

Forty Nine Seniors Awarded Diplomas At Commencement

Katherine Nixon Appointed As Assistant To New Clerk

Diplomas were awarded to forty nine seniors at the 30th annual commencement of Perquimans High School, held Monday night in the school auditorium before a capacity crowd. The exercises marked the close of the activities which started last Friday night with Class Night, followed on Sunday by the baccalaureate sermon, which was delivered by the Rev. James O. Mattox.

The commencement program was conducted by Buddy Tilley, Patricia Biggers, Joanna Wilford, John Hill, Joe Butt and Mary Frances Eure, members of the graduating class.

Following the awarding of the diplomas, E. C. Woodard, principal, announced the winners of a number of awards and medals and presented these to the winners. Mary Frances Eure was the winner of the chief medal for scholarship and achievement; sportsmanship medals went to John Hill and Sue Perry White; activities medals to Mary Frances Eure and Billy Elliott; citizenship medals to Jo Pat Stokes and Dickie Owens; dramatic awards were won by Sammy Jennings and Patricia Biggers; outstanding undergraduate student was Wallace Baker; debate medals, Patricia Biggers, Ann Burke Chappell, Mary Frances Eure and Mable Keel.

Clubs: Club medal, Patricia Biggers; Journalism, Julia Ann Stokes; Yearbook, Ray Lane; Student Council Medal, Joe Butt; Mrs. B. G. Koonce Medal for Scholarship, Judy Winslow; BPW Club Commercial Award, Carolyn Faye Eure; Buck Plaque for Agriculture, Wallace Baker; Williams C. Chappell Award for best grades in agriculture, Hazel Mathews; Dekalb Award, Billy Elliott. Perfect attendance award for 22 years, Louise White.

Mr. Woodard praised the class of 1955 for being outstanding in scholarship, reporting that 43 per cent of the class were honor roll students. These students were Mary Frances Eure, Julia Ann Stokes, Patricia Biggers, Joanna Wilford, Peggy Harrell, Joe Laydon, Anne Hatch, Barbara Edwards, Ray Lane, Emily White, Joe White, Joe Butt, Billie Carole Bivens, Joan Madro, Celia W. Griffin, Lois Jane Kirby, Peggy Chappell, Ann Burke Chappell, Alice Jean Jackson, Evelyn Ann Stanton, John Hill, Billy Elliott and Carolyn Faye Eure.

Wool Pool Offers Producer Benefits

The annual wool pool for farmers in this area will be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 20 and 21, according to R. M. Thompson, County Agent, and the wool sold in this pool will be sold according to grade. "In the past very few farmers from Perquimans County have participated in this wool pool but last year there were several farmers that sold their wool by this method and were very well pleased with the results," states Thompson. "Because we think there is a possibility that there will be a good size quantity of wool this year, we are trying to make arrangements for one truck to haul all the wool from this county to the pool and this will enable the owners of the wool to join in the pool and get a better price."

The farmers planning to sell wool in this pool, please contact the Farm Agents' office as soon as possible so as to let the agents know whether or not it will be necessary to secure a truck to do all the hauling and arrangements can be made to handle your wool.

Present plans are for the wool to be brought to the County Agent's office in Hertford at 8 o'clock on Monday morning, June 20, and to leave from Hertford as soon as possible so that the wool can be sold that morning in Washington. The wool check will be returned to the relative office

Child Injured In Accident Sunday

Susan Lee Harrell, 9, of Elizabeth City, suffered injuries to her head in an auto accident last Sunday afternoon. According to Patrolman B. R. Inscow, she was riding in a car driven by John W. Howard, Jr., which collided with a car being driven by Edgar R. Smith. The accident occurred about four miles south of Hertford on Route 17. The Patrolman said Howard, attempting to pass Smith, struck the left rear of the Smith car and the Howard car turned over on the left side of the highway. Damages to the cars were estimated at \$900.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Supreme Court on Tuesday handed down its decision concerning integration of schools. The decision affirmed the ruling the court issued during May of last year, but set no deadline for actual integration of schools. Rather than spell out the time and manner in which its original decision was to be observed the court directed the process is to be handled through federal district courts. Both sides, in this issue, see the decision as a victory, but it is apparent that under the ruling integration will rest almost entirely in the hands of local officials. The court's ruling directed that integration start promptly and continue with reasonable speed and directed district courts to see that the process is carried out as rapidly as possible.

Four American flyers, captured during the Korean War and held prisoners by Red China since that time, have been released, and reports state other American POW's held by the Chinese are expected to be released shortly. The action of the Reds, in releasing the men, is seen as further proof of easing of tension in Asia. A Washington report this week stated that Russia has been cutting down on shipment of armaments to China, thus attempting to build up the propaganda strength of the Reds peace proposals.

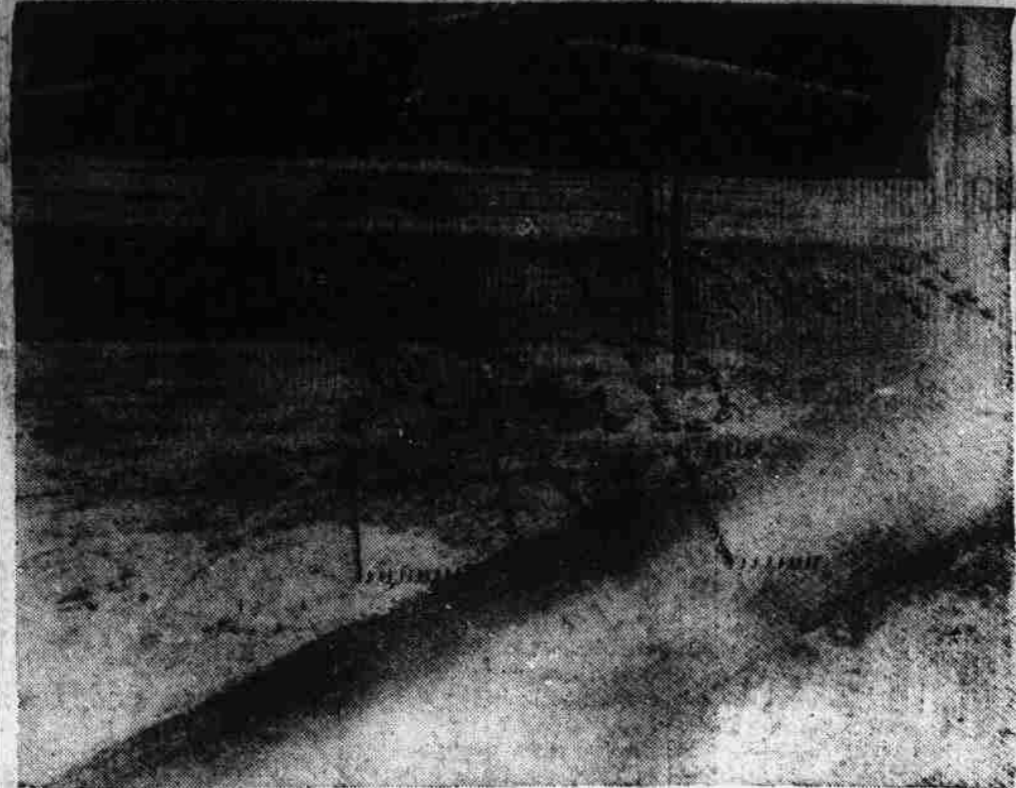
Public Health officials have announced clearance of the polio vaccine, and President Eisenhower said Tuesday that the first phase of the anti-polio campaign, double inoculation of all first and second graders is expected to be completed before the infantile paralysis season reaches its peak sometime in August.

A nation-wide railroad strike in Britain, which tied up communications, led Prime Minister Eden to declare a state of emergency and order the government to seize special powers for the operation of the railroads, in order to aid in distribution of food and other essentials such as fuel and materials for basic industry.

4-H Camp Quota Reached In County

Construction of the 4-H Club Camp for Negro Youth at Hammocks Beach in Onslow County was assured last night when more than two-thirds of the goal was reported. The drive, aimed at raising \$97,000 to complete construction on the project, closed with \$28,632.26 for the state. The Farm and Home Agents, W. C. Strowd and Mrs. M. B. Taylor, expressed their thanks to citizens of Perquimans County for the fine cooperative spirit shared in helping to raise over the county goal of \$900,000. The county raises a total of \$610,000 for the drive sponsored by the 4-H Club Foundation of North Carolina. Individual Community Reports on or before May 28, included Oak Hill \$48.75, Hertford \$24.45, Bay Branch \$20.00, Bethel \$70.51, Winslow \$18.00, Winton \$40.00, Leigh Temple \$60.00, Fools Grove \$30.25, Chisapeake \$69.25, Galatia \$33.00, Chesapeake \$18.00.

A total of \$51.12 was contributed by the county schools and firms



North Carolina introduces its 1955 Slow Down and Live campaign with this panoramic shot of 112 State Highway Patrol cars and troopers. The big push for safer roads during the summer travel season will extend through Labor Day. Last year's Slow Down and Live campaign is credited with saving 50 lives according to the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

Join In Current Public Urged To Driving Campaign

Governor Hodges today urged North Carolinians to join in the state's current safe driving campaign. In address presented over a state-wide television and radio network, the Governor pointed out that there is a highway accident every 11 minutes, with someone injured every 34 minutes, and that someone is killed on a North Carolina highway every eight hours.

"In my humble opinion the time has come when we, the people of North Carolina, must band together in the interest of self-preservation," Governor Hodges said. "I am not speaking of preservation from A-bomb or H-bomb attacks or from germ warfare. I hope they never come. I am speaking of a devastating enemy that is already here—death and destruction on our highways. Slaughter on the streets and highways of North Carolina is going on right now from border to border—day in and day out."

Continuing, the Governor declared, "We are a peace-loving people here in North Carolina. We are a happy people and we are grateful for our families and all the blessings of Almighty God. Furthered from the thoughts of most of our people are murder and suicide, and yet every day on our highways law-abiding, peace-loving citizens—just like you and me—are involved in murder and suicide—victims of carelessness, inconsideration, thoughtlessness, anger, and all the other impulses which tempt you and me when we drive an automobile. And it's up to you and me to stop this."

"North Carolina is a forward looking, forward acting state. We pride ourselves on our good roads, our good schools and our good health facilities. Now I want to ask you some very simple questions: What good are our roads to us if we are in a cemetery? What good are our schools if our children are killed on the streets and highways? And what good are health facilities if what we need is a funeral parlor?"

The Governor's message opened a new, all-out campaign for safety on North Carolina highways, being conducted by the Governor's Traffic Safety Council, composed of business and civic leaders from throughout North Carolina.

Governor Hodges invited and urged North Carolinians in all parts of the state to join in the campaign. He pointed out: "The only way I know to conquer this monstrous enemy which last year took the lives of 991 North Carolinians is for you to become so shocked, so aroused, so determined to bring defeat to this enemy that you will join with me and others in our efforts to mobilize all the citizens of North Carolina into a Traffic Safety Army."

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Lieut. and Mrs. William Howard Pitt, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Redding, born May 31, at the hospital in Jacksonville, N. C.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Harrison announce the birth of a daughter, born Saturday, May 28th, at the Chowan Hospital.

Peanut Growers To Vote July 23rd On 2-Cent Assessment

County Board To Meet Next Monday

Commissioners for Perquimans County will hold their regular June meeting next Monday beginning at 10 A. M., in the Court House. Among other business expected to be handled during the meeting will be adoption of a tentative budget for the various county departments.

Make That Picnic Safe—Health Officer Urges

Although picnics and outings are fun, precautions should be taken to prevent food poisoning outbreaks, Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer, warns.

"With a little knowledge and care, such outbreaks or minor sickness can be prevented, says the health officer. "Although hundreds of such gatherings are held in the health district each year, we have been fortunate to avoid any serious food poisoning outbreaks. There have been times, however, when a person or persons become ill as a result of some carelessness. Its natural for us to live out of doors as much as possible in the summertime. But during the summer months, foods need careful handling and protection, especially if they are to be held for any length of time before eaten on an outing. So, protect your food to protect yourselves."

To prevent food poisoning Dr. McGuire urges housewives and workers for churches, civic and similar gatherings to observe the following rules:

See that, before preparation, food is clean, wholesome, free from spoilage and safe for human consumption.

See that utensils in which food is prepared and served are clean and free of germs. Paper utensils are ideal for picnic use, since they are compact and light, assure each person individual, germ-free utensils and are readily disposable.

Don't serve custard pies and pastries, meat and meat products, milk and milk products, poultry or salads unless kept refrigerated until time of serving.

If meats are to be served hot, don't cook them until just before they are to be eaten. Keep fingers out of food and utensils. Keep food protected against flies, dust and persons coughing or sneezing over it. "If these elementary principles of good food handling are followed," he said, "everyone will be able to eat, drink and enjoy the outing, safe in the knowledge that there will be no unpleasant aftermath."

Albemarle League Opens Tuesday, NAS Plays Here

The first round of games in the Albemarle League will get under way next Tuesday, it was reported by W. W. White, business manager for the Indians, who stated the NAF, Weeksville will meet the local team in a game on Memorial Field. Game time is 8 o'clock.

The Indians will also play Chowan on the local diamond Friday night, June 10.

Ike Perry, manager of the Indians, is expected to have a well-balanced club ready for the opening of the league play. Most of the players from last year's champion outfit report they are ready to play again this year, and Manager Perry states he expects three or four new players to join the 1955 squad.

A. W. Hefren, president of the league, stated the teams will operate under rules similar to those used last year, which provided for each team to use non-paid players. Teams may secure players outside home counties, but it is expected the six teams, forming the league, NAF, Elizabeth City, Perquimans, Edenton, Chowan and Colerain, will use mostly home players.

Annual Farm And Home Week June 20

The 47th annual Farm and Home Week will be held in Raleigh the week of June 20th-23rd at State College, according to R. M. Thompson, County Agent, who stated, "the program this year is one designed to interest both farm men and women, and rural ministers, and I am sure that anyone who can attend for the four days will be very well pleased and for those who can only attend one day—each day's program is different and you can decide which you would prefer."

Monday, June 20th, will be devoted to registration and there will be recreation for the evening. Tuesday, June 21 will be devoted to "Homemaking and Family Living" for the women and "Things to Come in Agriculture" for the men. Wednesday, June 22nd will be devoted to the same subjects, but with different topics. On Thursday there will be held the 29th annual meeting of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and the men will have a swine day at the State College Animal Husbandry Swine Farm which will be devoted to "Feeding, Nutrition and Types of Swine." The program will adjourn Thursday night after recreation.

"If possible, I hope that the farm men and women in Perquimans County will attempt to take some part in this Farm and Home Week," said Thompson.

Jackson Named YDC District Organizer

H. S. Jackson, native of Perquimans County, has been named as Organizer of the First Congressional District, for the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina by John R. Jordan, Jr., State YDC President. Mr. Jackson will strive to strengthen and promote Young Democratic Clubs in the Northeastern area of North Carolina. In this capacity he will work with Region Organizer, Stuart A. Curtis of Ahoskie.

Mr. Jackson is active in civic affairs, and is employed by the State ABC Board, Malt Beverage Division in the Elizabeth City area.

Town Board Names Bobby Elliott To Fill Post As Clerk

Delinquent Taxes To Be Advertised June 3

Real property in Perquimans County upon which 1954 taxes have not been paid will be advertised for sale by Sheriff J. K. White on June 3, and sold at the Court House door on Tuesday, July 5.

Sheriff White reminded property owners, who have not paid their taxes, they can save the additional costs of advertisement by making settlement by Saturday of this week.

Bond Rites Held Monday Afternoon

Harry Tunstall Bond, 73, died Sunday about 8 A. M., at the Chowan Hospital, Edenton, after a lingering illness.

He was a native of Chowan County and had lived here for the last several years.

He is survived by a son, Walter T. Bond, of Washington, D. C.; three sisters, Mrs. Charlie Wood, Mrs. Clara Preston and Mrs. Lucy Badham, all of Edenton; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 P. M., at the Lynch Funeral Home here by the Rev. Gordon Bennett, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Edenton. Burial was in the St. Pauls Cemetery. Pallbearers were Charlie Wood, Richard Hines, Paul Tucker, Julian White, Pete Boyce and Bill Cox.

Closing Ceremonies Held Monday Night At Perquimans High

Meeting in special session here last Monday night, the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford appointed Bobby Elliott to fill the position as town clerk, succeeding W. G. Newby, who has resigned.

Mr. Elliott is 29 years old and a native of Hertford. He is cashier for the Southern Cotton Oil Company, where he has been employed for the past 10 years. He is a member of the Baptist Church, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Scoutmaster for Troop 155. He is married and has one child.

The Board also appointed Miss Katherine Nixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Nixon, to the position as assistant to the clerk. Miss Nixon is a graduate of Perquimans High School and during the past year attended Louisburg College.

Following the meeting Mayor V. N. Darden reported Mr. Elliott will begin his duties with the Town July 1, and Miss Nixon will start at a later date. Mr. Newby will continue in the capacity as town clerk until an audit has been made of all town books, after which Mr. Elliott will succeed Mr. Newby.

The selection of Mr. Elliott and Miss Nixon to fill the positions was made by the Board from a number of applications which had been filed for the two posts.

Awards Presented In Jaycee Driving Contest On Monday

Light Docket In Recorder's Court On Last Tuesday

Winners in the Jaycee sponsored Teenage Road-e-o contest, conducted recently at Perquimans High School, were announced and presented awards on Tuesday morning at the closing chapel exercises held at the school.

Winners in the contest, which was reported highly successful by the Jaycee committee were Sammy Jennings, first; Harmon White, second and Talmage Byrum, third. John Beers and Francis Nixon, representing the Jaycees, made the awards, presenting the winners with a plaque and certificate.

Mr. Nixon explained to the student body that the primary purpose of the contest was not so much to pick out an outstanding driver, but to emphasize the student driving program offered in the school. He expressed the appreciation of the Jaycees to Mr. Woodard and others who cooperated to make the Road-e-o a success.

The contest entries were scored on a driving test as well as a written examination. The above named winners were adjudged the best in a field of 17 contestants.

Talmage Rose, chairman of the committee in charge of the contest, stated the Jaycees will probably sponsor a similar contest again next year at which time it is anticipated that a larger percentage of the eligible drivers at the high school will take part in the contest.

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RECEIVES DEGREE

Among the 67 graduates of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., last week was the Rev. Harold White of Belvidere, who was one of five who received Doctor of Theology degrees. Dr. White, a native of Mineral Springs, Texas, has served a number of churches since his ordination in 1941, and was a member of Perquimans High School faculty during the 1953-54 school term.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 105, A. F. and A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

PAINTING PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

The renovation of Perquimans County Court House, which got under way last month is nearing completion and the project is receiving popular approval from the public. Painting of the exterior of the building has given it a new and attractive look, and replacement of damaged walls at the rear of the building has been completed.

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Mr. and Mrs. Emory White announce the birth of a daughter, born Saturday, May 28, at the Albemarle Hospital.