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300 PTA MEMBERS EXPECTED HERE NEXT THURSDAY FOR DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Program to Be Held at High School With Local PTA as Hosts

Members of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Perquimans Central Grammar School and the Hertford Grammar School will be joint hosts to the annual conference of District No. 9 of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers on Thursday, October 19, it was announced here today.

The meeting will be held at the Perquimans High School with registration starting at 9:30 o'clock and the meeting opening promptly at 10 A. M.

Mrs. Edward Harrell, director of the District, which includes 12 Albemarle counties, has arranged a very interesting program for the conference.

The Rev. Ben O. Merritt, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church will give the devotional, followed by greetings by Mrs. W. H. Mathews, Mrs. W. S. Smith, president of the Bertie PTA Council will give the response.

An informational period, on PTA organization and work, in form of a panel discussion will be conducted by State officers, Russell M. Grumman, State president, presiding; Mrs. J. W. Burks, executive secretary, Miss Genevieve Burton, field secretary, and Mrs. E. C. Walters, State chairman Room Representative.

A feature of the meeting will be a fashion show, "Introducing Congress Publications," with Miss Genevieve Burton and a number of local ladies participating.

J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Perquimans Schools, will speak on the subject of "Thrifty Education," bringing a message on the necessity for a continuing school savings program.

Other officers of this district conference, besides Mrs. Harrell, are Mrs. Joseph Griffin, Williamston, secretary, and Mrs. W. H. Bryan, Ahoskie, past director and currently acting chairman.

The 12 counties included in the conference are Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Martin, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.

Luncheon will be served by the Perquimans and Central and Hertford Grammar PTA.

Local conference chairmen are as follows: General Chairmen, Mrs. W. H. Mathews, Mrs. W. C. Cherry; Registration, Mrs. B. F. Bray, Mrs. G. R. Tucker; Hospitality, Mrs. A. R. Cook, Mrs. J. A. Leste; Luncheon, Mrs. Charlie Vann, Mrs. Ashley Jordan; Music, Mrs. Fred Mathews; Decorations, Mrs. Julian White, Mrs. Joel Hollowell; Publicity, Mrs. Elijah White, Mrs. Jim Bass; Pages, Mary Sue Cook, Doris Faye Allen, Virginia Gay and Marvina White.

Six County Youths Accepted For Army

Six Perquimans County youths, out of the 18 selectees sent to Raleigh last week for pre-induction examinations for the Armed Forces, were accepted, it was reported this week by Mrs. Edna Winslow, clerk of the local draft board. Four of the selectees passing the examination, were white youths and two were Negroes.

Fourteen registrants passed the examination in September, and with the six accepted last week the local board now has a total of 20 registrants subject to induction into the Armed Forces.

Perquimans County's first induction call will be filled next Monday, October 16, when 10 of the registrants will leave for Raleigh to be sworn into service.

Selectees who have been ordered to report for induction are Julian N. Tedlock, Winfall; Matt M. Spivey, Durants Neck; Herbert M. Euse, Route Three; Othus Mansfield, Route One; William C. Barclift, Durants Neck; Gerald D. Perry, Durants Neck; Howard Stallings, Belvidere; Carlton Rountree, Belvidere; James A. Cartwright, Route Three, and Isaac W. Lowe, Hertford.

Doctors and dentists and those in allied categories required to register for Selective Service will be registered at the local Board office in Hertford, Cecil C. Winslow, chairman of the Board, stated today.

Those who received such degrees on or before October 16, 1950, are required to register on that date, and those completing their courses of study after October 16 are required to register within five days after receiving their degrees.

WILL MEET TUESDAY. The Perquimans County Board of Education will meet Tuesday, October 17, at 7:30 p. m. at the school building.

Bonds Ordered For Defendants Failing To Appear In Court

Nine Cases Heard By Recorder Judge at Session Tuesday

For failing to appear in Recorder's Court to answer charges brought against them for traffic violations, Lloyd Twine and Roland Gilliam, both Negroes, must post a \$100 cash bond or await in jail for a hearing next Tuesday. Twine is charged with driving with insufficient brakes and Gilliam faces a charge of reckless driving. The defendants were cited to appear in court here Tuesday but failed to do so and Judge Chas. E. John, son ordered the warrants returned to the officers, and also ordered the defendants to post bond or be placed in jail.

Nine cases were disposed of by the Court at the session Tuesday and two cases were continued until the October 24 term of court.

James Taylor, Albert Trionfi and Eleanor Wyrocki, all charged with speeding, entered pleas of guilty and each paid the costs of court.

A fine of \$10 and costs was taxed against Edward Lurtz who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving with insufficient brakes.

Shelton Zachary, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of driving with insufficient brakes and he was ordered to pay the costs of court. According to the testimony offered Zachary has made several efforts to have his brakes fixed before being arrested.

Thomas Ray, charged with driving drunk, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$100 and costs of court.

George Harvey, Negro, charged in two counts of being drunk and disorderly was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs after pleading guilty.

John Parrish entered a plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving, and was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 and costs of court; \$35 of the fine was awarded to Anderson Layden for damage sustained to his truck by the defendant.

Extension Granted School Defendants

The defendants in the Perquimans County School suit, entered in Federal Court, requested and were granted a 20-day extension of time in order to prepare an answer to the complaint made by the plaintiffs.

An answer to the complaint was ordered for October 5, however, attorneys for the defendants in obtaining an extension for the answer now have until October 23 in which to file the answer with the clerk of the Federal Court in Elizabeth City.

Indians Open Home Grid Games Tonight Against Plymouth

Perquimans Ready For Conference Foe Following Loss Friday

Coach Ellie Fearing's Perquimans High School football team will open its home game series Friday night, October 13, when the Indians play Plymouth High School on Memorial Field in Hertford. This will be the second Albemarle Conference contest for the Indians, who are gunning for a conference victory after the loss to Ahoskie last Friday night.

Plymouth will come to Hertford with a record of three wins and no losses but the dope sheets rates the outcome of the contest about even, with Perquimans holding a slight edge providing the Indians can overcome their fumbling which has been excessive in past contests.

Game time for the contest with Plymouth has been set at eight o'clock and local fans are urged to turn out for the opening home game and boost the Indians.

Perquimans lost to Ahoskie last Friday night by a score of 16-0, failing to show the dash displayed at Greenville on Monday and plagued with fumble-itis. Ahoskie rolled up a 14-0 score in the first period, by scoring two TDs, set up by passes. Ahoskie held the edge throughout this period and kept possession of the ball the entire quarter.

Neither team displayed much offensive power during the remainder of the game although Perquimans threatened once by moving the ball to the Ahoskie 18-yard line.

Ahoskie added two more points to its total in the opening minutes of the final period when Walker was caught behind the goal line when attempting to run the ball onto the field.

On first downs Ahoskie chalked up 11, while Perquimans had three. The contest was the first conference game for both teams.

Two Winfall Men Injured In Wreck

Two Winfall men received slight injuries about 12:15 o'clock Monday morning when the 1938 Chevrolet they were driving failed to negotiate a curve on the Winfall road and rammed into a tree.

State Patrolman W. R. Whitehurst, the investigating officer, said Thomas Riddick, driver, received lacerations of the right hand and an injured nose and Welton Lee Hardy received lacerations of the right arm and legs. George Miller, also of Winfall was the uninjured occupant of the car.

MEMORIES FOR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

BY CHARLES SKINNER

Listen... isn't that the fire whistle blowing? Yes, it is starting off with that ole moaning sound and then building up to a high shrill scream... by the time the fire siren has stopped blowing, your heart has missed about three beats and you are holding your breath, wondering where the fire is.

Now if you are a volunteer fireman, you are grabbing for your fire coat helmet and hurrying to the fire. Then if you are ole snoker eater or blaze follower, you are hurrying to get in and do your bit at the fire. Yes, it is exciting and some times terrifying to hear the fire whistle blowing in the late hours of the night or early in the morning. Now let's go back some 30 or 35 years when the sound of a church bell, the ringing of an ole cart rim, or the firing of a shot gun was just as exciting or terrifying as the sound of the fire siren of today.

Let's turn the pages of history and time back to the days in Hertford when we didn't have water works and the fire protection that is offered today. Now back before 1916 whenever a fire broke out, let's say at night, you would see a scantly clad gentleman come running out of his house with only his night shirt on, shouting to the top of his voice, Help, Help, Fire, Fire, yes, his house was on fire. Then the neighbors came out and started shouting, firing guns, pistols, and running to ring the nearest church bell. The bell was to let people know what part of Hertford the fire was in. By this time the neighbors had starting moving furniture or forming a bucket brigade. Low and behold, coming down the street was a funny looking outfit that turns out to be five or six men pulling a cart with a big chemical tank and looking bang on it. By the time these men reached the fire, they were completely out of breath from pulling the cart. They started passing out the buckets with the chemicals and water to help put out the fire. Either the fire was completely extinguished or had gained such headway that nothing could be done but let the house burn and save the surrounding houses.

Mind you that was before 1916... and water works, when the down-town fire company was captained by J. S. Vick and a few volunteers and their equipment consisted of 1 pull cart with a chemical tank and buckets. This company kept their cart in a shed located where the present day Perquimans Weekly Office is. The Court House bell served as the fire alarm for the down-town area of Hertford.

The up-town company had headquarters located near the present town plant. Will Lane was captain and volunteers manned the chemical cart with buckets as that of the down-town company. There was a hook and ladder outfit located on King Street near the cemetery that could be pulled with horses or men.

In 1916 the first efforts to organize a volunteer fire department took place. R. E. Brinn was elected to serve as the first chief of the new department. Mr. Brinn served 2 years until 1918 when J. S. Vick was then elected to serve as chief. Mr. Vick was chief for a number of years until J. C. Blanchard, then Mayor, appointed H. C. Stokes as chief after Mr. Vick resigned. Mr. Stokes remained chief until E. L. Reed became Mayor. In 1937 S. M. Whedbee was elected Mayor of Hertford and he became chief of the fire department and remained until V. N. Darden became Mayor. Mr. Darden took over the job and still holds the position of Chief of Hertford Volunteer Fire Department.

Town Board Takes Preliminary Steps Toward Construction Of New Building

Some Egg, Huh?

Didya ever seen a hen egg that weighed five ounces?

We would not have believed it but George Jackson, owner of the Jackson Poultry Farm, brought such an egg to the office of The Weekly one day last week and presented it to the editor. George said he found the egg in one of his nests that morning and wondered if any other poultry raiser could "top" his egg for size.

The egg was broken and found to have two yokes, otherwise in perfect condition and the editor had egg for breakfast.

Monogram Queen To Be Named Friday At Homecoming Game

Preparations are being made for the Perquimans High School Monogram Club's annual Homecoming Day at P. C. H. S. which will be Friday, October 13, the date the Indians play their first home game.

The first event of the day will be a parade, during the lunch hour, through the business district of Hertford, featuring the high school band in its first local appearance of this season. Floats by each student organization in the school, as well as individual floats, and the Monogram Queen float on which the homeroom queens who are competing for the title of Monogram Queen of 1950 will ride also will be featured. These queens are as follows: Miss 12, Mary Dunsmore, sponsored by Keel's Grill; Miss 11A, Irene Hunter, sponsored by Jackson's Wholesale; Miss 11B, Barbara Bentz, sponsored by Pitt Farm Equipment; Miss 10A, Glenda Lee, sponsored by Wright's Jewelers; Miss 10B, Nina Jane Chappell, sponsored by Hertford Furniture; Miss 10C, Miriam Elliott, sponsored by S & M Pharmacy; Miss 9A, Mary Lois Wade, sponsored by The Hacienda; Miss 9B, Francis Sutton, sponsored by Major & Loomis; Miss 9C, Margaret Ann Banks, sponsored by W. M. Divers & Son; Miss 8A, Carolyn Faye Euse, sponsored by Southern Cotton Oil Co.; Miss 8B, Evelyn Ann Elliott, sponsored by Hollowell Chevrolet; Miss 8C, Gracie Lee Eason, sponsored by Simon's, and Eva Russel, the Monogram Club's choice, sponsored by Towe-Webb Motor Co.

Votes are being cast for these queens at a cost of one cent a vote, at the business houses of the sponsors and at Nixon's until five o'clock Friday evening. The Queen with the highest number of votes at 8:30 Friday night will be crowned Monogram Queen of 1950, to succeed Miss Suzanne Towe, crowned last November.

The second event is the football game between the Perquimans Indians and the Plymouth Panthers at 8 o'clock, Friday night on Memorial Field. A record attendance is expected at this game for which the Indians are in "good shape" says Coach Ellie Fearing.

At halftime the homeroom queens will be presented to the fans, and the Monogram Queen will be crowned and presented with gifts.

The final event of the day sponsored by the Monogram Club will be a student dance at The Hacienda from 10 o'clock until Midnight. The guests of honor at the dance will be the Monogram Queen, and her maids of honor, the home room queens, also will be guests.

Janitor Training School Held Wednesday

School superintendents, principals and janitors from 12 counties of the Albemarle met here Wednesday for a special training course on the upkeep of school buildings. The program was held at the Hertford Grammar School with C. W. Blanchard of the State Board, in charge of the meeting.

Present for the course were 14 superintendents, 65 principals and 75 janitors.

Rotary To Observe Rural-Urban Night

Hertford Rotary Club will observe Rural-Urban Night at its meeting on Tuesday, October 31, and members will have as their guests farmers from various communities throughout the county, it was announced today by H. N. Nixon, club president.

Stag Ballentine, Secretary of Agriculture for North Carolina, will be the guest speaker for the meeting.

Plans Call For Structure To Be Started Some Time In 1951

A municipal building for the Town of Hertford, long planned and desired by many local residents and members of the Town Board, appeared a step nearer reality following action taken at a meeting of the Town Commissioners last Monday night.

After some discussion pointing toward possible construction to begin sometime next year, the Board voted favorably to employ an architect to provide plans for the structure, arrange for financing the project and to obtain approval of the project from the local Government Commission.

It was announced during the meeting that costs of the building will be financed through the income received by the Town from rentals at Harvey Point. It is estimated that by obtaining a loan from the local Government Commission approximately \$30,000 will be available for the building, and repayment of the loan will be made annually from rents received from Harvey Point.

The building, according to plans, will be constructed on the lot owned by the Town, on Grubb Street, across from the telephone office.

It was announced during the meeting that materials for the construction of a sanitary sewer on King Street have been obtained and work on this project will be started in the near future.

Mayor V. N. Darden and Attorney Chas. E. Johnson were named to represent the Town of Hertford at a hearing in Elizabeth City on Thursday at which time the local representatives will protest proposed rate increases being sought by the Norfolk Carolina Tel. & Tel. Company.

On motion passed by the Board, prices on lots in the cemetery annex, recently opened by the Town, were set as follows: \$150 per lot for residents of Hertford and \$90 per one-half lot; \$200 per lot to non-residents and \$120 per half lot to non-residents of Hertford.

The Board went on record favoring leave of absences of six months duration to be extended if requested, to any Town employee called into the Armed Forces.

BPW Club To Observe National Business Women's Week

The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club will observe National Business Women's Week October 15 through 21 with a series of programs planned by the local membership, it was reported today by Miss Hulda Wood, president of the local BPW.

On Sunday, October 15, the Perquimans BPW will attend church in a body, at the Hertford Baptist Church. On Tuesday, the club will hold a dinner meeting at the Hotel Hertford with members of the Senior Girl Scouts, who have completed their first-aid courses, as special guests.

The Club will also have a window display at Blanchard's featuring "Measure Up Theme."

Members of the club will hold a business meeting Friday, October 13, at the home of Mrs. Addie Jones, at which time final arrangements to observe National Business Women's Week will be made. Each member is urged to be present for this meeting.

Fire Prevention Program At Schools

Hertford's Fire Department, carrying out a program in observance of National Fire Prevention Week, gave a series of exhibitions, on the handling of fire fighting equipment at county schools on Thursday of this week, and made a fire inspection of all school buildings.

Members of the local fire department divided into groups, visited the schools and instructed the students in methods of handling the equipment and gave talks on fire prevention.

On Thursday night the Fire Department held a steak fry at the municipal plant in Hertford and the program closed with a talk on civilian defense and the part firemen will play in this program.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Dail, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Kay Stallings Dail, born Tuesday, October 3, Mrs. Dail is the former Miss Flay Stallings.