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## COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET MARCH 19 AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

### Board Votes \$100 to Red Cross; Draws Jury For April Term Court

J. W. Ward, register of deeds and clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, announced this week that the Commissioners will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review, beginning March 19, for the purpose of reviewing any complaints about valuations of property recently listed for taxes, and make adjustments if any are justified.

The Commissioners held their regular March meeting last Monday, during which they voted \$100 to the Perquimans Chapter of the Red Cross for the current Red Cross War Fund drive, and drew the names of 36 men for jury service at the April Term of Superior Court.

A delegation representing Colored residents appeared before the Board and requested assistance in the establishment of a library for the Negroes of Perquimans. The spokesman for the group stated that his committee had made a survey and had discovered the need for such a library and stated that it will be necessary to construct a building to house the project. The Board of Commissioners offered assistance, but requested the group to appear before the body at its next meeting with more concrete plans than were presented Monday.

Two complaints on conditions of roads in the county were registered with the Board and Mr. Ward was authorized to notify the State Highway Department regarding the complaints.

The Board drew the names of the following men to serve as jurors at the April Term of Superior Court, which convenes here on April 16th:

J. B. Basnight, James Stokley, W. C. Barcliff, C. M. Winalow, J. O. White, T. D. White, J. H. Corprew, Jr., Wallace Bright, Wayland Howell, F. R. Chappell, J. C. Baccus, Jarvis Ward, Lawrence Towe, Odell Baccus, Jesse Morgan, Warren Spivey, I. A. White, J. H. Rowe, Melvin Newbold, J. R. Aakew, S. A. Owens, Roger Morris, T. E. Bader, John R. Hendren, Matt Mathews, Ralph P. White, Willard Hurdle, W. E. Russell, Z. A. Harris, Harry Thatch, W. W. Hendricks, Bertie Smith, W. T. Trueblood, Ralph Proctor, James C. Winslow and John R. Baker.

## J. G. Campen Killed In Auto Accident Monday Afternoon

Residents of Edenton and throughout this section were shocked early Monday afternoon to learn that Joseph Greene Campen was almost instantly killed in an automobile wreck about 1 1/2 miles west of Nashville, only a few hours after he left Edenton for Raleigh. At the same time Mrs. Campen, Mrs. H. B. Jones and a granddaughter, Ida Kay Jordan, were also badly injured.

The accident occurred when the party encountered a downpour of rain which more or less blinded Mr. Campen who was driving. He was traveling only about 20 miles an hour, but suddenly realized that he was off the highway on the left side. As he endeavored to cut over to the right side of the road, the car began skidding on the slippery dirt and toppled down a high embankment. Death was caused by internal injuries when Mr. Campen's chest was jammed against the steering wheel. The body was brought to Edenton Monday night.

Mr. Campen was 67 years old, being born in Beaufort County and reared in Washington. As a young man he went to Hertford, where he was engaged in the lumber business and while there married Mrs. Campen, the former Miss Ida Ward. He then went to Kinston to continue his work in the lumber business and later he entered the jewelry business. Twenty-four years ago he moved to Edenton, where he has successfully operated Campen's Jewellers.

Aside from his wife, deceased in survived by one daughter, Mrs. Skinner Jordan of Elizabeth City, three sons, Joseph Campen of Jacksonville, Fla., and H. Allison and Sidney S. Campen of Edenton. His mother, Mrs. Jesse Campen, of Hertford, also survives, as well as a sister, Mrs. Harry Clark of Washington, D. C., and six brothers, Howard and Charlie Campen of Wilmington, N. C., Callie Campen of Richmond, Va., Jesse Campen of Norfolk, Va., Don Campen of Portsmouth, Va., and James Campen of Hertford.

## J. S. McNider Named Solicitor Of Court

J. S. McNider was named by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday to serve as solicitor of the Perquimans Recorder's Court to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of C. R. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes resigned the position, following his acceptance of the position as District Rental Agent for the OPA, but has been serving as the solicitor, pending action by the Commissioners.

Mr. McNider, a former judge of the court, accepted the appointment early this week and will begin his duties at the next term of the Recorder's Court.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Troops of the U. S. Ninth Army captured Cologne, fourth largest German city, Tuesday, following heavy fighting in the break through to the Rhine. After driving the Nazis back to the river, only token resistance was offered for the city which fell, in what some commentators state termed surprisingly easy. A report stated that a huge bridge at Cologne is still available for foot passage over the Rhine River, but this is not confirmed. The Germans mostly retreated back to the eastern side of the river and now that the news of the push by General Patton's Third Army to the river is confirmed, practically all of the German territory west of the Rhine is in Allied hands.

Patton's Third Army opened its drive early Monday and, in a news blackout, rushed forward 25 miles in 30 hours, capturing several towns and more than 1,500 prisoners, including a German general and his staff. At other points along the front, Canadian and British forces are mopping up positions north of Cologne, and the American Seventh Army is driving ahead at the southern part of the front. Prime Minister Churchill, after a trip to the front, stated that one more big push from the Allies on both the Eastern and Western fronts will end the war in Europe.

Reports state that the Russians are massing their forces for a drive on the city of Stettin, after having split the German forces in the Baltic area into three divisions. This action wiped out any possibility of a German attack on the Russian flank facing Berlin. Reports from Berlin say that the Reds have completed regrouping of troops on the Berlin front and an attack on the Nazi capital may be expected.

Fierce fighting continues on the Island of Iwo Jima, where the remaining Jap soldiers are fighting like caged animals. The three U. S. Marine divisions have gained territory in the heavy fighting, but at heavy loss. The American forces opened a new drive to knock out the remaining Japs, using heavy artillery and bombing to rout the Japs from hiding places.

Despite his own statement that he preferred his present office as Comptroller General, some Washington sources believe that Lindsay Warren will be named as Judge of the U. S. Court for the First District, to succeed Judge Meekins. Several candidates have been put forward for the nomination, but the consensus of opinion is that Mr. Warren can have the post if he will accept the appointment.

The question of who would be given the task of heading up the largest lending agency in the U. S. was answered this week when President Roosevelt appointed Fred Vinson to the post as Federal Loan Administrator. This post was formerly under the supervision of the Secretary of Commerce, but was separated from the Commerce Department prior to the appointment of Henry Wallace as secretary.

## NEW HOPE W. S. C. S. MET THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the New Hope Methodist Church met on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church, with a goodly number of the members present.

## Red Cross War Fund Drive Moving Along At Gratifying Rate

### Incomplete Returns Show Response to Appeal Is Good

Perquimans' Red Cross War Fund drive, which opened March 1 is moving along at a gratifying rate, it was announced today by Mrs. R. S. Monds, Jr., chairman of the 1945 campaign.

Reports received early this week, mostly from solicitors working house-to-house in Hertford, as well as business establishments, were too incomplete for a record of the amount already collected, but several contributions from business concerns as well as individuals show the response to the appeal for funds this year is good, and the officials of the Perquimans Red Cross Chapter are hopeful that the county quota of \$5,200 will be met by March 15, the day announced as the closing date of the drive.

Solicitors named to conduct the canvass throughout the rural areas of the county, under the direction of Miss Frances Maness, co-chairman, are again urged to complete the canvass of their territories as rapidly as possible and make reports to Miss Maness. The inclement weather at the beginning of the week no doubt held back the task somewhat, but the drive leaders urge that the job be finished as soon as possible.

Perquimans County has always met, and in the majority of cases, over-subscribed every quota given the county in all the various drives, and the importance of carrying on the Red Cross work, both at home and abroad, during this war makes each person responsible to see this campaign does not fail.

The \$5,200 quota of Perquimans this year is about the same as it was last year and it is believed that if each contributor will make every effort to increase his or her donation in proportion to the amount given for peace time quotas this county will soon be able to announce the Red Cross War Fund has been raised.

A report on the amount collected will be published as soon as reports from all districts are made to the chapter officials.

## Navy Personnel And Town Officials Meet For Utility Confab

Residents of the Hertford Housing Project and representatives of the Town of Hertford held a mass meeting in the Court House on Monday night for the purpose of ironing out a number of complaints which have been registered regarding so-called high utility rates paid by the residents occupying the houses.

The Navy personnel registered complaints on the variation of the bills from month to month and reported on checks Navy electricians had made on the power lines serving the unit. Mayor V. N. Darden, Clerk W. G. Newby and F. T. Britt replied for the town on questions directed by the residents, and regarding the type of equipment, utility rates, and possible variation of service.

A request that the residents of the houses be granted a special rate for utilities was voted by the town officials.

Aside from some explanation regarding the type of electrical equipment in use in the houses, little was accomplished during the two-hour meeting, except that local officials agreed to check transformers used for the project for possible leaks in power. It was the consensus of opinion of most that the high utility rate being paid by the residents of the housing project was caused by the use of a hot water heater, which some of the speakers thought might be defective.

Rates for the houses are somewhat higher than those paid by other residents of Hertford, but each house in the project is equipped with more electrical appliances than used in the majority of homes in town.

## Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans County Recorder's Court was in recess this week and all cases on the local docket were continued over until the next term of court on March 13. Both Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt and Patrolman Charles Payne, chief witness in most of the cases, were out of town on Tuesday.

## Indians Meet South Mills In Opening Round Tournament

### Local Squads Favored To Capture Honors In Basketball Meet

Perquimans' Indian Squaws won their way into the semi-final round of the Albemarle rural basketball tournament, to be played Friday night, by overwhelming the South Mills girls 30 to 6 in the opening round of tourney play on Wednesday night.

The local girls, in defeating South Mills, displayed an excellent brand of floor work, passing and shooting, and from the opening minutes the outcome was never in doubt. The Squaws gained a quick lead and continued to pile up their points, while holding South Mills scoreless.

The Squaws were ahead 17 to 0 at half time, and counted six more points in the third quarter, while South Mills made 3. In the final canto the Squaws tallied seven points and South Mills hit for three. The final score was Perquimans 30, South Mills 6.

Perquimans High School's basketball teams, champions of the Albemarle Rural Conference, face the task of defending those honors in the Albemarle tournament being held this week-end in the Central High School gym, near Elizabeth City.

The Indians and Indian Squaws drew the hard route in the schedule set for the tourney last week. Both teams meet the South Mills' teams in their opening round. If the Perquimans girls win the opener played Wednesday night they will play the winner of the Weeksville-Poplar Branch game, and the winner of this game will, no doubt, play the Central girls in the final round for tourney honors.

According to the dope, which is sometimes easily upset, the Indians should win from the South Mills boys and then will play the winner of the Moyock-Poplar Branch game in the semi-finals. Central appears to be the favorite in the lower bracket and, no doubt, will play the winner of the top bracket semi-finals for the tourney championship.

The Indians play the South Mills boys at 8 o'clock Thursday night. South Mills, while holding a poor record in the conference race just closed, is a well-developed team and has a strong offensive that must be stopped before the team is beaten.

## Miss Marian Morrow Weds Charles Payne; Ceremony At Tarboro

A wedding of wide interest to their many friends in this community took place Tuesday afternoon at Tarboro when Miss Marian Morrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morrow, of Tarboro, became the bride of Charles Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Payne, of Lake Landing, N. C.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Robert S. Hough, pastor of the Howard Memorial Presbyterian Church, at five o'clock at the church, which was beautifully decorated with evergreen and gladioli.

Miss Morrow, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a grey suit with black accessories and carried a showered prayer book.

Miss Kathryn Morrow, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a platinum suit with matching accessories and carried a nosegay of mixed spring flowers.

Clyde Fentress of Elizabeth City was best man. Mrs. Payne was formerly employed in Hertford with the Farm Service Administration and is now employed at Elizabeth City by the U. S. Employment Service.

Mr. Payne is a resident of Hertford and a member of the State Highway Patrol. After a short wedding trip the couple will make their home in Hertford.

Following the ceremony the parents of the bride entertained at a reception for the bridal party and out-of-town guests, which included the following local persons: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pitt, Mrs. W. H. Oakey, Mrs. H. C. Sullivan and Miss Frances Maness.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Hoffer of Brooklyn, N. Y. announce the birth of a daughter, Diana Jacqueline, born Feb. 16th in Brooklyn. Mr. Hoffer is the son of Mrs. W. E. Hoffer who is stationed somewhere in the Philippines with the U. S. N. E.

## NEW DIRECTIVES RECEIVED BY BOARD TO EFFECT FUTURE DRAFT CALLS HERE

### Large Number Men To Be Called Mar. 28

Perquimans County's draft board has been ordered to call up 25 white men for induction on March 28, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, who stated that the call was received here on Tuesday.

This call is the largest received here for several months and follows the placing of a large number of registrants in 1-A, who previously had been given their pre-induction examinations and later deferred for occupational duties.

The registrants who will fill this call have not been selected as yet by the local board, but names will be made public at a later date, when orders to report are mailed out.

## Pitts-Fields Vows Spoken At Methodist Church Tuesday P.M.

Miss Maude Jeanette Fields, daughter of Mrs. George Ervin Fields, and Guy Wesley Pitts, Jr., Lieutenant (jg) USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pitts of Jonesboro, Arkansas, were united in marriage on Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Hertford Methodist Church. The pastor, the Rev. B. C. Reavis, performed the double ring service. The church was decorated with palms, ferns and white gladioli.

Miss Kate Blanchard, organist, rendered a program of nuptial music with the traditional wedding marches being used. Miss Frances White, soloist, sang "O Perfect Love" and "I Love You Truly."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Edgar M. Fields, wore a wedding gown of ivory slipper satin, fashioned with a yoke of sheer marquisette applied in seed pearls and silk braiding, long sleeves tapered to points over the hands, basque bodice buttoned down the back, with the fullness of the skirt forming a round train. Her finger-tip veil of imported illusion fell from a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white rosebuds, centered with a white orchid.

Mrs. Vincent F. Hill, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a gown of aqua taffeta and net, made with sweetheart neckline, bracelet length sleeves, scalloped basque, bodice of taffeta and bouffant net skirt with taffeta applique. She wore a heart-shaped headdress of aqua illusion, caught with matching streamers, and carried an arm bouquet of mixed Spring flowers.

Mrs. Morgan V. Walker, also a sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a gown of orchid taffeta and net, made like that of the matron of honor. She also wore a heart-shaped headdress of orchid illusion, tied with matching streamers in the back. Her flowers were an arm bouquet of mixed Spring flowers. Jack Symons, cousin of the bride, lighted the candles.

Edgar Fields, Jr., nephew of the bride, was ring bearer. He was dressed in a Naval officer's uniform, similar to the groom's.

The best man was Lieut. (jg) A. D. Carlyle, of Banana River, Fla. Ushers were Lieut. R. V. Thursby, Lieut. Louis P. Orr, Warrant Officer R. T. Powell and Lieut. Bennie Smith. Mrs. B. C. Reavis was mistress of ceremony.

The bride's mother wore a dress of navy blue crepe, applied in white with matching accessories. Her corsage was of pink roses.

Immediately following the ceremony, the bride's mother entertained (Continued on Page Five)

## Talk On Indian Lore At Piney Woods Sunday

Mrs. A. R. Cook, who lived among tribes of Western Indians for a number of years, will speak on Indian Lore at the Piney Woods Church on Sunday morning, it was announced today. Mrs. Cook will speak, following a program to be presented by a number of young ladies of the church on "How the Indians Went West." The program will follow immediately after the close of Sunday School at 11:30 o'clock.

The pastor, the Rev. H. H. Millikin, will offer a special message at the usual hour of worship and the public is cordially invited to attend.

## Large Number Young Farmers Placed In 1-A By Board

Directives received during the past week by the Perquimans County Selective Service Board will no doubt have effect on all future draft calls received here. According to the directives, the local Board has been told to review the classification of all registrants aged 18 through 37 and to be lenient in deferring farmers 26 through 29 and older, but unless in cases of extreme hard-ship, registrants 18 to 26 engaged in farming should not be deferred. In a meeting last week the Perquimans Board, as a result of these directives, placed a large number of young farmers in class 1-A, who were previously deferred because of occupation.

Another new procedure will be set up for a new age-group, among other things, as well as tightening the granting of deferrals for all men between the ages of 18 and 29. Men in this group, in order to be deferrable, must have a new Form 42-A Special Revised certified by a government reviewing board which has jurisdiction over the industry in which the registrant is employed.

The new age-group includes men 30 to 33, inclusive, and they will be subject to approximately the same regulations that formerly applied to the 26 to 29 group. Those from 33 to 38 are deferrable if they are engaged in an essential industry.

Another new procedure the local board announces is the policy of granting appointments for hearings before the local board. Heretofore, registrants or their employers have just appeared at the local office on nights the board met, but in order to gain a hearing from now on a registrant, personally, must apply at the draft office for an appointment for such a hearing, and he will be notified of the date when the board will hear his appeal. This procedure is expected to save work for the benefit of both the board and the registrants in saving time at board meetings.

The board has also been notified to be very strict in deferring men aged 26 through 29, unless engaged in farming or other essential jobs. These directives were explained to members of the local board by a representative of State Headquarters, at a meeting held last Friday afternoon.

## USO Volunteer Class Meeting Held In Edenton Wednesday

The third of a series of USO Volunteer courses, being conducted by the Hertford and Edenton USO Clubs, was held at the High School building in Edenton on Wednesday night, under the direction of Kenneth Dale, of the regional USO office. A large number of volunteers at the Hertford club attended.

Mr. Dale's topic was USO and the Role it is Playing Today. Following the discussion, certificates of merit were awarded volunteers who had served as many as 100 hours and pins were awarded those having served 200 hours.

The following local volunteers will receive certificates for 100 hours of service: Doris Byrum, Ramona Divers, Ruth Elliott, Marjorie Forehand, Inez Hampton, Myra Layden, Lillian Rae Perry, Pauline Reavis, Lucy Spivey, Mary Jane Spruill, Frances White, Barbara Winslow and Nancy Zachary.

Those receiving pins are Margaret Divers, Buena Mae Godwin, Sybil Skinner and Ruth Tucker.

The last meeting of the series will be held in Edenton on next Wednesday night at 8:15 o'clock, at which time a forum, led by one of the leaders of YMCA-USO, will be conducted.

The program at the local USO for the coming week includes another Cabaret night club party, which proved to be so successful during February for Friday night. The party tonight includes soft music, excellent refreshments and dancing, and all service personnel are invited.

A community sing, led by Mrs. R. M. Riddick at the piano, will be held on Saturday night, and Sunday will be observed with open house.

A candy pull is scheduled for Monday night and on Tuesday hobbies will be the subject for the evening. Informal games for all service men is scheduled for Wednesday and movies on next Thursday.