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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Western Allies and Russia continue a tense game over the traffic situation to and from Berlin for the use of western Germans and occupational forces. Russia this week announced it was prepared to feed all the people of western Germany, but this report was termed propaganda by the Allies. General Lucius Clay, chief American officer in Berlin is expected in Washington on Friday to report to the War Department on the situation. Meanwhile, the U. S. has sent 60 superfortresses to Europe as a show of strength, and a report Wednesday indicated that additional planes will be sent to Germany immediately.

Twelve U. S. Communist party leaders were indicted in New York this week, charged with advocating the overthrow of the United States government. Among them were William Foster, head of the communist party of America. All 12 of the individuals were identified as members of the Communist national board. Seven of the men have been arrested and the other five are sought by officials.

A report from Salina, Kansas this week stated that railroad men said they were loading 240 boxcars with military equipment for shipment to England. The equipment was being loaded at an air base, near Salina. An air of secrecy surrounded the operations. Army and Air Force officials refused to comment on the report.

France, through its Foreign Minister, this week proposed at a meeting in the Netherlands that the five nations of Western Europe unite into a federal parliament, and included the possibility of inviting Russia to join the movement. Great Britain and Belgium agreed to the principle of the proposal but rejected the movement as impractical.

Congress will convene in Washington next Monday, called back to a special session by President Truman. In issuing the call for the special session the President announced that measures important to the welfare of the nation will be sent to Congress for action. Republican leaders have attacked the action by the President, stating there is no need for a special session, and predict little will be accomplished during the meeting.

County Sends Funds To Aid Polio Fight

Dr. T. P. Brinn and Silas M. Whedbee, co-directors of the Perquimans County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announced today that the local chapter has sent one half of the total sum in the treasury as of June 30, which amounted to \$1,225.54, to the North Carolina Epidemic Fund Committee at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Brinn, secretary-treasurer of the local chapter stated that the \$1,225.54 sent to Chapel Hill, will be pooled and used for the present epidemic in the central part of the State.

The Perquimans chapter also contributed \$180 for equipment and diagnosis and treatment of infantile paralysis to the Marview Hospital at Portsmouth, Va., where all patients from the Albemarle area are sent.

The directors in announcing the contribution said that the local chapter was very happy to contribute for the treatment of those patients in the central part of the State at this time and felt that if the epidemic was here that the folks in the central part of the State would do the same for us here.

That they hoped that the residents of Perquimans County would bear in mind what a good cause this money has been contributed, that the money didn't have to be used here and that each person will remember this epidemic and contribute next year to help go over the quota and bring the treasury back up.

During the 1944 epidemic, the Perquimans County Chapter contributed to the State Fund to help combat that epidemic at that time.

The local chapter has distributed 500 helpful pamphlets sent out by the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, which gives the symptoms of the disease. The pamphlets were placed in all of the doctors' offices in town and in the drug stores.

BREAKS HIP IN FALL

Mrs. Irene Crosby Peterson, mother of Mrs. J. E. White, suffered a fracture of her hip when she fell in the yard at her home late Tuesday afternoon. She was taken to Albemarle Hospital for treatment.

Indians Win Five Straight Games To Improve Standing In Albemarle League

Edenton Downed Tuesday; Plymouth to Play Here Saturday

After dropping a game to the Elizabeth City Senators 12-7 last Friday night, the Hertford Indians bounced out of their slump to win five straight games and improve their standing in the Albemarle League. The Indians thumped the Senators 7-1 in a game on Memorial Field Saturday night, then journeyed to Colerain Sunday and won by a margin of 16-9.

The third game was won here Tuesday night when the Indians turned back the league-leading Edenton Colonials by a count of 5 to 1. Moe Bauer did the hurling against the Colonials and allowed only five hits. He gave up two walks. The Indians hammered Saxon, Edenton pitcher, for eight hits, and got six walks. Bauer struck out seven Edenton batters, while Saxon fanned six Indians. Hertford collected three hits in the first inning and scored two runs, then the teams played even until the sixth when Edenton scored one run on two hits. The Indians got a walk and a hit to score once in the same inning. A walk and another hit produced the fourth run for the Indians in the seventh and two walks and two hits in the eighth gave the Indians their fifth run. Edenton threatened in the eighth with two on and one out but the Indian defense tightened and the Colonials were retired without scoring.

The Indians made it two in a row on Wednesday when they turned back Colerain 6-5 in an afternoon contest, then out-hit Windsor in a game at Windsor under the lights. The final score at the Windsor game was Hertford 10, Windsor 5.

Hertford got the jump on Colerain 1-0 in the second inning and added three in the fourth to hold a 4-1 lead, but the Trappers came back to take a one run advantage when they tallied three runs in the seventh. Marsh was the starting pitcher for the Indians but was replaced in the sixth by Christgau, who in turn was relieved by George in the seventh. Hertford was trailing by one run in the eighth when Young walked, then Sires smacked a home run over the left field fence to score the winning run. The game was called at the end of the eighth due to rain.

Bud Cayton led the Indian attack at Windsor, getting three hits, one a two-run homer, in five trips to the plate. Utley had two for three. Morton did the hurling for the Indians and Sires was behind the plate.

Led at the bat by Cayton and Kimbrell, the Indians trounced the Colerain Trappers at Colerain Sunday afternoon in a slugfest that netted Hertford 16 runs. Colerain took an early 5-0 lead in the game but the Indians jumped four Trapper pitchers in the seventh and eighth innings to score five and eight runs respectively. Kimbrell hit two home runs, while Cayton collected four hits for six times at bat.

The Indians played errorless ball behind the pitching of Morton in the game with Elizabeth City last Saturday night and turned back the Senly eight times and scored runs in the first, third and fifth innings. The stars 7-1. Hertford batters hit safely, first, third and fifth innings. (Continued on Page Eight)

Auto Badly Damaged Cow Killed In Wreck

John Gorvan Webb, 26-year-old Negro man of Hertford, escaped serious injury early Friday morning when his 1936 Plymouth sedan rammed into a cow while traveling north on U. S. 17, five and a half miles from the Hertford city limits, killing the cow, State Highway Patrolman H. L. White reported Saturday.

According to Patrolman White, the vehicle knocked the animal 24 yards from the point of impact and into a ditch beside the road and the car continued to skid 39 additional yards beyond the cow.

He said the car went into the ditch beside the right hand side of the road, causing damage estimated at \$400 to the front end of the vehicle. The cow belonged to E. B. Hollowell of Route 3, Hertford.

Webb and two other occupants of the car were not injured in the accident.

Health Department Reports Water O. K.

Hertford's water supply, according to tests made of samples collected here July 1, is satisfactory, according to a report made to W. F. Ansley, by K. E. Eyer, district sanitarian for the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden Health Department. The sanitarian reported both tests made of the samples showed satisfactory results.

Center Hill Road Project Progressing

Highway construction crews have nearly completed preliminary work of building the new right-of-way for the Center Hill road, now under construction. Ditch banks have been cut and most of the culverts on the new roadway have been installed.

When completed the construction will have eliminated several dangerous curves on the Center Hill road, and made the highway a wide, all-weather road the entire distance from Hertford to Center Hill.

The construction crews are expected to start work on the widening of Grubb street immediately upon completion of the Center Hill road.

Farm Agent Reports Army Worms Found Damaging Crops

Army worms have been reported from two widely separated farms in the Durants Neck section of Perquimans County, it was announced today by I. C. Yagel, County Agent. On one of these farms, Mr. Yagel said, the worms have done considerable damage to peanuts and cotton, and on the other they were reported to be eating corn. These worms have been reported in some neighboring counties several weeks ago, but this is the first that have been reported in Perquimans County.

The County Agent added: "It seems that the army worm prefers grass as his diet but as soon as that is all eaten in the particular spot in which he finds himself, he begins on the next green plant available. They appear so suddenly and work so fast that a farmer may not be aware they are on his farm until he happens to notice a large spot or maybe several rows along one side or one end of his field to apparently turn brown overnight. This is usually near a woods or hedgerow. On closer examination he will find there is nothing but stems left of his plants. Then he will notice the brownish gray worms at work. These worms have several light stripes running full length of their bodies. They vary in length from 1 to 1 1/2 inches in length and are apparently half as large as a lead pencil in diameter.

DDT dust, either 5 per cent or 10 per cent strength is recommended as a control measure. This dust should be applied at the rate of about 20 pounds per acre. The amount will vary with the size of plant being dusted. On peanuts, soybeans, cotton, etc., it can be applied satisfactorily with a peanut duster. If a farmer has equipment for spraying it will be more economical to use a spray of 2 pounds of 50 per cent wettable DDT to 50 gallons of water. Whichever treatment is used, applications should be repeated after a rain if the worms are still present. Perquimans County farmers are advised to watch closely for the first signs of the army worm in their crops and be prepared to get busy on short notice.

Airplane dusting can be arranged if a large enough area is affected.

County Schools To Open September 8th

Perquimans County Schools will open the fall term on September 8th, it was announced today by John T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Biggers stated the Board of Education set the date for the opening of schools, pending approval of the State Board of Education. No delay is expected in the opening of schools here unless the polio epidemic becomes more threatening.

In announcing the opening date for schools Mr. Biggers reported that vacancies in the teaching staff at Central Grammar School had been filled by the hiring of Mrs. A. B. Edwards and Mrs. Kathryn Jessup. Mrs. Henry Stokes has been assigned to the faculty at Perquimans High School where she will teach the eighth grade. Two vacancies at the high school, one in the science department and the Home Ec position remain to be filled. Mr. Biggers said he believed this position will be filled soon.

Work is progressing, the superintendent added, in renovating and painting of school buildings throughout the county, and a full report on this work will be made public next month.

District Health Officer Speaker At Rotary Meeting

Dr. John Bonner Gives Brief Report on Activities of Department

Dr. John Bonner, acting Health Officer for the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden Health Department was guest speaker at the meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford.

Introduced as a fellow-Rotarian by Edgar White, Dr. Bonner gave a brief but interesting talk on the activities of the Health Department during the past six months. He told of the formation of the department back in 1942 and stated that it was his belief the department was one of the best in this part of the State. He stated that efforts are now being made by the District Health Board to secure a full-time health officer and that he believed this post will be filled shortly.

Pointing out that he had advised the Board that more information and reports on the activities of the department should be made public Dr. Bonner told the Rotarians that a monthly report of the Department will be made in the future.

He highly commended Miss Audrey Umphlett, Perquimans County Health Nurse for her ability and efforts toward better health conditions in this county. He reported that no polio cases had been reported in this area, excepting one case in Bertie County.

Reviewing the activities of the Health Department during the past six months the speaker stated, "Since January 1, of this year, your Perquimans County Health Department has held 114 scheduled clinic sessions, covering venereal disease, tuberculosis, food-handlers, maternity and infancy, planned parenthood, pre-school, school, crippled children and immunizations. Some 4,276 persons have been seen at these sessions, a total of 3,078 immunizations have been completed for smallpox, diphtheria, whooping cough and typhoid—several hundred have started their immunizations but have not completed them. Home visits totaling 191 have been made this year, 105 visits to the 19 schools in the county, and 649 infants, pre-school and school children have had physical examinations or inspections. A total of 97 tuberculin tests have been made for the year, also 91 chest X-rays, and forty crippled people from this county have visited the Orthopedic Clinic held once each month in this district with several hospitalizations, and three or four waiting for a bed. Conferences, totaling 960 have been made and 5,218 miles traveled from Jan. 1 until June 30 of this year. One trip to Eastern N. C. Sanatorium has been made, taking one patient to stay and three for examinations."

FHA Program Assist Farmers With Loans

Recent Congressional changes in the insured mortgage program of the Farmers Home Administration will broaden opportunities of farmers to obtain real estate credit, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced.

An assured market for insured mortgages and an increase of one-half of one per cent in the interest rate are provided in amendments to the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, approved June 19, to encourage greater participation of private capital in the farm ownership program.

Lenders who extend credit to eligible farmers for the purchase, enlargement or development of farms under the insured farm mortgage program may assign the mortgage to the Government and receive payment in full at the end of a specified period established by the Government.

The credit is extended only to farmers who cannot obtain adequate financing from private or cooperative sources. Repayment of the loans is fully guaranteed by the Government. The loans are limited to 90 per cent of the borrower's total investment in the farm and are repayable over a 40 year period.

Since the first insured loan was made last October, 833 loans averaging approximately \$7,000 have been closed or approved. In addition, 9,200 applications for insured loans have been approved and their applications are being held pending the location of suitable farms or lenders willing to finance the loans with government insurance. Up to \$100,000,000 worth of loans may be insured in any one year.

According to J. B. Slack, State Director of the Farmers Home Administration in North Carolina, (Continued on Page Eight)

PROBABLE CAUSE RETURNED IN SHOOTING CASE; DEFENDANT BOUND TO GRAND JURY

County Commended For Cancer Aid

Perquimans County was commended today by officials of the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society for its success in attaining 120% of its quota during the 1948 drive for funds to fight cancer.

Perquimans' drive was headed by County Campaign Chairman Joe H. Towle of Hertford.

State Commander Mrs. George E. Marshall and State Campaign Chairman John D. Larkins, Jr., said, "Perquimans County's work has contributed directly to North Carolina's success in exceeding this year's State goal of \$200,440. Furthermore," the division officials added, "the individual efforts of Perquimans County's workers have helped insure the lives of North Carolinians against the possibility of death by cancer."

Funds raised in the campaign will be used in an endeavor to reduce North Carolina's cancer death toll by financing education, service and research programs.

Jury Exonerates Patrolman White In Highway Death

A coroner's jury, conducting an inquest here last Thursday morning, exonerated Patrolman H. L. White in the matter of the death of Nathaniel Boone, Hertford Negro, who died of injuries sustained in an accident on Tuesday night, July 6.

Boone died from a broken neck, suffered when he was struck by a State Patrol car being driven by White. According to the testimony presented to the coroner's jury, Boone was riding a bicycle on the left side of the road approaching Hertford. Patrolman White was headed south on the Harvey Point road at the time he first sighted Boone. Witnesses stated that Boone evidently became confused and zig-zagged across the road in front of the patrol car as White made efforts to avoid hitting the youth. Patrolman White and Carl Jones, brother-in-law of Mr. White, who was riding with the patrolman, both stated that the car was traveling approximately 55 miles an hour around a curve when they saw the boy on the bicycle.

The hearing Thursday consumed considerable time, with several witnesses testifying for the deceased, who was represented at the hearing by Robert Lowery of Elizabeth City. Patrolman White was represented at the hearing by W. H. Oakley, Jr.

Following the conclusion of the testimony the six-man jury returned the verdict that death was caused by an unavoidable accident.

Petition Seeks Better Mail Service

A petition circulated in Hertford this week and signed by a number of business and professional people, seeking better mail service in this section of North Carolina, has been forwarded to the Postmaster General, according to S. M. Whedbee, Hertford postmaster.

The petition pointed out the present services and its handicaps insofar as this territory is concerned and requested the Post Office Department to consider the installation of additional postal service for the many towns and cities in this immediate area.

Wildlife Club To Meet Friday Night

Members of the Perquimans County Wildlife Club will hold an important meeting at the Court House in Hertford Friday night, July 23, at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by Edgar M. Fields, president of the club.

Mr. Fields stated that the club has an opportunity to rent a building at Harvey Point, to be used as a club house, and this matter will be discussed at the meeting tonight. All members are urged to be present.

Bagley Swamp Church To Conduct Revival

A series of revival services will be conducted at the Bagley Swamp Church, beginning July 29 and continuing through August 8, it was announced here this week by the Rev. Coy S. Saunders, pastor of the church.

The Rev. Frederick Bertolet of Reading, Pa., will conduct services, which will begin each evening at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend all services.

Fourteen Cases Are Disposed of Tuesday In Recorder Court

A verdict of probable cause was returned in Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning by Judge Charles E. Johnson in the case charging Willie Williams, Hertford Negro, with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Williams was bound over to Superior Court for action by the Grand Jury at the October term of court. He was released from custody on a bond of \$500.

Williams was charged with shooting Charlie Skinner, Negro, with a .22 calibre automatic rifle and according to testimony given at the hearing this week six slugs struck Skinner, several of them passing completely through his body. He was treated for his wounds at the Albemarle hospital, according to the testimony. Witnesses testified that the shooting followed an argument in Williams' home on Saturday night July 3. Williams was placed in jail by Sheriff M. G. Owens, following the shooting but the defendant was later released on bond, pending the hearing held this week.

Thirteen other cases were disposed of by the Court at the session here Tuesday. Fines of \$5.00 and costs of court were assessed against Nathaniel Dreazier, F. S. Hudson, Gilbert Geiger and Adolph Moora, all of whom entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding.

James Overton, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs on charges of driving with insufficient brakes.

Donald Maillet was given a 30-day suspended sentence and ordered to pay a fine of \$50 and costs on a charge of driving without a license. Stanley Dillard and Joseph Riddick, both Negroes, were fined \$25 and ordered to pay the costs of court on charges of driving without a license.

Henry Parker, Negro, failed to appear to answer charges of driving with insufficient brakes. He was ordered held on bond.

James Fletcher, William Fletcher and Robert White, all Negroes, entered pleas of guilty to charges of being drunk and disorderly and trespassing. They were ordered to pay the costs of court.

Lloyd Felton, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court and ordered to pay Tommy Mathews \$12 on a charge of obtaining money on the promise of work.

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

Perry Parker, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Draft Registration To Start August 30

President Truman, on Tuesday, issued an order for all American men 18 through 25 to register for the draft between August 30 and September 18. There was no announcement just when actual drafting will begin, but it can not start before September 22.

All men of the 18 through 25 ages must register at a local draft office whether they are exempt from service or not. Approximately 9 1/2 million men are expected to sign up at some 4,000 draft offices.

Exempt from the draft are all war veterans who served 90 days in the shooting war (from December 7, 1941 to V-J Day, September 2, 1945) or 12 months between September 16, 1940 and June 24, 1948. Also exempt are medical men, regularly ordained ministers and conscientious objectors. President Truman's proclamation calling for registration set these dates:

Men born in 1922 and after August 30 will register first of all on August 30. These are men of 25, about 300,000 of them, who would be ineligible after one more birthday.

Next to register will be all born in the year 1923. Some of these will be 24, some 25. But all born in 1923 will register August 31-September 1. Persons born in 1924 will register September 2-3; 1925, September 4 or 5; 1926, September 6-7; 1927, September 8-9; 1928, September 10-11; 1929, September 12-13; 1930, September 14-15; and persons born in 1930 before September 19 must register Sept. 17-18.

Boys born on or after September 19, 1930, will register on their eighteenth birthday, or within five days of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Quincy of Norfolk announce the birth of a daughter, July 11th, at DePaul Hospital. Mrs. Quincy before her marriage was Miss Miriam Nixon.