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## Town Election Holds Little Interest As Deadline Draws Near

### Final Filing Date For Candidates April 15; Election May 4th

Little interest is being manifested in the coming Town election if the lack of candidates is any criterion of the situation. Up to Wednesday not one had filed his candidacy with Town Clerk W. G. Newby for the offices of Mayor or commissioner.

It has been announced that all members of the present board will seek re-election. However, no definite move has been made by them, and with the war as number one topic these days, there is little likelihood that the present members will have much, if any opposition.

Candidates have until sundown April 15 to file for any office up at the coming election. The Primary will be held on April 26 and the election will follow on May 4. In addition to the election of Mayor and commissioners, the people of Hertford will also vote on a law, recently passed, calling for the election of town officers for a period of four years instead of two. This law was passed in the last General Assembly and must be carried by a majority of the voters casting ballots in the election in order to become effective.

Mrs. B. G. Koonce, appointed registrar for the coming election by the Town Board, has the registration books and voters who have not registered and who wish to vote in the Town primary and election must register with her before being eligible to vote. Residents who have registered during the past two years are not required to register again.

## Large Number Tire Certificates Given Out By Local Board

A total of fifty-seven certificates for tires and tubes was issued by the Perquimans ration board during the past week, according to Miss Helen Coffield, clerk of the board.

Certificates for Passenger Tires, Grade I, went to: Wilson Hollowell, 2; W. C. Morgan, 2; W. L. Lowe, 1; Carter Jones, 1; W. E. Blackenship, 1; C. E. White, 1; Glenn Mathews, 1; Dr. I. A. Ward, 1; Warren Mayer, 3; Foster Moore, 1; Alfred Riddick, tube; A. D. Weston, tube, Robert Lynch, 1; A. D. Adams, 1; Walter Moore, 2; J. H. Wyatt, 1; George Smoke, 2; Callis Smith, 2; Ernest Moore, 2; Willis Brooks, 2.

Grade II—Eleanor Nixon, 2; R. H. Harrell, 1; Thomas Rogerson, 2; Charles Wiggins, 2; Ben Overton, 2; George Perry, 2; W. H. Winslow, 2; A. L. Godfrey, 2; Clarence Felton, 1; Mrs. S. J. Jennings, 2; J. H. Skinner, 2; Charles Mathews, 1; William Byrum, 2; Lloyd White, 2; Burdette Massey, 2; H. T. White, 2; Julius Hooker, 3.

Grade III—John Hall, 2; W. W. Owens, 1; Alexander Felton, 3; Frank Elliott, 2; Willie White, 2; U. Johnkins, 3; Isaac Whedbee, 1; Cain Jeannette, 2; Will Spellman, 3; Oliver Overton, 2; Edgar Moore, 1; Dallas White, 2; Willie Jones, 2; Claude Riddick, 2; Bessie Turner, 4; R. L. Layden, 1, and W. R. Blanchard, 2.

## Funeral Services For Mrs. C. O. Fowler

Funeral services for Mrs. Virginia Fowler, 49, wife of C. O. Fowler, who died at her home in Hertford Sunday morning, were conducted on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the Rev. Howard G. Watkins, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Fowler was a native of Perquimans County and was the daughter of the late S. F. and Elmyra Ownley Stallings. She was a member of the Hertford Baptist Church.

Surviving, besides the husband, are four daughters, Misses Marie and Elizabeth Fowler of Hertford; Mrs. S. E. Bush, of Portsmouth, Va.; and Mrs. M. K. Hodges, of Chesapeake Beach, Va.; one son, William Fowler of Hertford, and a sister, Miss Mamie Stallings.

Palbearers were J. H. Towe, W. W. White, J. Emmett Winslow, Julian White, Carlton Cannon and Luther B. Sitterton.

Burial was made in the Cedarwood Cemetery under the direction of the Lynch Funeral Home.

## Hertford Rotarians Hosts To Lions Club

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club were hosts to the Hertford Lions Club at an oyster roast held Thursday evening at the J. H. Newbold farm, south of town.

The get-together of the two civic clubs was enjoyed by all attending and was held in place of the regular Rotary meeting.

The Lions Club will hold its regular meeting tonight at 7:15 at the Colonial Tourist Home.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

American and British forces in Tunisia are fast bringing the battle for North Africa to a show-down. Early this week the British 8th Army broke through the Mareth Line, capturing Al Hamma and Gabes, important posts for Nazi General Rommel. Rommel's forces are retreating northward, and it is possible that Allied troops may intercept his flight before he can join forces in Northern Tunisia with the other Axis troops under Von Arnim. The American troops, under General Patton, are tightening the sides of the "battle cylinder" and there seems to be little hope the Germans can escape.

With the Allies gaining success in Tunisia, talk of an invasion of Europe is again developing in England. Coastal areas of Great Britain have been restricted, as a possible use for a base for offensive operations. The Allies have been bombing German and French cities relentlessly during the past week. This is a part of the offensive to soften up the German front in Europe. Berlin was hit twice during the week, and London reported terrific damages with small loss of Allied planes.

Spring thaws in Russia have slowed the fighting on the Eastern front. Moscow reports that the Russians repulsed heavy German tank attacks in the Donets Basin, and continued slow progress toward Smolensk. One official has stated, however, that Germany may try to launch a full-scale attack to re-take the Caucasus this spring.

On the Pacific front, the routing of a Jap convoy, evidently enroute to the Aleutian Islands was the biggest news of this week. American flyers sunk several Jap ships and damaged others. It was believed the Japs were attempting to re-inforce their base at Attu. In the far Pacific General MacArthur's bombers continued to give Jap bases a severe pounding. No outstanding land engagements were reported.

On the home front this week President Roosevelt announced plans to relieve the serious shortage of farm labor. The plans call for the release from the Army of all farmers 38 and over, the forming of land armies of college and high school students and the urging of men, classified in Selective Service as 4-H, to work on farms.

Congress voted down the Ruml plan for forgiving 1942 income taxes, and it now appears that the Congressional committee will have to go into a huddle to bring out a completely new plan for the raising of taxes for 1943. Some authorities believe that a pay-as-you-go plan will finally be adopted.

## Project Chairman Urges Return Of Red Cross Wool

Residents of the county who have Red Cross wool issued for the purpose of knitting garments, are requested to return this wool to Miss Helen Vick, chairman of the project, at once.

Several requests have been made that this wool be returned in order that it may be shipped to Red Cross headquarters, but there are several who still have wool on hand and as it is urgently needed by the Red Cross, this request is repeated with the hope that these persons will return the wool immediately.

## Engineering Group Holds Oyster Roast

Members of the personnel of the Virginia Engineering Company and a number of guests enjoyed an oyster roast last Thursday night at the farm of J. H. Newbold. Over one hundred of the men and their guests were present at the affair and all thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

## Vagrant Cases Held Over In Recorder's Court On Tuesday

### Usual Week-end Cases Disposed In Short Session

The charges of vagrancy, brought against Tim and Clinton Ferebee, both Negroes, when they testified in court two weeks ago of being unemployed, were held over in Recorder's Court this week. Judge Johnson announced that the defendants had produced documents showing one had gone to work and that the other is physically unable to work, and stated he would hold the case open so long as the defendants abided by the statement of the Court that it would cooperate with the War Board in stamping out vagrancy in this community and aiding the War Board in placing men in jobs.

Ten cases were heard by Judge Johnson Tuesday morning, all consisting of the usual week-end variety, drunkenness and traffic violations. James Nelson, Negro, was given a 30-day suspended sentence upon payment of \$25 and costs, after he pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon.

Henry Perry, Negro, was found guilty of simple drunk and was fined \$2 and court costs.

Jake McDaugald, Negro, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest. He was given a 90-day road sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs.

James Moran entered a plea of guilty to driving drunk and was taxed \$50 and costs.

Preston Russell, a 16-year-old youth, was fined \$10 and costs, after he pleaded guilty to driving without an operator's license. John Hudson, who permitted the Russell youth to drive his car without license, was assessed the court costs.

Roland Creecy was fined \$25 and costs after pleading guilty to speeding.

Joe Gregory, Negro, was given a 30-day suspended road sentence upon payment of \$10 and costs, after pleading guilty to driving without license.

Joe Butt, Negro, was found guilty of obtaining money under false pretense, and was sentenced to 60 days on the roads. A previous suspended sentence was ordered into effect, also.

## Authorities Making Rental And Housing Survey In Hertford

Government officials arrived in Hertford this week to conduct a survey on the housing and rental situation as it exists in this community. However, what results it will bring cannot be judged at this time.

A group of local women are working with the authorities in checking rents throughout the town, and these reports, gathered by the ladies, will be forwarded to Washington for official purposes. It is expected the survey will be completed within three or four days.

Similar surveys have been made in Norfolk, Elizabeth City and Edenton, and it may be possible that conditions as shown through this survey may have a bearing upon a housing project here.

Up to press time this week no further announcement regarding a housing project for Hertford had been made other than the one announced last week calling for a private project of fifty houses. It is understood here that local authorities are hopeful that the Government will provide for a housing project to construct dwellings for the married service men who will be stationed at the Navy Base on Harvey's Neck. It was stated here this week that at the present time it is estimated some 215 officers will be stationed at the local base, as well as over two thousand enlisted men. Many of these, it is surmised, are married and will seek living quarters in or near Hertford.

## F. T. Johnson Attends State Teachers Meet

F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, left Wednesday for Raleigh to attend the annual State teachers meeting being held in that city through this week-end.

## Thirty-one Hundred Dollars Reported To Red Cross War Fund

### County Raises Quota In Drive and Chairman Thanks Workers

A total of thirty-one hundred dollars had been contributed by the residents of Perquimans County in the American Red Cross War Fund drive up to Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman of the drive, has announced. This sum represents an over-subscription of the County's quota, according to Mrs. Morris, who said that she was informed late last week by the Regional Red Cross headquarters that Perquimans County was asked to contribute \$2,700.

The local committee has been striving to raise a total of \$3,600, which, according to the Red Cross slogan for this drive, would have been the quota for the county. However, Mrs. Morris stated that she was happy to report that the county has met its goal and she expressed her sincere thanks to the solicitors for the splendid work done in connection with the campaign.

Additional contributions made to the chairman and not carried in last week's paper, are: Hertford Grammar School, \$17.33; Perquimans High School, \$70.21; West Hertford, Mrs. Ben Wood and Mrs. Josiah Elliott, \$17.50; Grubb Street, Mrs. Fields, \$9.50; Grubb St., Mrs. Julian White, \$6; Winfall, Miss Myrtle Umphlett and the Rev. J. D. Cranford, \$86.50; Front Street, Mrs. A. E. Hendley, \$10.50; Cumberland, Mrs. Effie Miller, \$2; Belvidere, Mrs. Tim Perry, \$2; Hopewell, Mrs. Tom Madrey, \$4.50; Business Section of Hertford, \$54; Colored Division, W. J. Thompson, \$73.46; St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Churches, the Rev. G. W. Gaines, \$11.00; W. R. Privott, \$68.00.

The War Fund Drive officially closed Wednesday, but contributions will continue to be received by the local committee and those persons who were missed by the solicitors are urged to leave their donations with Miss Frances Maness at the Agriculture Building, or with S. M. Whedbee at the Hertford Postoffice.

In connection with the Red Cross War Fund drive, the theatres of the nation will sponsor a special week, from April 1 to 7, for the Red Cross. The local State Theatre is cooperating in the movement and the receipts from this final campaign will be added to the War Fund Drive to swell the total for the Red Cross.

## Three Perquimans Youths Accepted For Military Service

Three Perquimans County youths, Raymond Rogerson, William Stallings and William Bateman, were accepted for services in the armed forces, after taking their final examinations last week at Fort Bragg. The first two were assigned to duty with the Army, while Bateman was assigned to the Navy.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Perquimans Draft Board, this week released an order received from the Selective Service headquarters announcing a change in policy which will prohibit the publishing of names of selectees about to be inducted. The local board has been following this procedure, but henceforth it is permitted only to publish the names of county youths accepted for service.

The local board will also be unable to give out information regarding the quotas and calls and date of calls received for this county. Registrants selected by the local board to fill calls will be notified, as in the past, by direct mail.

## Mattie Butler Leaves For WAAC Training

Miss Mattie Butler, daughter of Mrs. G. W. Butler, left Monday for Richmond, Va., from whence she will be sent to a WAAC training center to receive basic training as a member of that organization.

Miss Butler is the sixth member of her family who is now serving the Nation in the Armed forces. Mrs. Butler has three sons, Captain Fenton Butler, of the Air Forces, Wayland Butler and George Butler, one son-in-law, Robert Read, and another daughter, Blanche Butler, who entered the WAAC in November, all in the service.

All of the children are on duty in this country, except George, who is on foreign service.

## 204 Garments Shipped By Local Red Cross

Mrs. E. Leigh Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans County Red Cross sewing project, announced this week that a shipment of 204 garments had been made to national headquarters recently.

The shipment included fifty-eight gowns for adults, sixty-five gowns for children, and eighty-one white slips for adults.

Mrs. Winslow requests persons who have patterns for Red Cross garments to return these patterns to her as soon as possible.

## War Board Ready To Issue Permits For Slaughterers

Farmers of Perquimans County and all other livestock slaughterers who slaughter meat animals for sale must obtain permits from the County USDA War Board by April 1 in order to continue their operations, according to Dr. E. S. White, chairman of the Board.

Livestock dealers who buy animals for resale also must obtain permits by that date, Dr. White said. The dealer permit regulation, however, does not apply to most farmers as a livestock dealer is defined as a person who buys animals and sells them in less than 30 days.

The permit orders are a part of a national meat control program recently announced by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard designed to stamp out black market activities and bring all meat into legitimate trade channels.

Chairman White said the County USDA War Board now has permits ready to be issued to farmers, local slaughterers, butchers and livestock dealers who intend to operate after March 31.

"I would like to emphasize that farmers who slaughter animals for home use do not need permits to do so," he said. "A permit is required, however, if they deliver any meat for use by others. All slaughterers, including farmers, are required to keep accurate and complete records of all animals killed. Farmers also are expected to keep records of all animals bought and sold."

Under the anti-black market program, all persons who slaughter animals for sale after March 31 will have a permit number which must be stamped on each wholesale cut of meat. Slaughterers who now operate under federal, state, county or city inspection will use the same numbers they now have. Other slaughterers will be given numbers when they obtain their permits, and will be required to use these in stamping wholesale cuts.

## Additional Supply Of Feed Wheat Now Ready For Delivery

Recent Congressional action freeing an additional 100,000,000 bushels of feed wheat will make it possible for Perquimans County poultry and livestock dealers to obtain more federally-owned wheat for feeding purposes, it was announced today by Dr. White, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

Release of this wheat, Chairman White said, is aimed at relieving shortages of feed which have occurred in many areas and assisting farmers in meeting their production goals for livestock, dairy and poultry in the 1943 Food for Freedom campaign. An allocation of 125,000,000 bushels of wheat for feeding purposes was made last summer, but the last of this amount was sold earlier this month. On the first allocation, North Carolina farmers purchased more than 950 carloads, and four carloads came to Perquimans County.

The recently released wheat will be available to Perquimans County feeders at \$1.07 per bushel, delivered in carload lots to any railroad point in the county. Livestock, poultry and other feeders may place their orders with dealers, the County AAA Committee or directly with the Commodity Credit Corporation, Mr. White said.

## Second Blackout In Week Is Successful

The black-out conducted here last Thursday night, the second within a week's time, was completely successful, according to the local office of Civilian Defense. No violations were reported and the OCD reported full cooperation on the part of the public.

Unofficial reports indicate that more blackouts may be called at any time now that these operations are called by the Army, and warns the public to be on the alert at all times.

## OPA Changes Point Values Foodstuffs For Month Of April

### Some Items Removed From List; Coupon Needed For Meats

Perquimans County housewives are shopping with their "second period" ration coupons this week, and several changes in the point value of foodstuffs have been listed by the Office of Price Administration, so housewives must keep up with the table of values if they are to get the most from their coupon books during the month of April.

In announcing the second period table of values the OPA removed all dried and dehydrated fruits, temporarily, from the list of items rationed, and reduced the point values on several items, while it increased the values on six items. Point allotments during April remain at 48 points, the same as during March. Consumers must now use D, E and F coupons, as the A, B and C coupons became void March 29.

Raisins and prunes were among the items removed from the ration list, and most all canned fruits increased in point values. However, fruit juices, as a whole, were reduced almost half. Canned vegetables that increased in point values include lima beans, other types of beans, catsup, tomato paste, tomato juice and dehydrated soups were decreased in point values. Point values announced by the OPA for April may be changed again when this ration period closes, depending largely upon the supply and demand of the various items.

The red coupons in ration book II are also being used this week for buying meats, lard, butter and oils. Consumers are permitted 16 points each week for the purchase of these articles and during April are to use stamps A, B, C and D. The A stamp is valid this week and B becomes valid April 4, C April 11 and D April 18. All stamps are valid until April 30.

Point values for meats, cheese, lard and butter, etc., have been announced by the OPA and range from eight points for a pound of steak, butter, etc., down to one point for the lesser types of meat cuts. Groceries and markets all have a schedule of point values for meats and consumers may check at stores for the various values in the goods covered by the red coupons.

## Last Rites Conducted Wednesday For William Mathews

Final rites for William M. Mathews, aged 72, who died at his home on Route 3, Monday night at 11:12 o'clock, following a lingering illness, were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the Woodland Methodist Church, with the Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, officiating.

Mr. Mathews, a life-long resident of Perquimans County, was a prominent farmer and was held in esteem by the entire community. He was always active in the civic affairs of his county.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Perry Mathews; five daughters, Mrs. Lillian Jordan of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Maude Godwin of Hertford, Mrs. P. J. Caddy and Mrs. Ida Perry Hoffer of Route 3, and Mrs. Annie Mae Baker of Norfolk, Va.; five sons, R. E. Mathews of R. 3, Graham Mathews of Baltimore, Md., Henry Mathews of Detroit, Mich., Howard Mathews of Norfolk, Va., and Durwood Mathews of the U. S. Navy; a sister, Mrs. Sallie Benton of Route 3; one brother, E. D. Mathews; twenty grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Active pallbearers were: Floyd Mathews, Charlie Mathews, Edward Benton, Marvin Benton, Watson Russell and J. Moody Mathews.

Honorary pallbearers were: J. T. Ward, Elmer Wood, Ralph Harrell, Jesse Harrell, George Jackson, L. K. Howell, Kelly Spear, William Whedbee, J. L. Harrell, Sr., Dennis Cartwright, Ernest Cartwright, George Jordan, Ashley Jordan, Joe Harrell and Henry Cartwright.

Interment was made in Cedarwood Cemetery.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Austin Stubbs, of Raleigh, announce the birth of a son, Stanley Lyon, on Saturday, March 27. Mr. Stubbs is secretary to Governor Broughton and is well-known here.