

Club Is Host For Zone Meeting Held Last Friday

The Hertford Lions Club entertained at a dinner party Friday night at Perquimans Central Grammar School.

The occasion was the annual Ladies' night combined with the celebration of the 17th anniversary of the local club and a zone social meeting with Lions and their wives from clubs in Elizabeth City, Weehaville, Camden, and Manteo attending.

Presiding over the meeting, Lion W. S. Long, president of the Hertford Club, welcomed the guests. The response was given by Mrs. Joe Tunnell in the form of a poem. The Rev. Philip Quidley, pastor of the Bethel and Burgess churches, entertained the group with two solos. He was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ralph White.

C. M. Halstead of Camden, zone chairman, introduced the speaker, Lion H. J. Dye of Elizabeth City, who in a short talk, sparkled with humor, related every human's desire to be of assistance in some way to his fellow man. He pointed out the fellowship found within Lions International, based upon friendship and service to others. He had high praise for the Lions' project of aid to the blind and said the success of this program calls for each Lion to do his part.

Paul R. Little, governor of District 31-F of Lions International, was introduced and presented attendance buttons to 15 members of the club for perfect attendance for the past year. W. S. Long was presented a button for perfect attendance for the past 10 years and Clinton Eley was presented a 15 year perfect attendance button. Lion Norman Trueblood, state secretary and past of the chapter members of this club was recognized by the chairman and asked to make a few remarks. He urged members to attend the county conventions at Carolina Beach and at Miami.

Door prizes were won by Earl Laver of Weehaville and Mrs. R. A. Willis of Hertford.

The dinner was served by a group of women from Belvidere.

County Officials Feted At Dinner

The annual commissioners' dinner was held in conjunction with National Home Demonstration Week on Wednesday night, May 2, at the Bethel Community House. The Hopewell Home Demonstration Club prepared and served a delicious turkey dinner to the group attending which consisted of the County Commissioners and their wives, County Council Officers, Extension Workers and their wives and husbands and several other invited guests.

Mrs. Colon Jackson, County Council President, presided over the dinner and introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Harold White, who gave an inspiring talk. Special music was furnished by the Keel sisters, accompanied by Letitia Ann McGowan. Mrs. Harold White gave a short talk on what Home Demonstration Club work has meant to her which was most interesting. Following the dinner Miss Nancy Henderson, assistant home agent, led in recreation which the group enjoyed very much.

Two Local Seniors Win Recognition

The student issue of the publication, North Carolina English Teacher for April carried an essay by William Byrum class of '56, entitled "Ambitious Thoughts." Jo Pat Stokes class of '56, received honorable mention for her manuscript entitled "A Modern Romance."

English teachers of North Carolina submit manuscripts written by students in their classes to the North Carolina English Teachers' Association. Each manuscript is read independently by three readers and is given a grade. This year thirty-five winning manuscripts, in both prose and poetry, were published in the student issue.

William Byrum is the son of Mr. William Byrum of Hertford.

Legion Auxiliary Selects Officers For Coming Year

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post held the regular meeting on May 4, at the home of Mrs. Mildred Whitley with Mrs. Blanche Berry as co-hostess. The president, Mrs. Madge Towe, presided at the meeting. After the presentation of flags, The Star Spangled Banner was sung, followed by the oath of Allegiance to the Flag and the Preamble. In the absence of the chaplain, prayer was offered by Mrs. Ethel Perry.

The roll call and minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary. A report of cards sent was made by the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Minnie Miller.

It was announced that Charles Whedbee was the winner of the essay contest on Americanism and had been presented \$5.00. The Auxiliary voted to donate \$5.00 to the cancer drive.

Shelby Jean Overton and Mabel Keel were selected to attend Girls' State in Greensboro.

The new officers were elected and will be sworn in at the June meeting. They are: President, Mrs. Marie Davenport; first vice president, Mrs. Grace Morris; second vice president, Mrs. Mildred Whitley; recording secretary, Mrs. Edna Webb; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Minnie Miller; treasurer, Mrs. Thelma Hollowell; chaplain, Mrs. Ethel Perry and Mrs. Mary Chappell; sergeant-at-arms, Mrs. Elsie Gregory; historian, Mrs. Helen Skinner.

Plans were discussed for Poppy Day on May 26. Mrs. Lessie White is in charge.

After the business session a social hour was enjoyed by the 16 members present. A delicious sweet course was served by the hostesses.

LaClaire Winslow Winner Of Second Jaycee Rodeo

The Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce conducted its second annual Teen-Age Rodeo at Memorial Field last Saturday afternoon with a total of 13 entries competing for the safe-driving title and awards.

LaClaire Winslow was declared the winner of the 1956 Rodeo with Charlie Johnson capturing second place and Thurman Spivey placing third. Each of the three winners were presented prizes offered by the local Jaycees.

As winner of the Perquimans contest Miss Winslow, who is one of the Perquimans County school bus drivers, is entitled to compete in the state contest to be held later this month from which the winner will be selected to compete in the national Teenage Rodeo to be held in Washington, D. C.

The Jaycee committee in charge of the Rodeo termed it a huge success and expressed the appreciation of the unit to all who assisted the Chamber of Commerce in conducting the project.

Closing Exercises At Training School Are Now Underway

Closing exercises for the 1956 school term got underway at Perquimans Training School on April 23, it was announced by R. L. Kingsbury, principal. The school play was held on April 23 and open house was observed on May 6.

During this coming week the seventh and eighth grades will present a play on Monday night, May 14, following a PTA meeting which will start at 7:30 o'clock.

Grades 1-3 will present an operetta at 8 o'clock Monday night, May 21, and senior class night will be observed on Friday, May 26.



JUST ONE OF THE BOYS—Having a royal time at school, Prince Carl Gustaf, center, joins two chums in a fence-sitting session in Stockholm, Sweden. The 10-year-old, heir-apparent to Sweden's throne, is rarely photographed. The royal family attempts to give him a normal boyhood and discourages excessive publicity concerning his activities.

Education Board Approves Teachers For Four Schools

The Perquimans County Board of Education held a rather lengthy meeting in the office of the Superintendent of Schools last Monday night, considering a number of matters pertaining to the closing of the present school term and the opening of schools next fall for a new term.

After hearing a legal report by School Attorney S. M. Whedbee on the matter of regulations concerning the assignment of pupils to individual schools, the Board Chairman, J. Edgar Morris appointed a committee to draw up regulations governing the action of the local board in assignment of pupils.

The Board granted a request, submitted by the Hertford Baptist Brotherhood, for the use of the school site on Dobb Street for the purpose of a summer playground and softball diamond. The permission was granted upon conditions that the recreation will not interfere with the school construction planned at the site.

Acting upon recommendations of the district school committee the Board approved the list for teachers as elected by this committee, for Perquimans High School, Hertford Grammar School, Central Grammar School and King Street School for the coming year. Action on approval of the teacher's list for Perquimans Training School was deferred until a later meeting.

Superintendent of Schools J. T. Biggers conferred with the Board regarding tentative budget items for county schools during the 1956-57 school year and final action on the school budget is expected at the June meeting of the Board.

Glee Club Concert Very Entertaining

The Perquimans County High School Glee Club presented its annual concert in the High School auditorium on Thursday. Always one of the most outstanding events of the school year this year's concert was especially good according to those attending.

Under the direction of Mrs. Charles Johnson, the boys and girls presented in a delightful manner the program consisting of the following numbers: Morning; Speakers: Tea For Two, Yeumans; Ah Sweet Mystery Of Life, Herbert; I'll Walk With God, Brodsky.

Also Carolina In The Morning, Donaldson; Lovely Night, Offenbach; She Didn't Say "Yes," Kern; Old Man River, Kern; When Day Is Done, Katchen; Indian Love Call, Friml; A Tribute To Romberg, arranged by McLean; Bettie Hymn of the Republic, arranged by Fred Waring.

Phonists were Jean Long and Leslie McGowan.

A. T. Lane Named President Of T. B. Association

A. T. Lane of Hertford was elected president of the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden TB Association at a meeting of the Board held in Elizabeth City on Thursday night of last week.

Other officers named for the Association for the coming year included N. W. Shelton, vice president; Edward Davenport, secretary; Dennis Morgan, treasurer. New members of the executive board are Roy Chappell, Everett Burgess, C. O. Robinson, Jr. New board members from Perquimans County are Mrs. T. P. Brinn and W. Jarvis Ward.

Committee reports on the work of the Association during the past year highlighted the business session presided over by the president, Mr. Lane. These reports were on Health Education by Mrs. C. P. Morris and Mrs. Martin Simpson; Case Finding by Mrs. Bob Moore; Rehabilitation by Edward Davenport and Mrs. Russell Baker; Negro Health by Mrs. Roland Spellman and Mrs. M. B. Taylor; Seal Sale by Mrs. David Fearing.

Dennis Morgan presented an audited report of the association's books which was accepted by the board. J. H. Moore reviewed the by-laws of the Association and a budget for the 1956-57 year was presented by R. L. Garrett and accepted by the Board.

At the conclusion of the business session the president announced the following committee memberships: Health Education, Mrs. Arthur Pell, Mrs. Cecil Foster, Mrs. Earl Perry and Mrs. M. B. Taylor; Case Finding, J. H. Moore, Mrs. David Fearing, Dr. B. B. McGuire and Miss Audrey Umphlett; Rehabilitation, Mrs. Bob Moore, Mrs. Sadie Griffin, Mrs. Russell Baker, Mrs. Ervin Turner and Mrs. Vincent Leary.

4-H Club Members To Compete In Fatstock Show

The eleventh annual fatstock show and sale will be held on May 15 and 16 at the Scott & Halstead warehouse in Elizabeth City. Along with sixteen steers from Perquimans County there will be several entries of hogs from this county and a judging contest. The 4-H and FFA judging contests will begin at 11:00 on Tuesday, May 15 with four prizes awarded to the four top teams. The placing of the steers and hogs will begin at 2:00 P. M., on May 15 and the amount of prize money offered at \$66 for the hogs and \$407 for the steers. The fitting and showmanship contest will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 10:00 A. M. This is a contest where the top showman of the 4-H and FFA will be selected and one in which there will be prizes offered to the top four boys.

"If there is anyone who is interested in securing a quarter or half beef and doesn't want a whole one, contact the county agent and arrangements will be made where by someone else will take the other half or the part that is left. Please contact us by Saturday, May 12, so these arrangements can be made," stated R. M. Thompson, County Agent.

School Officials Attend Meeting At Greenville

J. Edgar Morris, chairman of the Perquimans Board of Education; J. T. Biggers, County School Superintendent, and S. M. Whedbee, County Attorney, were among the public school officials attending a district meeting in Greenville on Thursday of last week at which time members of the State Advisory Committee on Education explained the Assignment Act adopted by the 1955 General Assembly which empowers local Boards of Education with authority to assign pupils to various schools within a school district.

The meeting was held for the purpose of familiarizing local school officials with all phases of the Assignment Law in preparation for developing plans for the 1956-57 school term.

The local post of VFW will hold its regular meeting Monday night, May 14. Commander J. W. Dillon urges all members to be present.

Tentative Budget Items Considered By County Board

Mrs. D. M. Jackson Elected President Of Local BPW Club

The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club met Friday night, May 4, at the home of Mrs. Alice M. Towe on Old Neck Road with the president, Mrs. Emily T. Harrell, presiding when officers for the new year were elected, delegates to the convention were selected, and plans for a supper were completed.

Mrs. Harrell welcomed Mrs. J. H. Thigpen of Windsor who was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Betty T. Swindell. Miss Hulda Wood, recording secretary, read the minutes and Mrs. Mary Dale S. Lane, finance chairman, gave her report.

Mrs. Dora T. Riddick, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers which were unanimously accepted: President, Roxanna C. Jackson; first vice president, Miss Thelma Elliott; second vice president, Grace M. Coston; recording secretary, Sally J. Bonner; corresponding secretary, Minnie Wilma W. Hurdle; treasurer, Essie W. Burbage; and assistant treasurer, Mary D. Robertson.

Those selected to represent the club at the State Convention in Winston-Salem were: Roxanna C. Jackson, Emily T. Harrell, Essie W. Burbage and Alice M. Towe. The club will sponsor a chicken salad supper Saturday night, May 19. Tickets may be secured from any club member and plates will be delivered to the home if desired.

300 Attend Scout Camporee At Perry Site Last Week-end

The Boy Scout Camporee at Camp Perry over the week-end attracted a record number of Scouts. There were 41 Boy Scout patrols from 17 troops and three Explorer crews from three troops. Total attendance was estimated at over 300.

A larger percentage of patrols received blue ribbons this year than in any year in the past, and not a single troop received a score low enough to warrant a yellow ribbon.

Although the camporee was delayed until Saturday morning due to predicted bad weather, the program got off to a good start Saturday afternoon with all Scouts participating in numerous Scoutcraft activities such as canoeing, signaling, first aid, life saving, disarming relay, fire building, axeman-ship, etc.

It was estimated that over 600 attended Saturday night's campfire at which 23 outstanding Scouts were "taped out" into the National

Registration Books To Close Saturday

Registration books for the Democratic primary election to be held Saturday, May 12, will be closed Saturday, May 12, it was reported today by R. C. Murray, Chairman of the Board of Elections. Saturday, May 13, will be challenge day.

Mr. Murray reminded persons of voting age that they must be registered in order to vote in the primary. He stated voters already registered need not register again to be eligible to vote.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

The Hertford Chapter of the Eastern Star will meet Monday night, May 14, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic room in the Court House. All members are urged to attend.

Preliminary estimates on proposed budget matters for the county's next fiscal year, which starts on July 1, were presented to the Board of Commissioners during the Board meeting last Monday.

Final action on these matters will be taken at the next meeting of the Board after which the proposed over-all budget for the year 1956-57 will be published prior to final adoption by the Board at its July meeting.

The Commissioners were advised by the County Accountant that proposed estimates for the coming budget indicate the present tax rate of \$1.65 per hundred dollar valuation may be retained for the coming year. Preliminary figures from the total of property valuation in Perquimans County for 1956 tax purposes reveal the valuation is approximately eight million dollars. There is a slight decrease in personal property values and some increase in values on real estate.

Approval was voted by the Board appropriating a total of \$19,792.00 for the County Welfare Department as follows: Welfare Administration, \$5,608.00; Old Age Assistance, \$8,500.00; Aid Dependent Children, \$2,324.00; Aid Totally Disabled, \$3,360.00.

County Attorney S. M. Whedbee advised the Board all school bond issue matters are temporarily held up due to school cases now before the State Supreme Court, and it will probably be June 1, before a decision is rendered on the matter which involved the validity of the State's County Machinery Act.

Soil Conservationist F. A. McGowan conferred with the Commissioners concerning a proposed project for draining creeks and rivers within the county, in cooperation with a State project being sponsored by the Civil Defense authority. Mr. McGowan has prepared 11 local projects to be submitted for approval, and total cost has been estimated at \$148,372.00. It is believed two or three more projects will be added to the proposal prior to its submission to the state authority.

A number of improvement projects were approved by the Board including acceptance of a bid of \$1,308 for installation of a new heating system in the agriculture building and refinishing of the floors in this building and a new floor to be installed in the office of the Register of Deeds.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Primary elections were held in six states during the past week but the presidential picture changed little since there were no contests in these primaries. Former U. S. Senator Tydings of Maryland, appeared to have started a comeback by winning the Democratic nomination for the post in his state's primary. Senator Johnson won the party's chairmanship in a contest held in Texas.

Damages estimated at two million dollars resulted when the battleship Wisconsin rammed an escort destroyer, in foggy weather, about 50 miles east of Norfolk last Sunday. The bow of the battleship was crushed when it smashed into the side of the destroyer. The Navy reported no injuries were sustained from the accident.

The Senate is expected to vote on the new farm bill, passed by the House last week, sometime within the next few days. Washington reports indicate the proposed measure will be approved. Main provision of the bill calls for a soil bank program as a method of controlling surplus crops.

Business prospects for the remainder of this year are bright, according to reports issued this week in Washington by Government and business groups. The reports stated business will continue at the high level now recorded and employment will remain high.