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County Schools To Begin New Term Next Wednesday

Summer vacation will come to a close for Perquimans County school children next Wednesday, September 3, when the 1958-59 school term opens for all county schools. J. T. Biggers, county superintendent, reported Tuesday everything is ready for the opening of the new term. All buildings are in good condition, renovation work having been completed last week.

School officials believe the county enrollment figures will be about the same as last year although an increased number of first grade pupils are expected at the Hertford Grammar School.

Preliminaries of the new term are expected to be completed Wednesday with full schedules being observed starting Thursday. A half day schedule, from 8:30 to 11:30 A. M., will be conducted Wednesday followed on Thursday by a full schedule running from 8:30 A. M. to 3:20 P. M. Lunch rooms will start operation on Thursday.

Students are requested to bring money to school either Wednesday or Thursday to pay annual fees for supplies and activities.

Principals of the five county schools met with the superintendent on Monday and reviewed plans and regulations for the new term. It was reported by Mr. Biggers that Fred Riddick has been elected to teach at King Street School, filling the vacancy of Dewey Newby, now principal of that school.

The principals also reviewed plans for operation of school buses and these will operate on about the same routes as last year.

Biggers also reported he has received announcement from the State Board of Education that the King Street School is now accredited. All schools of the county, except the elementary division of the Perquimans Union School is now on the accredited list, according to the superintendent.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A strike in the auto industry few months. Efforts have failed to get under way at Detroit. Reports point to more and more auto workers leaving jobs under the "no contract" employment which has prevailed for the past few months. Efforts have failed thus far in producing an agreement between car manufacturers and the union for the coming year.

A low pressure condition, not associated with Hurricane Daisy, caused some three to four-inch rainfall in this area Monday night and Tuesday. The storm halted corn harvesting for several days and slowed work at Harvey Point NAS. Weather forecasters announced Wednesday morning the hurricane was erratic in movement and it was believed the storm will not affect the coastal areas of North Carolina, although they warn people to keep informed concerning the hurricane.

With the UN working to solve the Middle East problems under a proposal made by Arab states, reports from the area indicate US and British troops will shortly be removed from Lebanon and Jordan. News reports from the two countries state improved relations during the past several weeks.

Baptist Revival To Start Sept. 7th

The annual fall revival at the Baptist Church will be held this year September 7 through the 14th. Dr. R. W. Kinkaid, pastor of the Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church of Elizabeth City will be the guest preacher.

Special music for the series of meetings will be furnished by the choir of the church and the choir of the church.

Plans Formulated For Holding ASC County Election

Plans are now being formulated for the elections of community committeemen who will assist in administering the ASC farm programs in Perquimans County during 1959, George Bellmon, Perquimans County ASC office manager, announced today.

Each year an election is held in which three ASC committeemen and two alternate committeemen are elected to serve in each ASC community in the county. Three county committeemen and two alternate committeemen are also elected after completion of the community election.

As prescribed by the Secretary of Agriculture, a county election board made up of the County Agent, R. M. Thompson; Soil Conservationist F. A. McGoogan; FHA Supervisor W. H. Perry, Jr., and president of the County Farm Bureau, J. W. Nowell, Jr., will select men to serve on the community election boards. The community election boards will select 10 men from their community as candidates for community committeemen to serve in 1959.

The county election board met Thursday, August 21, and selected the following men to serve on the community election boards:

Belvidere community, Willard Copeland, L. L. Laff, J. Moody Copeland, Elton Layden and Rudolph Perry; Nicanor community, Wallace R. Baker, Sr., Alvin L. Winslow, W. S. Jolliff.

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State Survey Of Streams Revealed High Pollution

Information concerning the pollution of Perquimans River and creeks around Hertford was revealed in a letter received by Dr. T. P. Brinn from E. C. Hubbard, Director, Division of Water Pollution Control, State Board of Health. Maps accompanying the letter and referred to in the article, Dr. Brinn said, will be posted at the Court House for public inspection.

The report from Mr. Hubbard follows: "Reference is made to your telephone call of August 18, 1958, requesting information concerning pollution in the waters of the creeks and the Perquimans River surrounding the Town of Hertford, at Hertford Beach and at Harvey Point. You also indicated that you wished our opinion as to the suitability of these waters for bathing.

"In connection with the above question, I wish to advise that we have recently completed a study of pollution in the waters of the Pasquotank River Basin which encompassed the Perquimans River. The attached maps (one large and one small) show the locations of the various sampling stations in the area from which samples were collected and analyzed during the course of our study. The red dots on the small map indicate sampling stations while the red arrows show the locations at which sewage from the Town of Hertford and two schools is being discharged into the river and tributary creeks. The large map shows all sampling stations in the river, including those at Hertford Beach, Southern Shores Beach and Harvey Point. You will note from these maps that a Castleton Creek is not shown. However, from the information you gave me it appears quite possible that Castleton Creek and Raccoon Creek are the same.

BPW Club Fashion Show September 5

The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club will present a Fall Fashion Show at the Hertford Grammar School Friday night, September 5, at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Miriam P. Haskett is chairman of the committee putting on the show and it promises to be a very entertaining affair. Tickets for the Fashion Show can be bought from any member of the club.



PRACTICE RUN FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND—Pictured above, is an any-day-of-the-week highway horror. Seven persons died in this three-car crash near Pardeeville, W. Va., recently. Third car was knocked completely out of the picture. It differs only in severity from run-of-the-road accidents. Death will be working overtime on the nation's highways over the long Labor Day weekend. Keep yourself out of the picture of holiday highway slaughter.

Rites Held Sunday For Benjamin Pike

Benjamin Franklin Pike, 71, a lifelong resident of Winfall, died Friday at 11:45 P. M. at his home after a long illness.

He was a son of the late Morris and Mrs. Emma Lassiter Pike and husband of the late Mrs. Martha Jane Pike.

Surviving are three sons, Morris Pike of South Norfolk, Va.; Wesley Pike of Norfolk, Va.; and David Pike of Elizabeth City; three daughters, Mrs. Meadow Harrell of Winfall; Miss Myrtle Pike of Baltimore, Md.; and Miss Hazel Pike of Winfall; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 4 P. M. at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. A. N. Gore, pastor of the Winfall Methodist Church. Lurial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Highway Commission Adopts New Policies On Right Of Way

New right of way policies adopted by the North Carolina State Highway Commission recently have been described as "significant and long-needed step in the right direction" by Highway Director W. F. Babcock.

The new highway policy relating to the purchase of needed rights of way for road projects prohibits the advertisement for bids on any project until appraisals have been made on all needed properties, property owners notified of the appraised damage, if any, and a visit has been made to the property owner to determine his reaction to the appraisal offer.

Babcock said the changes in right of way procedures came after a lengthy study of problems in connection with property acquisition.

The policy is aimed principally at construction projects on the "numbered" or primary highway and the new Interstate network of roads. In practically all Secondary Road work, owners who will be most benefited by highway improvements are asked to give necessary right of way to the Commission.

In addition to providing more time for negotiation of right of way with property owners, the new policy provides for a complete review of each project by the Chief Right of Way engineer before it can be advertised.

The Chief Right of Way engineer will evaluate each road project and determine whether it is ready for advertisement. In making his recommendation, he will report how much right of way is acquired on the status of negotiations for properties not acquired. He will also report all properties where it is probable that condemnation proceedings will have to be filed.

The new policy also provides that, "in no instance shall a property owner be required to vacate improved property less than 90 days from the time the initial appraisal offer was made and, in general there will be a time lag of at least five weeks between the time of advertising of projects and the actual award of the contract to a contractor."

Highway Director Babcock pointed out that many states buy rights of way years in advance of construction and, while it will not be possible for North Carolina to move into such a program immediately, it is a goal toward which the Commission is working.

Presently, the Highway Department's long-range planning and right of way staff are working jointly to see that sufficient right of way is purchased on each project for any highway improvements contemplated in the next 10 to 15 years.

In a great many instances enough right of way is purchased for an eventual four-lane, divided facility even though present plans provide for only a two-lane facility. On all such projects the two-lane construction is offset from the centerline of the right of way so that the two additional lanes can be built alongside.

Babcock said the Commission feels it makes good sense to acquire right of way as far in advance of construction as possible. In most cases, a considerable

amount of money is saved.

"We feel," said Babcock, "that this new approach will be much better for persons whose properties are needed as well as for the Commission itself."

The effect of the new policy on right of way acquisition was well demonstrated in the first highway letting following its adoption. Ninety per cent of the right of way for the projects had already been acquired by that time and negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily on the other ten per cent.

"This is the way it should be handled," said Babcock.

Conservation Rate Increased \$9.50 Compared To 1958

The annual average payment rate under the Conservation Reserve in Perquimans County is \$19.50 per acre, George Bellmon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, announced today.

This average payment rate is an increase of \$9.50 over the payment rate in effect in 1958. A farmer who puts all his eligible land in the program for five years or more will receive annual payments 10 per cent higher than the regular rate for his farm.

As in the past, ASC will continue to provide up to 80 per cent of the cost of establishing new conservation practices.

The Conservation Reserve is being opened early this year because the other phase of the Soil Bank—the Acreage Reserve as it was known in 1956, 1957 and 1958 will not be in effect in 1959.

The sign-up period will be between September 15 and 30 when farmers will visit the county ASC Office to indicate their intentions of participating in the program. The county ASC committee will set a maximum payment rate for the farm. This will be between 75 and 125 per cent of the average county rate. Between October 10 and 24 after he is notified of his rate, the farmer will return to the ASC Office and make an offer. The lower his offer in relation to his rate, the better chance he will have of having his application accepted. The county committee will consider all offers, accepting some and rejecting others. If the farmer is notified that his offer has been accepted, he then has 15 days to revisit the county office and sign the contract.

Contracts may run anywhere from three to 10 years. Only

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County Board To Meet On Tuesday

The Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County will hold its September meeting next Tuesday, September 2, instead of the usual first Monday, the change in meeting time being made due to observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Residents desiring to confer with the Board are requested to note the change in date of the meeting.

Smith Rites Held Monday Afternoon

Funeral services for Joseph A. Smith, 40, who died last Friday at Chapel Hill Hospital after a long illness, were conducted at the graveside in the Riddick Cemetery near Belvidere Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. Paul Holoman.

During the services the Chapel Hill Church choir sang "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer My God to Thee."

Mr. Smith was the son of the late Henry and Ollie Cartwright Smith. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nonie Riddick Smith; two brothers, Edward and Carlton Smith, both of Winfall; one sister, Miss Elnora Smith of Winfall.

Pallbearers were Albert, Eugene and Oliver Cartwright, Raleigh Ashley, Joe McPherson and Aubrey Smith.

Heavy Docket In Recorder's Court After Week Recess

Perquimans Recorder's Court, in session here Tuesday following a recess last week, disposed of a docket consisting of 25 cases.

A probable cause hearing of Lloyd Harrell, Negro, charged with breaking and entering a dwelling where a person was asleep, were set for September 9.

Costs of court were taxed against Alfred Bryant, Negro, Joseph Lightfoot, Negro, each of whom submitted to charges of driving on the left side of a highway.

Raymond Lane, T. S. Morgan and Eugene Farley submitted to charges of speeding and paid the court costs.

Fines of \$2 and costs were assessed against Cecil Parrish, Dennis Lassiter, Maarl Clifton, Malachi Harrell, Negro, and George Elliott, Negro, each of whom submitted to charges of being drunk. Fred Rountree, Negro, paid the court costs on a charge of failing to yield a right-of-way.

Court costs were taxed against George Geere, Nixon Weeks, Negro, Carl Lewis and Cherry Banks, Negro, on charges of failing to observe a stop sign. Each defendant entered a plea of guilty to the charges.

Moses Blanchard, Negro, paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of driving without a chauffeur's license.

Iredell Hoffer, Negro, paid the court costs after pleading guilty to a charge of using improper equipment on his car.

Bill Lassiter, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs after submitting to a charge of driving without a license.

James Modlin, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Johnnie Shumaker and William Smith, Negroes, were taxed with the court costs on charges of improper passing.

Vera Burnett, Negro, was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and

Local Employment Brighter As Base Work Makes Jobs

Bonner Reports Post Office Plan Being Developed

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, in a communication with The Weekly, advised he had been informed by the Regional Director of Post Office Operations, Atlanta, Georgia, plans for increased postal facilities for Hertford are being advanced by the Atlanta Office.

According to W. L. Crawford, Regional Operations Director, the real estate officer for this area has been requested to obtain bids and submit recommendations for suitable quarters on a lease basis for a term of years.

Mr. Bonner stated: "I feel confident that adequate quarters will be made available to take care of the expansion in your area."

League Play-off Delayed By Rain

Inclement weather this week has delayed the Albemarle League playoff between the Hertford Indians and Camtuck. Three games have been played in the four best out of seven series with the Indians holding a 2-1 advantage over Camtuck.

Camtuck won the opening game, then Hertford came back to win the next two. The next game is scheduled to be played in Camtuck, weather permitting, and the fifth contest will be played in Hertford.

Increased construction activity at Harvey Point, NAS, Hertford, is brightening the employment situation locally, according to a report this week by Charles T. Skinner, Jr., field representative for the North Carolina Employment Service.

Skinner stated Monday that his office, located at the NAS gate, is handling an increasing number of applications for jobs at the base and the tempo is expected to pick up even more within the next several weeks.

An inspection tour of the base this week revealed considerable work has been completed during the past two weeks and R. R. Hall, chief inspector, stated about 400 persons are now on the employment rolls at the base. He anticipates a number of carpenters and bricklayers will be employed shortly as construction begins on three buildings.

Some eight to nine millions of dollars in contracts are now in force and Hall stated most contractors are up to schedule on the work. Congress, prior to its adjournment last week, authorized \$11,215,000 in construction at the base during the present fiscal year but final appropriations for this was cut at a conference of the House and Senate and only about \$5,000,000 was actually appropriated.

Mr. Hall stated this week a building to house station guards is now under construction and guards will be placed on duty the first of next month. This building is located near the old gate and the guards are being installed to cut down the flow of sightseeing traffic which has somewhat hampered operations in recent week.

County HD Club Members Attend Craft Workshop

The third annual Eastern District Home Demonstration Handicraft Workshop was held August 19, 20 and 21 at Roanoke Island 4-H Camp at Manteo.

Mrs. Charles White, Sr., Mrs. E. J. Proctor, Sr., both of the Bethel Home Demonstration Club; Mrs. Alice Combs and Mrs. Irma Dorsey, both of Chapel Hill Home Demonstration Club represented Perquimans, with Ila Grey McIlwain, assistant Home Agent, and Paige L. Underwood, Home Agent.

The Crafts Camp boasted an enrollment of 181 Home Demonstration Club leaders from 16 Eastern counties, the largest attendance of any past camp.

The main purpose of the crafts training was to teach the leaders a major craft in order for them to return to their county and train others in skills and workmanship.

Ten major crafts were taught by qualified instructors, and three minor crafts or quickie crafts. Classes which were most popular and filled to their capacity were: Aluminum chasing and embossing, jewelry, copper, jewelry enameling, stool bottoming and copper tooled planters and pictures. Other classes consisted of aluminum tray etching, advanced copper enameling, leather tooled bill-folds, pastel painting, braided and hooked rugs. The quickies consisted of paper raffia, plastic covered coat hangers and the most popular, Swedish darning.

Other features on the program were a tea, vespers, watermelon cutting, tour, banquet and a demonstration by Miss Pauline Gordon, housing specialist, on "Crafts In The Home."

The fellowship, food and entire program was most enjoyable states Mrs. Underwood, Home Agent, who expressed hope that more club leaders will attend the workshop in 1959.

AUXILIARY MEETING
The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Thursday evening, September 4, at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Noah Gregory at her home on Pennsylvania Avenue. Mrs. Vern B. Patton and Mrs. J. E. Jones will be co-hostesses.

Dr. B. B. McGuire, health officer for the Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan and Camden Health District for the past several years, tendered his resignation to the District Health Board at a meeting held last Tuesday. The resignation, effective October 1, 1958, was accepted by the District Board.

Mayor V. N. Darden, chairman of the board, reported the department for the time being will operate with a part time health officer, pending securing of a successor to Dr. McGuire. Dr. J. A. Johnson of Elizabeth City will serve in the capacity for the present time.