

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The United States, Great Britain and France signed a peace pact with Western Germany this week restoring certain rights and privileges to the Bonn government, which were stripped from the Germans seven years ago when the Allies occupied Germany at the close of the war. Under the pact signed Tuesday the Allies will retain troops within Western Germany as a block against invasion and civil war. Russia, which occupies Eastern Germany, hurled threats at the Bonn government in efforts to stall the alignment of the West Germans with the free West, and on Wednesday Berlin reported threats of blockade between East and West Germany.

The Administration won a victory in the Senate on Tuesday when a vote on a billion dollar cut in appropriations for foreign aid defeated the amendment. Washington reports stated another amendment calling for a half billion dollar cut will be taken this week. Administration leaders are fighting efforts to slash the federal budget, which becomes effective July 1.

No decision as yet has been handed down by the Supreme Court on the seizure of the steel industry, but elsewhere on the labor front progress is reported toward settlement of strikes. The oil strike has been eased considerably, and most of the striking unions have returned to work and the Western Union strike was ended Monday when the workers returned to their duties.

With national party conventions scheduled for July, major candidates for the presidential nomination are now battling hard to line up delegates named for the conventions. Reports Wednesday stated General Eisenhower and Senator Taft are practically tied in the number of delegates who are pledged in the Republican race, while in the Democratic party Senator Kefauver still holds a slight lead in delegates over several Democrats, Senator Russell and John Stennis.

Jaycees Forced To Halt Paper Drive

Announcement was made here today by Jarvis Henry that the Hertford Jaycees will discontinue the scrap paper drive which they have carried out locally for the past 15 months.

Mr. Henry stated the Jaycees are forced to temporarily suspend the paper collection due to the fact, at the present time, there is no market for scrap paper. He added the organization may resume paper collections again if and when the market opens up.

The Jaycees now have a warehouse full of old paper and despite all efforts are unable to sell it on the market.

Proceeds from the sale of the paper in the past was used by the Jaycees in carrying out local projects.

Mr. Henry stated the Jaycees appreciate the support the public gave to this paper collection project, and it is hoped the project may be resumed at some future date.

Legion Groups To Hold Joint Meeting

A joint meeting of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion and its Auxiliary will be held at the Agriculture Building in Hertford on Friday night, June 8, at 8 o'clock. It was announced by C. B. Berry, Post Commander.

During the program a film, "Dare—The Birthplace of America" will be shown as part of the Americanism program of the N. C. Department of the American Legion.

This film presentation will be under the sponsorship of the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce, which will also show the film throughout the county during the week of June 4th. It features such celebrities as Kay Kyser and Lindsey Warren, depicting the founding of the nation.

The public is invited to attend the joint Legion meeting and have an opportunity to witness the film.

Fire Causes Damage At Major-Loomis Co.

Hertford firemen were called to the Major-Loomis Company at about 9 o'clock Tuesday morning to extinguish a blaze which had started in the fuel house at the local lumber mill. The blaze was brought under control within an hour and A. W. Hefner, manager, stated an undetermined amount of damage was caused by the fire.

Early Monday morning the firemen were called to extinguish a burning automobile which caught fire near the Cedar Grove Church. Damages were not reported.

FIFTY-THREE SENIORS AT PERQUIMANS RECEIVED DIPLOMAS AT COMMENCEMENT

Closing Exercises Held Wednesday at School Auditorium

Perquimans High School conducted its 27th annual commencement last Wednesday night, marking the close of the present school term, and climaxing the closing exercises which have been in progress since last Sunday.

Fifty-three seniors received diplomas at the exercises held before a capacity crowd in the auditorium of the school Wednesday night. The closing exercises were conducted by members of the graduating class with several of the seniors giving short talks.

Receiving diplomas, signifying completion of the work at the school, were Ray Ayscue, Jackie Allen, Billy Benton, Julia Ann Bundy, Eugene Boyce, Pauline Burbage, Garland Baker, Marguerite Butler, Vance Bright, Nellie Cartwright, Johnny Cox, Earline Chappell, Jay Duling, Aby Godfrey, Wilma Goodwin, Clyde Lane, Walter Humphlett, Irene Hunter, A. L. Lane, Delma Hurdie, Edward Lane, Kathleen Hurdie, John Mansfield, Louise Jordan, Ben Miller, Sarah Ownley, Preston Morgan, Amy Van Roach, Charles Phillips, Margaret Symons, Carl Sawyer, Billie Skinner, Claude Stallings, Martha Thatch, Preston Stevenson, Betty Lou Trueblood, Tommy Sumner, Marvina White, Lawrence Sutton, Valerie White, Ben Thach, Geraldine Winslow, Joe Towe, Marjorie Winlow, Garland Walker, Gertrude Elliott, Julian White, Graythel Spear, Derl Winslow, Robert Winslow, Fritz Wolf, Clinton Winslow and Harvey Butt.

Following the awarding of the diplomas, E. C. Woodard, principal of the school, made presentation of medals to a number of students for achievement in studies and extra curricula activities.

The commencement exercises began on Sunday evening with the baccalaureate sermon being delivered by the Rev. A. L. Chaplin, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church. Mr. Chaplin urged the seniors to "take a look at themselves" and plan a worthwhile life based upon work toward that achievement. He also urged the seniors to attend college, to further their education if possible to do so.

Class Night was conducted by the seniors on Tuesday night and this program was also held in the school auditorium.

Methodist Men's Club Observes Ladies' Night

Ladies' night was observed by the Methodist Men's Club of the Perquimans Charge, at a dinner party held last Thursday at the community house in Winfall.

The ladies of the Cedar Grove Church served a delicious dinner.

Invocation was given by the Rev. H. M. Jamieson. The program was under the direction of George W. Jackson, who presented Will Hoffer, who gave an illustrated talk on World Service. Mr. Jamieson gave the scripture reading on Christian Homes.

John Costen, manager of the REA, showed a film, the subject of which was "The Family Next Door."

Jack Benton, president of the club presided over the meeting.

Mable Martin Whedbee Wins Essay Contest

Mable Martin Whedbee, writing on the subject North Carolina's Place in America, Today, won first place in an essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion. She was awarded a prize of five dollars for the winning essay.

Her paper has been sent to Wilson to be judged with others submitted from this district, in a State-wide contest.

She received her prize at chapel exercises held at Perquimans High School last Friday. The presentation was made by Mrs. Charles Skinner, chairman of the Auxiliary committee sponsoring the contest.

Belvidere Ruritan Hold Ladies' Night

Members of the Belvidere Ruritan Club entertained their wives at an annual ladies night party at the Belvidere Community House on Friday night of last week.

A delicious dinner was served by members of the Belvidere Home Demonstration Club.

Special guests at the meeting included Raleigh Carver, Ruritan Governor for Albemarle District, who spoke briefly on the Ruritan program. Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer, was also a special guest and he spoke on the subject of children's health.

George Winslow was in charge of the program for the ladies night event.

Poppy Day

Saturday, May 21, will be Poppy Day in Perquimans County. Members of the Auxiliary of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion have completed plans for the sale of poppies and the public is urged to purchase and wear poppies honoring the nation's war dead. Mrs. Thomas White, chairman of the Poppy Sale, for the local auxiliary, has announced that members of the chapter and cooperating organizations will canvass the county during the day, giving every resident an opportunity to purchase one of the memorial flowers.

Poppy Day workers are donating their time and proceeds from the sale of poppies to be used for the benefit of disabled war veterans in the Legion's vast rehabilitation and welfare work.

Bloodmobile Visit Scheduled Here Friday, June 6th

Arrangements are now being completed by the Perquimans County Red Cross Blood program committee for the next visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile, which will come to Hertford on Friday, June 6.

Announcement was made today that Mrs. W. C. Cherry will serve as chairman of the committee, sponsoring the blood program. She will be assisted by the same committee members who served the program when the bloodmobile visited Hertford last March.

The committee is now endeavoring to enlist the assistance of blood donors, who will give one pint of blood to the Red Cross. The county quota has been set at 150 pints of blood. Solicitors assisting Mrs. Cherry have pledge cards, which donors are asked to sign in making an appointment to give blood to the Red Cross.

As reported on previous trips of the bloodmobile to this community, a large part of the blood collected here by the Red Cross is made available to the Armed Forces, for use in saving lives on the battlefields in Korea. The remainder of the blood donated is made available to hospitals in this area, to provide free transfusions to patients needing blood.

The public is urged to cooperate with the Red Cross and aid the county to meet its blood quota. In the event an individual is not contacted for an appointment with the bloodmobile, he or she may volunteer by going to the bloodmobile headquarters at the Methodist Church between the hours of 9 A. M., and 4 P. M., on June 6th.

J. E. Winslow Named National Delegate

A Perquimans County man has been named as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention, which will convene in Chicago in July to select the party presidential nominee.

J. Emmett Winslow, former Sheriff of the county, and presently State Senator from the First District, was chosen, along with John Clark of Pitt County, as delegates from the First District. Selection of the delegates took place at the District and State Convention, held in Raleigh on Thursday of last week.

Appointment of various committee members was also made during the District Convention and Mrs. Jack Kanoy was named on the State Executive Committee; C. P. Morris and S. M. Whedbee were named on the Congressional district executive committee; W. E. Oakley and C. R. Holmes were named to the Judicial executive committee, and A. W. Hefner and Charles E. Johnson were named to the Solicitorial executive committee.

Opens Insurance Agency In Hertford

Another new business opened in Hertford this week with an announcement made by George E. Fields of the opening of his insurance agency in the Hertford Cleaners building on Market Street.

Mr. Fields is a native of Hertford, a graduate of Perquimans High School and a veteran of World War II. For the past four and one-half years he was associated with the Retail Credit Company of Atlanta, Ga. He resigned this position on May 15 to open his business here.

He announced his agency will handle mutual insurance featuring auto, casualty and fire policies.

Board Of Education Adopts Budget At Special Meeting

Vote Annual Award to Honor G. C. Buck as Ag Teacher

Members of the Perquimans County Board of Education met in special session here last Monday night and considered a number of matters pertaining to closing the present school term and a proposed budget for the next school year.

The Board authorized school superintendent J. T. Biggers to confer with J. W. Griffin, architect for the Perquimans Training School, on final settlement for the construction of this building. Contractors for the building have submitted a bill for the changes ordered in connection with the construction, and there is a difference of several hundred dollars between bid prices and the bill for final payment.

A budget for the next school year, calling for expenditures of \$43,256.00 was tentatively adopted by the Board, subject to approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Final approval of the budget will necessitate an increase of three cents in the tax levy for school needs as compared to last year.

The resignation of Mrs. Nellie F. Oberst as secretary to the superintendent was accepted with regret. Mrs. Oberst had been employed by the Board for the past 23 years. Her resignation becomes effective June 30.

Some discussion was held on the action taken by the High School Committee in retiring G. C. Buck, agriculture teacher at Perquimans High School for the past 20 years, who has reached the retirement age of 65.

The Board took no action following the discussion and was in agreement that a resolution adopted at its last meeting calling for retirement of all county teachers at the age of 65 should be followed.

The Board then went on record adopting a motion to honor Mr. Buck for his long services to the county high school by awarding annually a plaque to the graduating member of the agriculture department receiving the highest scholastic grades for the year. This plaque will be placed in the Agriculture Department of the school and the winner's name engraved on it.

Students Awarded Medals At Exercises

Twenty-five awards were presented to students at Perquimans High School at the commencement exercises held Wednesday night for outstanding achievement in school activities during the past year.

The awards, presented by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school, were as follows: Scholarship, loyalty and achievement, Marvina White, American Legion, outstanding students, Marvina White and Tommy Sumner, Babe Ruth sportsmanship, Margaret Symons and Joe Towe, American Legion speaking, Bobby Smith, Most Activities, Marvina White and Garland Walker, Citizenship, Sarah Ownley and Cliff Towe, Dramatics, Amy Van Roach and Clyde Lane.

Outstanding students, below senior level, Mable Martin Whedbee, Glee Club, Amy Van Roach, Band, Ruth Dawson, Journalism, Marguerite Butler, Student Council, Marvina White, High Grades, awarded by Mrs. B. G. Koonce, Tommy Sumner, BPW Commercial Medal, Gertrude Elliott.

Awards in the agriculture department were as follows: W. C. Chappell Award, Clarence Chappell; Public Speaking, Bobby Smith; Dairy Farming, Clarence Chappell; Electrification, Clarence Chappell; Farm Mechanics, Leslie Kirby; Soil and Water Management, Clarence Chappell; Star Chapter Farmer, Clarence Chappell.

County Board To Meet Next Monday

Perquimans County's Board of Commissioners will meet here in regular session on next Monday, beginning at 10 o'clock. Among other business expected to be handled by the Board will be acceptance of tentative budgets from the various county agencies.

These budget proposals will be incorporated into the overall county budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, and will be the basis of setting the tax rate for the county for the fiscal year.

TO HOLD FOOD SALE

The Hertford Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will hold a food sale Saturday morning on the Court House Green in Hertford.

INTEREST IN ELECTION ON SATURDAY EXPECTED TO RESULT IN NORMAL VOTE

Officials Named

Officials for the primary election to be held Saturday have been appointed by the County Board of Elections, according to W. F. Ainsley, chairman.

The registrars and judges for the six precincts of the county are as follows:

Bethel—William Stallings, registrar; E. Y. Berry and J. B. Perry, judges.

Belvidere—J. M. Copeland, registrar; Mrs. J. M. Copeland and Linwood Winslow, judges.

Hertford—Mrs. B. G. Koonce, registrar; Mrs. J. H. Satchwell, Ben Koonce and W. A. Hoffer, judges.

Parkville—Harry Barber, registrar; Mrs. Harry Barber and Nelson Smith, judges.

Nicanor—Mrs. Ross Baker, registrar; Mrs. Russell Baker and Archie White, judges.

New Hope—Mrs. W. E. Dail, registrar; S. D. Banks and E. A. Goodman, judges.

Indians In Playoff For Eastern Flag This Week-end

Perquimans High School's baseball team will tangle with the Bayboro team this week-end for the State Class A Eastern Championship and the right to play in the finals for the State Championship, it was announced Monday by E. C. Woodard, principal.

Perquimans won its way into the semi-finals round by winning two of three games from Red Oak and Bayboro emerged as winner of the southeastern division by winning two of three games from Troy.

The first game of the semi-final round, between Perquimans and Bayboro will be played in Hertford, on Memorial Field, Thursday night, with game time set at eight o'clock. The second game will be played at Bayboro on Friday afternoon. Time and place for a third game, if needed, will be decided following the second game at Bayboro.

Local baseball fans, whose interest in the game has increased greatly since the Indians won their way into the finals of the state play-offs, received the announcement of the game here Thursday with a great deal of enthusiasm. One of the largest crowds ever to witness a local high school baseball game is expected to turn out for the contest here this week.

Coach Elsie Fearing has been keeping his players in good shape with daily practice sessions, since winning the regional playoff against Red Oak. He is expected to start Vernon White, ace hurler for the Indians, as pitcher in the first game of the semi-finals here on Thursday and use Billy Benton as pitcher in the second contest.

Recorder's Court Hears Six Cases

Business was brief this week in Recorder's Court, only six cases were listed on the docket, according to C. C. Banks, clerk of the court.

Gardner Hewitt and Leslie Squires entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and each paid the costs of court.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case in which Garland and Elsie Harris, Negroes, were charged with disturbing the peace.

Costs of court were taxed against Braxton Godfrey, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

Ernest May, charged with reckless driving, failed to appear to answer the charges and his bond was ordered forfeited.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the hearing given Otha Whidbee, Negro, who was charged with reckless driving and following a vehicle too close.

AWARDED LETTER

Carroll Berry, Jr., a sophomore at the University of North Carolina, was among the members of the 1952 baseball players awarded letters last week at the University. Berry, a graduate of Perquimans High School, served as manager of the varsity during the present season.

J. J. WAGNER

Word was received here Tuesday of the death of J. J. Wagner, father of Mrs. James E. Newby, at his home in Port Falls, Idaho. Mr. Wagner had been seriously ill for the past several weeks.

MASONS MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Polls Open at 6:30 A. M. And Close at 6:30 P. M. Chairman States

Despite the fact that voters have only two purely local races which will be decided in the primary election, scheduled for Saturday, May 31, local political dopesters figure that interest in district and state races will draw a near normal vote for the primary.

Generally speaking, interest in this year's election, here in Perquimans, has centered around the race for governor, which is a three way affair between William B. Umstead, Hubert Olive and Manly R. Dunaway. According to all reports this race is really between Umstead and Olive with Dunaway expected to run a poor third.

County voters will also vote for two State Senators to represent this district in the General Assembly. Candidates for these offices are J. William Copeland, who is seeking re-election, Pilston Godwin of Gates County, F. Webb Williams of Pasquotank and Everett Burgess of Camden.

The biggest of the two local races is the six-man field of candidates seeking the nomination for the office of Register of Deeds. The names of the candidates in this race are C. C. Banks, Jim Bass, George Jackson, Edgar Morris, Julian Powell and Ervin Turner.

Two candidates, Elmer Banks and R. L. Spivey, are seeking the nomination for County Commissioner from New Hope township.

Guesses on the number of ballots which will be cast in the primary range from 1500 to 1800.

The State ballot will also list a number of contests for minor state offices, but as in the past voters apparently are paying scant attention to these races.

W. F. Ainsley, chairman of the County Board of Elections, announced today all is in readiness for the primary. Ballots have been distributed to the officials in the various polling precincts, along with instructions for carrying out the duties pertaining to the election.

Mr. Ainsley stated all polling places will be open from 6:30 A. M., until 6:30 P. M., during which time the voters may cast their ballots.

Political Rally At Winfall Friday

The last of a series of pre-election political rallies, staged in Perquimans in connection with the primary election for Saturday, will be held at Winfall on Friday night of this week.

Candidates for the various offices of the district and county have been invited to attend and a large audience is expected to be present to hear talks by the candidates.

The first of the rallies was held at Bethel last Friday night, and was followed by rallies held Wednesday night at Nicanor, Thursday night at New Hope.

In addition to speeches by local candidates, talks were also made by supporters of William B. Umstead and Hubert E. Olive, candidates for the office of Governor.

Barnes Rites Held Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services for Albert Mizelle Barnes, 57, who died Thursday of last week at a Hampton, Va., hospital, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 P. M., at the Lynch Funeral Home. Rev. Charles W. Duling, assisted by the Rev. W. W. Fintator, officiated.

Barnes was a native of Hertford, son of William Alfred and Sarah Overton Barnes. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion.

Surviving, besides his wife, Mrs. Essie Barnes, and his mother, are two daughters, Mrs. Ariene Jethrine, of Rio Lindo, Calif., and Doris May Barnes of Hertford; three sons, Albert of Norfolk, Vann and Floyd Barnes, both of Hertford; two sisters, Mrs. Henry Hendrix of Hertford and Mrs. Jim Taylor of Elizabeth City.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Rotarians Set Date For Ladies' Night

Hertford Rotarians have set Tuesday, June 17, as the date for their annual ladies' night party. The civic club members will entertain their wives and other special guests at a dinner at the Hotel Hertford, it was announced by Jack Kanoy, president of the club.

Charles Henc, president-elect of the club, is chairman of the program committee, and is now arranging the program for the event.