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Barbecue Dinner To Mark Close Of Farm Bureau Campaign

Annual Meeting Planned Friday; Officers To Be Elected

Perquimans County Farm Bureau will bring to a close its annual membership drive Friday, November 19, with a big barbecue dinner to be held at Perquimans High School, beginning at 5:30 P. M., and continuing until about five o'clock.

In an announcement made this week by Floyd Matthews, president of the local Farm Bureau, all members of the county unit and their families are invited to attend the barbecue.

Mr. Matthews also announced officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting and action will be taken on resolutions for 1955.

The annual membership drive of the Perquimans Farm Bureau is progressing toward the goal for 300 members but all reports from membership solicitors have not been turned in, and the number of memberships sold this year is as yet unreported.

Individuals who have not signed up as members of the Farm Bureau are urged to do so before the barbecue Friday; memberships may be secured at the meeting at the high school Friday afternoon.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Senate, now considering censure action against McCarthy, has made little headway since the special session convened and some predictions coming out of Washington indicate the Senators may not reach a decision on the censure matter by the deadline date late in December. There has been some effort to compromise the action against the Senator from Wisconsin but these attempts are expected to fail.

North Carolina has filed a brief with the U. S. Supreme Court in the matter of school desegregation, along with other States affected by the Court's ruling of last May. North Carolina authorities request the Court to give Federal District Judges authority to supervise any changeover of the present system, on a gradual basis.

Sam Rayburn, who will be Speaker of the House, when Congress convenes next January with a Democratic majority, stated again this week he foresees no hostile action on the part of the majority against administration proposals just because the President is a Republican. He promises cooperation between the Congress and President on matters not in conflict with Democratic views.

One man died and 15 were trapped in a mine explosion at Farmington, W. Va., this week. The blast, followed by a raging fire resulted in a decision by authorities to seal the openings of the mine against possible future explosions inside the mine.

Economic reports released during this week point to increased activity in business throughout the nation. Highlighting the report was the stepped up production of automobiles. Department store sales are up, and commentators predict the coming Christmas sales will break all records for volume.

State Theatre To Award Grid Trophy

The annual presentation of the State Theatre football trophy to the outstanding member of the Perquimans High School team will be made at the theatre next Monday night, November 22, at 9 o'clock. It was announced today by B. L. Gibbs, manager of the theatre.

Members of the Indian team will select the player to receive the award, as has been the custom in the past, on the basis of their choice of the player who was the most outstanding during the past season.

The presentation will be made following the showing of the feature picture Monday night.

Special Service At Cedar Grove Church

A special Thanksgiving Eve service will be conducted at Cedar Grove Church Wednesday, November 24, beginning at 7 o'clock. Central Pipers of Gastonville, will present a short concert of religious songs at the event. The pastor will deliver a special Thanksgiving message and the service will close with a benediction.

Early Press Day

Due to observance of Thanksgiving Thursday of next week, The Weekly will be printed a day earlier in order to provide a holiday for the printers. Any advertising or news matter should, therefore, be in the office of The Weekly not later than 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, November 23. Correspondents are requested to mail in their weekly news letters on next Monday.

Danger Of Timber Damage Aftermath Of Hurricane Hazel

Perquimans County Ranger Thos. Nixon announces that the Department of Conservation and Development, Division of Forestry's Pest Control Forester, E. L. Scheer, has asked him to point out the danger of insect infestations in pine timber which was damaged by Hurricane Hazel.

Due to the considerable quantity of timber which was blown down, there is a strong possibility that bark beetles will build up to large numbers next spring and summer if there is another dry growing season. The primary danger is from Ips engraver beetles according to Mr. Scheer. These insects are already scattered over most of Eastern North Carolina and seem to be unusually aggressive. Normally these beetles cause relatively little damage in standing pines, but the extreme dry weather for the last two or three years has weakened the pine timber so that it is unable to resist an attack in a great many cases.

Mr. Nixon advises and urges landowners to remove all down and leaning pines from their woodlands. Those with only a slight lean and little root disturbance can probably be safely left. Those trees with a portion of their roots actually out of the ground, however, are a definite hazard and should be removed. Damaged timber should be salvaged during the coming winter months. Where it has no salvage value, it should be removed and destroyed. If it cannot be destroyed, the last resort would be to at least get it down on the ground and be sure that all roots are cut from the main trunks. This last procedure will probably have very little if any effect and, therefore, should not be resorted to except in extreme cases.

Only one or two damaged trees in a stand of timber can serve as a center of infestation especially when surrounding timber is in a weakened condition as it apparently is at this time. Consequently care should be taken not to overlook any down or seriously leaning trees.

New Chrysler Cars On Display This Week

The 1955 line of Chrysler and Plymouth motor cars, featuring the "Forward Look" went on display here at the Towe-Webb Motor Company last Wednesday. Persons visiting the showroom of the local dealer saw vast changes in the body styles of both the Chrysler and Plymouth.

Bigger and more powerful cars are offered in both Chrysler and Plymouth. The body styles of each are longer and lower, both having the new wrap-around windshields and new interior styling.

The 1955 Chrysler line features only the V-8 engines while Plymouth is offered with choice of V-8 or six-cylinder motors.

Towe-Webb cordially invites the public to visit its showroom for inspection of the new cars at any time.

Business Houses To Observe Thanksgiving

Hertford stores and business houses will observe the Thanksgiving holiday next Thursday, November 25 by staying closed all day, it was reported today.

W. W. White, Postmaster, stated the local Post Office will observe the usual holiday operations; stamp windows will be closed all day but mail will be received and dispatched from the office on a holiday schedule.

Soybean Production Reaches New Mark

Reports from growers, as of November 1, indicate a Tar Heel soybean crop of 4,024,000 bushels. This is 21.0 per cent above the 1953 crop of 3,314,000 bushels.

November 1 prospects point to a yield per acre of 16.0 bushels. This compares with the 1953 yield of 14.5 bushels and the 1943-52 yield of 15.3 bushels. Approximately 50 per cent of the crop had been harvested as of November 1.

Total U. S. soybean production, estimated at 27,700,000 bushels, is 23 per cent above the 1953 crop of 22,500,000 bushels.

Perquimans Indians Lose Close Decision To Yellow Jackets

Locals To Play Final Football Contest At Morehead City

Coach Ike Perry's band of Perquimans Indians outfought and outplayed a strong Elizabeth City High School football team here last Friday night, but lost the contest by a close decision of 12-7. Fumbles played an important part in the game, costing the Indians possession of the ball on numerous occasions and accounted for the first of the Yellow Jackets' two touchdowns.

Midway of the first period Elizabeth City had moved the ball to the Indian 10-yard line and a play later fumbled the ball into the end zone. Clifton recovered for the Jackets and a TD. The try for conversion was no good and Elizabeth City held a 6-0 lead.

The Indians came back strong in the second period, moving the ball well into Jacket territory. A pass play, Paul Matthews to Pierce was completed and Pierce outran several Jackets to score the Indians' TD. Paul Matthews converted the extra point and Perquimans led at half time 7 to 6.

Elizabeth City scored again in the third quarter after having blocked a Perquimans punt and recovering the ball on the Perquimans 15 yard line. Smith scored a TD on an end run play giving the Jackets a 12-7 advantage.

Tommy Matthews uncorked some fine running about this time and carried the ball to the Jacket 15-yard line. A penalty set the Indians back to the 20 and the ball was lost on downs. Perquimans threatened again in the final four minutes of play after having passed and rushed the ball to the Elizabeth City five-yard line, but four pass attempts failed and the Jackets took over possession for the balance of the game.

Paul and Tommy Matthews were best for the Indians on offense while Williams, Overton and Whedbee were best on defense.

The Indians will close their 1954 football season this week by traveling to Morehead City for a contest there. It has been a tough season for Perquimans, the Indians having lost four games by very slim margins, but Coach Perry's boys are out to close the season with a win over Morehead City.

National Cotton Allotment Cut Fifteen Percent

Leonidas L. Lane, Chairman of the Perquimans County ASC Committee, announced today that a National Cotton Acreage Allotment has been proclaimed for 1955 by Secretary of Agriculture, Ezra Taft Benson and that he called for a National referendum on cotton quotas to be held on December 14, 1954. The National Acreage Allotment is 18,113,208 acres for 1955 compared with a National Acreage Allotment this year of 21,379,358. The referendum to be held on the 14th will be the 9th vote of its kind. The first vote on Cotton Marketing Quotas was held in March, 1938 and the last cotton referendum was December 15, last year. Last year farmers in North Carolina voted 95.3 per cent in favor of cotton quotas. Nation wide, the percentage approving was 94.1. At least two-thirds of the farmers voting must favor quotas before they will be in effect next year.

Mr. Lane cautions farmers to realize that in the referendum they are not voting for or against the Acreage Allotment—they will have the same allotment regardless of the outcome of the referendum. He says that just about the only thing involved is whether they want price supports at 50 per cent of parity. If quotas are approved by the voters, price support will be at the higher figure. If quotas are not approved, price support will drop to 50 per cent of parity.

Mr. Lane urges all cotton farmers to get acquainted with the cotton situation, to learn for themselves the issues involved in the referendum and by all means to cast their vote on December 14th.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Winslow of Belvidere announce the birth of a daughter, born Sunday, November 14, at the Albemarle Hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Rogerson, Route one, announce the birth of a son, born November 15 in Cherraw Hospital, at 7:30 P. M., at the home of Mrs. Rogerson is the former Miss Dolores Lane.

Twenty Two Cases On Recorder Court Docket Last Tuesday

Majority Of Defendants Charged With Traffic Violations

A total of 22 cases cleared through the Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday with Judge Chas. E. Johnson presiding. Thirteen of the defendants, all of whom entered pleas of guilty, were charged with speeding.

Paying costs of court on speeding charges were William Meek, Billy Reynolds, George W. Harris, Roger Mallory, J. R. Schaal, Jr., Sidney Proctor, William Lylerly, Frank Jennings and Willard Fazar. Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of Mrs. Carlyn Barker, also charged with speeding.

Fines of \$10 and costs were taxed against Albert McDaniels, George Davis, Thomas Hopkins and Alfred Wikens, also charged with speeding.

Arthur Harris, charged with driving drunk and reckless driving, was given a 12 months road sentence, after being found guilty of the charges.

J. C. McGill, charged with reckless driving and speeding, was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 and costs.

William E. Duval submitted to charges of allowing his car to be operated by an unlicensed driver. He paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Costs of court were taxed against Johnnie Harrell, Negro, who entered a plea of guilty to driving on the left side of a highway.

Charlie McDaniel, Negro, submitted to charges of failing to dim lights. He paid the costs of court.

Ellis Johnson, Jr., paid a fine of \$25 and costs after pleading guilty to charges of reckless driving.

Wadie Winslow, Negro, was found guilty of charges of obtaining money on promise of work and failing to do so. He was sentenced to the roads for 30 days, sentence to be suspended upon payment of costs of court and the sum of \$50 to Norman Elliott.

Columbus White, Negro, plead guilty to charges of being drunk. He was sentenced to four days in jail, sentence having been served.

Charlie L. Reed, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to assault with a deadly weapon. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of court and to remain away from the Savoy for a period of six months.

State Farm Bureau Meeting Scheduled For Asheville Nov. 21

An impressive list of state and national speakers will head the program for the 19th Annual Convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, which will be held in Asheville, November 21-24.

Headquarters for the four-day event will be the George Vanderbilt Hotel, and all indications point to an attendance of between 1,200 and 1,500 persons representing the 70,000 member organizations, Farm Bureau officials announced.

Among the outstanding speakers on this year's program are Allan B. Kline of Chicago, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin of Morganton; U. S. Senator-Elect W. Kerr Scott of Haw River; W. E. Hamilton of Chicago, American Farm Bureau research director; William G. Lodwick of Washington, D. C., director of the U. S. Foreign Agriculture Service; Dr. D. W. Colvard of Raleigh, State College dean of agriculture; and Mrs. Charles N. DeShazo of Tappanahock, Va., president of the American Farm Bureau Women.

Also scheduled to appear on the program are numerous state and national commodity leaders.

Pre-convention activities will get under way Sunday, November 21, at 7:30 P. M., with the traditional candlelight Vesper Service in West Ballroom of the Vanderbilt Hotel, sponsored by the State Farm Bureau Women. J. V. Whitfield of Burgaw, will deliver the vesper talk.

The general convention program Monday, November 22, will begin at 9:00 A. M., with a joint commodity conference in the City Auditorium. This meeting will be followed by eight separate commodity conferences. These sessions will be held at places designated in the program.

W. M. S. TO MEET

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will meet Monday night, November 22 at 7:30 P. M., at the church. All members are urged to attend.

Board Of Education In Meeting Monday

The Perquimans Board of Education met in regular session last night in the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

The Board elected Mrs. Floyd Long as secretary to the Superintendent, filling a vacancy caused by a leave of absence granted Mrs. Jarvis Ward.

A leave of absence requested by Mrs. Annie M. Williams, teacher at the Central Grammar School was approved for a period of 18 months, beginning January 6, 1955.

The Board voted to extend the playground fence at Hertford Grammar School, from its present point east of the Library building to West Academy Street.

The Superintendent announced all County schools will be closed next Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Two Hunters Have Narrow Escape In Perquimans River

Charles Payne is a patient in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, recuperating from shock and exposure he suffered as a result of a boat accident in the Perquimans River last Saturday. Payne, with his brother-in-law, Thomas Braswell, Jr., of Tarboro, left Hertford early Saturday morning for a duck hunting trip. About four miles down the river the boat in which the hunters were riding hit a submerged stake or log, ripping a hole in the bottom of the boat.

The men, burdened by their heavy clothing and equipment, clung to the water filled boat for about two hours before being picked up by a fisherman from Rocky Mount, who carried them ashore and from a nearby farm house summoned medical aid.

Both men were taken to Albemarle Hospital, but Braswell was released late Saturday after being treated. Payne's condition, early Tuesday, was reported better.

In addition to having a narrow escape the men lost considerable hunting equipment. A 10 horsepower motor was dropped overboard to lighten the weight in the boat, and shotguns, along with some fishing equipment, was lost overboard.

Payne used a cushion life preserver in an attempt to paddle ashore about a mile away, but returned to the boat when he became aware he might not reach the shore. Braswell, meanwhile, clung to the boat until both men were rescued.

Tyrian Council To Confer Degree Here

Tyrian Council, No. 19, Royal and Select Masters, Royal Arch Masons will meet Monday night, November 22 at 8 o'clock in the Masonic Lodge rooms in the Court House in Hertford for the purpose of conferring the Royal and Select Master's Degrees. The conferring of these Royal Arch Degrees in Masonry will be the first time that such an occurrence has happened in Hertford and Perquimans County in more than one hundred years.

Tyrian Council, No. 19, R. & S. M., is one of the Royal Arch bodies of Elizabeth City, N. C., but for this occasion the work will be done in the Lodge room of Perquimans Lodge No. 106. Members of the Council, who reside in or near Hertford will confer one of the degrees, which will be done in full regalia.

All Royal Arch Masons are urged to attend and assist in the work.

Rotary Club Hears Talk On Insurance

H. N. Nixon, local insurance agent, presented an informative program on insurance at a meeting of the Rotary Club held last Monday night at the Hotel Hertford.

Mr. Nixon, pointing out that insurance is one of the major commodities purchased today, told of the various types of insurance in force and how all companies operating within North Carolina are regulated by the State Commission of Insurance.

He advised the Rotarians regarding contracts between a company and the insured, pertaining to the liability of each and procedure the insured should take in observing the terms of an insurance contract. The Rotary Club will hold its next meeting Tuesday night, November 23 at the Hotel.

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Central PTA Report Reveals Membership Now 200 Per Cent

Thanksgiving Program Presented By Whites-ton Community

The PTA of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School held its regular meeting Monday night with the president, Mrs. B. F. Bray, presiding. The PTA Song was used as the opening number. Mrs. Russell Baker, chairman of the Whites-ton Community, presented Merrill Winslow, who delivered a very inspiring Thanksgiving message.

The Men's Chorus of the Up River Friends Church sang two selections, "The Banners of the Cross" and "He Hideth My Soul." They were accompanied by Mrs. Ralph White. Mrs. Baker then presented Mrs. Silas Whedbee, Perquimans Librarian, who gave a most informative review on the history and the services of the Perquimans Library. She invited all to become better acquainted with the library and to visit and use it.

During the business meeting the minutes were read and approved. Mrs. Bray recognized the chairmen from the different committees. Mrs. Joseph Winslow, membership chairman, reported a 200 per cent membership. She expressed her thanks to all who helped make it a success. Each room was presented a gift as a token of appreciation for their efforts in reaching this goal. Mrs. Claude Winslow, Ways and Means Chairman, gave a report of money raised at the Halloween Carnival, which was \$751.52. Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Magazine Chairman, reported 38 subscriptions to the magazine. Mrs. Claude Williams, Rooms Representative Chairman, reported on a meeting held earlier, stating that each room with help of grandparents would decide on what to do for the children at Thanksgiving and Easter.

Mrs. Bray urged all groups to have their Study Courses as soon as possible. It was announced that the Winfall, Cumberland and Bagley Swamp communities would have their Study Courses next Wednesday night at 7:30 at the Community Building.

Mrs. Claude Umphlett, program chairman, announced that the school, with Mrs. Ruth Burden as chairman, would have charge of the December program.

Mrs. Bray announced that the district PTA meeting will be held here next fall. The showed some PTA earnings and suggested that these might be sold to help raise part of the State building fund. Mrs. Lucille White's fifth grade won the attendance award.

Open House was held immediately following the meeting. Everyone was invited to visit all the rooms. A reception was held in the hall which was beautifully decorated in autumn colors.

Boy Scout Drive For Funds Underway

The Boy Scout finance campaign kicked off November 9 throughout the Albemarle District. Optimism for a successful campaign is running high as the workers received their cards and were challenged to complete the campaign in the next two or three days.

Forrest Dunstan, co-chairman of the drive with Judge Chester Morris, announced Tuesday that he was receiving fine cooperation in getting the drive lined up although there are numerous other drives conflicting with community-minded workers. Dunstan said that the drive in Elizabeth City kicked off Tuesday with an "Early Bird Breakfast" at Hotel Virginia Dare.

Archie T. Lane and J. T. Biggers, who are heading up the drive in Perquimans County, are well pleased with the progress being made here and report they are hopeful the campaign can be brought to a successful close within the next two or three days.

State Peanut Yield Remains Unchanged

The North Carolina peanut crop is estimated at 261,950,000 pounds as of November 1. This is 3 per cent below the 1953 crop of 270,810,000 pounds.

Current prospects indicate a yield of 1,550 pounds per acre. If realized, this yield would be the second highest of record, being exceeded only by the 1952 average yield of 1,590 pounds. Favorable weather during October enabled growers to ret a large portion of the crop picked with a minimum amount of loss in threshing.

For the Nation, a crop of 1,071 million pounds is expected for 1954. Such a crop will be 33 per cent below last year's production of 1,593 million pounds.