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Indians - Squaws Open Court Season Defeating Central

The Indians and Squaws of Perquimans High School opened their current basketball season with a double victory over strong Central High teams in games played Tuesday night on the Central court.

In the preliminary game the Indian Squaws came from behind to score a 43-32 win over the Central girls. Barbara Russell with 32 points sparked the Perquimans offense. Jo Pat Stokes hit for 10 points and Phyllis Bagley scored one. The Central girls, led by Dot Brothers who scored 11 points, held a 17-11 lead over the Squaws at half time.

During the second half the Perquimans defense, led by LaClaire and Judy Winslow, contained the Central offense and the Squaws moved into a commanding lead which gave them the final victory.

Coch Ike Perry's Indians showed prospects for a good season ahead in winning a 42-20 decision over the Central boys.

The boys' contest, always a thriller when these two teams meet, was a see-saw battle down to the last whistle. Tommy Matthews sparked the Indian offensive play garnering a total of 16 points for high scoring honors of the game. Three other Indians, Melville Williams, Don Baker and Billy Bray scored eight points each for Perquimans. Julian Howell and Johnny Miller also saw action during the contest.

Sharber was high for the Central team, canning 10 points during the contest.

Local fans will have the opportunity of seeing the local teams in action on the local court Friday night when the Camden boys and girls come here for a double bill with the Indians and Squaws. Game time is set for 7:30 o'clock.

Next Tuesday night the Indians and Squaws will play at Camden and on Friday night, December 16 the Central teams will play in Hertford.

Rotary Speaker Tells Of Bright Future For Area

A bright future exists for Eastern North Carolina according to the Rev. Key Taylor, pastor of South Mills Methodist Church, who was guest speaker at this week's meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club.

Mr. Taylor, an avid student of population and economic trends, told the Rotarians that Eastern North Carolina is again the frontier of the State. Studies show a steady growth in population in this area since 1900, and will continue so through the year 2,000 when population of the area is expected to double its present number.

Construction of rural roads throughout the eastern part of the State, Mr. Taylor said, has opened up a tremendous labor pool for a new industry, and he predicted industrial development in this area is practically assured due to the saturation point rapidly being reached in the Piedmont area.

Discussing population trends Mr. Taylor said Eastern North Carolina will continue to be a rural community although actual farm population will decline in years to come. He pointed out rural roads will permit a growth of non-farm rural population, with many families living outside urban areas but commuting to work in nearby towns.

Mr. Taylor also predicted that the water resources in Eastern North Carolina will be a key to the future economic development for the eastern area, especially port facilities at Morehead City and Wilmington.

House Destroyed; Another Damaged By Fires Thursday

Losses estimated at several thousand dollars resulted from two fires reported here last Friday morning.

The first fire occurred at the home of Marie Jones, Negro, of near Winfall. The blaze, its origin unknown, had gained considerable headway before the local Fire Department was notified and completely destroyed the house and all personal effects of the residents.

Another fire, about six years ago, totally destroyed a house owned by the Jones family, located on the same site as the house lost last Thursday night.

The second fire here last week caused considerable damage to the home of Fred Burke, Negro, on Market Street. The fire resulted from an overheated chimney and it, also, had gained much headway before being discovered, at about 1 o'clock A. M., Friday.

The interior of the house was badly damaged from the flames but the firemen brought the fire under control shortly after arriving on the scene.

Open House Sunday To Honor Couple

The children of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Whedbee, Sr., will honor their parents at an open house Sunday, December 18 at their home in Woodville.

The occasion will mark the honored couple's 50th wedding anniversary. Hours for calling will be from 2 until 5 o'clock. No invitations are being sent but friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Children of the honored couple include Mrs. Joel Hollowell, William Whedbee, Carlton Whedbee, Luther Whedbee, Elaberry Whedbee, Jr., Mrs. Louis Harrell, Mrs. Fred Matthews, Mrs. R. E. Kowalsky, Mrs. A. T. Banks and Mrs. Howard Banks.

Farm Agent Gives Report On Trip To 4-H Convention

By R. M. THOMPSON
Farm Agent

The week in Chicago with 4-H Club delegate attending the National 4-H Club Congress was full of excitement and entertainment for all the delegates. The trip started with a luncheon in Raleigh for all State winners. They proceeded from Raleigh to Lynchburg, Va., by bus, catching a pullman train into Cincinnati. From there they caught a day coach into Chicago arriving around 1:00 P. M., on Saturday, November 26th. After checking into the Conrad Hilton Hotel, the North Carolina delegates were invited to a "Pop" concert on Saturday night and Sunday morning there were Church services held for all the 4-H Club delegates.

The recognition of State and National winners and the banquets began on Monday morning at 6:30 o'clock. Entertainment was furnished at all banquets and different sponsors sponsored each meal from Monday through Thursday night.

Other activities during the week included a trip to the International Livestock Exposition at the Stock Yard where all 4-H Club members were on parade; dances and folk games were held for the delegates and a tour through the city of Chicago and the museum in the city. The trip back for the North Carolina Delegation was by plane which they caught in Chicago at 8:00 A. M. They landed in Raleigh at 1:00 P. M.

The delegates from Perquimans County were Rachel Spivey and Bobby Smith who served as Group Captains of the North Carolina delegation during the week they were in Chicago. Rachel was the youngest 4-H Club delegate from North Carolina. Each of these delegates were given many gifts plus a special banquet by their sponsors. Some of the 4-H delegates appeared on television and radio and held regular morning press conferences with leading newspapers throughout the United States.

"Even though the trip was packed full with excitement and each day the delegates were on the go for around sixteen hours, I am sure that each one of them would say that their trip as a 4-H winner to the National 4-H Club Congress is worth all the time and effort they have put in their projects," states R. M. Thompson, Perquimans County Agent.

Retail Sales Jump 79 Percent During Last Seven Years

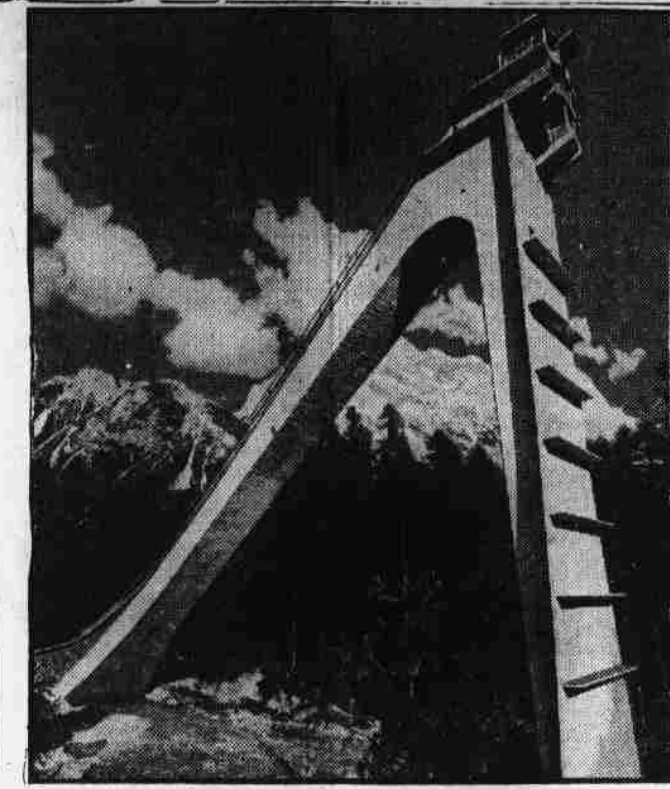
Retail sales in 1954 of 84 stores in Perquimans County totaled \$7,940,000, according to preliminary 1954 Census of Business figures announced by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

These figures reflect an increase of 78.9 per cent over sales in this county in 1948 by 107 stores of \$4,439,000.

The report revealed stores with payroll in 1954 numbered 42 and had 207 paid employees in November of last year. The reported payroll amounted to \$403,000 and these stores accounted for sales of \$7,104,000.

Proprietors of unincorporated businesses numbered 83 for Perquimans County.

The report listed the number of stores and their 1954 sales, grouped by major kinds of business as follows:



GIANT'S PLAYTHING—Resembling an out-of-this-world version of a playground slide, this modernist cement structure is a ski jump. Located in the Dolomite Mountains, near Cortina, Italy, it is being readied for the 1956 Winter Olympic Games.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The State Board of Education Tuesday approved a plan for distribution of 25 million dollars in school building funds after a study of nine months duration. Under the plan Perquimans County will receive a total of \$105,977.19. The plan adopted for the distribution is based upon a county's need for funds, its ability to pay and efforts made by the county to meet its needs. The funds to be distributed are the remainder of the 50 million dollar bond issue voted by the state two years ago.

A possibility that the Eisenhower Administration may restore 90 per cent price supports on top quality products was reported from Washington Wednesday in an announcement by Secretary of Agriculture Benson. Commodities to be included, if the plan is adopted, will be wheat, corn, cotton, peanuts, rice and tobacco.

A merger of the AFL-CIO Labor Unions became a reality this week but reports from New York, where a labor convention is being held for the purpose of organizing the administration of the giant union, state some problems are arising as to officials who will direct the huge new union.

Prime Minister Anthony Eden will visit Washington early next year to confer with President Eisenhower on problems which have arisen since the Geneva Conference, following which it was definitely determined the spirit of co-existence between the East and West is dead. Russian attitude since the conference has been such that political commentators report Russia seemingly continues its tactics of the cold war.

The Virginia Legislature, meeting in special session, voted a referendum to be held throughout the State on January 9, to determine if the Virginia Constitution should be changed to provide public funds to children to enable them to attend private schools.

The annual convention of the Albemarle District of Ruritan Clubs was held Wednesday night at Camden High School with R. L. Spivey of Durants Neck, District Governor, presiding over the business session of the convention. Approximately 35 Ruritans from this county attended the event. The Rev. Ernest Emurian, pastor of the Methodist Church of Portsmouth, Va., was the speaker for the occasion.

4-H Groups Hear Talks On Wildlife

The 4-H Club meetings in Perquimans County of the week of November 28th were devoted to Wildlife and Conservation of Resources. Miss Lunette Barber, who is with the Wildlife Commission in Raleigh, attended all of these meetings and gave most interesting talks to each club on different phases of conserving natural resources. In her illustrative materials she showed products from wildlife such as furs, bird nests, and many outstanding pictures of birds and animals. All the 4-H'ers seemed to enjoy Miss Barber and the Agents felt that her talk would interest the younger school children and so had her give the talk in both the Central Grammar and Hertford Grammar Schools to the first four grades in one period and to the 4-H age grades in another period. "We believe that Miss Barber, with her talk, stimulated a great interest among the groups in wildlife and resources, and since there was so much interest in her talk we hope to have other outside speakers at future meetings," stated Mrs. Florence Webb, home agent.

Miss Barber left instruction books with all teachers in the schools as well as magazines and has since then sent to the schools still more class room material.

BAKE SALE
The St. Katherine's Auxiliary will hold a bake sale at Perry Electric Store at 10 o'clock Saturday, December 10.

Public Support Urged For County Blood Program

An appeal for public support of the Red Cross blood program, which provides for free blood transfusions for hospital patients from Perquimans County, was issued today by C. P. Morris, County Red Cross Chairman, who announced the Red Cross bloodmobile will visit Hertford next Monday, December 12 to collect blood for continuation of the program.

This trip of the bloodmobile is actually a make-up trip to supplement the collection made here in October when only eight pints of blood were secured for the program.

Headquarters for the bloodmobile, Mr. Morris said, will be set up in the Municipal Building in Hertford between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. He stated that the County Red Cross officials hope a sufficient number of public spirited citizens will volunteer as blood donors to enable Perquimans County to meet its blood quota.

A committee composed of Billy White, John Beers and Bobby Elliott are soliciting donors for the program, but Mr. Morris said no one needs a special invitation to join this program. Individuals are requested to come to the blood program headquarters next Monday and volunteer their support of this vital program.

Chairman Gives Report On Sale Of Christmas Seals

Jarvis Ward, chairman of the Christmas Seals sales in Perquimans County reported this week response to the appeal for funds in this annual drive has reached the sum of \$476, with the county's goal set at \$1,300. Of the 1,800 letters mailed out to residents of Perquimans only 395 have been returned to the chairman.

In urging the public to buy and use these tiny seals during the next three weeks the chairman said: "Christmas Seals and the work they represent the year-in, and year-out fight against Tuberculosis are so familiar that most of the people in the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden-Chowan Counties accept them without a thought to what they represent, yet without those bright little dabs of colored paper they would be missed, and the entire Tuberculosis control program would fold up."

If you have not yet sent in your reply to the appeal, do so at once. You will be adding your bit to help in the fight against TB.

Ten Cases Before Recorder's Judge

A docket consisting of 10 cases was disposed of during the Tuesday session of Perquimans Recorder's Court with Judge Chas. E. Johnson presiding.

James Woodard was found guilty on a charge of improper passing of a motor vehicle. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs. An appeal was noted to Superior Court.

A fine of \$10 and costs were taxed against Emanuel Miller, Negro, who entered a plea of guilty to charges of destruction of property.

J. M. Spruill, Negro, paid the costs of court after submitting to charges of issuing a worthless check.

Preston Stevenson and Richard Dorient submitted to charges of failing to observe a stop sign and each paid the costs of court.

Shirley Davis, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court after entering a plea of guilty to charges of being drunk on a highway.

Costs of court were taxed against Arthur Baines who submitted to charges of permitting use of cancelled registration plates.

Frank Coston, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to charges of possessing non-tax-paid liquor and was fined \$75 and costs of court.

Board Nominates 3 Applicants For Job As County Forester

Acting to fill a vacancy, that of the position as County Forester, the Board of Commissioners, meeting here last Monday, approved the names of three applicants for submission to the District Office of the Department of Conservation and Development which will make the final selection in filling the position.

From a list of seven applications the local Board approved those of H. N. Nixon, Lewis Stallings and Lawrence Perry. The applications of these men will be sent to the District Office in Elizabeth City for further consideration.

A delegation representing the County ASC Committee appeared before the Board requesting improvement be made to the heating system in the Agriculture Building, which houses the office of the ASC. This group was advised that the heating plant has been worked over and that the Board has under advisement the replacement of the system at a future date.

The Board voted to hold its January meeting on Tuesday, January 3, instead of the first Monday of the month, which will be a legal holiday.

In preparation for the annual task of tax listing, which starts January 1, the Board appointed the following tax listers for the various townships for the coming year: Hertford, Percy Rogerson; Bethel, Julian Long; Parkville, Dick Long; Belvidere, Mrs. Tim Perry; New Hope, J. A. Sutton.

The Commissioners will meet with the Tax Listers on Monday, December 19, at which time instructions and supplies will be given the list takers for their duties next month.

C. S. Mintz, District Farm Agent, appeared before the Board and advised the Commissioners that the State Office is considering moving Ralph Sasser, Assistant Farm Agent here, to another county but that a definite decision on the matter, as yet, has not been made.

Claude Brinn New District Chairman Independent Unit

The National Federation of Independent Business, an organization composed entirely of independent business men and women has announced through its District Manager, Stanley Barr, that Claude Brinn has been named district chairman for Perquimans County.

Claude Brinn, a native of Hertford, recently returned here from New Hope, Va., where he lived for several years. He is now engaged in operating the Brinn Mutual Insurance Agency, a business he purchased from George Fields.

Brinn requests all county membership in the Federation to mail back their dues of \$1.00 and \$2.18 to his office at 127 and 218 to his office on South Street, Hertford in order that he may deliver the balance to Congressman Herbert C. Bonner.

Jordan Funeral Held Last Friday

Arthur William Jordan, 80, died Thursday morning of last week at his home in Perquimans County after a lingering illness. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jordan.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret B. Jordan; two sons, William Kenneth of Phoebus, Va., and Arthur Williams, Jr., of Route 1, Hertford; two daughters, Miss Margaret Ann Jordan and Miss Carolyn Elizabeth Jordan of Route 1, Hertford; one brother, Ben Jordan of Winfall; two sisters, Mrs. Will Trueblood of Hertford and Mrs. Sue Thompson of Elizabeth City.

Funeral services were conducted at the Lynch Funeral Home last Friday morning by the Rev. J. D. Stoner. During the services the Bethel Choir sang "Rock of Ages" and "It is Well With My Soul."

Pallbearers were E. J. Proctor, Emmett Long, Edgar Long, Jarvis Skinner, Clyde and Arthur Thompson.

High Scout Award Presented Sunday

Bobby Matthews, Eagle Scout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matthews, was awarded the "God and Country Award" at the evening service of the Hertford Baptist Church. Bobby was the first Scout in the Albemarle District to receive this distinguished award. The presentation was made at the conclusion of a program centered around the requirements for the award.

Bobby Elliott, Scoutmaster of Troop 155 in Hertford, presented the "God and Country" award to Eagle Scout Matthews' parents who pinned the badge on their son's uniform. Scoutmaster Elliott gave many examples of Bobby's outstanding Christian leadership on camping trips and troop meetings.

Hertford Jaycees Plan Award For Young Man Of Year

A search is on for Perquimans County's outstanding young man of the year, who will receive the Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award during national Jaycee week next month, it was announced by Bobby Elliott, chairman of the DSA committee for the Hertford unit.

Application blanks, to be used in nominating candidates for the award have been distributed by the local committee, and clubs and individuals having received these blanks are asked to submit the name of the candidate by the deadline date given on the application.

Selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of local leading citizens and the award is to be presented after approval of the committee's nominee by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce who affords the recognition through the local organization.

The award will be presented January 18 to the young man the judges believe has contributed most to the welfare of this community during the past twelve months. "And the winner need not be a member of Jaycees," Elliott said.

At the same time as Hertford's outstanding young man is honored by the local Jaycees, more than 2,000 other young men will be recognized in similar ceremonies by Jaycees all over America.

The Parkville Ruritan Club will sponsor an auction sale at the Winfall Community House on Thursday night, December 15. All proceeds from the event will be used by the club in aiding needy families of the community during the Christmas season.

Parkville Ruritans To Assist Needy

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