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## PTA GROUPS TO SELL Renewals To Weekly For Three Weeks

### Plan To Provide Funds For PTA To Open On November First

Arrangements have been completed between the Parent-Teachers Association of the Hertford Grammar and Central Grammar Schools and the Perquimans Weekly for the PTA members to serve as subscription agents for the Weekly during a three week period, starting November 1, during which time the PTA members will seek renewals and new subscriptions to your home county newspaper.

The plan, identical to the one participated in by the two PTA units last year, was worked out in order to provide the PTA with an opportunity to acquire funds to help carry out the PTA programs at the two schools.

Most of the subscriptions for the Perquimans Weekly expire during the months of September through December and a high commission will be paid to the PTA for signing up these renewal subscriptions and reporting them to the Weekly office. The public can participate in this plan by renewing subscriptions to the Weekly through any member of either the PTA organizations. Subscriptions given to PTA members will be added to the present subscription of the subscriber and will run for one year. Thus, if the subscription of an individual expires next December and that person gives a renewal to a PTA member, the subscription will be marked up to December, 1951.

The Weekly, planning this event, has not sent out notices of expiration during the months of September and October, but all expired subscriptions will be discontinued unless renewed through the PTA members during this drive.

Members of the two Parent-Teachers Associations plan to make a house-to-house canvass of the town and country during the period giving every subscriber an opportunity to renew his or her subscription through the PTA, subscribers are requested to give their support in this drive and aid them in their effort to raise funds to provide extra and needed equipment for the school children.

## Rotary To Observe Rural-Urban Night

Hertford Rotarians will hold their annual Rural-Urban celebration next Tuesday night, October 31, at the Hacienda, when each member will have as his guest at the weekly dinner meeting a Perquimans County farmer friend.

Guest speaker for the event will be Stag Ballentine, State Secretary of Agriculture, who will speak on peanut production and the peanut allotment program.

Other special guests will include I. C. Yagel, County Agent; E. L. Topping, Assistant Agent, and F. A. McGowan of the Soil Conservation office.

Members of the club, at their meeting held last Tuesday, heard Dr. Lancaster of the Windsor Rotary Club speak on a project being sponsored by this Rotary District which features the exchange of students between the United States and foreign countries. This project calls for a number of promising students being brought to North Carolina to study at schools such as Chowan College, ECHC, Atlantic Christian and other smaller schools in order that these youths may learn the American way of life and become familiar with American customs.

## Legion Auxiliary Meeting October 31

Members of the Hertford unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, planning to attend the First Area Conference to be held in Rocky Mount on October 31, are requested to contact Mrs. E. C. Berry, president of the local unit, not later than October 28, in order that reservations for the dinner and transportation arrangements can be made.

The district meeting of the Auxiliary will open at 10:30 A. M. and will be presided over by Mrs. E. S. Pugh of Windsor, district president.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Walter G. Edwards announced the birth of a son, Walter James, Jr., weight 8 pounds and length 20 inches, born October 25, 1950, at the Hertford Hospital.

## Central PTA Plans Halloween Party For Tuesday Night

A Halloween Party is being planned by members of the Perquimans Central Grammar School PTA, to be held at the school on Tuesday evening, October 31, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Ice cream and home-made candy will be sold. Other highlights of the party will be an auction sale, a cake walk, a chamber of horrors, fortune-telling, apple bobbing, and a fish pond.

A door prize will be given and a prize for the best costume will be awarded.

A contest is being sponsored in the school to elect a king and queen from the grammar grades and a prince and princess from the primary grades. The candidate with the highest number of votes will be crowned at the party.

The public is invited to attend.

## County Extension Service To Sponsor Campaign On Rats

A campaign to deal the rats of Perquimans County a death blow is being planned for Wednesday, November 1. This campaign is being sponsored by the Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Service, in cooperation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Rats each year cost the people of Perquimans County an estimated \$100,000. This is in addition to the deadly diseases which they spread and the annoyance of having these pests on your premises.

Fortified Red Squill, the poison which will be used, is harmless to people and domestic animals, but has proven deadly effective on rats in the control campaigns which have been conducted by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a number of years. The bait will be prepared on campaign day and set up in 3-pound packages, which is the amount needed to bait the average farm. Complete instructions for using the bait will be furnished with each package. The cost will be only \$1.00 which is a pretty small price to pay for the relief that will be obtained.

In order to mix the proper amount of bait, it must be known in advance the number of people that wish to participate. Those who wish to take an active part in getting rid of these harmful pests, send in orders, along with the \$1.00, to the County Agent's office in Hertford.

Bait will be prepared only for those who send in orders by that date. Co-operators will be notified by mail exactly when and where to obtain the bait.

Rats travel from farm to farm. Encourage your neighbor to order bait, too!

I. C. Yagel, County Agent, stated that this campaign will be a three-county affair, with Chowan and Bertie counties participating with Perquimans to stamp out rats in this area.

## HD Clubs Observe United Nations Week

Home Demonstration Clubs of Perquimans County climaxed their observance of United Nations Week on Tuesday with a presentation of a UN Flag to the County. The flag was made by members of the various clubs.

Presentation ceremonies were conducted in front of the Court House at noon Tuesday. Prayer was led by the Rev. C. W. Duling and Mrs. Eddie Harrell, County Club Leader, made the presentation to Archie T. Lane, representing the people of Perquimans County.

In presenting the flag, Mrs. Harrell explained the symbols of the flag and said, "these symbols are a token of our belief in the United Nations as a machinery working for world freedom and peace, and it is our wish that the flag be displayed to express our desire for freedom and peace."

In accepting the flag for the county, Mr. Lane stated, "Just as the American flag symbolizes a union to protect freedom and democracy for our people, so does the United Nations flag symbolize a union to protect the freedom and democracy for all people. This is now our flag. Let's rally to its support."

A color guard representing the American Legion carried the American flag and the UN flag into the ceremonies which was attended by a small group. Inclement weather prevented a scheduled parade, which included the High School Band, and was responsible for the small attendance.

## Superior Court To Convene Here Next Monday Morning

### Criminal Docket Expected To Consume Entire Court Term

The October term of Perquimans Superior Court, will open here next Monday morning, October 30, with Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh scheduled to preside.

One of the heaviest court dockets in years is listed by Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt, who stated the docket has 26 criminal cases listed for action and 31 civil cases for hearing. Court officials doubt if any of the civil cases will be tried since all believe the criminal cases will consume the entire time of the Court term.

The criminal docket consists of nine cases in which defendants are charged with drunken driving, one manslaughter case, three cases in which the defendants are charged for forgery, and a number of assault cases.

Much time is expected to be consumed in five cases in which Dennis Forbes is charged with theft of a car, breaking and entering and assault with a deadly weapon.

Fifteen civil cases are listed on the court calendar, several of which are actions of divorce, and it is possible these divorce cases may be disposed of during the week.

Jurors drawn for service at this term of court are:

H. R. Hollowell, Mrs. Lucy Elliott, Charles Winslow, Seth Umphlett, Elmer P. Robertson, Hazel Hoskins, Mrs. Blanche Delaney, Carlton Cannon, Howard Stallings, C. W. Haskett, Nathan Hurdle, Jack Benton, Garland Baker, James L. Lane, C. V. Ward, W. L. Bagley, A. H. Williams, Lawrence Perry, Charles S. Elliott, Hazel Matthews, Thomas Harrell, Louis N. Chappell, Roy Winslow, Thomas A. Proctor, Mrs. L. J. Winslow, Sammie Riddick, N. S. Spivey, Mrs. Frances Monda, T. P. Byrum, J. W. Hampton, George R. Riddick, Sr., Mrs. Laura Dull, H. H. Caddy, George R. Riddick, Jr., Clarence Dail, Willie Baccus, George Jordan, Riddick Chappell, J. T. Godfrey, Jr., George S. Caddy, Charles Skinner, Jr., Joe H. Towse, Gale Winslow, Crafton Mathews, William Cannon, J. R. Proctor, L. P. Stallings, W. N. Tucker, Freeman Umphlett and C. T. Rogerson, Sr.

## Road Commission To Receive Bids For Chowan Bridge

Announcement was made late last week that the Highway Commission will open bids for the reconstruction of the old Chowan River Bridge, at a special meeting, to be held in Raleigh November 9.

The present one and a half mile bridge was constructed in 1927, and has been inadequate for the heavy traffic for several years. Highway officials have had plans for reconstruction of the bridge under consideration for the past three years and the progress of the plans for the new bridge was welcome news to the residents of the entire Albemarle.

A temporary bridge will be constructed 210 feet downstream to carry traffic during the construction period. Specifications for the new bridge calls for 8,976 cubic yards of class A concrete; 2,408,000 pounds of reinforced steel; 24,222 feet of precast concrete piles; 2,065,000 pounds of structure steel; 45,000 pounds of machinery; 5,230 square feet of steel grid floor with concrete filling, and smaller amounts of timber, piles, riprap, and other materials to be used in the construction.

No estimate as to the cost of the structure was released but it is believed that the project will be the major highway construction in this area during the year.

## Belvidere Raritans To Sponsor Musical

Plans have been completed by members of the Belvidere Raritan Club for a presentation of a musical program, featuring the Elizabeth City Barber Shop Chorus, at Perquimans High School on Friday night, November 17, it was reported today by the club secretary.

Several other musical units will take part in the program in addition to the 35 members of the chorus. Advance sale of tickets for the event is now underway by members of the club.

## Perquimans Indians To Meet Edenton In Contest Here Friday

### Local Team Pointing For Victory Over Ancient Rivals

Perquimans High School's football team will be out to chalk up its second victory of the season when Coach Elie Fearing's charges meet the Edenton Aces in a game scheduled for Friday night on Memorial Field.

The rivalry between the two schools is of long standing, with each team holding about the same number of wins and losses. Edenton walked off with the contests for the past two years and the Indians are pointing for a win over the Aces to avenge the past two defeats.

Coach Fearing has been putting his boys through strenuous drills this week, working out plans to stop Edenton's two star backs, Cannady and Privott, and local fans are promised a real treat when the two teams tangle here tonight.

The Indians crapped a heart-breaking conference game to Williamston last Friday night by a one-point margin of 7-6, after having outplayed the Green Wave most of the contest.

Sparked by Garland Walker and Howard Williams, the Indians slashed through the Williamston line time and time again but lacked the punch to push the pigskin over the goal line.

Williamston scored first in the third period and the try for the extra point was good, giving the Greemies a 7-0 lead. Minutes later, Walker romped over the pay line for a TD for Perquimans but an attempt for the extra point failed and the Indians trailed by a score of 7-6.

Both teams had touchdowns called back because of penalties, however, the fans were treated to a fine exhibition during the evening as both teams displayed good offensive tactics.

The Edenton contest here tonight is the next to the last home game for the Indians and fans are urged to turn out and back the home team as it tries for a victory over the Aces.

## Recorder's Court Has Varied Docket At Term This Week

Seventeen cases were listed on the docket of Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday. Ten of these cases were disposed of through hearings, while five were continued and two were placed on the docket of the Superior Court.

Eight persons, Mann Skinner, Virginia Skinner, Roseanna Skinner, Lee Thach, Lillian Lilly, Maggie Foreman, Alma Burke and Martha Spruill, all Negroes, were found guilty of assault with deadly weapons, following an affray which occurred while the group were leaving a cotton field. Lee Thach, one of the defendants, was fined \$25 and costs and the remaining defendants were ordered to pay the costs of court in the case, which amounted to \$6.75 for each of the defendants.

A verdict of guilty was returned in the case in which David Lupton was charged with reckless driving. The defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Alexander Sutton, Negro, charged with trespassing, was found guilty and sentenced to jail for 30 days. A previous suspended sentence of 60 days was invoked because the defendant had failed to pay the fine in this previous case.

Submitting to charges of speeding were Heinz, Brauer, Clarence Winstead and William Kittrell, each paying costs of court. William Rose entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$5 and costs.

Francis Nightingdale was found guilty on a charge of speeding 70 miles an hour. He was fined \$15 and costs.

William Henry Riddick, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving with improper lights. He paid the costs of court.

On motion by the defendants for a trial by jury the cases of Paul Morris, charged with driving drunk, and Kyree Copeland, charged with non-support, were set for hearing in Superior Court.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. James Byrum of Norfolk, Va., announce the birth of a daughter, Karen Marie, born Thursday, October 19th, at De Paul Hospital.

## SHERIFF ENTERS SUIT AGAINST COUNTY BOARD FOR POSSESSION 1950 TAX BOOKS

### Legion Planning Armistice Program

A joint meeting of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, and the Hertford Unit of the Legion Auxiliary will be held at the Agricultural Building in Hertford, Thursday night, November 2, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced here today.

C. R. Holmes, Democratic nominee for the office of Representative for Perquimans County, will be the speaker at the meeting.

James Snipes, Post Commander, announced that plans will be formulated for an Armistice Day program which will be sponsored jointly by the Legion and the Auxiliary.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

## Sixty-five Listed On Perquimans High School Honor Roll

A record breaking number of students, 65 in all, were listed on the honor roll at Perquimans High School for the first grading period which ended last Friday, it was reported today by E. C. Woodard, principal.

The eighth grade, with 21 students, led all other classes in the number of honor students.

Winning scholastic honors were: Eighth Grade: Joseph Butt, Lois Kirby, Charles Smith, Emilie White, Carolyn Eure, Barbara Edwards, Joanna Williford, Bobby Fisher, Ray Lane, Anne Chappell, Mary Frances Eure, Peggy Harrell, Joan Madre, Julia Ann Stokes, Daryl Allen, Billie Elliott, Joseph Layden, Patricia Biggers, Bille Carolle Divers, Alice Jean Jackson and Anne Thatch.

Ninth Grade: Suzanne Towe, John Morris, Jean Butt, Joanne Lane, Katherine Ann Ward and Leo Dail.

Tenth Grade: Emile Ann Sumner, Mollie Lu Yeates, Ruth Dawson, Marilyn Baker, Faye Butt, Shirley Eure, Mable Martin Whedbee, Nan Ella White, Betty Davis and Nonie Lou Lane.

Eleventh Grade: Ben Miller, Robert Winslow, Aby Godfrey, Wilma Goodwin, Irene Hunter, Amy Van Roach, Billie Skinner, Martha Thatch, Harold Colson, Kathleen Hurdle, Tommy Sumner, Pauline Burbage, Marguerite Butler, Margaret Symons, Benita Huetchinson, Marvina White, Marjorie Winslow and Barbara Benton.

Twelfth Grade: Calvin Butt, Lewis Dawson, Billy Hill, Tracy Kirby, George Eure, Doris Faye Allen, Mary Sue Cook, Christine Thatch, Catherine Goodwin and Virginia Gay.

## Hertford PTA To Hold Halloween Party At High School Gym

The Hertford Grammar School PTA will sponsor a mammoth Halloween carnival in the High School gymnasium Tuesday evening, October 31, at 7:30 o'clock. A ticket of admission will be presented each person when that person has checked some item at the checker's booth. These articles may be a hat, coat or shoes.

The event will start with a parade from the Court House to the gym, and those planning to attend the party are requested to meet at the Court House at 7:30 o'clock to participate in the parade.

Mrs. Charlie Vann, chairman of the event said today, "Since this is one of the big events of the PTA year, we are expecting a large group of adults to attend in costume as well as the children."

A prize will be given to the adult wearing the most original costume. Prizes will be awarded also to the boy and girl wearing the best costume depicting Halloween. A door prize will be given to the person holding the lucky ticket.

The main attraction of the event will be a "Freak and Spook Show", featuring local well known freaks, spooks, ghosts and goblins. For those that live through the "spook" show there will be an apple bobbing contest, little Jack Horner plum pudding contest, toss games, fish ponds, fortune telling, funny book store, hen house, linen store, cake walk and a chicken feeding contest. Home-made candies and cookies will be sold and the public is invited to attend.

## MASONIC MEETING

Perquimans Lodge, No. 108, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

## Complaint Is Filed With Clerk of Court Here On Wednesday

Sheriff M. G. Owens filed suit in Perquimans County Superior Court here Wednesday afternoon, naming E. M. Perry, A. T. Lane, T. M. Twine, R. S. Chappell and George Jackson, as members of the Board of County Commissioners and J. W. Ward as County Tax Supervisor, as defendants in the suit in which the Sheriff seeks a writ of mandamus to command the Board to permit and issue for the use of the Sheriff, the county's 1950 tax books.

Owens, in the complaint filed in the clerk's office Wednesday, stated that he is the duly elected sheriff of Perquimans County, and as such, one of his duties is acting as tax collector. He further complains that the defendants in the suit, acting as County Commissioners, have refused to turn over the 1950 tax books to him and thus have hampered the Sheriff's action in carrying out the duties of his office.

The complaint further states that the only reason the defendants have refused to give him custody of the 1950 tax books is because two percent of the 1949 tax levy remains due.

Sheriff Owens, in the complaint further states that he has requested that the 1950 tax books be placed in his hands on several occasions but that the defendants, as the Board of Commissioners, have continued to refuse his request.

He adds that a number of taxpayers have appeared at his office to pay 1950 taxes, but that he has been unauthorized to accept the payments inasmuch as he does not have the tax receipt books in his hands.

At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held on the first Monday in October a discussion of settlement for 1949 tax collections was held between the Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Owens. However, at that time there remained \$5,700 of 1949 taxes, levied by the Commissioners, which had not been collected and the Board at that time refused to accept the unpaid balance, commonly known as insolvents. The Board at that time advised Sheriff Owens the insolvent list was too large and that they would not turn over the new books until the 1949 list had been further reduced.

The Board advised Sheriff Owens that the Attorney General had ruled that he, as tax collector, could not have two sets of tax books in his hands at the same time and that the 1950 books would be turned over when the balance of the 1949 taxes had been further reduced, and the 1949 books had been accepted as returnable to the Board.

Since that time Sheriff Owens reports that he has collected about \$2,000, which reduced the insolvent list to approximately \$3,702.71.

It has been the custom for the past several years for the Commissioners and the Sheriff to make an annual settlement of tax collections at the Commissioners' meeting in October, after which new tax books were turned over to the Sheriff. The delay in final settlement for collection of 1949 taxes has brought about the differences between the Board and the Sheriff.

## Draft Board To Call Two Groups in Nov.

Two draft calls, one for preinduction examinations and the second for induction for the month of November have been received by the Perquimans local board, it was reported this week by Mrs. Edna Winslow, clerk of the local draft board.

The first call for 20 selectees to undergo preinduction examinations, will be filed on November 14, and the induction call will be filed November 21. Mrs. Winslow stated the induction call is for 10 men, but the local board will have available only six registrants for this order. Out of its pool of 10 men, subject to induction, four have been reclassified, leaving only six subject to induction.

Most of the 20 selectees, to be ordered to fill the preinduction call, will come from the category of 20 year olds, Mrs. Winslow said. The Board at recent meetings have continued the task of reclassifying registrants, and the group from 21 to 26 have either already received orders to report for preinduction examinations or are in a deferred class.

Orders will be mailed out early next month to those registrants selected to take examinations on November 14.