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School Bond Issue Special Election Is Set For Saturday

Shelby Jean Overton Heads Press Group

Miss Shelby Jean Overton of Perquimans School, was elected president when the Northeast District Press Association of high schools held its third annual conference Thursday at Griggs School here. She succeeds Bobby Cohoon of Griggs School.

Other officers chosen were: Vice president, Joe Privott of Chowan School; secretary, Maxine Pritchard of Central School; treasurer, Myrtle Kay Gliden of Griggs School; historian, Faye Riddick, also of Griggs School.

Perquimans County citizens will go to the polls tomorrow, March 24, to vote on a school bond issue totaling \$125,000. If approved this sum will be used by the Board of Education to supplement funds for construction of a new school building to replace the one which was destroyed by fire on January 9.

Preparation for the special election has been under way since February 7 when the Board of County Commissioners ascertained that existing school plant facilities in the county school administrative unit were inadequate for carrying out the nine months' school term as prescribed by law.

The proposal that Perquimans County issue \$125,000 in school bonds to correct this position has the approval of the Local Government Commission, and if approved by the voters will increase the bonded indebtedness for schools to only \$284,000 which is well under the limit set by law.

Arrangements have been completed for the purchase of 14.2 acres of land, located on Dobb Street, as the site for the new building, and the Board of Education is expected to acquire title to the entire tract within the next few days.

School officials are hopeful that contracts for the construction of the building will be let in time so work may be started on the building sometime during June.



Winners in the annual 4-H Club beauty contest, held here last week were Miss Phyllis Bagley, for the high school division, and Miss Julia Ann Lane for the grammar school division. Miss Bagley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bagley and Miss Lane is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lane.

Governor Luther Hodges (inset), of North Carolina, will make the main address at ceremonies April 4 dedicating Virginia Electric and Power Company's \$32,000,000 Roanoke Rapids, N. C., hydro electric development. Aerial view shows 3,050-foot dam, power station capable of generating 100,000 kilowatts of electricity, and a part of the 4,900 acre lake created by the project.

Indians - Columbia To Open Baseball Season Here Today

Coach Ike Perry's Perquimans Indians opened their 1956 baseball season last Tuesday with an overwhelming victory over Chowan High School. The Indians tallied a total of 18 runs in the seven innings contest while holding Chowan to two runs.

Rogers pitched five innings for the Indians while White and Cheson each hurled one frame. Cheson used four pitchers in an attempt to halt the Indian offense.

The Indians will play their first home game of the season here Friday afternoon, meeting the Columbia Wildcats at 2 o'clock.

The remainder of the Indian schedule has been released as follows:

- March 27—At Columbia.
- March 29—Williamston, here.
- April 3—At Edenton.
- April 6—Ahoskie, here.
- April 10—At Gatesville.
- April 13—Plymouth, here.
- April 17—At Tarboro.
- April 20—At Williamston.
- April 24—Edenton, here.
- April 27—At Ahoskie.
- May 1—Gatesville, here.
- May 4—At Plymouth.
- May 8—Tarboro, here.

The winner of the Albemarle Conference will play Manteo during the week of May 11, and the winner of this game will compete in the District I playoff for the state championship.

Training School Honor Roll Given

The following high school honor roll for the fourth reporting period of the Perquimans Training School was recently released by R. L. Kingsbury, principal:

- Ninth Grade: Willie Moore, Melvin Walker, Shirley Blanchard, Doris Brothers, Sarah Harrell, Evelyn Vaughan, Margaret White, Bertha Bumber, Florazell Hurdle, Charlie Small, Libby Billups, Barbara Cheson, Delois Hurdle.
- Tenth Grade: Chester Mallory, Joseph Hoffer, Mary White, Mae Wreaths Hollowell, Hattie James, Mattie White.
- Eleventh Grade: Carolyn Branch, Ethel Eason, Elvina Gibbs, Maxine Copeland, Marlene Elliott, Argie Lamb, Jeanette Parker, Edna Skinner, Queen Vaughan, Cleo Zachary, Clarence Harrell.
- Twelfth Grade: Oasida Felton, Doris Rodgers, Janet Copeland, Yvonne Burke, George Modlin, Mary Whidbee, Theodosia Winslow, Mainie Parker, Edna Zachary, Wilma Skinner, Christian Lowder, Gertrude Harrell, Helen Felton, Marvyn Hollowell.

Recorder Judge Seeks Re-election

Chas. E. Johnson, judge of Perquimans Recorder's Court, has announced his intention to seek re-election to the office subject to the Democratic primary on May 26. Mr. Johnson filed his candidacy with the Board of Elections last week.

Convention Report Given At Rotary

A film on the operation of the N. C. Security Employment Commission was presented at the weekly meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club, held Tuesday at the Hotel Hertford, by Charles T. Skinner, Jr., an interviewer for the Commission.

The film explained the foundation of the commission and gave step-by-step procedure followed by the various local offices in carrying out the program as provided by law.

Mr. Skinner was the guests of Julian C. Powell, program chairman, at the meeting.

W. J. Davis, president-elect of the club, and local delegate to the District Rotary Conference, held last week-end in Raleigh, gave a report on the proceedings at the conference and reported that John H. Moore, a member of the Elizabeth City Club, had been elected Rotary District Governor for the coming year.

Board Of Health Adopts New Rules On Sanitation

The rules and regulations and code governing the Sanitation of Restaurants and Other Foodhandling Establishments, as amended by the 1955 General Assembly were adopted by State Board of Health on September 23, 1955. The revised regulations are now in effect.

The definition of a "Restaurant" as set forth in these regulations shall mean restaurant, coffee shop, cafeteria, short order cafe, luncheonette, school lunchroom, tavern, delicatessen, soda fountain, and other public eating establishments where food is prepared, handled, and served to the public at wholesale or retail for pay; as well as sandwich manufacturing establishments, kitchens, and other places in which food is handled or prepared for sale elsewhere to the public.

Although some changes will be recommended in existing establishments, new establishments or establishments changing operators will be required to comply fully with revised regulations.

Persons who plan to construct or operate a restaurant, as defined above are asked to contact the local Health Department in regards to requirements necessary to operate such an establishment.

Soybean Acreage Predicted Higher

According to reports as of March 1, North Carolina farmers intend to plant 514,000 acres of soybeans grown alone for all purposes in 1956, the N. C. Crop Reporting Service said today. If these plans materialize, this acreage will exceed the 467,000 acres planted in 1955 by 10 per cent and will be 29 per cent above the 1945-54 ten-year average of 398,000 acres. The intended acreage is larger by far than any one previously recorded as planted for the State. The total acreage, of course, is for soybeans for all purposes. Estimates of the acreage that will be harvested for beans and for other uses will be made later in the year.

Civil Defense Is Topic Of Program At BPW Club Meet

A film, "Survival Under Atomic Attack" and a discussion led by Charles Skinner, Jr., were the main features of the dinner-program meeting of the Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club at Hotel Hertford Thursday night, March 15, when the Safety Committee had charge of arrangements. Miss Dillwyn Denton, Chairman, introduced Mr. Skinner who was narrator for the film and led the interesting and informative discussion which followed.

Mr. Skinner explained to the group radio activity, the effect of the A-bomb blasts, and suggested ways the BPW Club could help in setting up Civil Defense Measures as follows: Through the knowledge of first aid, having first-aid kits available, clerical workers to handle personnel records, and to know her blood type in case of emergencies. He also stressed the importance of the Ground Observer Corps in spotting the enemy planes and expressed the hope that the indifferent people would see the need in preparing their families in the event of an attack.

The president, Mrs. Emily T. Harrell, presided over a brief business session and announced the State Convention would be held in Winston-Salem with headquarters at the Robert E. Lee Hotel the second week-end in June and urged all members to make reservations direct with the hotel as soon as possible.

The table in the private dining room was centered with an arrangement of early spring blossoms carrying out the color scheme of green and yellow, the club's colors. Attractive place-cards marked the places for Miss Nancy Henderson and Mr. Skinner who were guests, and the following members: Mrs. Harrell, Miss Denton, Viola D. Nuchman, Mary Dale S. Lane, Dora T. Riddick, Minnie Wilma W. Hurdle, Essie H. Barbage, Atha E. Tunnell, Sally J. Bonner, Miss Kate Blanchard, Sallie McE. Lane, Betty T. Swindell and Alice M. Tows.

Incentive Payment On Wool Set By Marketing Price

Despite the efforts to get details of the New Wool Program to wool-growers, reports reaching the Perquimans County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office indicate that at least a few growers will be disappointed when their wool incentive payment is received. The disappointment will result from failure of growers to realize the often emphasized point that the size of the incentive payment depends on the price received for the wool.

With the second wool marketing year under the new program starting April 1, 1956, L. L. Lane, chairman of the Perquimans County ASC Committee again points out that the more the grower gets when he sells his wool the greater (Continued on Page Eight)

Measurement Of Wheat Acreage Underway Here

The measurement of acreage planted to wheat has begun in Perquimans County, Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, announced today. Vivian Baker, who has served as a reporter for the past two compliance seasons, will visit each farm with a wheat farm allotment and farms where the producer has notified the County ASC Office that wheat was planted. In most cases, Mr. Baker on reaching the farm, will determine acreage planted to wheat through the use of aerial photographs.

Miss Nixon reported that according to ASC regulations the acreage on a farm will be measured when the planted acreage is in excess of 10 acres. It will also be measured when there is less than 10 acres planted if any producer on the farm indicates he will request price support on the wheat. Farms on which the wheat acreage is 15 acres or less, or farms on which the normal production of acreage planted to wheat is less than 200 bushels, are exempt from marketing quotas. For this reason, it is not necessary for the ASC reporter to go to the expense of measuring farms where the acreage is obviously under 15 and where price support will not be requested.

In view of the fact that wheat has several uses other than harvest for grain, producers in this state are permitted to plant any number of acres provided they come within the acreage allotment of 15 acres by the 31st of May. This may be done, Miss Nixon explained, by harvesting the wheat for hay or silage, by pasturing the wheat, or by turning the wheat for green manure.

Producers who allow the May 31 deadline to pass without utilizing the excess wheat acreage will be subjected to a penalty of approximately \$1.15. That penalty rate has not been set yet. When it is set, it will amount to 45 per cent of the parity price of wheat as of May 1.

Miss Nixon urges producers who have not notified the County ASC Office of the wheat planted on their farm, to please do so at once in order that the reporter may visit the farm.

Junior-Senior Prom Scheduled Friday

The Junior Class of Perquimans County High School will entertain the Seniors and guests at its annual prom Friday, March 23, from 8 until 11 P. M., under the direction of Mrs. Joann Stallings.

An underwater scene, "Neptune's Court", will be used as the setting. Music will be furnished by the Dreamers, an eleven piece band from East Carolina College. The faculty's responsibility for the students will end at 11 o'clock.

CLASS TO MEET

The Dorcas Sunday School Class of Hertford Baptist Church will meet March 30 at the home of Mrs. A. H. Spivey with Mrs. J. P. Cheson as co-hostess. All members are urged to be present.

Variety Of Cases Before Recorder's Judge Last Tuesday

Library To Observe Easter Holidays

The Perquimans County Library Board in its March meeting voted to close the library on Saturday, March 31 and Monday, April 2 for the Eastern holidays.

The circulation for the months of January and February was reported as follows: Main library, 2,085; bookmobile, 1,439; Joseph Judkins Branch Library, 557, making a total circulation for all units of 4,081.

One hundred and forty-five new books were added and 25 new borrowers were registered.

New books in the library this week are two new romances and two new westerns; one interesting non-fiction, "Hurricane Hunters," and several well illustrated children's books.

Bureau Of Census Report On Service Establishments

Receipts of 19 service establishments enumerated in Perquimans County in the 1954 Census of Business amounted to about \$237,000, according to a preliminary report covering service trades, published by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce. The combined yearly payroll of the county's service establishments was \$49,000. They reported 26 employees of whom 25 worked full time in the pay period ending nearest November 15. Proprietors actively employed in the operation of unincorporated businesses numbered 20.

Establishments providing personal services numbered 10 and reported receipts of \$111,000. Establishments primarily engaged in automotive repair, parking and other automotive services numbered 1. Establishments listed as "all other services" in the preliminary report numbered 8.

"Personal services" group includes such businesses as barber and beauty shops, cleaning and dyeing plants, laundries and laundry services, garment alteration and repair services, funeral services, photographic studios, shoe repair shops and shine parlors, as well as other personal services.

Training School PTA Met Monday

The regularly monthly meeting of the Perquimans Training School PTA was held in the library of the school on Monday night, March 12, at 7:30 P. M., with the president, Mrs. Mattie Modlin, presiding.

During the business session plans were made for a covered dish dinner on April 9.

A docket consisting of 14 cases of a various nature was disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court here on Tuesday after the court had been in recess for one week.

Costs of court were assessed against Dillard Ward, Cecil Perry and William Branch, Jr., after each had entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding.

Judge Chas. E. Johnson ordered the court costs remitted in the case in which Georgia Toppin submitted to a charge of illegally passing a motor vehicle upon the defendant's presentation, to the court, of a 300-word composition on the subject "Why I must Not Drive Recklessly."

Lue Quo Slaughter paid a fine of \$25 and costs after pleading guilty to charges of reckless driving.

A fine of \$25 and costs were taxed against James Nixon, Negro, who was charged with reckless driving.

Court costs were taxed against the prosecuting witness, Mary White, in the case of John Shanhouse, Negro, who was charged with assault on a female.

Helene Foster, Negro, was found guilty on charges of being drunk and resisting an officer. She was given a 15-day jail sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs.

John Long, Negro, charged with carrying a concealed weapon, was found guilty and given a 60-day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs.

James Honeyblue, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was given a 60-day sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of James Collins, Negro, who was found guilty of assault, upon payment of the costs of court.

George Butler, charged with being drunk and resisting an officer, was given a 60-day sentence, suspended upon good behavior for 13 months.

Jesse Brothers, William Brothers and Joe Harrell, Negroes, were found guilty of a mutual assault and each was given a 30-day sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 by Jesse Brothers, \$15 fine by William Brothers and \$15 fine by Joe Harrell.

Decrease Seen In Corn Acreage

March 1, 1956, prospective plantings of corn indicate that 2,000 acres will be planted for all purposes, according to the N. C. Crop Reporting Service. If farmers carry out their intentions, they plant 4 per cent less acreage than was planted in 1955 and 7 per cent less than the 1945-54 average of 2,224,000 acres.

March indications point to a small decrease in all 8 Crop Reporting Districts of the State. Corn acreage allotments are in effect in 27 eastern North Carolina counties this year compared with 23 in 1955.