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## Plans Being Pushed To Carry Out Local Blood Bank Project

### Red Cross Committee Seeking Donors For First Contribution

Plans for Perquimans County to participate in a regional Blood Bank program, being sponsored by the American Red Cross, were completed here last week when the local Red Cross committee, headed by Charles Harrell, met for the purpose of outlining the project and making arrangements to secure blood donors.

In explaining the program Mr. Harrell stated, "This program is a very fine one, being sponsored by the Red Cross. The purpose is to provide blood for transfusion to people of this area at any hospital located in this region. The Red Cross will handle the collection and storage of the blood and it will be available to any person in need of transfusion free of charge."

The part Perquimans County people will play in the program, Mr. Harrell continued, will be that they will pledge to donate a pint of blood to the program. This county has been assigned a quota of 300 pints of blood annually, and in turn, when collected will be stored at various hospitals in this region use transfusion purposes.

A Red Cross Blood Bank bus will come to Hertford three times yearly to collect the blood and this bus will carry a doctor and eight nurses who will supervise the blood donations. Individuals will be asked to donate a pint of blood and those pledging to do so will be examined by the Red Cross officials prior to the collection date. The Red Cross unit will come to Hertford for the first time on Tuesday, November 22. It will return on February 21 and May 23 of next year. On each trip the unit will collect 100 pints of blood.

Individuals who pledge to donate blood to the Red Cross will be notified of the date and time they are to appear for the collection. The local committee will use the Sunday School room of the Hertford Methodist Church as the local Blood Center. In collecting the blood the Red Cross nurses will start operations of the unit at ten o'clock and will collect six pints of blood every fifteen minutes, until the goal has been reached.

The local committee, which is headed by Mr. Harrell, is comprised of Jarvis Ward who is chairman of the recruitment division, Mrs. Julian A. White, chairman of the Volunteer Workers, Broughton Dail, transportation chairman and Dr. T. P. Brinn. During the next ten weeks the committee will conduct an extensive campaign to sign up 1,000 prospective blood donors. Individuals will be contacted through club meetings and at home and the public will be urged to support the program.

## Banks Get Support For Service Position

At a meeting of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion held last Friday night, C. C. (Cliff) Banks was voted the support of the Post for the position of Perquimans Veterans Service Officer.

Banks, a veteran of World War II, has already been endorsed by the V.F.W. Post, and it was reported that a committee representative of these two organizations will appear before the Board of Commissioners on next Monday to seek approval of Banks for the position.

Funds to maintain and support a Veterans Office in this county were appropriated in the current budget and the local office will be operated in connection with the State Headquarters in Raleigh.

## Additional Lines Constructed For REA

One hundred and thirty seven miles of additional lines were recently added to those of the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, according to a report released last week by Gilbert L. Whitley, local manager of the REA.

The lines completed by contract construction were listed as follows: Chowan, 28 miles; Perquimans, 43; Pasquotank, 19; Camden, 36; and Currituck 11. Twenty one and a half miles of additional lines were added by providing extra lines to carry greater capacity and provide better load distribution, the report said.

## U. S. Navy Family at Home in Nippon



Two Japanese housegirls are shown serving breakfast to a Navy chief petty officer and his family in Japan. There is no talk about the high cost of living among the more than one hundred Navy families at the Headquarters of the Commander, Fleet Activities, Yokosuka. For twenty-seven dollars a month they occupy from five to seven rooms furnished complete with electric ranges, telephones, refrigerators and houseboys. Features of the Navy community, known as the Griffin Park Housing Area, include schools, a modern department store, a well-stocked commissary and a beauty salon. (Official U.S. Navy Photograph)

## BOARD OF EDUCATION NAMES TEACHERS TO HANDLE FUNDS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS

### Consider Plan to Insure All Children Attending Schools

The Perquimans Board of Education held its September meeting last Friday night and completed plans for the opening of schools on Wednesday of this week.

In compliance with a law passed by the last Legislature, which states that the Board shall appoint a treasurer of all special school funds for each individual school in the county, the following teachers were named to act as treasurer for their respective schools: Perquimans High School, Mrs. Burrus Chappell; Hertford Grammar School, Mrs. Mary Etta Walters; Central Grammar School, Mrs. Lucille White; Hertford High School, Hazel O. Beamon; Perquimans Training School, Mrs. I. E. Rogers; Bethel, Annie F. Nixon; Chinquapin, Nellie Holley; Galatia, Myrtle Felton; Willow Branch, Edna Zachary; Nicanor, Rosa Newby; Bay Branch, Harriell Winslow.

The Board elected Elizabeth Byrd of Edenton to serve as supervisor of the Negro schools.

J. T. Biggers, superintendent, was instructed to investigate the possibilities of a blanket insurance policy for all children attending Perquimans County schools. A committee composed of Julian A. White, Mrs. A. R. Cooke and George Caddy was appointed to pass upon the project after a complete investigation by Mr. Biggers.

During the early part of this week Superintendent Biggers met with principals and teachers of the various schools and held a discussion on ways and means of improving lunch rooms and lunch room service in the county schools.

School plans for the entire year were also outlined at the meetings of the teachers held last Monday and Tuesday, and inspection of all school buildings was completed by the superintendent on Tuesday, who reported the buildings to be in first class condition.

### Parent-Teachers Plan Broom Drive

Members of the Hertford Parent-Teachers Association will conduct a broom sale in Hertford and Perquimans County beginning September 22 and continuing through September 24, it was announced today by Mrs. D. M. Jackson, president of the Association, who stated that plans for the campaign were completed this week.

The purpose of the drive will be to raise funds to provide playground equipment at the school, Mrs. Jackson stated. The brooms to be sold will be purchased at Greensboro, where they are made by blind individuals.

A house to house canvass will be conducted, according to the plans, and the PTA will be assisted in the sales by members of the Hertford Lions Club.

### County Free Of Holiday Accidents

Perquimans County went through the Labor Day week-end holiday free of serious accidents according to reports of State Highway Patrol. A total of 12 deaths were reported throughout North Carolina but this county was among those listed as having no accidents.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

President Truman, in speeches made this week in the Midwest, urged Farm-Labor groups to back his program against reactionaries in Congress. The move was reported a step toward campaigning during the 1950 congressional elections. He told the groups that the adoption of his farm program was necessary to prevent huge farm surplus. Meanwhile in Washington the President's economic advisors, it is reported, have forecast an upswing in business that will carry through 1950. They reported the bottom of the recession was hit during July and August.

The U. S. had a new record for Labor Day deaths according to a report released this week. Accidents claimed the lives of 396 persons, the report said, highest Labor Day mark in history. The record was recorded from Friday at 6 p. m. to Monday at 5 p. m. According to the National Safety Council, the death score far exceeded the estimates made prior to the holiday.

A 27 year old war veteran went berserk in his hometown of Camden, N. J. on Tuesday and killed 12 persons and wounded four others before being captured by the police. The killer, Howard Unruh, later told the police that he had planned the murders of several of those killed, because they had talked about him. Placed in jail, charged with murder, the youth was given sanity examinations by medical authorities.

With many of its members desiring to adjourn the 81 session of Congress, reports from Washington Wednesday stated that many major decisions facing Congress may be left over for consideration next January. The report stated that it was likely the Congressional leaders will sort out the bills still up for consideration and leave the more controversial ones on the shelf until the next session.

### Improved Pasture Demonstration Today

A pasture seeding demonstration will be conducted on the farm of Preston Nixon, Rt. 1, Hertford, Friday morning, Sept. 9, beginning about 9:30, it was announced today by I. C. Yagel, County agent. The Nixon farm is located on the Center Hill road about two miles west of Hertford. The demonstration will include soil sampling, soil preparation, fertilizing, liming, seed inoculation, and seeding. In the afternoon, a pasture tour is planned which will include pastures of ladino clover and fescue seeded a year ago. Mr. J. Frank Doggett, Extension Soil Conservationist, from State College will be present to discuss pasture problems. Farmers interested in improved pastures are urged to attend this demonstration.

### SERVICES NEXT MONDAY

The State Mission Prayer Service will meet Monday afternoon, September 12, at 3:30 o'clock at the Baptist Church. All W. M. S. members are urged to attend.

## Bureau President Appeals To Farmers To Join Ag Club

### Parity Program Main Objective of Group Prexy Says

Fred Matthews, president of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau, appealed today to the farmers of Perquimans County to become members of the Farm Bureau Parity for Agriculture Club.

"To become a member," Matthews said, "it is necessary for a person to join the Perquimans County Farm Bureau and secure the memberships of at least nine other farmers."

During the 1948 Statewide Farm Bureau membership drive, 1,827 Tar Heel farm men and women were members of the club, thereby dedicating themselves to fight for the parity principles for agriculture and pledging themselves to make whatever sacrifices necessary to give farm people the same protection that is afforded other groups. Farm Bureau memberships written by Parity Club members last year totaled 53,420.

"The Parity for Agriculture Club was formed in honor of the past president of the American Farm Bureau, Edward A. O'Neal, who during 16 years as president fought constantly for parity income for the farmers of the nation," Matthews said. "The North Carolina Farm Bureau recognizes its members who perform specified duties in procuring memberships each year as Edward A. O'Neal Parity Club Members."

President Matthews explained that the man and woman securing the largest number of Farm Bureau members in the State will each be given expense-paid trips to the National Farm Bureau Convention in Chicago this fall. Awards designated for use in defraying the expenses of Parity Club members to the national convention will also be made to each county reaching its minimum membership quota and maximum quota, and for each 200 memberships in excess of the maximum membership quota.

## Dewey Perry Weds Miss Clara B. White

Miss Clara Bunch White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Watson Bryson White, of Edenton, became the bride of William Dewey Perry, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Perry, in a ceremony performed Saturday afternoon, September 3, at five o'clock in the Rocky Hock Baptist Church. The Rev. G. N. Ashley officiated at the ceremony in the presence of relatives and friends.

The church was decorated with ferns, and palms, making a background for baskets of white gladioli, asters and Cathedral tapers burned in seven branched candelabras.

Mrs. Frank Elliott sang I Love You Truly and Because, accompanied by Miss Agnes Chappell, organist who played the wedding music.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a beige gabardine suit, with brown accessories and an orchid corsage.

Mrs. Lloyd Jackson, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and wore a gold gabardine suit with black accessories and a corsage of American Beauty roses.

W. D. Perry attended his son, as best man and the ushers were Earl White and Arthur Spruill.

The bride's mother wore a black floral crepe dress, with black accessories, and a corsage of white carnations. The bridegroom's mother wore a dress of teal blue crepe and a corsage of white carnations.

Following the ceremony the couple left on a motor trip to northern points.

### Athletic Conference Meeting Here Monday

Principals and coaches of high school members of the Albemarle Conference will meet in Hertford next Monday night for the purpose of electing officers and mapping plans for the 1949 football season, it was announced today by E. C. Woodard, principal of Perquimans High School and president of the Conference.

The meeting will be held at the Hotel Hertford starting at 6:30 p. m., with a dutch-treat dinner.

Members of the Conference, besides Perquimans, are Plymouth, Columbia, Williamston, and Ahsokie. Windsor, a member of this conference last year, has dropped out of the competition among these schools, it has been reported.

## COUNTY ALLOCATED \$315 THOUSAND FOR SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

### Enrollment Up

Enrollment in Perquimans County white schools showed a slight increase over last year, John T. Biggers, superintendent, reported following the opening of classes here Wednesday. The Perquimans High School enrolled a total of 335 students, 80 of whom registered in the eighth grade. Central Grammar School led the list with a total of 397 students, 68 of whom were enrolled in the first grade. Two hundred and eighty-six were registered at Hertford Grammar School. Principals at the three schools stated they expected a few more enrollees by next Monday.

With the increased enrollment Mr. Biggers stated it may be possible for the local schools to secure an additional teacher for grammar grades to handle a possible overload in the first grade.

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

A varied docket consisting of ten cases consumed considerable time in Perquimans Recorder's Court this week. Lengthy testimony was presented in several of the cases which required much of the Court's time.

Court opened with a hearing of a case in which Arleton Eason and Conrad Mercer, both Negroes, charged each other with reckless driving. The charges grew out of a wreck which occurred near Winfall on the night of June 4. After more than three hours of testimony Judge Chas. E. Johnson found both defendants not guilty.

James Robertson entered a plea of guilty of a charge of speeding and paid the costs of court.

Colbert Perry, Negro, charged with driving drunk, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$110 and costs of court.

James Howell was taxed with the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of passing on a curve.

George Miller entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Judgement was suspended in the case of Elias Jennette, Negro, charged with assault on a female, upon payment of court costs.

Allen Foutz, charged with speeding, hit and run and reckless driving was found guilty on all accounts. He was ordered to pay fine of \$75 and cost of court.

Robert Brown, Negro, was found not guilty of charges of destruction of property.

Dorsey White, Negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was found guilty and ordered to pay the costs of court.

Several cases listed on the docket were continued until the next term of court.

### Baptist Revival To Start Monday

A Series of revival services will be conducted at the Hertford Baptist Church beginning Monday, September 12 and continuing through Sunday, September 18, it was announced today by the Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the church.

Services will be conducted daily, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Duling stated.

The Rev. Thomas Fryer, pastor of the Baptist Church at Suffolk, Va., will conduct the services. Mr. Fryer was formerly pastor of the New Bern, N. C. Baptist Church where he was host to President Truman earlier this year.

### Hertford PTA meeting Thursday, Sept. 15th

Members of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Hertford Grammar School will hold their first meeting of the school year next Thursday afternoon, September 15, at 3:30 o'clock, it was announced today by Mrs. D. M. Jackson, president.

Members are urged to please note the change in time for this first meeting, and all parents are urged to attend. Mrs. Warner will have charge of the program and an inspection tour of the classrooms and lunchroom will follow the business session. Refreshments will be served.

## Survey Is Underway to Determine Local Building Needs

Perquimans County will receive a sum of \$315 thousand from the State Board of Education to aid in the construction of school buildings here, it was announced in Raleigh late last week. The funds will come from the allocation made by the last Legislature and from the sale of bonds, voted last June. The Legislature voted \$250,000 to this county and an additional \$65,000 will be forthcoming from the sale of bonds.

John T. Biggers, Superintendent of Perquimans Schools, reported this week that he has been advised of the steps to be taken in order for this county to receive the funds. He stated that a survey of present needs must be compiled and approved by the Board of Education Officials as the first step; then architects plans for the buildings must be approved by the State Planning Commission and final application must be filed for the money.

Mr. Biggers and Julian A. White, chairman of the local Board of Education, are now compiling the survey. This will include pictures of schools now in use, maps of the county showing location of schools, and a map showing location of schools under a proposed consolidation program. Inasmuch as State School authorities have already approved a tentative plan for local improvement, it is believed that the survey will receive the approval of the State Board of Education.

Perquimans School officials have long planned the improvement program they are now sponsoring, which includes construction of a gym and Ag. building at the high school, lunchroom at Central Grammar School, and elementary school for Negroes at Winfall and a consolidated Negro high school in Hertford.

The county has \$50,000 surplus, which was earmarked for aid toward building the Negro School in Winfall, and this amount along with the total to be received from the State will provide about \$365,000 for construction of schools here.

## Perquimans Indians Drill Daily For Gridiron Season

Daily football practice, in preparation for the 1949 season, continued underway here this week as Coach Ellie Fearing put his candidates for the Perquimans High School team through increasingly strenuous drills at Memorial Field.

From 28 to 35 boys have been reporting at practice sessions this week and Coach Fearing expects several more candidates to report now that school has opened and is under full schedule. He stated today that the 1949 schedule is all but complete, only one open date, that of Friday September 23, now remains unfilled. He announced that Manteo has been secured to play on September 30.

The new athletic director has been confining his daily practice sessions to get his charges in condition for football games ahead, and from "scouting" the activities on Memorial Field it appears that he is doing a fine job. The boys are rounding into shape, and although prospects for this year's team are now unknown quantity, due to loss of regulars from last season, it appears the 1949 Indians will do credit to the school.

Fearing is making some changes in the prospective team, having moved some of the players into new positions from those played last season, and it seems now that he will be able to field a team of average or better in size.

The preseason practice is expected to be topped off with a practice game against Central High School possibly next week. Coach Fearing is arranging for the practice game today and stated he was not sure whether the game would be played here or at Central.

### County Board Meets Next Monday Morning

Members of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners will hold their regular September meeting next Monday at the Court House in Hertford, it was announced today by J. W. Ward, clerk to the Board.

The usual meeting of the Board on the first Monday of the month was postponed because of the Labor Day holiday.