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## PERQUIMANS GAVE MAXWELL MAJORITY BROUGHTON AND HORTON HIGH IN STATE

### Revenue Commissioner Had 36 Votes Above Six Other Candidates For Governor

#### 1,433 BALLOTS CAST

### County Gave Eure the Largest Vote; Pou Topped Miller; Harris High For Lieutenant Governor

Just as The Perquimans Weekly had indicated from the time he announced his candidacy until the day before the primary, the Allen J. Maxwell campaign for governor swept through Perquimans County on a surge of ballots that carried him high above the closest contestant and piled up a majority of 39 votes over all six other candidates.

Maxwell, however, was third man in the State voting. Broughton came out on top of the heap with a clearance of 40,000 votes over Wilkins P. Horton, who is already laying plans for his second primary campaign, while Commissioner Maxwell is urging no second primary.

In Perquimans County Saturday night as the tallying got under way, it was clear early in the counting that Maxwell was taking the lead. Only in Nicanor Precinct did Maxwell fail to hold his lead. There the vote went to Horton, with Broughton second and Maxwell in third place.

Of 1,433 ballots cast for Governor, Maxwell gathered more than fifty per cent; 733 votes against 472 for Broughton, 167 for Horton, 29 for Coates, 6 for Gravelly, 5 for Grady, and 7 for Simmons.

In Hertford Township alone, the Revenue Commissioner was accorded 839 ballots against 237 for Broughton and 57 for Horton.

Of all voting in the county, Thad Eure was given the heaviest support—for Secretary of State—1,091 votes against 137 for Pete Murphy.

Ross Pou topped Miller for State Auditor by the skin of his teeth, collecting 470 votes against 428 for Miller. Dan Boney for Insurance Commissioner, took an easy 2-to-1 victory over Oliver with one vote to spare, 689 against 343.

Oliver lead only in Parkville Township, where he topped Boney by 17 votes.

Though Kerr Scott lead Wayland Spruill for Commissioner of Agriculture in Hertford Township, the county vote went to Spruill and gave him the lead here; 616 to 570. Belvidere gave Scott a four-vote majority, and Nicanor voted two-to-one for Scott, but the rest of the county went for the Bertie County candidate.

In the race for Lieutenant Governor, Harris placed high over Erskine Smith who easily lead Martin and Tompkins for second place. Harris garnered 436 votes, Smith 319, Martin 148 and Tompkins 76. The high man drew a blank in Parkville Township, but took a heavy lead in Hertford. Smith's best support came from Bethel Township where he led with 119 votes over Harris with 52, Martin with 15 and Tompkins with 9.

Nicanor Precinct this time, as with Eure and Boney, was in line with the rest of the county. Usually it isn't.

The lone vote in the county for Simmons, gubernatorial candidate, came from Bethel Township. Gravelly drew blanks in Parkville, Belvidere, Bethel and Nicanor. Grady had no support in New Hope, Bethel and Nicanor; and Cooper none in New Hope.

## Schedule Of Home Club Meetings

Here is the schedule of home demonstration club meetings in Perquimans County for the first week in June, as announced by Miss Frances Maness, home demonstration agent:

Tuesday—Chapanoke Club meets with Miss Juanita White.

Wednesday—Winfall Club meets with Mrs. Joel Hollowell.

Thursday—Whitstone Club meets with Miss Pearl White.

Friday—Home and Garden Club meets with Mrs. H. G. Barditt.

## Elected Lion Tamer

Ralph E. White of the D. Pender Grocery Company, new member of the Lions Club, was elected Lion Tamer of the local club at a meeting two weeks ago, instead of Ralph E. White, as this newspaper stated.

## Hertford Gains 42 In Population Over Ten Years; Total Now 1,956

A preliminary census announcement from the office of Denton W. Lupton, supervisor, in Washington, N. C., shows that Hertford has gained an increase of 42 persons over the census count in 1930.

The census report today, subject to correction, gives Hertford a population of 1,956. In the 1930 nose-counting the population was 1,914. This is the 16th census.

## Belgian Surrender Outstanding War News Of Past Week

## Little Country Goes Through One of the Strangest Hours In Belgian History

Continuing the service which it hopes will prove enlightening to some of its readers, The Perquimans Weekly again today gives a brief condensation of censored news as it emerges by press and radio from war-ravaged Europe:

Probably the greatest development during the current week came on Tuesday when Belgium surrendered its army to increasing pressure from Nazi forces. The Belgian government set up in France disowned King Leopold who surrendered to Hitler 18 days after the invasion of his little country began.

Resources of Belgium, however, it seems, in muddled reports, are to remain at disposal of the Allies . . . though just how this is to be done with the surrender of Belgium in German hands is not quite clear.

Apparently, the Belgian surrender effects only the army. It was one of the strangest hours in all Belgian history—the World War not excluded. The country is divided in two parts; the cabinet legislature and thousands of refugees in France and England still at war with Germany, and millions of Belgians and soldiers remaining with their disowned king under German occupation.

And then, in a "pocket" as wide as from Hertford to the mouth of the river and as long as from here to Virginia Beach are "trapped" 400,000 British and French soldiers—surrounded or encircled by Germans and deserted by their Belgian Allies on the red fields of Flanders.

Germany is daily promising annihilation of these trapped forces as 30 Allied divisions of some 500,000 men poised for a supreme attack in Flanders. Another desperate offensive from the south to relieve the trapped forces is being readied.

Upon the outcome of this gigantic struggle, due any day now, depends the result of the desperately-contested battle of Flanders.

Belgium is the sixth country to fall under Herr Hitler's blitzkrieg blows in less than nine months. London (Continued On Page Eight)

## Final Rites Friday For Prominent Bethel Farmer

## J. Maynard Fleetwood Claimed By Death on Wednesday; Widow And Children Survive

J. Maynard Fleetwood, 53, died at 10 o'clock Wednesday night at his home near Bethel, after an illness of several months.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Long Fleetwood, and the following daughters and sons, Misses Frances Gertrude and Kathryn Fleetwood, J. Maynard Fleetwood, Jr. and Thomas Fleetwood; three sisters, Mrs. A. F. Proctor, Mrs. J. P. Ward and Mrs. M. T. Griffin, and one brother, C. J. Fleetwood, of Memphis, Tenn.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at Bethel Church and burial will be in Bethel Cemetery.

Mr. Fleetwood was a prominent farmer of Perquimans County, and was active in the civic and religious affairs of his county.

## McNider - Benton In Second Primary For Lower House

## Mattie Lister White Edged Out In Heated Contest Between Veteran Representatives

J. T. Benton, incumbent county representative, is already at work in order to retain his seat in the house for a third term following Saturday's primary in which he was topped by Attorney J. S. McNider, who drew a 14-vote plurality.

Benton was second man in the five pointed race for representative. He was pushed closely by Mattie Lister White, who was trailed by Joe Campbell and Walter Edwards in order.

It is indicated that incumbent Benton will ask for the second primary; the only run-off scheduled in Perquimans County. Mr. Benton has not been reached for a statement, but it is said that he is already actively campaigning.

The Hertford Township vote favored Mrs. White with 188, McNider with 179, and Campbell with 104. Benton placed fourth in Hertford with 103, and Edwards drew 60 votes. McNider and Benton have each served two terms in the lower house.

In the total county tally the count was: McNider 407, Benton 393, White 366, Campbell 165, and Edwards 88.

It was McNider's second place strength in Hertford that gave him the nod over Benton who drew the highest vote in the other precincts with the exception of Nicanor which joined with Hertford in giving Mrs. White a lead.

Mrs. White bogged down in Parkville, New Hope and Belvidere, where Benton and McNider gained their strength; each doing better than 3-to-1 over the woman candidate in Parkville.

The representative race was one of the most exciting in many an election year. The first three places were close and the whole outcome was in doubt until the final returns were in. It was this race, probably more than any of the others, that helped to get the vote to the polls. The State ticket alone would hardly have attracted enough enthusiasm.

Fourteen hundred and nineteen ballots were cast in the five-pointed representative race.

## Use Of Dealer Tags Bring Judgment To Pay Court Costs

## Pasquotank County Man Uses Plates on Newly Bought Car Without Ordering New Ones

A car bought from a dealer may be used 10 days with a dealer's license plate provided the buyer has a receipt to show that the dealer is getting private license plates for the new owner, it was shown in Recorder's Court Tuesday.

Raymond Eason of Pasquotank County, was found guilty in county court of allowing his automobile to be operated with improper license plates. Joe James Key, also of Pasquotank County, was driving when Patrolman Louis Lane stopped the car. Prayer for judgment as to Key was continued.

Eason had bought the car from an Elizabeth City dealer on the Saturday before the driver was arrested on Wednesday, but Eason had no receipt to show that he had deposited money with the dealer to buy new license plates with.

Cost of the car, a 1936 model, now has mounted by the added cost of court \$21.35, and by the loss of time on the day of the trial by Eason and Key and by loss of the use of the car since last Wednesday when Patrolman Lane took up the dealer plates.

Lane, testifying, said that dealer plates could be used otherwise, for a period of 24 hours if the operator was actually demonstrating the car.

## Office Closes June 3

The Town Clerks' office, it has been announced, will be closed on June third. Town Clerk W. G. Newby and Mrs. Newby will attend graduation exercises in Greenville, where their daughter, Miss Prue Collins Newby, will graduate at East Carolina Teachers College.

## Leary And Evans Nominated; Three New Commissioners

## Holmes, Defeated, Gets Good Support From Home County; High In Hertford Precinct

Voting here Saturday gave the District two new State Senators and the county three new members of the board of commissioners.

Merrill Evans, Hertford County man, and Herbert Leary, former First Judicial District Solicitor, topped the voting for senators. J. J. Hughes, incumbent senator, has the right to ask a second primary.

In Perquimans County voting, Leary with 721 votes, was the high man. C. R. Holmes, local candidate, ran next with 644 votes. Gatling, of Gates County, was third with 332, Evans fourth with 295, and Hughes in the bottom spot with 283.

Hertford Township gave Holmes heavy support; 368 votes to Leary's 274, but Leary led strongly in Parkville and Bethel Townships. Evans, one of the two winners, was the low man in Hertford Township voting with 108.

In the county commissioners race, two newcomers nudged aside a couple of veterans with the results that Charles (Stalk) White will represent Bethel Township after Roy Chappell's present term has ended, and Linford L. Winslow will replace J. C. Baker as the commissioner from Belvidere Township.

Winslow, former deputy sheriff and world war veteran, edged out over Baker in a hot contest with a 22-vote margin; Baker gathering 719, and Winslow 741. White's victory over Chappell was more decisive, 787 to 671.

Incumbent E. M. Perry, uncontested from New Hope Township, was accorded the highest vote in the commissioners' race . . . an even one thousand. First Term Archie T. Lane, uncontested in Hertford Township, followed closely with 944.

In Parkville Township, where three men were seeking to represent the heretofore neglected precinct, E. U. Morgan was able to squeeze out a slim 51-vote advantage over young Irvin Nixon who polled 550 votes.

Nathan Hurdle, the third candidate, ran a poor third with 197 votes.

The new board, when the commissioners-elect take office, will be E. M. Perry, Charles White, Archie T. Lane, L. L. Winslow and E. U. Morgan.

## Beauty Queen To Be Selected At State Theatre Monday

## Mayor Invites County's Fairest (Over 16) to Enter Contest For Potato Ball Queen

If you're female, anywhere over sixteen years of age, have a figure pleasing to the eye and a winning smile, the State Theatre stage Monday night is the place for you to be.

For it is there at nine o'clock that a group of disinterested judges (or as disinterested as they can be under the circumstances) will select a beauty queen to represent Perquimans County at the Potato Festival in Elizabeth City on June 6th.

As an inducement to have Perquimans County's fairest don evening dresses and parade across the stage before the critical eyes of the judges, the winner will get a free ride on the float with half a dozen beauties from other counties; she will be given a ticket to the Potato Ball Dance for herself and escort and a hotel room in which to change her clothes, her face, her hair or what have you.

Any girl of passing fair appearance may be entered in the contest simply by getting in touch with Mayor Vivian N. Darden or State Theatre Manager B. L. Gibbs.

A motorcade, with the Elizabeth City High School band, and Dr. H. E. Nixon of "Festivals, Inc.," and Mayor Jerome B. Flora of Elizabeth City, were in Hertford at an early hour Wednesday morning ballyhooing the festival, and it was then that arrangements were made with Mayor Darden and Mr. Gibbs to work out a plan for selecting the queen.

It is understood that this is the only part Perquimans County will have in the Potato Festival. No float is entered for Perquimans County or Hertford.

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE TURNS DEAF ON TO "GIVE WINFALL NEW LEASE ON LIFE"

### Scout Leaders Held Meeting Wednesday

Scout Masters and men interested in Scouting, of Elizabeth City, Edenton and Hertford met here at the Hotel Hertford Wednesday evening to hear Lewis R. Lester, Boy Scout executive of Norfolk, Va., explain the work of executive Scouting committees.

Purpose of the meeting was to formulate plans for organization of an Albemarle Council.

Presiding at the meeting was Holland Webster of Elizabeth City.

## Constant Offender Guilty Of Vagrancy Gets Road Sentence

## Will Dennis Harrell, Languid Goose Hollow Negro, Not Guilty Non-Support

Will Dennis Harrell, consistent Goose Hollow offender, who tangles regularly with the law on charges ranging from fighting and gambling to vagrancy and non-support, has until tomorrow (Saturday) to scrape together approximately \$40 and turn it over to the Clerk of Court, or go to the roads for four months.

Harrell, charged with failing to support a four-year-old child supposedly his and Addie Webb Harrell's, his wife, was found not guilty on this charge but was found guilty on a vagrancy count which Judge Granberry Tucker ordered written in on the warrant at Tuesday's session of county court.

Judge Tucker started to suspend a 30-day road sentence on condition that Harrell paid the cost of court and made every effort to find work and support the child and his wife when he learned that Harrell already has a three months suspended sentence hanging over him and back costs amounting to \$38.50 charged against him.

"I didn't know nothing about that sentence," Harrell said.

"You didn't think you had served it, did you?" His Honor asked.

Harrell, light in color and constantly in need of a shave, replied that he just "didn't know nothing about it."

He asked the court to give him a few days in which to gather together funds to pay the costs with. It will be interesting to know how the defendant, a vagrant, will get the \$40.

Addie, his wife, told a pitiful story. So did Will Dennis.

Addie said she and her husband live in the same house, but that he never speaks to her and squanders his money in "skin games," a card game of wide popularity among the unemployed Negroes.

"She goes to Norfolk or somewhere every time I give her money to buy something for the child and comes back drunk," Will Dennis said. He opened his testimony by saying he had no child to support. The baby was a year old, he said, when he and Addie were married.

"And she gambles more than I do," he stated.

Harrell, a gangling dandy of doubtful age, appears beset by eternal lassitude. It seemed, almost, that his lanky frame would fall apart in the short journey between his chair in the bar and the witness stand where he testified languidly to the trials of married life as they come to him and Addie.

Charges against Will Dennis usually concern chicken stealing and trouble with bootleg liquor and Addie Webb.

## New Line Is Added To Rural Network

Into Perquimans County's tightening network of rural electric power lines has been woven another strand . . . an extension approximately two and a half miles long from Vernon Lane's Garage just west of Belvidere to Louis Winslow's home.

The Virginia Electric and Power Company today is completing installation to serve W. A. Cartwright, J. P. Cartwright, J. E. Hunter, George W. Chappell, William C. Chappell, Clarence Chappell, J. P. Chappell, P. B. Chappell, S. G. Chappell, L. P. Chappell and Louis Winslow.

## Highway Group Reaches Decision After Two Minutes In Conference

### CAN APPEAL

## Hearing at Courthouse Wednesday Leaves Matter Just Where It Stood After County Registered Protest

The Board of County Commissioners will decide at their regular meeting Monday whether or not to lodge another protest with the State Highway Commission in regard to the projected new location of United States Highway No. 17.

The hearing in the courthouse here Wednesday resulted in the following statement from T. B. Ward, of Wilson, chairman of the committee that came to Hertford to conduct the hearing:

"The committee has been looking at this thing all day. It has been over the ground and decided that the best thing for the most people concerned is to construct the road, in principal, as it is laid out. That will be our recommendation to the full State Highway Commission."

It was a noisy hearing, a large number of people were in attendance, but the decision was not popular with those present.

Charles Whedbee, J. S. McNider, N. N. Trueblood, E. M. Perry, the Rev. J. D. Cranford, B. B. Dawson, had their say on the matter, but the committee was not impressed, though sympathetic.

Chairman Ward explained to the gathering after a question concerning the expenditure was brought up, that the money to make the improvement on U. S. 17 at Winfall is Federal money and can not be spent for any other purpose.

Said Mr. Ward, this is an interstate road—from the Virginia line to the South Carolina line—and this is a standardization program and the elimination of the dangerous curves at Winfall is a very small part of a State-wide program.

"If such projects as this are not put through," he said, "it won't be long before through traffic deserts the bad curves and takes to the standard roads."

"Heavy trucks passing by your school at Winfall are a constant hazard to the safety of your children," he continued, "and when things like this are stopped here, they will be stopped everywhere."

Mr. Ward explained however, that the commissioners have the right to appeal from the committee's decision. The county commissioners, four of whom were present, did not indicate what their next action would be.

"Changes like this will continue to be made," the chairman said. "The public is demanding it. We must be shown a feasible route that will be accepted by the Federal government before we can recommend a change in the plan as it is."

"Then what is the purpose of this hearing?" B. B. Dawson rose to ask. "Because the law demands it," Mr. Ward answered. "Whenever a formal protest is lodged, a hearing must be held."

"Then it is just a formality," Mr. Dawson concluded.

The committee, composed of Mr. Ward and two Highway Commissioners from other districts, E. V. (Continued On Page Eight)

## Anderson Layden To Buy 84-Acre Tract With Farm Security Loan

Anderson E. Layden, tenant farmer of the Beech Springs Section, receiver notice early this week that his application for a loan to buy a farm has been approved by the Farm Security Administration, subject to satisfactory title.

Houston Edwards, Perquimans County supervisor of the FSA with offices in Hertford, has instructed Mr. Layden to exercise the option he holds on the 84-acre farm he proposes to buy and to have the seller prepare the necessary papers. A check will be passed in payment for the property when satisfactory title has been furnished by the present owner.

The loan to buy this farm, made possible by the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, also includes money for improvements, repairing existing buildings, erecting a new house, barn and other out-buildings, and fencing for pasture.

Terms of the loan provide for annual repayments over a period of 40 years at three per cent interest.