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"JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE, MOTHER"—Top gladiators in the Democratic arena at Chicago, Adlai Stevenson, Sen. Estes Kefauver and Gov. Averell Harriman are shown in closing weeks of the campaign as they called a friendly armistice in the battle for the Democratic presidential nomination to attend a dinner honoring Sen. Walter F. George (Ga.) in the nation's capital. George left the Senate after 34 years of service to become President Eisenhower's personal representative to NATO.

## School Lunchroom Aid Totals \$10,930 During Past Year

Lunchrooms in Perquimans County Schools received a total of \$10,930 worth of commodities during the past school year as part of the federal program designed to provide school children with hot lunches during the school year, it was reported this week by J. T. Biggers, school superintendent.

The aid was distributed through the direction of the United States Department of Agriculture, and part of the commodities received came from crops which make up farm surplus of the nation.

In addition to the commodities furnished the lunchrooms, the Federal Government also paid the equivalent of three cents per pupil on each lunch served during the year. This assistance amounted to a total of \$7,577.98 during the past year.

Aid received from the Federal Government, for lunchrooms, during the year dropped slightly from the total received during the previous year, Mr. Biggers said. During the 1954-1955 school year the total amount of commodities received was valued at \$11,032, or 94 dollars more than last year.

Figures released by Mr. Biggers revealed the five school lunchrooms, during the 1955-56 school year, received a total of \$52,833.51 from Federal aid and sale of lunches. Students paid a total of \$42,375.01 for lunches while teachers paid \$2,164.56. The lunchrooms combined purchased locally a total of \$38,237.32 worth of foodstuffs and paid out \$12,798.46 for labor to lunchroom workers.

Lunchroom aid to all schools within North Carolina showed an increase during the past year as compared to 1954-55. Total aid for the year amounted to \$4,704,582 as compared to the \$4,103,524 for the year 1954-55.

A special homecoming day service will be held Sunday, August 5, at 11 A. M. All former members and friends of New Hope Church and Sunday School are especially urged to attend. A basket dinner will be held on the church grounds immediately following the service.

New Hope Methodist Church is observing "Old Home Week" in conjunction with its annual revival this week. Services are being held each night at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend. Dr. Clarence D. Barcliff of Durham, a former member of New Hope Church, is conducting the services.

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DELIA SHAMBURGERS MEET

The Della Shamburger Circle of the Hertford Methodist Church will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock for their regular meeting and a picnic supper at Sandy Point. All members are urged to be present.



KEY TO SUCCESSFUL civil defense countermeasures against an attack would be adequate warning time for evacuation of city populations. Here attack warning officers at Federal Civil Defense Administration headquarters plot "approaching planes" from reports relayed from Air Divisions. During "Operation Alert, 1956," training exercises for CD personnel will be carried out to improve alerting systems and emergency communications. (FCDA Photo)

## Miss Jean Edwards Captures Title As State Health Queen

Miss Jean Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Edwards, was crowned State 4-H Health Queen at the health pageant presented at 4-H Week in Raleigh on Thursday night of last week. She was selected for this high honor from a group of 73 queens representing their respective counties. The selection was made on the basis of her personal health improvement, family health improvement and community health improvement projects.

This state honor will entitle Miss Edwards to an all expense trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, where her record will be judged in national competition.

Reporting on the outcome of the state contest Miss Nancy Henderson, assistant home agent said, "We, in Perquimans County, are very proud of Jean and feel she will represent North Carolina well at Chicago."

Perquimans County had fourteen delegates at the annual 4-H Club Week in Raleigh last week. These delegates were: Beth Skinner, Nancy Lane, Rachel Spivey, Jean Edwards, Lois Violet Winslow, Billy Hudson, Linwood Hurdle, Willis Williams, Lloyd Ray Morgan, Preston Winslow, Julian Howell, Whitte Mathews, Bobby Smith and Ervin Mansfield. These girls and boys really had a wonderful time at assemblies, classes, demonstrations and at the evening programs.

The recreation was very good and the speakers were, too. "I'm sure the boys and girls will never forget the wonderful speech that the Rev. Alexander, of Oklahoma City made," Miss Henderson said.

The talent show was one of the main highlights of the week, and the Keel sisters, accompanied by Letitia McGoogan, really put Perquimans County on the map with their talent number, winning a blue ribbon for their talent.

When Saturday morning came a group of tired, but happy Perquimans County boys and girls boarded the activity bus and headed for home with many pleasant memories of the week.

Commissioners To Meet Next Monday

The regular August meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County will be held next Monday, beginning at 10 A. M. in the Court House in Hertford. Individuals desiring to appear before the Board are requested to note the time and place of the meeting.

Officers Capture Two More Stills

AZU Officers, in cooperation with Sheriff J. K. White, captured and destroyed two 50-gallon stills in Bethel Township last Friday. Sheriff White reported this brings to a total of 12 stills captured by officers in this locality since January 1.

## Special Election On School Matters Set September 8th

### Registration Books To Open August 11

R. C. Murray, chairman of the Perquimans Board of Elections, announced Wednesday that preparations are being made for holding a special election on September 8, at which time voters will ballot on a number of amendments to the State Constitution.

Registration books for the election, Mr. Murray said, will be opened at the six polling precincts in the county on Saturday, August 11, and will close on August 25. He pointed out persons already listed on the books need not register again in order to be eligible to vote in the special election but persons not registered and desiring to vote must register by August 25.

The North Carolina General Assembly concluded its special session on Friday of last week by adopting the Pearsall Committee program in regard to public schools of the state. Included in the measures adopted by the special session are proposed changes in the State Constitution which will be decided by the people of the state in a special election which has been called for September 8.

In the special election the voters of the state will have the opportunity to approve or disapprove the amendments proposed by the committee, the first of which provides for payment, from state funds, of tuition grants for the private school education of children whose parents object to their attending a mixed school, or for whom no public school is available.

A second amendment, known as local option plan, provides that a majority of a local board of education may call an election at any time on the closing of a public school within its school district. The board must call such an election if petitioned by 15 per cent of the registered voters of the local option unit as defined by the local board of education.

Also included in the Pearsall Plan as passed by the Legislature, is a bill modifying the compulsory attendance law so no child will be required to attend a mixed school, and another authorizing contingency and emergency funds to be used for paying tuition grants between the opening of the coming school term and the regular session of the General Assembly next year.

The bills carrying out the Pearsall Plan numbered eight in all, including a resolution of protest against the "oppressive usurpation of power" by the U. S. Supreme Court in its school segregation decisions.

## Disaster Stations Designated For County Areas

A Disaster Preparedness organization was perfected at a meeting held here Monday night, attended by about 20 representatives of the Perquimans Red Cross chapter, and which was conducted by Miss Eleanor Ramsey, Field Representative for the American Red Cross.

J. T. Biggers, chairman of the County Disaster Committee, pointed out the possible need for such an organization in the event this county should be hard hit by hurricanes during this season. He also showed a film of local scenes observed during Hurricane Hazel two years ago.

Representatives from all sections of the county were present for the meeting and expressed keen interest in development of the organization. Committee chairman named during the meeting were E. C. Woodard, Thomas Maston and Irvin Turner, shelter; Miss Thelma Elliott, food; J. Van Roach, transportation; C. T. Skinner, Jr., communications, and C. Edgar White, clothing.

In the event a hurricane disaster should strike this area, it was authorized that Mr. Woodard and Mr. Maston will open the Perquimans High School and Central Grammar School, in Hertford and Winfall, offering shelter to those in need. Mr. Turner volunteered to investigate and secure shelter for the New Hope section of the county.

The purpose of the meeting was to set up a program for the county in anticipation of the coming hurricane season, although it is the expressed hope that need of the organization will not be required.

Miss Ramsey told the group the American Red Cross will support the local disaster committee, and should the need arise field workers will be sent here to aid in the work. Also, the Red Cross will provide for food and other supplies needed in event disaster strikes this community.

## Hearing Held Tuesday For Teen-Age Girl

A teen-age girl, placed in jail late last week at the request of her father, who claimed she attempted to poison him, was released from custody Monday night after Sheriff J. K. White had charged the girl with assault with a deadly weapon. The charge being a misdemeanor, the matter was referred to the county juvenile court and a hearing was conducted by the juvenile judge, W. H. Pitt, on Tuesday morning.

In connection with the case, an Elizabeth City based serviceman is being held under bond for appearance in recorder's court here on August 14 on a charge of having carnal relations with the girl. The warrant against the serviceman was sworn out by the girl's father, on information and belief, and was served by Sheriff J. K. White. The serviceman was released, under bond, to the Elizabeth City Shore Patrol.

## Crop Outlook In County Very Bright Reports Agent

Crop conditions in Perquimans County, at the present time, are very good, according to R. M. Thompson, County Agent, who stated weather conditions during the past two months have been excellent for crop production. Barring storms the county is expected to produce an abundant harvest later this season, the farm agent said.

Reports from all sections of the county indicate the corn crop is one of the best ever produced. Some damage was reported from drought in early June but recent rains, it is believed, came in time to correct the situation and made good recovery.

Peanuts are looking very good. Some fields have broken stands due to dry weather at planting time, but in general there is a fairly good stand and the crop is making excellent growth. Growers are applying dust to control leaf spot disease and insects. Land plaster was applied to most of the fields in early July and is about completed now.

Cotton is looking very good. Many fields of cotton have broken stands but plants are making excellent growth. A weekly infestation has revealed the lowest boll weevil infestation in several years. Some weevils are puncturing squares but these are in spotted areas in the fields and the damage does not seem to be heavy. Most growers plan to dust during late July and early August to catch the second generation of young weevils. Pastures and soybeans are making excellent growth since the rains came.

### FORESTRY OFFICER

Robert Gustafson, who has been appointed as manager of the Eastern Forestry Co., branch office at Hertford, holds a degree in forestry from the University of Michigan. The Eastern company, which has headquarters at Avalon, Va., is a general consulting firm.

## New Hope Shooting Case Bound Over To Superior Court

Henry Mallory, Negro of the New Hope section of Perquimans County, was bound over for action by the grand jury at the November term of Superior Court following a probable cause hearing held before Recorder Chas. E. Johnson here on Tuesday morning. Mallory is charged with assaulting Thomas White, Negro, with a deadly weapon with intent to kill on the evening of June 26.

The defendant submitted no evidence at the hearing Tuesday but White, testifying for the State, told the Court that Mallory shot him with a pistol, hitting one of his fingers, and a second shot entered his back. Robert Lowery, attorney for Mallory, requested the Recorder to assume jurisdiction of the case and find no probable cause, but Judge Johnson ruled there was sufficient evidence before the court to place the matter before the Grand Jury.

The State took a nol pro in a case in which a number of under-aged children were charged with trespassing at the home of Mary Costen, Negro.

Costs of court were taxed against Billy Pittman and Patrick McFadden after the defendants had pleaded guilty to charges of speeding. Robert Canning was fined \$4 and costs after pleading guilty to a speeding charge.

The case in which Haywood Welch, Negro, is charged with

## Former Resident Survivor From Andrea Doria

Mrs. Grace Barnett McLean, sister of Mrs. Vernon Lee Perry and Mrs. Elwood E. Perry, was reported uninjured after being one of the fortunate survivors of the Andrea Doria which sank off Nantucket Thursday.

Mrs. McLean, a former resident of Hertford, and also a graduate of Perquimans High School, was returning from Europe after spending four months touring Italy, France, Greece and Switzerland, joining her husband, Lt. James R. McLean, who is stationed on the USS Intrepid.

The Cape Ann, first ship to the rescue of the Andrea Doria, was the one she arrived on in New York Thursday night. The Red Cross had found places for them to stay and Friday Will Rogers of his own TV show, interviewed her and also Faye Emerson of the Gary Moore show. Friday afternoon WTAR-TV of Norfolk interviewed her and she told how thankful she was to be land again.

Mrs. McLean will arrive Saturday at Cape Hatteras to spend some time with her mother and return to her home in New York.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A military construction money bill passed during the recent session of Congress was signed into law late last week by President Eisenhower. The measure includes a total of \$4,235,000 for work projects at Harvey Point in preparation for the activation of the station into a Naval seaplane base.

Estes Kefauver, second ranking candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, has withdrawn from the race and requested his supporters to back the nomination of Adlai Stevenson. Many Democratic leaders believe the Kefauver withdrawal assures Stevenson of the nomination coming up in Chicago week after next. Kefauver announced his retirement from the presidential race at a news conference last Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Harold Stassen has taken a leave of absence from his government position to stump for the nomination of Governor Herter of Massachusetts as the GOP candidate for vice president. Stassen contends the renomination of Richard Nixon for the office will weaken the position of President Eisenhower.

British naval and air forces were alerted Tuesday to be ready for immediate action in case violence breaks out in Egypt over the seizure of the Suez Canal. The canal was nationalized last week by Egypt's President Nasser over protests by Britain and France. Reports Wednesday stated Nasser had promised use of the canal by ships of all nations and there was some easing in the tension surrounding the seizure.

Latest reports on the death toll involved in the sinking of the Italian ship, Andrea Doria, off Massachusetts coast last week has been placed at 42. Investigations are being conducted by the Italian and Swedish governments concerning the collision.

## Charged With Theft Of Welfare Check

James Manley White, Negro of Route one, Hertford, was taken into custody last week by Federal authorities charged with the theft and forgery of endorsement of a public welfare check. He waived hearing and was ordered held for the next Federal court term.

White was arrested by Sheriff J. K. White and Postal Inspector J. T. Johnson, following an investigation conducted for the past month. The Sheriff reported White admitted cashing the check but contends he found the check lying in a time zone his home.

## Methodist Church To Observe Pledge Day Next Sunday

Holy Communion will be observed at the First Methodist Church Sunday at the 11 o'clock worship hour, it was announced this week by the pastor, the Rev. James A. Auman. The Communion message will be centered around the "Remembrance of Jesus—In Our Giving". Joe H. Towe, Chairman of the Finance Commission, announced that Sunday will also be Pledge Sunday and that pledge cards will be distributed at the beginning of the church hour, to be left at the altar at the time of Communion. The church is operating under a consolidated budget plan, beginning this year, which includes all local and conference items of support. Under this plan all church members are being urged to make their pledges all inclusive.

Church members who expect to be away on Sunday will find extra pledge cards on the altar at the church and are requested to go by the church and sign their cards and leave them there.

Meeting in a special quarterly conference session on Tuesday night, the official board voted to begin extensive repairs at the parsonage immediately. New officers of the Board were also elected as follows: Chairman, Dr. T. P. Brinn; vice-chairman, Charles Harrell; Secretary, F. A. McGoogan; treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Sullivan, and Charge lay leader, Talmage Rose, Jr.

## Indians Close Out League Play With Three Home Games

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