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Special Election In Perquimans County On Legal Liquor Store Issue Apparently Doomed Until Early Part Of Next Year

Election In November Holds Up Voting at Least 60 Days

STUDY LAWS

Citizens Up In Arms Over Highway Road Signs

A short regular meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday morning resulted in no action on the liquor election petition which was submitted to the board in part at the meeting.

Jurors were drawn for duty at the October term of Perquimans County Superior Court.

Because the statute provides in the matter of liquor referendums, that an election may not be held within sixty days of another election, action on the petition was deferred, since an election is scheduled for November.

Brushing up on the law governing a county election on liquor, the commissioners found that it must be advertised for twenty days, that the registration books must remain open for another twenty days and that the question may not be voted upon within sixty days of another election.

With the November election less than sixty days away, added to the forty-day preliminaries, the county liquor control query could not be put before the public for vote until after Christmas, probably not before February. Some of the petitions, in circulation for the past two weeks, asking the commissioners to hold a special election, were still at large when the commissioners met Monday. It is thought that those before the board represented the required proceedings of qualified voters necessary to have the commissioners call an election. The statute revealed that 15 percent of those who voted in the last gubernatorial election must ask the commissioners to call a vote.

With an immediate request for an election ruled out because of the sixty-day ban, the commissioners put aside the petitions and went on to other things that claim their attention. Among them were pleas from local business men for the support of the board in requesting the state highway commission to see that the Town of Hertford is given equal prominence in the matter of distance and direction markers with Edenton and Elizabeth City, especially at the point where U. S. 17 is intersected by N. C. 172 (the bridge road).

The matter of the "missing road sign" still riddles whenever it is mentioned that Hertford is not designated in any manner by the cluster of distance markers on the Edenton-Hertford Highway. Local people feel that with Hertford being the first town on the northern route, some measure should be taken by the highway department to notify travelers that Hertford is seven miles northeast of the intersection.

Assured by Mayor Silas M. Whedbee, who happened to be present at the meeting, that the district engineer had already conferred with him on the matter of road signs, the subject was dropped without action by the board. The Mayor was certain that the engineer would see fit to recommend the erection of Hertford markers at the disputed spot within a short time.

Farmers To Return Today From Tour

Thirty Perquimans County farmers, more or less, are returning some time today after a motor tour which began in Hertford at the Agricultural Building at six o'clock Tuesday morning and took in Washington, D. C., Mount Vernon, Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Yorktown and the Shenandoah Valley.

L. W. Anderson, County farm agent, arranged the trip and is with them on the tour, pointing out places of interest along the route. Mr. Anderson conducted a similar tour to the national capitol last year.

In Washington the farmers visited all the public buildings, bureaus, departments, parks, memorials and libraries, spending three days and two nights there.

At Oak Ridge Charles Harrell has gone to Oak Ridge where he will be a student at the Military Academy.

Governor Hoey Quoted

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Methodist Church has requested that the following message from Clyde R. Hoey, governor of North Carolina, be published. The statement is obviously intended to represent the stand taken by the Society in the matter of a liquor store election which may be called some time next year. The message:

Profits From Liquor

"Nearly ten thousand dollars is sent out of the State to buy liquor for every dollar net in revenue received from its sale. Neither the State of North Carolina nor any of its counties are so

poor that profits from the sale of liquor are essential for the operation of its governmental agencies.

"In my judgment any county legalizing the sale of liquor for ten years will suffer such deterioration in its citizenship and such wreckage in the character of its young men that the profits derived will pale into insignificance in comparison with the havoc wrought.

"The defeat of liquor stores in the elections soon to be held would be most wholesome and beneficial to the whole State.

"CLYDE R. HOEY, "Gov. North Carolina."

County's School Busses Housed In New Garage

Space For 20 Busses and Workshop on Athletic Field

Perquimans County's 13 school busses will be housed in a big new garage before winter gets underway in earnest. The new storage arrangement, with space enough for 20 busses and a workshop is being worked out on the athletic field at the high school. In the same project high school students were greeted Wednesday at the school opening with bright, newly-painted classrooms, as the result of WPA work carried on during the summer.

The old garages on the campus have been outmoded for several years. For a long while they have been too small to accommodate the new and larger busses that transport this county's school population. Hampering the bus mechanic, J. W. Hampton, was also an inadequate repair work shop, but after working on the transports all summer, he now reports the busses in good running order. The agricultural workshop was used by Mr. Hampton for the repair work and though there were more busses last year than ever before, his department gave excellent service.

The new bus house, 54½ by 135 feet, will be ready for use in approximately three months. The agricultural workshop will be moved a short distance, painted inside and out, repaired and reconverted to its original use. The old garage, unsightly on the otherwise attractive campus, will be torn down and the athletic park fence extended to take in the site as part of the park.

Contrary to earlier reports, it has been learned that the location of the bus house on the athletic field will not seriously interfere with athletic activities. The park will be made larger on the opposite side to offset the space required for the garage. A slight re-arrangement of the baseball diamond and the football field will be necessary, but the busses in reaching the new garage will not enter the athletic park at all. Entrance to the storage and repair building will be reached by passing the grandstand and park fence on the south side.

WEINER ROAST FRIDAY

Circle No. 2 of the Hertford Baptist Church will have a weiner roast Friday evening at the church.

Unusual

"Unusual" is the word that describes Tuesday's session of county court. It is unusual in the first place to hold court in Perquimans County without at least one Negro case, and when three white men all charged with the same offense, being drunk and disorderly, faced Recorder Granberry Tucker, they all pleaded guilty. The whole docket required less than twenty minutes to complete with George Butler, Graham Trublow and C. F. Chappell drawing sentences of thirty days each, suspended upon payment of the costs of court.

Junior Case Worker Replies To Criticism For Labor Shortage

C. Edgar White Shifts Blame Placed on WPA

STATEMENT

Says Welfare Department Cooperates In Securing Help

In reply to farmers, whom it is said, have criticized the WPA—blaming the administration for farm labor shortages, C. Edgar White, junior case worker for the Perquimans County Department of Public Welfare, makes the following statement:

"The department of public welfare at Hertford has experimented several times by discontinuing applications for WPA over a period of months to see if it was WPA's fault that farmers could not get as much labor as they needed. It was found that farmers still complained of not getting required labor."

"In order for any organization to function properly, there must be cooperation among the citizens. The department of public welfare welcomes any adverse or favorable criticisms which will enable it to function more adequately. WPA work is used to supplement seasonal employment and its purpose is not to give a man a life-long job. If a man offers a WPA worker a job—at a reasonable rate—and this worker refuses, then if the prospective employer would notify the department of public welfare that he had offered work to a WPA employee and was refused, this WPA worker would have to accept or be dismissed from the WPA program."

Claud Brinn One Of Elon College Squad

Football practice at Elon is already underway and word is received here that Claude Brinn is out with the squad. Elon, whose first game is scheduled for the 17th, with V. M. I. at Blacksburg, has been holding two daily practices, in the morning and in the afternoon. Ten letter men are back seeking positions on the Elon squad.

Scholastic preliminaries are finished now and studies got in full swing on Thursday, but the football boys were on hand for practice a week before.

Holy Trinity Services On Summer Schedule

Services at Holy Trinity Church, according to the rector, the Reverend Edmund T. Jillison, will continue to be conducted at the same hour observed through the summer months for the next few weeks. Holy Communion at ten o'clock, is the only service on Sundays.

Ralph White Hurt In Odd Accident On Edenton Farm

Pinned Under Heavy Tractor When Machine Overturned

Ralph White, of Belvidere, was seriously injured in an odd accident near Edenton late Wednesday afternoon when a tractor overturned, pinning the Belvidere man underneath.

According to information gathered at Dr. J. A. Powell's Emergency Hospital, in Edenton, where Mr. White was under care last night, the extent of his injuries were not determined, but he was resting as comfortably as could be expected.

Mr. White, age about 38, is employed by the Farm Equipment Company, of Hertford and Elizabeth City.

With King Solomon Welch, Hertford colored man, also employed by the Equipment Company, Mr. White was loading a tractor on a truck body for transportation at R. C. Holland's farm near Edenton, when the tractor became unbalanced and overturned, falling from the runway and pinning Mr. White underneath. A wheel lug inflicted a nasty wound behind the victim's right ear.

According to Welch, he and C. H. Cayton lifted the tractor by main strength and freed Mr. White, who was then rushed to Edenton for medical attention. It is thought that Mr. White also suffered internal injuries.

Mr. White was sent Wednesday night to Sara Leigh Hospital in Norfolk, Va. It was thought in Edenton that he possibly suffered a fractured skull, although the full extent of his injuries could not be determined at that time.

Behind The Scenes In American Business

By JOHN CRADDOCK

New York—Business—The key to tomorrow's business may lie in last week's headlines from foreign capitals. While the majority of Americans spent the week with nothing more pressing than to clean up their work to get away for the 51st observance of Labor Day week-end, all Europe was tense as a new war scare gripped the continent. Hitler made an unexpected tour of inspection of Germany's fortifications along the Rhine opposite France and Switzerland no doubt to show he meant business in backing demands of the German minority in Czechoslovakia for territorial autonomy. Heavy fighting occurred in China as the Japanese army renewed its attacks in the Hankow area. Italy passed a decree ordering all Jews who have taken up residence in the country since the World War to leave within six months, even those who have acquired citizenship. In Mexico City, President Cardenas opened the Mexican Congress with a denunciatory speech refusing the demands of the United States for arbitration of payments for seized land, attacking the position of this country as an attempt to impose the will of the strong on the weak. Meanwhile, in America a fighting unit of the Navy was assigned to patrol the Atlantic Ocean for the first time since 1922 when the Naval Scouting Force was transferred to the Pacific.

Washington—Officials here continue optimistic over the business outlook believing that more definite statistical evidence of the steady rise now going on in many lines will appear within a few weeks. Whether business can be lifted bodily into considerably higher sales volume brackets before next year, however, depends pretty much on three factors, economists point out: 1. The buying response of the public to the 1939 model automobiles. 2. Expansion in the capital goods industries, iron and steel, machinery, transportation equipment, nonferrous metals, lumber, stone, clay, glass, and the like. 3. The ability of the textile industry, now booming, to maintain this pace; observers don't overlook possibility that present business may represent merely stocking up in anticipation of the new wage-hour law as it did in anticipation of the NRA.

Business Speaks—There are 2,009,935 business concerns in America employing 30,644,000 persons, according to the latest Statistical Abstract of the U. S. These two million companies—large and small—are the creators of America's standard of living, highest in the world. That they are being subjected to attack, observers agree, is due in large part to their failure to tell the public about their objectives and activities. There are always two sides to a story, but to date the American public

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2800 Perquimans Children Parade Off To Class Rooms; School Opens Wednesday

Low Record

Wednesday's enrollment at the Perquimans County High School opening was the smallest in ten years, with only 309 students registering on that day. A scattering of students may enroll within the next few days, but the number now is far below the usual average of 345 to 350 students. Unless the registration shows an increase it is likely that this county will lose one or more teachers next year.

At the Central Grammar School in Winfall, the enrollment figure Wednesday was 371, almost the same as last year. The county total white enrollment with all schools not heard from, is between ten and eleven hundred pupils this week.

Planting Of Bulbs Is Strongly Urged By Miss Hamrick

An Excellent Opportunity to Beautify County

"Now is the time to begin thinking about planting bulbs for this fall," says Miss Gladys Hamrick, county home agent, in her efforts to help beautify the county through the cooperation of the Perquimans County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

"Most hardy bulbs should be planted in late summer or early fall," says Miss Hamrick, "and they usually require a well-drained and fertile soil. As a general rule most bulbs should be planted approximately two to three times their length beneath the surface of the soil.

"In preparing the bulb bed, well-rotted stable manure can be used sparingly if applied several weeks before the bulbs are planted. Too much organic matter has a tendency to cause the bulbs to rot, especially the lilies. In addition to the manure a complete fertilizer should be added in the spring such as 4-8-4. This can be applied at the rate of three pounds per one hundred square feet.

"Only first class bulbs should be purchased as inferior bulbs are expensive at any price."

Following is a list of the more common bulbs that may be planted this fall, say from September through October:

Winter-aconite, Snowdrop, Grape-hyacinths, Snow-flakes, Daffodils and various Narcissus, Wood-hyacinth, Feather-hyacinths, Crown-imperial, Hyacinths, Tulips, Star-of-Bethlehem, Madonna and Regal lilies.

TO ATTEND MERCER

Miss Mary N. Feild left recently for Macon, Georgia, where she will attend Mercer University. Miss Feild's name was not listed last week among those going away and the unintentional omission is regretted.

Jurymen Draw For October Term Court

A small boy, enlisted by the Board of County Commissioners at the September meeting Monday morning, drew from a box the names of thirty-six Perquimans County men who will be summoned to appear for jury duty at the October term of Superior Court which convenes on October 31st.

The names drawn were: Captain T. S. White, H. D. Turner, Adrian J. Smith, D. M. Jackson, E. L. Chappell, T. E. Mansfield, H. E. Butler, L. C. Butt, J. E. Perry, Ralph E. Winslow, C. W. Umphlett, N. S. Spruill, W. F. Long, Watson Eure, D. M. Cartwright, A. W. Baccus, J. H. Mansfield, E. E. Payne, B. W. Pennington, Irving C. Long, E. F. Forehand, L. A. Proctor, M. B. Dail, W. F. B. Sawyer, J. T. Jordan, Elihu Winslow, W. T. Whedbee, N. C. Spivey, Jordan Gregory, R. S. Chappell, (Belvidere) Fenton Eure, R. T. Layden, Lee Stallings, F. T. Evans, J. W. Overton and J. L. Nison.

Johnson Confers With Teachers and Bus Drivers

BUSY DAYS

Schools at Beech Spring And Bethel Now Abandoned

Vacation has ended for 2,800 school children when the doors of the six white schools were thrown open Wednesday morning for another term. The 16 colored schools began their 1938-39 schedule on August 22.

The opening day followed a very busy Tuesday for Superintendent F. T. Johnson, who held three meetings, "at ten, two and four o'clock." He conferred with the Grammar School teachers before lunch, the bus drivers in the afternoon and the High School faculty later in the afternoon.

Wednesday and Thursday sessions were conducted on the half day plan, given over largely to registration, an easy assignment for the pupils who are taking up studies in earnest today.

The Beech Spring and Bethel community school houses are being abandoned in favor of more centralized education. The pupils who attended these two schools are now coming by bus to the Hertford Grammar School.

Instructing this county's 1,225 white children are the following teachers: At the Perquimans County Central Grammar School, Miss Lucile Long, Mrs. A. R. Winslow, Miss Margaret White, Mrs. Neva C. Morgan, Miss Mabel Lane, Miss Alma Leggett, Mrs. H. R. Winslow, Miss Bertha Chappell, Miss Cora Layden and T. R. Ainsley. At the Ballahack School, Miss Ruth E. Hurdle; at the White Hat School, Miss Johnnie White; at the New Hope School, Miss Carolyn Riddick and Mrs. Margaret Goodman.

Teachers at the Hertford Grammar School are: Miss Mary Sumner, Miss Alice Babl, Miss Mary Uita Walters, Mrs. C. W. White, Mrs. Nathan Reife, Mrs. Cornelia Jessup and Mrs. T. C. Chappell. The Perquimans County High School faculty: Miss Esther Evans, Mrs. G. W. Barbee, Miss Helen Gaither, Mrs. Emily Lane Long, Mrs. Hannah F. Holmes, Miss Elizabeth Knowles, Miss Anne Wilson, Miss Eloise Scott, Miss Mary Onella Reife, Mrs. Helen B. Harrell, G. C. Buck and J. R. Bates.

The colored schools, which opened for business a month in advance of the white schools, will close for a month after the first 30 days of operation in order to allow the pupils to pick cotton or assist in other harvest time farm duties.

Miss Hamrick And L. W. Anderson Plan Attend E. City Meet

Among those attending the North-eastern District Conference in Elizabeth City on September 12, 13 and 14th, will be Miss Gladys Hamrick, county home demonstration agent, and L. W. Anderson, farm agent.

The purpose of the meeting is to work out plans for the 1939 program to be carried out in the different counties.

IDA PATTERSON CIRCLE MEETS

The Ida Patterson Circle of the Hertford Baptist Church met Tuesday night with Mrs. J. A. Perry. Mrs. T. W. Perry had charge of the program in the absence of the leader. Mrs. Irvin White gave the devotional. Mrs. Robert White and Mrs. E. W. Mayes gave interesting talks.

Those present were Mesdames E. W. Mayes, Robert White, Irvin White, Matt Matthews, J. E. Everett, Tom Perry, T. W. Perry, J. A. Perry, Miss Mamie Stallings, Miss Nettie Lee Gregory, Mrs. A. F. Jordan, and one visitor, Mrs. Ance White.

ATTEND DEALERS' MEETING

L. C. Winslow and Edward Byrum were in Washington, N. C., Wednesday, where they attended a meeting of John Deere Farm Equipment dealers. The firm of J. C. Blanchard & Co., which Mr. Winslow and Mr. Byrum represented, is the John Deere dealership in this district.

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Mrs. G. C. Buck underwent an operation at General Hospital, Norfolk, Va., Wednesday morning. At last reports her condition was favorable.