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Perquimans Wins From Ahoskie Lose To Gatesville Team

The Perquimans Indians divided baseball victories during the past week, winning an easy 11-1 decision over Ahoskie last Friday and losing to Gatesville here Tuesday night by a score of 6-5.

Perquimans blew a five-one lead to Gatesville by issuing a number of walks and committing a total of eight errors. Welly White started on the mound for the Indians and gave up one hit, two runs and five walks when he was relieved in the fifth by Parker Chesson. Ted Chappell relieved Chesson on the sixth when Perquimans was in trouble but the Gates boys tied the count before the side was retired.

Pittman went the route for Gatesville, striking out 10 Indian batters. He gave up six walks and Gatesville committed two errors. Gatesville scored once in the third inning, but Perquimans came back to tally three and then added two more in the fourth, for what appeared to be an easy win. Gatesville, aided by walks and errors, scored its second run in the fifth and three in the sixth and the winning tally in the seventh.

The Indians collected seven hits off Pittman, Winslow and Pierce had two each and Chappell, Bray and Trueblood each had singles. Gatesville had two hits off White and one off Chappell.

Perquimans scored an easy win from Ahoskie last Friday when Chappell and Chesson teamed up to allow Ahoskie only two hits while the Indians collected 13 bingles off three pitchers. Chappell pitched 2-hit ball through four in-

Indians Lose

Williamston defeated the Perquimans Indians by a 3-2 score in an Albemarle Conference contest played here last Wednesday night and went into a first place tie for conference honors, which may result in a play-off for conference title.

Gaylord did the pitching for the Green Wave, fanning nine, walking four, and giving up two hits and two runs. Ted Chappell, pitching for Perquimans struck out six, walked three and gave up five hits and five runs. The Indians committed three errors.

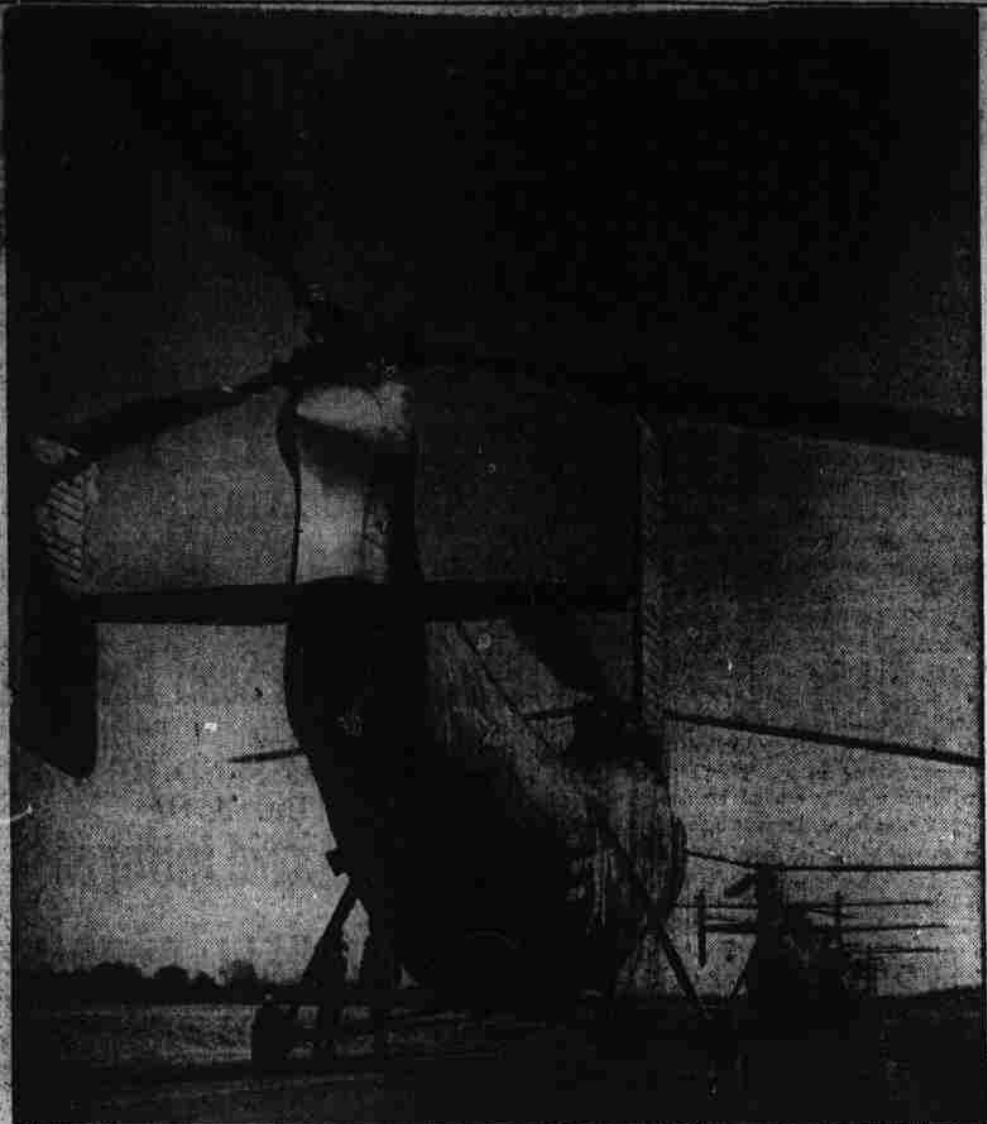
Williamston scored one run in the first and two in the second while Perquimans scored once in the fourth and fifth.

Williamston was relieved by Chesson in the fifth. Ted fanned eight batters and walked none.

Joe Rogerson led the Indians at bat with two doubles and a triple, Chappell had a triple and a single and Trueblood had two singles.

Ahoskie was never in the game as Perquimans scored three runs in the first, one in the second, three more in the third, two in the fifth and one in the sixth and seventh. Ahoskie tallied its lone score in the first.

Perquimans has two games remaining on its season schedule, the first against Plymouth on Friday night and a return game with Tarboro which will be played in Hertford next Tuesday night.



POISED FOR FLIGHT—Army H21C Vertol helicopters of the 500th Transportation Company, Fort Belvoir, Va., wait on the flight line for take-off orders on a training mission. This helicopter, which seats 20 soldiers, is one of the largest members of the Army's light aviation family.

Exchange Scout

Bobby Matthews of Hertford, has been notified he is one of 18 Explorer Scouts selected to represent Region III, in the Explorer Exchange Program during the coming summer. Bobby is a member of the late George Grant and Mrs. Esther Phillips Barber, she was a member of the Hertford Methodist Church. She had taught school for 35 years—19 in Wilmington, six in Oxford and 10 in Hertford.

She is survived by two brothers, Charles Edward Barber and George Grant Barber, both of Portsmouth, Va.; five sisters, Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Mrs. R. L. Knowles, Mrs. R. A. White, all of Hertford; Mrs. J. L. Davis, of Courtland, Va., and Mrs. G. I. Bullock of Ayden.

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Hertford Scout To Represent Region On European Tour

Another high Boy Scout honor has been achieved by Bobby Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Matthews of Hertford, according to word received here from Harold V. Pace, Scout Executive for the Tidewater Council.

Bobby has been selected as one of 18 Explorer Scouts to represent Region III, in Explorer Exchange Program Sea Lift to Europe during the coming summer. Region III of the Boy Scouts is made up of Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, North Carolina, Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and part of West Virginia.

The 18 Explorer Scouts will visit the host country, England, and while there stay in the homes of English Scouts. They will also visit Scotland and while there represent the U.S.A. at a Scout Jamboree.

Bobby will leave Hertford on the trip on June 29, and after joining the other members of the program sail for England on a Naval vessel on July 1. The Scouts will tour England from July 11 to August 3 and will visit London on August 4 and 5.

The group will return to this country on August 17 and 18 by naval air transport.

Being selected as one of the Scouts to represent the country in this exchange program is an outstanding achievement for the Hertford youth. Over 100 candidates for the honors were considered in choosing the 18 Scouts to represent Region III.

Bobby, who is an Eagle Scout with Bronze Palm and 48 Merit Badges also holds the Silver and God and Country Awards. He is Junior Crew Leader of Post 155 and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 155. He is also under chief of Blue Heron Dodge in the Order of the Arrow of Tidewater Council.

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Mrs. John Hurdle Named President Of Central PTA

The Perquimans Central Grammar PTA met Monday night, April 30 in the school auditorium. "Faith of Our Fathers" was sung at the opening of the meeting. The president, Mrs. John Hurdle, turned the meeting over to Mrs. Graham Wood, leader for the Woodville community. The theme for the program being "Arts and Crafts for Fun." During the devotional, Mrs. Walker Perry, art teacher at the Roanoke Bible College, gave a Biblical chart drawing while Mrs. Melvin Eure sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Pauline Webb. A most interesting program on art was given as a group of seventh grade girls sang, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Percy Trueblood, while students from the sixth grade made "live" pictures, pertaining to the songs.

Minutes of the March meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. J. Van Roach and approved. The president showed the certificates of work that the organization has accomplished during the year—the Gold Seal Certificate, 100% Membership Certificate, Blue Honor Certificate in PTA Magazine Subscriptions. An award was given to the Magazine Chairman, Mrs. Melvin Eure and she expressed her thanks to all who helped in the selling of the magazines.

A collection was then taken for the State Headquarters Building in Raleigh and the president announced the May meeting would be held at 6:30 with a picnic supper on the lawn.

The Nominating Committee, Mrs. Frank Bray, chairman, Mrs. Thomas Butt and Mrs. Arvin Hudson, presented the officers for the coming year:

President, Mrs. John Hurdle; vice president, Mrs. Ruby Long; secretary, Mrs. J. Van Roach, and treasurer, Mrs. Bryant Miller.

The program chairman, Mrs. Charlie Rogerson, Jr., announced that the Bagley Swamp community had charge of the next program, "Music and Culture in the Home, School and Community," with Mrs. Elwood White, chairman. Mrs. Atha Tunnell's room won the attendance banner. Superintendent J. T. Biggers read a letter from the Supervisor of State Education telling how well managed the Perquimans County schools were in his recent visit.

The Rev. Walker Perry gave the benediction.

New Officers

New officers for the coming year were elected by the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce at a meeting held Wednesday night. Elected as incoming president was Hilton M. White. Other officers named were Keith Haskett, vice president; Billy White, secretary; Ray Haskett, treasurer; Edward Barber, John Beers and Ab Williams, directors. Charles Skinner, Jr., was named State Director.

Installation of the new officers will be conducted on May 30.

Chappell Funeral Conducted Friday

Funeral services for Thad C. Chappell, who died Wednesday afternoon at his home in Hertford, were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Hertford Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. V. T. Crawford of Hertford, the Rev. C. Freeman Heath of Elizabeth City and the Rev. R. E. Walston of Williamston.

The casket was covered with a pall of white chrysanthemums and white baby's breath.

The choir of the Hertford Methodist Church sang "In the Garden." At the graveside Mrs. B. G. Koonce and Mrs. T. B. Sumner sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

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Closing Exercises At High School Start On May 20th

Plans are rapidly being completed for the closing exercises at Perquimans High School for the current school year, it was announced today by E. C. Woodard, principal.

Commencement for the 53 members of the graduating class starts May 20 when the robe-clad seniors march in the auditorium in an 8 o'clock procession for the baccalaureate sermon which will be delivered by the Rev. Earl Meekins, pastor for the Methodist Churches of the Perquimans Charge. He will be assisted by the Rev. James O. Mattox, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, who will read the Scripture and offer prayer. Special music will be rendered by the Glee Club. Senior examinations will start the following Tuesday afternoon.

The seniors will conduct their annual class night exercises on Monday night, May 28, at 8 o'clock. Speakers for the occasion will be Sarah Sutton, class salutatorian; Charles Umphlett, class president; Janice Stallings, historian; Ruth Ayscue, reporter; Jo Pat Stokes, prophet; Bobby Matthews, testator; William Byrum, poet; Nancy Bagley and Annie Reed Stokely, giftors.

Commencement night will be observed on Tuesday, May 29, and will be opened with invocation by Jesse Ray Mansfield; special speakers, developing the class motto, "We have hitched our wagon to a star, now we're reaching for the moon," will be Lois Violet Winslow, Wallace Baker and LaRue Chappell.

Greetings from the Board of Education will be given by J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent, and J. Edgar Morris, chairman of the Board, will make the presentation of diplomas. E. C. Woodard, principal, will award medals and cups. The gift to the school will be presented by LaClaire Winslow.

Judy Winslow, class valedictorian, will say the farewell for the graduating class. Marshals for the 1956 Commencement will be Edgar Fields, Charles Whedbee, co-chiefs, Charlie Johnson, Patsy Elliott, Beth Skinner, Ray Winslow, Beverly Tucker, Jo Ann Cartwright and Linda Lou Elliott.

The class honor roll in order of scholastic attainment is Judy Winslow, valedictorian; Sarah Sutton, salutatorian; Jo Pat Stokes, Janice Stallings, Bobby Matthews, Wallace Maker, Lois Violet Winslow, Annie Reed Stokely, Nancy Bagley, Ruth Ayscue, Annie Lou Lane, Barbara Russell, LaClaire Winslow, Anne White, Jean Long, Annette Proctor, Bertha Chappell, William Byrum, Marjorie Byrum, Mary Dow Chappell, Willie Mae Dail.

Plans are being made for a safety check of all automobiles in this area through a voluntary safety check lane in an effort to make the streets and highway more safe to drive upon.

Melvin G. Owens has been appointed county chairman of the automobile safety drive and he stated that every vehicle owner of Perquimans County is urged to cooperate and have their car checked. The voluntary 10-point safety check lane will only require approximately two minutes of the motorist's time. The primary purpose of conducting the safety check lane is help prevent traffic accidents and save lives.

Mayor V. N. Darden said that the Town of Hertford will secure the necessary equipment for the voluntary safety check lane. There will be no cost to the motorist.

Junior Music Club Honored With Award

The Hertford Junior Music Club has just received an award for being the outstanding music club of the Northeastern District. The president, Franklin McGoogan, received both a District and State award for compiling the best individual Scrapbook of these sent in by Junior Music Club members. He has been offered the opportunity to send his to the next National Convention of Music Clubs.

Local Cancer Drive Opened On Monday With Goal Of \$1,000

At a meeting Monday night in the Municipal Building the 1956 Cancer Crusade was officially opened with Mrs. J. Elton Hurdle presiding and Miss Hulda Wood, co-chairman, assisting.

The meeting was highlighted with a talk given by Milton C. Clarke, District Field representative for the North Carolina Cancer Society with headquarters in Raleigh. His opening remarks were "Look around at those of us here! Statistically speaking, one out of four of us will have cancer this year." He emphasized the need for everyone to learn the seven danger signals, pointing out that a danger signal may not mean cancer, but it must always mean a visit to your doctor.

"About 4,000 lives were lost last year because of cancer, and it is believed one-half could have been saved had these persons visited their doctor or detection center when the danger signal became evident," said Mr. Clarke.

"North Carolina ranks among the first in the nation in research for the American Cancer Society," continued Mr. Clarke. "This year National grants to schools of medicine in North Carolina \$118,169, those being University of North Carolina, Bowman Gray at Winston-Salem, Duke University, and a special project at the Charlotte Hospital."

It was announced that the goal for Perquimans County this year is \$1,000 and is based upon the population of the county, therefore, every person in the county has a part in the Crusade for 1956.

Those on the committees assisting the chairman are as follows: Miss Audrey Umphlett, Mrs. Marjorie Payne, Mrs. Roxanna C. Jackson, Miss Thelma Elliott, E. G. Woodard, Mrs. Betty Swindell and Mrs. M. B. Taylor, the Rev. T. M. Walker, W. R. Privott and LeGrande Sommeraett. These committees have many volunteers working for them in order to bring this campaign to a successful close by May 15th.

Mrs. F. A. McGoogan is serving again as treasurer, and she has requested that when workers bring their funds to her at the Hertford Banking Company to be deposited, that they have the money counted and the names listed on the envelope to balance. This will facilitate (Continued on Page Eight)

Official Praises Improvements In School Conditions

High praise on the operation of Perquimans County schools, and local school officials, is reported by Homer A. Lassiter of the State Department of Public Instruction, who recently conducted an inspection of local schools.

In a letter to J. T. Biggers, county school superintendent, Mr. Lassiter wrote:

"We did not get into the high school, except for the library, and Miss Elliott's primary grades. Miss Johnson will report on the libraries."

"You have done a remarkable job in taking care of the pupils from Miss Elliott's school in the emergency. It seems the wise thing to keep them in their own facilities. They have made the necessary adjustments well and everyone was carrying on as though nothing had happened. A help in doing this was the willingness of everyone to do his or her part in the situation. Miss Elliott seems to be thinking wisely with respect to the purchase of instructional materials to replace those lost. Of

course, the rating of the school will remain the same.

"The Perquimans grammar school has the best situation I have seen there. It is an attractive and interesting place for children. Relationships seemed to be exceptionally good. Good instruction was in evidence. The organization was good and was working smoothly."

"It has been interesting to watch the gradual but sound improvement in your schools, particularly the improvement in instruction. Your leadership, I am sure, has been largely responsible for this. You have done much to provide conditions conducive to effective teaching. All of you can be rightfully proud of what you have accomplished."

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Cobb, Jr., announce the birth of a son, Leonard Burr Cobb III, born Thursday, April 25, at the Albemarle Hospital.

Defendants Given Road Sentences On Robbery Charges

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Kentucky's Senator Alben W. Barkley, died of a heart attack last Monday while addressing the student body of Washington and Lee College in Virginia. Barkley, vice president from 1949 to 1953, had served his state and country for more than 40 years as a public servant. He was a noted public speaker and considered one of the elder statesmen of the nation.

The Marine Corps has announced, following an investigation of an accident which resulted in the death of six Marine trainees, a court martial has been ordered for the sergeant who ordered the march at Parris Island which resulted in the deaths of the trainees. The Corps also reported the Marine training program will be reorganized to conform with proper standards.

A new farm bill, calling mainly for the soil bank program recommended by President Eisenhower, was approved by a committee this week and sent to the House for consideration. Major point of the new measure sets up \$1.2 billion soil bank. However, it does not set up advance payments as suggested by the President.

UN efforts to negotiate the cease-fire in the Middle East, and halt a possible shooting war between Israel and Arab States, appear to be meeting with success, according to reports from Jerusalem on Wednesday which said Egypt and Israel have agreed to observe United Nations proposals for maintaining the cease-fire.

Store Observing 10th Anniversary

Gregory's 5-10 & 25 store is observing its 10th anniversary according to J. J. Gregory, having opened for business in Hertford in 1946.

Two Negro youths, Robert Sawyer and Harold Sawyer were given 12 months road sentences by Judge Chas. E. Johnson in Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday morning after each had entered a plea of guilty to charges of robbing Peter Riddick, Negro, of approximately \$47 on the night of April 7.

Sheriff J. K. White testified in court that the defendants had admitted the charge to him, and stated they had divided the money, including a split for a teen-age boy who was remanded to the Juvenile Court on the same charge.

Two 30-day sentences were meted out to Clyde Nixon, Negro, when he was found guilty of destroying property in the county jail, and after he had entered a plea of guilty to charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

Willie Webb, Negro, was ordered to pay a fine of \$15 and costs of court after entering a plea of guilty to charges of assaulting his wife with a deadly weapon.

A fine of \$28 and costs were taxed against Herman Hall, Negro, who submitted to a charge of allowing an unlicensed operator to drive his car.

James Holley, Negro, was ordered to serve a 30-day road sentence for failure to comply with a judgment ordered by the court after he had been found guilty of a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Six defendants were charged with speeding and each entered a plea of guilty and paid court costs and fines as indicated following the names: John Hull 21, Donald Bates 15, Adolph Olson 25, Clifton Young 21, Tom Chamblain 25 and John Hope 25.

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Barber Rites Held Tuesday Afternoon

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin D. Styons of Chatham, Va., announce the birth of a daughter, born May 1, at Danville Hospital. The mother and baby are reported as doing well. Mrs. Styons is the former Mrs. Mary Jones White of Hertford.