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## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

United Nations troops opened an offensive on the Korean war front late this week in an effort to wipe out a Red Salient. Communist troops waged all-out attacks along most of the 120 mile perimeter of the battle line late last week but these attacks were halted by United Nations forces. Lt. Gen. Walker, commander of the American Eighth Army said early this week that it was his belief that the UN troops were now sufficiently strong to stop any further offensives by the Reds.

President Truman on Tuesday announced the resignation of Louis Johnson as Secretary of Defense. He named General George Marshall to succeed Johnson. A special act of Congress is needed in order for Marshall to fill the post inasmuch as the law forbids a military officer from serving as Defense Secretary. Congress is expected to approve Marshall this week. Johnson has been called upon to resign his post for the past several months.

Foreign Ministers for United States, Great Britain and France are conferring in New York this week, discussing plans for the defense of Western Europe against Communist aggression. Chief problem of the meeting is the question of re-arming Germany and incorporating West Germany into the defense pact of the Western powers.

Thirty five members of the Pennsylvania National Guard died in a train wreck in Ohio early this week when a fast passenger train crashed into the rear of a troop train, carrying the soldiers to Camp Atterbury, Indiana for induction in the Armed Forces.

On a tip from the Canadian Royal Mounted Police, FBI authorities arrested 10 persons Wednesday, and reported they had smashed a two million dollar international lottery ring. Prior to the arrests of the individuals FBI authorities captured \$450,000 worth of undistributed lottery tickets.

Senator Harry P. Cain returned from an inspection trip of European countries and reported to the Senate this week that it is highly probable if Russia opens an aggressive move in Europe any time in the near future that the United States will face the fighting alone. He told members of the Senate that only Turkey and Spain apparently had a nucleus of an army that could quickly assemble for defense of Western Europe.

## Teachers And State Employees To Meet

There will be an important meeting of all members of the Teachers and State Employees' Retirement System on Thursday, September 21, at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the Hertford Grammar School, it was announced here today.

All members of the group are urged to attend as several important items will be brought up for discussion.

One of these items will be a movement to acquit the general public with an amendment to be voted on at the general election on November 7. This amendment will be for the securing and safe guarding of the funds of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System.

Under present laws the funds of this system can be diverted, or borrowed for use of other State agencies, and it is the desire of the System that through approval of this amendment at the general election by the people of the state that these funds will remain solely for the retirement of state employees, and diversion of the funds will be made impossible by law.

The funds of the system are made up of payments each month by the teachers and state employees, who pay five per cent of their monthly salary into the system for retirement benefits.

## Health Department Goes On 5-Day Week

At a meeting of the District Board of Health in the Health Center, Elizabeth City yesterday, the Board voted unanimously to go on a five day week beginning October 1st. Hours for all offices will be from 8:30 to 5:30 Monday through Friday, with an hour for lunch. Each office, however, will be open during the lunch period.

Changes in the exact time for immunization clinics to replace Saturday morning clinics will be announced later.

## Silas M. Whedbee Named As Director Of Civilian Defense For Perquimans

### Meeting Planned To Perfect Organization Of Unit

Silas M. Whedbee, Hertford attorney, has been appointed Director of Civilian Defense for Perquimans County, it was announced here Monday. Mr. Whedbee was nominated for the post by Mayor V. N. Darden and appointment was confirmed this week by E. Z. Jones, State Director of Civilian Defense.

Mr. Whedbee stated Tuesday, following the announcement of his appointment, that a meeting will be held here within the near future in order to perfect the county organization.

Reports on the organization of local Civilian Defense units, reveal that many of the plans such as used during World War II will be discarded and entirely new defense ideas will be formulated for civilians.

The stress of civilian defense will be based upon possible Atomic warfare and local units will receive training along these lines. Plans used during World War II were formulated upon a series of incidents, over a period of time.

While complete details for the local organization are as yet unavailable, Mr. Whedbee said that he will call upon large numbers of county residents to take part in the county unit and he urges all to report for the first meeting and when notified of its date and location.

## Indians Hold First Scrimmage Drill For Opening Game

In preparation for the opening game of the 1950 season, the Perquimans High School football team held its first full scale scrimmage Thursday night, under the lights, when a team from Central High School practiced against the local gridirrs.

The Indians will open their season next Friday night, against Farmville. Coach Ellie Fearing said today that he will take his entire squad of some 35 players to Farmville for the first game.

Practice sessions during the past week have revealed that the 1950 version of the Indians will be somewhat improved over last year. Coach Fearing will have a light, but experienced backfield, and the line, with veterans Archie Lane, Clinton Winslow, Cannon, Sumner, J. Robertson, Askew, C. Robertson and Thach forming the nucleus, should provide plenty of opposition for the Indians' opponents. Backfield candidates showing up well in practice sessions are Joe Towe, Garland Walker, Shackelford Lane, and Freshmen John Morris and Howard Williams.

Coach Fearing said that he is well pleased with the manner in which the team is shaping up and that he will probably use a two-team system during most of the season.

The Indians are using the T-formation for offense this season, and this switch is expected to give the light, fast backfield more of a scoring punch than it had last year when using the single wing plan.

## County Council To Have Fair Exhibit

The Perquimans County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs are busy completing plans for an educational exhibit for the Seven County Fair to be held in Elizabeth City September 18-23. The subject of the exhibit is the reading program, which is an important part of the year's program. The exhibit features a reading center in the home.

The committee consists of Mrs. J. B. Basnight, chairman, Mrs. E. J. Proctor and Mrs. Claude Winslow. All Home Demonstration Club women are urged to go by and look at the exhibit.

## Legion Post Plans Armistice Program

Members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion met last Thursday night at the Agriculture Building in Hertford and discussed plans for holding an Armistice Day program on November 11.

Recently elected officers assumed duties of the Post at this meeting.

Definite plans for the Armistice Day program will be announced following completion of arrangements at the next meeting of the Post.

## Widows Of Veterans In Line For Pension

Widows of veterans of World War I whose income is \$1,000 or less a year are entitled to a pension of \$42 a month from the Federal Government, County Veterans Service Officer C. C. Banks, Perquimans County Service Officer pointed out today.

Those widows with children under certain ages are entitled to extra compensation provided their income is not over \$2500 per year.

Service by the veteran must have been between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and discharge or release from active duty must have been under other than dishonorable conditions after 90 days or more of military service.

For the purposes of a pension a widow must have been married to a World War I veteran before December 14, 1944 or 10 or more years to the person who served, and must not have remarried.

District Service Officers of the N. C. Veterans Commission, County Veterans Service Officers, and Post Service Officers of the various veterans organizations are ready to assist or advise veterans or their dependents on all pension or compensation benefits, and a special campaign is being conducted by the N. C. Veterans Commission and the County Veterans Service Officers and the Post Service Officers of all the various veterans organizations from September 15 to December 15 to locate and help such eligible widows and orphans to file their claims properly.

## Draft Board Receives Report On Draftees

A report received here Wednesday afternoon from State Headquarters of Selective Service revealed that 14 out of the 25 draftees who underwent physical examination last Thursday had passed these tests and were now eligible for induction into the Armed Forces, it was announced today by Mrs. Enda Winslow, clerk of the local board.

In connection with the examinations given selectees, Mrs. Winslow stated that Selective Service of North Carolina is following a policy adopted by National Headquarters whereby names of selectees ordered for examinations will not be released, however, names of registrants ordered for induction will be published.

## Directive Concerning College Students Issued By Draft Board

New regulations covering draftage college students were issued Monday by the Perquimans County draft board in an effort to clarify standings of students in regard to induction.

A number of college students have simply used statements from college officials certifying that they are enrolled in the school, but draft officials emphasize that such statements are not sufficient.

Students are urged to see that full information is available to their draft board concerning their status.

New Directive for students follows: The Selective Service System has changed its regulations affecting classifications for college students.

The new directive authorizes a draft board to reclassify a registrant from 1-A to 2-A if he meets all three of the following conditions:

Has completed at least one academic year of a full-time course of instruction in a college, university or similar institution of learning.

If his scholastic standing placed him in the upper half of the class during his last academic year.

If the local board is satisfied that the registrant, prior to August 1, intended to enroll in school for the academic year ending in the spring of 1951.

A full time graduate student may be considered to have met conditions by the college that in his last undergraduate year he stood in the upper half of his class. Heretofore, if college students met certain requirements when about to be drafted, they could request postponement of induction until the close of the academic year.

The ruling does not affect students covered by other regulations.

## JAYCERS TO MEET

The Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its first dinner meeting next Wednesday, September 20 at 7 o'clock. Members are urged to notify Durwood Reed, Jr., or Jarvis Henry if they are unable to attend.

## Recorder's Court Had Heavy Docket At Session Tuesday

### Twenty Three Cases Disposed Of During Morning Term

Following a week's recess, Perquimans Recorder's Court docket consisted of some 30-odd cases when court convened Tuesday morning. Several of the cases were continued until later terms of court, and four defendants failed to appear to answer to charges brought against them. Judge Chas. E. Johnson ordered these defendants held on bond until the court convened again next Tuesday.

William Schram, Richard Browner, Clifton Jones, Douglas Shuler, Norman Boettcher and Milton Cuffie all entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and paid the costs of court.

Andrew Carroll was ordered to pay a fine of \$5 and court costs after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Maurice Gilbert, Neil Hill and Robert Beasley, each charged with failure to observe a stop sign, entered pleas of guilty and paid the costs of court.

Woodrow Miller and Eddie Winslow, Negroes, charged with driving without a license, entered pleas of guilty and were ordered to pay fines of \$25 and costs of court.

George Butler entered a plea of guilty to being drunk and disorderly. He was given a 60 day road sentence suspended upon condition he leave the county for a period of one year.

William Wilson, charged with reckless driving, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

The State took a nol pros in the cases of William Bunch and Norman Morning, charged with trespassing.

Robert Burke, Negro, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to the roads for 60 days, sentence to be suspended upon payments of costs and that the defendant leave the county for one year.

Curtis Shepard and Russell Susi, charged with speeding, entered pleas of guilty and each paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

James Kiernan and Thomas Jordan, charged with passing cars without proper clearance, entered pleas of guilty and paid the costs of court.

Emma Winslow, Negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, entered a plea of guilty. She was sentenced to jail for a period of four months.

## New Credit Curbs Effective Monday

Financing of many items, from automobiles to home repairs, will become tighter, next Monday, under terms of a bill passed by Congress and signed by President Truman last Saturday.

Under the law, which became effective September 18, Automobile installments are effective of \$5,000 or less and other installment credits of \$2,500 or less.

Down payments of at least one-third will be required for cars and payment can not extend beyond 21 months. Many appliances will require down payment of at least 15 per cent and maximum maturities of 18 months.

Furniture, rugs and home repairs will require down payments of at least 10 per cent and payment within 18 to 30 months.

The measure is aimed to control credit expansion and inflation under present world conditions.

## HDC Leaders At Plymouth Meeting

Three representatives of Perquimans County Home Demonstration Clubs, Mrs. Norman Elliott, county clothing leader, Miss Lena Winslow, county citizenship leader, and Mrs. Nina B. White, Home Agent, attended a training meeting in Plymouth on Tuesday. The purpose of the meeting was to assist leaders in making plans for the observance of National United Nations Day.

Miss Julian McIver, Extension specialist, trained the group in making a United Nations Flag.

Perquimans County Home Demonstration Clubs will observe National United Nations Day on October 24, it was announced.

## NEGRO GROUP ENTERS SUIT IN FEDERAL COURT TO HALT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

### Town Board Grants Permission For Show

Hertford Town Board met in regular session here last Monday night.

At the request of the Hertford Lions Club, permission was granted by the Board for the local civic club to sponsor a carnival in Hertford during the week of October 8. Clinton Eley, Sidney Blanchard and John T. Biggers appeared before the Board for the Lions Club and presented the request for permission to hold the carnival within the town limits.

With only routine business matters up for consideration, the Board meeting was adjourned after fiscal matters had been disposed of by the members.

## Rotary Governor To Visit Local Club Next Tuesday Night

The Rotary Club of Hertford on September 19 will be host to H. B. Spruill, Governor of the 278th District of Rotary International, who is making his annual official visit to each of the 37 Rotary Clubs in Northern Piedmont and North Eastern Carolina. He will confer with President Herbert Nixon, and Secretary Dave Henry and other local Rotary officers on Club administration and Rotary service activities.

Mr. Spruill is manager of H. B. & C. W. Spruill Farms in Windsor, North Carolina and is a member of the Windsor Rotary Club. He is one of the 207 Rotary District Governors who are supervising the activities of some 7,100 Rotary Clubs which have a membership of 342,000 business and professional executive in 83 countries and geographical regions throughout the world.

Wherever Rotary Clubs are located, their activities are similar to those of the Rotary Club of Hertford because they are based on the same general objectives—developing better understanding and fellowship among business and professional men, promoting community-betterment undertakings, raising the standards of business and professions, and fostering the advancement of good will, understanding and peace among all the peoples of the world.

Each year this world-wide service organization continues to grow in numbers and in strength. During the last fiscal year 293 new Rotary Clubs were organized in 36 countries in North, South and Central America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Islands of the Pacific.

## Cancer Detection Clinic Open Again

After being closed for two months for the summer season, the Cancer Detection Clinic, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Elizabeth City in cooperation with health authorities, reopened on Friday of last week to get back on regular schedule.

Registration for the clinic, which is open to anyone in this part of the state, will be held from 1:30 to 2 o'clock each Friday afternoon. The service is free. Women 35 years old or older and men 40 are urged to have the examination, and anyone else of any age who has symptoms of cancer.

The clinic is held at the Health Center on the corner of Harney and Cedar streets, in Elizabeth City.

## Quartet Being Held For Investigation

Four Negroes, all residents of Miami, Fla., were placed in jail here Tuesday by Sheriff M. G. Owens and are being held for investigation, according to Sheriff Owens.

The quartet was placed under arrest following complaints made by residents of Bethel Township. Sheriff Owens stated he located the group in a woods near Piney Park on Route 17, and found a glass cutter and rubber hose on one of the Negroes. The complaints made to Sheriff Owens were that the group were disturbing the neighborhood.

## Hertford Marine Called To Service

Keith Haskett, reserve in the U. S. Marine Corps, has received orders to report for active duty at Camp Lejeune on September 27.

Haskett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Haskett, is the first Marine Reserve from Perquimans to be called to active duty.

## Complaint Charges Unequal Facilities For Negro Children

A suit was filed in the Federal Court at Elizabeth City last Friday, by some 25 Negro residents of Perquimans County seeking an injunction to stop construction of the Union School for Negroes, now being erected at Winfall, until the court determines whether the discrimination alleging unequal facilities for Negro children because of their race and color exists.

The suit is brought against the Perquimans Board of Education, Supt. J. T. Biggers, the State Board of Education and Supt. Clyde Edwin, superintendent of public instruction. Signing the complaint is Wheeler Jones, one of the plaintiffs. Attorneys for the plaintiffs are Herman L. Taylor of Raleigh, Roland D. Faley of Richmond and C. J. Cates of Durham.

Papers in the suit were served against the State Board of Education Thursday and revealed that the action was brought by Negro children of the county by their next friend, the parents of the children.

The names of the plaintiffs are: Joseph Butt, Nellie James, Raymond Riddick, Ellis Hunter, Daniel Smith, Sherman Hinton, John Gordon, Andrew C. White, Joseph Lightfoot, Charlie Whedbee, James Harrell, Mamie Sutton, Wheeler Jones, Latham Felton, Luther James, Davis Tolson, Will White, Jacob Willis, Eugenia Hurdle, Daniel Harrell, R. R. Sutton, W. R. Brooks; Joseph Gordon, Edgar Harvey and Lycurus White.

The complaint alleges that the school facilities for Negro students in the county are far inferior to those maintained for white children and that such a practice is in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U. S. Constitution and to the constitution and laws of North Carolina. Section 12 of the complaint alleges that the defendants "are maintaining an accredited high school and elementary facilities for white children but that no such facilities are maintained for Negro children."

Specific inequalities listed include allegations that the white schools are of modern brick construction, with central heating plant while the Negro students have only dilapidated frame buildings which should be condemned and which are heated by stoves which provide a fire hazard. White schools have adequate lunch room, gymnasium and auditorium facilities while the Negro schools have none, the complaint alleges. It further points out that the white schools have enclosed athletic fields, grandstands, lights for night games and shower and locker rooms while none of these exist for the Negro schools.

Regarding the curriculum, the com-

## BPW Club Holds Business Session

The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club held a business meeting last Friday night at the home of Miss Hulda Wood, president of the club.

Miss Wood was in charge of the program. Mrs. R. M. Riddick, secretary read the minutes and reports were made by various committee chairmen.

Mrs. Roxanna Jackson gave a report on the club's sick loan closet, and stated that many people have already made use of this service offer by the BPW. She also reported of the help made possible for this project by donations and contributions from various organizations, church circles and individuals, all of which is greatly appreciated by members of the BPW.

Plans were discussed for observance of National BPW Week, starting October 15, and it was decided that the local group will plan a program, details of which will be given at a later date.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. Addie N. Jones on October 18.

Following the meeting last Friday, Miss Wood served refreshments to those present.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of near Hertford announce the birth of twin sons, born Saturday, September 9th. Mrs. Smith, before her marriage, was Miss Ethel Frances Elliott.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bryant of Greensboro announce the birth of a son born Thursday, September 7th. Mrs. Bryant is the former Miss Agnes Tucker.