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PTA Groups To Sell Renewals To Weekly For Three Weeks

Plan to Provide Funds For PTA to Purchase Equipment

Plans have been completed between the Parent-Teachers Association of the Hertford Grammar and Central Schools and the Perquimans Weekly for the PTA members to serve as subscription agents for the Weekly during the next three weeks, seeking renewals and new subscriptions to your home county newspaper.

The plan was worked out in order to provide the PTA groups with an opportunity to acquire funds to purchase play ground and other school equipment, usually provided by the Parent-Teachers organization.

PLANS FOR MASS CHEST X-RAY PROGRAM EXPLAINED AT HEALTH MEETING MONDAY

Project to Start December 6; Four Counties Included

Plans for the mass chest X-ray, which gets underway in the four county health district on December 6, were outlined Monday afternoon by Dr. W. A. Smith, director of Tuberculosis Control of the State Board of Health, at a general meeting held at the Health Center with representative groups from Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Chowan counties present.

The survey will continue through January 14 with six mobile X-ray units functioning throughout the district, five actively and one as a reserve in case one of the others breaks down, Dr. Smith said. A seventh unit will come to the district near the close of the survey to help the health department with all uncompleted work.

All persons 15 years and older throughout the district are urged to have X-rays made and where it is known that younger persons have been around TB patients these also will be asked to come for their check-up. Based on results from other surveys, Dr. Smith said that if 90 per cent of the age group cooperated the unit would make 29,250 X-rays.

The X-rays will be made on 70 MM film with 350 on the roll, which are known as screening film. The rolls of film will be developed at the local health center and then sent to Raleigh where they will be read. The Raleigh officials will send a report to the local health department and this will be given to the individuals concerned. Where the films indicate that there might be tuberculosis the individual is asked to come to the health center for a larger X-ray, 14 by 17 inches, for a second reading.

Sometimes the X-ray picture on the small film does not turn out good and persons are asked to come back for retakes, Dr. McGuire explained, pointing out that individuals should not be frightened if they receive a card asking for a retake. Persons having a negative reading will receive a post card stating the results.

Miss Lula B. Highsmith, educator with the division, spoke briefly on the efforts which will be necessary to get the public TB-minded and get their cooperation in the survey. She said that a house to house canvass to reach the people of the community has been used in some surveys while other people are reached through the channels of clubs, civic organizations, churches, radio, newspapers, posters and movies.

Miss Highsmith together with Mrs. Annie Oakley Page, Negro educator, will arrive in Elizabeth City on October 31 to begin their educational program in connection with the survey.

Briefly reviewing the work done in mass X-ray since its beginning in 1945, Dr. Smith told the audience that the survey has been completed in 42 of the 100 counties in the state. At present surveys are being made in seven counties and it is hoped that the survey of the entire state can be completed by 1952. He said that more than 800,000 X-rays have been made. When the entire state has been surveyed the units will be used for special survey work, he said.

Also present from the control division was Al Chiwell, chief technician with the unit.

Forty five persons, including local TB and Health Association officials, health department personnel from the four counties and other interested groups were present.

Final Rites Held For Mrs. Benjamin Berry

Mrs. Annie Bateman Berry, 74 a native and life long resident of Perquimans County died early Tuesday morning in the Albemarle Hospital after a long illness.

She was the widow of Benjamin A. Berry.

Mrs. Berry is survived by two sons, B. Carroll Berry and E. Young Berry, both of Hertford, a daughter, Mrs. W. M. Harrell of Great Bridge, Va., two brothers, John L. Bateman of Perquimans and George R. Bateman of Elizabeth City, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church.

Full bearers were Colin Jackson, Freeman Long, Zac Phillips, Warner Madra, Rueben Stallings, J. G. Harrell, Willie Lane and Erwin Whedbee. Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Half Day Session For Schools Next Friday

Perquimans County schools will hold a half-day session on next Friday, October 28, it was announced today by John T. Biggers, Superintendent. Previously it had been announced this date would be non-teaching day because of the teachers meeting at Greenville, but Mr. Biggers stated the Greenville meeting will not convene until 2:30 p. m. and the local school officials decided to hold a half-day session under these circumstances. Schools will convene at 8:15 a. m. and dismiss at 11:30 a. m.

Perquimans Indians Meet Green Wave At Williamston Friday

Perquimans High School's football team will be gunning for its second victory of the season after three straight losses when the Indians play the Williamston Green Wave in Williamston Friday night. Pre-game dope on this contest points toward a close decision with the outcome in doubt. Although the Indians have dropped three straight games, they have been gaining valuable playing experience and this experience can and may pay off in the contest tonight. Williamston will start the game with mostly a veteran line, but proved themselves against their opponents.

The game will be played on the Williamston field which is new and inexperienced and thus far have not played on the field beginning at eight o'clock and Coach Ellie Fearing is expected to start the same Indian lineup as started against Plymouth last Friday.

Plymouth topped the Indians by a 13-0 margin in the second conference contest of the season for the Perquimans eleven. The Indians won the toss and elected to receive the kick-off and then marched the ball down to the 15-yard line, where Plymouth stopped the Perquimans offensive and took over on downs. The Indian march in the opening minutes of the game was the only threat the locals made during the game.

Mistakes made by the Indians proved costly and allowed Plymouth to set up its offense to score twice. Plymouth scored its first touchdown in the second quarter on a 20-yard run, then converted to make the score 7-0 at half time. In the third quarter Plymouth's back, Barnhill, ran 80 yards, but was stopped on the five yard mark by Clinton Winslow, then Barnhill plunged over on the next play for the second score by Plymouth. This made the score 13-0. Plymouth had a slight edge over Perquimans on both the offense and defense which made the difference in the score.

Lane and Walker were the best round gainers for Perquimans, while Winslow was best in the line.

Personnel Changes Announced By Dept.

Two changes in the personnel of the District Health Department was announced this week by Dr. B. B. McGuire, Health Officer. Mrs. Zenovah White, who has been secretary of the Perquimans department for the past five years has resigned and will be succeeded in the position by Mrs. Louise Barber, on November 1.

Miss Rebecca Swindell, of Fairfield, has assumed her duties as supervising nurse for the health district. Dr. McGuire stated, "We feel fortunate to be able to obtain a person so well qualified for this most important position."

Miss Swindell is a graduate of Leigh Memorial hospital, Norfolk, Va., a B. S. Degree at the University of Michigan and spent some time as instructor with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company Field Training unit. She has also served as instructor in the Wake County health department which is a teaching unit of the Public Health School of the University of North Carolina.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barcliff Layden of Hertford Route 1 announce the birth of a daughter, Cynthia Jo, at the Medical Center, on September 23.

Mrs. Layden is the former Miss Catherine Perry of Hertford, Route 1.

Girl Scouts Present Program At Meeting Of Hertford PTA

Report Shows Membership Drive Is Making Good Progress

Members of the Parent Teachers Association of the Hertford Grammar School held its monthly meeting on October 12 in the school auditorium with Mrs. D. M. Jackson presiding. Mrs. Silas M. Whedbee, secretary, read the minutes and also a message from the PTA president.

During the business session, Miss Ruth Elliott, chairman of the membership committee, reported the current membership drive is underway and that the fifth grade of the school was represented with a 100 per cent PTA membership.

Mrs. Jackson advised the group that playground equipment, recently purchased, would be installed on Saturday. She also announced the delegates of the group attending the District PTA meeting, held at Manteo on Tuesday.

The association made plans for a Halloween party to be held at the school on Thursday evening, October 27. Mrs. Julian A. White was elected Finance chairman and Silas M. Whedbee was elected Parliamentarian.

The program for the evening was under the direction of the Hertford troop of Girl Scouts, members of the troop gave the devotional and sang a prayer. A film on Girl Guides and Girl Scouts entitled World Friendship was shown. Following the film Mrs. W. H. Bryan, of Ahoskie, district director for PTA gave a brief talk on Parent-Teacher work.

Following the business meeting a short executive session was held with officers of the local group meeting with Mrs. Bryan who outlined the duties of each officer of the association, and stressed the importance of the duties.

Door prizes for the meeting were presented to Mrs. Kurlay Hoffer and Mr. Hutchinson.

Recorder's Court Holds Long Session Hearing Seven Cases

Perquimans County Recorder's Court was in a day long session on Tuesday hearing evidence presented in several of the seven cases disposed of by the court at this week's term.

James T. Smith, entering a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding with a truck was ordered to pay a fine of five dollars and costs o court.

Albert Gardner, Jr., charged with speeding, entered a plea of guilty and paid the costs of court.

Elmer James, Negro, charged with larceny on three counts, was found guilty and Judge Chas. E. Johnson meted out a road sentence of three months on each charge. James was arrested Saturday by Hertford Police and charged with shoplifting in three Hertford stores.

Emmett White, Negro, was found not guilty as charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Much time was consumed in hearing the case charging William Henry Riddick, Annie Goodwin and Doc Everett, all Negroes, with assault with a deadly weapon. At the close of testimony presented by the State a non-suit was granted as to Annie Goodwin and a verdict of not guilty was returned against Doc Everett. Riddick was found guilty and ordered to pay costs of court.

Charlie Parker, Jr., charged with driving with insufficient brakes entered a plea of guilty and was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

W. Ruah, Negro, charged with breaking and entering and larceny, was given a preliminary hearing. Following evidence presented in the case, Judge Johnson found probable cause and ordered Rush held for action by the Grand Jury at the November term of Superior Court.

Wildlife Club To Meet Saturday P. M.

The Perquimans County Wildlife Club will hold a meeting in the court house at Hertford Saturday night, October 22, at 8 o'clock it was announced today by Jack Kanoy, secretary.

A member of the Wildlife Resources Commission will be the guest speaker and a film, photographed in color and entitled Wild Fowl in Slow Motion will be shown. All sportsmen of the county are invited to attend and show their backing of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation.

DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER SPEAKER AT RURAL-URBAN EVENT GIVEN BY ROTARY

Town And County Tax Collections Underway

The collection of 1949 taxes for Hertford and Perquimans County got underway here last week when Sheriff M. G. Owens and W. G. Newby, tax collectors for the county and town opened the 1949 tax books. Collections to date have been low, the collectors stated today, but a rush for payment is expected to begin by the first of November.

Tax payers will be granted a discount on taxes paid prior to November first, then the taxes are payable at par until next February. After that date a penalty is added for late payment.

Central PTA Told School Enrollment Largest In History

The Parent-Teacher Association of Perquimans County Central Grammar School met Monday night, October 17, at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The meeting was opened by singing "Auld Lang Syne," followed by the business session with Mrs. M. D. Lane, president, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. J. P. Snipes, principal, stated that there are 405 children enrolled and that the lunch room, with a rating of 92.5, was feeding more lunches than at any previous time. The architect recently presented plans for a lunch room and class rooms. Mr. Snipes also stated that the new swings are in use, fluorescent lights and a drinking fountain had been added.

Mrs. Frank Bray announced the Halloween Carnival for October 27 at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. Wendell Benton announced the October Study Group meeting to be held with Mrs. John Hurdle and the November meeting with Mrs. Kader White. Mrs. Joseph Winslow, membership chairman, reported that six rooms of the school had attained 200 per cent and that the other rooms lacked only a few members being 200 per cent. It was voted that an invitation be given for the District Conference next year. A representative of American School Supply presented plans for an advertising curtain. The plans were accepted and the proceeds will be used to buy playground equipment.

The Woodville and Snow Hill communities, with Mrs. A. R. Cook, chairman, had charge of the program, using as the subject, "How Safe Is My Child?" After "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean" was sung, Mrs. Eddie Harrell gave an interesting devotional closing by reading "The Shrine of a Sleeping Child." Mrs. J. A. Bray rendered a solo, accompanied at the piano by Kader Franklin White.

J. T. Biggers, superintendent of schools, talked concerning insurance to cover children from time they leave home and return. He stated that after much investigation it was found that the most suitable insurance would be a blanket policy to cover 24 hours. As the cost would be approximately \$2,800, a decision has not been made. Mr. Biggers said that North Carolina carries insurance of \$600 for each accident by school bus.

After several questions and answers pertaining to safety, a film, "Safety In The Home," was shown. At the close of the program Mrs. Cook announced that prizes for safety contest would be given next April.

The fifth and sixth grades, Miss Johnnie White, teacher, received the attendance award.

VFW Post Planning Hallowe'en Party

Plans have been completed by members of the Garland H. Ownley Post of the V. F. W. for a Hallowe'en Masquerade dance and party to be held at the VFW Hall on Saturday night October 28, it was announced today by Henry C. Stokes, commander of the Post.

A number of contests will highlight the program of the evening. Mr. Stokes said, with contestants taking part in cake walks and apple bobbing. The cake walk contests will feature the program with one large and two small cakes being offered as top prizes.

Advance sale of tickets for the party will be handled by members of the Post, with tickets going on sale next Monday.

Group Hears Report on Health Conditions In Schools

Dr. B. B. McGuire, Health Officer for the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden and Chowan Health Department was the guest speaker at the annual Rural-Urban meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club held at the Community House last Tuesday night.

Members of the local Rotary Club has as their guests 15 farmers, representing almost every community of the county, for the first of these annual parties.

Robert Hollowell, president of the club presided over the meeting and gave the address of welcome to the guests.

Following a delicious dinner served by the ladies of the Hertford Methodist Church, Dr. McGuire spoke briefly on the examinations being conducted by the Health Department in the schools of the health district. He explained that a special State grant of nine thousand dollars lumped with local funds enabled the department to carry out these examinations this year.

"Thus far," the doctor stated, "we have examined a large number of school children for health defects but the examinations take time and we have not completed the survey in any county."

The examinations are given to children in the first and third grades of each school, and will also be given, the Doctor added, to all of the repeaters in the various schools for the purpose of determining whether or not the child's failure is due to health conditions. The examinations cover teeth, tonsils, hearing and eyes.

Up to Monday the Department had examined a total of 150 white students and 329 Colored students. It was found in the examination of the white children that 27 had cavities in teeth that needed medical attention, 56 additional children had minor teeth defects, 100 had tonsil and adenoid defects, 13 needed attention to eye trouble and two were found with heart defects.

None of the examinations conducted among the white children were in Perquimans schools, Doctor McGuire stated the Department expects to start examinations in this county within a week.

Three county colored schools were included in the report on the examinations of Negro children. These were Nicanor, Bethel and Galatia, with a total of 111 county children examined.

The report on the colored children showed that 90 were class repeaters and 41 were in need of attention to teeth, 178 had slight defects of the teeth, 257 needed attention for tonsil and adenoid defects, 20 had heart defects, 15 needed glasses. This report covered examinations of colored school students of three counties.

Doctor McGuire also told the group that the Department is conducting a cancer clinic at the Health Center in Elizabeth City on Friday and gave an outline of the mass X-ray survey to be conducted throughout the district beginning December 6, and urged the Rotarians and their guests to support this program to their utmost.

School Buses Being Checked For Loads

Following an order issued last week by Col. Tolar, commander of the State Highway Patrol, members of the Patrol will check Perquimans County school buses to see that none of the buses are overloaded in transporting children to and from schools.

This action follows an accident which occurred two weeks ago in Nash County, causing the death of seven children. It was reported that the bus involved in the wreck carried more children than permitted under the law.

A check here with local school authorities revealed that this county at present is sufficiently supplied with buses and none are overloaded in the daily trips made by the buses. Superintendent of schools John T. Biggers stated that all local buses in operation carry no more children than permitted by law and that most of the bus loads fall below the figure.

He added, however, that additional school buses will be needed in this county to carry out transportation when consolidation of the Colored schools is effected.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox announce the birth of a daughter, born Monday, October 10th.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A farm support price bill, which will permit prices to remain at or near wartime highs, was agreed to by Congressional leaders this week after five days of disagreement. The bill must be signed by President Truman before becoming law. Included in the support bill are wheat, corn, milk and butter, but dropped, were pork, eggs, and chickens. Parity prices according to the bill will range up to 90 per cent.

Congress is expected to adjourn this week, after a long session of wrangling during which several important proposals were shelved until next year. The Senate approved a bill to spend 1.3 billion dollars to help rearm non-communist nations and a joint committee approved a compromised farm bill and a measure increasing minimum wages during this week which it was reported will about wind up the action at this session of Congress.

A report from Washington this week stated that the U. S. will step up its atomic production plants at Oak Ridge, Tenn. and Hanford, Wash., as an answer to the Russian discovery of atomic secrets. Details of the U. S. expansion were not given but it was announced that \$30 million will be spent in expanding the facilities.

The government has stepped up its efforts to bring about a settlement in the coal and steel strike, a report from Washington announced on Wednesday, as a showdown neared in both disputes. The report stated that Federal mediator Cyrus Ching will report to President Truman that the situation is hopeless unless some headway in the strikes are made during this week.

Eastern Star Meets Monday Night At 8

The Hertford Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will hold its regular meeting, in the lodge rooms, on next Monday night at eight o'clock, it was announced here today. Some very important business will be discussed during the meeting and all members are urged to attend.