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Perquimans Schools To Begin New Term Monday, Sept. 18

Plan Short Sessions; Until October 1st; Bus Routes Same

Summer's vacation will end for the hundreds of Perquimans County school children when the school bells ring at ten o'clock Monday morning, September 18, signalling the opening of the 1944 school year.

F. T. Johnson, county superintendent, stated this week that all is in readiness for the opening of the new term. He stated that Monday will be opening day and that sessions will start at ten o'clock, closing at about one o'clock. He requests that all children in the Eighth and High School grades bring their rental fee of \$2.40 with them to school Monday, as these fees are collected in these grades on opening day.

The Superintendent announced that all schools will observe short sessions until about October 1, giving the students time to arrive home in the afternoons to aid with farm harvest. On this schedule schools will open at 8:30 each morning and dismiss at one o'clock each day.

He also announced that school bus routes this year will remain the same as last year.

Work on the Negro school building at Winfall is progressing and the building is expected to be ready for use within a very short time. This building will house six of the classes conducted at the Winfall school and will offer much better facilities than were available last year.

Enrollments at the various schools throughout the county are expected to be somewhat near to that of last year. Following opening-day sessions and assignments of rooms and studies, the students will begin the new term Tuesday morning.

A teachers meeting for the purpose of outlining the plan for the year was conducted yesterday, and another meeting will be held today. Notices of the meetings were mailed to all teachers last week.

Methodist Young People Hold Banquet

About 45 young people of the Hertford Methodist Church attended a banquet given in the educational building honoring those who are leaving soon to attend colleges and universities last Wednesday evening. The banquet was given by the church school and was served by the ladies of the church.

In addition to the good eats, a program of fun and inspiration was enjoyed by all. Ruth Tucker, president of the Young People's Department, was mistress of ceremonies and also gave a toast to the college students. Charlie Skinner, outgoing president, responded to the toast. A reading was given by Pauline Reavis, a solo was rendered by Jeanette Fields and several piano solos were rendered by Barbara Winslow.

The young people of the church who are attending college this year will have charge of the service at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning. The talk will be made by Pauline Reavis on the subject, "The Fine Art of Self-Management" and the Scripture will be read and prayers offered by other young people. At the evening service the pastor, the Rev. B. C. Reavis, will deliver a special message to the young people, and at the close of the message will install the officers in the young people's department of the church.

Polio Restrictions Expected To Be Lifted Monday

Although no official word has been released by the local health office, the restrictions relative to the gathering of children under 16, as a safeguard against the polio epidemic, recommended by the Board of Health more than a month ago, are expected to be lifted Monday.

No additional cases have been reported in this area, and Dr. Carl Reynolds, State Health Officer, reported Wednesday that the peak of the epidemic has been reached and he saw no further need for restrictions beyond Monday.

The State Theatre announces admissions will be granted children beginning Friday, and local churches, it has been reported, expect to resume their children's exercises and services this Sunday. County schools will open for a new term on Monday, and thus the restrictions are expected to terminate.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF HERTFORD

In accordance with plans now being formulated in the Town of Hertford for the observance of V-Day, I, as Mayor of Hertford, respectfully request all citizens to join in our V-Day program in observing the end of the war with Germany.

The time and date for this occasion must await the official announcement of our military headquarters, but proper signals shall be given to announce the ending of the hostilities.

When the announcement is made I deem it proper that all places of business in Hertford should join with the Town's merchants in closing said places of business and that all citizens of Hertford should seek out their places of worship and offer thanksgiving for the end of this struggle.

Respectfully,

V. N. DARDEN
MAYOR OF HERTFORD

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Perquimans United War Fund Drive To Start In October

Perquimans County's United War Fund campaign, conducted for the purpose of raising funds for USO, relief to prisoners of war, disabled seamen and carrying out relief work in Allied nations throughout the world, will get under way here during the first part of October. J. Emmett Winslow and the Rev. B. C. Reavis, co-chairmen, stated this week.

It was announced by the chairman that the quota set for Perquimans County this year amounts to \$4,500, and in addition to the funds for the regular United War Fund agencies, a portion of this quota is to be allotted to the Hertford Boy Scout organization.

A meeting of the general county committee for the United War Fund is expected to be called within the next week or two to make plans for conducting the local campaign. A short time before the opening day of the campaign, all solicitors of the county will be called together to discuss the plan of operation.

Local people are urged now to begin thinking about this drive and to be prepared to give liberally when the drive starts. The bulk of the funds raised, not only locally but in the nation, goes to continue the splendid work of maintaining USO throughout the world as a home away from home for the men of our armed forces.

The purpose of the committee including the budget of the Boy Scouts in the United War Fund drive was to eliminate further drives here for donations. The committee feels that by conducting the one campaign to cover all agencies the public will be better served as will the agencies themselves.

Town Fire Officials Attend State Meet

Mayor V. N. Darden, Fire Commissioner B. C. Berry and Fire Captain Beverly Tucker, officials of the Hertford Fire Department, attended the State meeting of firemen held in Charlotte this week.

The local officials left here Tuesday and are expected back today, after witnessing the latest fire-fighting methods shown at the State meeting.

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford was postponed last Monday until September 18, due to the absence of Mayor Darden and Commissioner Berry.

Before leaving Tuesday, Mayor Darden stated that he was expecting the contractor to arrive here about the latter part of next week to begin the resurfacing of the streets of the town.

County Youth Wins Army Commission

James P. Hoggard, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoggard, of Route Three, received his silver wings when he was graduated as a Second Lieutenant from the Marfa Army Air Field, Texas, on September 8, according to an announcement received here this week.

Lieut. Hoggard is a former student of Perquimans High School and Wake Forest College.

BREAKS LEG IN FALL FROM BICYCLE

Miss Myrtle Umphlett, an employee at the Hertford Post Office, suffered a broken leg while riding a bicycle near her home at Winfall.

WCTU MEETING

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will meet in the Methodist Church parlor Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, September 20th. All members are urged to be present.

Traffic Violations Complete Most Of Court Docket Tues.

Judge Johnson Places Late Defendants Under Bonds

Traffic violators made up most of the docket in Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday morning. Ten of the cases heard were for violation of traffic laws.

Opening of court was delayed somewhat because defendants were not in court when cases were called, and Judge Charles Johnson warned that in future incidents bonds of the defendants will be forfeited if defendants fail to appear when called for hearing.

Isaac Byrum, Jr., was taxed with court costs on a charge of speeding. Steward White entered a plea of guilty to driving with insufficient brakes and paid the costs of court.

Forest Brown was fined \$10 and ordered to pay court costs, after pleading guilty to speeding.

Charley Knauff was assessed the costs of court for speeding.

Wayne Brown plead guilty to driving without a license and was ordered to pay court costs.

Odell Hurdle, Negro, was fined \$5 and costs for driving with insufficient brakes.

Tom Copeland was assessed the costs of court for being drunk.

J. E. Everett was fined \$5 and ordered to pay the costs of court for being drunk.

Walter Swain, Negro, was fined \$5 and ordered to pay court costs, after pleading guilty to being drunk.

Richard Fulford was fined \$75 and costs, after pleading guilty to driving drunk.

Bill Boyce plead guilty to being drunk on the highway and he was fined with costs of court.

Robert Freeman plead guilty to a charge of speeding and was fined \$10 and ordered to pay court costs.

Tyner Youth Killed In Auto Accident

Preston Byrum, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Byrum, of Tyner, was killed instantly at about 12:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, when a car in which he was riding was involved in an accident on Route 17, near the County Home.

According to Patrolman Charles Payne, who investigated the accident, young Byrum was riding in the car, accompanied by two other youths, and was also accompanied by James Copeland. The youths were driving toward Winfall, when the car suddenly swerved and went into the ditch and turned over.

It is believed that the youth was killed as the car turned over, crushing him into the earth. Neither his brother nor the Copeland youth suffered serious injury.

The body was brought to the Lynch Funeral Home following the accident, and was later removed to a funeral home in Edenton pending burial.

Board Issues Fewer Tire Certificates

In line with the reduction of tire quotas in this county for the month, the Perquimans ration board issued fewer certificates for new tires than has been the custom the past several weeks. Only 23 motorists were issued certificates at the meeting of the board last Saturday.

Passenger type tires were issued to C. J. Hendrix, Jr., 2; Charles Spruill, 1; J. R. Norfleet, 2; James Jarvis, 1; Ellis Stallings, 2; G. W. Stallings, 2; L. A. Proctor, 2; F. J. Proctor, 1; G. F. Dail, 1; Houston Kidd, 1; S. E. Long, 1; W. B. Stallings, 1; E. L. Stallings, 1; Charlie Hudson, 2 and R. E. Sutton, 1.

Truck and tractor type went to E. A. Goodman, Jr., 2; W. F. Elliott, 1; W. D. Caudle, 1; W. H. Elliott, 1; Maynard Fleetwood, 1; Joshua Simpson, 1; R. L. Hendren, 2, and Irvin Long, 1.

Rotary To Entertain Wives And Faculty

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club will entertain their wives and members of the faculty of the Perquimans County schools at their meeting on Tuesday night, September 26, it was announced this week by J. R. Futrell, president of the local club.

A gala event is being planned by the Rotarians and a program will be arranged by W. H. Hardcastle, chairman of the program committee.

In France



LLOYD B. NIXON

Another Perquimans County youth serving with the U. S. Army in France is Lloyd B. Nixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Nixon, of Route 3. Young Nixon has been overseas over two years, having entered service April 16, 1942. He saw action in North Africa and in Sicily, prior to being shipped to England for invasion training.

More Foods To Leave Ration List Sunday; Blue Tokens To Go

Beginning Sunday housewives will be able to buy 17 additional food items ration free, according to an announcement by OPA officials, which names jam, jellies, canned soup, asparagus, peas, corn, mixed vegetables, baked beans, lima beans and tomato paste, puree and pulp, among those items taken from the ration list.

The move is made, according to the announcement, to save vital food surplus, and also is in line with the Government policy to remove foods from rationing as quickly as possible. It was stated that when the supply of other foods is large enough, these too will be sold without ration points.

In connection with the announcement, it was stated that the use of blue tokens as change will be discontinued shortly. It is expected that the food items remaining on the ration list will be increased sharply in point values, and possibly listed in multiples of ten, so that when customers purchase such items the blue coupons can be used without necessity for token change.

Hertford USO Plans Dog Parade; Prizes To Be Offered

In connection with National Dog Week, which will be observed next week, the Hertford USO plans to stage a dog parade on Friday, September 22, and will offer a number of prizes to those entering their pets for the show.

Children from the county as well as the Town of Hertford are asked to enter their dogs for the parade by signing up at the USO Club in Hertford.

The time and place of the parade will be announced later, as will the list of prizes to be offered, but all children are urged to enter their pets not later than next Wednesday afternoon.

The USO held a block dance for service people and the public on Church street Thursday night and prizes were awarded to couples for jiggerbugging, fox trotting and the best waltz.

A clever program has been arranged for the USO club tonight, when a Koo Koo College party will be conducted. All service men and their wives are invited to attend.

Coal, Wood Stoves Off Ration List Oct. 15

Coal and wood heating and cooking stoves will be removed from rationing to consumers October 15, Theodore S. Johnson, district OPA director, said today.

Oil and gas stoves, however, will continue to be rationed. Local War Price and Rationing Boards will continue to issue rationing certificates to eligible applicants until that date, but quota restriction will be removed immediately.

Dealers and distributors may continue to use certificates with orders placed until November 1.

OPA said civilian supplies of the specified types of stoves are now ample enough to allow lifting of rationing restrictions.

Merchants To Close Stores In Observing V-Day Program Here

Mayor Urges Public To Join In Offering Thanksgiving

Plans are now being formulated in Hertford for the observance of V-Day, the date when Germany will surrender unconditionally to the United Nations.

The merchants of Hertford, at a meeting held last Friday night, voted to close their stores in cooperation with the plans being made to observe the occasion as one of thanksgiving. The merchants agreed that stores should close all day in the event that the announcement of the end of hostilities should be made early in the morning. In the event the official announcement is made during the afternoon, the stores will close the remainder of the day. Should the war end on a Saturday, the local merchants will close their stores for a period of two hours, the time to be announced as soon as possible, reopening them after the public has had time to join in the program arranged.

In connection with the program, Mayor V. N. Darden today issued a proclamation requesting all citizens of Hertford to cooperate and join in the program which shall designate the end of the war with Germany.

Local churches will hold special services for the occasion and the public is assured all churches will be open in order that prayers may be offered at any hour. Further announcements of special services at various churches will be made by the pastors.

The program planned for Hertford is in line with others being planned throughout the nation, but the public is warned that with conditions as they are, there may be false rumors of a surrender, and everyone is urged to remember that only an official announcement from General Headquarters of the Allied Nations will mark the end of the European war. The public is urged not to spread word of a surrender until it is known that the announcement is official.

When the official announcement is made church bells will ring and the fire siren shall blow, notifying the citizens of Hertford that Germany has capitulated.

Four Youths Called For Army Exams

The pre-induction call for fifteen white youths received by the Perquimans draft board for September 18 has been reduced to four. Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local board, said Monday.

The four youths ordered to report for preinduction examinations are John W. Trueblood, Ray Godfrey, Preston Copeland and William E. White.

An unofficial report stated that four of the 21 Negro selectees who underwent preinduction examinations two weeks ago have been accepted for service.

A call for 12 white men to report for induction is on hand at the local office. The local board has not yet selected the registrants to fill this call, but orders to report will be mailed this week. The selectees will leave for induction on September 26.

Mrs. Sumner stated there will be no meeting of the local board tonight but the next meeting will be Friday, September 22.

There will be no call for colored selectees for preinduction examinations next month, but a call for five Negroes to report for induction on October 5 has been received.

Corn Worm Damaging County Soy Bean Crop

Considerable damage is being found in the present soy bean crop in this county, according to J. Myron Maxwell, Extension official from N. C. State College, who with L. W. Anderson, County Agent, inspected several fields this week and discovered corn-ear worm present in large number.

The worm damages the crop, Mr. Maxwell said, by eating into the pod and then eating the beans. He advises all farmers of the county to inspect their crop of soy beans and if the crop is affected to cut the beans for hay, rather than lose it completely.

W. M. S. TO MEET
The Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church will meet at the church on Monday evening, September 18th, at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.