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## Commissioners In Meeting Monday With Tax Listers

### Instructions And Supplies Issued For Job Next Month

Perquimans County Commissioners met in special session here last Monday with county tax listers, for the purpose of issuing supplies and giving instructions to the listers in connection with the annual job of listing property for taxes, which will begin January 2.

In addition to Commissioners A. T. Lane, William C. Chappell, F. B. Hollowell, R. L. Spivey, and Warner Madre attending the meeting were Tax Supervisor Julian C. Powell and List Takers Julian Long, Percy Rogerson, Mrs. Ernest Long, Mrs. T. C. Perry. Instructions as drawn and recommended by the Institute of Government, were outlined to the list takers, and these were supplemented by recommendations by members of the County Board.

A. T. Lane, chairman of the board, cautioned the list takers to use care in preparing the property list, pointing out the importance of the duties and the necessity for an accurate listing of all property within the county.

Tax listing starts on the second day of January, and all property owners must list property for 1955 under penalty of the law. Failure to list property by January 31, is a violation of the law, and makes the property owner subject to a penalty for late listing and court action or both.

A schedule, setting forth dates and places at which list takers will work during the month, will be published in this newspaper during January, and property owners are urged to take notice of this schedule as it progresses accordingly.

As in the past the list takers will also take the 1954 farm census, and farmers are urged to prepare in advance a list of all land cultivated, and crops produced during the year. Having this list ready will save considerable time for both the farmer and list taker.

## Baptists Announce Christmas Features

In observing Christmas with all its beautiful and holy significance the Baptist Church is planning many outstanding features.

Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock worship service the Perquimans County High School Glee Club will present a program of Christmas music. One of the most popular and best loved selections will be the immortal "O Holy Night." The group is under the direction of Mrs. Charles E. Johnson and includes 60 voices.

At the evening service Sunday the young people of the church will present a playlet portraying the Christmas story. Mrs. D. M. Jackson, director of the Young People's Activities, is in charge of the program. This service begins at 7:30 o'clock.

Other features for the season include a Sunday School party, which will be visited by a real Santa Claus. Christmas remembrance baskets for the shut-ins and needy of the community, and "Student Night," at which the college students of the church will be in charge. The latter service will be at the evening service on December 28.

A cordial invitation is extended to the community to join in the observance of this holy and happy season.

## Christmas Party At Chappell's Hill

A Christmas program will be presented at Chappell Hill Baptist Church on Sunday night, December 19, at 7:30 o'clock. It was reported today. The public is invited to attend.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Williams announce the birth of a son born Friday, December 10, at the Albemarle Hospital.

## School Holidays To Start Dec. 22nd

Perquimans County Schools will begin their annual Christmas holiday vacation at noon on Wednesday, December 22, it was announced today by J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent.

The vacation will continue for seven days this year. Mr. Biggers said, with classes scheduled to be resumed on Monday, January 3, 1955.

## TB Seal Chairman Appeals For Public Support Of Drive

W. Jarvis Ward, TB Seal Sale Chairman for Perquimans County, announced this week that \$580.50 has been contributed toward the Christmas Seal Sale in Perquimans County. Ward issued an appeal to everyone to send in their contributions as soon as possible.

The District TB Association hopes to conclude the campaign by Christmas eve, and for the drive to be successful each person is asked to buy and use the TB Seals mailed out last month.

A goal of \$9,600 has been set for the District; of this amount Perquimans County is requested to raise \$1,300. The local fund is now short of its quota by \$719.50. Funds raised through the sale of TB seals are used to combat tuberculosis in this area; provide X-rays and other preventive operation for the detection of the disease.

Individuals who have not yet returned contributions for the TB Seals received are urged to attend to this during the coming week, and to help the county achieve its goal in this campaign.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Top Washington officials reported this week that Red China might be holding 11 U. S. Airmen, prisoners of the Korean War, as a means of a trade for some 35 Chinese students the U. S. refuses to permit to return to China. It is hinted the U. S. will make no trade. The Chinese students have been refused exit from the U. S. due to training received in this country which might be useful to the Reds against the U. S.

New taxes for North Carolina may be expected in 1955. Governor Luther Hodges told a press conference this week that the State expenditures exceed income, and the surplus no longer will permit present-rate spending without some increase in taxes. One suggested new tax is a three-cent levy on packages of cigarettes. Another suggestion made calls for increased income from the sales tax by cutting out all exemptions except eight basic food items.

A new plan for selective service is being shaped up in conference in Washington, and is expected to be incorporated into law during the coming session of Congress. The present law will expire next spring. A report stated the new plan might offer youths a choice of volunteering for a select training period; at the age of 23, they will be drafted for a 24-month tour of duty.

President Eisenhower has been conferring with Congressional leaders, prior to the new session of Congress next month about various programs to be proposed for action. A report Tuesday said the Administration will ask for a postponement of tax relief scheduled for 1955. These items include continuation of the present rate of corporation tax, and excise taxes on items such as automobiles, alcoholic beverages and other big-selling items.

## Weeksville Trips Indians; Squaws Win Third Straight

Perquimans High divided honors with Weeksville in a doubleheader basketball ball here last Tuesday night. The Indian Squaws chalked up their third straight win of the season while the Weeksville boys topped the Indians for the second time this season.

The Squaws won easily 39 to 22 with Celia White leading Perquimans as high scorer with 12 points. Barbara Edwards hit for 10 points. Coach Perry used his entire squad during the girls' game, after the local team had amassed a 22 to 6 lead at half time.

Perquimans girls won their second victory of the season last Thursday defeating Griggs 28 to 15. White and Edwards were high scorers with 11 and 8 points, while Riddick scored 8 points as high scorer for Griggs girls.

Markham led the Weeksville boys to victory over the Indians, scoring 12 of his team's 33 points, while Paul Matthews was high scorer for Perquimans, getting 14 of Perquimans' 26 points.

Both teams sparred in the first quarter when Weeksville went into a 17-10 lead at the half. Perquimans came back strong in the third cant to outscore Weeksville 11 to 8 but the visitors maintained a four point lead at the close of the period and then sank 8 points in the last period while the Indians collected five. Carver hit for six points, Williams one, Winslow and Hill two and Bray one.

Inability on the part of the Indians to find the goal range in their shooting was a big factor in the loss, which was the third of the season for Coach Perry's boys.

Griggs defeated the Indians last Thursday by a three point margin, 35 to 32 with Smith leading Griggs in scoring with 11 points. Matthews was high for Perquimans with 14 points.

## Peanut Allotments For County Being Mailed By A. S. C.

Notices of the 1955 Farm Acreage Allotment and Marketing Quota for Peanuts are being mailed to peanut growers in the county this week, announced Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager.

The factor applied in establishing peanut farm allotments for 1955 in Perquimans County was 0.9984. Only farms with an allotment of 20 acres or more received a cut from the 1954 farm allotment and these cuts amounted to not more than 0.2 acre. However, as required by regulations, farms on which the planted acres for 1954 was less than 75 percent of the farm allotment, the 1955 farm allotment was reduced for underplanting.

Miss Nixon says that producers desiring a New Growers Farm Peanut Allotment should file an application in the County ASC Office. A new peanut farm is a farm on which peanuts will be planted in 1955 but on which no peanuts were planted in 1952, 1953 and 1954. It is necessary that someone that will share in the production of the 1955 crop of peanuts have had experience in two of the past five years in the production of peanuts; the owner and operator must not have an interest in a peanut farm allotment on another farm; must derive 50 per cent or more of their income from the farm and have ample equipment and labor for the production of peanuts.

## Central PTA Meets Monday, December 20

The PTA of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School, will meet Monday, December 20, at 7:30 P. M. The school, under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Burden, will present a Christmas program.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William Leicester announce the birth of a son, born Saturday, December 11, at the Chowan Hospital. Mrs. Leicester is the former Miss Alma Davenport.

## Town Board Votes New Ordinance To Regulate Peddling

### Plan Action Against Delinquent Taxes Due On Chattels

A new ordinance, aimed at regulating the peddling of all types of merchandise within the Town of Hertford, was adopted last Monday night at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Town.

Town Attorney Chas. E. Johnson was authorized and instructed to draw the ordinance which will become effective immediately.

Prior to the action on the ordinance Mayor V. N. Darden advised the Commissioners that town authorities were, at times, having trouble with some transient peddlers coming here and objecting to compliance with the town's privilege tax law.

The new ordinance was adopted to correct this situation and place transient peddlers in the same tax category as local merchants.

Other matters handled by the Board during the meeting was the voting of the usual Christmas gift to all employees of the town and to members of the Fire Department.

The Board voted to purchase a compiled list of all car owners, as of January 1, 1955, to be used in connection with the listing of property for 1955 taxes.

A discussion was conducted concerning the collection of delinquent personal property taxes due the Town, and it was agreed that action against delinquent taxpayers will be started immediately after the New Year. This action will be for collection of taxes due on chattels only, as the Town has already started action toward collection of delinquent tax liens due on real estate.

The Board also voted to hold a special meeting on Wednesday to consider a number of routine matters winding up the business of 1954.

## \$100 Fines Taxed In Bean Larceny Case In Court Tuesday

Eighteen cases listed on docket; 5 speeding charges

A day-long session was needed to clear the docket in Perquimans Recorder's Court here last Tuesday when a total of 18 cases was handled by the court.

Fines of \$100 each was taxed in the cases of Ben Butts and Garfield Perry, Negroes, charged with the theft of 21 bags of soybeans from the farm of Fred and Josiah Smith. Perry entered a plea of guilty to the charges and Butts was found guilty following a hearing of the matter. The beans were stolen on the night of November 15 and arrests were made in the case by M. G. Owens on November 17.

Costs of court were taxed against James Hurley, James Etheridge, John McMullan, Jr., and William Smallwood, each of whom submitted to charges of speeding. Carlton Spruill, Negro, was fined \$20 and costs after pleading guilty to speeding in the Town of Hertford.

Cecil Temple submitted to charges of failing to have proper signals on a truck and paid the costs of court.

Thomas Gallagher paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of improper passing.

Herbert Stewart, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court on charges of failing to observe a stop sign. He entered a plea of guilty to the charge.

A fine of \$2 and costs were taxed against Ernest Small, Negro, who submitted to charges of being drunk. Costs of court were assessed against Walter Bateman who submitted to a charge of illegally passing a school bus.

## Weekly To Print Early Next Week

Next week's edition of The Perquimans Weekly will be printed one day earlier than usual, as has been the custom of the past few years, in order to secure early mailing of our Christmas edition, and provide a holiday vacation schedule for the Editor and the printers of the paper.

It is requested that all news items and advertising be in the office of The Weekly not later than 3 o'clock Tuesday, December 21. Correspondents are requested to mail in their weekly newsletter on next Monday.

## R. L. Spivey Named District Governor For Ruritan Clubs

R. L. Spivey of Durants Neck, was elected Governor of the Albemarle District of Ruritan International at a district convention held at Nags Head Thursday of last week. Spivey has been active in Ruritan Club work for several years.

Prior to the business session of the convention Congressman Herbert C. Bonner addressed the more than 150 Ruritan members attending the meeting. Mr. Bonner told the club members about a number of important issues expected to receive attention of the new Congress which convenes in January, including the all important farm program.

The Parkville Township Club received the convention award for service and the Keel Sisters, accompanied by Miss Peggy Harrell, provided entertainment at the convention banquet.

## Holiday Schedule Given For Library

The Perquimans County Library Board in its regular meeting decided to close the library for the Christmas holidays at 4:30 P. M., Wednesday, December 22 and reopen at 10:00 A. M., Tuesday, December 28. The bookmobile will not go on its regular route through Chapanoke and Hurdletown on December 22 and through Burgess and Bethel on the 29th.

The librarian reported the circulation for November totaled 2,158 as follows: Main library, 1,183; bookmobile, 667; and Joseph Judkins colored library, 308. Fifty-one new books were added during November, five of these being gifts as memorial books. Twenty-seven new borrowers were registered.

## Indebtedness Of Town Is Reduced

The bonded indebtedness of the Town of Hertford was reduced by \$5,000 this week, according to a report given by W. G. Newby, Town Clerk, who stated that with the bond payment made Monday, the outstanding bonds owed by the Town now amount to only \$55,000.

## Projects Approved For Hertford PTA At Meeting Dec. 9

The Hertford Grammar School PTA held its monthly meeting on Thursday night, December 9, with a large attendance.

The business part of the meeting was preceded by a delightful Christmas program presented by one of the second grades under the supervision of Miss Mildred Reed. The Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Chas. Johnson, sang three holiday songs which were enjoyed by everyone.

The president, W. F. Ainsley, called the meeting to order. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. The treasurer gave her report.

Mr. Ainsley reported that the Executive Committee had met and the following recommendations were read by Mrs. Howell, secretary of the committee, to be discussed and voted on by the members of the PTA.

Recommend that the Perquimans Weekly Campaign be an annual affair. Mrs. Monds reported Mr. Campbell had been contacted and further discussions would determine permanence of this issue.

Recommend that an extra \$100 be given toward public school music.

Recommend that East and West Academy Streets be made one-way streets for loading and unloading children. The Board of Education has been contacted and they will meet with town officials to discuss this issue.

Recommend that a new movie projector be supplied. Miss Elliott reported that the old projector could be traded in for a new one at a cost of \$307.

Recommend that a memorial for Mrs. Cecil White, former beloved member of the faculty, be presented to the schools. Mrs. Jack Brinn reported the committee suggests a picture be suitably selected and hung with proper bronze plaque.

Each recommendation was discussed individually and each issue was voted on by all present to be entered in the minutes to be acted on as recommended.

Miss Elliott reported the Christmas holidays would begin on December 22 and last to January 3.

The attendance cup was won by Miss Reed's class with over 100 per cent present. Mrs. Noah Gregory and Bill Williams won doornizes.

## Two School Buses Damaged In Wreck

Two Perquimans County school buses were damaged considerably when involved in accidents last week, it was reported by J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools.

The first accident occurred on Wednesday of last week when a Negro bus, loaded with students, was struck on Church Street near the intersection of King Street. A bread truck, driven by Linwood Weeks of Elizabeth City, backed out of an alley into the street, hitting the bus on the side and breaking all of the windows. Some of the children received cuts from flying glass but none were seriously injured.

Weeks was charged with failure to yield the right-of-way and will be given a hearing in Recorder's Court next Tuesday.

The second accident happened near Belvidere last Friday when a bus, driven by Wallace Baker, Jr., was struck from behind by a tractor driven by George Coffield, Negro. Baker reported no injuries to students on the bus. Coffield was charged with reckless driving and will have a hearing next Tuesday in Recorder's Court.

## College Choral Club To Present Program

The Choral Club of Roanoke Bible College will present its 7th annual Christmas program at Berea Church of Christ, December 23, 1954, at 7:30 o'clock. They will include not only the traditional presentation of the birth of Christ in song and scripture but two new features: A Short Version of Charles Dickens' immortal drama, "A Christmas Carol," and a chalk drawing of the Carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

The Choral Club is composed of 25 voices. Everyone has a special invitation to attend.

## Santa Claus To Make His Annual Visit On Saturday

### Hertford Stores To Observe Holidays

A schedule of closing dates for the majority of Hertford merchants and business houses to be observed during the Christmas holidays, was announced by a spokesman for the stores following a survey conducted among the merchants this week.

Most of the local stores have agreed to close Saturday, December 25 and Monday, December 27 for the observance of Christmas but these stores will be open all day New Year's, January 1.

### Seventy Four On Honor Roll At Perquimans High

E. C. Woodard, principal of Perquimans High School, released the school's honor roll for the second grading period on last Friday. A total of 74 students were listed as winning scholastic honors.

The list, by classes, follows: Eighth Grade: Letitia McGoogan Vicky Johnson, Jo Davis, Shirley Tarkenton, Vernella Chappell, Dorothy Cartwright, Dickie Owens, Bill Keel, Beverly Tucker, Ray Winslow, Elizabeth Thach, John Matthews, Zelma Wood, Aldyne Winslow, Wanda Lynn Chappell, Doris Faye Chappell, Carolyn Lewis.

Ninth Grade: Jean Edwards, Nancy Lane, Beth Skinner, Myrna Skinner, Janice Chappell, Patsy Elliott, Alma Godfrey, Missie Holliwell, Rachael Spivey, Warner Lee Madre, Johnny Stoner, Sophie Godfrey, Amanda Corpue, Jean Hunter, Faye Hughes, Kay Matthews, Dan Winslow.

Tenth Grade: Edgar Fields, Jo Ann Matthews, Charlie Johnson, Joyce Owens, Marcia Stallings, Doris Stallings, Jane Winslow, Charles Whedbee, Evangeline Sanders, Lillian Ann Hoffer.

Eleventh Grade: Wallace Baker, Ruth Ayscue, Marjorie Byrum, Annie Lou Lane, Annie Reed Stokely, Sarah Sutton, Barbara Russell, Nancy Bagley, Jo Pat Stokes, Judith Winslow.

Twelfth Grade: Joseph Butt, Joe Layden, Patricia Biggers, Hilda Copeland, Barbara Edwards, Mary Eure, Jean Godfrey, Lois Kirby, Joan Madre, Ann Thatch, Phyllis Trueblood, Joanna Willford, Roy Lane, Billie Carole Divers, Carolyn Eure, Peggy Harrell, Barbara Sawyer, Evelyn Stanton, Celia White, Emille White.

### Post Office Open All Day Saturday

The Hertford Post Office will be open all day Saturday, December 18th for the convenience of patrons, it was announced today by W. W. White, Postmaster.

Patrons are urged to purchase stamps well in advance of mailing of Christmas cards, and packages; they are also requested to have parcels securely wrapped and correctly addressed for assurance of prompt delivery.

Mr. White also requests postal patrons to have Christmas cards, and other mail, sorted into packages for delivery in and out of the county, and to deposit the same in the proper mail slots at the Post Office.

### Church Conference Scheduled Saturday

The Cedar Grove Methodist Church will be host at the first quarterly conference Saturday, December 18 beginning at 11 o'clock, it was announced by the Rev. H. M. Jamieson, pastor. The Rev. C. Freeman Heath, District Superintendent, will preach the sermon. Oral reports will be given by the committees. Dinner will be served at the church.

### Due To Arrive At Two P. M.; Free Gifts For The Kiddies

Preparations have been completed for the annual visit of Santa Claus to Hertford on Saturday afternoon December 18, it was reported by the committee of Firemen and Jaycees, who in cooperation with Hertford merchants, are sponsoring the event.

It will be Santa's Day in Hertford and, as usual a large crowd of children, small medium and the economy size (adults, that is) is expected to be on hand to greet the bewhiskered gentleman from the North Pole.

The committee reported according to arrangements the jovial old gent known as St. Nick is expected to arrive in Hertford at about two o'clock Saturday. His mode of travel for this year has not been made known, but be it fair weather or foul, he will arrive and set up headquarters on the Court House Green. He will bring with him a large number of goodies which will be distributed among the children as holiday gifts, and of course, the children are requested, in order to expedite the distribution of the gifts, to observe the rules of Santa's helpers who will direct the traffic lines to and from Santa's throne.

All the children of the county are invited to come out and visit with Santa Claus, in Hertford tomorrow afternoon. The event this year will mark the sixth visit for Santa, and each year the event proves to be bigger and better, and all the kiddies are sure to have a great time.

### Laymen Revival Planned By Charge

The dinner meeting of the Methodist Men of the Perquimans Charge was held at the Winfall Community House with Epworth Church as the hosts. Wayne White sang "Bless This House" as the invocation and read the 100th Psalm. The Rev. H. M. Jamieson led in prayer. The president Ralph Harrell, presided over the business session. Marvin Robbins, the secretary and treasurer, read the minutes of the last meeting. Plans were made for a Lay Revival on the charge. The schedule for the Laymen Revival services is as follows:

January 3 and 4 at Oak Grove Church; January 5 and 6 at New Hope Church; January 7 and 8 at Cedar Grove Church; January 10 and 11 at Woodland Church; and January 12 and 13 at Epworth Church. All the services will begin at 7:30 P. M. The Lay Preachers will be Jack Benton, Will Hoffer, Clifton Hollowell, George Jackson, Joseph DeLaney and Marvin Robbins. The Methodist Men Quartet will sing one night at each church and the local choir will sing a special number the other night. Devotionals will be lead at the beginning of each service by Harvey Butt, Will Dail, Walter Symons, C. P. Quiney, D. L. Barber, Sr., Elmer Miller and Floyd Matthews.

A recording of the Methodist Men Convocation held at Purdue University last summer was played for the group. George Jackson went as a delegate to the convocation and purchased the recording which all enjoyed hearing. The meeting was closed with prayer by Will Hoffer. The next meeting will be held at New Hope Church on December 28 at 7 P. M.

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