

Officials To Present County School Building Needs To State Panel Tuesday

Discussion to Determine Allocation Of Funds To Perquimans

School building needs in Perquimans County, to be constructed under 1953 Bond program, will be presented to the State Review Panel next Tuesday morning by J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent; J. Edgar Morris, Chairman of the Board of Education, Silas M. Whedbee, County Attorney and Max R. Campbell, County Accountant.

The local officials will meet with the State Review Panel, headed by John L. Cameron, Director Division of School Planning, for the purpose of outlining existing building needs to provide adequate space for present and future school population.

The group will review overall plans, already compiled through surveys conducted by the various school committees and the Board of Education, and will point out to the State Panel estimated financial requirements for this program.

Final allocation of State funds, to be made from the remaining 25 million dollars of the bond issue, will be determined through this and similar meetings. Representatives from each county in the State will meet with the Review Panel before the balance of the state funds is divided, according to reports from Raleigh.

Perquimans County has already been allocated the sum of \$137,447, from the first \$25 million of state funds received through the sale of bonds. This division was made upon the basis of \$100,000 to each county in the state and the school population of each county.

Completing the overall program, needed in Perquimans County, will depend on the final allocation made to the county from the state funds remaining. The original allotment from making no immediate plans for construction, other than the project at the Central Grammar School, until it is notified of the total allocation.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The State Revenue Department estimated a new high in receipts from income taxes for 1954, but announced it will be late this week before total figures can be released. The State collected approximately 78 million dollars in 1953, and the estimate for 1954 has been set at about three million dollars above this mark.

In Washington, the Senate is now considering the new tax bill passed last week by the House, but it is reported Senate action may not come for several weeks. Some Senate leaders are advocating the proposed increase in personal exemptions which was defeated in the House.

An effort is being made to restrict the role of Senator Joe McCarthy in the forthcoming probe of the McCarthy row with the Army. The Wisconsin Senator states he will not step aside at the hearing and insists on his right to question Army witnesses.

An effort to unseat Senator Dennis Chavez, D-Ariz., because of alleged irregularities in his election, failed this week when the Senate voted 53 to 36 against invalidating the election in which Chavez was declared the winner.

Belvidere Ruritans Observe Ladies' Night

The members of the Belvidere Ruritan Club, with their wives, met at the Belvidere Community Building Tuesday evening, March 16. Edwin S. White, chairman of the High School Committee and in charge of the program, has as his guests Supt. and Mrs. J. T. Biggers, the husbands and wives of the high school committee and the school faculty and several other guests.

Taking part on the program for the evening were Mr. Biggers, E. C. Woodard and Joe Tunnell.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Elliott announce the birth of a son, John Ambrose, Jr., in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, March 14. Mrs. Elliott, before her marriage, was Miss Evelyn Parrish of Ahsokie.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
A son, Gary Joseph, was born on March 15, to Mr. and Mrs. George J. Woods in the U. S. Naval Hospital, Camp Lejeune, N. C. Mrs. Woods, before her marriage, was the former Miss Ruth Foster.

Red Cross Drive Lagging In County

The annual Red Cross Fund Drive appears to be lagging in Perquimans County according to reports made this week by Henry C. Stokes, Jr., and George Fields, co-chairmen for the campaign.

Only one-fourth of the county's quota of \$1,285 had been collected and reported to the chapter treasurer up to Monday of this week, and with the campaign scheduled to close on an official close on Wednesday of next week the chairmen urge all solicitors to make immediate canvasses of their territory and report contributions in order that the chapter officers may be prepared to bring the drive to a successful close on the last day of March.

Indians Play Aces In Baseball Opener Friday Afternoon

Perquimans High School's baseball team, runners-up for the Class A State Championship in 1953, will open its 1954 season Friday afternoon when they meet their old rivals the Edenton Aces on Hicks Field in Edenton. Game time has been set for two o'clock.

The Indians this year will be composed of the same roster as last year with the exception of Vernon White, pitcher, John Winslow and Billy Chappell.

Paul Matthews is expected to be the number one pitcher on Coach Ike Perry's squad this season.

Perquimans will again compete in the State Elimination playoffs and the following schedule of games has been arranged:

- March 30—Columbia, there.
- April 1—Central, here.
- April 6—Cokerain, here.
- April 8—Open.
- April 13—Colerain, there.
- April 14—Edenton, here.
- April 20—Plymouth, here.
- April 23—Williamston, here.
- April 27—Plymouth, there.
- April 30—Open.

All district games must be completed by May 7; the state regional playoff will be played by May 14, the Eastern playoff by May 21 and the State finals by May 29. The State finals will be played in the East again this year.

Contest Monday To Pick Festival Queen

A beauty contest, sponsored by the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce, will be conducted at the State Theatre Monday night at nine o'clock to select a Beauty Queen to represent Perquimans County in the annual Potato Festival to be staged in Elizabeth City.

A Jaycee Committee composed of Guy Cannon, C. T. Skinner, Jr., Marion Swindell and Floyd Benton is in charge of the arrangements for the local contest. The committee announces local contestants will be sponsored by the various civic organizations of the county.

First place winner in the contest will receive a \$25 savings bond from the Jaycees and a month's pass to the State Theatre. Second place winner will receive a month's pass to the theatre and third place winner a pass good for two weeks. Each contestant will receive a one night pass to the theatre.

County Council To Meet Saturday P. M.

The Perquimans County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs will hold their regular spring meeting Saturday afternoon, March 27, at 2:30 in the Agricultural Building. Mrs. E. J. Proctor urges all council members and other interested persons to attend. Several items of business are to be discussed.

Mrs. Vernon James of Pasquotank County, State Music Chairman will be there to discuss the music program. She will also give information concerning the procedure to use in carrying out a musical pageant for Fall Achievement Day.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller of Claverack, N. Y., announce the birth of a daughter, born Sunday, March 21. Mrs. Miller is the former Miss Nita Newbold.

Thirty-Six Cases Listed On Docket Of Recorder Court

Traffic Violations Account For Most Part Of Calendar

A total of thirty-six cases were listed on the docket of the Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday, following a court recess of one week. A majority of the cases listed cover violations of the traffic laws.

Costs of court were assessed against Seba Wright, Samuel Orner, Michael D'Avia, J. C. Hensen, Erving Seaman, Leonard Paul, Samuel Brooks, V. A. Yerratti, Stanley Coons, Hoskin Bass, Wilbur Burton, Anthony Volpi and James Sawyer, each of whom submitted to charges of speeding.

Mary Price paid a fine of \$5 and costs of court and Hugh Plaxton paid a fine of \$15 and costs after each had entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding.

John Mallory, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs on charges of being drunk and resisting an officer.

Emanuel Miller, Negro, submitted to charges of escape from an officer and paid the costs of court.

A fine of \$10 and costs were taxed against Willie Sutton, Negro, who entered a plea of guilty to charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

Guy Cash submitted to charges of non-support and paid the costs of court and he was ordered to pay the sum of \$25 a week for support of his child.

Costs of court were taxed against Earl Ward, Mildred Owens, Pauline Ford, Katie Bragg, each of whom submitted to charges of failing to observe a stop sign.

Hoyle Hawkins and William Russell paid the costs of court after entering a plea of guilty to charges of improper passing.

Elmer Sutton, Negro, was fined \$2 and costs on charges of being drunk.

James Spruill, Negro, waived a preliminary hearing on charges of larceny and forgery of a check and his case was ordered set upon the docket of the Superior Court. Spruill was arrested by Sheriff M. G. Owens, who reported the defendant had given a confession of the crime.

Norwood Gaylord and Carlton Perry, Negro, each entered pleas of guilty to charges of driving drunk. Each was ordered to pay fines of \$100 and costs of court.

Hattie Roberts, Negro, who submitted to charges of following too closely behind a vehicle. She paid the costs of court.

Robert Lee Thatch, Negro, was found guilty on charges of non-support. He was ordered to pay the costs of court and the sum of \$10 per week for the support of his two children.

Roy Skinner, Negro, was found guilty on three counts, being drunk, driving without a license and speeding. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 and costs.

Arthur Stephens was taxed with a fine of \$30 and costs after submitting to charges of driving without a license.

Ronald Wiles paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of driving on the left side of a highway.

Ollan Spencer, Negro, paid the costs of court after submitting to charges of driving with insufficient brakes.

Robert Sawyer, Negro, was found guilty of charges of larceny. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

TR Committee To Meet On Friday

The Perquimans Committee for Health Education of the District Tuberculosis Association will meet at the Perquimans High School Friday, March 26 at 2:30 o'clock, it was reported today by Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman of the committee.

Members of the committee are the Rev. H. M. Jamieson, the Rev. A. L. Chaplin, Mrs. Betty Swindell, Henry C. Stokes, Jr., E. C. Woodard, Miss Audrey Umphlett, R. M. Thompson and Miss Kimsy Perry.

SENIOR PLAY APRIL 2

The Senior Class of Perquimans High School will present its annual play in the school auditorium on Friday night, April 2. The play is titled "Delightfully Young".

WINS HONOR

Miss Marilyn Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Baker of Belvidere, a student at Louisburg College, has been elected by the students of the school as a member of the May Day Court and will participate in the program to be presented at the college on the first Saturday in May.

Negro Killed; Five Injured In Wreck Here Last Sunday

Manslaughter Charge Brought Against Aaron Boone

Dennis Boone, 42, Negro of Route Two, Hertford, was killed in a collision on the Beech Springs Road in Perquimans County at 10:50 o'clock Sunday morning.

Mrs. J. C. Howell of Route Two, Hertford is in the Chowan Hospital with serious injuries resulting from the same accident. Four other people received less serious injuries.

According to Patrolman B. R. Incoe, who investigated, a 1939 Ford operated by Aaron Boone, 29, Negro, of Route Two Hertford, crossed entirely over the center line of the highway at a curve near the Freeland Copeland home and struck the Howell car in what was almost a head-on collision in spite of the fact that Julian Howell, 16, driver of the car in which his family was riding, had driven over on the shoulder in an attempt to avoid being hit by the oncoming car.

Mrs. Howell, who was riding on the front seat with her son, suffered a broken leg, a broken left arm and four broken ribs. J. C. Howell, who with his daughter, Kay, was on the back seat, received lacerations of the head and scratches. His daughter suffered from shock and minor abrasions. Neither driver was seriously injured.

Dennis Boone, riding on the front seat with Aaron Boone, his cousin, was not thrown from the car but died of a broken neck, according to Dr. T. P. Brinn, who was called to the scene of the accident.

Aaron Boone was placed under arrest and charged with involuntary manslaughter. He will be given a hearing in Recorder's Court on April 6th.

S. P. Jessup Passes Suddenly Tuesday

Sidney Phillips Jessup, age 66, died Tuesday night at 11:35 after a short illness. He was a native of Winfall but had been living in Hertford for the past 21 years. He was the son of the late Willis Langley and Kate Phillips Jessup, and a retired planter.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cornelia Nixon Jessup; 2 sons, Willis L. Jessup and Francis Nixon, both of Hertford; one sister, Mrs. Frank Kirby of Portsmouth, Va.; and one brother, T. L. Jessup of Hertford.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church by the pastor, the Rev. Charles Wulf.

Interment was made in the Church Cemetery.

Master Farm Family Named For Perquimans

The Warner Madre family has been selected by a county committee for the honor of the Master Farm Family of Perquimans County. All states covered by the Progressive Farmer, join that organization in a Master Farm Family Program. This is the year for North Carolina.

The Madre family will be compared to other families in counties in the Eastern supervisory district, from which a district winner will be chosen. The family chosen must derive the major portion of their income from the farm, the farmstead should be attractive, the inside of the home attractive, and convenient, and the family should be acceptable to the community in their social, religious, and educational leadership, along with many other qualifications.

LOCAL MAN'S MOTHER DIES

Mrs. W. L. Ayscue, age 84, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. D. Johnson, near Zebulon, Wednesday, March 17. She was a native of Franklin County, but had lived with her daughter for the past five years.

She is survived by six children, D. L. Ayscue of Louisburg, Mrs. Bell Chappell of Henderson, W. W. Ayscue of Franklin, J. R. Ayscue of Hertford, Mrs. B. B. Edwards and Mrs. M. D. Johnson of Zebulon, 31 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Corinth Baptist Church in Franklin County by the pastor of the church and burial was in the church cemetery.

Members of the choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Rock of Ages."

Committee To Conduct Campaign For Funds To Promote County Industry

Ruritan Club Hears Talk By Ag Specialist

Dr. Emerson Collins, of the N. C. State College Agriculture Department, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Durants Neck Ruritan Club, held March 17 at the Community House in New Hope. Other guests at the meeting were E. C. Woodard, Joe Tunnell and Ike Perry, all members of the faculty at Perquimans High School.

Doctor Collins gave a very interesting talk in the various methods of using Ammonia of Nitrate in soil treatment.

During the business session of the meeting the club voted to entertain all seniors of Perquimans High School, residing around New Hope, at the next club dinner on April 21.

County Agent Urges Cotton Farmers To Observe Allotments

The number of acres of cotton planted in Perquimans County has decreased at a rapid rate during the past ten years. At the same time, the farmers in the west in such states as California, have increased their cotton acreage to the point where the south isn't considered as a cotton section any longer.

In 1945, farmers of Perquimans County planted 4,862 acres of cotton from which 20 per cent of the total farm income was derived. Five years later, in 1950, only 2,896 acres of cotton was planted from which only 9 per cent of the total farm income was derived. In a short period of only five years, the total cotton acreage decreased 40 per cent while the income from cotton had decreased 55 per cent. Since 1950 the total acreage of cotton has continued to decrease and after the cut in allotted acreage this year, many farmers are not even attempting to plant and produce cotton.

In 1954, there are only 2,046 acres of cotton allotted to Perquimans County unless these acres are planted this year, this number will be reduced for 1955. The man that doesn't plant his cotton acreage in 1954 will be the one that will take the reduction as he will lose one third of his allotted acreage in 1955. For example, under the present ruling, if a man is allotted 6 acres of cotton this year, and fails to plant it and in 1953-52 had planted 10 acres of cotton each year, his allotment for 1955 would be less than the six acres this year.

There is a provision to take care of the man that can't plant his allotted acreage in 1954, but doesn't want to lose his allotment. He has until April 1 to notify the ASC office in Hertford of his intention not to plant cotton and he will receive credit for planting cotton this year. The cotton acreage returned to the ASC office will be redistributed among the farmers in the county. So, if you have no intentions of planting your allotted cotton acreage, please give it in to the county ASC office before April 1 and you will help yourself and your neighbor that desires more cotton acreage this year, states R. M. Thompson, Farm Agent of Perquimans County.

District Meeting For HD Clubs April 1

Thursday, April 1 is the day for the annual 25th District Meeting of Home Demonstration Clubs, which will be held at Manteo at the 4-H Club Camp this year. The meeting will begin at 10:30 A. M., and last all day. Lunch will be served on camp grounds.

Dr. Landis Bennett, head of the Visual Aids Department, at State College, will be the guest speaker. His subject will be "Italy—Its Past, and Present." Dr. Bennett has just returned from Europe where he has been studying.

Kimsy Perry, home agent, urges all club members and others interested, to attend this meeting in Manteo on April 1.

New Assistant Agent Assumed Duties Mar. 16

Miss Clara Mason of Swanquarter, reported to work on March 16, as Assistant Home Agent in Chowan and Perquimans counties. Miss Mason graduated from East Carolina College in February and comes highly recommended from the faculty. She has a major in Home Economics and all of her electives were in her major field. It is hoped that by July 1 there will be a full time Assistant Home Agent in each county. Miss Mason will remain in one of them.

Local Organization Is Perfected At Meeting Last Tuesday Night

Further plans for pushing the industrial development of Perquimans County were made at a meeting held here last Tuesday night during which officers of the committee were selected and plans made to conduct a fund raising campaign to finance the operations of the committee which will seek industry for the county.

Attending the meeting Tuesday were Robert L. Hollowell, Mrs. Viola D. Nachman, Henry C. Stokes, Jr., L. C. Winslow, Mayor V. N. Darden, D. M. Jackson, R. M. Riddick, Jr., Ralph Sasser, A. W. Heffren, Francis Nixon and Max Campbell.

Named as officers of the committee were Robert L. Hollowell, chairman; Henry C. Stokes, Jr., vice chairman; Mrs. Viola D. Nachman, secretary, and Max Campbell, treasurer.

The group voted to begin immediately a campaign to raise at least \$1,000 to finance the operations of the committee seeking industry for the county. Every business organization of the county will be solicited for contributions to the fund, and it was reported, any monies remaining in the fund will be returned to contributors on a pro-rata basis. The Industry Fund will be used by the committee for such expenses as postage, phone calls, travel expense seeking industry; there will be no remuneration for the committee members as each is serving for the development of the county.

Mayor V. N. Darden, R. M. Riddick, Jr., and Henry C. Stokes, Jr., were named as a committee to conduct the Industry Fund Drive.

The group also discussed industrial possibilities for the county and set as the first goal attempt to secure industry for the processing of raw materials now in Perquimans County.

Another meeting of the organization will be held next Tuesday night at which time representatives of the State Department of Conservation and Development will come here to discuss industrial problems and give advice and information concerning procedure in securing of industry. The meeting will be held in the Municipal Building at eight o'clock.

Kelly White Enters Name As Candidate For County Sheriff

A contest for the office of Sheriff for Perquimans County, in the primary election to be held May 29, appeared a certainty, today, with an announcement made by J. Kelly White that he will seek the Democratic nomination for the office.

Mr. White, a native of Perquimans County, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. N. White and a veteran of World War II. He is married to the former Miss Sarah Carlyle and resides on the Hertford-Edenton Highway.

In making his announcement as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, Mr. White stated he will conduct an active campaign for the office and he will appreciate the active support and vote of all the people of the county.

Hertford Negro PTA In Meeting On Monday

The Negro Elementary School PTA held its regular monthly meeting in the school cafeteria Monday night, March 22, at 8:00 P. M.

After a brief devotional led by Mrs. E. S. W. Perry, there was a business session presided over by the president, Mrs. Delia Harvey.

A program presided over by L. Summerset followed the business session. The program consisted of songs from the school Glee Club, and a Forum discussion on the topic: "Understanding Your Child Six to Twelve." The forum members were: Prof. T. S. Jackson, Teachers College, Elizabeth City; Dr. J. E. Jones of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. G. B. Lowe and Mrs. D. H. Newby, first grade teachers of Hertford Elementary School.

Open House Planned For Next Thursday

Open House will be observed at the Hertford Baptist Church next Thursday evening, April 1, from eight to 10 o'clock in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Duling, who will move from Hertford to Windsor where Mr. Duling has accepted the pastorate of the Cashie Baptist Church.

The public is invited to attend the open house.