

Street Projects Scheduled To Get Underway Shortly

Extensive resurfacing of a number of Hertford streets is expected to get underway here within the next week or ten days, according to Mayor V. N. Darden. The work will be done by crews of the State Highway Commission for this Division.

According to unofficial sources the projects will include resurfacing of Church Street from the Perquimans River to the southern town limits; Edgerton Road Street, from Grubb Street to Dobb Street; Grubb Street from Church to the town limits. These three projects will be part of the State program carried out under improvement to farm to market roads, and while the equipment and crews are here the Town of Hertford is planning to have Market Street from Church to Edgerton Road Street, resurfaced. This last project will be handled through the Powell Bill provisions.

Employees of the Town Street Department have finished preparations on these streets, getting them ready for the State crews. Machine covers have been raised to allow for the new surface level, and some sewer lines have been fixed or relocated, so as not to interfere with street maintenance following completion of the resurfacing projects.

With the completion of these projects, the streets of the Town of Hertford will be in excellent condition, and it is expected only minor maintenance will be needed for several years to come.

Recently, Charles Street and Pennsylvania Avenue were paved and Woodland Circle was resurfaced and these projects were part of the major street work included in the town program for the past year.

Busy Year Noted By Conservation Dept. In County

By F. A. McGOOGAN
Twenty eight Conservation plans were prepared with Perquimans County farmers during the year ending December 31, 1954. This makes a total of 599 Conservation plans that have been prepared in the county.

During 1954 Perquimans County farmers cooperating with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District seeded 385 acres of permanent pasture and improved the drainage on 1700 acres of farm land. Three group drainage projects were completed this year.

Farmers cooperating with the District set out 14,000 bicolor plants, 4,000 multi-flora rose plants and seeded 100 pounds of bicolor seed for wildlife area improvement. These plants and seed were furnished by the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

The Perquimans County Supervisor of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District sponsored a Conservation Poster Contest in the 5th, 6th and 7th grades of the Central Grammar School and the Hertford Grammar School. This contest was held in March, 1954, and 161 students took part in the contest.

County Board To Meet Next Monday

The Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County will hold its regular January meeting in the Court House next Monday, January 5, beginning at 10 A. M. Persons desiring to appear before the Board on matters of business are advised as to the time and place of meeting.

MOTHER DIES

Mrs. and Mrs. E. C. Woodard were called to Princeton, N. C., last week by the death of Mrs. Woodard's mother, Mrs. N. E. Wood, who died early Monday morning, December 20.

LEGION AUXILIARY MEETS

The Hertford Chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday night, January 6, at Mrs. Charles Stinson.

County Tax Listers Begin Duties Next Week. Schedule Set

Tax listers for Perquimans County will start next week the task of listing county property for 1955 taxation, it was announced today by Julian C. Powell, County Tax Supervisor.

County tax listers for the various townships are Julian Long, Bethel; Percy Rogerson, Hertford; Mrs. Ernest Long, Parkville; Mrs. R. C. Perry, Selvidge; and J. A. Sutton, New Hope.

The tax listers will carry out the duties of their office under instructions issued them by the Board of County Commissioners in a special meeting held here on December 13. The tax listers' job will run through the month of January and all property owners must list their property prior to January 31, otherwise there is a penalty of one dollar for the late listing.

Schedules for tax listers will be published next week and property owners are urged to list early in order to avoid the usual last minute rush.

There are few changes in the listing regulations and the tax rate for the property listed next month will be set by the Board at its meeting in July.

In addition to making the property list, the workers will also take a farm census. Farmers are urged to prepare lists in advance and to assist list makers in the taking of the census.

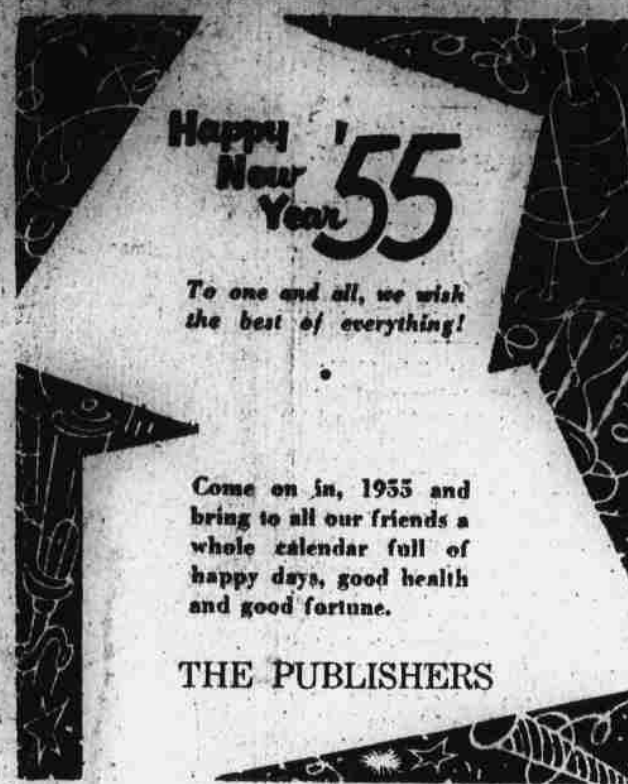
Exports Of Farm Products Expected To Increase In '55

Present prospects appear favorable for increased sale of United States farm products abroad.

An increase of as much as 10 per cent in exports of farm products to other countries during the last half of 1954 and the first half of 1955 is held a possibility by the Foreign Agricultural Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. During the preceding year exports of farm products improved 4 per cent over the low post-war level of 1952-53.

If government surplus disposal programs are successful, the increase in farm exports may even exceed the 10 per cent expected this year, according to FASIS. But over the long run volume of exports will depend upon farm quality and attractive prices in products offered and upon the nation's ability to meet existing buyers' preferences overseas in an era of competitive foreign marketing. A product selected to meet demand here is not necessarily the preferred type by foreign standards.

Through its service of reporting on foreign markets and with the help of United States agricultural attaches stationed in 40 foreign countries, the Foreign Agricultural Service is prepared to help private traders meet the requirements of prospective overseas customers, according to USDA.



Come on in, 1955 and bring to all our friends a whole calendar full of happy days, good health and good fortune.

THE PUBLISHERS

Millions On Farms To Get Social Security Coverage

Most American farmers will start harvesting a strange new crop next year: social security. In effect, this brings a far-reaching new era to agriculture.

For more than 20 years of mushrooming growth, the federal system for retirement or death benefits hardly scratched the surface on the farm. Fluctuating, hard-to-figure incomes, a tendency toward scant bookkeeping, and shifting workers presented special problems considered too tough to tackle.

Now, officials believe, these problems have been ironed out. The new social security law extends coverage to an estimated 3,600,000 farm operators — people farming for themselves; and to about 2,100,000 farm laborers—people doing farm work for others.

In the past, only about 700,000 farm laborers have been covered; in the future, all but about 700,000 out of a working farm population of roughly seven million will be covered.

Those who are covered, and their employers, will make regular payments to the Old Age and Survivors Insurance system (OASI). In return, they can get monthly benefits when they retire at age 66; or if they die before, their survivors can get monthly benefits. These benefits range from \$30 monthly for an individual up to \$200 monthly for a family.

Here are the rules:
In the past, farm operators have not been covered at all. Starting January 1, 1955, they are covered if they make as much as \$500 profit a year.

Special Returns
They will be required to make a special social security tax return when they file their regular income tax return. Thus, the first return will be due early in 1956.

The farm operators get a special privilege. If their total income for the year is below \$1,800, they don't have to figure their net income or actual profit. They can just report their gross income. If

Masons To Install New Officers At Meeting Next Week

Officers elected earlier this month to head the Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., for the year 1955 will be installed at services to be conducted in the lodge rooms Tuesday, January 4, it was announced today.

The elective officers to be installed will be Charles F. Murray, Master; Elijah White, Senior Warden; John H. Decker, Junior Warden; W. J. Kanoy, Treasurer; C. C. Winslow, Secretary.

Appointive officers of the lodge, chosen by the Master-elect, will also be installed during these services.

All members of the lodge are urged to attend the installation services, and visiting Masons are welcome.

Let not him who prays, suffer his tongue to outstrip his heart; nor presume to carry a message to the throne of grace, while that stays behind.
—South.

Miss Kimsey Perry To Direct Annual March Of Dimes

Miss Kimsey Perry, Perquimans County Home Agent, will direct the annual March of Dimes drive, to get underway here about the middle of January, it was reported today.

Miss Perry accepted chairmanship of the campaign last November following the resignation of Mrs. John Biggers. She is now making plans for the campaign and announcement of these plans will be made in the next week or two.

The new chairman of the drive has been assisting in the March of Dimes drive for several years, and she is expected to call upon a large group of residents to help make the 1955 campaign a complete success.

As has been the custom in the past, no quota is expected for the county but the public is urged to contribute generously to this cause, with funds collected going to help fight the battle against infantile paralysis.

The Perquimans drive is expected to follow the pattern of past years with a house to house canvass being conducted throughout the county by volunteer solicitors in Hertford and members of the various Home Demonstration Clubs soliciting the rural areas.

Opportunity is rare, and a wise man will never let it go by him.
—Bayard Taylor.

Farm Progress In County Reviewed By Local Agent

By R. M. THOMPSON
County Agent

Perquimans County farmers have taken very good advantage of the work turned out by the North Carolina Experiment Station. In 1954 there were about 700 acres of corn land to which Anhydrous Ammonia was applied. Some of this was used in a pre-plant and some in a post-plant application.

Because of the fact that a pound of nitrogen in one form will do the same work as a pound of nitrogen in another form, the only question about anhydrous ammonia was the difference in cost and ease in applying, and in the final condition in which the land is left. By using anhydrous ammonia the cost of the nitrogen was reduced between one-third and one-fourth, as compared to the standard method, and the soil condition could be corrected with 1,000 pounds of lime applied every seven years.

Other Experiment Station findings that aided in increasing our income was the N. C. 2 peanut that gave very good results in weight and bags produced to the acre. This is the second year this peanut has been planted and it is catching the farmers' attention even faster than the hybrid corn that was released several years ago, which increased our average State yield of corn from 15 bushels to the acre to better than 30 bushels per acre.

The employer's report must include each worker's name, wages paid him and social security number. A farm operator also must include his social security number in his own return.
Like others under the system, farmers must have at least 18 months coverage to become eligible for benefits.

County 4-H Clubs Close Out Fine Year

Busy Session Of Recorder's Court

Thirteen cases were disposed of in Perquimans County Recorder's Court this week, with traffic cases predominating.

James R. Sayles, charged with a stop sign violation paid the costs of court.

James W. Jackson, Jr., charged with failure to yield the right of way paid the costs of court.

Paul Rountree, charged with being drunk and using profane language, was fined \$15.00 and costs of court.

Connie Harris, charged with having no operator's license, was ordered to pay a fine of \$25.00 and costs of court.

William Stallings, charged with reckless driving, was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of \$15.00 and costs and answer for further judgment continued.

The following were found guilty of speeding and assessed as follows: Jarvis L. Cooner, \$15.00 fine; Doriel R. Rohrer, \$15.00 fine; John Edward Low, \$15.00 fine; Dominic J. Renaldo, \$15.00 fine; Charles L. Dowling, \$15.00 fine; Roger Dufour, \$20.00 fine; Harold E. Smith, \$15.00 fine; and Percy P. Fergie, \$15.00 fine.

By L. R. SASSER

During January, 1954, a registered polled Hereford heifer was awarded to Warner Moore, Jr., to start the first purebred calf chain in this section of the State for 4-H and FFA boys. This project is sponsored by the Hertford Rotary Club and the Purebred Cattle Association. The Rotary Club has sponsored a calf chain in the past but this was the first time a purebred animal has been given.

Peggy Harrell, a pretty 16-year-old brunette, was chosen Miss Perquimans High of 1954 in the 4-H Club's annual beauty contest held February 18th. Peggy went on to be chosen Queen of the Potato Festival and represented the Albemarle in another contest in Tampa, Fla.

Livestock judging is a very important 4-H activity in Perquimans County. The livestock team composed of Clarence Chappell, Jr., Wallace Baker, John Howell and Thomas Ed. Chappell won the District title and placed third in North Carolina during State Fair Week.

Perquimans County 4-H Club joined with other clubs in North Carolina and across the country in observing National 4-H Club Week. Perquimans 4-H boys and girls observed the Week through news articles, radio programs, window displays, and a banquet for members and parents. The banquet was held March 12 at the Winfall Grammar School. Meals were furnished by the Belvidere Home Demonstration Club. Mrs. Anderson Laydon presented the Horace Laydon award to Bobby Smith for his outstanding Club work.

Club members in Perquimans County observed 4-H Club Sunday during the month of May. They had as their theme, "Respect for Self, Respect for Home, Respect for Church and Respect for Community."

The annual District 4-H Elimination Day was held in Washington, N. C. on July 28, 1954. Perquimans County had 10 members participating, then over before. Julian Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Howell gave a post meeting demonstration, winning second place. Wallace Baker and John Hill gave a demonstration on the Care of Electric Motors, also winning second place. Clarence Chappell, Jr., of Belvidere, was first in the State with his demonstration entitled "Better Needs in Bookkeeping." Joe Rogerson, Jr. was the third place winner in the Tractor Driving Contest. A demonstration entitled "Construction of Electrically Heated Hot Box" was given by Joe Laydon, Jr. and Belmont Perry. The Soil and Water Demonstration was given by Lloyd Ray Morgan and Billy Hudson. One boy also competed in the Talent Contest. He was Johnny Phillips of Bethel. Johnny was chosen in the Blue Ribbon group and appeared on TV while in Raleigh during 4-H Club Week.

Perquimans County 4-H Club boys and girls gave an Ice Cream Party at the Albemarle Electric Shop in Hertford August 31st.

Clarence Chappell, Jr. and Louise Chappell exhibited six dairy animals at the Eastern North Carolina Junior Dairy Show. They won six blue ribbons and Clarence won a trophy in the fitting contest.

The club members entering in District competition went to Chowan Saturday, October 30th, for the District Recognition Day. This trip was sponsored by Milton Dail & Son, Southern Cotton Oil Company and Hertford Livestock & Supply Company.

Perquimans County held their annual 4-H Achievement Day November 13, 1954. The officers for the coming year were installed by Kimsey Perry, home agent. These officers were: Wallace Baker, president; Joyce Owens, vice president; Betty Brown, secretary; Nancy Lane, reporter, and Ann Lane, pianist.

Two 4-H Club members attended the State 4-H Recognition Day held in Raleigh November 26, 1954. They were Lois Violet Winslow and Bobby Smith. Bobby was declared State and National winner in Health Improvement and Lois Violet was State and National winner in Better Grooming.

There is no disparity in marriage like unsuitability of mind and purpose.
—Dickens.

Hertford Stores Open January 1st

A majority of Hertford stores and business houses will be open all day Saturday, January 1, and will observe the New Year's holiday on Monday, January 3, it was reported here this week. The Hertford Post Office will be closed all day but mail will be received and dispatched on a holiday schedule.

Rotary Club To Meet Tuesday Night

Hertford Rotary Club will meet Tuesday night at the Hertford Hotel, marking the first meeting of the year during which Rotary International will observe its 60th anniversary. Henry C. Sullivan, president of the club, urges all members to attend.

School Holidays To Terminate Monday

Perquimans County Schools will resume regular class schedules next Monday morning following the usual Christmas holidays. It was announced today by J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools.

State Making Notable Development Progress

By WADE LUCAS

In the conservation and development of its natural resources, North Carolina is making notable progress. Efforts being made to promote wiser and more profitable use of these resources are paving dividends, a Department of Conservation and Development survey shows.

Considerable progress is being made in bringing about a better balance between agriculture and industry. More payrolls of a year-around nature are being provided through the industrial expansion program that is receiving so much attention during the present State administration.

Long known for its leadership in various types of industry, North Carolina is gaining recognition as a state in which many diversified products are manufactured for the markets of the nation and the world. In sales volume, textiles, tobacco, furniture, food and chemicals are highest.

"We are pleased with the progress that is being made, but we are a long ways from being satisfied."
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