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## LITTLE INTEREST BEING DISPLAYED IN COMING ELECTION TOWN OFFICIALS

### Check Reveals That Candidates Have Not Filed With Town Clerk

With approximately a month remaining before the election of Town officials little interest is being displayed by the public in the coming election.

A check at the Town Office on Wednesday reveals that up to that time there had not been a candidate filed for the office of Mayor or Town Commissioner.

This is indeed a complete change from the election of two years ago when candidates started their drive for the offices almost a month before the primary, and the topic was one of much discussion up and down the main streets of the town.

However, it is highly probable that "things will soon be active" as candidates have only three more weeks in which to file for office. Mayor V. N. Darden has semi-officially announced his candidacy for re-election to the office of Mayor; as has Town Commissioners Z. A. Harris, W. H. Hardeste and Mark Gregory. Whether these officers are to have any competition remains to be seen.

A. W. Hefren, Town Commissioner for the past twenty years, states that he will not be a candidate during the coming election. This decision on the part of Mr. Hefren will leave at least one vacancy to be filled by the primary.

The Town Board designated in its meeting of February that April 17 will be the last day for filing of candidates. The primary will be held on April 28, and the election of the officials is scheduled for May 6. A filing fee of \$5 must be paid to the Town Clerk at the time of filing.

## Senior Class Play Rounds Into Form With Rehearsals

### Cast of Fourteen Will Present Play on Night of April 3

Nightly rehearsals on the part of the members of the cast of the Senior Class play are rapidly rounding the boys and girls into the characters which they will portray at the presentation of the play Thursday night, April 3rd.

The Senior Class play, a rollicking comedy, "Tomboy," was written by Boyce Loving and is crammed full of good wholesome fun that old, young and middle-aged will enjoy. The characters range in ages from youngsters in their 'teens to elderly folks.

The play will be given at Perquimans County High School auditorium. The cast includes Billy Blanchard, Wally Mayes, Jean Newbold, Pat Edwards, Evelyn White, Clarke Stokes, D. J. White, Frank Dillard, Mildred Copeland, Eleanor Eure, Edward Wilder, Fannie Lee Turner, Anne Tucker and Pauline White.

The Senior Class play is presented annually by the members of the Senior Class of the High School as a part of the graduation exercises and it is looked forward to each year by the adults of the community with great interest. This year's production promises loads of fun for both the players and the audience.

## Elected President Duke Student Body

Lawrence E. Blanchard, Jr., of Raleigh, who is a student at Duke University, Durham, has just been elected to the Presidency of the student body of that school. In addition to this outstanding honor Mr. Blanchard was also chosen president of the Junior Class and the Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Young Blanchard is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blanchard, of Hertford.

## Union Services At Baptist Church Start Sunday

The Methodist and Baptist Churches of Hertford will hold the first of a series of Union Services at the Baptist Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. R. F. Munns will preach. It is hoped a large number will be present to join in this worship service.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

## Educated Dogs To Perform At School Friday, March 28

The United States Society of Zoology's troupe of high school educated dogs will be presented at the Central Grammar School, in Winfall, Friday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock. The dogs will perform bareback riding, rope walking, tumbling and hoop jumping acts.

There will also be a showing of actual training methods, teaching how to train dogs to sit up, stand up, jump and various other tricks.

A special feature will be "Wise Boy," the ladder climbing dog.

## Third Quarter Honor Roll Announced For Central School

Principal Rupert Ainsley announced on Wednesday the list of boys and girls making the honor roll at Perquimans Central Grammar School for the third quarter of this school year.

The honor students for this quarter are:

First Grade—Barbara Ann Benton, Robert Morris Winslow, Walter Humphlett, Jr., Amy Van Roach, Marvina White, Julian Onley, Billy Benton, Marjorie Whedbee, Beverly Hope Bright, Ben Miller, Nellie Cartwright, Gertrude Elliott, Kathleen Hurdle, Margaret Symons, Mary Vernon Ward, Eugene Boyce, Linwood Lamb, Rufus Turner and Lawrence Winslow.

Second Grade—George Eure, Burwell Winslow, Mary Sue Cook, Hattie Elliott, Sarah Ferrell, Carolyn Dean Harrell, Patsy Hurdle, Eula Chalk, Douglas Coffield, Durwood Lane Melvin Lamb, Horace Miller, Ann Bray and Sally White.

Third Grade—Rosa Lowe, Dorothy Miller, Wilma Russell, Lindsey Earl Barber, Velma Ann Carver, Earl Dail, Norwood Elliott, Mary Frances Fowler, Abe Godfrey, Clara Hunter, Minnie Lee Hollowell, Carolyn Hurdle, Alice B. Lane, Ruby Lane, Earl Rogerson, Paul Smith, Faray Simons and Harry Lee Winslow.

Fourth Grade—Ann Onley, Ann Hollowell, William Sawyer, Preston Lane, Lelia Lee Winslow, Timothy Clair Perry, Clarkson White, Marietta Joliff, Doland Winslow, Pearl Hunter and Marie Rountree.

Fifth Grade—Anna Faye Copeland, Earl Simpson, James Dail, Doris Wilder, Calvin Bright, Peggy Cook, Leon Lane, Eugene Hurdle, Hillary Scaff and H. B. Miller.

Sixth Grade—Oneida Caddy, Mary Leland Winslow, Mary Lina Raper, Faye Winslow, Emmett Elmore, Kader Franklin White, Sybil Monds, Dotmegan Lane, Alleene Yeates and Phillip Harwood.

Seventh Grade—Pauline Smith, Esther Winslow, Marjorie Rebecca White, Horace Baker, Jr., Leona Lane, Dorothy Faye White, Frances Ann Cooke, Marjorie Frances White, Oliver Cartwright, Joan Ann Winslow, Daisy Chappell and Norma Winslow.

## County Farm Agent Gives Explanation Of 1941 Farm Plan

L. W. Anderson, Perquimans county agent, concluded this week a series of meetings held in New Hope, Belvidere and Hertford during which he explained the 1941 Farm Program and the new Cotton Stamp Plan to farmers of this county.

Special emphasis was given to the Stamp Plan whereby cotton growers cooperate with the government in reduction of cotton acreage and in turn receive Cotton Stamps which may be "cashed" in at retail stores in exchange for cotton goods merchandise.

A large number of farmers was present at each of the meetings.

## Judge Henry Stevens To Preside At April Term Superior Court

Judge Henry L. Stevens, of Warsaw, will preside at the April term of Perquimans Superior Court when it opens here on April 14.

The court docket is rapidly filling with criminal cases and it is indicated that a lengthy court session will be held here before all the cases are finally disposed of. At the present time the docket has 15 criminal cases to be heard and 18 civil cases pending.

## Red Cross Sewing Project Gets Under Way Next Week

### Chairman Announces Materials For Clothing Received

Materials for the sewing project being sponsored by the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross have been received by S. M. Whedbee, chairman, and he announced this week that several ladies of the Hertford community including Mrs. C. P. Morris, Mrs. Charles Whedbee, Mrs. J. S. Vick, Mrs. Guy Newby and Mrs. Louis Nachman will begin, possibly by next week, to cut out the garments to be made out of the materials.

After the cuttings have been made the garments will be turned over to volunteers who will make them for the Red Cross. On completion, the garments will be sent to Red Cross Headquarters for distribution among the refugees.

Mr. Whedbee requests that anyone interested in sewing for the project get in touch with either he or Mrs. Morris and that articles needed in the project, such as thread, etc., will be furnished the volunteers.

The local Red Cross Chapter has ordered material enough to make 28 dresses, 25 sweaters, 17 operating robes, and 12 hospital bed shirts. The material for the dresses has arrived and the chairman is expecting the balance of the goods to arrive any day.

The goods for the making of the garments is being sent to the local chapter by National Headquarters of the Red Cross, and the local chapter is to furnish the necessary workers to finish the garments.

People interested in assisting in this work can volunteer their services immediately as the chairman expects to start the project as soon as the garments have been cut according to patterns.

## Welfare Department Announces Openings In CCC Camps

Four Perquimans County youths, two white and two Negroes, will be chosen to fill vacancies in CCC camps, according to Mrs. Lucius Blanchard, Jr., county welfare supervisor.

Enrollment of the youths in the CCC will take place around the first of April, and all applications from this county should be made at the local welfare offices in the Court-house.

Youths interested in this project are asked to contact Mrs. Blanchard for an application blank before April first.

The four youths chosen from the applications will be taken to Washington, N. C., and enrolled into CCC along with other youths from this section of the State.

## Bingo Party

The Home Demonstration Club of Durants Neck will sponsor a Bingo Party at the New Hope Community House on Friday night, March 28, at 7:30 o'clock.

Refreshments will be served and the proceeds will go to the Home Demonstration Club.

## COUNTY AGENT TO CONDUCT FARM TOUR IN PERQUIMANS THURSDAY, APRIL 3

Announcement was made this week by County Agent, L. W. Anderson, that arrangements have been made for a Farm Tour to be conducted in Perquimans on Thursday, April 3. The tour will start from the Agricultural Building in Hertford about 9 o'clock and will last approximately three hours.

All farmers interested in the growing of winter cover crops, such as Winter Austrian Peas, Barley, Wheat and Oats, are urged to attend this tour as these crops will be given special attention on the tour of the farms.

The tour will include inspection of these crops as grown on farms in the Woodville Community, as well as the farm at the State Prison, located near Woodville.

J. C. Broome, District AAA office and David T. House, member of the State AAA committee, will be on the tour and give talks pertaining to these winter cover crops.

Present indications are that a large number of Perquimans farmers will join the tour, but Mr. Anderson urges that as many growers of winter cover crops attend as possible.

## Welfare Supervisor To Direct Sale Of Easter Seals Here

### Mrs. Lucius Blanchard Again Named to Head Annual Drive to Aid Crippled Children

Mrs. Lucius Blanchard, Jr., Perquimans County Welfare Supervisor, will again head the annual sale of Easter Seals in this county. She announced today that the sale of the seals will get under way by the latter part of next week.

In all probabilities County School Superintendent F. T. Johnson will enlist the school children to handle the smaller sales of the seals and Mrs. Blanchard will handle the larger sales from her office in the Court-house.

Half of the proceeds received from the sale of the Easter Seals are retained in Perquimans County for local chapter work and the other half is forwarded to the State Society. Mrs. Blanchard stated that the amounts raised locally in past years have been put to splendid use, buying braces for crippled children and providing hospitalization.

A recent federal report says North Carolina has 62,000 physically maimed residents. Of these 17,000 are listed on the Social Security records at Raleigh, showing that many belong to the lower economic levels. There are more than 300,000 crippled children in the country as a whole, and it is estimated that approximately 10,000 of these are in North Carolina.

The dollars spent for Easter Seals provide for transportation of crippled children to and from clinics, hospitals, and schools, purchase of appliances, wheelchairs, artificial limbs, special shoes and the like. They employ skillful people to help, they provide hospitalization, recreation, training in arts and crafts for home-bound children.

Mrs. Blanchard, in announcing the Easter Seal Sale hopes that the people of the County will "share their Easter joy" and aid in this work of giving for the crippled child.

## Parent Teacher Club Installs Curtain At Grammar School

The Hertford Parent-Teacher Association "Curtain Fund" went over the top.

During the month of February the local group took as its project for the month the task of raising sufficient funds to supply a curtain for the stage of the Grammar School building.

The Association raised the necessary funds through popular subscription and the curtain was installed at the school building on Tuesday. A list of the contributors to this fund will be carried in a later issue of The Weekly.

## Hertford Rotary Club Holds Oyster Roast Meeting

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club traveled to Norfolk, Va., Thursday evening and enjoyed an oyster roast at the Pine Tree Inn. This meeting was held in place of the regular weekly meeting at the Hotel Hertford.

## Knife Wielding Must Stop, Says Tucker

"This continued wielding of knives at the least provocation must stop," Judge Granberry Tucker told the Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday as he passed sentence upon J. R. Lee, Negro, found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Tucker sentenced Lee to 90 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a \$10 fine and court costs. A doctor's fee of two dollars is to be paid out of the fine. Lee was also placed on good behavior for a period of two years.

Lee was brought into court on a warrant sworn out by Willie Wright, Negro, who stated on testimony that Lee cut him after they had an argument.

Little time was consumed by court Tuesday as only five cases were tried. Two of these were submitted.

## SELECTIVE DRAFT QUOTA FOR APRIL TO BE LARGEST FILLED BY BOARD TO DATE

### Committee Expresses Appreciation For Bundles Work

Mrs. R. T. Clarke, chairman for the Perquimans Bundles for Britain, this week expressed the committee's appreciation for the public response that the committee had received in this work.

Mrs. Clarke publicly thanks the Boy Scouts for the assistance they have rendered in gathering the Bundles from the various homes throughout the Town.

Another drive for Bundles will be conducted this Saturday and people are requested to place bundles on their porches in order for them to be collected by the Scouts again this week.

## County Welfare Board Must Be Re-named By April 1

Re-appointments to the Perquimans county welfare board will be necessary before the first of April under new legislation enacted by the 1941 General Assembly, although it is possible no change may be made in the present board set-up.

Chairman of the local board now is Dr. T. P. Brinn, and Mrs. R. Tim Brinn and W. F. C. Edwards are the other two members.

One appointment is made by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and one appointment by the Perquimans County Commissioners with the two appointees selecting the third person with whom they will be associated in supervising the local welfare program.

Before this year the Commissioners could not name one of their own number to sit on the welfare board, but the new law makes possible such an appointment if the county governing body so desires. Previously the Commissioners' appointee had to be a person not connected with the board of commissioners in any way.

The appointment this month by the commissioners will be for a term of two years running from the first of April, while the State Board appointee's term will cover three years, and the third member selected by these two will serve for one year. Subsequent appointments will be for terms of two years in the case of each of the three members.

Prior service on a welfare board will not prevent the appointment of a member under the new set-up, but in the future members cannot serve more than three terms or six consecutive years.

Between now and the first of April the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare will meet in Raleigh to make 100 appointments, one for each county board.

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## Livestock Show To Be Staged At Wenona Wednesday, April 2

L. W. Anderson, county agent, today urged all Perquimans County livestock raisers to attend the Special Livestock Day to be held on the Black Land Test Farm at Wenona, N. C., on Wednesday, April 2.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that the program will begin about 11 a. m., and continue through the afternoon. During the morning session talks will be devoted to livestock, while the afternoon program will include inspection of the test farm and talks on the growing of crops.

## Construction Of New Road Started This Week

Work on the construction of a new roadway leading from Hertford to Elizabeth City was started this week by the Brinkley Construction Company of Elizabeth City, who has the State contract for the construction of the bridges and the building of the new road way.

The McGuire Construction Company was given the contract for the building of the road.

The road when completed will cut the Town of Winfall off Highway Number 17, and will shorten the distance between Elizabeth City and Hertford by approximately two miles.

At the present time the workmen on the job are clearing the new roadway through the swamp and wooded area and moving buildings out of the right-of-way.

## Seven White Youths to Be Selected to Leave For Camp on April Eighth

The Perquimans County Draft Board has received a call for seven white men to fill the county's quota for April under the Selective Service Act. This is the largest quota for Perquimans County to date.

In anticipation of larger calls, the local board is continuing to send out questionnaires in large lots, having mailed another 25 forms to registrants on Monday. A total of 369 questionnaires have now been mailed to the young men of this county who come under the Act.

The local board has not yet selected the seven men to fill the April call, but it is likely that these men will be Edgar L. Lane, William Davis, James Russell, Joseph Stallings, Curtis Coffield, Clyde Harris and John Godfrey. The men will leave Hertford on April 8 for Fort Bragg, where they will be inducted into military service for one year.

J. R. Stokes, chairman of the Perquimans Board, announced that the board had received unofficial word that there might be a call for six Negroes for a later date in April, but as yet this notice has not been confirmed.

Six men, two Negroes and four white youths, left Hertford this month to fill the March quota. The colored youths left Hertford for Fort Bragg on March 19, while Milton Lane, Harold Copeland, Noah Hurdle and Louis Chappell, the four white men, left for camp last Monday.

Although much has been written lately in the daily newspapers that changes may be made in the Selective Service Act and the age limit for selectees lowered from the present age-range, the local board has not received any word regarding these proposed changes.

The local board is continuing to make plans for moving its offices to rooms over the Bus Station, but as yet has not received official permission to do so.

## Lions Club Discuss County Eye Clinic At Meeting Last Week

### Industry Tax-Free Bill Rejected In General Assembly

The possibility of an eye clinic for under-privileged children in Perquimans County was discussed at the meeting of the Hertford Lions Club last Friday night. The club, if the clinic is held, will be assisted in the work by the State Blind Commission.

A similar clinic was held in Hertford several years ago, but definite plans for another clinic have not yet been worked out by the local club, and the club Secretary Norman N. Trueblood has been instructed to get the complete details regarding the clinic before the club acts definitely on the matter.

In its work to bring new industries to Hertford the Industrial Committee of the club was notified by Representative J. T. Benton that his attempt to have a bill passed in the 1941 Legislature giving the County Commissioners and the Town Commissioners the right to give free taxes to new industries locating in Hertford was termed unconstitutional by the Attorney General and it was therefore impossible to place the bill before the House. Under these circumstances, there can be little in the way of inducements made to new industry seeking to locate here. However, the committee is still diligently working toward seeing more smokestacks within the town limits.

The club will hold its next regular meeting at Cross Roads on Friday, April 4th. The club will be served by the Woman's Club of that community.

## Dr. Ward Undergoes Operation This Week

Dr. I. A. Ward was admitted to Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, on Tuesday of this week and underwent an operation for hernia on Wednesday. Latest reports are that he is doing nicely.

## MASONS MEET

At Tuesday's meeting of Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., a candidate was initiated.