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## SUPT. OF SCHOOLS ISSUES STATEMENT CONCERNING OPERATION OF SCHOOLS

### Need For Repair Cited By School Head; Bond Issue Necessary If Work Carried Out

F. T. Johnson, County Superintendent of Schools, today issued the following statement regarding conditions of County schools and the policy which has been observed by the Board of Education:

"I wish to submit a brief statement concerning the Report of the Grand Jury, which was made public on Tuesday, April 16th. In making this statement I want it clearly understood that I am not criticizing the report or any member of the Grand Jury. It is my intention to submit a few facts which might throw some light on the situation. In the main the items which I refer to will be in the same order as they are given in the Report.

"In regard to the heating system at the Perquimans County High School, I wish to say that this building has never been warm, we made an effort in 1938 to remedy this situation. We called in a competent heating engineer from Raleigh and on his recommendation we installed the size and type of boiler that we now have in the building. On the first Monday in January, 1946, a group of high school students, with a petition, appeared before the Board of Education concerning the heating situation; they were promised that a competent engineer would be called in during the summer of 1946, and that the situation would be remedied if possible, but that the plant could not be changed or enlarged during the school session.

"In regard to the roof—two galvanized metal roofs have been placed on the building since 1934. Since the last roof was placed on the building we have repeatedly called in a good roofer two and three times a year for the purpose of repair. In this connection it is also worthwhile to mention the fact that water leaks through the walls, this condition is due to faulty construction in 1924, and to erosion since that time. The Board of Education had the walls pointed up in 1940, the same time the Hertford Grammar School was repaired. The roof at the high school has leaked at different times since it was constructed, one only has to examine the books and cancelled vouchers to ascertain this fact. In regard to the men who have repaired the roof since 1934, I want to say that they were considered competent roofers, and are no regarded today by folks who know of their work.

"The outside woodwork, including doors, parts of which were new at the high school, was painted in the fall of 1945. At the same time the plumbing in the rest rooms was also repaired, this including tanks.

"As to the fence around the athletic field, the walls were being painted at the time of the investigation of the Grand Jury.

"The lawns have been mowed for some years dating back prior to 1934 by private contract. The purchase of a "power lawn mower" was recommended in 1937. A "power mower" should be purchased not only to mow the lawns at "the high school, the Central Grammar School, and the courthouse," but the other lawns of the county including the Hertford Grammar School, and the various lawns of the colored schools. The courthouse lawn is not a responsibility of the Board of Education.

"The Board has been aware of the split tree on the Hertford Grammar School grounds, and bargained with a man to remove same in 1945, but bargain was never consummated.

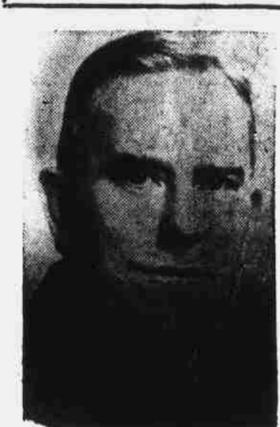
"The concrete walks on the Hertford Grammar School grounds should be built, and it was ordered on April 1st that they be constructed. The question of side walks and curbing around the grounds would have been proper if addressed to the Town of Hertford. However, I want to say that arrangements were made with Town of Hertford for the side walks. The curbing is not the responsibility of the Board of Education.

"There are enough chairs in the first grade for each child, and were it not for the way the first grade is organized there would be no necessity of moving chairs from one floor to another.

"At the April meeting of the Board of Education a committee of the Parent-Teacher Association of the school appeared before the Board requesting that the grounds be graded. This request was considered, and the committee informed that provision for this would be presented in the Budget on July 1, 1946.

"The Board has known for some time that the buses were not as good as in pre-war times. In spite of this we have endeavored to keep the schools operating with the present (Continued on Page Two)

### Speaker



Robert Lee Humber, Greenville Attorney and candidate for Congress from the First Congressional District, will make a speech at the Courthouse in Hertford on Friday night, May 3, at 8:15 o'clock, it was announced today. The public is invited to hear Mr. Humber, who will also speak to the Hertford Lions Club prior to the public meeting at the Courthouse.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Disagreement was reported this week among the members of the United Nations Security Council, when Russia's demand for dropping the Iran issue was again denied by the majority of delegates. The Soviet representative was reported as making the statement that he would not participate further in any discussions on the matter. The action was a defeat for Russia, and may have serious repercussions in a report due from the Council May 6.

Grave robbers have stolen the body of Benito Mussolini, Fascist leader of Italy, who was beaten and shot to death by partisans shortly before the end of the European war. The reported theft was made by an Italian official charged with security of the paupers cemetery where Mussolini was buried. According to the report, it was believed the body was taken by Fascists for political purposes.

Governor Gregg Cherry announced this week the transfer of an additional five million dollars from the highway surplus fund to be used for improvement of the State's secondary roads. It was stated the funds are to be spent during the coming year and that each county will receive a part of the fund for county road repair and construction. Each of the ten divisions of the Highway Department will be given a part of the money for use in the counties of each division.

Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone, last of the Nine Old Men of the Supreme Court fight, died at his Washington home this week. A member of the Court for two decades Mr. Stone was elevated to Chief Justice in 1941. Justice Hugo Black, of Alabama, will serve in Stone's capacity until a successor has been named by President Truman.

## County Democratic Convention Sat. P. M.

Perquimans County Democrats will perfect local party organization for the next two years at the county Democratic Convention to be held at the Court House, Saturday afternoon, April 27, at 3 o'clock, it was announced this week by C. P. Morris, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee.

Precinct meetings were held last Saturday, and plans were drawn for the convention to be held this week. All Democrats are invited to attend the convention.

In addition to selecting the executive committee for the next two years the local convention will also select delegates to attend the State Convention to be held in Raleigh on May 2.

### PRE-SCHOOL CLINIC

A pre-school clinic will be conducted at the Perquimans County Central Grammar School at Winfall, next Wednesday, May 1, beginning at 9 A. M.

## Red Cross Chapter Meeting To Be Held May 2, Court House

### To Participate In Famine Relief Campaign; Public Urged to Aid

The Perquimans County Chapter of the American Red Cross will meet at the Courthouse in Hertford, Thursday night, May 2 at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, chairman of the chapter.

At the last meeting the chairman, and other officers of the chapter were impressed with the splendid report by Miss Frances Maness on the annual Red Cross Drive. Miss Maness informed the officers that the county had oversubscribed its quota. A report was also made by the Rev. W. C. Duling, Home Service Chairman, who replaced Rev. E. T. Jilson as head of this work.

The local chapter is launching into a Famine Relief Campaign for the hungry people in foreign lands. The Famine Emergency Committee calculates that if each person saves two slices of bread daily, 20,000 unfortunate will be provided for during the emergency. The two slices of bread may be made up, here at home, by use of other foods, such as potatoes, which are difficult to ship. The public is urged to save wheat; inasmuch as the grains, oats, barley, rice, buckwheat and wheat are much alike, it is said, in sending wheat to Europe we are not depriving ourselves of anything we cannot easily get along without.

A recent statement by General Dwight D. Eisenhower, regarding the American Red Cross, has been released by the War Department; in the statement the General said: the services of the Red Cross are as urgently needed today by our occupation troops, our men in hospitals, and our veterans as they ever were by our fighting forces in time of war. The Red Cross needs and deserves our continued support."

## Wedding Ceremony Solemnized Friday

Miss Eva Wray Winslow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Winslow of Belvidere, and Emmett Eugene Landing, son of William Landing of Hertford, were married Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents.

The Rev. Mrs. Bertha S. White officiated.

Miss Norma Winslow, sister of the bride, sang Because and O Promise Me. She was dressed in a beige crepe with red and black accessories and her corsage was of red roses. She was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. R. R. White, cousin of the bride.

The bride wore a beige crepe dress with white accessories and her corsage was of orchids.

Miss Belle Landing, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor and only attendant. She wore a black gabardine suit with black accessories, and her corsage was an orchid.

The groom had as his best man, William Landing, Jr.

The young couple are graduates of Perquimans County School and after a short wedding trip to the western part of the State, they will be at home in Hertford.

## Baseball Players Asked To Meeting

Efforts to organize the baseball team which will represent Hertford in the Albemarle League will be made Friday night, according to A. W. Hefren, Hertford's Director in the League. Mr. Hefren stated that a meeting would be held in the Courthouse at eight o'clock, Friday night, April 26, for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the local club.

All baseball players, residing in Perquimans County, or nearby communities, interested in playing on the Hertford team are invited to attend the meeting and arrange for try outs for the team.

## Pender To Reopen Next Thursday

Pender's food store, which has been closed during this week for renovation, will open as a self-service store next Thursday morning, it was announced today by L. J. Davis, manager of the store.

The self-service system being installed here is similar to that used by the company in stores in nearby towns, and while customers will serve themselves, there will be no curtailment of the number of employees used by the store. The clerks will be assigned to other duties.

## Baptist Training Union Convention Opens E. City Today

### Two Day Program Arranged; Large Delegations Expected

Training Union members, officers, leaders and pastors are making final plans for attending the annual Regional Baptist Training Union Convention of four sessions: Friday afternoon at 2:55; Friday night at 7:50; Saturday morning at 9:00; Saturday afternoon at 1:30. A banquet will be held between the two Friday sessions at 6:00 P. M. The convention meets with Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church in Elizabeth City Friday and Saturday, April 26-27. It comprises 121 Baptist Churches of the Chowan and West Chohan Associations and the host church will follow the Harvard Plan in providing for the delegates to the convention.

The program, which has been released, calls for such interesting and helpful features as a sermon on Saturday morning to be preached by Dr. P. Orion Mason of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh; addresses by the State Training Union Secretary, Harvey T. Gibson of Raleigh on Saturday morning and by the Rev. H. L. Arthur of Portsmouth on Saturday afternoon; a skit and demonstrations; Christian living conferences on Friday afternoon conducted by Miss Josephine Hair of Ahsoskie, Mrs. John Senterfitt of Edenton, and the Rev. J. B. Folds of Aulander; methods conferences on Saturday morning under the leadership of Mrs. R. L. Councilman of Windsor, Mrs. Victor Morgan of Elizabeth City, Mr. and Mrs. L. Herman Sawyer of Elizabeth City and State Secretary Harvey T. Gibson of Raleigh; an open forum during the Friday night session under the supervision of Chowan Association Missionary, the Rev. D. P. Brooks of Elizabeth City; a wide variety of musical renditions such as vocal solos, instrumental solos on the saw, violin and piano, vocal and instrumental duets, vocal sextettes and youth choir; a hymn festival during the Saturday afternoon session; a screen projection and a banquet.

One of the most impressive, inspiring and informative features of the convention is the screen projection, "American Missions" during the Friday night session. This film, described as being one of the best and one of the most informative to be released by the Visual Aid Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be shown during the final period of the night session. This film is also one of the most recent releases.

## Easter Sales Drive Successful

The sale of Easter Seals in this county this year reached a new high according to Miss Grace Knowles, Superintendent of Welfare, who reported that total sales amounted to \$315.15. The campaign was directed by Miss Knowles.

Expressing her appreciation for the successful campaign, which was closed Saturday, Miss Knowles thanked all persons who had a part in the drive either by selling or purchasing of seals. She especially thanked the school children of the county for their interest shown for this worthy cause.

Fifty percent of the amount raised here, Miss Knowles stated, will remain in the county for use of crippled children, and unfortunate in need of aid for which this fund is used.

## 4-H Club Members To Hold Banquet Tonight

4-H Club members of Perquimans County will gather Friday night, April 26, at 7 o'clock at the 4-H County Council banquet to be staged in the Hertford Grammar School lunch room, it was announced this week by Miss Frances Maness, County Home Agent.

Miss Ruby S. Pearson, Assistant State 4-H Club leader will be on the program.

## Band Has Part In Edenton Program

Perquimans High School's Band, which has developed into a fine musical unit during the first year of its organization, took part in a holiday program at Edenton last Monday.

The program was under the sponsorship of the Edenton Lions Club, which invited the Perquimans Band to parade and play before and during the baseball game played on the Edenton diamond Monday afternoon.

## REGISTRARS, JUDGES FOR DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY NAMED BY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

### Five Vets Report; Draft Call For Nine

Five Perquimans County veterans reported their separation from the armed forces with the local draft board, during the past week, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local board. The veterans who filed notice of their discharges were Julian H. Broughton, and Jesse Harrell, white, and George Friesen, Willie Jones and Rufus Rouse, colored.

Mrs. Sumner stated that the local board has received a draft call for nine Negro selectees to take production examinations on May 8. Orders to report for this call will be mailed out shortly to the registrars selected to fill this call.

## Varied Docket Heard By Recorder Judge At Tuesday Session

A half day session was necessary in clearing the docket in Perquimans County's Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning when a varied calendar of seven cases was heard by Judge Charles E. Johnson.

Robert Bragg, Negro, was fined \$50 and ordered to pay the costs of court after being found guilty of reckless driving and failure to stop at the sound of a police siren. He was found not guilty of assault on a female and the Court granted a motion of nonsuit on a charge of possession of non tax paid liquor.

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

On motion by the State for a trial by jury the cases charging Norman and Josiah Elliott with assault was set for hearing at the next term of Superior Court.

Howard Blanchard, Negro, was found guilty of non support, in addition to paying the costs of court, he was ordered to pay six dollars per week for use by his children.

Wilson White, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to assault with a deadly weapon. He was sentenced to 30 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10 and court costs.

The State took a nol pros in the cases charging David Moore, Negro, with crossing a highway with lugs on a tractor.

Charles Williamson, Negro was ordered to pay the court costs on a charge of using profanity in public.

## White-Eaves Vows Spoken Sunday

The wedding of Miss Adelaide Lee Eaves, daughter of Mrs. John E. Eaves and the late John E. Eaves of Hertford, Route 1, to Clifton T. White, of Norfolk, was solemnized Sunday afternoon, April 21 at the Hertford Baptist Church. The ceremony was performed at 2:30 o'clock in the presence of the family and friends by the Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the church, using the double ring ceremony.

The church was decorated with Easter-lilies, Mrs. Fred Mathews, played the bridal music.

The bride entered with her brother, by whom she was given in marriage. She wore an ice blue suit with black accessories. Her flowers were a corsage of orchid and lilies of the valley. She had as her matron of honor and only attendant her niece, Mrs. Everett Wood, of Norfolk, who wore a dress of grey with white accessories. Her flowers were a corsage of white rose buds. The bridegroom had as his best man Everett Wood of Norfolk.

The bride is a graduate of Perquimans High School.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland White of Belvidere. He is now employed by the Security Storage Co. of Norfolk.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for Norfolk, where they will make their home.

### QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The Rev. J. Herbert Miller, Superintendent of the Elizabeth City District of the Methodist Church will preach at the Hertford Methodist Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Immediately following the services the second quarterly conference will be conducted by the Superintendent.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Major and Mrs. R. N. Read, of Washington, D. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara Antoinette, born April 18. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Read was Miss June Butler.

## Registration Books Will Open Saturday For Three Weeks

Despite the lack of contests for local offices, there will be a Democratic primary in this county on May 25, when voters will cast ballots for candidates seeking the office of State Senator and Congressman for the First District.

A. W. Hefren, chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Elections, is preparing for the primary, and today announced the list of officials for the various polling places on primary day.

The registrars for the various townships have been instructed, according to Mr. Hefren, to open their registration books on Saturday, April 27 for the purpose of registering voters who desire to cast ballots in the primary. Persons already on the registration books need not register again. Mr. Hefren said, but it is to the interest of voters to know that they are duly registered. Registration books will remain open for three Saturdays, and registrars will also register voters during the week, providing the voter appears before the registrars.

Voters are advised that they must be registered within the township in which they reside in order to be eligible to cast their vote on primary day.

The registrars and judges named by the Board of Elections are: Belvidere Township: J. M. Copeland, registrar, R. H. Copeland and Linwood C. Winslow, judges.

Bethel Township: E. Young Berry, registrar, J. C. Hobbs, Jr., and Arthur Jordan, judges.

Hertford Township: Mrs. E. G. Koonce, registrar, A. W. Hoffer and D. J. Pritchard, judges.

New Hope Township: Mrs. W. E. Dail, registrar, C. W. Umphlett and E. A. Turner, judges.

Nicanor: R. M. Parker, registrar, W. T. Eason and A. B. White, judges.

Parkville Township: Harry Barber, registrar, A. R. Winslow and Nelson Smith, judges.

## Indians Lose To South Mills Nine

In a baseball game that could have been won as easily as it was lost, the Perquimans High School team lost a 7-5 decision to the South Mills nine on Memorial Field last Friday night before a fair crowd of spectators.

The Indians made several costly errors at crucial points in the game which eventually turned the victory to South Mills. The Indians started the game with Chester Winslow and Paul Smith at the battery and the infield was also changed. Winslow pitched well for five innings, when he was replaced by Smith.

Henry Meiggs, star pitcher for the visitors, carried his team to victory by striking out the first 14 Indians who faced him. He weakened during the final inning, but his team's lead was enough to cinch the game.

Each team was credited with three hits, however, Meiggs walked only two men, while the Indian pitchers walked several, which along with the errors lost the game.

The Indians will play the Edenton High School nine on the Edenton diamond this afternoon. The next home game for the local team will be played on Memorial Field Friday night, May 8, when the Indians meet the Elizabeth City High School team.

## Paving Work Started On Shortcut Roadway

The work of paving that section of Route 17, just north of Hertford and which has become known as the shortcut, was started last Friday by the Hill Construction Company, which has the contract for the road job.

Weather conditions being considered, the paving is expected to be completed within a short time and then the road will again be opened to traffic.

When this work is completed Route 17 will be remarked and Winfall will be located on Alternate Route 17, instead of the regular route which will miss Winfall entirely.

## Eight Stores Begin Half Holiday May 1

An announcement was made today by eight Hertford stores that they will begin closing Wednesday afternoon on May 1, and will continue the custom of giving employees and owners a half holiday during the months of May, June, July and August.