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## New Athletic Coach, New Teachers; New School Building

### Committee Elects Four New Teachers; Wake Forest Grad to Take Charge of Athletics

Four new teachers and an athletic coach will constitute the chief changes in Perquimans County's educational setup when the opening bell sounds this fall, according to Superintendent F. T. Johnson, after a meeting Friday of the high school committee.

A Wake Forest College threear man in all sports including baseball, football and basketball, will replace James Johnson, Jr., who goes to Tidewater, Virginia, this fall. The committee elected David D. (Dave) Fuller to teach science and direct all athletics at the high school.

Fuller, a Wake County boy, came to Hertford for his first job. He graduated in May of this year. Dave, a big fellow who has done a little boxing on the side, comes highly recommended, according to Mr. Johnson (the Superintendent.)

At present Fuller is playing baseball for Raleigh in the Tobacco State League.

Miss Nell Weeks Riddick, of Gatesville, was elected to teach all commercial courses at the high school this year. She was graduated from the Woman's College, University of North Carolina, in June of this year, and also comes to the local faculty highly recommended, according to Mr. Johnson, who quoted the man in charge of the placement bureau, she was one of the best students in all subjects.

Miss Riddick replaces Miss Anne Wilson.

Still referring to the high school faculty, Mrs. T. L. Jessup replaces Miss Helen Gaither as math teacher. Mrs. Jessup, whose prior experience has been in high school work, lives in Hertford.

In the Grammar School setting at Hertford, William Clyde Bray will come from Yadkin County and Appalachian State Teachers College to teach one section of the sixth grade. Highly recommended by officials at Appalachian State, Bray has been working around the office there since he graduated in 1938.

Mrs. Lessie H. Gaskill will take charge of the other section of the sixth grade. She was graduated from East Carolina Teachers College in 1933 and has been teaching in Wanchese since that time.

Mrs. Gaskill and Mr. Bray replace Miss Alice Babb, who retired from the Grammar School faculty at the close of the last session after teaching there for many years.

There is still one first grade vacancy to be filled at the Central Grammar School in Winfall, according to Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson is pleased with the way alterations and improvements are coming along at the Hertford Grammar School. The plant will be almost new when the 1940-41 term is ready for business. The inside of the building will be hardly recognizable as the old Hertford Grammar and High School of 16 years ago.

The auditorium is still on the second floor, but brick escape towers lead directly to the outside of the building from the second floor.

## Johnson Looking For New Instructor To Replace Rhodes

Superintendent F. T. Johnson, head of the county's schools, is looking for another band instructor.

Robert Rhodes, band director at Central High in Pasquotank County last year, who did a good job in band and also worked here on a tuition basis, will be kept busy in Pasquotank County this year teaching high school students in Newland, Central and Weeksville.

Mr. Rhodes, who more or less organized the local band, told Mr. Johnson Monday night that he would not be able to come back here again next year.

Pasquotank is planning more concentrated band instruction for the three county schools next year.

Superintendent Johnson said that he anticipates little trouble in locating another director to take over here where Mr. Rhodes left off.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hurdle, of near Hertford, wish to announce the birth of a daughter, Nadine Ann, born Monday, July 9, 1940.

## Now You See It— Now You Don't

### Con Men Take Bear Swamp Negro For 65 Dollars

Nobody has seen anything of two strange Negro men whom Sam Felton, Bear Swamp Negro, says took him for a \$65 sucker last Saturday.

It seems that Sam was inveigled into drawing \$65 in hard-earned cash from the bank and turning it over to two Negroes he had never seen before.

The two strange Negroes, Sam told Policeman Bob White, gave him a story about finding some money and saying they would give him part of it if he didn't tell they had found it—or something vaguely like that.

Anyway it listened good to Sam when they insisted that he draw his \$65 from the bank and lump the whole sum and divide it three ways. It looked like Sam was going to gain funds somewhere in the transaction.

But in dividing the money, Sam's \$65 and the undisclosed amount the two men had allegedly found, it seems they couldn't make the right change. So the two strangers left to get the money changed and asked Sam to await their return.

The minutes lengthened, and in about an hour it dawned on Sam that he probably had grounds for mistrusting the two men—since he had never seen either of them before.

About all else Sam knows is that one of the two men was tall and the other short—and that he himself is short \$65.

## Town Board Tables Petition From WCTU On Sunday Movies

### Raised Given Permission to Park Near New Station; Much Other Business

The board of town commissioners in regular meeting Monday night tabled a resolution from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union asking the town to ban further Sunday movies; passed an ordinance to extend the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation the right to load and discharge passengers in the vicinity of the new bus station, and selected Sam Long from a list of ten or twelve applicants to fill a vacancy at the municipal light and water plant.

It was a busy session for the commissioners, what with working out a new system of light and power rates (told in another story on this page) and carrying out the matters mentioned above in addition to the routine business of the board.

As the petition from the W. C. T. U. was opened and read by Town Clerk W. G. Newby, it was apparent that the commissioners were inclined to take no action on it. The petition or resolution was tabled after the commissioners had discussed the matter briefly and agreed that the theatre management had been very considerate in the matter of Sunday movies and had asked the permission of the commission each time before presenting them.

They recalled that only two Sunday movies had been presented in Hertford to date and that both of these had been of the cartoon type; "hardly a bad influence," seemed the attitude of the board, and no further action was taken.

The board instructed Town Attorney Charles Johnson to notify the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation that the town passed an ordinance giving the carrier company permission to park its busses on the right side of Church Street going south at the corner of Grubb, and on the right side of Grubb Street going east at Church, for the purpose of loading and discharging passengers.

The bus company had requested this concession before opening its new bus station at the corner of Church and Grubb Streets. Two parking spaces, one in front of the station on Church Street, and one beside the station on Grubb Street, will be laid off for the bus company.

The commissioners also instructed Mr. Johnson to call particular attention of bus company officials to the fact that the bus route incident with the parking space traveling east will pass by the Hertford Grammar School and caution their drivers to proceed carefully in the vicinity of the Grammar School.

Sam Long, erstwhile employee

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## Two Negroes Held For Higher Court On Assault Charges

### Ellie Sutton Seriously Injured In Sunday Morning Fracas; Other Cases

Alexander Long and Alexander Long, Jr., Negroes, were bound over to Superior Court by Recorder Granberry Tucker in county court Tuesday. Grounds were found for probable cause against the two on charges of assaulting Ellie Sutton, Negro, with intent to kill.

Testimony in the lengthy hearing Tuesday was that Sutton was attacked by the two other Negroes after the three had returned from a trip to Pungo, Virginia.

Sutton was seriously injured—sustaining a number of blows on the head and about the body at the hands of the two, who, he said, struck him with an automobile crank and a pop bottle, which left him in a dazed condition from the Sunday morning fight occurred until the following morning.

Eye-witness to the attack on Sutton was Mrs. T. C. Chappell, who testified for the State. Other witnesses included James Sawyer and W. F. Tarkenton.

Other cases heard Tuesday included that of Norman Elliott, charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting Mrs. Mattie Spivey, his mother-in-law. He pleaded guilty to the first charge and paid the costs of court. A nol prosee was taken to the assault charge.

The case of three county young men charged with assault with deadly weapons on Joseph Lee of Bertie County, postponed from the last session of county court, was again postponed. The men are Johnnie Elliott, Louis Norman Chappell and Gaither Morgan.

The condition of Lee, who was allegedly beaten with brass knuckles and cut with a knife at the hands of the three, is somewhat improved, though both eyes are still blackened and bruised, and he suffered a cut in the abdomen.

## War Lacking Events Of Spectacular Nature This Week

### Britons See Largest Sky Duel of War; Trouble Averted In The Balkans

While German air raids on the British Isles continue, a moving battle was in progress Wednesday for control of the Mediterranean Sea. Italy dispute Britannia's rule of the bounding main as both sides claim victory in a violent naval battle off the instep of the "Italian boot." (All school children recall the shape of the Italian Peninsula; they were constantly reminded that it resembled the general outlines of a high-top rubber boot.)

Events of a spectacular nature are lacking in war news of the past week. Tidings of the National Democratic Convention in Chicago next week are about to crowd the European struggle from the nation's headlines for the present.

For instance, to show how cockeyed the censored reports are, the British version of a naval conflict in the Ionian Sea is that the Italian warships fled almost immediately behind a smoke screen after an Italian vessel had suffered a long-range hit.

An Italian communique on the same battle asserted the British fleet was driven off.

Things of a violent nature in the Balkans are also apparently checked for the moment since Adolf Hitler has told Hungarian leaders that Hungary must not upset the Balkan apogee at this time. Whatever Mr. Hitler says seems to be the law in Europe.

That is all, except the Fuhrer's long-promised assault on the British Isles. His blitzkrieg still fails to materialize on a major scale though Tuesday afternoon Britons saw the biggest air battle of the war off British shores when 150 British and German planes fought a brilliant duel 34 Nazi bombers attacked British shipping in the English Channel.

The war of planes and guns and tanks, for the moment at least, seems to have settled down to another of the popular European "Battle of Nerose."

## Date Of County Fair Moved Up To Last Week In September

### Unanimous Vote In Favor Of Sponsoring Fair; Julian A. White New President Of Lions

At the Friday night meeting, the Hertford Lions Club unanimously voted to again sponsor the Perquimans County Fair, but moved the opening date up one week earlier . . . to September 23rd through the 28th.

The organization to have charge of the fair arrangements is not complete, Secretary Norman N. Trueblood said Wednesday, but it is indicated that the event will not be handled exactly as it was last year, at the first annual large scale fair.

Just what changes will be made was not disclosed, but it was further indicated that the changes will constitute an improvement.

The plans, in detail, will be released next week, the secretary said. Last year's fair, in which the Home Agent and the County Agent cooperated with the Lions Club, was labeled a great success and the public generally seems pleased with the news that the Lions will again sponsor the event.

Arrangements are in the process of being made to secure a return engagement of the carnival of the Crescent Amusement Company which furnished the rides and shows last year.

Julian A. White has been elected president of the Lions Club, succeeding L. N. Hollowell, the first president. Other new officers are: first vice president, Claude D. White; second vice president, Archie T. Lane; third vice president, J. H. Towe; secretary-treasurer, Norman N. Trueblood; re-elected lion tamer, Ralph E. White, and tail twister, W. C. (Bill) Morgan.

Directors for the fiscal year, are Dr. I. A. Ward, John O. White, Jr., and Max Campbell.

## Thirteen Surplus Bales Cotton Here For Mattress Work

### Project Begins When Ticking Arrives; Joe And Bill's Old Place Site of Work

Thirteen bales of Surplus Commodities Corporation cotton arrived in Hertford Monday; the 1,200 yards of mattress ticking is expected to arrive any day now, and Perquimans County's Mattress Making Project will get underway as soon as the ticking arrives, according to Miss Frances Maness, county demonstration agent.

More than the necessary 120 orders have been approved for mattresses, she said, and the time has been extended so that further applications can be made. (Applications may be made at Miss Maness' office in the Agricultural Building, at the office of the Perquimans County Welfare Department in the courthouse.)

The actual work of manufacturing the mattresses will take place in the old quarters of Joe and Bill Service Station on Market Street. Miss Marian Morrow, home management supervisor for the Farm Security Administration, Miss Maness, and several NYA girls, all of whom have been instructed in essentials of mattress-making, will be on hand to supervise the work.

Farm families in the low income brackets (\$400 a year and less) are accepted for free mattresses and the applicants do the work themselves.

Twelve yards of ticking goes into the making of each mattress and the cotton surplus is decreased to the tune of 50 pounds per mattress.

## Claude White, Elizabeth City Man, To Preach At Baptist Church Sunday

Claude White of Elizabeth City, will preach at the Baptist Church Sunday at both the morning and evening services, according to an announcement from a member of the board of deacons.

### ROTARY CLUB MEETS

The regular dinner meeting of the Rotary Club was held on Tuesday evening at Hotel Hertford. An interesting meeting was enjoyed.

## LIGHT RATES TO START AT TEN CENTS INSTEAD OF 12; NEW SYSTEM ON TRIAL

### WPA Undoing Work Of Termites At County Agriculture Building

WPA workmen Wednesday were at work making extensive repairs to the termite-riddled underpinning of the Agricultural Building on Dobbs Street. Part of the floor in the auditorium was ripped up and new termite-treated sills and beams were replacing the old ones.

The outside of the building, built with the aid of federal funds in 1936, is getting a new coat of paint to the woodwork, doors, window facings, etc.

The work is being done with a federal grant.

## Convention Will Bring Unveiling Of Third Term Query

### Democrats To Convene In Chicago; Farley And FDR Still Silent

With the Democratic National Convention just around the corner in Chicago—with 74 delegates and alternates from North Carolina planning to be in the Convention City by noon Sunday—President Roosevelt has still imparted his deep secret to no one but Big Jim Farley. The nation's No. 1 Political Question today is whether or not F. D. R. will allow himself to be drafted for a third term.

The mystery may not end before the Convention. The President will not even say whether he will make his momentous announcement before the Convention meets.

James A. Farley is as uncommunicative as the President since he learned what the President has in mind at a confab in Hyde Park last Sunday.

Farley is holding out for the Convention and hinting that too many people want to read the last chapter of the book first. He was hoping the Convention would be an interesting one, and the Chief Executive's announcement—either way—will help to make the Democratic Convention interesting.

Farley says he wasn't asked to keep the President's secret, but that both he and the President thought it would be best to keep confidential what they had said to each other.

Asked about his own role and asked whether his name would be placed in nomination, Farley says his position remains unchanged, and it is recalled that he asserted last March that his name would be presented to the delegates.

A reporter suggested to Republican Candidate Wendell L. Willkie the other day that F. D. R. could have the Democratic nomination if he wanted it.

Willkie observed "There's no question about that." His own idea on White House Occupancy, he is quoted as saying, is "eight years but only for eight years."

All sorts of things are being said in speculation on the President's intentions. Rep. Sabath (D-Ill.) said after a White House visit that the Chief Executive is not a candidate for another term, but that he could not turn down the nomination that will be given him.

"He is going to be nominated and it," Sabath said.

Earlier, Paul V. McNutt, Federal security administrator and candidate for the presidential nomination if the President declines, had a chat with Mr. Roosevelt and then said this:

"I think I've had a good idea of what's in the President's mind for some time. I haven't changed that idea."

This statement from Mr. McNutt said exactly nothing. The former Indiana governor, originally a conditional candidate, recently announced his support for a third term, but his managers, who will open headquarters in the Convention City, have said he is still in the race on the original basis.

Farley, the national convention chairman, opined that balloting would probably begin on Thursday and that the deliberations would end by Saturday night. This would mean six days of session. Officials had previously counted on a five-day convention.

By next Saturday, at the very most, the nation will know who is to face the Republican bombshell nominee, Wendell L. Willkie.

### One Meter System With Sliding Scale Rates Being Tried

#### TABLE NEXT WEEK

## Designed to Benefit Small Consumer and Encourage Use of More Current to Offset Loss

Consuming several months of planning to change the light and power rates in the Town of Hertford—to benefit both the small consumer and the customer who will use more power at a lower rate—the board of commissioners in meeting Monday night tentatively set August first as the opening date for a trial period under the new plan.

The plan is not worked out to perfection yet, and Mayor Vivian N. Darden said it would be some time next week before the town officials could release a complete table of the new rates.

He said, however, that the scale would begin at ten cents rather than at twelve, as has been the custom, and gradually work down to two and a half cents.

The new system is to be worked on a one-meter basis; the minimum rate of one dollar per month for lights alone will remain in effect, but the counting will start at ten cents instead of at twelve cents.

The sliding scale, destined to reduce slightly the town's revenue from the light and power department at first, is expected to induce more consumers to install electric stoves and refrigerators; to consume more current and to consequently offset the loss.

Unless further changes are made in the date of the trial period, the new system will go into effect on this month's light and power bills. The board members emphasized that the new system is strictly on a trial basis and may at any time be brought back to the present status.

The new system does not call for an increase in any of the light and power brackets; however, it does call for minimum service charges in different classes graduated to fit the units served with current.

## Final Figures For 1940 Census In First District Released

### Perquimans County Is Given Credit for 9,765 Inhabitants By Official Figures

Compilation of all figures for the 1940 population and agriculture census for the First District was completed late last week. Official figures from Denton W. Lupton, district supervisor at Washington, N. C., have been received. Counties and cities in the district are included, as well as the farms within the area.

The official figures are as follows:

County	Population	Farms
Beaufort	35,366	3,265
Camden	5,439	563
Chowan	11,569	1,007
Currituck	6,685	787
Dare	5,881	56
Gates	9,957	1,313
Hertford	19,268	2,030
Hyde	7,839	1,000
Martin	26,094	2,427
Pasquotank	20,775	246
Perquimans	9,765	1,061
Pitt	61,271	5,761
Tyrrell	5,549	599
Washington	12,331	2,970
Total	237,755	21,599
City	Population	Farms
Washington	8,537	—
Belhaven	2,853	8
South Mills	479	7
Edenton	3,834	1
Manteo	562	—
Gatesville	297	1
Ahoskie	2,311	11
Winton	733	9
Murfreesboro	1,650	16
Swan Quarter	263	4
Ocracoke	492	6
Williamston	3,965	4
Robersonville	1,407	9
Elizabeth City	11,778	2
Hertford	19,268	8
Greenville	12,710	5
Farmville	2,973	3
Ayden	1,352	—
Bebel	1,377	—
Columbia	1,087	—
Plymouth	2,453	—