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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Still attempting to enact some kind of a price control bill, acceptable to the Administration, the Senate this week voted to outlaw any future ceiling on meat, poultry, eggs and food made from them. Other amendments withdrawing items from the ceiling lists are being considered and it is reported that if such action is taken Tuesday limits the scope of the price control bill, that President Truman may veto the new measure. While the Senate tries to pass a new measure reports from over the nation show that prices vary on commodities according to efforts to control inflation. As a whole, prices are being maintained at practically OPA ceiling.

Invitations have been mailed out to 21 nations for a general peace conference to be held in Paris beginning July 29, to draw the peace treaty between the Allies and the German aggressors of World War II. However, as has been the case in the past, the invitations after an agreement between the Big Four nations were recalled early this week. The question of a peace conference for Germany still remains unsettled, with Russia balking at proposals made during the current meeting by U. S. Secretary Byrnes.

The Department of Agriculture reported this week that the prices for meat may remain high for some time to come, even though the prices will settle down by fall. The Department stated prices will be 15 to 20 per cent higher than OPA ceilings, if control is not re-established. Huge shipments of cattle and hogs have been arriving at stockyards over the nation and the supply of meat is expected to increase during the next week or so.

The Senate is expected to pass the Terminal Tax bill this week after the bill was given the reading of the House and the Finance Committee reported it favorably. The bill is expected to raise \$100 million in taxes on terminal discharges without having received leave time earned during service. Under the bill the veterans will receive payment partly in cash and partly in government bonds. All amounts under \$50 will be paid in cash. The bonds to be issued will mature in five years and carry 2 1/2 per cent interest.

An unreported \$50,000 robbery has the Maryland police working overtime attempting to solve the holdup. On July 4 an exclusive club, located in Baltimore, was held up and the robbers are reported as making away with the huge sum. The police received a tip by phone from a person who refused to identify himself and later checks showed all telephone connections in the club had been broken on the day of the robbery. Maryland officials have alerted police in 21 nearby states to be on the lookout for the four men they claim can be identified as connected with the theft.

Major W. H. Oakey Receives Citation

Major W. H. Oakey, Jr., USMC, has received a copy of a citation issued to a gun battalion he commanded during the Battle for Leyte in December, 1944. The citation was issued by the commanding officer of the 114th Amphibious Group.

The citation follows: "An admirable spot developed on Highway 1, 11 December, 1944, just west of Aduyog and the 50th Engineers were engaged in building a corduroy runway to bypass B. B. Battery, 154-mm Battalion, United States Marine Corps, was accurate east and on the west side of this spot unusable to pass."

Major Oakey, BN-3 of the Battalion, and Lieut. E. B. White, Executive Officer of this battery, volunteered the services of the men of the battery and they went to work under the supervision of the 50th Engineers. These officers and men worked hard and showed an admirable spirit and commendable cooperation that was recognized and duly appreciated by all concerned."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A Vacation Bible school opened Monday afternoon at the Anderson Methodist Church near Hertford. Fifty three workers and scholars were present on the opening day. The scholars were expected to increase during the week. The school will close Friday afternoon. The school was held in the basement of the church.

WEDDING SET TO MEET

Miss Kate M. Blanchard is expected to marry on Wednesday afternoon, July 11, at 5 o'clock.

Hertford Win Over Windsor Places Team Near Top Place

Indians to Play Rebels Again Tonight on Local Diamond

| Team | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|----------------|-----|------|------|
| Hertford | 12 | 5 | .667 |
| Windsor | 11 | 5 | .647 |
| Colerain | 8 | 7 | .533 |
| Edenton | 7 | 9 | .438 |
| Elizabeth City | 5 | 9 | .357 |
| Camden | 5 | 11 | .313 |

Hertford's baseball club moved to within one and a half games of first place in the Albemarle League standing by downing the league-leading Windsor team here Monday night by a 2-1 score. The game was a pitcher's duel between Bob Bauer, Hertford's star, and White of Windsor. Bauer held the edge by striking out 13 Windsor batters and allowing five hits, while his team mates collected eight hits off White. Six Indians were fanned by White.

Bauer practically won his own game when he hit safely in the fifth and scored the first run of the game on a hit by Wood. Later in the seventh Bauer again hit safely and a sacrifice by Wood and hits by Young and Kimbrell scored the pitcher for Hertford's second run.

Windsor's only score came in the seventh when, on a two base hit, the visiting player continued to hit the bases and an error by Hertford permitted the score. Windsor's best innings were in the first and second when Bauer walked three men, but came back to strike out four batters to retire the side without a run. Windsor had five men on bases during these innings. In all Windsor had nine men on bases who failed to score while Hertford had 11.

One of the largest crowds of the season witnessed the game Monday night and another large crowd is expected to see the game tonight when Windsor returns to Hertford for a second game. Bauer is expected to do the pitching for Hertford, while Miller will likely do the checking for Windsor.

The Indians played at Camden on Wednesday afternoon but the details of the game were reported too late for publication in this issue.

Preston-Gaither Vows Spoken July 3

Mary Skinner Gaither, daughter of the late W. G. and Elizabeth Wood Gaither, and Roy C. Preston of Norfolk, Va., were united in marriage in a quiet and beautiful ceremony in the Holy Trinity Church Wednesday afternoon, July 3, at 5 o'clock.

The wedding was performed by the Rev. B. W. Gaither of Creswell, brother of the bride, assisted by the Rev. Edmund T. Jillson, rector of the Holy Trinity Church.

The vows were spoken before the altar decorated with white gladioli, baby's breath and fern, interspersed with seven branch candelabra forming a beautiful setting.

Miss Kate M. Blanchard presided at the organ and rendered a program of wedding music prior to the ceremony including "O Perfect Love," "I Love Thee," "Schubert's Serenade." During the ceremony "O Promise Me" was softly played. The traditional wedding march was used as the recessional and processional.

The bride, dressed in a two-piece suit of Navy blue crepe, with which she wore a string of pearls that were her mother's. She wore white accessories and a corsage of white bride's roses and baby's breath, entered the church with her brother, Charles Wood Gaither of Elizabeth City, by whom she was given in marriage.

The bridegroom had as his best man Edward C. Deager of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Sidney P. Jannop, Mrs. W. H. Harcastle and Miss Frances Manser were mistresses of ceremony.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip to an unannounced destination.

Among the out-of-town guests attending the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gentry and Jimmy Preston, son of the bridegroom, all of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brock Albritton of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. J. G. Gentry, Mrs. and Mrs. Mary Morrison of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Ethel Pendergrass of Edenton, and W. Smith of Elizabeth City, among others. Elizabeth City.

Motorists Swamped On Nags Head Road

A number of local motorists found traveling to and from Nags Head difficult over the past week-end, when heavy rains of last Saturday and Sunday inundated a stretch of highway about five miles long, covering the entire roadway with water about the depth of the running boards of cars. Several local people reported water ran into their cars while they attempted to travel the road.

The State Highway Department marked the roadbed with markers to show motorists the right-of-way, and maintained several trucks to tow stalled cars through the flooded area. However, cars stalled became too numerous and residents of Nags Head soon began assisting the trucks with the towing.

Elizabeth Darden Weds Lt. J. D. George In Church Ceremony

A marriage of much beauty, social prominence and interest was that of Miss Mary Elizabeth Darden to Lieutenant (j. g.) James Dalton George, which took place here Saturday at high noon, July 6th, in the Holy Trinity Church.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Edmund T. Jillson, rector, before the attractive altar decorations of white gladioli, ferns and palms. The chancel was set with white lighted tapers forming a setting of rare charm and beautiful simplicity.

During the ceremony, Miss Kate M. Blanchard presided at the organ, using Lohengrin's wedding march for the processional and Mendelssohn's as a recessional. Preceding the entrance of the bride, Miss Mary Blane Justus of Norfolk, Virginia sang Ave Maria and The Lord's Prayer.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, Douglas Stokes Darden, was lovely in a wedding gown of white slipper satin fashioned with lavaliers neckline, long sleeves tapered to points over the hands, basque bodice embroidered in seed pearl motif, with the fullness of the skirt forming a sweeping train. Her finger-tip veil of imported illusion fell from an open work crown tiara of petite pearls. She carried a white prayer book topped with a white orchid showered with stephanotis and satin streamers. Her only ornament was a diamond necklace worn by the bride's mother in her wedding.

The maid of honor, Miss Nancy Darden, sister of the bride, wore a gown of light green marquisette over taffeta made with a lavaliers neckline, bracelet length sleeves, basque bodice trimmed with accordinnated pleated ruffles from the shoulders to the hemline, and bouffant skirt. Her sweet-heart shaped head dress of green illusion, with ruffled edge, was arranged with an off-the-face shoulder length veil of matching illusion. She carried an arm bouquet of yellow roses.

The bridesmaids were Miss Mary Alice Cohoon of Columbia and Miss Clara Ballenger of Charlotte. They were attired in gowns of jonquil yellow marquisette over taffeta fashioned like that of the maid of honor. They also wore sweetheart shaped headresses of yellow illusion with off-the-face shoulder length veils. They carried arm bouquets of multi-colored flowers.

The bridegroom had as his best man, Lt. (j. g.) Charles Bahr of Verona, New Jersey. The ushers were Lt. (j. g.) Harry Myers of Hagerstown, Md. The groom, best man and ushers, on terminal leave at present from the United States Navy, were attired in their Navy dress officers' uniforms.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Stokes Darden of Front Street. She is a graduate of Perquimans County High School and Eastern Carolina Teachers College. She was a member of the faculty at Granby High School in Norfolk, Virginia in 1945-46.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. George of Collinsville, Miss. He is a graduate of Mississipi.

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Principal Signed For Central Grammar

F. T. Johnson, County School Superintendent, announced Wednesday the principalship vacancy at the Perquimans Central Grammar School will be filled during the next school term by Ashley Gurganus, of Washington, N. C.

Mr. Gurganus signed a contract for the position during the past week and will arrive here in August to assume his duties. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Mr. Gurganus has been teaching the schools in Robeson County.

Police Catch Tire Snatcher, Judge Gives Him Two Years

Six Cases Heard In Recorder's Court Tuesday Morning

Clever work on the part of Police Officers Tommy Miller and Eck Perry enabled the officers to nab a tire thief last Sunday night. On routine check of the town the officers noticed Lester Hurdle, Negro, acting in an unusual manner and quietly watching him for an hour or so, discovered he had stolen two tires and wheels from a car owned by Hoke Eason, which was in the garage of Matt Mathews. Hurdle hid the tires in the shrubbery of the Hertford grammar school as the officers approached him, then later, after believing he had eluded the police, returned evidently to retrieve the tires. At this point Mr. Perry walked from behind a tree, from which point he had been observing Hurdle, and placed him under arrest. Evidence discovered at the Mathews garage proved Hurdle guilty of taking the tires.

Given a hearing before Judge Charles E. Johnson in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning, Hurdle was given two years on the roads, suspended by a payment of a fine of \$50 and costs of court.

James Felton, Negro, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly, assault and forcible trespass. He was given a 90-day sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs.

Joseph Lilly, Negro, charged with driving without brakes, failed to appear for a hearing. A capias was ordered issued and the defendant held on a \$50 bond.

George Washington Ferebee, Negro, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. He was given 60 days on the roads, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs.

Larry Parsons, Negro, paid the costs of court after entering a plea of guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

Johnny Jordan, Negro, was given a 30-day suspended sentence and paid the costs of court on a charge of driving without a license.

Baseball Schedule Lists 24 More Games

A schedule, released this week by Jim Daniels, president of the Albemarle League, shows Hertford has 24 more games to play during the remainder of the season.

An All-Star game, with players from Windsor, Colerain and Edenton playing against stars of Hertford, Elizabeth City and Camden, will be played in Hertford on the night of July 17, it was announced by the president.

The remainder of the Hertford games are as follows:

- July 15—Edenton at Hertford.
- July 17—Hertford at Windsor.
- July 19—Colerain at Hertford.
- July 21—Hertford at Windsor.
- July 22—Colerain at Hertford.
- July 24—Hertford at Elizabeth City.
- July 26—Camden at Hertford.
- July 28—Hertford at Colerain.
- July 29—Elizabeth City at Hertford.
- July 31—Hertford at Windsor.
- August 1—Windsor at Hertford.
- August 4—Hertford at Camden.
- August 5—Camden at Hertford.
- August 9—Windsor at Hertford.
- August 11—Hertford at Elizabeth City.
- August 13—Edenton at Hertford.
- August 14—Edenton at Hertford.
- August 16—Camden at Hertford.
- August 17—Hertford at Camden.
- August 18—Hertford at Colerain.
- August 19—Elizabeth City at Hertford.
- August 22—Colerain at Hertford.
- August 24—Hertford at Camden.
- August 25—Hertford at Elizabeth City.

Inclement Weather Damaging Crops

Inclement weather of the past ten days has caused considerable damage to crops in Perquimans County according to various reports received from producers in different communities.

Heavy rains have made cultivation difficult but most of the producers believe if fair weather will prevail for the next month the outlook will be considerably better.

Some sections of the county report lighter rains than others and in these communities all crops are reported as good.

Town Board Holds Routine Session

Hertford Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday night and considered routine business matters.

The Board granted permission to the Hertford Bowling Alleys to remain open until 12:30 o'clock on Saturday nights.

While it was not discussed, the Board is expected to set the tax rate for the next fiscal year at its meeting in August.

Negro Youth Drowns Wed. Afternoon

Willie Welch, nine-year-old colored child, son of Charlie Welch, of Hertford, drowned in the Perquimans River at an undetermined hour Wednesday afternoon while playing with some playmates at an old wharf on the river's edge back of the town plant.

The police were notified about 8:45 o'clock Wednesday night that the child was missing, and Officers Miller, White and Perry immediately rounded up the children reported playing with the child. At first the children denied having seen the Welch boy, then later one of the children told the authorities that the child was pushed overboard and failed to reappear after sinking in the water.

A search of the river was started about 10 o'clock by the police, and assisted by Jack Hofter and Bill Boyce, who dived for the body, it was recovered within a short time in about seven feet of water.

Dr. C. A. Davenport, Coroner, viewed the body and also questioned the children who accompanied the boy to the river. He reported death was due to accidental drowning.

Hofter and Boyce stated that the body seemed hung to some obstacle and that it was hard to bring to the surface. They believed the boy became entangled when he first sunk and was unable to come to the surface. The officials were unable to discover whether or not the child could swim.

According to the children questioned by the authorities there was no evidence of a quarrel among the children.

Six Vacancies In Negro High School

Following action taken by the Negro school committee for Hertford High School, meeting in special session last Saturday night, six vacancies exist in the faculty for the school this week according to F. T. Johnson, School Superintendent.

The committee voted not to re-elect the school principal and five teachers, after considering reported dissatisfaction among the faculty. At a previous meeting, it was reported, the committee voted not to reelect the principal, then later the five teachers were not recommended for reelection and the matter rested until the meeting last week, when the committee voted two to one against reelection of the group.

Mr. Johnson stated he has a number of applications on file to fill the vacancies and it is not expected the positions will remain long unfilled.

Rabies Inspector Issues Warning

G. C. Buck, Perquimans County Rabies Inspector, issued a warning today for all dog owners to have their dogs vaccinated during the month of July, or face penalties for failure to comply with the law.

Mr. Buck said, "Dog days are here again, and very few dog owners have had their dogs vaccinated up to now." He urged all owners, for health and safety measures, to comply with the law by bringing dogs to his home for vaccination. A schedule of dog vaccinations for the county appears in this issue.

Quiet 4th Holiday Reported In County

A quiet Fourth of July holiday was the report for Perquimans County. No serious accidents were reported and police officials had only routine duties to perform. No formal celebrations were scheduled but rain marred the day for most family gatherings.

Most of Hertford's stores closed on Wednesday afternoon and all day on Thursday to give merchants and clerks an opportunity to enjoy the holiday.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woodard announce the birth of a son, born Tuesday, July 2, at the Medical Center in Elizabeth City.

Prominent Hertford Resident Passed Away Last Saturday

Final Rites For Miss Emily Skinner Held Monday Morning

Miss Emily Creecy Skinner died in Hertford on July 6 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Silas M. Whedbee. Until her last illness, Miss Emmie lived her beautiful and gracious life in the old Harvey home on Church Street in Hertford.

She was buried on July 8 in the churchyard of the Holy Trinity Church in Hertford. She was the organist of the church for many years, and a life-long communicant. The funeral service was read by the rector, the Rev. Edmund T. Jillson. The pallbearers were B. Carroll Berry, C. P. Morris, J. P. Perry, Frank Skinner, Dr. J. J. Skinner and Dr. I. A. Ward.

The thought probably never occurred to Miss Emmie, but nevertheless she was a kind of symbol, an amalgam of the best that made up the past and the present, and a lone star by which to view the future.

Her father was Henry Skinner and her mother was Agnes, daughter of Benjamin Harvey and his wife, Judith Creecy. For many years and until their deaths in the early nineties, Miss Emmie's aunts, Miss Rachel and Miss Emmie and Miss Sally Harvey, lived with her in the old home place.

The Skinners and the Harveys were leaders in every matter that affected the people. The pages of early North Carolina history are filled with their names: Colonial governors, farmers and good neighbors, judges and later members of Congress. Always men and women who were loved and respected by their neighbors and who loved their neighbors.

Miss Emmie was the last lineal descendant of the flower of them all, John Harvey, moderator of the Governor's Council at New Bern just before the Revolution, and the man who, by a vote, turned the Governor's Council into a Provincial (and Revolutionary) Congress without a man leaving his seat, except the Royal Governor, Martin, who got to a British gun boat in the harbor as quickly as he could. Unfortunately, John Harvey died from pneumonia resulting from a fall from his horse at the very beginning of the Revolutionary War.

Miss Emmie's surviving kin are the following cousins: Silas M. Whedbee, Mrs. Robert Applewhite of Hertford, Mrs. Charles Turner and Mrs. Sam Watkins of Henderson, Mrs. Sydney M. McMullan and W. S. Summerell of Edenton, William Skinner of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Herbert D. Bateman of Wilson, Mrs. E. B. Ficklen and Mrs. A. M. Moseley of Greenville, Mrs. Hyman Phillips of Tarboro and Mrs. C. S. Carr of Norfolk, Va.

Legion Challenges Civic Club Winners

Members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion issued a challenge this week to the winner of the Hertford Rotary-Lions Club soft ball game for another benefit game to be played next Thursday night.

Like the game played this week between the Lions and Rotarians, the proceeds of the Legion game will go to the Perquimans High School Band. At a meeting last week the Legionnaires appointed W. F. Ainsley and Clarence Phillips as co-managers for the Legion team. Since both are members of the civic club teams, the one on the losing side will serve as manager of the Legion team for the game next week.

The entire membership of the Legion will participate in the game when the Post plays the winner of the Lions-Rotary game next Thursday.

Two Vets Report At Draft Office

Two veterans, Lloyd Bagley and Eric Roberts, both of whom served in the U. S. Navy, reported at the local draft office during the past week, filing their separation papers with the board.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Meekins announce the birth of a daughter, born Monday night, July 8, at the Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. Meekins was before her marriage Miss Helen Hoffler.