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Perquimans High School Gridders Add Two Victories

Windsor and Columbia Teams Scalped By Indians

MAC WHITE OUT

Local Boys Journey to Ahoskie Friday Afternoon

With only two days of rest after skinning the Windsor Lions 6 to 0 on the local gridiron last Friday afternoon, Coach Bob Bates' Indians Monday afternoon buried Columbia's Potato Bugs under a total of 13 points, while allowing the visitors no score.

Things are looking up for the Redskins with a tangle in Ahoskie on the menu this afternoon. The game will be played in the Hertford County metropolis.

Playing without the competent services of Galloping Captain Mac White, who ripped the Windsor line into shreds for the lone score last week, the Indian boys Monday were just too much football team for the inexperienced Potato Bugs who netted themselves only five first downs against Hertford's ten.

Captain Mac is probably lost to the local squad for the remainder of the season. He pulled a tendon in the Windsor scuffle and witnessed Columbia's funeral from a vantage point atop a pair of crutches.

In the absence of the Captain, however, Freddie Campen took it upon himself to lope around the line of scrimmage for the first score against Columbia in the first few minutes of play. Zach Harris' smash to center failed to net the extra point. However, Harris took Campen's long pass in the second stanza to add another six points, and then Campen journeyed off right tackle for the extra.

The Bugs spent little time in the Indian reservation, muffing their best two chances to score, losing the ball on downs. Through the line, Columbia gained little, Darius Elliott ably plugging up holes in the left side of the dam, while massive "Toar" Byrum discouraged all attempts over right tackle.

The Bugs, however, appeared to strengthen in the last few minutes of play, connecting with two passes which placed them down in Indian territory as the whistle ended the frolic.

Hosiery Scheduled As Topic In Clubs During November

Thanksgiving Program To Be Given By Each Club

With "Hosiery" the topic for November meetings of the home demonstration clubs, the following schedule of meetings has been announced by Miss Gladys Hamrick, county agent. Each club will also hold a Thanksgiving program. Announcement of 4-H Club meetings are also given in this schedule.

Burgess, Wednesday, November 2—Meeting with Mrs. J. B. Basnight to organize a new home demonstration club in that community.

Chapapeake, Tuesday, November 1—Winfall, Wednesday, November 2—Meeting with Mrs. Alvin L. Winslow, Whiteston, Thursday, November 10—Meeting with Mrs. Eunice Winslow.

Home and Garden, Friday, November 11—Meeting with Mrs. G. R. Tucker.

Ballahack, Monday, November 14—Meeting with Mrs. P. A. Rogerson.

Beech Spring, Tuesday, November 15—Meeting with Mrs. Noah Felton.

Durants Neck, Wednesday, November 16—Meeting in the Community House.

Helen Gaither, Thursday, November 17—(Continued on Page Four)

13 Piano Pupils Make Honor Roll

The Honor Roll of Mrs. E. M. Riddick's piano class is announced this week as follows: Mary Annette Cannon, Paul Cannon, Katherine Perry, Margaret Reed, Nancy Zachary, Dorothy White, Anna Matthews, Barbara White, Anna Matthews, Barbara White, Anna Matthews, Barbara White, Anna Matthews, Barbara White.

75-Year-Old Farmer Picks Own Cotton

When he decided that the price of cotton was too low to allow him to hire pickers and still show a profit from his crop, John R. Chappell, 75-year-old Belvidere farmer, said he'd have to pick it by himself to make anything from it.

The old gentleman, who has seen seventy-five cotton seasons, come and go, waded into the acre he planted himself and picked two thousand pounds, leaving only about one hundred pounds of scrap cotton.

His grand-daughter, Mrs. Louis Winslow, informing The Perquimans Weekly, thought the accomplishment quite remarkable for one of his many years. The Weekly thought so, too.

District Meeting Of P. T. A. Nov. 9 In Elizabeth City

President N. C. Parent Teachers Principal Speaker

The annual meeting of the Ninth District of the Parent-Teachers Association will be held Wednesday, November 9th, at 10 A. M., in the S. L. Sheep School, Elizabeth City, with Mrs. I. A. Ward, District Director, presiding.

Mrs. Doyle D. Alley, of Waynesville, N. C., president of North Carolina Congress of Parent-Teachers will be the guest speaker of the morning. Dr. W. D. Perry, of the University of North Carolina, will be the guest speaker in the afternoon. Mrs. J. S. Blair, of Elizabethtown, N. C., who is State field worker of the P. T. A., will lead a conference in the afternoon. Mrs. Clarence Sanders, president of the Elizabeth City P. T. A., and her co-chairman are preparing for comforts and pleasures for the day. Lunch will be served for a small fee in the lunch room of the school.

Each local organization and county superintendent in the following twelve counties are urged to attend: Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.

The District officers are: Mrs. I. A. Ward, Mrs. E. E. Bundy, Mrs. J. P. Morgan, Mrs. Cola Castellone, Mrs. F. T. Johnson, Mrs. W. D. Boone and the one State officer in the District, Mrs. J. R. Futrell.

Much information and inspiration may be gained by the program arranged for the meeting.

New Hope Farmer Raises Big Potatoes

When W. C. Barclift, New Hope farmer raises potatoes, he really raises potatoes—and no fooling. This week the Hertford Banking Company is exhibiting two massive specimens grown by the New Hope man. One potato weighs seven and one-quarter pounds, and the other six and a half pounds.

They are well-formed and more round than long, as potatoes usually grow. When he brought them in, Mr. Barclift mentioned the brand name of the potatoes, but R. M. Riddick, cashier, who talked with the grower, failed to remember the name.

Speaking of over-sized vegetables, brings to mind the huge and perfectly formed cabbage exhibited in the Banking Company lobby last week by T. P. Sumner grown on his farm near Elizabeth City. The Sumner entry in the cabbage class tipped the over-taxed scales at seven and one-half pounds.

If this sort of thing continues when Perquimans farmers begin growing lima beans for the G. L. Webster canning company of Cheriton, Va., it is feared that the beans may be packed one bean to the can, barely leaving room to seal the cover.

ENTERTAINS S. S. CLASS

Miss Hazel Mayes charmingly entertained her Sunday School class at a Halloween party on Monday evening.

Various games and contests were enjoyed with Betty Ann Winslow, Julia Laughinghouse and Margaret Divers winning prizes.

Those present were: Nancy Zachary, Betty Ann Winslow, Juanita Divers, Mary Beth Perry, Doris Boyce, Ramona Divers, Doris Thompson, Julia Laughinghouse, Margaret Divers, Ivor Hughes, Jack Hoffer, Bobby Jordan, Howard Broughton, Edward Mayes and Jimmy Sawyer.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Report Of Grand Jury

The Grand Jury, after two busy days, turned in a report to the Hon. C. E. Thompson, Judge Presiding at the Fall Term of Superior Court. The report included among other things, the recommendation that Gloria Virginia Harris, Minor, still remain under the supervision of the County Welfare Department. The Grand Jury called His Honor's special attention to the case, stating that the child's parents had been separated for some time and were not deemed (by the Grand Jury) suitable people to have custody of the child.

The Grand Jury also recommended repairs to the floor in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court, and new locks for the jail doors.

The Grand Jury report follows: We have visited the office of the Register of Deeds and found the office well kept and in good condition.

We have visited the office of the Clerk of Superior Court and found the office well kept and in good condition with the exception of a large hole in the floor—we recommend that the needed repairs to floor be done as early as possible.

We have visited the Sheriff's office and found it well kept and in good condition—except as to a leak from the roof above the office which we recommend should be repaired.

We have visited the jail and found it in fair condition—with some few repairs badly needed—we recommend that some good locks be put on the doors so that it will not be so easy for prisoners to escape.

We have visited the Prison Farm and found it in a very good and sanitary condition.

We have visited the county home

and found it well kept and the inmates report that they are well cared for and getting plenty of good food. Also we are informed that the porch on the main building was leaking badly and in need of repairs. We recommend that the repairs be made as soon as possible.

We have visited the Agricultural Building and found it well kept and in good condition.

We have visited the High School and found it in good shape. Also we find that repairs that we recommended at last term of court to be made to the heating system have been completed.

We have visited the Grammar School and found that some repairs have been made to the building—as recommended before. We understand that other repairs are to be made as early as it is possible to do so.

We are informed by our County Superintendent of Education that the school at Winfall is in perfect condition except one small leak in the roof which we recommend should be looked after.

We have examined the school buses and the repair man reports that they are all in fair condition. Lights, horns, brakes and steering gears are all in good condition.

We recommend that Gloria Virginia Harris, Minor, still remain under the supervision of the Perquimans County Welfare Department. We would like to call this case to the special attention of Your Honor. This child's parents have been separated for some time and are not deemed (by this Grand Jury) to be suitable people to have the custody of said child.

Tyner Lady Urges Program Nov. 11th To Inspire Peace

Says International Disputes Can Be Settled Peaceably

SHOULD ORGANIZE

Urges Affiliation With Groups Working to Prevent War

With the European situation bringing the world so perilously close to the conditions that indirectly led to the great World War, much has been said about Peace, and ways and means of inspiring peace and outlawing war. With Armistice Day one week in the offing, Mattie Saunders, of Tyner, who lends her support to the compiling of a list of names of the ex-service men in this county, writes a letter to the editor this week, urging that November 11th be observed with a program which tends to educate people in the ways of peace.

She is anxious that Perquimans County become noted as a people working for world peace. Her letter follows:

Tyner, N. C.
The Editor, Perquimans Weekly.
Dear Sir:

Noting the success with which the women of the county put through whatever they undertake, as indicated by the work exhibited on Achievement Day, I have decided to appeal through your paper, to men and women, in behalf of a subject of international concern, one so important that it stands second to none. I refer to the subject of peace and war.

We know of the horrible destruction going on in the world today. Civilization recognizes that one individual has no right to kill another because they disagree on some question, but the same governments which forbid individuals to slay each other make it lawful for whole groups to be slain. These conditions are inconsistent. They are horrible and a relic of ancient times. Yet they will continue until people are educated up to the fact that international disputes CAN and SHOULD be settled peaceably as well as individual differences.

War does not settle questions. Now more than ever before people are awakening to the futility of war. It is only when differences are settled so that both sides are satisfied that the settlement is lasting.

When enough people become peace-minded, the governing bodies of the nations will be so influenced that they will find peaceable ways of settling their disputes.

As many of us know, there are now several organizations working to pre-

Interest Is Lacking In Local Election To Be Held Tuesday

Officials Expect Small Vote Throughout County

NO OPPOSITION

Two Constitutional Amendments Also To Be Voted Upon

Though a general election will be held Tuesday, very little interest in Perquimans County is evident, and election officials look forward to a very small vote cast. The Democratic nominees in Perquimans, of course, have no opposition in the Republican Party and their election in the primary was equivalent to being elected to the office they seek.

Local voters will have an opportunity to cast their ballot for Chester Morris, solicitor for the First District; W. I. Halstead and J. J. Hughes for State Senators for the District; J. T. Benton for House of Representatives; J. E. Winslow for sheriff; W. H. Pitt for Clerk of Superior Court; Granbery Tucker for Judge Recorder's Court; Chas. E. Johnson for prosecuting attorney of Recorder's Court; Jacob L. White for treasurer; Dr. C. A. Davenport for coroner; E. M. Perry, A. T. Lane, J. C. Baker, Roy S. Chappell and J. O. White for County Commissioners; T. S. White, S. M. Long, W. E. Dail, J. H. Baker and Carrol Ward for Board of Education.

Though there is little interest in voting for office seekers, there are two Constitutional amendments which will command the attention of voters and cause them to register their opinion. One of these is for and against an amendment making the term of office for sheriffs and coroners four years instead of two as at present.

Little objection is heard to a four-year term for these two offices and it is the general opinion that a majority of votes will be cast in favor of this amendment.

The other is for or against a department of justice. If this amendment is carried it will set up a bureau for the purpose of aiding law enforcement by specially trained men. This amendment, here at least, appears favorable to the voters who show any interest in the coming election.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wood of Woodville, on Monday, October 31 a son. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Marilyn Boyce, of Chapapeake, announce the birth of a son on Saturday, October 10.

Week's Calendar

Friday, November 4th

2:30 P. M.—Football game, Hertford vs Ahoskie, in Ahoskie.

8:00 P. M.—Hosts to Wesley Bible Class, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Winslow and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Riddick, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Winslow.

Monday, November 7th

7:30 P. M.—Meeting of Circle No. 2 Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, with Mrs. George Chappell.

Thursday, November 11th

6:30 P. M.—Women of St. Catherine's Auxiliary to serve Turkey Supper at Parish House.

Red Cross Roll Call Scheduled To Begin Monday, Nov. 14th

Definite Plans of Drive Released Next Week By Whedbee

The Red Cross roll call begins here on Monday, November 14th, according to Mayor Silas M. Whedbee, local chairman, who promises to make public further details on the Red Cross drive next week.

The following evidence of appreciation of the Red Cross work during the recent bad days following the Charleston tornado, was forwarded to Chairman Whedbee, taken from the Charleston Evening Post:

"Charlestonians see clearly why cities that have experienced disasters respond quickly and generously to the call of the American Red Cross for help for other places. It is because these communities, apart from the natural sympathy felt by those who themselves have suffered, have learned that the Red Cross is in the highest degree expert and efficient in administering emergency relief and can be depended upon to cope with the problems of human need arising out of any disaster. Charleston has learned it in the past and is learning it now. There is unbounded admiration here for the work the Red Cross is doing and there will be lasting gratitude for it.

"Local authorities in touch with the situation were impressed by the swift, quiet gathering of Red Cross workers at Charleston the moment news went out to the world that need was here. They came from all quarters, as if summoned and brought by magic, and when they arrived they went to their appointed tasks without confusion or delay, as if all their lives they had been training to do tornado relief work at Charleston. Before the community realized it, the Red Cross was on the job in force, efficiently working to reduce to a minimum the human suffering and want caused by the storm.

"It was estimated that 2,000 Charlestonians were in need as a result of the tornado and many of them were among the poorest of the city's inhabitants before they became victims of the storm. The Red Cross had first the problems of emergency food and shelter, then the task of more permanent care and rehabilitation of a large number of those in distress, many of whom were utterly without resources of their own to fall back upon. It goes without saying that this work will take time and money and skilful direction all of which the Red Cross can be counted upon to devote to the situation until the job has been properly done. Charleston will long and gratefully remember the splendid service which this great organization is doing here and can at this time assure the people of other communities who have generously contributed to relief through the Red Cross that their money is being spent to the greatest possible advantage."

S. S. CLASS ENTERTAINED
Miss Vida Banks entertained her Sunday School class at a Halloween party at her home at New Hope Monday evening. Games were played and an old-fashioned sugar pulling was much fun. Guests included, members of the class, Misses Nita Sawyer, Willie Hurdle, Ella Mae Moss, Inez Umphlett, Fannie Lou Turner, Mary Belle Turner, and Lloyd Turner, Calvin Banks, Leon Barclift, Marshall Sawyer, Matt Spivey, Jr., Aubrey Hurdle, Howard Sawyer, Guy Hewes Webb. Visitors included Miss Elizabeth Lowe, of Winfall, Winborne Spivey, of New Hope, Thomas Chappell and Festus Lane, of Belvidere.

TURKEY SUPPER
The women of St. Catherine's Auxiliary are serving a turkey supper at the Parish House Thursday night. The plates are fifty cents each, and everyone is invited.

Thatch Exonerated Of Blame In Death David Rice Miller

Defendant Is Charged With Involuntary Manslaughter

LONG TRIAL

Jury Deliberates Over Five Hours Before Verdict

After five hours of deliberation a jury Tuesday night at 9:30 o'clock returned a verdict exonerating Ben Thatch of blame in the auto-crash death of David Rice Miller, 18-year-old high school boy who died as the result of injuries sustained in a collision between the Miller car and the car driven by Mr. Thatch on May 9 in 1937.

The defendant was charged with involuntary manslaughter as an outgrowth of the fatal accident. Tried before Judge C. E. Thompson in Superior Court Tuesday, the all-day testimony revolved largely around whether Rice Miller's left car window was down or up at the time of the collision, consequently determining whether or not young Miller could have given the proper signal before turning into the lane of his father's home where the accident occurred on the Elizabeth City highway.

Testimony on this point differed widely. J. K. Miller, the dead boy's father, and Henry Miller, Rice's brother, both testifying that the window was down and that Rice gave the proper signal, while witnesses for the defense held that the window glass was almost up and that Rice could not have signaled his intention of turning to Thatch, whose car was traveling in the same direction.

Judge Thompson's charge to the jury concluded shortly after 4:30 when J. H. Leroy for the prosecution, and John B. McMullan, representing the defendant, had finished their final summaries.

The verdict was returned shortly after 9:30 Tuesday night.

During the whole of the trial, Thatch's demeanor evidenced nothing more than a downcast spirit and grief at the accident which claimed the life of another young man Mr. Thatch, a Hertford boy now working in Elizabeth City, even after the verdict was returned freeing him from blame, still betrayed no emotion other than the one of deep sadness.

Dillard Simpson, Harvey's Neck man, convicted in Recorder's Court of assault with a deadly weapon, was freed late the same afternoon by a jury which deliberated on the case for less than half an hour.

Monday, on the first day of the October term of Superior Court, W. M. Mansfield was found guilty of possession of liquor for the purpose of sale and was sentenced to serve 12 months on the roads.

Wesley Foreman, Negro, drew six months on the roads early Tuesday morning, after being found guilty of obstructing an officer in the performance of his duty.

37th Series B. & L. Stock Ready For Sale On Saturday

Association Great Help In Building Homes In Community

The Hertford Building and Loan Association is issuing a series of stock which will go on sale Saturday, November 5, this being the 37th series to be offered to the public.

Only two regular series are issued each year, one in May and another in November. The May series will be issued as usual.

The Building and Loan Association has been a great help to the people of this community, providing as it does opportunity to open an account of as small as twenty-five cents per week, many young people with limited incomes have commenced systematic saving which has proved very beneficial. One share, costing twenty-five cents per week, matures in approximately six years, when a hundred dollars has been accumulated.

Most of the home-building done in Hertford in recent years was done with the assistance of the local Building and Loan.