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## Tax Listers Start Annual Property Listing On Tuesday

Tax listers for Perquimans County start Tuesday the task of listing county property for 1961 taxation, it was announced today by Julian C. Powell, County Tax Supervisor.

County tax listers for the various townships are Julian Long, Bethel; Percy Rogerson, Hertford; Mrs. Belle Proctor, Parkville; Mrs. Elton Layden, Belvidere and Melvin Eure, New Hope.

The tax listers will carry out the duties of their office under instructions issued them by the Board of County Commissioners in a special meeting held here on December 19.

The tax lister's job will run through the month of January and all property owners must list their property by January 31, otherwise there is a penalty of one dollar for the late listing.

Schedules for tax listers are being published this week and property owners are urged to list early in order to avoid the usual last minute rush.

There are few changes in the listing regulations and the tax rate for the property listed this month will be set by the Board at its meeting in July.

In addition to taking the property list, the workers will also take a farm census. Farmers are urged to prepare lists in advance and to assist list takers in the taking of the census.

## This Week's Headlines

Announcement by the French government this week that it had exploded its third atomic device brought protests from communist nations which claimed continued research and development of nuclear power complicates the already difficult efforts at atomic disarmament. The French announced it had made progress in reducing the size of its devices.

U. S. regulatory agencies—those bureaus with alphabetical names, will be given a close check over by the incoming Kennedy administration, it is believed, following an announcement by President-elect Kennedy that he had had a survey made of these agencies which reveals many of the agencies need overhauling.

Also announced from Palm Beach, where Mr. Kennedy is vacationing, were plans for stepping up the U. S. activity on the space program. Kennedy held a conference with Vice President-elect Johnson and Senator Kerr concerning this program, after which the announcement revealed plans for expediting the effort.

Christmas week-end traffic accidents resulted in death to 488 persons, according to a national report Wednesday. Here in North Carolina the death toll was announced as being 17, somewhat under the total of 30 recorded last year.

## Elmore - Borum Vows Exchanged Last Saturday

In Greensboro on December 24, Miss Sally Vale Borum was married to Stephen Edward Elmore, Jr., also of Greensboro, formerly of Hertford.

Their minister, Dr. Charles P. Bowler, officiated at the double ring ceremony in West Market Street Methodist Church where red and white flowers and white seven branch candelabras were added to the church's traditional Christmas decorations of wreaths and garlands of greenery. Christmas music was used with the well known wedding selections.

After a southern wedding trip, the couple will live at 3603-B Parkwood Drive in Greensboro.

The bride is a graduate of Greensboro College and received the Master in Education degree from the University of North Carolina. She is on the faculty of Jamestown Elementary School.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Perquimans High School and received the degree of BS in Commerce from the University of North Carolina. He is a divisional staff cost accountant with Burlington Industries, Inc.

## INFANT LAYDEN

Graveside services for James Victor Layden, infant son of Sgt. Davis Redell, and Mrs. Lottie Frances Stallings Layden of Fort Bragg, were held last Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Layden family cemetery near Belvidere, with the Rev. Harold White officiating. The child died December 19 in a Fort Bragg hospital.

Surviving besides his parents are two sisters, Ursula Frances Layden and Gima Altheia Layden; one brother, Gary Davis Layden, all of the home; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stallings of Belvidere.

## County Shows Big Buying Power Gain During Fiscal Year

### Commissioners To Meet Next Tuesday

Commissioners for Perquimans County will hold their January meeting next Tuesday, January 3, instead of Monday, January 2, which has been declared a legal holiday. The Board meeting will be held in the office of Register of Deeds, rather than the court room, which will be in use by the Recorder's Court session.

(Special To The Weekly) New York, Dec. 26.—New figures, recently released, shed the first light on just how well business fared in Perquimans County during the 1959-60 fiscal year.

Better than average, they indicate. With incomes on the rise in most families, there was more money on tap for spending in the local retail stores.

The study, which was conducted by the Standard Rate and Data Service, gauges the economic strength of communities in every part of the country. It covers the 12-month period ending June 30, 1960.

Residents of Perquimans County, it shows, had a net income in the year, after paying their taxes, of \$8,519,000. This topped their previous year's net earnings, which came to \$7,939,000.

The rise, which amounted to 7.3 percent, compared favorably with the rise attained throughout the South Atlantic States as a whole, 6.8 percent. The State of North Carolina had a 5.8 percent gain.

The income per household locally, determined by dividing total net earnings by the number of households, averaged \$3,625 in the year. In the prior year it was \$3,240 per household.

Up to the middle of this year, before the loss in business momentum became apparent in most parts of the United States, people had been readily converting their extra income into purchases of goods and services.

Besides spending whatever gains they had, they were taking on additional installment debt. The result was, according to the Commerce Department, that the amount of money set aside as savings was very small. The general attitude was that the need for caution was past. It was a time for spending.

This feeling on the part of the consumer was evident in Perquimans County, where it produced sales in the local retail stores amounting to \$8,009,000 in the period.

Almost every kind of retail business got its share, including those in the durable goods field, which had lagged behind in fiscal 1959.

The subsequent decline in the national economy, followed by more unemployment, came as a surprise to most people, who had been led to expect a full year of business prosperity.

## War Veterans To Meet In Hertford On Monday Night

Thomas Boswell, Commander, of the First District, Department of North Carolina, Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc., will be the chief speaker at a rally of World War I veterans in the City Hall in Hertford Monday night at 8 o'clock. Boswell will be accompanied by several members of the Albemarle Barracks No. 908, Elizabeth City.

Lester E. Voss of Wilmington, State Commander of the World War I organization, stated today, that this will mark the beginning of a Statewide membership campaign that will cover each of the 100 counties in North Carolina. Voss emphasized that World War I veterans are now averaging 66 years of age. Countless thousands are dependent upon relatives for the necessities of life. Others are finding it difficult to compete in the present day labor market due to age and physical handicaps. The time has come when something should be done for the "Forgotten Veterans," Voss added.

The organization is seeking a separate pension in the 87th Congress, and a more liberal hospital and medical care program for its aging group. World War I veterans in adjoining counties are cordially invited to attend the Monday night meeting.

## Little Change Seen In '61 Farm Income

Realized net farm income this year is expected to be about the same as in 1959 and prospects for 1961 point to relative stability in cash receipts, farm cost rates and net farm incomes realized by farm operators.

In the first 3 quarters of this year, realized net farm income was at a rate nearly as high as in the same period of 1959. It now appears that realized net farm income in 1960 may equal or possibly exceed 1959. This improvement in farm income prospects, above expectations earlier this year, stems largely from increased output of wheat and soybeans, as well as from a smaller-than-expected increase in production expenses.

Relative stability in cash receipts, production expenses, and net income will likely continue in 1961. Reflecting record farm output this year, the volume of farm marketings is running about 3 percent above 1959 and may increase further in 1961 if growing conditions are average or better. Livestock production will likely increase in 1961.

Cattle prices in 1961 probably will continue to decline under the impact of larger marketings and result in some further decline in cash receipts from cattle. A continued stable cost situation is indicated for 1961. The general easing of inflationary pressures suggest little price change in the coming year for production items purchased by (Continued on Page 8)

## Penalty On Taxes Goes Into Effect On February 1st

Sheriff J. K. White and Town Clerk R. C. Elliott remind Hertford and Perquimans County taxpayers that the tax books for 1960 taxes are in their hands for collection of the taxes.

Attention is called to the fact that until February 1 taxes may be paid at face value. After February 1 a penalty of one per cent will be added. Beginning March 1 another one per cent will be added. On and after April 2, in addition to the said 2 per cent, one-half of 1 per cent per month will be added until the taxes are paid.

Both tax collectors urge taxpayers to pay their taxes before the penalty goes into effect.

## Hertford Stores To Close Monday

Most stores and business houses in Hertford will observe Monday, January 2, as a holiday, according to Allan W. Mills, manager of the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce, who stated a survey conducted before Christmas indicated most merchants desired Monday as a holiday.



WORLD'S LARGEST conventionally-powered aircraft carrier, 95 per cent completed, burns at Brooklyn Navy Yard. Dozens of workers were trapped in the USS Constellation.

## Openings Remain For County Women In Industry Class

An opportunity still remains for a number of Perquimans County women above the age of 16 who desire to secure industrial training in sewing machine operation by attending industrial classes to be set up under the supervision of the Perquimans Board of Education.

Charles M. Harrell, president of the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce, and Charles Schaefer, manager of the Don Juan Manufacturing Company, both of which joined in instigating the plan for a county industrial school, stated today applications are still being accepted from interested women who reside in Perquimans County.

Women who desire to secure this training are requested to contact either Mr. Harrell, Mr. Schaefer or Milton Bass, manager of the Employment Security office in Edenton.

The school will be held during two evenings a week at the Don Juan Manufacturing Company under the supervision of the Perquimans County School Superintendent, J. T. Biggers. Students will learn the operating of power sewing machines under the teaching of a person highly skilled in this operation and their completion of the course will probably result in full time employment. There is no cost to the student. Cooperating in this school are the State Board of Education, Perquimans County schools, Don Juan Manufacturing Company and the Employment Security Commission.

The course is open to women from age 16 up who reside in Perquimans County.

## Board Of Education To Meet Tuesday

The Perquimans County Board of Education will hold its January meeting next Tuesday night, January 3, in the office of the superintendent of schools. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

## County Schools Reopen On Monday

Perquimans County schools will conclude their Christmas holiday vacation next Monday, it was announced today by J. T. Biggers, school superintendent, who stated full class schedules will be resumed on that date.

## Indians To Resume Basketball Games

Basketball teams at Perquimans High School will resume their schedule of play following the Christmas holidays with a twin bill against Camden High School on the local court Tuesday night, January 3.

The Camden teams won victories over the Indians and the Squaws in games played at Camden last week. The Camden girls scored a 50-37 decision over the Indian Squaws while Camden boys edged the Indians 61-57.

In the preliminary contest Phthisic led the scoring for Perquimans with 18 points, Copeland got 12 and Pete Cook 5. Lillian Rupert registered 35 points for the winners.

In the boys' game Camden got off to a fast start, leading 20-10 at the first period and 38-25 at the half. Perquimans came back strong during the second half and closed the gap 55 to 47 at the third period and losing by a 4-point margin 61-57. Mansfield with 27 points led the winners while Chappell paced the Indians with 20 points and McGoggan collected 14.

## Light Docket In Recorder's Court

Business was brief in Perquimans Recorder's Court here last Tuesday with only five cases being listed on the docket for trial.

Levi Revell, Negro, paid a fine of \$2 and costs after submitting to a charge of being drunk. Russell Gilliam, Negro, pleaded guilty to a drunk charge. He was given a 30 day sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$2 and costs.

Clinton Boone, Negro, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs or serve a 60 day sentence.

Mattie Mason was found not guilty on a charge of issuing a worthless check.

Willie Wadsworth, Negro, failed to appear to answer to a charge of being drunk. He was ordered apprehended and held for a \$50 bond.

**NOTARY TO MEET**  
The Hertford Rotary Club will meet Tuesday evening at 6:15 at Elliott's Cafe.

## Plans Are Now Progressing For Four-Year Commemoration Of 100th Anniversary Of Civil War

The following article was submitted by the Chowan County Centennial Centennial Committee in the interest of the approaching commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the War Between the States, or the Civil War, as it is often called by historians.

Norman Lamson, executive secretary of the North Carolina Centennial Centennial, has this to say: On January 8, 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower will officially begin the four-year commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the American Civil War by the issuing of a proclamation and the establishment of a National Day of Prayer.

North Carolina will join the President and the rest of the nation in thus paying tribute to one of the most exacting and exciting periods in the history of our country—and to an intangible thing—a spirit as it were—which is truly American in nature and which has yet to see its end.

I believe that it is entirely fitting and just that this tribute be paid for out of this tragic era has risen a more perfect and enduring spirit—indeed the greatest and noblest, the most

unified—nation in the history of the world.

The purpose of the Centennial then is not to revive bitterness and hatreds engineered by that horrible conflict between North and South, but rather to commemorate the greatness demonstrated by both sides in that momentous struggle—a greatness which is reflected in the greatness of our nation of this 20th century.

Our nation saw, I believe, its conception in our early colonial period—in Boston, in Philadelphia, in Hertford and here at home in Bath, Edenton and New Bern—when a group of dedicated individuals literally hewed out of the wilderness a place to live and to grow.

Our country experienced its birth with the fighting of the American Revolution and the establishment of a new nation—and as the midyears of the 19th century approached, it found itself floundering in a mire of adolescence.

As is so often the case with youth, a resounding "whack on the backside" was called for and was provided by the great war. Indeed, it was a powerful punishment. When the din of battle had subsided, approximately

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## Library To Close Saturday-Monday

Perquimans County Library will be closed Saturday, December 31 and Monday, January 2, for the New Year holidays.

Two new books have been received this week by the library in memory of Rachel Spivey. They are House and Garden's New Complete Guide to Interior Decoration and The Perfect Home Idea Book.

Other non-fiction titles received in the library this week are Encyclopaedia of American Antiques in two volumes; Scotland Yard by Sir Harold Scott; Cooking for the Sick and Convalescent by Heaton and Mott.

A number of new novels have also been added to the book stock. These are A Sense of Values by Rhonda Wilson; A Corner on Angels by Rogers; The Doctor's Bride by Sargent; Love and a Rich Girl by Berta Rank; Nothing to Declare by Innes; and Mysteries by Lockridge, A. A. Fair Martin and Miller.

## Auto Licenses Will Go On Sale Tuesday, Jan. 3

Mrs. Gladys L. Niblett, branch manager of the Carolina Motor Club in Edenton, states that the automobile, truck and trailer licenses will go on sale Tuesday, January 3.

Only automobiles and trailers are being taken out of the state and inspected before purchase licenses.

The license fee in the local office is \$1.00 for a year and \$1.00 for a 3-month license.

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