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Farmers Day Plans Completed; Event Next Wednesday

Next Wednesday, September 13, will be Farmers Day in Hertford. The third annual program, as in the past, will be staged at the Perquimans High School under the sponsorship of the County Agricultural Extension Service. R. M. Thompson, County Agent, announced Wednesday all plans for the big event have been completed and the committees in charge of the program are expecting this year's program to be the best yet produced.

Mr. Thompson advised that individuals and business firms planning an exhibit at the event should start next Monday making arrangements to place the exhibits in the school gym. Individual exhibits must be brought in and placed by 10 A. M., Wednesday, and may be checked in at the gym after 4 P. M., Tuesday.

A number of local business firms cooperating in the program will have registrations at their booths and will award favors and prizes to those registering.

Lunch booths will be operated by women of the county, and one may attend the program and secure lunch on the grounds.

The following divisions will be open for exhibits: Field Crops; Meat and Poultry Products; Horticulture, Clothing, Home Cooked Articles; Sanned Goods; Floral Arrangements; Arts and Crafts.

Judging of these exhibits will start for the ladies at 10 A. M., on Wednesday and for the men at 11 A. M.

State Board Gives Approval To Local School Projects

Approval was voted by the State Board of Education, at its meeting last Friday, allocating the sum of \$143,928 in state bond money toward the construction of two school projects in Perquimans County.

The action was taken upon applications submitted by the local Board of Education for funds to construct a new Hertford Grammar School and build a new addition to the King Street School.

Of the funds allocated by the State Board, \$118,213 will be used for the work on the King Street School, while \$25,715 will go to help finance the Hertford Grammar School project. Overall costs of the two projects will be in the neighborhood of \$346,500, according to bids received and tentatively accepted by the local Board of Education on August 29. The remaining funds for the costs of the project will come from the recent sale of county bonds and from surplus county funds.

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Schools Open

Summer vacation ended for 2,218 Perquimans County school children with the opening of the 1956-57 school term last Wednesday. School Superintendent J. T. Biggers reported the opening day of school went along on schedule with enrollments slightly under the first day of last year.

Enrollment figures reported by the various principals for the opening session were released as follows: Perquimans High School, 321 and 8th grade, 105 for total of 426; Hertford Grammar School, 265; Central Grammar School, 447; Perquimans Training School, high school division 193, grammar division, 494, for a total of 687; King Street School, 893.

Baker-Bagley Vows Spoken At Winfall Methodist Church

The marriage of Miss Nancy Bagley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bagley of Winfall, to James Daniel Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rossie Baker of Belvidere, took place Sunday afternoon, August 26 at 5 o'clock in Epworth Methodist Church, Palms, large chrysanthemums, pompons, gladiolus and lighted candles were used in decorating the church.

The Rev. Earl Meekins, pastor, officiated, using the double ring ceremony.

Prior to and during the ceremony, Miss Joan Long, organist, played a program of nuptial music. She accompanied Edward Jordan, who sang.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor length wedding gown of lace and tulle over tulle to the portrait neckline and long lace sleeves ending in wedding points over the hands. The very bouffant skirt was complimented by lace inserts in front and back. Her finger tip length veil of imported illusion was arranged from a lace half pill box outlined with pearls. She carried a Bible with a white orchid and sprays of French chrysanthemums.

Miss Phyllis Bagley, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore an emerald green floor length chiffon gown styled with shoulder wide abbreviated sleeves. The draped bodice was complimented by a very bouffant skirt. Her head piece was a matching velvet bandeau with circular veil. She carried a cascade of yellow pompons and ivy.

Bridesmaids were Miss Jo Pat Stokes and Miss Marjorie Brinn of Hertford. They wore orange amber chiffon gowns and head pieces styled identically to the honor attendant and carried cascade bouquets of campaneas pompons and ivy.

Junior bridesmaids were Jean Bagley, sister of the bride, and Ann Baker, cousin of the bridegroom. They wore apricot taffeta gowns and headpieces styled identically to the other attendants and carried miniature cascades to match the bridesmaids.

Vivian Baker attended his brother as best man. Ushers were Jack Byram of Edenton, Monon Truitt of Winfall, Arba Carver and Wallace Baker of Belvidere.

The bride's mother wore ice blue crystalite and harmonizing accessories and a corsage of yellow daisies.

The bridegroom's mother wore dusty rose lace with black accessories and a corsage of pink daisies.

Mistresses of ceremonies were Mrs. Charlie Vann of Ellabeth City, and Mrs. O. C. Long of Edenton.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker are graduates of Perquimans High School.

After the rehearsal on Saturday night the bride's suite entertained at a cake cutting at the home of the bride, around 50 guests attended.



WORLD'S LARGEST TANKER—The "Universe Leader," world's largest tanker, hits the water at the Kure dockyard in Japan. The mammoth ship, weighing 84,730 tons and costing more than 10 million dollars to build, will be completed some time in October. An American vessel, it will be placed on the Iran-North America run under Liberian registration.



The Rev. Owen W. Glassburn of Damascus, Ohio, is the guest minister at a series of revival services being conducted at the Bagley Swamp Pilgrim Church, September 6 to 16. The Rev. Joseph Crouse of Charleston, W. Va., is the song leader at each service. The public is invited to attend.

Sign Up Period Announced For Soil Bank Program

Farmers will be able to begin their sign up under the Conservation Reserve phase of the Soil Bank Program after the 10th of September, Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, reports.

In order to participate in the Conservation Reserve program this fall, farmers must sign up under the program not later than October 15th. The program will run from 3 to 15 years depending on the practices to be carried out. Miss Nixon explained that payments available for participation under this new program are of two kinds—an establishment payment which may cover up to 80 per cent of the cost of starting the practice, and an annual rental payment for the period of the contract. Rental payments in North Carolina will be at the rate of \$10 per acre.

When the land to be placed in the reserve is already in an approved vegetative cover, no establishment payment will be made. However, the annual \$10 per acre payment will be made during the term of the contract. In this case, contracts will be from 3 to 5 years. Contracts for vegetative cover practices established under the Conservation Reserve Program will run from 5 to 10 years. Tree practices—10 to 15 years. These practices will be eligible for both Conservation Reserve and annual payments.

The total payments that may be made to eligible farmers in North Carolina are limited, and for this reason farmers who desire to participate are urged to visit the county ASC office and sign up as soon as the program opens.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ownley of Route 2, Ellabeth City, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born Monday, August 27, 1956, at the Albemarle Hospital. She has been named Linda Lou. Mrs. Ownley is the former Miss Mary Lou Butt.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Artie T. Lane Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Terry Lynn, born August 16 at the Chowan Hospital in Edenton. Mrs. Lane and daughter, who have spent two weeks with Mrs. Lane's mother, Mrs. B. L. Bury in Edenton, returned home Sunday.

Amendment Issues Before Voters In Special Election

Election machinery in Perquimans County is prepared for the special election scheduled for Saturday, September 8, it was reported today by R. C. Murray, chairman of the board of elections, when voters of the county will join others throughout the state in deciding the issues pertaining to amendments to the State Constitution.

Mr. Murray announced the six polling precincts in the county will be opened at 6:30 A. M., and will close at 6:30 P. M.

Precinct election officials are the same as those who officiated at the last election.

In all, four proposals to amend the Constitution will be decided by the voters casting ballots in the election. The first of these amendments, and the one probably attracting more attention than the rest, is the one adopted during the special session of the General Assembly and deals with the public school situation.

This special school amendment, if adopted by the voters, provides for the state to issue tuition grants to pupils to attend private schools in event the pupil objects to attending integrated schools; the amendment also provides local school boards and citizens of local school units will be empowered to call special elections, if desired, to determine the question of whether local school units are to be closed due to intolerable situations. The amendment itself, does not call for the closing of the public schools. That issue would be decided by the people of a local school unit, in another special election.

In connection with the special school amendment, Mrs. John Hurdle, president of the PTA of Central Grammar School, has issued a statement urging all members of her school unit, as well as the public, to cast their votes in the special election.

In her statement sent to PTA members Mrs. Hurdle pointed out: Our State P.T.A., President believes public schools must be maintained and so do I. This amendment if passed does not abolish the public schools, but will serve as a safety valve for us, and will mean that we will not have to send our children to an integrated school or mixed school if we so desire.

I can't assure you, that this election may be a solution to the problem that confronts us, but we can try; for this may be the only opportunity we may ever have as individuals to express our wishes in regard to such a controversial issue. I am not telling you how to vote, just study the many involvements of such an amendment and vote as conscientiously and wisely as possible. However, I am going to vote for the amendment and support the Pearsall Plan.

Two of the other amendments to be voted on pertain to the General Assembly; one changes the date of the meeting of this group and the other has to do with increasing the pay received by members of the General Assembly.

The remaining amendment provides for a married woman to exercise the power of attorney conferred upon her by her husband.

Recorder Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans Recorder's Court was in recess last Tuesday, and all cases listed on the docket were continued for trial at the next term of the court, which will convene on Tuesday, September 11.

BPW Club Sponsors Talent Contest On Thursday, Sept. 20

The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club and the Perquimans County Home Demonstration Clubs will co-sponsor a beauty contest and a talent contest on Thursday night, September 20 at the Perquimans County High School in Hertford.

The beauty contest will be held to select Miss Perquimans County who will compete for the title of Queen of the International Cup Regatta Festival to be held in Elizabeth City on September 29 and 30. Different civic organizations are sponsoring contestants, but if there are any girls between 16 and 21 years of age who would like to compete and haven't been approached by one of the clubs, they are asked to call Mrs. Roxanna Jackson, BPW Club president. The contestants will be judged on poise and beauty in an evening dress.

The entrant who is judged Miss Perquimans County must be single and never have been married, divorced, or had her marriage annulled.

The girl who is chosen by the judges to be Miss Perquimans County must be prepared to be in Elizabeth City not later than 2 P. M., on Friday, September 28, and remain in Elizabeth City as a guest of Regatta Officials until Sunday morning, September 30. She must participate in all events of the Regatta including the Beauty Contest, Parade, and Coronation Ball. She must also be available during the entire Regatta for photographers, newsreel men, radio and newspaper reporters.

The local talent contest is open to males and females of the town and county who have talent of any type, and will be judged apart from the beauty contest. The co-sponsors are hoping a large number of contestants will enter. Those interested are asked to contact Mrs. R. M. Riddick, talent contest chairman. The winner of the talent contest will appear on one of the afternoon editions of a TV show which originates in Norfolk, Va.

An entry blank for each contest appears in this issue of The Perquimans Weekly, and all those who are interested in entering either contest are asked to fill in these blanks and send them to either Mrs. Roxanna Jackson or Mrs. R. M. Riddick.

Tickets for the beauty contest and talent show may be purchased from any member of the Home Demonstration Club or the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Youth Leaders And Adult Counselors To Hold Retreat

Methodist youth leaders and their adult counselors of the Chowan-Perquimans Subdistrict of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold a Planning Retreat Friday, September 14 and Saturday, September 15, at Mount Gould, near Edenton. Registration will begin at 4:30 on Friday afternoon and the last session will close at 4:00 P. M., on Saturday.

Registration is limited to Subdistrict officers and one young person from each local church, preferably the president, along with the adult counselors and pastors from each church. Directed by the Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Hertford, the group will set up goals and standards for the coming year, analyze the effectiveness of their subdistrict program and make plans for the coming year's work. The two-day retreat program also calls for periods of fellowship and directed recreation, special committee work and inspirational messages.

Mrs. Rufus Smithson of the Center Hill Methodist Church is subdistrict counselor. Included in the Chowan-Perquimans subdistrict are all Methodist Churches of the two counties: Edenton, Anderson, Bethany, Center Hill, Evans, Cedar Grove, Epworth, New Hope, Oak Grove, Woodland and Hertford.

Review Of Annual Audit Report Made To Commissioners

Dr. Barr To Lead Baptist Revival Starting Sunday



An outstanding denominational leader, Dr. V. Ward Barr of Gastonia, will be the guest minister at the fall revival which begins at the Hertford Baptist Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

A native of Louisiana, Dr. Barr received his early schooling at Mansfield. He attended Louisiana State College and there won his BA degree in 1930. He received his Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the Southern Baptist Seminary of Louisville, Ky.

As pastor, Dr. Barr has served churches in Kentucky, Florida, Mississippi. He came to the First Baptist Church of Gastonia in 1944.

His abilities as leader and pastor were immediately recognized upon his coming to the state. He has served as a member of the North Carolina Baptist State Board, the North Carolina Hospital Board and has been special speaker for numerous camps and schools throughout the state. He has also served on the program committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Barr is 44 years old and is married to the former Myrtle Cutler also of Louisiana. They have two sons.

Mrs. J. Ellie White, church music director, has arranged an outstanding musical program for the week which will include solos, duets, quartets and special group singing. The pastor, the Rev. James O. Mattox, will lead the congregational singing.

Dr. Barr will arrive in Hertford Sunday afternoon and during his stay here he will be the house guest of Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Ward.

Residents of the community are cordially invited to share in the week of Gospel preaching, singing and Christian fellowship.

Rotary To Award Farmers Day Prize

An added feature to the Perquimans Farmers' Day program this year will be the awarding of a \$25 savings bond by the Hertford Rotary Club to the 4-H boy or girl, participating in the Rotary Pig Chain, showing the best pig in the event. The judging will take place next Wednesday.

The Rotary Pig Chain, started last February when the Rotary Club purchased three purebred gilts and turned them over to 4-H boys desiring a pig project. The project is under the supervision of the County Agent.

This project, sponsored by the Rotary Club is aimed at improving livestock on Perquimans County farms, and to interest 4-H club members in production of livestock.

Rotary-Lions To Meet Friday Night

Members of the Hertford Rotary and Lions Clubs will hold a joint meeting in the form of a steak fry, Friday night at 6:45 o'clock at the town plant on Grubb Street. All members of the clubs are urged to be present for this event.

Perquimans County Commissioners, meeting here last Tuesday for their September session, were given a report of the annual audit of county books recently completed by the R. E. Aiken, Jr., Company of Elizabeth City.

According to the audit the county assets increased to the sum of \$771,600.40, which included bank balances at the close of the fiscal year on June 30th of \$106,176.58. Largest item within the county assets are the school sites and fixtures estimated at a value of \$532,700.

Operations during the year showing income and outgo of the various departments of the county government was listed as follows: General County Fund, income \$95,843.43, expenditures \$75,017.65; Poor Fund, income \$3,666.46, expenditures \$3,624.29; Debt Service Fund, income \$54,784.98, expenditures \$40,872.36; General School Fund, \$89,241.20, expenditures \$86,825.54; Old Age Assistance, income \$53,536.51, outgo \$60,367.00; Aid Dependent Children, income \$19,889.67, outgo \$22,205.00; Welfare Administration, income \$11,120.59, expenditures \$9,826.22.

Also matters handled during the board meeting including voting of approval of an application requesting the State Highway Commission to improve and park the River Road, located in Parkville Township.

Miss Ruth Tucker, secretary to the County Farm Agent, submitted her resignation, effective September 29.

County Farm Agent R. M. Thompson advised the board that Miss Tucker will be succeeded by Mrs. Preston Divers.

J. E. Morris, chairman of the Board of Education, and J. T. Biggers, County School Superintendent, appeared before the meeting and advised the commissioners as to the progress being made toward construction of two new school projects now under way, expressing hope contracts for the construction may be let by the end of this week.

Williamston Cops League Title By Defeating Indians

Williamston, season-long leaders in the Albemarle Baseball League, won the league's playoff championship here last Thursday night by winning a 3-0 victory from the Perquimans Indians in one of the best contests of the summer. The victory gave Williamston a four to two edge over the Indians.

Mack Cherry did a masterful job in pitching Williamston to the win. He gave up only two hits, those to Vernon White and Bill Winslow, walked five, while shutting out the Indians. Bill Winslow started on the mound for Perquimans, pitching four innings during which he allowed four hits, two runs and walked three. He was relieved by White who gave up four hits, walked one and allowed one run. Williamston committed two errors and Hertford three.

Williamston tallied one run in the first, second and seventh innings. The Indians had rallies going in both the seventh and eighth innings but failed to score due to the fine pitching of Cherry.

Navy Places Order For P6M Seaplanes

The Navy Department last Friday, according to a story reported by the International News Service, issued a \$102,163,000 order to the Glen L. Martin Company of Baltimore, for production of P6M "Seamaster" seaplanes.

According to the INS report this order, the first for production models, will be for at least a dozen of the 600-mile-an-hour jets that the Navy said could land anywhere on water.

An unofficial report has been made that these seaplanes when produced will be based at Harvey Point upon the reactivation of the air facility here in Perquimans County.