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Perquimans Indians Defeat Williamston In Section Playoff

District Tournament Is Being Held This Week At Ahoskie

Perquimans Indians, champions of the Albemarle Basketball Conference, continued their successful season by winning the Section 1 District 1 Class A playoff staged here last week-end. Perquimans defeated a strong Williamston team 58 to 49 in the final round of the sectional and won the right to compete in the district tournament being played this week-end in Ahoskie.

In first round games played in the local sectional Williamston defeated Colerain 52 to 23 and Perquimans overhauled Belhaven 66 to 38.

In the sectional finals Perquimans avenged the only defeat suffered this season by defeating the Williamston Green Wave. Cliff Towe sparked the Indians' offensive hitting for 17 points. Coach Ike Perry changed his team's offensive tactics from a deliberate passing, careful shooting attack to one of a fast moving weave which kept Williamston off-balance. Howard Williams, second high scorer for the Indians did a fine defensive job on Williamston's center, Perry, who was held to 12 points.

The game was a hard-fought battle all the way but Perquimans outscored Williamston in each period, and broke the game open in the final quarter securing a nine point advantage with about three minutes left in the game. Perquimans held a 24-20 lead at half time.

Other scoring by Perquimans was Allen with seven points, Matthews seven and Morris 15.

In the Belhaven game Perquimans secured a 16-12 lead during the first period and moved away fast in the second canto getting an 11-point lead after four minutes of play. Belhaven scored only four points during the period. Perquimans led at halftime 32 to 17.

Paul Matthews sparked a third quarter scoring spree for the Indians which gave Perquimans a 42-27 lead during the third period, and from there the Indians coasted to victory. Williams led the scoring with 20 points, followed by Allen with 14, Matthews 13, Morris 12 and Towe five.

Fans And Players Favor Team Entering Albemarle League

Perquimans County baseball fans and players have, in large numbers, indicated approval of having a team entered in the Albemarle League in event that league is reorganized for play during the coming summer.

At a meeting held in the Court House last Tuesday night, attended by a large number of fans and several players, it was reported by the temporary committee a sufficient number of players had expressed a desire to play for the county to field a team in the league.

The fans organized a permanent committee at the meeting Tuesday to complete arrangements for entering the county team in the league and securing players. Members of the committee are H. N. Nixon, business manager; George Fields, secretary-treasurer; Henry C. Stokes, Jr., Wallace Morgan and Max Campbell, board members.

Plans for the operation of the team calls for a strictly amateur proposition. There will be no hire players on the team, which will be composed of county players, although the local unit will be entitled to use three players from Gates County. Gate receipts are to be used for paying operating expenses and in the event any funds are left at the close of the season these will be divided among the players.

Indications are at this time, the league will be organized.

County Board In Special Meeting On Monday

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners and Tax Supervisor will meet in the Court House on Monday, March 15, as a Board of Equalization and Review, to handle matters pertaining to the 1954 tax valuation of property in this county.

Persons who desire to register complaints or ask for adjustments in their property valuation are urged to be present for this meeting, as it will be difficult to secure corrections, even if they are deemed justifiable, after the commissioners adjourn as a board of equalization.

The meeting next Monday will open at 10 A. M.



Perquimans High School 4-H chapter got off to a good start in the current season when it took first place honors in Kinston Friday in competition with 12 other teams. Members of the Perquimans team are, left to right, bottom row: Wallace Baker and Clarence Chappell of Belvidere and John Hill of Hertford. Top row are Julian Howell and Thomas Chappell of Hertford. Bobby Smith, the other team member, was absent when the picture was taken. The team took third place in the State 4-H judging contest in 1953. It is coached by Ralph Sasser, assistant county agent.

4-H'ers Observe National Club Week

BY RALPH SASSER

Assistant Farm Agent

Perquimans County 4-H Club members along with club members in 34 more states, Canada and Hawaii will observe National 4-H Club Week March 6-12. You have no doubt read of many honors that have come to some of our 4-H members here in Perquimans, for example, our 4-H Livestock Judging Teams won first place and a beautiful trophy at the Angus Field Day held at Kinston Friday, March 5. The boys judging in last Friday's contest were Wallace Baker, Clarence Chappell, Jr., Bobby Smith, John Hill, Julian Howell and Thomas Ed. Chappell. Now what about the organization and history of this club that reaches more than two million boys and girls. Well, the 4-H club work, as we now know it, became possible in 1914 when Congress passed the Smith-Leaves Act. This law authorized the Agricultural Extension program and provided funds for carrying it to the rural people of America. The primary objective of this work is to help acquaint farm folks with the better practices in agriculture and homemaking. 4-H work is that part of the Extension Program which deals with the young people of the United States. The South has come to the front with a strong progressive youth program and North Carolina leads the nation in the number of club members. North Carolina now has 2,325 organized 4-H clubs with a total membership of 142,513.

We here in Perquimans County have taken advantage of the opportunities offered by the club work, winning many honors and awards in the past. However, we can do much better, winning is important in any type of competition, but learning is much more important. We here with the Extension Service welcome the opportunity to work with each and every club member in Perquimans County. There is room for every boy in Perquimans to do club work. There are no fees, no dues, all it takes to be a good club member is the ability to learn and a little elbow grease.

Many counties in North Carolina have local volunteer leaders assisting with the 4-H work in their community. In 1953, North Carolina had 13,383 such volunteer leaders. The qualifications to be a volunteer 4-H leader is the love for community betterment, willingness to work with young people and a small amount of time. Perquimans County should have such leaders. Do we?

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As I see the picture, 4-H work develops in boys and girls methods designed to improve practices in agriculture and homemaking to the end that farm income may be increased, standards of living improved, and the satisfaction of farm life enhanced. We have full confidence that the refreshing knowledge and fortitude of our American youth and particularly of our rural boys and girls will pull this nation through.

Myers Captured By Highway Patrolman

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A few days later he was booked for reckless driving in Suffolk, Va., and released on bond. Police said he later stole a car at Whaleville, Va. At the time of his escape from Manie Prison Camp Myers was serving more than 30 years for a series of larcenies, including the breaking and entering and larceny of watches from the W. M. Divers & Son store in Hertford.

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Twenty-three Cases Listed On Docket In Recorder's Court

Traffic Violators Make Up Majority of Defendants

Traffic violations headed up the list of 23 cases heard by the Perquimans Recorder Court in session here last Tuesday. Sixteen of the cases disposed of involved violation of the State speed laws.

George Davis paid a fine of \$15 and costs after submitting to charges of speeding. Melvin Kalman and William Wetzel paid fines of \$10 and costs after enter pleas of guilty to the same charges.

Costs of court were assessed against Henry Roberson, Charles Schnaars, Willie Webb, James Coco, Lawrence Tamargo, Sam Lacour, Casper Overton, Howland Bottomley, James Davidson, Jr., David Abraham, Mary Ciscenzo, Irving Fisher and Gladys Pettiford, all of whom submitted to charges of speeding.

Melvin Chappell entered a plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving and paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Costs of court were taxed against George Harris, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of following too close behind a motor vehicle.

A fine of \$10 and costs were taxed against Rayden Barber, who was charged with driving a vehicle equipped with insufficient brakes. Barber submitted to the charge.

A. C. Watson, Negro, pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk on the streets of Hertford and paid a fine (Continued on Page Eight)

Town Board Holds Routine Meeting

Hertford's Town Board met Monday night in its regular March meeting and handled routine fiscal matters.

Mayor V. N. Darden reported to the Board work on remodeling the ice storage room at the municipal plant had been completed, and progress was being made for the State Highway Commission to include part of Edenton Road Street into the State highway system.

Mayor Darden also advised the Board concerning a hearing held in Raleigh during which the Virginia Electric Power Company sought an increase in power rates. The hearing was before the State Utilities Commission and the interested parties are awaiting a decision by the State Commission.

COUNTY ALLOCATED \$137,447 BY STATE BOARD FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PURPOSES

Perquimans County has been allocated the sum of \$137,447 from the first 25 million dollars of school bonds to be issued by the State, according to a report from Raleigh late last week.

The allocation was announced by the State Board of Education following a division of the funds to the various school units of the State. The division was made upon the basis of divided one-half of the 50 million dollars available in the following manner: \$100,000 to each of the 100 counties which used up 10 million dollars of the fund. Another 15 million dollars was divided upon the basis of the school population, which gave Perquimans an additional \$37,447.

Additional funds are expected to be allocated to Perquimans County from the second 25 million dollars but some time is expected to elapse before the final amount is reported.

It will probably be several months before the State Board adopts a formula for spending the second 25 million dollars. The law says the Board of Education and the Governor shall allocate the second 25 million dollars on the basis of need and what each school unit has done to meet it.

The Perquimans County Board of Education has surveyed the needs of the county system and a committee will travel to Raleigh soon to present the findings of this survey to the State Board. The local Board has ascertained the needs of each school of the county and will request funds to carry out a program to supply these needs.

Presently plans are being developed for constructing four additional classrooms and a library at the Central Grammar School, and it is the hope of the local Board this project can be completed by the opening of the school term next September. The second project proposed by the Board is the construction of additional facilities for the Hertford Colored School, doing away with the present wooden structure. Other projects planned by the local Board will be determined by the allocation of additional funds by the State Board and Governor.

Formation Of Industrial Committee Sparked At Jaycee Meeting Wednesday

Seeking Re-election



WALTER W. COHOON

Walter W. Cohoon of Elizabeth City today announced his candidacy for re-election to the office of Solicitor for the First Judicial District, subject to the approaching Democratic primary.

In making the announcement concerning his candidacy Mr. Cohoon stated: "I wish to express my appreciation again for the generous support given me in the past, and I hope that the discharge of my duties as Solicitor has been in such manner as to have met with the approval of my fellow citizens and to have merited their continued support. I earnestly solicit, and shall be grateful for, the vote and support of my constituents of the First Judicial District."

Edenton Rector To Preach Here

The Rev. Gordon D. Benett, rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton, will preach next Tuesday evening, March 16, at 8:00 P. M., at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. This will be the second in the series of Tuesday Lenten preaching services. Mr. Bennett is a native North Carolinian, having been born in Roanoke Rapids. He attended George Washington University and is a graduate of the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va. Prior to his studying at the Seminary he had several years of experience in the business world and he was rector of the Church of the Holy Communion in Allendale, South Carolina, when he accepted the call to the Edenton Parish in 1950. Everyone is specially invited to attend these Tuesday evening prayer services.

Rogerson Funeral Conducted Thursday

Mrs. Rachel Elnora Rogerson, age 68, died Monday morning near Durham after a lingering illness. She was a native of Chowan County but had been living at Beech Springs for the past seven years. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Myers Dail and wife of the late Raymond R. Rogerson. Deceased was a member of the Great Hope Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Clodia Hunter of Beach Springs; two sons, Raymond R. Rogerson of Tampa, Fla., and Dan E. Rogerson of Norfolk, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Della Edwards of South Norfolk, Va., Mrs. J. F. Turner of Wanchese and Mrs. Ada Moore of Elizabeth; three brothers, Walter Dail of Route 2, Hertford, Luther Dail of Edenton and Ernest Dail of Ocean View, Va.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home by the Rev. Carroll Beale, pastor of the Anderson Methodist Church. Members of the Baptist Church Choir sang "Rock of Ages" and "Sometime We'll Understand," accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Ellie White.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Perry announce the birth of a daughter, born Monday, March 8, at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

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Group Hears Talk By Ahoskie Official On Organization

New enthusiasm for the development of an industrial expansion program for Perquimans County was developed here last Wednesday night during a dinner meeting of the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce, at which bosses of the Jaycees and other interested men were special guests of the organization.

Al Freeman, vice president of the Ahoskie Chamber of Commerce, was guest speaker for the event and he told of the planning program developed and now in progress in his community. He outlined some of the preliminary work to be done in producing an attractive picture of the community for prospective industries which included an itemized list of natural resources, local labor supply, freight rates, sources and supply of electric power and recreational facilities such as parks and playgrounds. He also recommended the community plan and adopt a zoning law.

In developing a program for industrial expansion Mr. Freeman cautioned the group to plan and build for the future; not to look forward to immediate rewards, but to gains which will benefit the community in the years to come.

Mr. Freeman told the group this was his first visit to Hertford and that he was much impressed with the town; that it was clean and delightful.

He recommended the formation of an industrial committee and also an organization similar to a chamber of commerce to promote the community.

At the close of the talk by Mr. Freeman a discussion was conducted and a number of questions and answers resulted in the adoption of a proposal to organize an industrial committee. Robert L. Hollowell, D. M. Jackson and A. W. Heffen were nominated as members of the committee and these men are to be joined by three members of the Jaycees, to be appointed by Jaycee President Henry Stokes, Jr., as a committee of six to serve as temporary committee to work for a permanent organization.

Ralph Sasser, program chairman for the bosses' night event, introduced Mr. Freeman, and also Ollie Brown, secretary of Ahoskie Chamber of Commerce, who took part in the discussion following Mr. Freeman's talk.

Henry C. Stokes, Jr., president of the Jaycees, presided over the meeting.

Rev. Duling Accepts Call To Windsor Baptist Church

The Rev. Charles W. Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church for the past eight years, has tendered his resignation to the local church to accept a call to the Cashie Baptist Church in Windsor.

Announcement of Rev. Duling's resignation was made to the church membership during morning services last Sunday and it was reluctantly accepted to become effective April 5.

Mr. Duling became pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church in January, 1946, and during his pastorate the church has made much progress, only recently completing plans for enlargement of the church facilities.

He was also active in local civic work and was for several years Home Service Officer for the Perquimans Chapter of the Red Cross.

Prior to his coming to Hertford Mr. Duling served several years as chaplain in the U. S. Armed Forces during World War II.

Central PTA Meets Next Monday Night

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School will hold its March meeting Monday evening, March 15, in the school cafeteria at 7:30 o'clock.

The Bagley Swamp community with Mrs. Joseph Winslow as chairman, will have charge of the program.

The topic for March is "Adventures In Understanding." Mrs. Joseph Winslow will conduct the devotional and there will also be special music as a part of the devotional.

Mrs. A. R. Ross, Mrs. Joshua Sutton and Thomas Maston will speak on "International Relationships." Miss Audrey Umphlett will discuss various phases of health.

Members and interested patrons are cordially invited.