

## Three Perquimans Countians Named As Directors Of Albemarle REA Cooperative

### Congressman Bonner Is Guest Speaker at Annual Meeting

Three Perquimans County residents, Archie T. Lane, Charles E. White and Floyd Mathews were elected to serve as directors of the nine man board for the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation at the annual meeting of the corporation held last Saturday afternoon at the Perquimans High School.

Other members of the board of directors for the co-op elected at the meeting are: J. Wilson Jones and J. A. Whitehurst of Camden County; J. A. Wiggins and John N. Bunch of Chowan and W. R. Lowery and E. L. Brothers of Pasquotank County.

Following the election of the directors the officers for the coming year were named as follows: J. Wilson Jones, chairman; J. A. Wiggins, vice chairman; Archie T. Lane, secretary, and Charles E. White, treasurer.

A large number of members of the corporation from all four counties were in attendance at the meeting and Congressman Herbert C. Bonner was speaker for the occasion.

Mr. Lane as secretary gave a report on the financial condition of the co-op and a report was also made by G. L. Whitley, manager of the AEMC.

Mr. Jones, chairman during the past year, gave a brief review of the activities of the corporation and highly praised Mr. Lane for expending time and money to bring about the success of the local REA co-op. That the local membership is highly successful was shown by the report that the average electric consumption during the past year amounted to 94 kilowatts per consumer, when estimates made last year placed this figure at only 50 kilowatts per consumer.

In his speech to the membership group Mr. Bonner stated, "Electricity is one of the greatest factors in improving the living standards and the economic security of rural people. To be fully effective in this improvement, electric service must be available to everyone."

He pointed out the development of the nation through three great periods, pre-Civil War, 1880 to 1918, and from 1918 up to the present day, showing how electricity had played a big part in this development. He told how in 1933, when many people, especially those in rural areas, were unable to obtain electric service, that Congress enacted laws, bringing about the rural electric program.

He added, "Farm electrification had advanced very slowly in the United States during the 53-year period from 1882 to 1935, when REA was created. A few farmers were connected to central station power but only 10 per cent of the farms had electricity in 1935. REA estimated as of July 1, 1948, that 4,019,476 farms, or 86.6 per cent of the nation's total were electrified. About 30 per cent of the farms still were unelectrified."

He stated that membership in rural electric co-ops is not confined to farmers. It is open to all people in a rural area who can be reached and

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## A. T. Lane Appointed To County Board

The vacancy on the Perquimans Board of County Commissioners was filled here Monday when W. H. Pitt, Clerk of the Superior Court, appointed Archie T. Lane to fill the unexpired term of the late R. T. Brinn.

Mr. Lane, a former member of the Board, assumed his duties Monday, when he joined other Board members sitting as a Board of Equalization and Review.

No newcomer to the post as a Commissioner, Mr. Lane served the county in this capacity for several terms prior to his voluntary retirement from the Board six years ago.

## Conference Saturday At Piney Woods Church

The missionary council of N. C. Yearly Meeting of Friends will sponsor a district missionary conference of Eastern and Contentia (Goldboro) quarters combined, at Piney Woods Church on Saturday morning, March 19, beginning at 10:30 o'clock.

Mildred White, for a number of years a missionary in Palestine, and now Educational Secretary of the American Friends Board of Missions, located at Richmond, Indiana, will be the principal speaker on the morning program.

The public is invited to attend.

## BILL RATIFIED

Perquimans County's January term of Superior Court is now a thing of the past.

A measure introduced in the Legislature by Representative E. Leigh Winslow calling for the abandonment of this term of court has been passed and the bill ratified by the General Assembly, according to an announcement made this week by the Institute of Government. Doing away with the January term of court, which in the past has been conducted solely for hearing of civil suits by the court, will mean the saving of several hundred dollars each year on the part of the county. In recent years civil actions in the local court have dropped off to a point where these matters can be handled at the spring and fall term of the Superior Court.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Rent control, long a vexing problem to national lawmakers, appeared on the way out this week after Congress voted a 15-months extension measure for control, but added a home rule feature to the measure which will permit state, city and county governments to scrap the law at will. While this action was proceeding in the House the filibuster, which has been going on in the Senate for more than two weeks, showed signs of breaking up. Southern Democrats and Republicans teamed up Tuesday in an effort to stop the filibuster but administration leaders stated they will fight a compromise tendered to bring about an end of the filibuster which started as an effort to prevent voting on civil rights issues.

Governor Kerr Scott, apparently, is not rushing into any decision on the appointment of a U. S. Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Broughton. Forty-eight residents of the State have been recommended for the post, but Governor Scott has made no move to indicate the possible appointee.

In Raleigh this week members of the Senate Education Committee studying the measure calling for the Education Commission's Foundation program for schools dealt the proposal a hard blow when it gave the bill an unfavorable report. However, the plan reached the Senate floor on a minority report but it appears strong opposition against the bill is expected to develop.

John L. Lewis' order closing-down coal mines for a period of two weeks is forcing curtailment of employment in a number of industries throughout the country. More than 471,000 miners are idle, as a result of the order, and railroads have laid off many employees for the duration of the mine vacation. Lewis called the work halt in protest of an appointment of James Boyd to the office of director of Bureau of Mines.

## Mary Lou Butt Wins Speaking Contest

Miss Mary Lou Butt was declared the winner of the county elimination speaking contest held at the Perquimans High School last Friday under the sponsorship of the Albemarle Soil Conservation Commission, and thus won the right to represent Perquimans County in the district contest to be staged at Plymouth on March 18, it was announced this week by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school.

As first place winner Miss Butt was awarded a \$25 prize. Other winners of the local contest were Edward Lane, second; Horace Layden, third; and Pat Phillips, fourth.

Second, third and fourth prizes were \$20, \$15 and \$10 which were awarded the respective winners. Other students participating in the contest were Ann Madre, Laura Hopkins, Virginia Gay, Ella Cartwright and Benita Hutchinson.

The judges of the contest were S. L. Lowery, Pasquotank County Agent, R. S. Marsh, Assistant Chowan County Agent and the Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Estes Copeland of Sunbury announce the birth of a daughter, Peggy Lou, on Saturday, March 5, at Lakeview Hospital, Suffolk, Va. Mrs. Copeland is the former Miss Deborah White.

## Annual BTU Regional Convention Will Be Held In Murfreesboro

### Sessions Scheduled For Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9

The dates set by the State Training Union Department for the annual Regional Training Union Convention (Chowan and West Chowan Associations) have been announced through Regional Director John Elliott of Edenton, as Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9. The convention will meet with the First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro and will open Friday afternoon at 2:50 o'clock.

There will be three sessions this year, Friday afternoon session at 2:50, Friday night session at 7:25, and Saturday morning session at 8:55. The program committee announces that a very interesting and helpful program has been arranged. The committee also announces that State Training Union Secretary Harvey T. Gibson will be present for the entire convention and will speak Saturday morning on the subject "Found Faithful to the Training Task." Secretary Gibson will also conduct a Methods Conference for adults Friday afternoon and present the two State assemblies Friday night.

The Eastern Region is composed of some 120 churches of the Chowan and West Chowan Associations. It embraces the territory from the Virginia State line through Hyde County and from the Roanoke River to the Atlantic Ocean. Each church is requested to appoint official delegates and all Training Union members and all others interested in BTU work are cordially invited to attend.

## No Commitment By County Officials On District Home

Perquimans County has made no commitments regarding the establishment of a district boarding home for the aged and indigent to be used by a number of the counties of the Albemarle, it was reported Tuesday by E. M. Perry, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

A number of reports circulated around the county earlier this week to the effect that Perquimans County planned to join with other counties of this area in construction of such an institution in Pasquotank County.

When questioned regarding the plan Mr. Perry stated that the Commissioners of Pasquotank County had invited commissioners from several other counties of the Albemarle to a meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposal. Members of the local Board have attended at least one such meeting and another is scheduled for an early date. However, according to Mr. Perry, the proposal is only in the "talking" stage and there has been no commitments made concerning the construction of the establishment.

The plan has gained much favor in Pasquotank County but from reports gathered this week it appears that representatives of other counties have adopted a "wait and see" attitude toward the proposition.

It is known that State welfare officials are hopeful that the Legislature and possibly Congress will pass measures broadening the scope of Federal and State aid to counties on this matter, and there is little likelihood that any action will be taken until definite information concerning legislative action on the matter is available.

## New Plymouth On Display Saturday

The new line of Plymouth automobiles, with outstanding mechanical improvements and new styling, make their appearance here for the first time at a formal showing Saturday, March 19, at the Towe-Webb Motor Company show rooms, officials of the company announced today.

Completely redesigned and streamlined, the new Plymouth reflects a complete change from last year's models.

A cordial invitation is issued by the local motor company to residents of this area to visit their show rooms tomorrow and view the new car.

## MASONIC MEETING TUESDAY

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

## Slight Loss Caused By Fire Friday At Hertford Livestock

### Damage Estimated at \$700; Firemen Check Blaze Quickly

Close observation on the part of J. W. Hampton and quick work on the part of the Hertford Fire Department prevented a serious fire loss here last Friday night when a blaze was discovered in the office of the Hertford Livestock & Supply Company.

Mr. Hampton, who operates a service station adjacent to the Supply Company buildings on the Edenton highway, observed the fire at about 9 o'clock last Friday night. He attempted to fight the blaze with an extinguisher while the fire department was being notified, and held the fire from gaining additional headway. The firemen arrived at the scene within a few minutes and brought the flames under control. The huge warehouse which adjoins the office was filled with smoke but the fire was confined to the office portion of the building.

An overheated stove was given as the cause of the fire. Walls of the office and the floor caught fire and were damaged considerably.

Damages sustained by the fire were estimated at about \$700 and are covered by insurance.

## Recorder's Court Has Long Session With Varied Docket

A varied docket, consisting of 13 cases, consumed considerable time in hearings conducted in Perquimans Recorder's Court this week before Judge Charles E. Johnson, and forced the Court into an afternoon session before the calendar was cleared.

Fines of \$25 and costs of court were taxed against Larry Snofsky and Raymond Roberts, both of whom entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding 75 miles per hour.

A plea of guilty to a charge of driving without a license was entered by Albert Davis, who paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Jacob Brody paid a fine of \$10 and costs on a charge of speeding.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case charging James Rountree with operating a car after his license had been revoked. Rountree was represented by Attorney Walter Edwards.

Jesse Simpson, Negro, was found guilty of simple assault and was given a 30-day suspended sentence upon payment of a fine of \$10 and costs of court. An appeal to the Superior Court in this case was noted by the defendant's attorney, W. H. Oakey, Jr. Simpson was charged with assault on a female.

Costs of court were taxed against the prosecuting witness, Henry Mallory, Negro, in the case charging Jeremiah White, Negro, with obtaining money under promise to work.

C. J. Hinson entered a plea of guilty to a charge of issuing a worthless check. He was given a 30-day road sentence, suspended upon payment of the costs of court and making good the check.

Theodore Mallory, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault. He was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the costs.

James Brickhouse, Negro, was handed a 30 day sentence, suspended upon payment of court costs, after being found guilty on a charge of assault on a female.

William Banks paid the costs of court in a case charging him with possession of non-tax paid liquor.

Zack Wilson, Negro, paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court on a charge of reckless driving.

Alexander Sutton, Negro, was taxed with the court costs and his operator's license was suspended for four months on a charge of allowing illegal use of his driver's license.

## Hertford Grammar PTA Met Thursday

Members of the Hertford troop of Girl Scouts were guests of honor at a meeting of the Parent Teacher Association of the Hertford Grammar School, held last Thursday night in the auditorium of the school. The PTA sponsors the local Girl Scout troop and the program, presented by the Scouts, centered around the celebration of the Scouts' 37th anniversary.

A feature of the program was the presentation to the PTA of a flag, a gift from the Scout troop.

## Perquimans County's Red Cross Drive Nears Quota With \$880 Reported Tuesday

### Equalization Board Completes Work Mon.

Members of the Board of County Commissioners, sitting as a board of Equalization and Review for the purpose of adjusting property valuations listed on the county tax scrolls, completed their work here late Monday afternoon, after a rather busy session during which a number of adjustments were made.

Slight gains were noted in the valuation amounts listed for taxation, this being brought about by the construction of several new buildings and homes throughout the county during the past year.

While few complaints were made to the board in regards to the present valuation shown on the books the equalization board was handed the task of reviewing valuation placed on the books relative to the new buildings.

## Annual Meeting Of FHA Held March 10

Farm families of Perquimans, Chowan and Pasquotank Counties who are purchasing and improving their farms with the aid and supervision of the Farmers Home Administration gathered in Hertford at the Agricultural Building on March 10, for their annual meeting.

E. F. Morgan, County Supervisor Perquimans-Chowan Unit, was in charge of the meeting. After the opening remarks and introduction of guests and families the meeting was turned over to S. E. Wilson, State Field Representative, who led the discussion of the past year's crop production and the crop outlook for 1949. Koy S. Chappell explained to the group the practices he followed to increase his corn yield from 35 bushels per acre to 97 bushels per acre. Practices to be followed to increase the per acre production of peanuts, cotton and soybeans was outlined to the group.

Mr. Morgan discussed farm finances using the three main elements to be properly combined if a farm is to be successful financially. These are (1) good farm management, (2) an efficient farm unit, and (3) a well-managed home. The Farmers Home Administration endeavors to teach the farm families under its supervision these three elements.

Miss Margaret F. Fuller, Home Management Specialist, conducted a demonstration on building repair and maintenance. She presented a picture of a farm and the buildings as it looked when purchased by a family with the aid of the Farmers Home Administration, and step by step improvements made over a period of a few years to make the farm an efficient, well-run, modern farm and farm home.

T. B. Williams, County Supervisor Pasquotank Unit, discussed with the group the production and conservation of food and feed and the production of livestock.

## Lioness Club Holds Anniversary Party

The Hertford Lioness Club celebrated its first anniversary last Friday night with a gala dinner party at the Hotel Hertford with their husbands and invited guests in attendance. The dining room was decorated beautifully with cut flowers which carried out the colors of the club. A birthday cake, surrounded by jonquils, was used to form an attractive centerpiece.

Club president Dorothy Bass extended a welcome to the guests and introduced Ruby White who acted as toastmistress. Invocation was given by Lioness Lula Mae White. Lioness Minnie Wilma White gave a report on the program and achievement of the club during the past year. Others on the program were Miss Frances Cely, Miss Erma Phillips and Less Waldorf. Lioness Lizzie Lee Cox was in charge of contests held during the evening and door prizes were awarded Lioness Helen Woodard and Lion W. L. Sumner.

## English Musician At PCCGS Wednesday

William Cope, well known English musician, will appear at the Perquimans County Central Grammar School on Wednesday, March 23, at 8 o'clock P. M., it was announced today by J. P. Snipes, principal of the school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Reports Still Outstanding Expected to Push Mark Over Goal

Perquimans solicitors canvassing funds for the annual Red Cross Roll Call have reported a total of \$880.47 collected up to Tuesday noon, it was announced at that time by C. R. Vann, county chairman for the campaign. Mr. Vann stated, "I believe that we will reach our goal within the next very few days because we have a large number of solicitors who have as yet to make reports on work accomplished."

The county goal for the Red Cross fund this year is \$1,100. A figure slightly higher than last year but it appeared that the quota will be forthcoming when all reports are in and tallied.

Mr. Vann again urged solicitors who have not completed their canvass and made reports to do so as soon as possible inasmuch as the local Red Cross Chapter desires to bring the 1949 campaign to a close as soon as the quota has been reached.

Solicitors who have been donating their time and effort to make this year's Red Cross drive a success, were listed today as follows:

Hertford business section, R. C. Murray, James Newby, Wilson Dillon, Edgar White; Hertford residential area, Mrs. Julian A. White, vice chairman, Miss Catherine Ann Holmes, Miss Ruby White, Mrs. Joe Towe, Mrs. W. C. Cherry, Mrs. J. T. Biggers, Miss Frances Sutton, Miss Mary Jane Harrell, Miss Benita Hutchinson, Miss Eva Harris, Miss Ethel Frances Elliott, Miss Valeria White, Miss Louise Jordan, Mrs. Tommy Miller, Mrs. Guy Lane, Miss Marjorie Winslow, Miss Margarite Butler, Mrs. G. L. Whitley; Perquimans County, A. T. Lane, vice chairman, Mrs. Joseph Rogerson, Route one, Mrs. M. T. Griffin, Route one, Mrs. Wade Jordan, Route one, Mrs. Winston Lane, Route one, Mrs. Ashby Jordan, Route three, Mrs. A. E. Turner, Durants Neck, Mrs. A. R. Cook, Route three, Mrs. C. P. Quincy, Chapin, Mrs. Oliver Winslow, Star Route, Winfall, Mrs. Vivian Dail, Belvidere, Mrs. Russell Baker, Nicanor and Mrs. Charles Umphlett, Winfall.

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## Forty-two Students Listed On Honor Roll

Forty-two students of Perquimans High School were listed on the honor roll of the school for the fourth grading period, which ended last week, according to E. C. Woodard, principal. The 12th grade led all the classes in the number of its members winning scholastic honors for the period.

The honor students, as listed by classes, were: 8th grade, Glenda Lane, Martin Whedbee, Ina Faye Butt, Kay White Stanton, Shirley Eure, Lloyd White, Betty Davis, Earline Morse, Doris Joan Rountree, Mollie Lee Yeates.

9th Grade: Thomas Sumner, Pauline Burbage, Marguerite Butler, Marina White. 10th Grade, Calvin Butt, Doris Faye Allen, Frances Elliott, Mary Sue Cook, Christine Thatch.

11th Grade, Ruby Lane, Ann Madre, Marjorie Perry, Ruth Haskett, Claire Hunter, Pat Phillips.

12th Grade, Leon Harrell, Lindsay Reed, Jimmie Robbins, Daly Rountree, Clarkson White, Dolan Whappell, Mary Lou Butt, Betty Ruth Chappell, Alma Eaves, Anne Hollowell, Pearl Hunter, Marietta Joliff, Pat Morris, Marie Rountree, Emily Skinner, Thelma White and Lelia Lee Winslow.

## Grubb Street Project To Be Resumed Shortly

Construction work on Grubb Street is expected to be resumed about April 1, it was reported at the meeting of the Hertford Town Board held Monday night. Mayor V. N. Darden told the Board members that employees of the Town had started preparations for laying sidewalks along the street by preparing the right-of-ways for this part of the improvement program.

Work on the State contract for resurfacing the street is also expected to be resumed as soon as weather permits. This project was halted last fall when inclement weather forced a construction company to hold up completion of the widening and resurfacing of the roadway.

Curb and gutters, constructed by the Town, have been installed along most of the thoroughfare but much work remains to be done before the street work is completed.