

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Reports from Washington this week stated that Western powers look with favor on a Russian proposal to call for a four power conference on Germany. Russia offers, the report says, to lift the Berlin blockade if the Western powers will agree to the parity on the whole German problem. U. S. officials state that the proposal will be accepted only if the Russians make the offer without secret strings attached. Russia imposed the blockade of Berlin last June and since that time the U. S. and Britain have been supplying raw materials and food to Berlin by air.

A Statewide organization was formed at Raleigh this week to push for the approval by the voters of the State the 200 million dollar road program and the 25 million dollars school building program, passed by the Legislature. A corporation, called Better Schools and Roads, Inc., was formed this week and Statewide campaigning is expected to follow in an effort to build up popular approval for the two bond issues.

As long reported, Governor Scott began announcing names of new State officers following adjournment of the Legislature last Saturday. The Governor has announced membership of the Utility Commission and members of the State Board of Education. On Wednesday he reported that Eugene Shaw will succeed Edwin Gill as Revenue Commissioner. A report from Raleigh Wednesday stated that the Governor is expected to name a commander for the Highway Patrol and his entire Highway Commission by Saturday of this week.

President Truman notified Congress this week that due to price declines that some 157 million dollars can be slashed from the estimated cost of the Marshall Plan for this year. His statement was welcome news to Congressmen of whose members believe further cuts should be made in this fund. Meanwhile in Washington Herbert Hoover warned Congress against boosting present social security taxes when the budget's foreign aid commitments can be reduced. In Congress stormy debates raged over an administration bill which will repeal the Taft-Hartley labor law.

High School Honor Roll Announced; 45 Students Listed

Forty-five students were listed on the honor roll at Perquimans High School at the close of the fifth grading period last Friday, it was announced today by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school. The girls of the school far outnumbered the boys in scholastic work during this period, 35 girls winning places on the honor list, while only 10 boys won places.

The 12th grade won honor in having 20 of its members listed, thus leading all other classes at the school.

Honor students for the period, by classes, were:

Eighth Grade — Billy Chappell, Marilyn Baker, Glenda Lane, Emily Ann Sumner, Nan Ella White, Kay Stanton, Faye Butt, Shirley Eure, Mabel Martin Whedbee, Lloyd White, Doris Rountree, Mollie Lee Yeates.

Ninth Grade — Tommy Sumner, Amy Van Roach.

Tenth Grade — Calvin Butt, Frances Elliott, Christine Thatch, Virginia Gay, Mary Sue Cook.

Eleventh Grade — Shirley Butt, Ruby Lane, Marjorie Perry, Ella Cartwright, Claire Hunter, Pat Phillips.

Twelfth Grade — Melvin Colson, Leon Harrell, Tim Perry, Daly Rountree, Clarkson White, Dolan Winslow, Mary Lou Butt, Jean Chappell, Alma Eaves, Anne Hollowell, Catherine Ann Holmes, Pearl Hunter, Marietta Jolliff, Edna Ruth Lane, Pat Morris, Marie Rountree, Emily Skinner, Peggy White, Thelma White, Lelia Lee Winslow.

Slight Damages At Saw Mill Fire

Hertford firemen answered a call Sunday afternoon to the Ellis Miller saw mill about two miles north of Winfall, when fire threatened destruction of the mill. Flames from a burning sawdust pile were blown into the mill and caused slight damage.

Mr. Miller had the flames under control when the firemen arrived. He had made use of a water supply and hose at his mill to put out the blaze. It was reported that the loss was not covered by insurance.

SPECIAL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT MAY BE CALLED TO DISPOSE OF CIVIL CASES

Action Is Recommended By Judge Carr; April Term Adjourned Last Friday

Perquimans County's April term of Superior Court adjourned last Friday afternoon having completed only the criminal docket and disposing of a few civil cases listed on the calendar. At the conclusion of the term of court Judge Leo Carr recommended that a special term of Superior Court be called to clear the court calendar of a large number of civil cases. This recommendation was forwarded to Governor Kerr Scott, it was reported by W. H. Pitt, Clerk of court.

Practically the entire session of the April term was devoted to hearing of criminal cases. Five divorce actions were heard and divorces granted and two divorce cases were non-suited.

Four criminal cases were concluded on Thursday and Friday. The jury received the case charging George Dewey Overton, Negro, with murder about noon Thursday and returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter. A motion by the defense attorneys to have the verdict set aside was overruled and a motion for a new trial was denied. Judge Carr sentenced Overton to State prison for a term of not less than six years nor more than eight years.

Jackson Costen, Negro, charged with manslaughter was found guilty and he was sentenced to prison for a term of not less than three years nor more than five years. Costen was on probation and his sentence, handed down on a charge of robbery at the October term of court in 1945, was invoked. He was ordered to serve both sentences concurrently.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case charging Kyree Copeland with non-support.

A nol pros with leave was taken by the State in the case charging Will White, Negro, with assault with a deadly weapon.

All civil cases listed on the calendar for the April term of court were continued until the next term.

Central PTA Hears Talk On Recreation

The Parent-Teacher Association of Central Grammar School met Monday night with the president, Mrs. Eddie Harrell, presiding.

The subject was "Recreation—What Will We Do With Our Leisure Time?" with the Rev. E. B. Edwards as program chairman.

Mrs. Elijah White, historian, gave a splendid report of the achievement during the previous year.

J. T. Biggers made complimentary remarks on the work of the organization.

Mrs. L. H. Dawson gave a talk on "Art In Every Day Life," emphasizing "Our aims in life should be, a sense of well being, a feeling of security and a sense of contributing to the world in which we live."

The Rev. E. B. Edwards conducted the devotional reading, the 150th Psalm, stressing the importance of all forms of music necessary for the enjoyment of life.

Don Helms, director of the Boys' Club in Elizabeth City, gave a very interesting talk on the subject "Recreation," stating the necessity of leadership in all forms of recreation and the advantages which are derived from it.

Mr. Edwards conducted a quiz program with the teachers taking part.

Mrs. Elijah White's room, the fifth grade, won the attendance prize.

License Examiner Says Deadline Near

W. E. Nelson, State License Examiner, today reminded motorists, whose last name begins with H, I, J or K, that only a few more days remain for them to comply with the State law and secure new driver's license. Motorists in this category, Mr. Nelson said, have until June 30 to take examinations and secure new operator's license.

The examiner pointed out this gives county motorists only about 16 days in which to comply with the law, since he gives examinations in Hertford only two days each week. He urges all motorists who have not taken examinations to do so at an early date and thus avoid the rush which is expected during June.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Roberson announce the birth of a son, William Otis, born April 20 at the Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. Roberson is the former Miss Dora White.

On Radio Program



JANE S. MCKIMMON

Dr. Jane S. McKimmon became North Carolina's first State Home Demonstration Agent in 1911 and served in that capacity until 1937. Under her capable leadership a far-reaching program of adult and youth education was begun which can be seen today in improved homes, in better communities and in the people themselves.

Dr. McKimmon will appear on the Cavalcade of America radio program on Monday, May 2nd at 8:00 P. M. over the NBC Network.

BPW Club Observed First Anniversary At Dinner Party

The Perquimans Business and Professional Woman's Club celebrated its first anniversary at a dinner meeting at the Hotel Hertford Friday night, April 22, at 6:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Sallie Bonnet had a very interesting and appropriate program and read the following reading:

"On April 16, 1948, a daughter was born to Mrs. Rocky Mount BPW. The infant, after due consideration was given to the matter, was named Perquimans BPW."

"This young lady was the pride and joy of all who beheld her. She was a big baby—24 members long. Her grandmother, Mrs. Katherine Walsh, District Director of the Seventh District, and her mother, Mrs. Rocky Mount BPW, looked forward to the child's progress with great anticipation."

"As is the case with all well-cared-for infants, little Perquimans' diet was selected with utmost care. Her first meals were made up of Mrs. Lawrence W. Towe, president; Miss Elizabeth Fowler, vice president; Miss Davey Jo Lumsden, recording secretary; Miss Kathreen Mobley, corresponding secretary, and Miss Phyllis Rees, treasurer. As they grow, all well-fed babies undergo a change of diet, and little Perquimans was no exception. During her first year, she had two changes in her diet—Mrs. Eleanor Wilder replaced Miss Davey Jo Lumsden as recording secretary and Mrs. Elizabeth Thatch replaced Miss Phyllis Rees as treasurer. Another vitamin was added when Miss Kathreen Mobley added a Mrs. and Nelson to her name."

"It is a known fact that all babies increase considerably in length during the first year of their lives, and little Perquimans now measures 34 members."

"Taking a look into the heredity aspect of little Perquimans, we did find that she comes from unusually good stock. Her mother club, Mrs. Rocky Mount BPW, has produced our new District Director of the Seventh District. This director also being the holder of a State office. Her grandmother, Mrs. Walsh, is our past District Director. The old saying is 'blood will tell,' and it is the hope of those of us who love her that little Perquimans will bear fruit to equal those of her mother club."

"As our baby goes into her second year, it is my personal hope that her growth and achievements will far exceed all expectations. May it be her privilege to be a 'mother' herself before too long. Tonight, as we consider our new officers for the coming year, may the diet we choose for her make an independent, self-sustaining woman out of our baby."

The president, Mrs. Alice W. Towe, then presented each member with a gift and the meeting was dismissed by singing our club song "Sing Your Way Home."

School Building Program Partially Assured By GA Act

County Allocated \$250,000 For Construction Purposes

Perquimans County's long needed school construction program appeared nearer a possibility this week, following the passage in the General Assembly last week of a bill which will provide \$250,000 toward the construction program here.

The Legislature passed a measure dividing equally among the 100 counties of the State, 25 million dollars. Also passed was a bill calling for a referendum to determine whether or not an additional 25 million is to be raised through the sale of bonds. In the event this referendum passes, Senator J. E. Winslow stated that Perquimans will receive approximately an additional \$70,000 from this source.

Definite arrangements for the division of the first 25 million dollars have not been announced, but it is believed that all of the plans and allocation of the money will be handled through the State Educational Department. Nothing is known at the present time as to when the money will be made available to local authorities for construction purposes.

Local plans, however, have long been announced by the Board of Education. The Board's long range construction program includes a new Negro school building at Winfall, construction of a gymnasium and agricultural building at Perquimans High School, a lunch room at the Central Grammar School, renovations and improvements at the Hertford Negro school and a lunch room and auditorium at Hertford Grammar School.

How much of this over-all program can be carried out under the State-aid plan remains to be determined by the amount of money allocated to Perquimans and the total amount of money made available by the Board of County Commissioners. It is believed by several local school officials that the entire program can be carried out here providing the bond issue is carried at the referendum.

Piano Class Plans Pageant For May 6

Mrs. R. M. Riddick's High School piano class in colorful costumes will give a short pageant of international music on Friday, May 6, at 8 o'clock at the Hertford Grammar School, to which the public is cordially invited. They will be assisted by Marjorie Brinn as a Spanish dancer; Mabel Keel, a Dutch singer, and Pat Rush, a Hawaiian dancer, and other grammar school pupils.

Pianists for the night will be: Anne Myers, representing the American Indian; Mabel Martin Whedbee, Poland; Kay Stanton, Germany; Myrtle Whedbee, Germany; Janie Winslow, China; Janice Yagel, Russia; Mollie Lu Yeates, Italy; Benita Hutchison, America; Marvina White, France; Eleanor Faye, Norway; Lelia Lee Winslow, Hungary; Johnnie White, United States; Mrs. Otis Lane, Ireland; Mrs. R. M. Riddick, accompanist.

County Boards To Meet On Monday

Members of the Board of County Commissioners and Board of Education will hold regular meetings at the Court House in Hertford next Monday, May 2, it was announced today.

The County Commissioners are expected to take some action toward the appointment of a clerk for the Perquimans Recorder's Court and setting up of a salary to be paid for this position. A bill passed by the Legislature makes this action necessary.

Members of the Board of Education will discuss plans for bringing the present school term to a close and carrying out building repairs during the coming summer.

ST. CATHERINE'S GUILD WILL MEET MONDAY NIGHT

There will be a meeting of the St. Catherine's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church Monday night, May 2, at 8 o'clock at Cove Grove Farm, the home of Mrs. J. J. Skinner and Mrs. Frank Skinner. All members are urged to attend.

LEGISLATURE PASSES COMPROMISED BILL AUTHORIZING ABC ELECTION IN COUNTY

ABC Petition

A petition, drawn to the County Board of Elections, seeking a county-wide vote in Perquimans on the question of establishing an ABC store, is in circulation this week and a large number of names are reported appearing on the document. According to reports, the petition is being sponsored by local dry groups, who seek an election on a county-wide basis rather than one confined to the Town of Hertford.

In order for the petition to make it mandatory for the Board of Elections to call a special election for the purpose, the petition must bear the names of at least 15 per cent of the number of registered voters casting ballots in the last gubernatorial election. Upon presentation of a petition bearing the minimum number of names, the Board of Elections must call an election to determine the issue within 30 days after receiving the petition.

Defendant Fined \$50 On Plea Of Guilty In Whiskey Case

D'Autry Riddick, Negro, was sentenced to jail for 30 days, with the sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs of court, after he entered a plea of guilty to a charge of possession and transporting of non-tax whiskey in Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning. Riddick was arrested by Sheriff M. G. Owens, along with Joseph and Troy Elliott, both of whom were charged with the same offense. Both of the latter defendants entered pleas of not guilty to the charge and requested trial by jury. Judge Charles E. Johnson moved the cases up to the Superior Court on the motion for jury trial. Each of the defendants were placed under bond for appearance in Superior Court. The car owned by Troy Elliott, which was confiscated by Sheriff Owens pending the outcome of the trial, was released to Elliott, who posted a bond of \$1,060 for the car.

What appeared to be a lengthy session of recorder's court, due to a week's recess, was cut short when five cases listed on the docket were continued until the next term of Recorder's Court.

Other cases heard at the session this week included those of Roy Wallace, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of fishing without a license. He was ordered to pay the costs of court.

Levy Revells, Negro, charged with being drunk and disorderly, entered a plea of guilty. He was fined \$10 and costs of court.

Roosevelt Hurdle, Negro, charged with operating a car with improper exhaust system, was found guilty. He was given a 30 day jail sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10 and costs.

Report Issued On Easter Seal Sale

C. Edgar White, Superintendent of Public Welfare, and local director of the League for Crippled Children, today announced that a total of \$238.11 was contributed by Perquimans residents during the recent sale of Easter Seals, the campaign which was conducted to raise funds to aid the League in carrying out its program of assistance to crippled children of North Carolina.

One-half of the funds raised here will be forwarded to State headquarters of the League and the remaining one-half will be retained by the local chapter to aid crippled children of this county.

In making the report on the drive Mr. White said, "We want to express our wholehearted thanks to everyone who had a part in making this drive a success."

Rotarians To Hold Ladies' Night May 17

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club discussed tentative plans for holding their annual Ladies' Night party at a meeting of the club Tuesday night. The plans call for the annual party to be staged at Harvey Point on Tuesday evening, May 17.

W. F. Ainsley, president of the club, appointed a number of committees on arrangements for the event and complete plans for the party are expected to be announced later.

Measure Provides For Division of Profit In Event Store Is Established

Hertford's ABC election bill was passed last Thursday by the General Assembly after being compromised and amended. The bill was approved by the Legislature along with some seven or eight other liquor bills presented by towns and cities of the State.

As passed by the Legislature, the local bill authorizes an ABC election for the Town of Hertford only, providing the Board of County Commissioners or petitioners do not call a county-wide ABC election within 60 days of the date that the bill was ratified by the General Assembly.

The amendment attached to the bill by Senator J. E. Winslow changed that portion of the measure calling for disposal of the profits from an ABC store. As the bill was finally passed by the Legislature, profits will be divided equally between the Town of Hertford and Perquimans County. This amendment, it is understood, stands whether the ABC election is called on a county-wide basis or the vote is confined solely to the voters of the Town of Hertford.

Passage of the bill by the Legislature, in its final form, means that the Board for the Town of Hertford can call an ABC election in the event that the County Board does not do so within sixty days, or 15 per cent of the county voters do not petition the Board of Elections for a vote within the same time.

It also means that in the event that the election is held only by the voters of Hertford and a store is established on the basis of the election returns, then one-half of the profits therefrom must be turned over to the Board of County Commissioners.

It appears likely that there will be an ABC election held, but at the present time it cannot be reported whether the election will be a county-wide one or only in the Town of Hertford. More than likely it will be at least sixty days before this can be determined under the provisions of the bill as it was passed by the Legislature.

Indian Nine Wins Over Jamesville In Conference Game

Perquimans High School's rampaging baseball team continued to run roughshod over its opponents by trouncing an Albemarle Conference foe here Tuesday afternoon when Jamesville bowed to the Indians for the second time this season 16-2.

Highlight of the game was a grand-slam home run by Howard Pitt in the first inning, with three of his mates on bases. Bright was the starting pitcher for the Indians and he allowed one hit, one run and struck out two. Rogerson relieved Bright and he allowed one hit, one run and struck out two batters. Waters and Brewer did the pitching for Jamesville. Bright and Pitt led the batting for the Indians, each getting two hits in four tries. The Indians garnered a total of 14 hits off the Jamesville pitchers.

The victory was the sixth of the season for the Indians, while their record shows only one loss, that to Gatesville. Coach Joe Levinson's team is leading its division in the Albemarle Conference, having topped Jamesville twice, Columbia once and Plymouth.

A return game was played with the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets at Elizabeth City on Wednesday night of this week. The Indians trounced the Yellow Jackets in the first game 14-4.

The next home game for the Indians is scheduled for Friday night, when the Scotland Neck High School team comes here for a game with the Perquimans nine. The game is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock and a large crowd of fans are expected to turn out to see the contest.

Wildlife Club Meeting Tonight

Edgar Fields, president of the Perquimans County Wildlife Club, today reminded members of the local club that an important meeting of the group will be held tonight at eight o'clock in the Court House at Hertford. Purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers for the club for the coming year.