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Indians Drop First Basketball Game To Elizabeth City

Local Teams To Play At Edenton Friday Night; Two Games

Perquimans High School basketball teams opened their 1949 season here Tuesday night in games against Elizabeth City boys and girls. In the preliminary game the visiting girls scored a 50-38 victory while the Elizabeth City boys captured the game with the Indians. The final score being 49-33.

Cosch Ellie Fearing's teams displayed a fine brand of basketball and showed promise of giving plenty of trouble to their opponents during the coming season.

The Elizabeth City girls jumped into a 16-10 lead in the first period of the game and were never headed after that point. The half time score was 35 to 24 and during the second half the teams played about even with Elizabeth City scoring 15 points to Perquimans 14. Perry and Yagel led the scoring for Perquimans with 13 and 12 points while Sawyer was high for the visiting girls with 23 points.

Led by Joe Towe, who scored 14 points for the Indians in the boys' game, the Indians played the taller Elizabeth City boys even with the exception of the first period when the visitors rolled up a 14-5 edge. Coach Fearing used Cannon, Tilly, Thatch, Jordan and Sumner as his starting five and later switched this combination and replaced Tilly and Jordan with Berry and Towe. Walker also saw considerable action during the game.

Elizabeth City with three games already played showed more experience than the Indians and this without doubt aided them in defeating the locals. Towe and Cannon led the offensive battle for the Indians while Sumner, Berry and Tilly were best on defense.

The Indians and Squaws will play at Edenton on Friday night of this week, meeting the boys and girls teams of that school. These contests will be the last for the Indians before the Christmas holidays.

High School Honor Roll Announced By Principal Woodard

Thirty six students at Perquimans High School were listed on the honor roll at the close of the second grading period, last Friday, it was announced today by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school. The ninth grade, with nine members listed on the honor roll, led the other classes in scholastic honors.

Students excelling in their studies during the grading period, according to classes were:

8th grade: Tilson Chappell, Hudson Fisher, John Morris, Jean Butt, Margaret Harrell, Joanne Lane.

9th grade: Emilie Ann Sumner, Mable Martin Whedbee, Ruth Dawson, Faye Butt, Kay White Stanton, Billy Chappell, Marilyn Baker, Nan Ella White, Mollie Lee Yeates.

10th grade: Lewis Dawson, Thomas Sumner, Marguerite Butler, Imogene Finch, Wilma Goodwin, Marvina White, Pauline Burbage, Amy Van Roach.

11th grade: Mary Sue Cook, Catherine Goodwin, Roy Chappell, Calvin Butt, Doris Faye Allen.

12th grade: Pat Phillips, Claire Hunter, Shirley Butt, Jean Layden, Ann Madra, Faye Mae Symons, Margorie Perry and Ronald Butt.

BPW Club Holds Business Meeting

The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club held a business meeting last Friday night at the home of Mrs. Saly Bonner. Members voted to carry out a charity project for Christmas and plans were discussed for holding a bridge party next month.

It was reported that the Perquimans Club will be host to a district BPW meeting in Hertford next Spring.

Mrs. Alice M. Towe, president announced that the Christmas party for the club members, will be held at the Hotel Hertford on December 20. Members are requested to note this event has been moved up one week from December 27.

Mrs. Hilda Wood was named as chairman of the January dinner meet-

UNIT OF MASS CHEST X-RAY SURVEY



Above is one of the units in the Mass Chest X-ray Survey now in progress in the local health district which comprises Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden and Chowan Counties. Persons may go wherever they wish for an X-ray. It is not necessary to go to the nearest one's home.

Town Board To Protest Curtailment Of Western Union Services In County

Change Ordered In Parking On North Church Street

Hertford's Town Board, meeting in regular session here Monday night authorized Chas. E. Johnson, Town Attorney, to inquire of the State's Utility Commission steps to be taken in filling a protest over curtailment of Western Union services in this community.

Western Union withdrew its connection with the local railroad about a year ago and representatives of the company advised local business men and Town Commissioners that the curtailment of the service was a temporary measure and that full service would be restored. Information received here recently indicates that Western Union does not plan, unless forced to do so, to restore the service to its former status.

Other matters handled by the Board at the meeting this week included an order to change the parking on North Church Street from the east to west side. This change in parking on North Church Street will become effective immediately upon completion of the resurfacing of Church Street, probably sometime next week.

A discussion on installation of an additional fire hydrant on Dobb Street, near Covent Garden, was held but action was tabled for the time being.

The Board went on record with a resolution commending the William Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion for sponsoring the Santa Claus party in Hertford last Saturday and voted to cooperate with the American Legion in order to make this event an annual one. A letter of appreciation received by the local Legion Post from Negro children in the Town, was read during this meeting.

On motion ordered the Town Board will request that the Board of County Commissioners remit poll taxes to members of the Volunteer Fire Department, as a gesture of appreciation for the work the firemen do in the town and county.

Hollowell Funeral Held Last Saturday

Funeral services for Mrs. Ever Lener Hollowell, 63, wife of Nixon Hollowell, who died suddenly last Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Great Hope Baptist Church, by the Rev. Lemon, assisted by the Rev. Meekins and Rev. Evans.

Mrs. Hollowell has the daughter of the late William and Elizabeth Moore Perry.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four sons, Wilson, Johnnie, Jonas and Robert Hollowell, all of Perquimans, six daughters, Mrs. Walter Lane and Miss Ruth Hollowell of Perquimans, Mrs. Clements Bass of Edenton, Mrs. Carlton Chappell and Mrs. Earlie Ingram of Norfolk, one brother, W. D. Perry of Perquimans; five sisters, Mrs. Temple Tarkenton of Perquimans, Mrs. R. C. Ansell of St. Bride's, Va., Mrs. Ernest Goodwin and Mrs. Roland Ward of Edenton and Mrs. J. H. Simpson of Norfolk; 15 grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Santa Arrived

Santa Claus arrived in Hertford last Saturday and a crowd estimated at 1500 was on hand to greet the jolly old fellow as he rode down Church Street atop the fire truck. Heading the procession which paraded through the Hertford Streets, was the Perquimans Band.

Santa finally stopped the parade in front of the Court House and greeted hundreds of youngsters, waving and smiling to the group as many of the children waved back.

Each child was presented with some fruit, part of the Christmas party as arranged and sponsored by the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion.

Negro School Plans Near Bidding Stage

John T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools, announced today that plans for the construction of a Negro School Building at Winfall are progressing rapidly, and he believed that the Board of Education will soon be ready to ask bids for the construction of the building.

J. W. Griffin, architect for the building was in Town yesterday with sketches for the building. The site was inspected by the architect an engineer from the office of the State Board of Education.

Mr. Griffin stated that he believed his plans for the building will be ready for approval of the State Commission very soon and that bids can be sought for construction to begin by March 1, 1950.

Members of the Perquimans Board of Education started operations for the construction of the building at the same time they began negotiations for the construction of the vocational building at Perquimans High School, but the Negro building being of a more complex design has not progressed as fast as plans for the gym, however, the Board of Education now believe that construction on both buildings will begin at about the same time.

Special Services Planned For Sunday

A special Christmas program, featuring a candlelight carol service, will be conducted at the Hertford Methodist Church next Sunday night, December 18, beginning at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by the Rev. Ben O. Merritt, pastor of the church.

The public is invited to attend and each person is asked to bring a candle and candle holder, the latter will be returned following the services.

Special music will be rendered by members of the youth and adult choirs and a solo will be rendered by Mrs. Bennett Stephenson. Mrs. R. S. Monds and Mrs. Walter Edwards will be narrators during the services. Group singing, by candle light, will feature the services.

Perquimans Lodge Elects A. B. Bonner Master For Year

New officers for Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M. for 1950 were elected at a meeting of the lodge last week. Selected as Master for the year was Dr. A. B. Bonner. Other officers elected were C. R. Vann, senior warden R. R. White, junior warden, R. C. Murray treasurer; C. R. Holmes, secretary, J. S. McNider, Cecil C. Winslow and W. F. Amsley, trustees, and members of the finance committee were J. T. Biggers, W. J. Kanoy, and G. C. Buck.

A number of offices of the lodge, to be filled by appointment, of the new Master, will be announced later. Installation services for the officers of the lodge for next year will be held at the first regular meeting of the lodge in January, it was reported today.

Firemen Seek To Buy New Inhalator

Members of the Hertford Fire Department met last Thursday night and voted to seek funds with which to purchase an inhalator for use in the Town of Hertford and Perquimans County Funds for the inhalator, which will cost about \$530, will be sought from the Board of Commissioners of the Town and County.

The Department members also voted that any fireman, missing as many as three fire calls will be suspended from the force until the department meeting. Members with valid excuses for absences will be reinstated, it was announced. Those without valid reasons will be dropped from the department.

Mass Chest X-rays Continue Next Week

Chest X-rays will be made in three communities of the county next week, it was announced today by local Health Department officials who stated that the mobile X-ray units will visit Whiteston, Bethel and Winfall. The unit will be in Whiteston, at the Archie White lot on December 20, in Bethel on December 20 and 21 and at Winfall on December 21 and 22.

The units, it was reported, will not be in operation, because of the holidays from December 23 until January 3. The survey will be resumed for a period of two weeks beginning January 3rd.

Thief Makes Small Haul At Local Store

Fifteen dollars in cash and several dollars worth of merchandise was stolen from Barber's Store last Saturday night, it was announced early this week by the Hertford Police.

Entrance to the store was gained by the thief, or thieves, breaking the glass in the front door.

The robbery is being investigated by Patrolman Tommy Miller, who discovered the crime about 8 A. M. Sunday.

Edenton Company Awarded Contract To Construct Local Vocational Building

Project Started

Preliminary work in preparation for the resurfacing of Church Street from the Perquimans River Bridge to Dobb Street was started Monday morning by employees of the Town of Hertford. Mayor V. N. Darden stated that Town employees were raising manhole covers along the right-of-way to prepare the street for a new layer of asphalt to be applied to the roadway.

The Nello Teer Construction Company is expected to begin laying the asphalt coating within the next few days. This project is being carried out under State contract and will be paid for by funds due the Town of Hertford on gasoline tax money allocated to towns and cities.

Christmas Program Presented At PTA Meeting Thursday

The December meeting of the Hertford Grammar School Parent-Teachers Association was held last Thursday evening in the auditorium of the school.

Mrs. Fred Mathews led the group in singing "O Come All Ye Faithful." Mrs. D. M. Jackson presided over the business session. Mrs. Silas Whedbee, secretary, read the president's message and the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Dilsie Howell reported that a State PTA worker will meet this month with the PTA members and urged as many as can to attend the meeting. Mrs. R. M. Riddick announced that the State Symphony Orchestra will hold a concert in Edenton in February and urged all PTA members to support the ticket sales for the event.

Miss Thelma Elliott, school principal, gave a brief talk on the mass chest X-ray survey being conducted in this county and urged all to avail themselves of this opportunity to get an X-ray. She also invited all the grade mothers of the elementary grades to visit the lunchroom in January and have lunch with the children.

The program for the meeting was presented by members of the sixth grade, under the direction of Miss Mary Sumner. The stage was arranged to represent a living room in an American home, featuring a large decorated tree and lighted fireplace. The class presented a playlet entitled Christmas Customs. Children of the class were dressed in native costumes of many countries of Europe in order to emphasize native customs. Highlight of the program was a solo by Alice Dawson, who sang Hark The Herald Angels Sing. At the close of the program the group joined in singing Christmas Carols.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. Joe Ayscue and Martin Towe.

Hertford Scouting Plans Progressing

Much interest is being manifested by youth of Hertford in the reorganization of the local Boy Scout troop, it was reported this week following a meeting last Friday night. Robert Elliott, chairman of the Lions committee sponsoring the scouts, reported that 20 boys attended the meeting which was held at the Agriculture Building.

Meeting with the boys, to outline work for the troop during the coming months, were Charles Skinner, Silas Whedbee and Robert Elliott. The troop was organized and plans made to develop four patrols among troop members.

Members of the Lions committee met with William Southernland, district Scout Executive last Monday night and discussed obligations and fundamentals for carrying out scouting activities in this community.

Another meeting of the Boy Scout troop will be held Friday night at the Agriculture Building and all youths interested in scouting are urged to attend.

Central PTA Meets Next Monday Night

The Parent Teacher Association of Perquimans County Central Grammar School will meet Monday night, December 19 at 7:35 o'clock.

The White Hat and Old Neck Communities with Mrs. Freeman Umphlett as chairman, will have charge of an interesting program, "Christmas for children Everywhere." There will also be an art display of children's work.

Board Of Education Accepts Bids Submitted Last Week; Work Starting Soon

J. L. Batton and Borthor, Edenton contractors, have been awarded the contract for the general construction of a vocational and physical education building at Perquimans High School, it was announced today by John T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools.

Members of the Board of Education meeting in special session last Friday night, voted to accept low bids submitted for the construction of the building after hearing views, on the costs, as expressed by the advisory board, previously appointed by the Board of Education. It was the opinion of all members of the advisory board that the bids should be accepted.

The bid for the general construction entered by the Batton Company was \$92,577. Hinnant Plumbing and Heating Company of New Bern was awarded the contract for the heating, this bid was \$7,850; John Welch Company, of Moyock, on a bid of \$4,445 was awarded the contract for the plumbing and C. J. DeMers of New Bern, on a bid of \$3,695, received the contract for the electrical work.

The architect's plans for the building have the approval of the State Board of Education and the State Fire Department, and application is now being made for a sum of \$108,567 to pay costs of construction. This sum will come from the \$315,000 provided by the State for School-house construction in Perquimans County.

Plans now call for construction on the new building to start as soon as weather conditions permit. The contractor is expected to start work immediately preparing the site for the construction. Some grading and filling will be necessary before construction begins. The building will be located just north of the High School building an dwill be 85 feet wide and 214 feet long. The vocational building will contain a complete and modern shop and class room for agricultural studies and the gym will be large enough to provide full physical educational studies for every student of the school. It will contain four dressing rooms, equipped with showers and lockers for each student of the school, and rest room for the public. Seating capacity of the building, when completed, will be approximately 1-100.

The contractor estimated that construction of the building will take about 90 days.

Post Office Gives Advice On Mailing Christmas Parcels

Do it this week.

That is the advice the officials of the Hertford Post Office gives out in regards to rules for Christmas mailing. The public is urged to do Christmas mailing now in order to be sure of delivery by Christmas.

Postmaster W. W. White appealed to the patrons of the local Post Office to get their Christmas Greeting cards in the mail at the earliest possible date bearing the correct postage, which is two cents, in order that the cards may be delivered by Christmas Day.

Patrons are asked to remember that the costs of mailing cards this year was raised to two cents, and unless these cards bear a two or three cent stamp they may be returned for postage due.

Mr. White stated that the usual Christmas rush showed signs of picking early this week and it is expected that from now until Christmas Eve the Post Office will be a beehive of activity.

Mr. White stated that the windows of the local Post Office will be open until 6 P. M. on Saturday, December 17 and 24, for the convenience of the public.

Patrons can be of great help to the Post Office by mailing greeting cards and other parcels today. . . they are urged not to wait until the last minute, early mailing means early delivery, so everybody is urged to do their mailing now.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. John Ward announce the birth of a son, William Vincent, born, December 9 at the Medical Center. Mrs. Ward is the former Miss Elizabeth Byrum.