

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Committee Fills Two Vacancies On Education Board

Two vacancies on the Perquimans Board of Education, brought about by the deaths of J. Edgar Morris and Shelton M. Long, were filled by the Perquimans County Executive Committee of the Democratic party at a meeting held Tuesday afternoon at the Court House.

Appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Morris was Charles M. Harrell, Hertford businessman, and named to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Long was Howard Matthews, farmer of Bethel Township.

Members of the Board will assume their duties at the next meeting of the Board of Education, now scheduled for Tuesday, April 8.

The committee went on record expressing deep regret at the loss of Mr. Morris and Mr. Long and expressed high praise for the services these men had rendered to the county.

The committee also adopted a resolution recommending to the Representative for Perquimans County that a change in the law be enacted in order to provide that the Perquimans County Board of Education be comprised of at least one member from each of the five townships of the county.

Presiding at the meeting was W. F. Ainsley, chairman of the committee.

The committee will meet again on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:30 p. m.

## Youth Revival At Baptist Church

The youth of the Hertford Baptist Church will observe their fourth annual Youth Week and Week-end Youth Revival March 29-30. Officers that have been elected are: Youth pastor, Richard Wheeler; Sunday School superintendent, Warner Lee Madre; Training Union director, Sonny Matthews; WMU president, Mary Ann Robertson; minister of music, Shirley Ann Tarkington; director of publicity, Jean Edwards; chairman of evangelism, Vickie Johnson and Beckie Gregory; social directors, Jane Keel, Jean Keel, Tommy Tarkington and Donald Chesson; chairman of deacons, Bebbie Tucker; deacons, Johnny Miller, Donald Madre, Tommy Matthews, Ben Gibbs, Jimmy Batts and Bobby Overton; hospitality chairman is Lois Byron and church treasurer is Mary Ann White.

Rev. D. S. Moyers, pastor of the Corinth Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, will be the guest preacher.

The services will begin at 7:30 o'clock Friday night and continue through Sunday (including Saturday).

Youth Weeks and Youth Revivals in the past have met with unusual interest and enthusiasm. This year's continuation is by popular request on the part of the young people.

Special music will be under the direction of Shirley Tarkington and testimonies from guest young people will be featured.

## Perquimans Debate Team Score Wins

Debating teams from Perquimans High School won a double victory last Friday when the affirmative team composed of Jean Edwards and Ray Winslow won the decision over the negative team, Richard Spivey and Ann Lane, who lost to Edenton at Elizabeth City.

The winning teams from Perquimans will compete in the district debate scheduled to be held at 10 A. M. at Perry's Electrical Shop on Church Street.

## Sixty-two Pupils On Honor Roll At Perquimans High

### Fund Drive

Incomplete reports on the progress of the 1958 Red Cross fund drive, announced Wednesday by Mrs. Keith Haskett, drive chairman, revealed contributions toward the county's goal had reached about \$800. These reports came from Hertford, Parkville and Belvidere Townships. No reports had been received from Bethel and New Hope Townships or the Negro division.

Mrs. Haskett today urged her drive solicitors to complete the canvass for Red Cross memberships and make final reports to her as soon as possible inasmuch as the local Red Cross Chapter desires to conclude the campaign in the shortest possible time.

### Hollowell Named Rotary President

New officers for the Hertford Rotary Club were elected at a meeting of the club held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford. Named as president of the unit for the year beginning July 1 was Robert L. Hollowell. He will succeed C. P. Morris.

Named as vice president was Dr. A. B. Bonner and directors elected were R. S. Monds, Charles Payne and Max Campbell. Jack Kanoy was re-elected as club secretary-treasurer.

As outgoing president, Mr. Morris will also be a member of the club's board of directors.

## High School PTA Project Adopted By Local Chapter

The PTA of the Hertford Grammar School held its regular meeting Thursday night, March 13, in the school auditorium.

The meeting was opened with Mrs. Frank McGoogan giving the devotional. This was followed by a panel discussion on the subject of "High School Relations." Those taking part on the panel were Mrs. Jack Brinn, Miss Letitia McGoogan, and Joe Tunnell. The panel discussed the relationship of the parent, student and the teacher with the high school, as to what is expected of each.

Following the program, Mrs. R. S. Monds presided over the business session. The minutes were read by Mrs. Elton Hurdle. It was voted that the PTA would co-sponsor the formation of a High School PTA. A committee composed of Mrs. Jack Brinn, Mrs. Hazel Matthews and Mrs. H. C. Sullivan was appointed by the president to work with a committee from the Winfall PTA to consider the formation of this High School PTA.

Mrs. Monds appointed a nominating committee to present a slate of officers for next year. This committee consisted of Carroll Williams, chairman, Mrs. Walter Edwards and Mrs. Jessie Lee Harris.

Mrs. Robert Hollowell reported on the teachers' lounge which is now completed and is considered one of the best in North Carolina.

Mrs. Monds reported that the shrubbery for the beautification of the grounds had arrived and was in the process of being planted.

Mrs. H. C. Sullivan gave a short report on the study course "Teacher Supply and Demand," which has just been completed, and which has created much interest among the people of the community.

The first grade won the attendance prize for the night. The meeting was then adjourned and coffee hour was enjoyed by those present.

## The Garden Tomb in Old Jerusalem

Sixty-two students were listed on the honor roll at the close of the fourth grading period, according to E. C. Woodard, principal, who released the list last week.

Honor students were: Eighth Grade—Pete Cook, Franklin McGoogan, Emily Hurdle, Frank Ainsley, Sidney Long, Wade Morgan, Edward Matthews, Mike Stoltz, Jimmy White, Paige Chappell, Brenda Smith and Paula Stoltz.

Ninth Grade—Linda Bass, Katherine Bonner, Cecilia Williams, Frances Winslow, Hubert Burden, J. D. Hollowell, Carlyle Woodard, Mary Frances Baker, Jean Copeland, Phyllis Hendren, Sylvia Knight, Joyce Owens, Ann Benton, Dianne Hollowell and Carroll McDonnell.

Tenth Grade—Allan Bonner, Katherine Sawyer, Betsy Stallings, Preston Winslow, Carolyn White, Linca Lou Elliott, Pauline Bacca, Jo Ann Cartwright, Clay Stokes and Jimmy Sullivan.

Eleventh Grade—Donald Baker, John Matthews, Letitia McGoogan, Elizabeth Thach, Ethel Sutton, David Burton, Beverly Tucker, Ray Winslow, Kathleen Blanchard, Carolyn Lewis, Edith Spruill, Jo Davis Towe, Zelma Wood and Bonnie Dail.

Twelfth Grade—Tommy Matthews, Richard Wheeler, Jean Edwards, Rachael Spivey, Iris Wilder, Patsy Elliott, Faye Hughes, Lois Ann Hurdle, Jean Keel, Kay Matthews and Beth Skinner.

### MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

## Baptist To Hold Leadership School

The Chowan Baptist Association, which embraces the five northeastern counties of this State, will have a Training Union Leadership School here at the Hertford Baptist Church March 24-27. Outstanding leaders from the State will be on hand to conduct the school.

The purpose in such a school is to revive interest in and promote to the maximum the training program of the churches. State workers who will lead the school include: William H. Spradlin, Miss Naomi Braswell, Mrs. Weber Jordan, Mrs. E. F. Baker, Mrs. E. L. Spivey, Mrs. O. J. Hagler and others. These are all "approved" workers and are specialists in their fields.

Jim Bass, director of the Training Union in the Baptist Church here, will serve as the host for the meeting. A social hour for the school Thursday night is being planned by Mrs. Jim Bass, social director.

The out-of-town workers will be the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll R. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Dorden and Mrs. J. H. Bagley during their stay here.

### BAKE SALE

The members of the Saint Catherine Guild of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will hold a bake sale Saturday, March 23, beginning at 10 A. M. at Perry's Electrical Shop on Church Street.

## Central PTA Hears Mrs. Wise Speak On Special Education

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans Central Grammar School held its March meeting in the auditorium of the school Monday night, March 17. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Melvin Eure presided. "The Old North State" was used as the opening number with Mrs. Pauline Webb as pianist.

The Chapanoke community had charge of the program. Mrs. Alice Combs conducted the devotional, reading from Proverbs and Isaiah.

Thomas Maston, principal, led the group in a short memorial service honoring the late Shelton Long and the late Edgar Morris. He then presented the speaker of the evening, Mrs. Paul Wise, who is special education teacher in the Elizabeth City schools.

Mrs. Wise gave a most interesting and informative talk on mental retardation. Said Mrs. Wise, "School is set up to teach the average child. The mentally retarded child becomes confused in new situations; any change in routine upsets him; he often uses poor judgment which can lead him into unfortunate situations." She went on to say that a retarded person may hold a job which requires repetition with no deviation from the established pattern.

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## Perquimans Plays Chowan Today In Baseball Opener

Despite chilly weather which has gripped the area in recent days, the Perquimans High School baseball team under Coach Ike Perry has been practicing in preparation for the opening game Friday at Chowan.

Coach Perry will have most of last year's team back for the 1958 season and the Indians are expected to be a power within the Albemarle Conference. A three-man pitching staff composed of Parker Chesson, Richard Wheeler and Welly White will be effective against opposing batters. Johnny Miller and Billy Nixon will do the catching this year.

A 13-game schedule for the season has been released by the school principal, E. C. Woodard, as follows:

March 19—Chowan there.  
March 21—Gatesville there.  
March 23—Tarboro there.  
April 1—Plymouth here.  
April 3—Williamston there.  
April 5—Ahsokie here.  
April 11—Edenton here.  
April 18—Tarboro here.  
April 22—Plymouth there.  
April 25—Williamston here.  
April 29—Ahsokie there.  
May 2—Edenton there.  
May 6—Gatesville here.

## Senior Class To Present Play Fri.

"Call Me Darling" is the title of the Senior class play being presented Friday night, March 21, at the Perquimans High School beginning at 8 o'clock.

Characters in this comedy will include Laura Elliott as Smitty; this Wilder as Mary Jane; Beth Skinner as Mom Haskins; Lois Hurdle as Aunt Annie; Kay Matthews as Virginia Gregg; Beckie Cox as Pamela Payne; W. N. Matthews as Billy Haskins; Gus Matthews as Neeley; Billy Hudson as Pop Haskins; Rachel Spivey as Mrs. J. Francis Hamilton; Jean Edwards as Lorise Hamilton; and Skip Matthews as Mr. Chalmers.

A matinee will be given at 1 o'clock Friday, March 21. There will be a small admission charge. Proceeds from the play are used to buy a gift for the school and to finance commencement expenses.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

President Eisenhower, in a speech Tuesday, expressed confidence the nation will whip the current recession and soon be back on the road to prosperity. He declared the government will take steps to aid recovery, including tax cuts, if needed. Washington reports hint strongly that a huge tax cut, effective by July 1, may be approved very soon.

Congressional action freezing price supports for crops may be vetoed by the President, it was reported from the nation's capital Wednesday. Secretary of Agriculture Benson has proposed such cuts for 1958 and the Senate has moved to block Benson's action. The House has not, as yet, considered the Senate measure.

Governor Luther Hodges, a member of the Governor's Conference Executive Committee, was in Washington this week with other members of the committee conferring with President Eisenhower on the economic state of the nation. Among subjects to be discussed was extension of time limits on unemployed compensation benefits.

The United States matched Russia in launching earth satellites during the past week when the Navy successfully fired its Vanguard into outer space. Reports state the Vanguard may circle the earth from 5 to 10 years.

## White Candidate For Re-election

Sheriff J. Kelly, White announced Wednesday he will be a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff for Perquimans County subject to the Democratic Primary on May 31. He filed, as a candidate with W. A. White, chairman of the board of elections.

In announcing his candidacy Sheriff White said he will appreciate the support of the voters of the county and if re-elected he will serve all in a fair and impartial manner.

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Fines of \$25 and costs of court were assessed against Roosevelt Barcliff, Negro, Henry Riddick, and Joshua Lilly, each of whom submitted to charges of driving without a license.

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Costs of court were taxed against William Gordon, Negro, who was charged with having no chauffeur's license. He entered a plea of guilty.

Joseph White submitted to a charge of using improper equipment on his car and he paid the costs of court.

Ike Stokely paid the court costs in the case in which he was charged with failing to observe a stop sign. He submitted to the charge.

Leroy Banks, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of reckless driving and he was ordered to pay a fine of \$85 and court costs.

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## Twenty Cases On Recorder's Docket Here Last Tuesday

Business was brisk in Perquimans Recorder's Court this week when 20 cases were disposed of during the term presided over by Judge Chas. E. Johnson. Two defendants, Richard Bateman and Colidge Russell, failed to appear as cited and they were ordered apprehended and held on bonds for appearance next week.

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### 150 Attend Open House At Library

National Library Week was observed here last Sunday when 150 persons attended the open house held at the new Perquimans Library. The Library Board sponsored the event to give local citizens the opportunity to visit the library and learn of the part it plays in the community.

Those attending the open house were high in praise of the new facilities now available at the library. Mrs. W. H. Pitt, chairman of the Library Board, greeted the guests and other members of the Board served refreshments to the guests.

### Clarence Chappell Named Chairman Board Of Education

Meeting here in special session last Friday night, the Perquimans Board of Education unanimously elected Clarence C. Chappell to succeed the late J. Edgar Morris as chairman of the Board. He will serve in this capacity until the first Monday in April, 1959, or until his successor is elected.

Mr. Chappell, who resides in Belvidere Township, has been a member of the Board of Education for the past seven years.

During the meeting the Board adopted resolutions in memory of two Board members, Mr. Morris and Shelton M. Long and copies of these resolutions were sent to the respective families.

Superintendent J. T. Biggers made several statements to the Board concerning the plumbing and heating systems in the county schools but reported no action was necessary regarding the problems which arose during recent cold weather.

## Churches To Hold Union Services

Ministers of local churches this week announced plans for special union services during the Easter season.

On Good Friday, April 4, from 12 o'clock noon until three o'clock the traditional three-hour service will be held in the Hertford Baptist Church, in observance of the three hours which Jesus hung upon the cross. Most of the stores of Hertford have indicated that they plan to close during the time of this special service. Meditations based on the Seven Last Words will be presented by the Rev. Paul M. Shultz, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church; the Rev. James Mattox, Hertford Baptist Church, and the Rev. James Auman, First Methodist Church. The Good Friday service is a continuous program, and worshippers may come and go as they choose during the three hour period.

Easter Sunrise Services will be held at Cedarwood Cemetery, Easter Sunday morning, April 6, at 5:41 A. M. The Rev. James Mattox will bring the message this year for the sunrise service.

Ministers pointed out that the response to union services last year, was especially good, and emphasized that they hope many county residents will also participate in this year's services.

## Chas. E. Johnson Seeks Re-election

Charles E. Johnson, judge of Perquimans County Recorder's Court, is a candidate for re-election, subject to the decision of the voters in the Democratic primary on May 31. Mr. Johnson filed as a candidate with the Board of Elections last Monday.

## Committee For Better Schools To Meet March 29th

The Perquimans County Citizens Committee for Better Schools was organized Saturday, March 15, in a meeting at the County Court House in Hertford. This action grew out of a recent study in PTA meetings of the need for better schools and of definite steps that could be taken to meet this need. School superintendent J. T. Biggers opened the meeting as temporary chairman. Mrs. H. C. Sullivan and Floyd Mathews were elected as co-chairmen of the committee and Dr. Harold White as secretary-treasurer. Other members of the committee are Mrs. John Hurdle, Mrs. Emmett Stallings, Mrs. Frank Bray, Mrs. R. S. Monds, Mrs. Dick Long, Mrs. Russell Baker, John Danchise, Julian Long, Preston Nixon, Joe Perry, Jr., and Thomas Fleetwood.

Mrs. R. S. Monds and Mrs. H. C. Sullivan gave the committee a review of the information that came to light in the PTA study course concerning the urgent need or increased support of schools from local citizens, in order to secure qualified teachers and to replace those who retire or resign. Plans were made for the observance of Teaching Career Month in April, in cooperation with other groups interested in better schools throughout America. Co-Chairman Floyd Mathews appointed a publicity committee to plan for Teaching Career Month composed of Mrs. R. S. Monds, Mrs. John Hurdle and Dr. Harold White.

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