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## Farmers Urged To Band Together For Favorable Results

### County-wide Meeting At High School Saturday Well Attended

### "NO FARM PLANKS" Dail Says Bureau Not Organized Enough to Demand Recognition From Candidates

"Business interests are working hard to get the kind of legislation that will benefit them, and the only way farmers can expect to get anywhere is to do the same thing."

J. E. Winslow, State president of the Farm Bureau, was speaking at a county-wide meeting of the farmers of Perquimans County at the high school Saturday morning. A barbecue dinner was served in the large school bus garage behind the high school.

Though all sections of the county were represented, there were not as many farmers present as might have been; they were taking advantage of the fair weather to do farm work.

The whole theme of the meeting was built around the urge for farmers to band together in support of the Farm Bureau, to fight for higher prices on peanuts and other commodities produced locally through proper legislation.

"Growers of each commodity," Mr. Winslow said, "working with growers of other commodities can get legislation favorable to all."

There were other speakers at the meeting; E. F. Arnold, of Raleigh, State executive secretary of the Farm Bureau; R. C. Holland of Edenton, president of the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative Association; J. W. Ward, president of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau, and W. H. Dail, of Greenville, staunch supporter of the Farm Bureau.

T. S. White, of Hertford, who had the last word before the meeting adjourned for lunch, urged every farmer in the gathering who was not a member of the Bureau to join before leaving.

Mr. Dail has been heard in Hertford. (Continued On Page Four)

## Principal Announces School Honor Roll

The Honor Roll for the Third Quarter from the Perquimans County Central Grammar School in Winfall was announced Wednesday by the principal, Rupert Ainsley.

The students achieving honors during the quarter are as follows:

First Grade—Leonard Harrell, Anne Elizabeth Bray, Douglas Coffield, Earlean Chalk, Imogene Chappell, Durwood Lane, Sara Ferrell, Eula Chalk, Mary Sue Cooke, George Curtis Eure, Norma Jean Godwin, Carolyn Dean Harrell, Fleetwood Harrell, Preston Morgan, Joseph Miles Stallings, Betty Lou Trueblood, Clinton Winslow and Mary Lucille Winslow.

Second Grade—Norma Joyce Winslow, Lindsey Earl Barber, Ella Cartwright, Minnie Lee Hollowell, James Umphlett, Alene Hobbs, Norwood Elliott, Willie Mae Chappell, Ruby Dale, Faray Simons, Carolyn Hurdle, Mae Winslow, Paul Smith, Harry Winslow, Velma Carver and Doris Wilder.

Third Grade—Lizzie Lee Boyce, Mary Alice Coppeland, Betty Lou Bacon, Leon Harrell, Anna Hollowell, Bernice Hollowell, Mary Ella Joliff, Billy Gene Jones, Ray Lamb, Marie Kountree, Paul Stallings, Clarkson White, Thelma White, Doland Winslow and Lelia Lee Winslow.

Fourth Grade—Leon Lane, Peggy Cooke, Dorothy Nixon, H. B. Miller, Emmett Lane and Eugene Hurdle.

Fifth Grade—Lois Chappell, Helen Goodwin, Mather Hurdle, Callie Mae Trueblood, Eula Virginia White, Helene Baker, Jean Chappell, Thomas Dotmegan Lane, Phillip Harwood, Sybil Monds, Mary Lina Raper, John Ward, Faye Winslow, Mary Leland Winslow and Alene Yeates.

Sixth Grade—Mildred Chappell, Pauline Smith, Marjorie Rebecca White, Dorothy Faye White, Esther Winslow, Norma Winslow, Elizabeth Lane, Leona Lane, Marjorie Frances White and Jean Winslow.

Seventh Grade—Clara Smith, Eula Mae Morgan, Thelma Elliott, Russell Harwood, Louvenia Bartlett, Hubert Dale, Eunice White, Gale Winslow and Mary Elizabeth Busnell.

## County Commission Race Is Becoming More Interesting

### Irvin Nixon and Linford L. Winslow Bid For Parkville and Belvidere Seats

Irvin Nixon to represent Parkville Township, and Linford L. Winslow to represent Belvidere Township, today made public notices of their candidacies.

Mr. Nixon, secretary of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau, son of the late T. J. Nixon, Jr., and a prominent young county farmer himself, is the second candidate to file notice of seeking the nomination from Parkville Township, which is not represented on the incumbent board of County Commissioners.

E. U. Morgan announced his candidacy last week. He and Mr. Nixon will be in contest for the same office since legislation at the last General Assembly enacts that each township will nominate its own candidate to the general election.

Mr. Nixon will champion tax reduction wherever possible. He said, in making his announcement today that if elected he intends "to promote the interest of the people of my township and the county to help reduce taxes wherever possible."

Mr. Winslow, the first to announce as the candidate from Belvidere Township, is a former soldier, former clerk in the Hertford Hardware and Supply Company, former deputy sheriff and now a Belvidere farmer.

To date, these announcements bring to four the number of candidates seeking nomination from three townships. Two are not contested so far in the season. Archie T. Lane, member of the incumbent board, announced several weeks ago that he would seek re-election, as the commissioner from Hertford Township.

Unofficial, but informed observers say that under the new system governing primaries in this county, the new incoming members of the board of county commissioners will become much livelier before the final filing date arrives. It is indicated in many circles that at least one more name will appear on the ballot for Hertford Township's commissioner in company with Mr. Lane's, who is rounding out his first term.

Bethel and New Hope Townships had not been heard from late Wednesday afternoon; leaving Mr. Lane as the only incumbent commissioner who has made public notice concerning his desire to be re-elected.

## Senior Class To Present "Tea Toper Tavern" Next Thursday Night

Coch J. Jimmy Johnson, head of the publicity committee, announced yesterday that the annual Senior play will be presented from the stage of the high school auditorium next Thursday night, April 4th, at eight o'clock. Proceeds will go to the annual Junior-Senior banquet.

A comedy, the production, "Tea Toper Tavern," is directed and coached by Miss Eloise Scott, member of the high school faculty. It was written by Lindsey Barbee.

Some of the seniors who will have roles in "Tea Toper Tavern," are: Mildred White, Katherine Jessup, Dixie Chappell, Sarah Elliott, Jack Anderson, Margaret Tadlock, Velma Evans, Guy Webb, Durwood Reed, Jack Munns, Harrell Johnson, Archie Riddick, Ruth Winslow and Florence Winslow.

## Commissioner Lane's Automobile Damaged

The automobile belonging to County Commissioner Archie T. Lane was slightly damaged Wednesday morning, when, driven by Mrs. Lane, it was involved in a minor accident with a piece of road-building machinery on the new Center Hill-Hertford Road near the commissioner's home.

## J. E. EAVES IMPROVING

Friends will be delighted to learn that J. E. Eaves is much improved. Mr. Eaves was quite ill a short time ago.

## OVERPAID; RETURNS \$4

Patterson, N. J.—Insisting that he had been overpaid for his work as snowshovel during the February blizzard, Richard Van Harken, an unemployed man with a wife and child, insisted that his \$11 payment be reduced to \$7. Imposed by the man's honesty and sincerity, Mayor Furrey found additional work for him.

## Shoplifter Gets Nine Months On Roads; County Court

### Fifth Conviction For Charlie Williams; Queenie Webb Gets Liquor Rap

Charlie Williams, Winfall Negro with a flair for shoplifting, has begun another stretch on the roads as the result of a larceny conviction in County Court Tuesday.

Attorney J. S. McNider pled long and earnestly for a suspended sentence for his client, but Prosecutor Charles Johnson looked in the Big Red Record Book and found that two such sentences had been hung over Williams' kinky head in the past four years on similar convictions, and since these had failed to mend Williams' taking ways, Recorder J. Granberry Tucker invoked a nine-months road sentence.

The defendant did not resist a verdict and did not enter a plea.

It was a clear case of shoplifting; Williams was found guilty chiefly on the testimony of Charles Henry Johnson, bright 17-year-old county Negro who stood in the store of Darden Brothers last Saturday night and said he saw Williams lift a shirt and a sweater and stow them in the bib of his overalls.

Johnson's testimony was not to be shaken by the severest cross-examination; not once did he waver from an original statement. Young Johnson was the embodiment of a man telling the absolute truth.

This was Williams' fifth conviction in Perquimans County Courts on larceny and receiving counts.

Cross warrants charging G. W. Falls, Pasquotank County Farm Agent, and Walter Symons of this county, with reckless driving, were thrown out of court and the causes non-suited.

Patrolman Robert A. White saw Queenie Webb walk from a swamp near her house, one night last week carelessly swinging a gallon jug. Queenie, Goose Hollow Negroess, had not a care in the world; there were guests in the house and the jug contained refreshments.

But the refreshments were of the non-taxpaid variety; bootleg liquor, so to speak. Queenie evidently had a guilty conscience along with the jug, because in Recorder's Court Tuesday Officer White testified that when she saw him, she threw the jug on the ground and jumped on it with both feet in an attempt to break it.

"Oh, no, it isn't mine," she declared to Officer White, "I just saw somebody hide it in the swamp and went over to see what it was."

Judge Tucker found her guilty of transportation and possession of non-taxpaid whiskey. He suspended a 30-day jail sentence upon payment of a \$25 fine and the costs of court.

The swamp, the officers say, is a popular hiding place for contraband spirits, and jug-breaking is a popular method of destroying the evidence. A gallon jug can easily be shoved clear out of sight and safely cached in the soft mire.

## Thieves Make Daring Robbery On Edenton Jewelry Store

### Loss Estimated By J. G. Campen at Nearly \$2,000; Not Covered By Insurance

One of the most daring robberies to take place in Edenton within recent years occurred some time Tuesday night when Campen's Jewelry Store was looted, and according to a hurried check-up Wednesday morning, between \$1,500 and \$2,000 worth of merchandise was carried away.

Evidence showed that the guilty party or parties attempted to break the lock in the front door, but failing in this, the wooden moulding holding the plate glass in the door was ripped off and the glass removed. The glass was carefully placed upon a door mat to prevent breaking and the possibility of being heard. Adding to the daring is the fact that one of the town's white way lamps is almost immediately in front of the store and a light was burning in the Fender store just across the entrance to Taylor Theatre.

Included in the stolen goods were four trays of watches in the store to be repaired, as well as a large quantity of merchandise taken from show cases and shelves. The firm suffers a total loss, having carried no burglary insurance.

## Banquet Is Staged This Year In Old Plantation Scene

### "Gone With the Wind" Influence Dominates As Juniors and Seniors Make Merry

The top-spot, the highlight of every school year, the annual Junior-Senior Banquet, was held on the huge stage of the High School auditorium last night (Thursday).

The layout of decoration and presentation each year follows a different theme; last year the banquet was held in a Dutch Garden. This year the "Gone With the Wind" influence lent the atmosphere of a Colonial Plantation lawn, with huge ivy-covered white columns and a plantation-house porch furnishing the backdrop.

The music of Stephen Foster went even further to carry out the general effect.

The waitresses, members of Mrs. Ed Harrell's Home Economic Department, were all dressed as typical Southern Belles—Scarlet O'Haras, Suellens, Carreens, and Melanies.

There was even barbecue, good old Southern pit-cooked barbecue, as the main course . . . but no corsets as in the picture and book to curb the delicate Southern appetite.

Each year the setting is supposed to come as a complete surprise to the members of the Senior Class, but this year The Perquimans Weekly unwittingly let the cat out of the bag last week with a statement that the NYA was making the waitresses' costumes. Apologies are tendered to the Junior Class herewith, but the writer has an idea the Seniors knew all along that "Gone With the Wind" influence would dominate the picturesque banquet scene.

The Junior-Senior banquet is always a colorful affair; the high school auditorium is nearly always filled with spectators who come just to watch the fun and to admire the scenery. The Juniors entertain this year at their own expense; next year they will be entertained . . . as Seniors.

Entertainment consisted of a floor show, dancing, singing and acts by the Fearing Troup of Elizabeth City; Julia and Jane, and Mrs. Fearing at the piano; "Oh! Susanna," by Bobbie Jordan; a Virginia Reel by the waitresses; toasts to the Seniors, to school officials, to the faculty, to Superintendent F. T. Johnson, to the Past, and to the Future, all under the direction of Clarke Stokes as toastmaster.

Francis Nixon, disguised as Old Father Time, responded to a toast to the Past by Edward Jordan. Mrs. G. W. Barbee responded for the faculty to Frank Dillard's toast. Bill Cox, answered for the Seniors to a toast by Evelyn White. T. S. White, of the Board of Education, responded for the school officials to a toast by Inez Stokely. Mr. Johnson answered for himself to Miriam Nixon's toast. Jean Newbold toasted to the future. Mr. Rhodes, the high school band director, rendered "Beautiful Dreamer."

## Monday Anniversary Night For Local Lions; Ladies' Night

### Edmund Harding to Be Feature Speaker; Edenton and Plymouth Will Participate

Monday is Ladies' Night and the celebration of the First Anniversary for the Hertford Lions Club when the Lionesses will be entertained at a banquet in the Woman's Club House on Academy Street, scene of the club's charter night a little less than a year ago.

Edenton Lions and Lionesses will be on hand, to help the local Leos celebrate; a delegation from Plymouth, third club in this zone, is also expected.

The featured speaker of the evening will be Edmund Harding, prominent speaker of Washington, N. C., according to Norman N. Trueblood, secretary of the club. Zeb Vance Norman, member of the Plymouth Club, will respond to Lion E. L. Sawyer's address of welcome. President L. N. Hollowell will preside, and N. A. Taylor, of Plymouth, will make the invocation.

Mr. Harding will be introduced by Dr. I. A. Ward.

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS PUTS IN CALL FOR NEW REGISTRATION; BOOKS OPEN APRIL 27

### Seven White Lions

Seven of the twenty-eight members of the Hertford Lions Club, it was noted recently, are surnamed "White."

There is Ralph E. White, J. Alvin White, Julian A. White, John O. White, Elwood Q. White, Claude D. White and Walter W. White.

It brought a laugh some time ago when one of the members found six of the seven Whites standing side by side as he began to make introductions to a visiting Lion.

"This," he said, "is Mr. White, and this is Mr. White again, and this is Mr. White, and Mr. White, and Mr. White and Mr. White."

It took some time to convince the visiting Lion that he wasn't being kidded.

## Number Candidates For House Seat Is Setting New Record

### J. S. McNider, Attorney, Today Announces Bid For County Representative

With the office of Perquimans County's Representative the object of contention greater than in many years, J. S. McNider, prominent local attorney, announced today that he will be a candidate.

His announcement, not anticipated, brings to five the number of candidates seeking the office. They include two newspaper people, two lawyers, and the incumbent officeholder, a farmer.

Other than the incumbent representative, J. T. Benton, Mr. McNider is the only candidate who has served in the General Assembly. He represented Perquimans County in two sessions of the House of Representatives, and represented the First Senatorial District two times in the State Senate.

He has served also as a member of the Hertford Board of Commissioners, and was about four years Judge of Perquimans County Recorder's Court.

He was born in Durants Neck and has always lived in this county. He married the daughter of the late Dr. David Cox, of Hertford.

Said Mr. McNider in making his announcement: "I have heretofore represented the county in four sessions of the Assembly, and if I should again be elected, I shall deeply appreciate the high honor in thus having another opportunity to serve all my people to the best of my ability."

Experienced observers close to the political front say the end is not yet in sight; that there will be more candidates for the office before the filing gates close.

The other four announced candidates for the House of Representatives include besides Mr. Benton, Mrs. Mattie Lister White, former newspaper editor, Joe Campbell, partner in The Perquimans Weekly, and W. G. Edwards, local attorney.

## Blaze Does Little Damage At Hat Shop

A fire-alarm Tuesday at approximately 11:30 a. m., brought the truck and equipment to the store of Davenport and Blanchard on Church Street. The damage, centering around a flue in the rear of the one-story brick building, was negligible.

No water was used on the blaze but a large crowd gathered in a few minutes. The regular session of Recorder's Court was interrupted as spectators rushed out in search of greater excitement than the hearing of routine cases.

## Rotary To Elect New Officers Tuesday

The Rotary Club will elect officers at the next meeting to be held in the Hotel Hertford dining room on Tuesday night, according to President V. N. Darden.

Mr. Darden also said that the Hertford Club will be represented at the district conference in the Hotel Chamberlain on Old Point Comfort April 18th and 19th.

At their last meeting the Rotarians took up the matter of equipment for the local Boy Scout Troop, which is sponsored by them.

## L. N. Hollowell Again Named Chairman of Perquimans Board of Elections

### MANY CHANGES

### Absentee Voting Will Be Abolished In Primaries; Name County Registrars

L. N. Hollowell was re-elected chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Elections at a meeting of the board in the courthouse Saturday.

The board was organized at this meeting and immediately put in a call for a complete new registration. There will be either a complete re-listing of voters or a new registration in each county of the State. Perquimans County will get a new registration.

According to Mr. Hollowell, in an interview Tuesday, two sets of registration books will be used, one for Democrats and one for Republicans. Every one who registers must declare his party affiliations before registering. This will be Perquimans County's first new registration in at least twenty-five years, probably in many more years.

The books will be opened on April 27th and will close on May 11th. The dates include three Saturdays, and though a small vote is looked for in the primary because of the new registration, three Saturdays will give more time for registering.

The board has appointed the registrars, but the names are being withheld momentarily.

This is only one of the far reaching changes in the election laws made by the 1939 General Assembly. Heretofore, only the general election registration book has been used for both primaries and elections. Under the new law there will be separate registration books for primaries and elections.

Mr. Hollowell says he will attend a meeting in Edenton on Saturday of this week where changes in the election laws will be explained to the election officials of this district. W. A. Lucas, of Wilson, Chairman of the State Board of Elections, has called the meeting, one of a series throughout North Carolina, to acquaint the officials with the changes in the laws.

At that time, among other things, county officials will be told that absentee voting in primaries is abolished; one of the changes, a modification of more stringent measures recommended by Mr. Lucas.

Filing for office, according to Mr. Hollowell, is already in order. The last filing day is April 13th. The filing fee is one percent of the salary the candidate is seeking. The minimum is one dollar.

The new registration will necessarily mean a smaller vote, since many persons will not register in time to vote in the primary election. However, when the registrars and registering centers are definitely named and set out, they will be advertised in this newspaper.

## Stegall Tenders Resignation; Church Looks For New Man

### Homecoming and Roll Call Day at Local Baptist Church Has Been Postponed

A Baptist Church pulpit committee, appointed by the Board of Deacons at a meeting Monday night, is selecting a new pastor to replace the Rev. J. F. Stegall, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church who tendered his resignation Sunday.

Mr. Stegall, pastor here for the past two years, said he had received a call to become pastor of the Rich Square and Woodland Baptist Churches.

As a consequence of the pastor's resignation, Homecoming and Roll Call Day at the church, scheduled for April 7th, has been indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Stegall will preach his final sermons this Sunday and is planning to leave Hertford next week to take up his new charge.

The committee has not as yet named a new pastor.