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Construction Under Way On Negro Union School At Winfall

Building Expected To Be Completed Some Time In 1951

Construction of a Union School for Negroes, on the site of the Perquimans Training School at Winfall, got underway here this week, it was announced today by J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent.

O. W. Godwin Construction Company of Dunn, which has the general contract for this building has a crew of workers on hand doing the preliminary work, in preparation for raising the building. Much material for the construction has already arrived and more is expected shortly.

The building, which is expected to be completed sometime in 1951, will consist of 18 classrooms, an auditorium, lunchroom and library. Nine of the classrooms will be used for elementary students while eight of the rooms will be for the use of high school students. The building will also incorporate six classrooms now in use at the site, making a total of 24 classrooms for the school.

The new building will have two wings, one for the grammar school and one for the high school. The overall size of the building will be 412 feet long by 178 feet wide. It will be constructed of cinder block and brick, the same materials used in the construction of the new building at Perquimans High School, and known as a brick veneer building.

Total cost of the building will be approximately \$241,500. A large portion of this amount, \$201,000 will be secured from state funds allocated this county under the school building program and the remainder will be furnished by the county from surplus funds, earmarked toward the construction of the Negro school at Winfall.

It is believed that inasmuch as all materials for this building has been contracted for by the general contractor that world conditions will not effect procurement of the materials and the contractor will be able to obtain the materials and complete the building construction on schedule.

Under this schedule the building should be ready for use for the school term beginning in September 1951.

Ruritans Organize Fifth County Club

Another Ruritan Club, the fifth for Perquimans County, was organized here last Friday night, at a meeting held at the Town Plant, and this club will be known as the Hertford Ruritan Club.

Curtis Olds, of Norfolk, national president for Ruritan, presented the club charter. Thurman Forehand of South Mills, Raleigh Carver, Lt. Governor for the District and Charles Ward of the Bethel Club were present and had part in the charter night program.

The Hertford Club was sponsored by the Durants Neck Club.

Officers elected for the new club were A. T. Lane, president; Carroll Williams, vice-president; Thomas Dail, secretary; Joe Layden, treasurer; Bill Cox, sergeant-at-arms; C. W. Duling, chaplain; Philip Thatch, Preston Nixon and Freeland Elliott, directors.

The club will meet on the fourth Friday of every month at eight o'clock.

One Thousand Attend Firm's Open House

Approximately 1,000 persons registered during the open house conducted from July 23 through July 29 at the Harrell Gas and Coal Company's new building. It was reported today by Charles M. Harrell.

Three prizes awarded by the company in connection with its open house went to Mrs. W. D. Perry, Sr., who secured a gas range, Mrs. Joe Carraway, who received a pressure cooker and Mrs. Guy Newby who received a electric iron.

Mr. Harrell stated that he and his employees were grateful for the interest shown by the public in the new home and invited an invitation to those who were unable to attend the open house to visit the new building at any time.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. David Henry announce the birth of a daughter, born Tuesday, July 27, at the Albemarle Hospital, Charlotte, N.C. Mrs. Henry was assisted by Dr. J. C. Morgan.

County Game Warden Explains Fishing Law

Eldon Winslow, County Game Warden, issued an explanation today in reply to a number of inquiries regarding fishing laws. He announced that individuals coming into this county to visit with friends and relatives need a fishing license for any kind of fishing in the rivers and creeks of the county.

"There are no exceptions to this rule," the game warden said. Local residents, planning to fish with pole and line need no licenses for this kind of fishing but non-residents of this county are required to obtain a license before fishing.

Mr. Winslow also announced that new combination fishing and hunting licenses are now on sale and that boundaries for inland and commercial fishing have been marked in the Perquimans river.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Russia lost its first round of political action in the United Nations, Tuesday when the UN Security Council voted 8-3 rejecting Russian proposal to sit representatives of Communist China as the nation's true representatives. Russia's member, Jacob Malik, then accused the United States of aggression in Korea. His demand that the U. S. stop fighting in Korea was his first speech in the UN since January, when he walked out of the Security Council meeting.

American forces in Korea, led by tanks, attacked North Korea troops west of Pusan on Tuesday. The counter attack was the first for the Americans in Korea and came when the Reds were only 40 air miles from the Korean port city. Reports from Korea state that U. S. forces there have been reinforced with additional men and supplies from the United States. Still far out numbered, the Americans have consolidated their lines during this week and maintained most of their positions. The Reds were given ground on the northern sector of the front but the gains, according to reports, were not excessive.

Eight U. S. Congressmen have called upon President Truman to curtail spending Marshall Aid funds with nations that refuse to take a strong stand against Communism, it was reported from Washington this week. Additional funds have been voted by Congress for aiding European and Asiatic countries under the Marshall plan, but the eight Congressmen want this help suspended unless nations rally around the United States' battle against Red aggression.

All was quiet on the Belgian front Wednesday following several days of strikes and violence throughout the nation, after King Leopold had agreed to abdicate, and turn over the Belgian throne to his 19-year-old son, Prince Baudouin in September, 1951. King Leopold returned to Belgium about 10 days ago to resume his regal powers, but many of his subjects opposed the move because of Leopold's submissive actions during the war. The opposition led strikes, and street rioting during the week of unrest.

Congressional leaders reported this week, after studying the price control question, that President Truman will be voted the power to establish price control and rationing if he desires it. Thus far, according to reports from Washington, the Administration has taken the stand that these controls are not needed at the present time.

Called upon by many Congressmen to give an accounting of the spending of military funds during the past five years, Secretary of Defense Johnson this week reported that most of the funds had gone to pay soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines; part was used for purchase of war equipment, planes, ships and some for research. Meanwhile, several veterans' organizations have called for the resignation of Johnson as the Defense Secretary.

Selective Service officials in Washington announced this week that present plans call for the drafting of approximately 600,000 men during the next year. They pointed out that this figure may be hiked if the armed forces call for additional manpower.

County Board To Meet Next Monday

Members of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners will meet in regular session next Monday morning, at 10 A. M. It was announced today.

The Board will handle its usual fiscal matters, and following the meeting will be guests of J. C. Morgan, superintendent of the County Home, at the annual dinner tendered the commission.

Two Witnesses Face Charges of Perjury In Recorder Court

Fifteen Cases Heard At Session Here Tuesday Morning

County Recorder's Judge Chas. E. Johnson issued an order from the bench, in court here Tuesday morning directing Solicitor J. S. McNider to investigate possible charges of perjury to be lodged against two witnesses, Lee Thach and Thomas Archer, both Negroes, who were testifying for the State in a case against Theodore Mallory. The Court ordered that if investigation warranted charges be filed and the witnesses be held on bonds of \$500.

The Court order was issued following a hearing in which Mallory was found not guilty of destroying a car owned by George Overton, but was found guilty of assaulting Overton. The defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

Thach and Archer were also defendants in the case, and Thach was found not guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, while Archer was found guilty of transporting non-tax paid liquor. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs. Another defendant in the case, Moses Skinner, was found guilty of selling non-tax paid liquor and he was fined \$25 and costs.

Judge Johnson rescinded an order forfeiting a \$500 bond of Mallory's after it was shown that the bondsman had made special effort to produce the defendant in Court.

Costs of Court were taxed against Thelma Sugerman, Joseph Rawles, Jr., and John Allen, all of whom entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding.

Frank Lumbro entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding and paid a fine of \$5 and costs of court.

Lee Thach was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs on a charge of reckless driving.

Costs of court were assessed against Charles Dewey who entered a plea of guilty to passing ears unlawfully.

Charges of reckless driving against D. T. Hurdle, were non-suited following testimony presented by the State. A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of Will White, Negro, charged with non-support.

Bing Means was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 after pleading guilty to two charges, speeding and driving without a license.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case against Robert Simpson, charged with reckless driving.

Frankie Spellman, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving a truck, whose width exceeded the limit, he was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs.

Henry Gordon, Negro, was found not guilty on charges of reckless driving.

Red Cross Swimming Class Totaled 109

Bob Jordan, County Red Cross Swimming Instructor, reported today that 109 white children have completed the swimming instruction offered here during the month of July, and were taught to swim during the classes held daily at Harvey Point.

The attendance at the swim class was the largest ever recorded, and each child who enrolled received individual attention in order to master the art of swimming.

This week Jordan is giving attention to intermediate swimmers, and classes for these children will be continued on a half time basis beginning next Monday.

Beginner classes for Negro children between the ages of six and 10 will get underway next Monday morning, the instructor said. These classes will be held at Perquimans Beach, under the sponsorship of the Red Cross and the Town of Hertford.

Negro children desiring to enroll in the class are advised to be at Hertford High School next Monday at nine o'clock. Buses will transport the children to and from the beach. Classes for the Negro children will be conducted daily Monday through Friday.

VFW Post To Hold Dance On August 12

Members of the Gerald H. Ownley Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will sponsor a public dance at the VFW hall on Saturday night, August 12. It was announced today by Henry Christman, Post Adjutant.

Tickets for the dance may be secured in advance from members of the VFW Post.

Perquimans Draft Board Still In Formative Stage

Members Advised No Call For Men From This County In Aug.

Officials of the North Carolina Office of Selective Service are expected in Hertford this week to complete arrangements for leasing of an office for the local Draft Board and to perfect the organization of the board, it was reported Wednesday by Cecil C. Winslow, local Board member.

The local board is as yet incomplete, only two members comprise the board, these being Mr. Winslow and R. C. Murray. A third member is being sought by the committee charged with appointment of board members. A Clerk to the board remains to be appointed also.

It was announced that the draft board office will be located in the bus station building at the corner of Church and Grubb Streets, this being the same location the board held before being closed down last year. A lease for this space will be signed with Headquarters Officials coming here this week.

Mr. Winslow stated that he has been advised by State Headquarters that Perquimans County will not be called upon to furnish any selectees for the draft during the month of August. The first call for men from this county is expected to be received for September.

Calls for selectees for preinduction examinations are expected to run about three times the number of men, who will later be ordered for induction. This procedure will be followed in order to provide Selective Service with sufficient selectees to fill Armed Forces calls for manpower.

State Headquarters has announced that draft calls for the month of August will be filled by 34 draft boards which have been in operation continuously. Later calls will be sent out to other local boards as they are organized throughout the state.

Another reminder is issued to all youths 18 years old who have not registered for the draft to do so immediately, and those who are soon to become 18 years old must register within five days after their 18th birthday.

Hertford Scouts Attend Camp Darden

Nine members of the Hertford troop of Boy Scouts, accompanied by Cecil Winslow, scout leader, are attending Camp Darden, in Virginia, this week. It was reported today by Charles Skinner, Scoutmaster.

The local scouts attending the camp are Talmadge Byrum, Corbin Cherry, Howard Felton, Charles Whedbee, Herbert Nixon, Jr., John Holmes, Noah Felton, Charles Johnson and Carlton Sutton.

Taken to camp last Sunday by Scoutmaster Skinner: Emmett Landing, Thomas Byrum and Francis Nixon, the local scouts will stay until Saturday of this week. During the period the scouts will undergo special training in Scoutcraft, swimming, life-saving and other scout activities.

Camp Darden is maintained by Scout troops of this area, and large numbers of Boy Scouts attend the camp each year. The representation from Hertford this year is considered very good.

Wildlife Club To Hold Special Meeting Aug. 4

The Perquimans County Wildlife Club will hold a called meeting at the Court House in Hertford, Friday night, August 4, at eight o'clock for the purpose of selecting a county youth to attend the Wildlife State Camp, it was announced today by Charles Henc, club president.

All members of the club are urged to be present.

Parkville Ruritans To Stage Ball Game

The Parkville Township Ruritan Club will sponsor a donkey baseball game at Memorial Field in Hertford on Friday night, August 4. It was announced today by Marvin White, representing the club.

Proceeds from the game, Mr. White said, will be used to construct a driveway from the Perquimans Central Grammar School to the bus line, to provide the students of the school with a shelter area in bad weather.

Winfall Youth Victim Of Drowning In Perquimans River On Wednesday Morning

County Represented At State Farm Week

Perquimans County is being represented at Farm and Home Week in Raleigh this week by Mrs. J. D. Yeates of Snow Hill-White Hat Home Demonstration Club, Mrs. Henry Elliott of Chapanoke Club, Mrs. Fred Matthews of Hopewell Club, Mrs. Nina B. White, Home Demonstration Agent, and I. C. Yagel, Farm Agent, Mrs. Yagel and children.

Among the special program features for this week are a visit to the Governor's Mansion, address by Dean Rusk, Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs, Cotton Style Review with Miss Elizabeth McGee, 1950 Maid of Cotton, tour to Duke University and Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill, address by Governor W. Kerr Scott and an address by Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark, Treasurer of the United States.

The group will return home Friday.

Miss Mary B. Layden Weds F. J. Williams At Woodville Church

The Woodville Baptist Church was the scene Saturday morning, July 29, of a simple and lovely wedding when Miss Mary B. Layden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Layden of Hertford, and Franklin J. Williams, son of Mr. Ralph Williams of Camden and Mrs. Everett Flowers of Portsmouth, Virginia, were united in marriage in an 11 o'clock ceremony.

The Rev. G. M. Singletary, pastor of the church, performed the double ring ceremony before a setting of ferns and palms interspersed with aisle baskets of white gladioli, snapdragons and feverfew and seven branch candelabra with lighted cathedral candles.

Prior to the ceremony Kader Franklin White, pianist, presented a program of nuptial music and Mrs. J. A. Bray, soloist, sang "Because" by Guy D'Hardelet and "I Love You Truly" by Carrie Jacobs-Bond.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Ralph Layden. She wore a white ballerina length wedding dress of chantilly lace and nylon net over taffeta fashioned with a fitted lace bodice and full gathered net skirt. The lace jacket styled with a double breasted front, bracelet sleeves and low neckline was buttoned up the front with self covered buttons. Her shoulder length veil of imported illusion was arranged from a shirred bonnet of illusion trimmed with lilies of the valley. She carried a white prayerbook topped with a white purple throated orchid and showered with Stephanotis. Her only ornament was a strand of pearls, a gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Jean Layden, sister of the bride and her only attendant, wore a ballerina length dress of glacier blue nylon net over taffeta styled with off the shoulder neckline finished with a double fold. The taut bodice buttoned up the back with self covered buttons and was finished at the hip with a peplum. She wore a matching picture hat and elbow length mitta, and carried a nosegay of painted daisies and mixed summer flowers with streamers of variegated ribbon.

Ralph Cuthrell of Fairfield acted as his cousin's best man and groomsmen were Willis Keith and Lindsey Bridgeman of Elizabeth City.

The bride's mother wore an ice blue sheer dress with pink hair braid hat and gloves. Her corsage was a purple orchid.

The bridegroom's mother wore a navy blue and white sheer dress with matching accessories and an orchid corsage.

Mistress of ceremonies was Mrs. Ralph Layden of Elizabeth City, sister-in-law of the bride.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip to Florida. For traveling, the bride changed to a navy blue palm beach suit trimmed in white with a navy blue hat and white accessories. She wore the white purple throated orchid lifted from her prayer book.

Mrs. Williams is a graduate of Perquimans County High School and Kings Daughters Hospital School of Nursing in Portsmouth, and at present is a member of the nursing staff of the Albemarle Hospital. Mr. Williams is a graduate of Elizabeth City High School and is now employed at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia.

After August 8, the couple will be at home in Elizabeth City.

Robert White Loses Life After Saving Younger Playmate

Robert White, 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin White, of near Winfall, drowned while swimming in the Perquimans River, at Knowles' Landing located just west of Winfall, at about 10 A. M., Wednesday morning. The body was recovered about 11:50 A. M.

A rescue team, composed of Elizabeth City Firemen worked with the body for about 40 minutes attempting to revive the boy, but these efforts were not successful.

According to reports, young White drowned while exerting himself in saving little 8-year old Charles Morgan Umphlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Umphlett, who had dived in to the water and appeared to be in trouble.

James Riddick, a young Negro boy of Winfall, told this reporter that six or seven boys, including himself, had gone to the landing to swim. That the Umphlett child was in a boat and dived in the water near Bob White, the child apparently became upset and that Bob White told him (Riddick) to bring the boat near where White and the Umphlett child were in the water. The Umphlett child was being held up out of the water by the older boy, and as the Umphlett child caught the boat with his hands, the White youth went under the water and did not rise to the surface again.

The remaining children left the scene and went to Winfall where they reported the incident and immediately a large number of men assembled to search and try to save the White boy. The rescue team from Elizabeth City arrived at the scene at about 11 A. M., and joined in the search for the body, which was recovered at about 11:40 with the aid of grappling hooks.

Artificial respiration and an inhalator were used in efforts to revive the boy, but these efforts proved futile due to the length of time the youth was in the water.

The body was removed to the Lynch Funeral home pending funeral arrangements.

Surviving besides the youth's parents, are three sisters, Marvina, Margaret and Juanita White, two brothers, Wayne and Billy White, his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Dempsey White and his great grandmother, Mrs. Elsberry White.

Local Blood Program May Be Incorporated In National System

Perquimans County's Red Cross blood program, which has been carried out during the past year for the benefit of civilians in this area, may soon be incorporated into the national Red Cross system to render aid to the armed forces, it was reported today by Charles Henc, county chairman of the American Red Cross.

Mr. Henc stated that he had been advised by the Tidewater Regional Blood Center at Norfolk that Secretary of Defense Johnson has requested cooperation of the American Red Cross in blood procurement for the armed forces.

Ben M. Jones, Tidewater administrator for the program, advised Mr. Henc, "The re-establishment of the kind of program conducted in World War II whereby the American Red Cross provided blood and blood derivatives for use of the armed forces means that your chapter is now in the position of conveying a most vital resource to our fighting men. Though your present quota has not yet been increased, you are being asked to do everything in your power to step up production and make available the blood and blood products which may mean a matter of life and death to some of your own boys."

During the war the American Red Cross carried out a vast program in securing blood for the armed forces, and, according to Mr. Jones, the program now will be carried out for use of both civilians and military personnel.

This county did not participate in the Red Cross program during the war years, the local program being placed in operation only last year, and has been fairly successful in this county.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin White announce the birth of a son, born Tuesday, August 1, at the Albemarle Hospital, Charlotte, N.C. Mrs. White was assisted by Dr. J. C. Morgan.