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PERQUIMANS GRAND JURY REPORTS COUNTY BUILDINGS IN NEED OF REPAIRS

State School Buildings Neglected; All Need Attention

In what is believed to be one of the longest reports ever turned-in by a Perquimans County Grand Jury, the members of that body for the April term of court, reported to the Court that the public buildings of the county were in a bad state of repair and needed attention. Most of the report dwelled on the conditions of the school buildings of the county, and the Grand Jury recommended that the report, in its entirety, be published in the Perquimans Weekly in order that the people of the county might learn of the deplorable state into which the buildings have been permitted to fall.

According to the report, the members of the Grand Jury visited each and every one of the public buildings, and made recommendations regarding all. Several repairs were cited as needed in the Court House. The conditions of the County Prison Farm and the County Home were reported as good. However, very few of the school buildings of the county, if any, were reported in the condition that they should be kept.

The Grand Jury also included in its report a recommendation regarding the county school buses. Many of the present buses were found to be in bad condition despite the excellent efforts on the part of J. W. Hampton, charged with keeping the buses in good mechanical condition. The Jury commended Hampton for his efforts but stated he was handicapped for lack of new buses and help. The report recommended the State Board of Education be informed of this part of the report.

The entire report, as recommended by the Grand Jury, and ordered by Judge Thompson, will be published in the next issue of this newspaper.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A surprise move was revealed at the meeting of the United Nations security council this week, when it was decided charges made by Poland against Spain as being a threat to world peace should be heard by the Council. The action, it was reported, blocked an attempt by Russia to close the Iranian case, also being heard. The action against Spain, supposedly, is an attempt to rid that nation of its dictator, Franco.

Two issues being debated in Congress this week centered around the extension of the Selective Service Law, and the OPA. A Congressional committee had written a bill regarding the draft, and this bill was passed. It calls for an extension of the law for a period of nine months, but stops induction of men for five months; while giving the Army an opportunity to maintain its strength through enlistments. New action was started to hold OPA's lease on life for a period of nine months, instead of a full year.

Washington took steps this week to equalize the supply of dairy products and meats, throughout the nation, and there was some talk of restoring food rationing. Subsidies were boosted to spur dairy production, and the FBI began probing packing fraud charges. Herbert Lehman, former director of the UNRRA called upon the government to renew consumer rationing because of faulty planning.

Four Japanese officers, who carried out the death penalty on three American flyers, who had a part in the Doolittle raid on Tokyo in 1942, were sentenced to five years at hard labor, following a hearing by a military court this week. The reason for the light sentence, it was stated, was due to the fact that the Jap officers were carrying out the orders of superiors.

State Health Dept. Reports On Water

A report on the condition of the water supply in the Town of Hertford was received here this week by William F. Ainsley, in charge of the town's water system. The report was made by the State Board of Health.

In a letter to Mr. Ainsley the Board stated, "The average results for this period indicate that you are getting excellent removal of hardness through the treatment plant. The hardness is reduced approximately 71 per cent. If you continue to operate the plant on this efficiency the citizens will notice a marked difference in the quality of the water, with great reduction in the amount of soap used for washing and other purposes."

Lions Club Presents Jubilee Minstrels

Ralph White, president of the Hertford Lions Club, announced today that plans had been completed between the local civic club and members of the Elizabeth City Lions Club for the presentation of the Elizabeth City club's Jubilee Minstrels at the Perquimans High School auditorium on the night of April 25. The show will start at 8 o'clock.

Easter Services At Methodist Church

Preparatory to Easter at the Hertford Methodist Church, Holy Week services are being conducted this week by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, the pastor. Wednesday evening the pastor spoke on "The Place of Solitude in the Life of Christ" and appropriate Passion Week music was rendered. Thursday evening the pastor used as his subject, "The Meaning of Communion" and at the close of the sermon the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. It was on Thursday evening of Passion Week that Jesus instituted the Holy Supper.

On Friday afternoon from 2:00 until 3:00 Good Friday services will be conducted at which time the pastor will use as his subject "The Meaning of Calvary." The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

On Sunday morning the Easter idea will be carried out in all departments of the church school at 9:45. At 11:00 a. m. the pastor will deliver an Easter sermon and special Easter music will be rendered by the choir. At 12:10 p. m. following the morning worship service, a baptismal service will be conducted and all who wish to dedicate the infants and children to the Lord in Holy Baptism may do so. Water from the Jordan river will be used in this service.

"The Story of a Song," an Easter pageant, Martha Bayly with music by Arthur Grantley, will be given at 7:30 p. m. by the young people and children of the church school.

Beck-Gregory Vows Spoken Tuesday

The wedding of Miss Mary Eugenia Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark J. Gregory of Hertford, and George J. Beck, Jr., of Lindenhurst, Long Island, was solemnized Tuesday morning, April 16, at the Hertford Baptist Church. The ceremony was performed at 10 o'clock in the presence of the immediate families by the Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the church, using the double ring ceremony.

The church was tastefully decorated with white snapdragons, spirea and ferns. Mrs. J. E. White, organist, played the bridal music.

The bride entered with her father, by whom she was given in marriage. She wore an ice blue suit with black accessories. Her flowers were a corsage of pink roses and stephanotis. She had as her matron of honor and only attendant her sister, Mrs. W. F. Ainsley, who wore a suit of light brown with dark accessories. Her flowers were a corsage of talisman roses. The bridegroom had as his best man W. F. Ainsley.

The bride is a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, and was a member of the Roper school faculty for two years.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Beck of Lindenhurst, Long Island. He is now employed by the Liberty Aircraft Corporation. He is a graduate of the Lindenhurst schools.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for Washington, D. C., and other points north, after which they will make their home on Long Island.

Building And Loan To Issue New Stock

A new series of building and loan stock will be issued for sale on Saturday, May 4, it was announced this week following action taken by the board of directors of the Building and Loan Association at a recent meeting.

Only three hundred shares of stock will be issued and each purchaser will be limited to five shares of stock, it was stated by Max Campbell, secretary of the association.

No Contests Listed For County Primary, 13 File For Office

Interest Centered on Race For Congress And State Senator

As predicted by a number of unofficial observers, no contests developed in the Democratic Primary in Perquimans County as the filing deadline was reached last Saturday. A. W. Hefren, chairman of the County Board of Elections, issued a statement shortly after the six p. m. deadline was reached that 13 candidates had filed for county offices, but that there was no opposition for any of the candidates.

On Monday Mr. Hefren released a list of the candidates who had filed and paid filing fees prior to the closing hour Saturday. The candidates, and the office they seek are E. Leigh Winslow, for representative, M. G. Owens, for sheriff, Dr. C. A. Davenport, for coroner, Max Campbell, for treasurer, R. Tim Brinn, for commissioner Hertford Township, E. M. Perry, commissioner for New Hope Township, C. E. White, commissioner for Bethel Township, L. L. Winslow, commissioner for Belvidere Township, G. W. Jackson, commissioner for Parkville Township, W. H. Pitt, clerk of court, Charles E. Johnson, for Judge of Recorder's Court, Julian A. White and Carroll V. Ward for members of the board of education. Mercer Thomas filed for constable of Parkville Township.

Since there is no opposition offered for any office this list of candidates are expected to be certified as the nominees of the Democratic Party. The only votes to be cast in the Perquimans Primary on May 25 will be for the candidates seeking the nomination for the Congressional seat for the First District, and for those seeking the office as State Senator. Herbert C. Bonner and Dr. Robert L. Humber are candidates for Congress and last minute filing on the part of Webb Williams for State Senator makes the race three cornered, between Williams, Charles Jenkins and Lorimer Midgett.

The Perquimans Board of Elections will meet this week for the purpose of naming judges and registrars for the five townships and the officials named will preside over the polling places on primary day.

H. S. Debating Team Meets With Creswell

The debating teams of the Perquimans County High School met those of the Creswell High School Thursday evening, April 18, for the first in a series of debates sponsored by the North Carolina High School Debating Union.

The query for discussion for this year is a timely one: Resolved, That every able-bodied male citizen of the United States should have one year of full-time military training before attaining the age of twenty-four.

The affirmative team, which will debate at home, is made up of Mary Lina Raper, '47, and Betty Ruth Chappell, '49. The members of the negative team, which went to Creswell, are Thomas Butt, '47, and Clarkson White, '49. The latter replacing Durwood Barber, Jr., who recently underwent an appendectomy.

The teams winning Thursday evening will take part in the district contest, which is to be held at the East Carolina Teachers College on Thursday, April 25. The final contest will be held at Chapel Hill, Thursday and Friday, May 2-3, among the teams chosen at the six district contests.

The public was invited to attend the debate held in the High School Auditorium at eight o'clock.

Pender's To Remodel Hertford Store

An announcement was made this week by L. J. Davis, manager of the local Pender store, that his company will remodel the local establishment, and make the store into a self service center.

The store, according to plans, will be closed Saturday and will remain closed for 12 days while workmen are making the changes within the building. The interior is to be rearranged and additional shelf and display counters will be added to aid the patrons when the store reopens as a modern self service grocery.

Discharged
Julian Broughton has received an honorable discharge from the Navy and is visiting his mother, Mrs. Vera Broughton.

Hertford To Place Team In Albemarle Baseball League

Organization Is Formed At Edenton; Games Begin June 2nd

With baseball enthusiasts from Edenton, Hertford, Elizabeth City and Windsor present at a meeting held in the Court House Friday night, the Albemarle League was reorganized after several years inactivity. With A. W. Hefren of Hertford acting as temporary chairman of the meeting, W. Jim Daniels of Edenton was elected president of the league and Walter Holton of Edenton, secretary and treasurer.

A director from each of the towns represented was also elected and these were W. W. Johnson of Windsor, Lorimer Midgett of Elizabeth City, Graham Byrum of Edenton and A. W. Hefren of Hertford.

Various matters were decided at this meeting, though it was left to the directors to iron out quite a few important details before the league begins operation. It was decided at Friday's meeting to play four league games per week and that each club would keep the home game receipts. However, any of the teams will be allowed to play non-league games as a means of helping to raise revenue. It was also decided that each team would be allowed to carry four hired out-of-town players, though no limit was set as to salaries to be paid. The price of admission to games was also decided. The general opinion prevailed that there should be a uniform price in each town and it was agreed that 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children should be adopted.

During the meeting it was decided to open the league on Sunday, June 2, and close August 31, which will include the regular season, as well as the play-off for the league championship. The June 2nd date was decided upon so that playing would not interfere with the high school baseball schedule in the various towns.

Though only four towns were represented at the meeting, it was believed by those present that at least two more towns would agree to enter, making the league a six club circuit.

Organization of the Hertford team will take place very shortly, according to A. W. Hefren, League Director representing the Hertford team. Several local players are expected to win playing positions, while four players may be hired, under the league rules. Pending complete organization of the Hertford team, Mr. Hefren, J. W. Hampton and several other interested fans will handle the plans for the team here.

Rotary Club Elects New Officers Tues.

Dr. A. B. Bonner was elected president of the Hertford Rotary Club for the year beginning July 1, at the regular meeting of the club Tuesday night. Other officers elected were Max Campbell, vice president and R. S. Monds, secretary and treasurer. Appointive officers will be named by the new president at the first meeting in July. Directors of the club, chosen last week are W. H. Hardcastle, retiring president, Dr. Bonner, Henry Clay Sullivan, R. C. Murray, W. F. Ainsley and Max Campbell.

R. S. Monds was elected as alternate delegate to the International convention to be held in Atlantic City early in June.

Surplus Goods Sale At Harvey Point

The War Assets Administration this week announced the first sale of surplus war goods at the Harvey Point Naval Base. The items being offered for sale, on the sealed bid basis, represent unused and salvaged aircraft equipment and supplies.

Complete information concerning the sale is set out in the advertisement of the Administration, found elsewhere in this newspaper.

Veterans Report At Local Draft Office

Three Perquimans County veterans reported at the local draft office this past week, filing their separation papers with the board, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk. The veterans returning from service were Harry Overton, Jr., Horace Stallings and Glenn Mathews.

The local board cancelled the draft call set for last week, when the two youths scheduled to leave for examinations were deferred.

SUPERIOR COURT COMPLETES CRIMINAL DOCKET FOR APRIL TERM WEDNESDAY

Most Of Funds For Field Now In Hand

Nearly all of the additional funds, needed for the completion of the Perquimans Memorial Athletic Field, are in hand, according to a spokesman for the committee of citizens handling the project. A meeting of the committee was held on Monday night and reports from various members showed only \$150 was needed to reach the goal set the previous week.

Plans for the completion of the field will be placed on motion, the spokesman stated, in order that the field may be finished by the earliest possible date.

Central PTA Held Meeting Monday

The Parent-Teacher Association of Perquimans Central Grammar School met on Monday evening, April 15, at the school building, at Winfall.

The meeting opened with singing "America." Mrs. B. F. Bray, vice-president, presided. The business meeting was held during which the various standing committees gave reports, summarizing their work. The nominating committee submitted its report and the following officers were elected by the Association for next year: President, Mrs. B. F. Bray; Vice President, Mrs. Eddie Harrell; Secretary, Mrs. E. S. White; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Ashby Jordan; Treasurer, D. L. Barber.

After the business meeting the Belvidere community presented a very interesting program. Mrs. F. C. White conducted the devotional. Norma Winslow, rendered a solo, "Building." A poem, "The Builder" was given by Mrs. Edwin White. Rev. Claud Bullock gave a talk on "Better World Understanding."

A nock wedding, "Oh Promise Me Willie" was presented. The cast of characters were:

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| Bride | Mrs. Tom Winslow |
| Groom | Tom Winslow |
| Ring Bearer | Linwood Winslow |
| Flower Girl | Mrs. Basil Copeland |
| Bridesmaid | Mrs. Fred Smith |
| Groom's Mother | Mrs. Louis Winslow |
| Soloist | Mrs. Freeland Copeland |
| Pianist | Mrs. Hugh White |
| Train Bearer | Mrs. Carrie Gregory |
| Jilted Sweetheart | Mrs. Jerome Hurdle |
| Minister | Clarence Chappell |
| Usher | Edwin White |
| Baby | Sylvia Ray Copeland |

The room prize was won by the first grade, Mrs. Herman Winslow's room, with a 100% attendance by enrollment.

V. A. Representative Here Next Tuesday

Mayor V. N. Darden announced today that a representative of the Veterans Administration would be in Hertford next Tuesday, April 23 for the purpose of assisting any veteran having problems to discuss with the Vets Administration.

Mr. Alford, the representative expected here next week, may be located at the Police Headquarters, located over the Town office.

Large Crowd Attends Legion's Steak Fry

Between 75 and 100 members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, and their guests, enjoyed a steak fry at the Community Building in Hertford on Monday night.

The affair was a dutch-treat meeting and the committee in charge of the party had arranged a lot of fine steak which was thoroughly enjoyed by those attending.

Indians To Play South Mills Friday

The Perquimans High School's baseball team faced stiff competition on the diamond this week, having two games scheduled for the local field. The Indians played the Chowan High School on Wednesday night, and are all set to meet the South Mills High School in a game at 8 o'clock tonight.

The game tonight is expected to be a close one as South Mills usually fields a strong team. The high school band will add color to the entertainment by playing before the game. The lights will be turned on at about 7:30 p. m. with play expected to start about 8 o'clock.

In Washington
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wallace left Monday to spend several days in Washington, D. C.

Civil Docket Expected To Consume Considerable Time

The criminal docket of the April term of Perquimans Superior Court was completed about noon Wednesday when the jury received the case charging George Ferebee with breaking and entering and receiving stolen goods.

Judge C. E. Thompson of Elizabeth City, presiding at this term of court concluded his charge to the grand jury and the first criminal case was called shortly before noon Monday. Dallas Gilliam, Negro, was found guilty of driving with improper lights and unlawful parking. He was given a 30 day suspended sentence on each account and ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs. He was placed on probation for two years.

Calvin James, was found guilty on a charge of driving drunk. He was sentenced to 12 months on the roads, sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$100 and costs of court. He was placed on probation for a period of three years.

Howard Overton, Negro, found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon with intent, was placed on probation for two years and ordered to pay the costs of court.

Dan Perkins, Negro, charged with stealing a coon dog owned by Josiah Elliott, was found not guilty. After hearing the testimony the Judge directed a verdict of not guilty.

Lawrence Cayton, of Edenton, entered a plea of guilty to robbery. He turned State evidence and aided in the conviction of John Grant, also charged with robbing James Stallings of \$160. Cayton was sentenced to two years in State prison and Grant was sentenced to three years in prison.

Daniel and Fred Muse, brothers, entered pleas of guilty to breaking and entering. They confessed to breaking into the Towe Motor Company on the night of November 23, 1944, and stealing a safe and a sum of money. Each was sentenced to three years in prison.

The State took a nol pros with leave in the case charging Sidney Goodwin with kidnaping.

Marie Bowers, Isaac Johnson and George Ferebee, Negroes, were given hearings on charges of breaking and entering the J. C. Blanchard Store. The Bowers woman and Johnson entered pleas of guilty, while the jury found Ferebee not guilty. Sentencing of the first two was set by Judge Thompson for Thursday.

The court, immediately upon completion of the criminal docket began the hearing of the civil cases listed for trial, and considerable time was expected to be consumed before this docket was completed.

Prison Farm Host To Court Officers

Officials of the Perquimans County Superior Court and members of the grand jury for the April term of court were guests of the County Prison Farm at an old fashioned country dinner, served at noon Tuesday, following the morning recess of court.

Besides chicken, barbecue and ham the guests were treated to all the trimmings of a big dinner. The officials, after the dinner, inspected the farm, and all were high in their praise in the manner it was being run.

J. P. Gibbs, District Sanitation Officer for the Pasquotank, Perquimans and Camden Health Department, told the officials that the prison farm rated high on the sanitation list of this district, only one other place having a higher sanitary rating than the Prison Farm.

E. S. Fulghum, Supt. of the Farm, welcomed the guests and stated he was anxious to know more of the people of this county, and to take part in the community affairs. He stated he had received fine cooperation from the people since arriving here to take over management at the farm.

Wildcat Division To Hold Reunion

Veterans of the 81st Division, the Wildcat, who served in World War I and II will hold a reunion in Windsor, N. C., on Saturday and Sunday May 4 and 5, it was announced this week by the Wildcat Veterans Committee in charge of the plans.

The reunion headquarters will be at the Hotel Duke of Windsor, and registration will start at 3:30 p. m. Saturday, May 4. Veterans planning to attend are requested to make reservations early.