

Officers And Directors Elected For Albemarle REA At Meeting Saturday

A. T. Lane Re-elected As President Of Board Of Directors

The Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation conducted its most successful meeting here last Saturday, hearing organization reports and electing directors for the cooperative for the coming year.

Elected as directors were J. A. Whitehurst and Joe Hastings of Camden, A. T. Lane, Chas. E. White and Floyd Matthews of Perquimans, John Bunch and J. A. Wiggins of Chowan and Tommie Temple and W. R. Lowry of Pasquotank.

Officers of the board, chosen after the election by the directors are A. T. Lane, president; J. A. Wiggins, vice president; Chas. E. White, treasurer, and Floyd Matthews, secretary.

In reporting to the membership on the progress of the cooperative during 1953 President Lane pointed out the organization had constructed 11 miles of power lines to serve 147 new members. During the year it had paid \$24,206.85 on its loan and \$18,031.68 as interest. Total repayment to the Federal Government, on its loan, to date, amounted to \$157,706.32, of this amount \$38,852.46 was paid in advance.

Since 1947 the AEMC has increased its membership from 1,145 to 2,810 and revenue has jumped from \$27,539.79 to \$144,018.90.

Mr. Lane concluded his report by stating the Co-op officials have a program of improvement scheduled for the coming year which includes installation of heavy lines and larger and more sub-stations.

Preceding the election of directors and officers the AEMC held a dinner at the Hotel Hertford for officials and employees and special guests of the Co-op. A musical program was also a feature of the program which was conducted at Perquimans High School.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

News from Europe this week takes a brighter turn with an announcement of a settlement of the Trieste problem between Italy and Yugoslavia. The disputed territory was divided into two zones with one zone, including the city of Trieste going to Italy and the other zone to Yugoslavia. U. S. and British troops, stationed in the area, will be transferred elsewhere.

Unity between the Western Powers was a keynote of the Nine-power conference held in London last week which resulted in diplomatic agreement on the question of rearming of Germany, and giving the Bonn Government full sovereignty. The agreement sets up a plan for control German military, as well as withdrawal of occupation troops by the Allies. The Pact is reported as having a better than even chance of approval by each nation represented.

Opposition to integration of public schools flared up anew this week in Baltimore and Washington, following similar incidents last week at scattered points in Delaware, West Virginia, Ohio and Illinois. Attendance strikes on the part of white students have featured the demonstration. In some places school boards have returned to segregation in the schools pending further consideration of the situation. The Supreme Court is expected to give additional ruling on the problem during December.

With the General Election only three weeks away, national leaders of the Democrats and Republican parties are waging a strong battle to win control of Congress for the next two years. Reports indicate Democrats will win a majority in the House of Representatives, while the fight for control of the Senate appears about even.

Towe and Matthews Make VES Grid Team

Two former students of Perquimans High School, Cliff Towe and Richard Matthews, are making a fine record as members of the football team at Virginia Episcopal School, according to reports received here. Towe is playing offensive guard and defensive back on the team while Matthews is playing end. Both boys participated in a VES victory against Millers Schools last Saturday.

Another former Perquimans star, Howard Williams is making a fine showing as a member of the Freshman team at the University of North Carolina. Howard, who played fullback for the Indians, is playing a halfback position for the UNC Freshman team.

Registration Books To Be Opened Saturday

R. C. Murray, chairman of the Perquimans Board of Elections, reported Monday that registration books for the General Election to be held November 2 will be opened for the first time Saturday, October 9, and will be open through Saturday, October 23 for the purpose of registering voters for the election.

Mr. Murray pointed out that voters already listed on the books need not register again in order to participate in the general election, but persons who have reached the age of 21 since last May, or who will be 21 prior to November 2, must register in order to vote.

Officials and polling places for the election will be the same as in the primary last May.

Funeral Services For Shelton Nixon Held Wednesday

Thomas Shelton Nixon, 43, prominent farmer of Perquimans County, died at 6:40 o'clock last Monday evening in a Norfolk hospital of self-inflicted gunshot wounds. It was reported that Mr. Nixon shot himself at his home at about four o'clock Sunday afternoon.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Nixon and husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Upton Nixon and a member of the Anderson Methodist Church.

Besides his wife and parents, he is survived by five sons, Thomas E., Jr., Wilroy, Julian, Mack and Stewart Nixon all of Route 1, Hertford; five sisters, Mrs. Pat Keegan of Hertford, Mrs. Sidney Layden of Route 1, Hertford, Mrs. Walter Symons of Okisko, Mrs. Carey Quincey of Norfolk, and Mrs. William Stanford of Norfolk; two brothers, Preston Nixon of Route 1, Hertford, and Russell Nixon of Norfolk, Va.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Twiford Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Carroll Beale, pastor of Anderson Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. L. C. Chandler.

During the services "Beyond the Sunset" was sung by Mrs. L. C. Chandler and the Great Hope Choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross." They were accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Ellie White.

Pallbearers were Samuel Mansfield, Wallace Goodwin, Joseph Rogerson, Wilbur Robertson, Ward Hunter and Kermit Lane.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Overman Rites Held Saturday Afternoon

Mrs. Alice Margaret Overman, 76, died at the Trueblood Nursing Home at 10 A. M., last Thursday morning after a long illness.

She was a daughter of the late George and Margaret Hendrix Lowe and widow of William H. Overman. She was a lifelong resident of Perquimans County and a member of the Oak Grove Methodist Church.

Mrs. Overman is survived by one brother, Merritt Lowe of Perquimans County.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock Saturday at Oak Grove Methodist Church with the Rev. H. M. Jamieson, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the family cemetery.

Local Bus Station Changes Ownership

Announcement was made here last Friday of the purchase of the Hertford Bus Station business by Mrs. Nellie Pierce from the former owners, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Yagel. Mrs. Pierce has assumed active management of the business.

Negro 4-H Clubber Wins Show Honors

Perquimans County Negro 4-H Club members won their share of the awards in the junior dairy show held last week in Elizabeth City. Joseph Wills won first place in showmanship, competing against seventeen entries. He also won top honors in the best fitted event. A red ribbon went to Sanford L. Jennings of Perquimans and a white ribbon was won by Walter Parker and Lewellyn Wills.

W. C. Stroud, Negro County Agent and K. A. Williams, Vocational Teacher, took part in the show.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lassiter of Route 1, Hertford, announce the birth of a son, John Rodney, born September 28 at the Albemarle Hospital.

Tarboro Rallies To Defeat Indians In Conference Contest

Perquimans To Play Plymouth Panthers Here On Friday Night

The Perquimans Indians, riddled with injured players, lost a hard fought football game to the Tarboro Tigers last Friday night by a score of 27 to 18. It was the second conference loss for the Indians this season.

Coach Ike Perry's outfit, playing without the services of Williams, Lane and Pierce, who are injured and losing Eddie Overton on injuries in the first half, outplayed Tarboro throughout the first half and held an 18-6 advantage at the start of the third period.

A pass play from Paul Matthews to D. A. Carver set up the first score for Perquimans, but the try for the extra point failed, making the score 6-0. The TD followed a recovered Tarboro fumble on the Tarboro 16-yard line. Tarboro bounced back to score a TD on a 35 yard run and converted the extra point to take the lead 7 to 6.

Tommy Matthews scored the second touchdown for Perquimans, running an end-around play for a distance of 84 yards. This put Perquimans ahead 12 to 7.

Tarboro drove deep into Indian territory, but D. A. Carver stopped the drive by intercepting a Tarboro pass and racing 90 yards for an Indian TD, making the score 18 to 7 at the half.

Riggs was the outstanding player for Tarboro, sparking his team to three touchdowns in the second half, to assure victory for the visitors. The Tigers marched 62 yards during the extra point to make the score 18 to 14. They intercepted an Indian pass for their third TD and the score went to 20 to 18. Riggs tallied the final TD for the visitors and Tarboro converted to make the final score 27 to 18.

Tarboro rolled up a total of nine first downs while Perquimans had six. Hazel Matthews, D. A. Carver and Lowe were outstanding on defense for the Indians while Paul and Tommy Matthews were best on offense.

The Indians play Plymouth in a conference contest here Friday night with game time set for eight o'clock. Coach Perry is hopeful that his injured players will be recovered sufficiently to take part in the game this week.

Increased Number Of Births Make Impact Upon Public Schools; Better Attendance

The increase in the number of births in North Carolina since 1945 is now making its impact upon the public schools.

Total live births, according to statistics from the State Board of Health, increased from an average of 85,821 during the 8-year period 1938-1945 to an average of 109,030 during the 8-year period 1946-1953. For the more recent 8-year period, the number of live births totaled 872,240, whereas during the next preceding 8-year period the figure was 686,569. And for the period 1930-1937 the number of live births for the State totaled 618,614. The increase from the 1930-1937 period to the 1938-1945 period was 67,955, whereas the increase from the 1938-1945 period to the 1946-1953 period was 185,671. An average of 23,209 more children were born, the figures show, during each year of the more recent period than were born during the 1938-1945 period. Only 8,494 more births, on an average, were annually recorded for each year of the 1938-1945 period than were recorded for the average year during the 1940-1937 period.

These facts have a direct bearing upon the public schools. Those children born during the early years of the most recent 8-year period are just now entering the first grade—those born in 1946 entered in 1951; those born in 1947 entered in 1952; and those born in 1948 entered in 1953. According to the course of events, those children born in 1949, a total of 107,940 will enter school in the fall of 1954.

Other significant facts besides those concerning births are the following: 1. First grade for the white group enrollment decreases nearly consistently from 1931-32 to 1947-48, when for three years increases took place. Then for the next two years, 1950-51 and 1951-52, there were further decreases, followed by another increase to 70,892 in 1953-53.

2. Negro first grade enrollment has followed a decreasing trend from 1932-33 when the figure was 92,712 to 36,563 in 1952-53.

3. Figures relating to membership (last day of school) follow the same general trends for both groups.

4. Number and percentage of dropouts have been downward in the main, to an almost static situation within recent years.

Board Of Education In Meeting Here Last Monday Night

Furniture Purchase For Grammar School Is Given Approval

The Board of Education for Perquimans County met in regular session in the office of the Superintendent of Schools last Monday night and acted upon a number of matters pertaining to the school system.

Mrs. Eva H. Ward, clerk to the superintendent, was granted a year's leave of absence from her duties, effective January 1, 1955. The Board took no action in filling the position which will be vacant during Mrs. Ward's absence.

The Board voted approval of the purchase of furniture and fixtures for the new addition at Perquimans Central Grammar School now in the process of construction. Total amount of the contract for the new furnishings is \$2,554.59.

Approval was also voted by the Board for plans to be worked out whereby workers in the school lunchrooms will be covered under social security. The superintendent advised the Board this program, if secured, will become effective next January.

J. T. Biggers, the superintendent, reported to the Board on the progress of the construction of four new classrooms and a library, at the Perquimans Central Grammar School, advising that there was some delay in starting the project but it was now well underway. The Board approved the type of materials being used on the project.

The superintendent also gave the Board a review of school activities during the first month of operation of the new term and reported on daily attendance records and progress of the term.

Ray White Appointed As Rabies Inspector

W. Ray White of Hertford, has been appointed Rabies Inspector for Perquimans County by the District Health Department, it was announced this week by Dr. B. B. McGuire, health officer.

Mr. White, who was recommended for the post by the county members of the District Board of Health, will succeed G. C. Buck, who has served as rabies inspector for several years.

Deadline For ASC Ballots October 15

Ballots to be used in voting for Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation community committeemen have been mailed out to farmers, announced Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager. Returned ballots mailed must be postmarked not later than October 15, and ballots delivered to the ASC office must be by noon, October 18.

Each farmer is instructed to vote for five committeemen chosen either from the nominees already on the ballot or by writing in a name or names on blank spaces provided on the ballot.

Eligibility to vote depends upon farming status rather than legal voting age. Persons under 21 may participate if they are in charge of operations on an entire farm. At least one of the approved Agricultural Conservation Program practices must be in progress on the farm, or the farmer must be eligible for price support. Persons who believe they are eligible to vote but did not receive a ballot should call by the ASC office. All eligible farmers are urged to vote.

Mrs. Nixon said that committeemen will have important roles in the administration of the ACP, marketing quotas and the price support program. With additional marketing quota programs in operation and the new cross-compliance provisions, ASC programs will be of vital importance to almost every farm.

County Board Postpones Settlement On 1953 Taxes; Names Special Collector

Seven Cases Heard By Recorder Judge

Seven cases were listed on the docket of Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday including those of George Olds, John King, and Dallas Rayburn, each of whom paid the costs of court after entering a plea of guilty to charges of speeding.

A fine of \$10 and costs were taxed against James A. Felton, Negro, who submitted to a charge of following a vehicle too closely.

John Morgan and Lonnie Johnson, Negroes, were found guilty on charges of assault with a deadly weapon. Each was assessed the court costs.

Clifton Halsey, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of interfering with an officer in performance of duty. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

Mrs. Barbara Rose Field Supervisor For Agriculture Census

Appointment of Mrs. Barbara Winslow Rose of Hertford as a crew leader for the 1954 Census of Agriculture is announced by Field Supervisor Randolph Williams.

Mrs. Rose will direct a force of 10 enumerators who will canvass all farms in Perquimans and Chowan counties. She reported October 4 to the census agriculture field office at Wilson for a week of training.

The crew leader is one of the key people in the field operations of the Census of Agriculture. It is her responsibility to train the enumerators and supervise their work; plan and allocate work assignments; review the work of the enumerators and take remedial action where necessary, and to conduct difficult enumerations.

After attending the training conference, Mrs. Rose will return to her district where she will spend three weeks recruiting enumerators, checking enumeration district boundaries, and training enumerators in preparation for the start of the census on November 1.

Plans Completed For "Nickels" Vote

Final plans have been made for conducting the Nickels for Know-How referendum on Friday, October 15, in Perquimans County, according to R. M. Thompson, County Agent.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that all agricultural agencies, farm organizations, and most businesses in the county had pledged their support to the program, which was begun three years ago to provide badly needed agricultural research and education—in addition to that provided by federal, state and other funds.

The program is supported by a 5 cents per ton assessment on feed and fertilizer. An election, in which all users of feed and fertilizer are eligible to vote, is required every three years to continue Nickels for Know-How. A two-thirds favorable majority is required, or the program will end December 31.

Thompson urged all farm people to cast a vote in the election, and "show the country that North Carolina farmers are willing to support the work that is of primary benefit to them. "Our future in farming depends to a great extent on favorable farm legislation, on the public's attitude toward us, and on our success in obtaining new know-how," Thompson declared.

P. H. Small Passes At Veterans Hospital

P. H. Small, of Hertford, died last Tuesday at the Veterans' Hospital at Keocoughtan, Va., after a long illness.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. K. J. Gilbert of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. A. R. Patton of Nebo, N. C., and one brother, William Small of Hertford.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at the graveside in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Whiteston Club To Sponsor Play Oct. 14

The Whiteston Home Demonstration Club will sponsor a night of fun and entertainment at the Whiteston Community House on Thursday night, October 14, featuring a playlet, "school days" at Porcupine Junction, string music and refreshments. The program will start at 7:30 o'clock and a free will offering will be taken.

Discuss Court House Green Project With BPW Club Members

The Commissioners for Perquimans County, meeting in regular session here last Monday, postponed a tax settlement with Sheriff M. G. Owens on collections of 1953 taxes until the next meeting of the Board. It was reported approximately \$12,000 remained on the 1953 tax levy.

County Accountant Max Campbell was named by the Board to act as a special collector of 1954 taxes until settlement of 1953 taxes is made with the Sheriff.

A delegation, consisting of Mrs. Viola Nachman, Mrs. Lawrence Towe and Miss Hulda Wood, representing the BPW Club, appeared before the board and discussed a proposed project for beautifying the Court House Green, including removal of some dead trees and the planting of some new shrubbery. The Board expressed itself as working toward this program and attempts will be made to have the work done during the next few months.

W. H. Pitt, Clerk of Court, advised the Board that Judge Nimmocks, who will preside at the November term of Superior Court, has set Wednesday, November 3 as the opening day of the session, and ordered jurors and others having business with the court to appear for the first time on that date.

Authority was voted by the Board for the painting of the kitchen at the County Home, and Superintendent J. C. Morgan was authorized to have the work completed.

Announcement was made during the meeting of the appointment of Thomas Nixon as County Forester, succeeding to the post left vacant by the death of J. W. Nowell. Mr. Nixon was appointed to the position by the District officials, being one of three candidates recommended by the Board of Commissioners.

Authorization was also voted by the Board for A. T. Lane, chairman, to supervise the enlargement and renovation of the jury box in the court room.

550 Attend Piney Woods Anniversary Event Last Sunday

Some 550 people attended the 160th anniversary celebration of Piney Woods Friends Church last Sunday. Friends and visitors from Texas, Maryland, Virginia, and many places in North Carolina assembled to refresh their memories of former days and enjoy the get together, which featured a message by Dr. Clyde A. Miller, president of Guilford College.

The program opened with Bible School at 10 A. M., followed by the services at 11 A. M., during which special music was rendered by Harold White.

A real old-fashioned "banquet" lunch was served on the grounds, following the morning services, and this was enjoyed by all.

During the afternoon program Mrs. Grace Ward, assisted by others, gave an interesting history of the Piney Woods Church, which dates back to 1754, and possibly earlier. The Piney Woods Monthly Meeting was set up in 1794 and has continued down through today.

The presentation of the history of the church was made more effective by the use of costumes of the early Quakers. Also of interest was a display of historical objects and pictures connected with the church.

The Rev. D. Virgil Pike is the pastor of Piney Woods Church.

Fire Drills Held At County Schools

As part of the observation of National Fire Prevention Week, members of the Hertford Fire Department conducted fire drills at the five schools in the county last Monday.

The drills, unannounced, went off in very good fashion and the firemen were pleased with the cooperation given at the schools. A time check on the drills was made at each school and the time taken to clear each building of all students was reported as follows: Perquimans Training School, one minute and 20 seconds; Perquimans Central Grammar School, one minute and 55 seconds; Perquimans High School, one minute and 21 seconds; Hertford Grammar School, two minutes and 16 seconds; King Street Elementary School, three minutes and 23 seconds.

UES MEETS MONDAY
The Hertford Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will meet in the lodge room next Monday night, beginning at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.