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## PEANUT STABILIZATION COOPERATIVE DISAPPROVES OF PACE PEANUT BILL

### Directors Authorize R. C. Holland, President, To Note Amendments To Congress

The Board of Directors of the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Incorporated, the organization that for three years, 1937 to 1940, administered the Peanut Surplus Removal Program in North Carolina for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has instructed its President, R. C. Holland of Edenton, to register its disapproval in its present form of Bill H. R. 994, known as the Marketing Quota Bill and affecting the growing and disposal of peanuts in the United States. The above Bill was introduced in the Congress by Congressman Stephen Pace of Georgia.

This body says that it favors the Marketing Quota Bill in principle but before approving it, important amendments will have to be made.

A hurried hearing was called in Washington on this Bill Monday of this week before a sub-committee of the House Committee on Agriculture. The time given after notice of the hearing was insufficient for the careful preparation of desired amendments. This made it necessary to have the statement given below read into the record of the hearing committee. After proper consideration by representative growers of North Carolina, a brief with the desired amendments will be filed with the Committee.

The Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Incorporated, is now functioning as the only growers organization representing exclusively the peanut growers of North Carolina on matters pertaining to legislation.

Following are the facts presented by Mr. Holland to sub-committee No. 1 of the House Committee on Agriculture concerning the present Bill H. R. 994:

"We beg leave to submit:

"1. The undersigned is a non-profit farmers association and has a membership of 3,500 peanut farmers, residing in every county in North Carolina where peanuts are grown in any substantial volume for commercial purposes.

"2. The directors of the association are chosen by the peanut farmers themselves and come from the larger peanut-producing counties in North Carolina, which insure broad representation on the board.

"3. This association has been for the past four years and is now the only recognized and authorized organization in North Carolina representing the peanut farmers of North Carolina in matters of legislation affecting the production and marketing of peanuts in North Carolina.

"4. This association is not aware of any statement or action, made or taken, by the peanut farmers of North Carolina conferring on any person, group of persons or organization, other than this association, the right to speak for and represent them in legislative matters touching the production and marketing of peanuts in North Carolina, both State and Federal; and particularly the legislation embodied in H. R. 994, or any similar bill introduced in the last Congress.

"5. This association favors in principle H. R. 994; but is unalterably opposed to that bill in its present form.

"6. This association respectfully asks that this statement be made part of the record of hearings on H. R. 994; and further that the report of the committee on the bill be deferred until after February 17, 1941, in order that this association may have reasonable time and opportunity to file with the committee some suggestions in respect to changes in the bill that would meet the present objections of the association to the bill."

## Young Men's Bible Class Chose Officers

Officers for the newly formed Young Men's Bible Class of the Hertford Baptist Church were chosen last Sunday. Rupert Ainsley is president; David Fuller, vice president, and Clinton Eley, secretary and treasurer.

Approximately forty young men of the county have formed this class and they very cordially invite other young men of the county to visit their class each Sunday, and to join with them.

G. C. Buck will teach the class at the regular Bible School hour on Sunday. A permanent teacher will be chosen later.

## Small Percentage Fail To List Taxes Before Deadline

Although definite figures are not yet available, it is believed by J. W. Ward, County Tax Supervisor, that only a small percentage of the taxpayers of the county failed to list their property during the January listing period. Tax list takers will turn over the list books to Mr. Ward during this week.

A penalty is added to those who failed to list their property during the days allotted in January, and all late listing must be done by Mr. Ward at his office in the courthouse.

## Hertford School Has Fine Membership In Junior Red Cross

The Hertford Grammar School, according to an announcement made this week by Miss Mary Sumner, is the only school in Perquimans County that has membership in the Junior Red Cross.

At the present time the Grammar School has a 100 percent membership, as everyone of the 272 students are enrolled in the Junior Red Cross, and are actively interested in the work.

The purpose of the Junior Red Cross is to acquaint the youngsters with the work being carried on by the Red Cross and to interest them in that work, enabling the Red Cross to hold that interest through later years.

Dues are contributed by the members of the Grammar School and range from one cent to five cents. The sum raised through these dues is used to purchase magazines for the local children, and to send a portion to the national headquarters to be used in Red Cross work.

Another portion of the money is used locally.

## Beech Spring Club Wins First Honors For Club Work

The Beech Spring Home Demonstration Club was awarded top honors for work accomplished by the home demonstration clubs of the County during the past year. The awards to the clubs were made at the County Council meeting held on Saturday, February 1, at the Agricultural Building.

A program presented by the Winfall Club included a dialogue given by Minnie Wilma Wood and Alma Davenport. Special music was furnished by Olive Layden and Doris Miller. A short talk by the Rev. J. D. Cranford, of Winfall, concluded the program.

Prizes for the club work for 1940 were awarded as follows: First prize, a pressure cooker, went to the Beech Spring Club; second prize, curtain stretchers, was won by the Whiteston Club, and third prize, a fruit cake pan, was won by the Ballahack Club.

The County Council voted to sponsor a Living Room Improvement Contest, and all rooms will be scored before any improvements are made, and again at the close of the contest.

The Council also voted to ask Jonathan Daniels, managing editor of the News and Observer, to be the guest speaker at the Spring Federation meeting to be held early in June.

Mrs. Arba Winslow of the Whiteston Club, was announced the winner in the Kitchen Improvement Contest conducted by the County. Mrs. Lucius Winslow of the Whiteston Club, won first prize in the Mail Box Contest sponsored by Miss Frances Maness, home agent. Mrs. Noah Felton, of the Beech Spring Club, won second prize in the Mail Box Contest.

Perfect Attendance Certificates were awarded to the following members by the County Council:

Ballahack Club—Mrs. Joe Perry, Mrs. J. E. Perry, Mrs. B. P. Mendis, Burgess Club—Mrs. J. B. Ransight, Mrs. Tommy Matthews, Mrs. Sidney Layden.

Winfall Club—Etha Perry, Whiteston Club—Mrs. Mamie Lane.

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## Large Attendance Expected At Dance Benefit Tonight

### March of Dimes Off to Good Start in Fight Against Paralysis

From all indications a large attendance will be on hand for the President's Ball which will be staged at Walker's Ballroom tonight at 10 o'clock as a part of the Perquimans program to raise funds for the fight against Infantile Paralysis.

One setback has already beset the dance committee, however, since the orchestra which was scheduled to fill the date and furnish the music for the dance will be unable to make its appearance. The chairman of the program, S. M. Whedbee, received word early this week and immediately the local dance committee composed of Mr. Whedbee, Dr. C. A. Davenport and Morgan Walker contacted other dance orchestras in an attempt to get a band for the local affair.

The committee had little luck, however. All bands contacted wanted a higher price than the committee wished to pay for an orchestra. The committee is making every attempt to hold the cost of the dance to a minimum in order that the benefit may show a profit to be turned over to the Infantile Paralysis fund.

Since the prices asked by the bands were too high, the committee has decided to have the music for the dance furnished by the "juke" box located at Walker's, and it is hoped that all attending the affair will have an enjoyable time.

The dance is scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock, and the price of admission has been set at \$1.00 per couple. The public is cordially invited to attend and aid in raising funds for the fight which has been so successfully carried on since the beginning of this program.

Every indication points toward a high figure being raised in the March of Dimes, another part of the Celebration program. The March of Dimes is being handled by the school children and by the Boy Scouts, under the supervision of F. T. Johnson and W. H. Pitt.

The sum of \$32.86 had been reported up to Wednesday noon and it is very likely that the amount will reach \$50 by Saturday afternoon when the final reports will be turned over to the chairman.

## North Carolina To Have Early Thanksgiving This Year

According to an announcement made by Governor Broughton on Monday, North Carolina will fall in line with other States this year and observe Thanksgiving Day on the third Thursday in November, which will be the day designated by President Roosevelt as Thanksgiving.

During the past few years former Governor Hoey saw no reason for changing the date of the historic day and North Carolinians, along with six or seven other States' residents celebrated the day a week later than the rest of the nation.

Governor Broughton, in issuing the notice regarding the date, stated that he preferred the usual fourth Thursday himself, but was changing the date due to the overwhelming sentiment in favor of the national day.

## Boy Scouts Present Program At Parent Teachers Meeting

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Hertford Grammar School held its regular monthly meeting at the Grammar School Building on Thursday night, February 6, at 8 o'clock, and enjoyed a well-presented program given by the Boy Scout Troop of Hertford.

The meeting was also held in celebration of the Founder's Day for Parent-Teachers Associations.

Mrs. J. R. Futrell, president of the association, made a short talk on Founder's Day and the occasion was also observed with a cake cutting and a candle lighting ceremony.

The Boy Scouts, under the direction of Scoutmaster W. H. Pitt, gave a patriotic program which was well received by those present.

The program given by the Scouts inaugurated the local troop's observance of National Boy Scout Week, which starts today and runs through to Friday, February 14.

## Advisory Committee Formed To Work On Defense Program

### Registration For Voluntary Work Expected to Be Made

With the formation of a Perquimans County Advisory Committee to work with and function under the National Defense Program, the program now being stressed by the government nears home.

This local committee composed of F. T. Johnson, Dr. T. P. Brinn, Mrs. E. M. Perry, Dr. E. S. White, and Mrs. J. R. Futrell, who was chosen and will act as chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Lucius Blanchard, Jr.

This committee will work with the PWA group in carrying out a portion of defense program as pertains to local situations.

One of the points of the defense program that will soon be undertaken by the local committee will be a registration of white and Negro women to serve voluntarily in defense projects. This registration will also include professional men who will volunteer to give a portion of their time each week toward projects sponsored.

This registration will be on the voluntary plan and all work done will be volunteer work. No pay is connected with the work.

Another item that the Advisory Committee has been asked to sponsor is requesting that all women of the county who plant gardens plan for extra foods, and after canning them, give same to the local lunch room project which comes under the defense program. All women are also requested to save jars and contribute them to the women who volunteer to give vegetables to the lunch room.

It is highly probable that more complete details as to the work and duties of this advisory committee will be forthcoming as the program is shaped up in Washington.

## Name Omitted

Through error, the name of Ann Bray, Second Grade, was omitted from the honor roll of the Central Grammar School listed in The Weekly on last Friday.

## Local Legion Post To Hold Organization Meeting February 14

The Perquimans County Post of the American Legion will hold its organization meeting and the election of officers on the 14th of February at the Courthouse in Hertford. All men who have signed for membership in the Post are urged to be present for this important meeting.

At the present time the Post has 36 veterans signed for membership and the Post is holding open the charter memberships in hope that the number will reach fifty. A drive for a 100 percent enrollment of County veterans will be made following the complete organization.

Dues for the local Post have been set at \$3.00 per year.

## Marriage Of Lucius Blanchard, Jr., And Ruth Davenport

Coming as a complete surprise to their many friends throughout this section was the announcement of the marriage of Miss Ruth Davenport to Lucius Blanchard, Jr., which took place at Dinwiddie, Va., on Sunday, November 3, 1940.

Mrs. Blanchard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Davenport, of Elizabeth City. She received her education at the Elizabeth City High School and Woman's College, Greensboro, later taking graduate work the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

For the past five years Mrs. Blanchard has been the supervisor of welfare for Perquimans County and she will continue for the present with that position.

Mr. Blanchard is the son of Mrs. Lucius Blanchard of Elizabeth City, and was the former editor of The Perquimans Weekly. Last October he accepted a position with the Ahsokie newspaper and he is now editor of the Hertford County Herald at Ahsokie.

## COMMISSIONERS PLAN ABC STORE VOTE FOLLOW ELECTION FOR TOWN OFFICIALS

### Woman's Club Meeting Scheduled For Tuesday At Agricultural Bldg.

The Hertford Woman's Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Perquimans County Agricultural Building on Tuesday afternoon, February 11, at 3:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

The change in meeting place of the Club is now necessary inasmuch as the room at the Library is now not large enough to accommodate the large number of ladies attending the meetings. The meeting next Tuesday will be held in the auditorium of the Agricultural Building.

## Two Negro Selected To Be Called Into Service Feb. 27

According to reports issued from State draft headquarters in Raleigh, Perquimans County will be called upon to furnish two Negro draftees to fill the county's quota for the month of February.

J. R. Stokes, chairman of the local draft board, had not received a direct order for men on Wednesday but was expecting one very soon. He stated that the local board as yet does not know the number of men to be called, but it is probable that the figures issued in Raleigh are correct.

The local board is all set for the next call for selectees, having a grand total of 26 men classified in group A-1. Of this number, nine are white men and 17 are Negroes.

The board has also received one more colored volunteer, Milton E. Felton, having signified his readiness to serve his year's training.

Mr. Stokes stated that the local board has, again temporarily, halted the mailing out of questionnaires, but will resume this work as more men are needed.

A total of 355 Negro selectees will be furnished by North Carolina to the quota for the month of February.

## Creswell Noses Out Indians In Clese Tilt Tuesday Night

Still playing improved basketball, but needing a little extra zip, the Perquimans Indians were nosed out of a close game Tuesday night when the highly touted Creswell team handed them the short end of a 29-25 score.

Looking over the score by quarters, the verdict can be read during the first stanza when the Creswell team ran up nine points while the Indians tallied but three. During the remainder of the game it was nip and tuck all the way but the Hertford boys were never able to overcome the lead the larger boys from Creswell gained during the first period.

The score at half time stood 15-10 in favor of the visitors from across the Sound, but during the last half the Indians scored a total of 15 points while holding the visiting team to 14.

It was a well-played game and all the players on both teams did well toward contributing points.

In the preliminary game, the Indian Squaws overpowered the visiting girls' team and won by a score of 14-10. The Perquimans team won easily, regardless of the closeness of the score.

Getting off to an 8-0 lead in the first quarter the Squaws ran that figure up to 10-5 at half time and the outcome of the game was never in doubt.

The visitors became rough during the second half and numerous fouls were called. However, the rough playing on the part of the Creswell girls had a tendency to slow down the Squaws in their point getting and the final count was 14-10.

Gault, Mayes and White did the scoring for Hertford.

## Lions Club Meet

The Hertford Lions Club will hold its regular meeting Friday night at the Hotel Hertford. All members are urged to be present for the meeting.

## Final Action Will Depend On Course Taken By General Assembly

In its regular monthly meeting on Monday the Board of County Commissioners discussed the forthcoming election in regards to the establishing of an ABC store in Perquimans.

Although a motion was not made, nor was the matter definitely adopted, but it was the consensus of the Board that action toward the special election to determine whether or not the people of the county wanted an ABC store would be begun in April so that the election could be held early in July.

This course would mean that the special election would follow immediately, within the legal time limit, of the Town election in May.

The law specifies that a special election of this nature can not be held within sixty days prior to or after a regular election. Final action as pertaining to the Perquimans election, however, hinges on the course that will be taken by the General Assembly, since it has been hinted that a State-wide referendum will be called for. If this is voted by the legislature, a local election will not be necessary.

It was decided by the Board that the body will sit starting March 1st, and work out the revaluation of property as required by law. After the completion of this work and notification has been made to all persons whose property valuation has been changed, the Board will on March 17 sit as a Board of Equalization and make any adjustments deemed fair.

Representative J. T. Benton, who has been confined to his home for several days and unable to attend to his duties in the legislature, was a visitor to the Board meeting and informed the Board that he will gladly carry out any instructions that the Board might give him. Mr. Benton returned to Raleigh Monday to resume his work in the legislature as Perquimans' representative.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Benton his opinion on the question of the State-wide liquor referendum bill and Mr. Benton told them that he thought the bill would pass the House satisfactorily, but that he did not believe that the bill would pass the Senate.

The bill presented in the legislature by Mr. Benton, asking that delinquent taxes in Perquimans County be allocated to the general fund has been passed by the Lower House and it is now before the State Finance Committee.

Mrs. Eva Avent of Elizabeth City, appeared before the Commissioners on behalf of the PWA, asking that the Commissioners cooperate in the lunch room project. The Board granted \$30 to be used toward the garden project conducted by the PWA, and which furnishes vegetables to the lunch room.

L. W. Anderson, county farm agent, appeared before the Board and stated that due to the Selective Draft calling up five men used in the Bangs' disease eradication work by the State that the program will be delayed in this county for a short time.

Further announcement regarding this program will be issued as soon as the program is ready to get under way.

## Hertford Rotary Club Receives Letter Of Thanks From England

The Hertford Rotary Club this week received a letter of thanks from the Rotary Club of Hertford, England, in answer to a Christmas Greeting sent to the English club with a cash contribution.

An excerpt from the letter reads: "All members of my club appreciate the thought of your club in sending help. Before this grim job is over there will be plenty of cases which will need our help, so you may rest assured that your effort on our behalf will not be in vain."

The letter was mailed from Hertford, England, on January 15, and bore an air mail stamp. It also bore the seal of the censor who inspected the letter before it was closed.

Weekly meetings of Rotary clubs are still being held throughout England in spite of the war.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dail, Hertford, Route Two, announce the birth of a son, Clarence Lee, on January 31st. Mother and baby are doing nicely.