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Tax List Takers To Begin Work Jan. 1

Instructions Were Issued at Meeting Held Monday With County Commissioners

Perquimans County tax list takers will begin the list of property on January 1.

Meeting with the County Commissioners on Monday the tax listers were given instructions by the supervisor, J. W. Ward. The list takers were also given the printed notices of the list-taking places to be posted at public places in the various townships.

The list takers were instructed by Mr. Ward to make up schedules at once, and next issue of The Perquimans Weekly will carry an advertisement setting forth the time and places where various list takers will sit in each township.

The personnel of the list takers is: R. S. Chappell, Bethel Township; E. L. Chappell, Belvidere Township; J. O. White, Hertford Township; N. R. Elliott, Parkville Township; and L. E. Webb, New Hope Township.

The supervisor gave the usual instructions as to the routine of listing taxes, calling attention to the fact that, under the law, all persons who are liable for poll tax and who fail to list themselves, and all who own property and fail to list same, will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, fined or imprisoned.

Judge Hamilton Will Preside At Superior Court In January

Superior Court will convene in Hertford on January 13, for trial of several cases. Judge Luther Hamilton of Durham City, presiding.

On the calendar and included in the suit against the Town of Hertford, brought by S. P. Jessup.

A restraining order was served on the Town, when a dispute arose over the boundary of Jessup's property and Town property. The Town wishes to build a sidewalk along Grubb Street, from Front Street to the new pier recently constructed as a WPA project.

Jessup contested that the sidewalk will be on his property, so the order was issued until a hearing is held.

Additional Members Added To Red Cross

Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman of the local Red Cross Roll Call, announced Friday that there had been ten more memberships, and two contributing memberships taken by the Red Cross chapter since The Weekly carried the last report on the membership drive.

Mrs. T. C. Chappell, T. R. Ainsley, Mrs. Fred Chalk, Mrs. Nathan Relfe, and Mrs. A. R. Winslow, of Winfall; Miss Johnnie White, Miss Margaret White, Clarence Chappell and E. L. Chappell, of Belvidere, joined the annual Roll Call.

The Southern Cotton Oil Company and Major Loomis Company each signed up for \$5 which entitles them to contributing memberships.

Mrs. Morris and Silas M. Whedbee, County Chairman of the Red Cross chapter, expressed their appreciation for the fine response made by the people of Perquimans in this year's drive.

They also wish to thank the canvassers for their splendid work in making the drive this year larger than ever before.

Post Office To Close Early New Year's Day

Arrangement was made today by the postmaster, that the office will be closed all day on January 1. No deliveries will be made except Specials. However, mail will be dispatched and placed in the postoffice.

County Court Will Be In Session For Christmas

The County Court's Recorder's Office will observe the custom for the Christmas season, will recess during the week. There will be no court held on December 27, 28, 29, and 30.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS



To All Our Readers

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Electrification Lines Gain Headway During Past Five Years

Rural electrification has been making rapid gains throughout Perquimans County during the past five years, according to L. W. Anderson, local county agent.

Mr. Anderson stated that in 1934 approximately 4.4 miles of Rural lines were in the county and since that time the figure has jumped to more than 45 miles of wire. This total does not include the distances of private extensions.

Approximately twenty percent of the rural homes in Perquimans are now served with electric current as the results of the Rural Electrification program. This total numbers about 200 homes.

In a brief summary of the establishment of the various lines built during the past five years, Mr. Anderson said that in 1935 a line was set at Chapanoke and was 2.7 miles long. In 1936 a Belvidere line was set and this was 9 miles long. The New Hope project was built in 1937 and was 10.6 miles of line.

The section along the Edenton Highway south of Hertford was given service during 1938 and this line was 3.6 miles long. No lines were built in 1939.

During 1940 the program expanded to build the Belvidere-Sandy Ridge Road line, 2.7 miles; a line was built from Jackson's store to the County Home, which was 3.9 miles and the new line just finished from Belvidere to Whiteston is 8.5 miles long.

During 1941 it is hoped that new lines may be built from George Riddick's store to Bethel and from Belvidere to Gordon's Mill.

County Commissioners In Special Meeting Monday Morning

The Board of County Commissioners met in a special meeting at the Court House Monday to make preparations for the revaluation of property in Perquimans County.

Legislation passed by the last General Assembly makes this revaluation necessary and the Commissioners mapped out the plan of work for this county at the Monday meeting.

Further details of this work will be reported in the next issue of The Weekly.

Hertford To Have Five Players On All-Star Team

Five members of the Perquimans High School football team will be selected by Coach Dave Fuller to participate in the "Potato Bowl" game in Elizabeth City on January 1.

Wallace Chappell, Richard Spivey, Clark Stokes, Percy Byrum and D. J. White are the local boys elected by Fuller to represent the Perquimans team.

Four boys from the Edenton, Windsor and Plymouth teams will be chosen and three members from the Manteo and Columbia teams will complete the roster of the All-Stars who will play Elizabeth City's undefeated team.

Out Of School Boys Enrolling In Special Classes At School

Five Perquimans County youths have enrolled in the special classes in general shop work to be given at the Perquimans High School for out-of-school youths, in connection with the National Defense Program, it was announced by Superintendent F. T. Johnson.

Those who have registered so far are Thomas Chappell, of Belvidere; Fentress Lane, of Belvidere; Leslie Perry, of New Hope; Thomas Nixon, of Bagleys Swamp, and Emmett Layden, of Beech Spring.

Mr. Johnson urges other boys within the age limits of 17 and 24 to register for these special classes immediately.

Instruction of classes will begin as soon as a minimum of ten boys have been enrolled. It is hoped, and expected, according to Mr. Johnson, that there will be more youths who will register than the minimum.

Out-of-school boys who are interested in these courses should contact Mr. Johnson at the High School Building.

Weekly Prints Early Edition This Week

This copy of your Perquimans Weekly reaches you two days early this week. This is because of the observance of Christmas Day and Thursday, which will be a double holiday for our printers.

By going to press early this week it was necessary of course to rush the material to the printers, which will usually turn out late on Tuesday.

County To Furnish Five Men For Next Draft Quotas

Men To Be Called January 7; All White Men In This Quota

Perquimans County will be called upon to furnish five white men for Uncle Sam's Army on January 7, according to word sent out from the State draft offices in Raleigh.

J. R. Stokes, chairman of the local draft board, has not yet received official word that this is the local quota, but in anticipation of a call for more men, the local board has resumed the mailing of draft questionnaires to local registrants. Thirty questionnaires were mailed on Friday of last week.

Quotas for Negro draftees in January have not been completed and it is not known whether Perquimans will be called on to furnish any Negroes for this call.

The local board had another volunteer on December 19. Francis Jessup appeared before the board at that time but as yet has not returned his questionnaire and therefore has not been duly classified.

According to Mr. Stokes the local board is ready for the next call, having seven white men on the waiting list, who have already taken their physical examinations.

These men are Francis E. Willey, Aubrey B. Umphlett, John R. Webb, Roscoe Stallings, Joseph B. Perry and Robert W. Morris. The next quota for Perquimans County will probably be filled from this list of men.

The Perquimans County men will be sent to Fort Bragg, which serves as an induction station, and after they have been duly received by the Army they will be transferred to Fort Jackson, S. C., and assigned to the 30th Division.

Mailing of questionnaires will continue as the local board deems it necessary to fill the classifications and quotas as they come up.

Decision On Naval Air Base Expected After January 15

Information Gained By Weekly Indicates No Action Before Date

The Perquimans Weekly has learned that a decision regarding the Naval Air Base location will not be forthcoming before January 15.

Our informant was in Washington last week and conferred with Captain C. E. Rosendahl regarding the proposed air base and the locations being considered for the same.

Captain Rosendahl intimated that due to plans, appropriations, and the like, it was probable that the committee, which will decide the spot for the establishing of this non-rigid air base, will have nothing definite to say until the middle of January.

The Navy Department seeks to build a new base for its lighter-than-air craft which will be used to patrol the coastline between Florida and Lakehurst, N. J. The Navy now has a similar base located at Lakehurst.

The base when constructed, will cost approximately \$6,000,000 and will have a crew of 300.

Two locations in Perquimans County have been offered the Navy officials for their consideration, the J. H. Newbold farm on Pender Road, and the Nixon farm located between Hertford and Winfall. A prospectus of these plots was drawn up and mailed to Captain Rosendahl by Norman Trueblood, secretary for the Hertford Lions Club.

Other counties in Eastern North Carolina are making strong bids for the new air base, but at the present time it will be nothing but a guess to say where it will be located.

Chowan County is offering a site located near the new Albemarle Sound bridge approximately six miles from Edenton. This site is about nine miles from Hertford.

Tyrrell County, mistakenly announced as the spot chosen for the new base, is making a strong bid for it and has offered a site about five miles east of Columbia.

Opportunity Lists Taken According To Miss Davenport

Approximately every one of the seventy-five families on the list of Christmas opportunities which was prepared by the Perquimans County Welfare Department will be taken care of through the generous offerings of clubs, individuals, and the Salvation Army, according to Miss Ruth Davenport, county welfare supervisor.

Twenty-nine of these families will be provided with toys and food articles by clubs and individuals, while the Salvation Army has notified Miss Davenport that it is sending thirty baskets of food to be given to the needy families.

The balance of the list will be taken care of by contributions from individuals.

Miss Davenport stated that usually a number of contributions were made the day before Christmas that enabled the department to completely fill the need. However, Miss Davenport asked that individuals wishing to support this worthy cause get in touch with her as soon as possible.

There is still time to help in the spread of Christmas cheer . . . so those who prefer to make cash donations are invited to do so.

Book Club Meeting

The Hertford Book Club met last Friday evening at the home of Miss Mae Wood Winslow. The home was beautifully decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. Assisting Miss Wood as hostesses were Mrs. T. E. White and Miss Kate Blanchard.

Mrs. I. A. Ward presided. Mrs. C. P. Morris gave a reading "The New England Background for the Revolutionary War." Mrs. L. N. Hollowell gave a reading "Benjamin Franklin." Mrs. N. A. Relfe was in charge of the music with all members singing Christmas Carols.

"Miss Mae Wood Winslow read "Paul Revere's Ride" and Mrs. Herman Winslow read "The Visit of Saint Nicholas." The hostesses served a dainty salad course.

Those present were Mesdames I. A. Ward, J. C. Blanchard, T. P. Brian, S. P. Jessup, C. E. Johnson, F. T. Johnson, L. N. Hollowell, C. P. Morris, N. A. Relfe, T. S. White, R. T. White, C. W. White, H. A. Whitely, Charles Whedbee, E. R. Winslow, T. W. Wilson, T. B. Sumner, Miss Mary Sumner, Miss Kate M. Blanchard and Miss Mae Wood Winslow.