

Forest Fires Cause \$3,904 In Damages During Past Year

13 Fires Burn Over 577 Acres Through-out County

An estimated loss of \$3,904 resulted from 13 forest fires which burned 577 acres in Perquimans County from July 1, 1954 through May 30, 1955, it was reported to the Board of County Commissioners by Thomas D. Nixon, Jr., County Ranger.

According to Mr. Nixon the past year has been one of severe fire weather conditions which caused greater loss than during the previous year when the county had only three fires which burned 192 acres.

Due to weather conditions during the year, Mr. Nixon said, it was necessary for the Forestry Division to cancel burning permits but the general attitude of the public was cooperative, and resulted in fires being kept at a minimum.

The Commissioners were advised that during the year needed repairs were made to the lookout tower and a portable radio was placed in use to aid communications. Plans are now under way to erect a building at the tower site to be used for storage of equipment and materials.

In concluding his report Mr. Nixon expressed appreciation to the people of the county, private and public agencies for the cooperation given the division during the year. At the conclusion of its meeting on Monday the Board of Commissioners went on record favoring the continuance of Mr. Nixon as County Ranger for Perquimans County.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Final report of a major strike in the auto industry ended this week when a compromise agreement was reached between Ford Motor Company and the Union. Reports from Detroit indicated a similar agreement may be reached between General Motors and the Union. The UAW sought a guaranteed annual wage from Ford, along with other benefits, and a compromise was reached with both sides agreeing on a supplement for unemployed payment for a period of 26 weeks. Negotiations with GM are being continued but officials hint no strike is expected.

Governor Hodges told newsmen this week that he does not plan to call a special session of the Legislature for action on the segregation problem, although he is concerned about the matter. The Governor said he seeks to avoid hasty action on the issue, and that no purpose could be served by calling a special session of the General Assembly at this time.

Western Powers have proposed the meeting of top officials of the U. S., Britain, France and Russia be held at Geneva beginning July 12. Reports indicate this will be the site for the meeting if Russia agrees. An agenda is now being planned for the meeting aimed at furthering the advancement of world peace.

Congress voted this week for a pay raise for postal employees, averaging about eight per cent for each worker. The action followed a presidential veto of a previous measure passed by Congress.

Service Officer Gives Annual Report

A report filed with the County Commissioners this week by G. C. Banks, Perquimans County Veteran Service Officer, showed the office handled a total of 1,850 calls during the past year.

According to the report the office received 185 letters, mailed out 235 letters, made 14 phone calls, 54 field trips, held 189 interviews, had the following inquiries on education, 13; on the job training, 35; compensation and pension, 74; insurance, 18; former training, 28; burial benefits, 14; legal advice, 8; set patient treatment, 18; readjustment benefits, 12; and miscellaneous, 12.

Final Report Given By Chairman On Cancer Fund Drive

Jaycee Fishing Rodeo Saturday

Preparations are complete for the fishing rodeo being sponsored for local children under the age of 16 by the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce. It was reported today by Edward Barber, chairman of the committee.

The fishing contest, Mr. Barber said, will be conducted on the pier adjacent to the Tows Oil Company off Grubb Street from 1:00 P. M., until 4 P. M., Saturday, June 11. The rodeo is open to both girls and boys and prizes will be awarded the girl and boy who catches the largest fish during the hours of the contest.

Children under the age of nine, who wish to enter the contest, must be accompanied to the location by an adult. Applications for entry in the contest may be submitted at the site.

Six Cases Heard By Recorder In Court On Tuesday

Six cases were disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court here last Tuesday before Judge C. E. Johnson.

Willie Lee Winslow, Negro, was found guilty of issuing a worthless check. He was sentenced to the roads for 65 days, sentence to be suspended upon the payment of the costs of court and the sum of \$65 to be paid Tows-Webb Motor Company.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case in which Mary Day Chappell was charged with reckless driving upon the condition the defendant write a composition of not less than 300 words upon the subject of "the importance of keeping careful watch at all times while driving." The composition to be turned into the court by next Tuesday.

Emons Gibbs and Charlie Williamson, Negroes, submitted to charges of being drunk on the streets of Hertford. Each defendant paid a fine of \$2 and costs of court.

Katherine Horton pleaded guilty to charges of driving without a license and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Peter Boyce paid a fine of \$10 and costs after pleading guilty to charges of permitting an unlicensed operator to drive his car.

Baptist Announce Bible School Plans

The Hertford Baptists are anticipating the largest Bible School enrollment this year than ever before. The school will be held at the grammar school due to the building of the new wing of the church's educational building.

There will be a preparation day this Friday morning from 8:30 to 10 o'clock. The children will line up according to departments and proceed into the auditorium for a brief worship period. They will then go to their classes where the teachers will register the students, explain the work and schedule of the school. After which will come a refreshment hour and that followed by a color comedy film.

On Monday the 13th the school will actually begin and continue through Friday the 17th. Commencement exercises will be held at the church Sunday evening June 19.

Every effort has been made to make this a good, profitable and entertaining school. The teachers are well qualified and experienced, the various Circles of the church will provide refreshments during the recess and a movie will be shown each day during the fellowship period.

The school will begin each day at 8:30 o'clock and close at 11:30 o'clock. The ages will include 4 through 13. All children interested in attending the school are urged to be present for the preparation day this Friday at 8 o'clock.

Final Report Given By Chairman On Cancer Fund Drive

With a final report of \$1,054.97 Perquimans County for the eighth consecutive year ranks with the Honor Roll group of the State in topping its cancer fund goal of \$862.00, according to the report made Wednesday by the County Commander, Mrs. J. Elton Hurdie, campaign chairman. Wonderful cooperation was shown by the people of Perquimans County in making this drive a successful one.

The committee in charge of the rural areas was Mrs. Marion Payne, Mrs. Roxanna Jackson, Miss Audrey Umphlett, Mrs. Alice Towe, and Mrs. J. Elton Hurdie and they gave the following report: Burgess, Mrs. J. R. Proctor \$2.75; Chapanoke, Mrs. L. B. Elliott \$10; Beech Spring, Mrs. Ethel B. Winslow \$10; Ballyhack, Mrs. Edna B. Elliott \$15.10; White Hat, Mrs. Geneva Sawyer \$16.73; Old Neck, Mrs. Alice Towe \$14.00; Durants Neck, Mrs. Nathan Spivey \$25.11; New Hope, Mrs. Ann S. Butt \$15; Chappell Hill, Mrs. Christine Copeland \$7.10; Belvidere, Mrs. Percy L. Winslow \$65.70; Mt. Sinai community, Mrs. Ralph E. Miller \$7.35; Winfall, Mrs. C. J. Umphlett \$33.03; Woodland, Mrs. J. E. Wood, Jr., \$13.75; U. S. 17 N (shortcut), Mrs. Henry Kirby \$34.83; Harvey Point Highway, Mrs. John Corprew, Jr., \$10.97; U. S. 17 South to Chowan Line, Mrs. Irvin Long \$18.25; Bethel, Mrs. Madge Brabble \$7.60; Woodville and Highway, Mrs. Johnny Bray \$34.50; Belvidere and Star Route, Mrs. Elwood Nowell \$34.98; Bagley Swamp, Mrs. E. Q. Hurdie \$10.25; U. S. 17 SW Center Hill Highway, Mrs. C. L. Dail \$10.50. Colored, Mrs. M. B. Taylor and Home Demonstration Clubs, \$10.

Miss Hulda Wood and Mrs. Betty Swindell gave the following report from the city area: Grubb Street, Mrs. Edna F. Winslow \$16.75; Mrs. Elsie Gregory, \$3.70; Mrs. Addie Keegan, \$8.64; Mrs. Jessie Cox, \$10.25; and Jane Payne White, \$2.50. Woodland Circle, Mrs. Margaret Lane \$21.00; Mrs. Willard Stallings, \$11; Pennsylvania Avenue, Mrs. Edna Eley \$39.36; Dobb Street, Mrs. Mary Dale Lane \$22.75; Church Street, Mrs. J. T. Biggers \$55.50; Mrs. Elizabeth Skinsay \$15; Billy Carol Divers \$3; Mrs. J. R. White \$69; Mrs. Irene Towe \$7.50; U. S. 17 S to Hertford Livestock, Mrs. A. H. Edwards \$25.50. Colored, the Rev. T. M. Walker \$20.50, and Don Juan Manufacturing Company, Mrs. W. W. Boyce \$10.96.

Clubs contributing were: Lions Club, \$15.00; American Legion, \$5.00; Perquimans B&PW Club, \$5.00; Central Grammar School PTA, \$10.00.

Contributions reported by schools was as follows: Winfall Central Grammar School, \$33.10; Hertford Grammar School, \$20.00; P.C.H.S., \$9.38; Hertford Training School, \$12.00; Perquimans Training School, W. R. Privott, \$21.18.

Tag Day was held on Saturday, May 21st, at which time \$52.35 was realized and tags and pamphlets were distributed under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Dale Lane and Mrs. Ruth Smith. The four hard-working girls who did such a good job were Misses Clay Stokes, Deedee Bonner, Dianne Hollowell and Julie Lane.

Mrs. Hurdie, on behalf of the local Cancer Unit and members of the committee, expressed her thanks to the public for the splendid support given the crusade, and to the workers who so kindly volunteered their time and effort in behalf of the campaign.

Attending Camp

Four girls from the local chapter of the Future Homemakers of America and Miss Frances Newby, Perquimans County High School home economics teacher, will leave on Monday for the FHA camp at White Lake.

A full schedule of studying phases of FHA work and recreation is planned for the week. The group which includes Mabel Kael, Jeanette Williams, Nora Grace Cook and Lillian Ann Hoffer plan to return on Saturday.



FREEDOM UNDER THE DOUBLE EAGLE—Coat of arms of the one-time dual monarchy of Austria-Hungary and also of the House of Hapsburg once more glitters over an Austria which is once again independent of both royal reign and occupation. Workers have just finished restoring the half-million-piece tile mosaic on the roof of St. Stephen's Tower, Vienna, which was destroyed by fire in 1945.

Indians Defeat NAF In Opening Game

The Perquimans Indians defeated NAF Weeksville in the opening game of the Albemarle League played here Wednesday night by a score of 13-3.

Rain on Tuesday caused the opening of the league to be delayed by one day. In ceremonies prior to the contest Mayor V. N. Darden welcomed "baseball fans to the opening game and tossed out the game ball.

Manager Ike Perry named Mack Riddick to start the mound duties for the Indians and Riddick pitched a fine game striking out 11 and allowing only six scattered hits. He gave up two walks. Other starters for the Indians were Morris at shortstop, Hunter at third base, Chappell, Allan and Bill Winslow in the outfield, Paul Matthews at first, Christgau at second and Carver catching.

The Indians, led by John Morris, who had four safeties, showed a powerful hitting attack, collecting a total of 12 hits off NAF pitchers Carroll and Rhodes.

Runs were scored by the Indians in all innings except the fourth and fifth while NAF collected one run in the sixth and added two more in the final inning.

The Indians play here again Friday night, meeting Palmer Tynch's Chowan nine with game time set for 8 o'clock.

Collection Date For Wool June 20

The State Wool Pool was sold on June 2nd to the National Spinning Company of Washington. The prices are as follows: Clear Wool, 5210 cents per pound; Light Burry Wool, 4790; Medium Burry Wool, 4290; Heavy Burry Wool, 3590; Stained Wool, 4290; Coarse Wool, 4290; Black or Dead Wool, 3990; Lamb's Wool, 4150; Tags, 0800.

For the farmers in Perquimans County who wish to place their wool in the wool pool there is a possibility that one truck will be used to carry this wool to Washington. The collection point in this county will be the Agricultural Building in Hertford on Monday, June 20th at 7 o'clock.

"If you have not notified the County Agent's office about placing wool in this pool, please do so at your earliest opportunity so that sufficient arrangements can be made to haul all the wool that is collected," says R. M. Thompson, Perquimans County Agent.

The handling charge in Washington of the wool is 1 cent per pound and this year there is no penalty for untied wool. "After your wool is sold you should present your wool receipts to your local ASC office and fill out CCC Wool Form 46. This will enable you to receive your incentive payment," states Thompson.

Legion Auxiliary Installs Officers At Meeting June 2

The William Paul Stallings Post No. 126, American Legion Auxiliary met last Thursday night with Mrs. J. H. Towe and Mrs. Kelly White at the home of Mrs. Towe on Church Street.

Mrs. Helen Skinner, president of the unit, presided over the meeting which was opened with the regular auxiliary ceremony. Mrs. Leslie White gave a report on the recent Poppy Sale which cleared \$207. Mrs. White reported that the winner of the Poster Contest prize of \$2 was Jeanne Britt and that the prize of \$2 for largest amount sold in Hertford went to Miss Rachel Bass and a similar prize in the rural area to Miss Patsy Umphlett of Winfall.

Mrs. White was given a vote of thanks for the very successful poppy sale.

Mrs. Skinner announced that Miss Sarah Sutton and Miss Judy Winslow would represent the unit at Girls' State.

New officers for 1955-56 were installed by Post President Mrs. Sarah White, as follows:

President, Mrs. Madge Towe; 1st vice president, Mrs. Leslie White; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Grace Morris; recording secretary, Mrs. Edna Webb; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Minnie Miller; treasurer, Mrs. Thelma Hollowell; historian, Mrs. Helen Skinner; chaplain, Mrs. Ethel Perry and Mrs. Mary Chappell; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Elsie Gregory.

Mrs. Edna Webb read the Constitution and by-laws. Mrs. Irene Towe gave the program which was a history and customs of Panama after which the meeting was adjourned to meet again in September.

The hostess served delicious refreshments to the fifteen members present.

State And County Wheat Acreage Set

North Carolina's wheat acreage allotment for the 1956 crop is 281,739 acres. This is a slight decrease from the allotment of 284,547 for the current year. The National allotment for 1956 remains the same as in 1955, 55 million acres, the legal minimum.

Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County Office Manager, advised that the State allotment has been broken down to counties. The allotment for Perquimans County is 149 acres. Farm allotments have been determined for the 1956 crop, and each wheat grower will receive notice of his farm allotment before the 1956 wheat marketing quota referendum to be held June 25th. The referendum will determine whether marketing quotas recently proclaimed by the Secretary of Agriculture will be in effect for the 1956 crop. A two-thirds favorable vote is required.

State and county allotments, Miss Nixon explains, are based upon wheat acreage of the past 10 years with consideration for weather and trends. Farm acreage allotments are based on the wheat acreages of the past 3 years with consideration for tillable acres, crop rotations, type of soil, and other factors. This accounts for the change in state, county and farm allotments from one year to the next.

County Gains One Teacher Next Year

One additional teacher has been allotted to the Negro school system for the 1955-56 year by the State Board of Education, it was reported this week by J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools. The number of teachers in the white schools remains the same as last year.

Mr. Biggers said the State allotment of teachers, based upon average daily attendance records, provides for 27 elementary teachers for the white schools and 10 high school teachers, exclusive of the home economics and agricultural teachers. The Negro schools will have 29 elementary teachers and nine high school teachers.

The Board of Education has approved the election of Macell Jennings for the new position, which is open in Perquimans Training School.

Tentative Budget Adopted By Board Of Commissioners

County Asks Bids From Oil Dealers

Sealed bids for furnishing Perquimans County with fuel oil for the coming fiscal year will be received by the Board of Commissioners at their meeting on July 5, it was reported following the Board meeting this week. Fuel oil dealers are invited to submit bids for both fuel oil and kerosene to be used by the county from July 1, to June 30, 1956.

The Board also approved a contract with the R. E. Aiken, Jr., Company of Elizabeth City to audit the books of the county for the 1954-55 fiscal year.

A petition requesting improvement of a road in New Hope Township was approved and forwarded to the district highway office.

Winfall Officials Sworn In During Meeting Monday

Officials for the Town of Winfall, elected last month, were sworn into office and assumed their duties at a meeting held last Monday night.

Taking the oath of office as Mayor was Fred S. Winslow and Commissioners are D. L. Barber, Sr., Elijah White and Alton Moore. Following the installation of the new board, J. F. Hollowell, Sr., was named as clerk to the board.

During the meeting the Board authorized the clerk to advertise all delinquent 1954 taxes due the town, on July 8 and to sell same on Monday, August 8.

Individuals who have not paid the 1954 taxes due the Town of Winfall are urged to make prompt settlement and avoid further penalties.

Board Names Pitt To Fill Clerk Post

The Board of Commissioners, during the regular meeting last Monday, appointed W. H. Pitt to the office of Clerk of Recorder's Court to fill the unexpired term of C. T. Skinner, Jr., who resigned, effective May 31.

No action was taken by either the new clerk or the Board on appointment of an assistant clerk of recorder's court, as provided for under a law enacted by the General appointment will be made probably next month. The appointment of the assistant clerk is made, under the law, by the clerk subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners.

The appointment of Mr. Pitt as clerk of recorder's court in no way affects his position as clerk of superior court; he will continue with the duties of this office to which he was elected in 1954 in addition to handling the duties as clerk of the recorder's court.

By its action on Monday the Board consolidated the duties of the two offices to be handled by one official.

Fire Department Sponsor Wrestling

Arrangements have been made by the Hertford Fire Department to sponsor girl wrestling matches at Perquimans High School Memorial Field next Monday night, June 13, beginning at 8 o'clock, it was reported by M. N. Nixon, Fire Captain. In case of rain the matches will be held in the high school gym.

Three matches, featuring famous stars such as Maria Garabaldi, Italian Champion, and Hillbilly Kate of Puduach, Ky., plus a tag team match will comprise the program for the evening.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present and visiting Masons invited.

Expenditures Call For Tax Rate Of \$1.65 Per Hundred

A tentative budget for Perquimans County for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 1956, was adopted by the Board of Commissioners meeting here in regular session last Monday. The tax rate for the coming year was also tentatively set at \$1.65 per one hundred dollar valuation to cover expenditures in the budget.

The proposed budget, published elsewhere in this issue of The Weekly, calls for total expenditures during the next 12 months of \$289,727.00.

Final adoption of the 1955-56 budget is expected to take place at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, July 5, which will be the regular meeting of the Board for next month.

The overall budget as compared with the one for the present fiscal year shows proposed expenditures will increase by about \$41,688. A slight increase has been reported in property valuation throughout the county this year.

Allocations to the various departments making up the general county fund for salaries, supplies, equipment, and other expenses are as follows: County Commissioners, \$4,925; Tax listing, \$2,400; Sheriff's Department, \$3,800; Elections, \$750; County Accountant, \$2,150; Treasurer, \$700; Court House, grounds and jail, \$5,230; Register of Deeds, \$1,090; Health and Coroner, \$3,295; Farm Agent, \$6,547; Home Agent, \$3,733; District Health Department, \$7,401; Superior Court, \$3,000; Clerk Superior Court, \$6,925; Blind, \$1,278; F.S.A., \$900; Conservation, \$1,800; Library, \$4,600; Veterans' Officer, \$1,200; total, \$62,324.

Allocations for the Poor Fund call for expenditures amounting to \$2,550, which is a substantial reduction as compared to last year, and which is made possible through the conversion of the county home into a boarding home. Expenditures totaling \$40,850 had been allocated for Debt Service from which the county will pay off \$24,000 in bonds and \$14,850.50 in interest during the year and Sheriff's commissioners amounting to \$1,937.50.

The county school system will operate on a budget of \$17,669 from which \$36,425 will come from taxation and the remainder will be received from sources other than ad valorem taxation.

The overall welfare budget for the county amounting to \$112,334 will require \$9,300 from ad valorem taxation with the remaining sum being received through State and Federal aid.

Eight Local Bills Ratified By G.A.

A total of eight local bills, pertaining to Perquimans County, was ratified by the 1955 Legislature according to a report released by the Institute of Government. All of the bills were introduced before the General Assembly by Representative C. R. Holmes.

The first of the bills prohibit the practice of phrenology within the county; the second repealed a law requiring licensing of hunting blinds in the Perquimans River; the third and fourth adjust the compensation paid for per diem meetings to the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners and members of the Board of Education. The fifth bill set up machinery for a continuous grand jury for the county; the sixth outlaws the use of live virus for the vaccination of hogs; the seventh sets up regulations for corn trading, and the eighth measure provides for appointment of a clerk of recorder's court and assistants by the Board of Commissioners.

ROTARY CLUB TO MEET

The Hertford Rotary Club will meet Tuesday evening at 6:15 o'clock. President Henry Sullivan requests all members to attend.