability on both the offense and defense. Lead by Wood, Berry and Cecil Winslow, the Indians hit the hoop for nine points and held the Columbia team to one lone basket. The final score was Perquimans 37 Columbia 34.

The entire Perquimans team showed marked improvement over previous playing and remained in the rural conference race by winning the game. Columbia still leads the conference but the Indians have a chance to tie for first honors.

Following their three victories in play last week the Indians will play two games this week; they meet the Chowan team at Chowan on Tuesday night and will play Weeksville, in a conference game here tonight.

Displaying a powerful driving attack the Indians marked up their fourth straight victory at the expense of the Chowan High School in a game played Tuesday night at the Chowan gym. The final score was 44 to 15.

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## GOODWIN'S DRESS SHOP SUFFERS HEAVY DAMAGE IN FIRE HERE TUESDAY MORNING

### Stock And Building Damage Estimated 10 To 15 Thousand

A fire of undetermined origin caused a complete loss of the stock of merchandise of the Goodwin's Dress Shop here on Tuesday morning. It was believed that the fire started from an oil heater, used to heat the store.

Damage from the fire, smoke and water, was estimated on the merchandise and building to be between 10 and 15 thousands of dollars.

The fire was discovered at about 8:50 a. m., Tuesday morning, by M. J. Gregory, owner of the building which houses the dress shop. He turned in the fire alarm and the fire department was on the scene shortly thereafter. Heavy smoke hindered the firemen from immediately extinguishing the blaze, which was larger at the rear of the shop, near the location of the stove. Mrs. C. I. Lewis, owner of the shop, had opened the store, and after lighting the oil heater, left the place of business for a few minutes. The fire blazed up during that time.

Firemen used two separate hose to fight the blaze, one from the hydrant on Church street, and one at the rear of the store, where the blaze was burning intensely. Action by the fire department prevented more serious damage to the building. The smoke from the fire was so heavy that firemen had to use masks in entering the building to fight the blaze. The fire failed to reach the front part of the store but water thrown by the firemen to extinguish the blaze and smoke completely damaged all merchandise in the store.

#### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Bunch of Edenton, former residents of this county, announce the birth of a son at the Lakeview Hospital, Suffolk, on January 31.

## Clothes Collection To Be Made In Town On Saturday Morning

### Mayor Proclaims Saturday "Victory Clothes Day"

A Houston Edwards, county chairman of the Victory Clothes Collection, announced today that his committee had drawn plans to conduct a house to house clothes collection in Hertford on Saturday morning, February 9. The collection will be conducted from 10 a. m. until 12 noon.

In connection with the scheduling of the collection, Mayor V. N. Darden proclaimed that Saturday would be Victory Clothes Collection Day in Hertford, and he called upon all residents of the town to contribute all the old clothes available. The Mayor said, "No one could give to a better cause, we here in America have such items that can be used to relieve misery and suffering throughout the world, ravaged by war conditions. It is my hope that every resident will hunt through his home and locate articles of old clothing suitable for use and contribute these in this drive."

In announcing plans for the collection Mr. Edwards stated that adults with cars would be asked to serve as collection leaders for each street in Hertford and that children would be asked to make the house to house canvass. A list of persons to serve on this drive has been drawn up and these people will be contacted by Mr. Edwards or one of his assistants. Each person asked to help in this work is requested to be at the Court House in Hertford on Saturday morning, not later than 9:30 o'clock. The chairman believes that each group of workers can complete their street by the noon hour.

Residents of the town, meanwhile, are asked to bundle up clothing they desire to contribute, and if they are not to be at home during the hours of the drive, are asked to leave the bundle on their porches, and label it "Victory Clothes Drive", so that the collectors will not bother other bundles which might be left on porches.

Mr. Edwards stated today that all clothing collected in this county will be readied for shipment to national offices of the drive, and the bundles will be shipped out of here by next Wednesday. He urges that any group, who might be working on this project, in the rural areas of the county contact him before that time, in order that all the collections may be shipped out at the same time.

## HEADLINES THIS WEEK'S

### 29 Students Listed On H. S. Honor Roll

E. C. Woodard, principal of Perquimans County High School, released this week the names of the students at the high school listed on the honor roll for the third grading period of the school year. The list shows 29 students excelling in their studies, with the girls leading the boys. Twenty girls made the honor roll to only eight boys.

The students listed according to grades are:

Post graduate: Esther Winslow.

11th Grade: Kader White, Mary Inez Chappell, Dotmeagan Lane, Molly Oakey, Mary Lina Raper, Faye Winslow, Mary Leland Winslow.

10th Grade: Eugene Hurdle, Lorraine Britton, Mildred Skinner, Howard Broughton, Reginald Tucker.

9th Grade: Lindsay Reed, Clarkson White, Dolan Winslow, Mary Lou Butt, Betty Ruth Chappell, Marietta Jolliff, Pat Morris, Lelia Lee Winslow, Pearl Hunter, Melvin Colson, Marie Rountree, Thelma White.

8th Grade: Dorothy Britton, Catherine Ann Holmes, Claire Hunter, Marjorie Perry.

The President has ordered Civil Service back on a peace-time basis, which will force temporary war-time workers to take examinations if they hope to keep their jobs. One report stated that all post office jobs will be held for veterans of World Wars I and II.

The Supreme Court this week ruled the Jap General Yamashita, convicted as a war criminal at a trial held in Manila, should die by the noose. The Jap had appealed his case to the U. S. Supreme Court after a verdict of guilty was returned in the Philippines. The court voted 6-3 against the appeal.

#### P. T. A. TO MEET

The Hertford Parent Teachers Association will meet next Thursday evening February 14th at 7:30 p. m. at the grammar school. All members are urged to be present.

## STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER GIVES OPINION ON ROAD PROGRAM FOR COUNTY

### Band To Make First Appearance Friday

Perquimans High School's band, which was organized last fall, and has been practising since that time, will make its first public appearance Friday night, when the musicians perform at the Perquimans-Weeksville basketball game.

The band, which has about 25 members, has as its director A. G. Ainsworth, who has been working with the group since its organization. He promises the public a good performance when the band plays at the school auditorium tonight.

## Polio Goal Nearly Reached; Still Some Reports To Be Made

Dr. T. P. Brinn, secretary of the Perquimans County Committee in charge of the Infantile Paralysis campaign, reported on Monday that \$782 of the \$860 quota assigned to the county for the 1946 campaign had been raised to date, and that with the reports yet to be made by solicitors from outside the Town of Hertford, as well as the colored division, it was to be expected that the county quota would be reached if not over subscribed.

Besides the reports from appointed solicitors, not yet made, various Home Demonstration clubs are also expected to contribute to the fund and these contributions will be collected by Miss Frances Maness at the time each club meets during this month.

The committee, charged with handling the drive this year, decided upon a quick concentrated campaign and the manner in which the drive was conducted speaks well for the community as well as the workers who made the canvass. The response on the part of the public, for funds to continue the fight against infantile paralysis, was gratifying to the committee, which today expressed its thanks to the solicitors for time and effort donated to the cause and to the persons who made contributions to the fund.

Mr. Brinn stated that a full and complete report will be made public just as soon as all contributions have been turned in. A great part of the funds collected will remain here at home for any emergency which may arise, such as the call for aid in the western part of the state last year when Infantile Paralysis struck a number of communities.

## Rev. Duling Accepts Call To Hertford Baptist Church

The Rev. C. W. Duling, of Huntington, West Virginia, former chaplain with the U. S. Army, has accepted a call to the Hertford Baptist church, it was announced here this week by the church committee.

Rev. Mr. Duling served in the army transport command in both the Atlantic and Pacific for 42 months. Prior to entering service as a chaplain he served the Baptist church at Burgaw, North Carolina.

The call was made to Rev. Duling by the local congregation on last Sunday, following services conducted here by the pastor.

A graduate of Crozier Seminary, Penna., the Rev. Mr. Duling is married and has two children, one son and one daughter. He left here this week for Huntington to bring his wife and son to Hertford for residence. The daughter, a senior in high school, will remain in Huntington until schools close there before joining the family here.

The pastorate of the local church has been vacant for several months, following the resignation of the Rev. H. G. Dawkins, who left here for Kinston, and the congregation of the church is very pleased and impressed by the qualities of their new minister.

## LIONS TO EDENTON

Members of the Hertford Lions Club will meet with members of the Lions Clubs of Edenton and Elizabeth City, in an Inter City meeting to be held at the armory in Edenton on Wednesday evening, February 13.

R. R. White, president of the local club, stated the meeting was scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock and he urges all members of the local club to attend.

Palbearers were Cecil Houck, Clarence Sizer, Thomas Conrad, Howard Melboard, R. M. Carpenter and Micky Hanrahan.

Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.