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Annual March Of Dimes Campaign To Get Underway In County Next Monday

Solicitors Urged to Complete Their Canvass Within Two Weeks

Perquimans County's annual March of Dimes campaign, to raise funds for the National Foundation to conduct research and combat infantile paralysis will get underway next Monday, according to Mrs. John T. Biggers, chairman of the county drive.

The chairman announced no specific quota has been assigned to this county, to be raised during the campaign but she pointed out the National Foundation is hopeful more money will be contributed in 1954 than was donated last year. The additional funds will be needed to carry out the study of a newly discovered polio vaccine, which the foundation plans during the coming months.

Mrs. Biggers is urging all volunteer solicitors for the March of Dimes to complete the canvass of the county within two weeks, and to make all contribution reports to the Perquimans chapter treasurer, George Fields, whose office is located on Church Street in Hertford.

All funds contributed to the March of Dimes will be deposited to the county chapter treasurer, but certain percentages of the collections are mailed to the National Foundation, which also may call on the chapter for additional contributions as in the case of emergencies experienced during the past two or three years.

The public is urged to contribute liberally toward the March of Dimes fund, and to assist the volunteer solicitors by making contributions when first called upon, thus saving the workers a return trip to receive donations.

Church Attendance Crusade In Progress At Methodist Church

The members of the Hertford Methodist Church are finishing plans to cooperate in the nation-wide Church Attendance Crusade that is being promoted throughout Methodism in America. More than 100 annual conferences, having more than 9 million members, in more than 40,000 churches and served by more than 25,000 pastors are involved in the Crusade which began last Sunday to run through Easter, April 18.

The Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church has planned this nationwide Church Attendance Crusade and called upon all members to cooperate in it. The North Carolina Conference and the Elizabeth City District have endorsed it and have set up proper organization to support it. In calling for this crusade, the Council of Bishops said in part, "A large percentage of the members of the Methodist Church do not attend regularly the Sunday services in their churches. Many attend infrequently or not at all. It is evident that a new birth of spiritual life for the entire church depends in part upon a devotion to regular and systematic attendance by a large percentage of those who are counted as Methodists. . . . It is our earnest conviction that a Church Attendance Crusade will strengthen the spiritual life of a countless number of members of the church and stimulate many thousands of church members to begin the regular habit of church attendance."

This crusade of church attendance started last Sunday, the first Sunday in the new year. The Hertford Methodist Church has been so organized that a record of attendance will be kept at the 11:00 o'clock morning preaching service throughout the entire period of the Crusade, for every resident member of the church. Reports will be made at the services and an Honor Roll kept. The pastor states, "we plan to let the people all know we want to see them at church."

New Ford Cars On Display This Week

The new 1954 line of Ford cars was on display at the Winslow-Blanchard Motor Company last Wednesday morning and C. C. Winslow, manager of the local Ford agency has issued an invitation to the public to visit the company's showrooms for a view of the new cars.

Many changes, including an entirely new engine in the passenger cars, feature the 1954 Ford line, and may be seen at Winslow-Blanchard's this week-end.

BAKE SALE SATURDAY

Catherine's Auxiliary will have a bake sale at Perry's Electric Saturday morning beginning at 9 o'clock.

A New Look

A "new look" is being added to Hertford streets this week by employees of the town. New street markers, long advocated by local civic organizations, finally arrived from the manufacturer and are being installed at the various street intersections.

The Town's electrical department is also installing the new white-way on Church Street, and it is believed this project will be completed by this week-end and the white-way will be turned on to add attractiveness to the business district.

Many residents are expressing opinions of praise for the improvements which are adding the new look to the town.

Building And Loan Association Report Shows Good Growth

Assets of the Hertford Building and Loan Association reached an all-time high of \$122,877.06 by the end of 1953 it was announced today by A. W. Hefren, Association President.

In the institution's annual report, to be filed with the State Commissioner of Insurance, Mr. Hefren disclosed that net savings increased during the year, to \$102,022.25. This represented an increase of more than 10 per cent over 1952.

The Association issued 464 shares of stock during the year, and made loans amounting to \$39,500.00. Of this amount \$22,900.00 represented loans made to assist in construction of new homes.

During 1953 the Association added \$1,033.82 to its reserves. Total assets of the Association increased approximately 15 per cent during 1953 as compared to the previous year.

Commenting on the year, Mr. Hefren noted that the home mortgage market in some sections of the country was "marred by unsettled conditions" in 1953.

"Where money shortages occurred, they were largely the result of other types of financial institutions withdrawing some of their funds from the home financing field to enable them to take advantage of more attractive investments elsewhere," he maintained.

Pointing out that savings associations never drop out of the home financing field, Mr. Hefren added that these institutions "are the only constantly reliable source of home mortgage money."

Rotarians To Seek Preservation Of Historic Sites

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club, at their meeting held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford, adopted as a project the preservation of historic landmarks within Perquimans County.

The action followed a report on the run-down condition of the gravesite of Thomas Harvey, first Governor of the Albemarle, which is located at Harvey Point, and which was reconditioned by men stationed at the Harvey Point NAAS in 1945.

According to the report given the Rotarians this historic site is again covered with heavy growths of weeds and bushes, and a fence surrounding the plot has rotted down.

The Rotarians plan action seeking to recondition the area, and will also make attempts to have the State Historical Association incorporate the site, and others in Perquimans County into the group of historic areas maintained by the association.

The club also voted to entertain the players, managers and coaches of the Perquimans High School football team at a dinner on a date in February to be announced later.

C. R. Holmes, president of the club, advised the members the election of club officers for the 1954-55 year will be held next Tuesday night.

Noted Quaker To Speak In County

Frodo T. Elliott, noted Quaker of Richmond, Indiana, will speak at the Pine Woods Church near Belvidere on Friday night, January 15, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced here this week.

The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Recorder's Court Has Heavy Docket After Week's Recess

Twenty Eight Cases Disposed Of At Session On Tuesday

A heavy docket, consisting of 28 cases, was disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday, with Judge Chas. E. Johnson presiding.

Fines of \$15 and costs were taxed against Guy Hall and Richard Helm-kemp, each of whom submitted to charges of speeding. Fines of \$10 and costs were assessed against James Layden, John Witmer, Theodore Kolish, and Theodore Flood, all of whom entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding. Also charged with speeding, and taxed with costs of court were Martha Mansfield, Harold Baker, Kenneth Dunn, Gerald Decosta and Frank Emory.

William Hunter and Thomas James, both Negroes, entered pleas of guilty to charges of driving with insufficient brakes. The defendants were ordered to pay the costs of court.

John Lane was found guilty on a charge of passing a school bus, illegally. He was ordered to pay the court costs.

Fines of \$2 and costs of court were paid by Jasper Sawyer, Charlie Williamson and Josh Zachary, each of whom submitted to charges of being drunk on a highway.

Louis Sawyer and Joseph Nichols, charged with driving on the left side of a highway, entered pleas of guilty and each paid the costs of court.

Fines of \$25 and costs, each were taxed against Carl Wright and David Douglas, Negroes, each of whom submitted to charges of reckless driving.

Clyde Dunbar entered a plea of guilty to charges of possessing and using fireworks. He was ordered to pay the costs of court.

Percy Jordan, Negro, was fined \$5 and costs after pleading guilty to charges of being drunk on a highway.

Emmos Gibbs, Negro, pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk on the streets of Hertford. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended upon the condition Gibbs is not convicted of a similar charge within six months.

One half court costs were taxed against James Jones and George Johnson, Jr., Negroes, after each had entered a plea of guilty to charges of fighting.

Fred Gilliam, Negro, was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs after submitting to a charge of driving without a license.

Oncil Tanner was ordered to pay the costs of court on a charge of illegally passing a motor vehicle. He entered a plea of guilty.

Farm Specialist To Hold School On Soil And Plant Feeding

Nitrogen, phosphate and potash are the three major nutrients purchased in a fertilizer. Farmers in North Carolina have recognized the importance of fertilizer in securing yields. Although many acres in North Carolina are well limed and fertilized, estimates indicate that much of the cropland needs more nitrogen, potash, phosphate, and lime than is being applied, according to Ralph Sasser, Assistant County Agent. One is often impressed with the sharp contrast between the improved farm and the run-down farm. Often the two situations are divided by only a road, property line or just a fence row.

Proper fertilizer and good management practices are some of the subjects that will be covered by Dr. E. R. Collins, and his specialists, at the Perquimans County Agricultural Building January 12, at 2:00, according to Mr. Sasser. Dr. Collins will have slides showing feeding areas of different plant roots, this would explain present placement of fertilizer. He will discuss broadcast versus row applications of fertilizers, and pre-plant applications of anhydrous ammonia.

Mr. Sasser also states this class should be very beneficial to the majority of farmers in Perquimans County.

Perquimans FFA Wins Tool Contest

A tool identification contest, conducted by the Albemarle FFA Federation at Perquimans High School in December 17, was won by members of the Perquimans FFA team. Week-end placed second on the contest, Chowan and Griggs tied for third.

Members of the local team were Jesse Boyce, Donald Baker and Philip Phillips.

County Board Holds Routine Meeting Here Last Monday

Plans For Full Time Assistant Agent Is Postponed

The Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County met here in regular session last Monday, and in addition to handling the usual routine business matters, were advised by Mrs. Veront J. Langford, District Supervisor for Home Agents, that plans previously adopted by the local Board for employing a full-time assistant home agent will have to be postponed until the next fiscal year but efforts will be continued to secure an assistant agent to be employed part time in Perquimans and part time in Chowan County.

The Board authorized Mrs. Langford and Miss Kinsey Perry to fill the position with an applicant who meets the requirements of the State Extension Office.

Approval was voted to a petition presented for improvement of the Yeopim-Bear Swamp road, subject to final approval of the State Highway Commission.

The Board authorized the transfer of \$10,000 from the general fund to the Health Building Fund, as a loan, to expedite the payment for construction of the new health center. This sum will be returned to the general fund upon receipt of State and federal monies paid to ward the construction.

Charles Skinner, Jr., representing the Hertford Fire Department, gave the Board a report on fires fought in the county during 1953. Mr. Skinner reported the department answered calls to 42 fires, 23 in the county, 17 within the town and two outside the county.

The county fire truck, according to the report was driven a total of 99 miles to cut of the county fires and 342 miles to fires within the county. Estimated losses from the 40 fires within the county was set at \$52,740. The fire, last summer, at Major Loomis Company caused an estimated loss of \$35,000.

Members of the Board commended the local fire department for its efficient work during the year fighting fires, and praised the department for its spirit of cooperation.

Masons Install New Officers In Public Ceremony Tuesday

For the first time in 30-odd years officers of Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., were installed in a public ceremony, held Tuesday night in the lodge rooms in the Court House.

B. C. Berry, acting as Marshal, presented W. J. Kanoy for installation as Master. Installation being made by J. S. Bass. Master Kanoy then installed the following officers for the lodge for the coming year: C. F. Murray, Senior Warden; Elijah White, Junior Warden; J. S. Bass, treasurer; Cecil C. Winslow, secretary; R. C. Murray, chaplain; John Decker, Senior Deacon; Russell Baker, Junior Deacon; Henry C. Sullivan, Senior Steward; Dr. A. B. Bonner, Junior Steward; and J. S. Vick, Tyler.

The installation services were conducted before a capacity crowd in the lodge rooms.

During the ceremonies a Past Master Jewel was presented the outgoing Master, J. S. Bass by Mr. Kanoy.

Following the installation, group pictures were taken of the newly installed officers, all Past Masters present, and of all Masons and guests present.

The program was concluded with the serving of refreshments.

White Funeral Held Monday Afternoon

Funeral services for Charles Irvin White 73, who died last Saturday night at 6 P. M., after a long illness, were conducted at the Lynch Funeral Home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. A. L. Chaplain, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

During the services the choir sang In the Sweet Bye and Bye.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. J. F. Jernigan of Norfolk, Va.; two sons, J. Preston White of Norfolk, and Rufus White of Suffolk; one sister, Mrs. Estella Fentress of Norfolk and three grandchildren.

Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were D. F. Reed, Dr. C. A. Davenport, L. B. Sitterson, R. C. Murray, Fenton Britt and Julian White.

Special Term Of Superior Court To Convene Here On Monday, January 18

Next Cancer Clinic Planned For Friday

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic, postponed on January 1, will be held at the Health Center in Elizabeth City Friday, January 8, it was announced this week.

A free chest X-ray will be given anyone who wishes it along with the examination of the five areas of the body where Cancer is most easily found and cured.

Each person attending the clinic is requested to bring a robe or housecoat.

Indians And Squaws Win Double Header From Griggs High

Opening games in the Albemarle Rural Basketball Conference were played here Tuesday night with Perquimans High winning a double header from Griggs. The Indian Squaws won from Griggs girls 34 to 16, while Perquimans boys won a one-sided affair 61 to 41.

Coach Ike Perry used his entire squad in the girls' game, giving his reserves some much needed experience. White led the scoring for Perquimans hitting for a total of 14 points during the first half. Winslow scored five points for Perquimans and Edwards also tallied five points.

The Squaws gained a 14-3 lead in the first period and increased this advantage to 26-5 at half time. The Perquimans reserves maintained the lead 30-10 at the third period final and coasted to victory in the final quarter.

John Morris sparked the Indians in winning the opening game for the Indians, hitting for a total of 21 points.

Perquimans, displaying some excellent shooting and passing, moved into a 19-11 lead during the first period and increased this lead to 13 points during the second quarter. Score at half-time was 33-20 in favor of the Indians. The Griggs team came back strong in the third period outscoring the Indians 14 to 10 but Perquimans led 43 to 34. The Indians turned on the steam again in the final canto to hit for 18 points while holding Griggs to seven.

Woodhouse led his Griggs teammates in scoring tallying a total of 18 points against the Indians. Zink got 10 points for Griggs.

Scoring for the Indians were Morris with 21, Allen and H. Williams with 12 points each, Matthews 7, Towe 6, Williams 2 and Ross one.

Smith Rites Held Thursday Afternoon

Funeral services for Warren W. Smith, 80, who died at his home near Center Hill, Wednesday morning at 3:30 o'clock, were conducted at the Center Hill Baptist Church Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. Carl Chandler, assisted by the Rev. Lee Phillips.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nellie Smith; five daughters, Mrs. Willie Stallings of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. Annie Chalk of Norfolk, Mrs. Grant Lane of Jackson, Mrs. James Ownley of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Zack Phillips; two sons, Haywood Smith and Johnnie Smith of Winfall; three sisters, Mrs. C. M. Umphlett, Mrs. Laura Stallings and Mrs. Sidney Pierce and five brothers, Harry of Elizabeth City, Gus of Raleigh, Matt of Fremont, James of Suffolk and Gordon Smith of Ahoskie.

Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

TB Seal Sale Lags Behind Expected Goal

Response to the appeal for funds, made during the annual TB Seal Sale in Perquimans County during December, lagged behind expected goals according to Mrs. Duke Cropsy, executive secretary of the District TB Association.

Mrs. Cropsy reported out of the 1,441 letters mailed to local residents only 656 letters had been mailed back, and contributions amount to \$782. The quota assigned Perquimans County was \$1,950.

Inasmuch as the funds raised through the sale of the seals are used for health education, case-finding, medical research and rehabilitation a final appeal is being issued to persons who have not mailed in contributions to do so now.

Mrs. Cropsy points out Christmas Seals are the only source of income for the District TB Association, and with mass X-ray units coming to the district next June and July the need for funds is urgent.

Judge Burgwyn To Pre-side Over Term Of Civil Actions

A special term of Perquimans Superior Court with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn presiding, will convene here Monday, January 18 for a week's civil court, it was announced by W. H. Pitt, Clerk of Court.

A calendar listing 22 cases for trial has been released by the Clerk and reads as follows:

Clifton Hardy vs. Mildred Hardy. Mary G. Male vs. Charlie Male. Sarah Lilly vs. Joshua Lilly. Daisy Manley vs. Howard Manley. Delores Newby vs. J. H. Lilly. Retha S. Chesson vs. Bruster Chesson. Evelyn Stallings vs. Joseph Stallings.

The matter of the Will of Lena Flanagan.

S. M. Long vs. Norman Elliott. S. M. Long vs. Major-Loomis Co. N. W. Chappell vs. Elbert Chappell, et als.

J. H. Newbold Estate vs. Jesse Phillips.

Jack Sawyer vs. Robert Ivey, et als. Sarah Barnes vs. Ellis Weaver. Curlee Felton vs. J. H. Lilly. James E. Skinner vs. Susan Jacocks, et als.

Ralph E. Miller vs. N-S Railway Co. Norman Godfrey vs. Hazel Jackson, et al.

Dewey Stallings vs. Wayland White, Jr.

John Colson vs. Charles Colson, et als. Radio Supply Co., vs. J. M. Spruill. Wilbur O. Lamb vs. Preston Copeland.

Following this week of special court a regular civil term will be conducted beginning the week of January 25.

Board of Education In Meeting On Last Monday Night

Members of the Board of Education met in regular session in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on last Monday night.

During the meeting the Board approved the employment of Miss Dillwyn Denton, of Dunn as teacher of the eighth grade at Perquimans High School, to succeed Mrs. J. W. Ward, who was filling the position on a temporary basis. Miss Denton began her duties with the local school system last Monday.

The Board approved the appointment of C. T. Skinner, Jr., to fill the position as property and cost clerk for the Perquimans Schools' transportation system. This position was authorized by the last General Assembly, to be established in each county of the State to keep and maintain records of property and costs of operation of school buses.

Approval was voted by the Board a committee recommendation for the back-topping of driveways at county schools, which will provide additional safety for the children and also more parking areas at some of the schools. The petition for the project will be presented to the State Highway Commission for final approval.

The Board also voted to construct a storeroom within the county garage to provide space of storing of transportation property.

Hertford Cleaners Leased This Week

The Hertford Cleaners will be under new management during 1954. It was announced today by Bernard F. Proctor, owner and operator of the Market Street cleaning plant for the past three years.

Proctor said that the business was under lease for the current year to Chester S. Jenkins of Gatesville.

Although he will continue to spend a considerable amount of time in Hertford for the present, Proctor will begin the active management of his father's business, Proctor's Store, of Selma, N. C., the elder Proctor having recently retired due to illness.

Jenkins who is already well known to many in Hertford and Perquimans County started management of the business this week.

No change in personnel at the plant is contemplated, Jenkins said, adding that "the same high quality service that has been the standard policy of The Hertford Cleaners will be continued."

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Banks announce the birth of twin daughters born Monday, January 4th, at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.