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ASC Office Gives Sign-up Dates For '56 Farm Program

The 1956 Agricultural Conservation Program will open with the initial sign-up period between January 26 and February 10, 1956, announced L. L. Lane, Chairman of the Perquimans County ASC Committee.

Any Perquimans County farmer is eligible to participate in the 1956 Agricultural Conservation Program and farmers may sign up at the County ASC office through February 10 to become eligible for program assistance in carrying out needed conservation practices in spring of 1956. A second sign-up period will be held for farmers who plan to carry out needed conservation practices in the fall of 1956. Requests made after February 10 for spring practices will be considered by the County ASC Committee to the extent that funds are available.

Mr. Lane said that practices approved for Perquimans County are: Establishing a permanent or a cropland pasture; improving permanent pastures; forest tree planting and forest improvement; constructing farm ponds for livestock and/or irrigation water, open ditch drainage, and tile drainage; sowing winter cover crops and summer annual legumes; and an establishment of a year round vegetative cover to protect cropland through the 1956 crop year.

Mr. Lane further said that in signing up under the 1956 ASC Program to carry out approved soil and water conservation practices, the farmer does not obligate himself in any way. Farmers who cooperate in this program must put up their share of the out-of-pocket cost of the approved conservation practice, as well as perform all labor involved. In turn, the farmer, and the nation enter into a contract which works to the benefit of both parties.

Town Board Praise Teachers - Firemen

Hertford's Town Board, meeting here in regular session last Monday night, had high praise for the teachers of the Hertford Grammar School and the firemen of Hertford, Elizabeth City and Edenton for their action in connection with the fire which destroyed the grammar school.

The Board adopted two resolutions, one for the teachers of the school in which the faculty members were commended for their calmness and courage while evacuating the children from the burning building, and the other resolution, copies of which are to be sent the Edenton and Elizabeth City Fire Departments expressed the town's appreciation and thanks for the aid and cooperation rendered by the visiting firemen.

Expressions of appreciation were also voiced to the individuals and groups who kept the fire fighters supplied with hot coffee and sandwiches during the more than five hours the firemen fought the blaze.

Corn Allotment May Be Needed In 1956

Any producer who intends to plant corn in 1956 on a farm where no corn was planted during the years 1953, 1954 or 1955 must apply for a corn acreage allotment if he wants price support on his farm in 1956, Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, said today.

Marketing quotas do not apply to corn, however, under the acreage allotment program, the production of corn in 1956 on a farm which has no corn acreage allotment would make all the corn produced on such farm ineligible for price support in 1956.

Application forms for a corn acreage allotment are available at the County ASC office. February 16, 1956 is the last day such applications may be filed.

MASONS TO MEET
The Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Lewis Stallings New Fire Warden

Lewis Stallings has been appointed as County Forester for Perquimans County, according to an unofficial report made late last week. Mr. Stallings, one of three applicants recommended by the Board of Commissioners for the job, was appointed by the District Office of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Indians - Squaws Meet Ahsoskie Here Next Friday Night

The Ahsoskie High School basketball teams will come to Hertford Friday night for the double bill with the Indians and Squaws of Perquimans High. The preliminary game will start at 7:30 o'clock.

Perquimans won a double header from the Tarboro teams Tuesday night when the Perquimans girls rolled up a 49-34 decision over their Albemarle Conference opponents at Tarboro. Stokes led the Squaws' offensive with 20 points. Russell had 17, Hollowell 11 and Bagley scored one. Sasser was high scorer for Tarboro with 15 points.

The Indians scored their first conference victory at the expense of the Tarboro boys gaining a 63-38 decision. Displaying some good shooting, the Indians gained an early lead in the contest and held the advantage throughout the game. Scoring for Perquimans were Williams with 22 points, Howell 13, Baker 12, Matthews 6, Bray 5, Whitehead and Mansfield 3. Umphlett tallied 12 points for the losers.

On last Friday night the Williamston teams copped a double bill from Perquimans, winning the girls' contest by a score of 55-41 while the Indians lost by a score of 67 to 32.

Gaylord Perry led the Williamston boys with 18 points, while Baker was high for Perquimans with six points. Williamston uncorked a dazzling offense in the second period which the Indians were unable to stop, and the Green Wave held a 37-21 advantage at the half. Cherry tallied five points for Perquimans during the third quarter while Williamston scored 14 points.

The girls' contest was fairly close with Williamston holding an 18-14 lead at the end of the first period and moving to a nine point advantage at the half, 29-18. Russell led Perquimans with 17 points while Robertson was high scorer for Williamston with 19 points.

Many Income Tax Laws Apply Solely To Farm Operators

(This article, first in a series describing the provisions of the Federal Income and Social Security tax laws as they affect farm people, was prepared by Charles R. Pugh, W. L. Turner, and C. W. Williams, extension farm management specialists, N. C. State College.)

Farmers, like other taxpayers, need to know the filing requirements, forms to use in filing taxes, and information necessary to compute the correct tax as required by law.

Since farmers do not have taxes withheld from their income like most wage-earners, and do not know what the exact profit from their farm business will be until the end of the year, they have a few problems other taxpayers don't have. There are parts of the Federal income tax which apply specifically to farmers.

Because of the extension of So-

School Officials Adopt Plans For Grammar Students

At a meeting held here Tuesday morning local school authorities adopted plans for housing students of the Hertford Grammar School, and continuing the school schedule until such time as the school can be reconstructed.

Under the plans adopted children of the first, second, and one section of the third grade will attend classes at Perquimans High School, in a special section of the building set aside for the group; another section of the third grade and the fourth grade will attend classes at Central Grammar School, and the students of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades will attend classes in the Hertford Grammar School lunchroom, which is being remodeled for the purpose and the reading section of Perquimans Library.

J. T. Biggers, school superintendent, stated the Board of Education believed this plan best of any proposed, since all the children will be housed in school property, and hot lunches will be available for them at each building.

The plans and schedule of classes were given on Wednesday morning when the students of the school were assembled at the high school.

Mr. Biggers announced that children within the town of Hertford attending classes at the high school are to be transported to the school by arrangements of the parents; those attending classes at Central Grammar School will meet at the library site each morning and be transported to the Central Grammar School by school buses.

Tax Listing Off To Slow Start Here

The annual job of listing property for county taxes, begun on Tuesday of last week, is off to the usual slow start, according to reports from some of the tax listers. Property owners are reminded that only 15 days remain in which they must comply with the law and list property owned January 1, for 1956 taxes. Each of the five tax listers have a schedule they follow, and this schedule listing places where the tax listers can be found each day is published in this issue of The Weekly.

The tax listers urge individuals to come forth and list their property as soon as convenient. This will save the property owner time as he will miss the last minute rush and waiting; also it will help the list taker who right now has plenty of time to devote to each person desiring to list his property.

Property owners are also reminded that failure to list by February is a violation of the law and a penalty is added for late listing.

No Curtailment In Library Service

The Perquimans Library Board announced Wednesday there will be no curtailment of library service while the reading room section of the building is in use as a school classroom. The Board stated it was offering full cooperation with school authorities under the present emergency.

Patrons of the library are urged to continue the use of the service and there will be no change in the schedule of hours. The front section of the library will be rearranged in such a manner as there will be no interference in the operation of the school classes and the library service.

CALLS FOR BALLOTS
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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A winter storm, which was centered off the east coast this week caused havoc over a wide area of nation. In Florida low temperatures ruined millions of dollars worth of fruit and truck crops. High tides along the North Carolina coast also caused considerable property damage, especially at Nags Head.

Residents of Virginia have voted for a constitution convention for the purpose of changing Virginia law to provide for grants in aid by the state to students desiring to attend private schools. The proposal was voted by a majority of two to one.

President Eisenhower has proposed changes in the farm program to relieve the present depressed condition. Reaction by Congressmen to the proposal, which included recommendation for a "soil bank" was mixed but Washington reports predict Congress will make changes in the farm program for assistance to farmers.

Possibilities for a political contest for the governorship of North Carolina this year appear to be fading following an announcement Tuesday by Dr. Henry Jordan that he will not be a candidate for the office. Governor Luther Hodges is not an announced candidate but political leaders believe he will seek a full term of office at the May primary. A number of other persons previously mentioned as possible candidates have stated they will not run.

Road Improvement Completed During Month December

During December, the State Highway Commission completed 10.6 miles of road improvements in the First Highway Division, Commissioner Emmett Winslow reported today. All of the work was finished in Perquimans County, which along with Camden, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, Bertie, Hertford, Northampton, Chowan, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington comprise the First.

Division headquarters are in Ahoskie. W. N. Spruill is division engineer; J. J. Gilbert is assistant division engineer. George K. Mack is district engineer at Elizabeth City; T. C. Liverman is district engineer at Ahoskie; and W. F. Sessoms is district engineer at Plymouth.

In Perquimans, State highway forces completed 7.2 miles of a sand asphalt surface course, 18 ft. wide, from Joppa to NC 37 in Belvidere. State forces also resurfaced with sand asphalt, 22 ft. wide, from Winfall southeast for 1.6 miles to US 17.

US 17 and NC 37 were resurfaced with sand asphalt by State forces from the Pasquotank River Bridge in Hertford north for 1.8 miles to Winfall. The newly-resurfaced section varies in width from 20 to 22 ft.

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Surplus Property Available In Disaster Area

Governor Luther Hodges last week announced that hurricane disaster area farmers and small business concerns are eligible for purchase of government surplus property.

Only those farmers and business firms who actually suffered damage or destruction of equipment used in their operation as a direct result of 1955 hurricanes are eligible to apply. Business firm applicants are restricted to those with less than 500 employees.

Governor Hodges pointed out that the property may not be acquired for purpose of re-sale. It must be used for rehabilitation and the carrying on of business and farming operation, within the disaster area. Much of the property is new and unused. Cities, counties and towns are not eligible to apply.

Purchase cost is 10% of the amount paid by the Federal Government for the equipment. Price is F.O.B. the government storage location.

State Civil Defense Director Edward P. Griffin is administering the program. Applications must be made to his office. Representatives from his office will visit each disaster county on a schedule currently being cleared with county officials. Application blanks will be distributed by said representatives to those who wish to purchase. Assistance will be rendered to applicants who need help in execution of necessary papers.

A representative, handling these application blanks will be in Hertford, at the office of the clerk of court, on Friday, January 13, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Sanitation Rating Of Establishments Released By Dept.

Sanitation ratings for year ending 1955 of various establishments in Perquimans County Health District which are inspected periodically by Health Department were released this week. These inspections were made by K. J. Eyer and D. G. Brown, sanitarians with Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Chowan Health District.

The sanitation rating of establishments is based on a system of grading wherein establishments receiving a rating of at least 90% or more, is awarded Grade "A", establishments receiving a rating of at least 80%, and less than 90%, is rated Grade "B", and those establishments receiving a rating of at least 70% and less than 80%, are awarded Grade "C", no establishment having a rating less than 70% or Grade "C" shall operate.

In addition to establishments inspected and rated, all schools are inspected twice during the year. Periodic inspections are made of Welfare Department Boarding Homes. Fish ponds are inspected also.

Establishments and ratings are as follows:

Restaurants: Triway, 93.5; S & M, 92; Jordan's, 90.5; Hertford Beach, 90.5; Brown's, 90; Bus Station, 90; Hotel Hertford, 88.5; Perquimans Beach, 86; Glenn's Place, 85; Chub's Place, 83; Hertford Cafe, 83; Rainbow Lounge, 83; Savoy, 82.5; Blue Chip, 82; Elliott's, 80.

School Lunchrooms: Hertford Grammar, 95.5; Central Grammar, 94.5; King Street School, 93; Perquimans Training School, 91; Perquimans High School, 90.5.

Meat Markets: Barber's, 93.5; Barclift & Son, 92.5; Cannon's, 92.5; Blanchard's, 92; Colonial, 92; White's, 91; Haskett's, 90; P. P. Perry, 90; Jake's, 84; Tucker's, 84; Harris, 83.5; Onley's, 83.5; Bate-man's, 82.5; Community Store, 82.5; Winslow's, 80.5; C. E. Layden's, 80.

Tourist Homes: Relfe's, 95.5; Albemarle, 84.

Motels: Brown's, 96; Jordan's, 95.5.

Hotels: Hotel Hertford, 86.

Food Lockers: Overton's, 86.5.

Hertford Grammar School Destroyed By Fire Monday Loss Estimated At \$100,000

Boards Study Plans For Replacement Of Grammar School

Preliminary action was taken here Tuesday night, during a joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Education, to develop plans for the replacement of the Hertford Grammar School which was destroyed by fire on Monday.

The Board of Education reported it had voted unanimously to use the remainder of state funds available for the construction of a new addition to the King Street School and that a request will be made to the Board of Commissioners for additional funds for the construction of a new Hertford Grammar School.

The Board of Education also reported, due to State regulations, it will seek a new site for the new building, and will report to the Commissioners as to the progress in securing this site.

Inasmuch as insufficient funds are available for the construction of a new school building the Boards decided to seek permission of the Local Government Commission for holding a special bond election as a method of securing the money needed for the building. A committee composed of A. T. Lane, chairman of the Board of Commissioners; County Attorney S. M. Whedbee, County Accountant Max Campbell and School Superintendent J. T. Biggers will confer with the Commission officials on Friday concerning the possibilities of holding a bond election.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in special session in the Court House next Monday night to consider further developments on the matter.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Umphlett of Cody, Wyoming, announce the birth of a son, Joel Thomas at Cody Hospital, January 3. Mrs. Umphlett is the former Betty Jane Bartlett of Cody, Wyoming.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dail announce the birth of a son born Sunday, January 8, at a hospital at Huntington, W. Va.

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Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hanks of Butler, Ill., announce the birth of twin sons, Donald William and Daniel George, born December 29, 1955. Mrs. Hanks is the former Ruth E. Jordan of Tyner.

Defendant Given 90 Day Jail Sentence On Driving Charge

Norman Harrell, Negro, will have to pay damages in the amount of \$250 plus a fine of \$25 and costs of court or serve a jail sentence of 90 days for driving a car in a reckless manner and being involved in an accident. Harrell entered a plea of guilty to charges of reckless driving before Judge Chas. E. Johnson at Tuesday's session of Recorder's Court. He was arrested after striking two cars parked near the intersection of Market and Eden Road Streets last week.

Calvin Skinner, Negro was found guilty of assaulting William Dempsey and Matrice Revells, Negroes, with a deadly weapon. He was given a 90 day sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs and medical costs of \$115 incurred by the two prosecuting witnesses.

Philip Yandle submitted to a charge of parking without lights and paid the costs of court.

A \$100 bond was ordered forfeit-

Red Cross Officers To Meet On Friday

C. P. Morris, chairman of the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross, announced today a meeting of all officers of the chapter will be held at the Municipal Building in Hertford on Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. He urged all officials to be present for the meeting.

Peanut Allotment Notices Mailed To County Producers

Notices of 1956 Peanut Farm Allotments have been mailed to peanut producers in Perquimans County, announced Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager.

Producers who planted peanuts in either 1954 or 1955 and are not planning to plant peanuts in 1956 may release to the County ASC Committee their 1956 peanut acreage allotment, and the farm will receive credit for the released acreage in establishing the 1957 peanut allotment for the farm.

Producers wishing to do this should call by the County ASC office as soon as possible and release their acreage which will be reapportioned to other peanut growers in the county. Producers desiring additional peanut acreage for 1956 only from released acreage should call by the ASC office and file an application. April 30, 1956 has been set as the final date for releasing peanut acreage.

Miss Nixon also said that cotton acreage may be released under the same conditions as peanuts by producers who are not planning to plant cotton in 1956. Applications for additional cotton acreage from released acreage are being accepted at the county office although a final date for releasing cotton acreage has not been established.

Miss Nixon urges all producers who have not already done so to return their 1955 peanut marketing card to the ASC office to avoid taking a reduction in their 1956 peanut farm allotment.

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when Beale Venev, Negro, failed to appear in court to answer charges of speeding and reckless driving.

Grant Dail, Negro, paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of assault.

James Lee Collins, Negro, submitted to a charge of driving without a license. He paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Twenty defendants, all charged with speeding, entered pleas of guilty and paid the costs of court and fines as indicated after their names: David Hernick \$25, Roy Ryan, Carmine Ferrante, H. L. Archer \$5, H. M. Haynes \$5, Sol Gedman \$5, Charles Birney, Merritt Hall \$5, Nicholas Lunelotti \$5, E. J. O'Connor, F. L. Brown, Joseph Eisgrau, Lewis Gallo \$25, Ernest Conway \$5, Gordon Redmon, James Perryman \$3, A. J. Stupeotti \$3, Bill Nowling \$5, Lois James \$5 and Herbert Reck.

BAKE SALE

The St. Catherine Auxiliary will hold a bake sale Saturday, January 14, at 10 A. M., at Perry Electric Store.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. John Ward announce the birth of a son born Sunday, January 8, at the Chowan Hospital.

Teachers Credited With Saving Children From Injury

A Hertford landmark was destroyed by fire here last Monday when the grammar school was consumed by a blaze which was discovered at about 8:55 o'clock A. M. Courageous action on the part of the teachers of the school accounted for the 270 students being evacuated from the building without incident or injury.

The fire was first discovered when one of the children noticed fire around a light fixture. This was called to the attention of Miss Mary Sumner who then notified the principal, Miss Thelma Elliott. The fire drill signal was sounded and the students were marching from the structure when the Hertford firemen reached the scene. Shortly thereafter the flames burst through the roof which then fell in on the second story floor.

While it has not been determined whether the fire started from faulty wiring or from the chimney, which ran up the center of the building, it was evident the fire had gained considerable headway before being discovered.

Much credit for the safe evacuation of the children was given the fact that school practices fire drills regularly; very few of the children realized the building was ablaze until they had reached the streets. Many of the children, thinking the incident only a drill, left the building without their coats and hats, and all of these, left on the second floor, were consumed by the flames. The children were sheltered from the wintry weather in nearby homes and some were transported to Perquimans High School. The remaining children until school was dismissed about 11 o'clock, and all students of the white schools went home.

Firemen from Edenton and Elizabeth City answered calls for help, and arrived shortly, to assist the Hertford firemen in fighting the fire, which was the worse in Hertford in many years. The firemen, using four pumps, battled the blaze for more than five hours in freeing rain and sleet; they contained the flames to the two-story brick building although at times it appeared the high wind gusts might carry the flames to nearby homes. It was estimated that more than 300,000 gallons of water was thrown onto the blaze by the firemen during the day.

A number of the firemen remained on duty at the scene throughout Monday night, being forced at times to extinguish small blazes starting among the debris.

The grammar school, located on the site of the old Hertford Academy, was constructed about 1904; it was remodeled in the early 1930's and again about 1940. A tornado ripped a roof from the building in 1947 and this was replaced at that time.

Estimated loss resulting from the fire is given in excess of one hundred thousand dollars, including a large per cent of the furniture and fixtures. All furniture situated on the second floor was lost in the fire, but some of the items were saved from the first floor before the fire reached the point where salvage was impossible. The Board of Education carried insurance in the amount of \$50,800 on the destroyed building and \$10,000 on the recently completed lunch room which was not damaged.

J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools, declared a school holiday for Tuesday when school officials met for the purpose of formulating plans for housing the classes from Hertford Grammar School in other buildings until the school can be replaced.

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