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Perquimans Basketball Teams To Play In Conference Tourney Next Wednesday

Tourney Officials In Meeting This Week Plan Annual Event

By virtue of their play during the past season, both the girls and boys basketball teams of Perquimans High School won places in the annual rural conference tourney to be played at Central High School beginning next Wednesday night. The Indian Squaws, by finishing in a tie for first place during the season, won a seeded berth in the tournament.

Plans for the tournament were completed Wednesday night when officials of the Conference met to draw a schedule for the eliminations. Teams entered in the meet this year are Perquimans, Central, Manteo, Poplar Branch, Columbia, Gatesville, Moyock and Weeksville girls; Perquimans, Central, Columbia, South Mills, Weeksville, Gatesville, Poplar Branch and Moyock boys.

The tournament this year is expected to be one of the best ever held by the Rural Conference, as many of the teams are about of equal strength and hard fought games are expected from the opening night on throughout the meet.

In the girls' division Perquimans, Central and Manteo finished in a tie for first place during the season and the conference officials decided at the meeting Wednesday the conference cup will be awarded the team advancing the farthest during the tournament.

The tournament will get under way Wednesday night with four games being played, two boys' games and two girls' games. Four games are also on tap for Thursday and Friday nights and the championship games will be played Saturday night.

Having finished their season Tuesday night, the Perquimans teams are now practicing daily for the tough tournament schedule ahead and are expected to make a fine showing in the elimination. The Squaws are pre-tourney favorites, with Central and Manteo and the Perquimans boys are looked on as possible dark horses to upset favorite in the boys' division.

State Tax Official In Hertford March 7-8

R. F. Tuttle, deputy collector of North Carolina Revenue, will be in Hertford on March 7, 8, 10 and 11 for the purpose of assisting local residents in filing State income tax forms and intangible tax returns, he announced today.

The deputy collector may be located in the office of the Hertford Police Department, above the town clerk's office, on the days quoted above.

Future Of Chowan College In Balance

In joint assembly in Edenton on March 18 the people of the Chowan and West Chowan Baptist Associations will face the responsibility of deciding on two major questions to determine the future of Chowan College at Murfreesboro. The century old institution is romantically cherished in the hearts of alumni and friends as a guiding light that has blessed the section's motherhood with greater religious and educational light.

Re-opening plans approved by the West Chowan Association in 1944, and favored by the Chowan Association in 1945, came upon unforeseen obstacles because of the unsettled Wake Forest question during 1946. Many people have become disturbed because of the unsettled fate for Chowan College. In the present veil of uncertainty, many benevolent citizens have volunteered their pledge of full support for re-opening of the institution at the earliest moment.

The Rev. Lennie Sasser, director of the Chowan College Re-opening Campaign, says he finds sufficient interest among the people of the two associations to carry forward plans for re-establishing the school to a creditable status as an educational institution.

"There has never been a greater need for colleges in North Carolina," says Mr. Sasser. "Even if the Wake Forest Junior College is established, Chowan re-opened, and other junior colleges continued, the need will not be filled for years to come in North Carolina's expanding demand for higher education."

The two questions to be decided by the associations at the March meeting in Edenton will be:

1—Do the Associations wish to carry on the campaign to re-open Chowan College?

2—If the decision is against opening the College, then what shall be done with the property?

Laymen are requested to think clearly over the matter and be present at the meeting to align their support behind a decision for the betterment of this section of the State.

Norfolk Baseball Club To Arrive For Training March 21

Members of the Norfolk Tars baseball club, farm team of the New York Yankees, will start arriving in Hertford on March 21 to prepare for spring training. H. P. Dawson, business manager of the club, told a reporter of this newspaper last Friday.

Mr. Dawson was in Hertford checking on arrangements concerning the training program for the club and he stated between 35 and 40 players will participate in the training here. Three farms of the Yankees club, Binghamton, Denver and Norfolk, will train here and at Edenton. The entire Binghamton team and most of the Denver club will train at Edenton.

Tentative arrangements are being made now for the Tars to play a college team in Hertford in an exhibition game the latter part of March. However, most of the pre-season games for the Tars will be played on the team's diamond in Norfolk.

Weekly Editors To Meet In Hertford

The Northeastern North Carolina Weekly Press Association, composed of weekly newspapers of the northeast corner of the State, will hold a meeting at the Hotel Hertford Friday night.

Approximately 25 representatives of weekly papers from this section of the State are expected to be present. W. C. Manning of Williamston is president of the group.

Lunchroom Program Facing Crisis As Funds Are Depleted

Additional Charge to Be Made to Pupils Beginning March 1

North Carolina's school lunchroom program is facing a critical situation at this time due to an increased participation and an insufficient amount of Federal funds to carry on the program as usual, it was pointed out to Superintendent F. T. Johnson by Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent in a letter received here this week.

Mr. Erwin stated that presently the program is caring for more children than planned last fall. About 289,520 pupils are eating lunches each day at schools throughout the State and the amount allotted by the Federal Government is fast being used up to provide the low cost meals.

The State Superintendent stated, "Because of the inadequate Federal funds available and the faint hope of getting any additional appropriation, we are asking the schools to assume the responsibility of making up the deficit caused by the exhaustion of Federal funds for reimbursement in order to operate the remainder of the school year for the benefit of the children of our State."

It is suggested that each school increase the charge per pupil meal 5 to 10 cents, effective March 1 in order to make up the deficit. Reduction of free meals to a minimum is also recommended, as is a careful check of the operating costs of each lunchroom.

Mr. Erwin added that the North Carolina lunchroom program must be kept in operation, since the welfare of the children is at stake. To curtail the program at this time would be a definite step backward for the State.

In connection with the program in this county, Mr. Johnson said that the plan to be followed and any change in the price of meals will be announced at each of the schools operating lunchrooms.

Niece Of Local Man Asphyxiated In Fla.

Mrs. Allen Ellington, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. I. Chappell, of St. Louis, Mo., and niece of N. E. Chappell of Hertford, and her nine-year-old son, Billy, were asphyxiated in their home in Tampa, Florida, on February 18, according to word received here this week.

Tampa authorities said Mrs. Ellington and her son were overcome by fumes from both a kerosene and gas stove, which were burning to afford warmth against the low temperature. The husband had departed for his place of employment prior to the accident.

The parents of Mrs. Ellington had just returned to St. Louis after spending a month with their daughter when they received the news of the death of the daughter and grandson.

The boy was beyond medical aid when discovered and efforts by doctors and firemen failed to revive the mother.

Funeral services for the victims were conducted at Tampa, Fla., on February 20.

Stallings Rites Held Last Friday Afternoon

Pallie Stallings, 78, died at his home near here last Thursday. A son of the late Pallie and Cynthia Hobbs Stallings, he was a native of Gates County and had lived in Perquimans County several years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Cora Stallings; four daughters, Mrs. Howard Garland and Mrs. N. A. Baker, of Chase City, Va.; Mrs. R. H. Jones of Edenton, and Miss Ida Stallings of Perquimans County; two sons, J. A. and T. J. Stallings of Perquimans County; a sister, Mrs. Celia King of Gates County, and two brothers, J. D. and M. L. Stallings of Gates County.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 4 o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson, pastor of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church. Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery.

GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY

The Rev. Harry F. Bear will be the guest speaker at Whiteville Grove Baptist Church on Sunday, March 2. Services will begin at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the public is cordially invited.

Indians And Squaws Win Victories From Hobbsville Netters

Perquimans Divides Games With Manteo Last Friday

Perquimans High School basketball teams rang down the curtain on the schedule of Rural Conference games Tuesday night by winning victories from the Hobbsville girls and boys. The Squaws won easily 34 to 21, while the Indians had things all their way to chalk up a 40-27 win from the Hobbsville boys.

The games, played at Gatesville, may prove costly to Perquimans, as Mary Ruth Wood, star forward for the local girls, suffered a concussion when she fell upon the concrete playing floor. It is not definitely known if she will be able to play in the conference tournament which starts next Wednesday.

In games played at Manteo last Friday night the Indian Squaws lost a hard fought tussle to the Manteo girls 31-16 and were thus placed in a tie for first place in the conference. The Indians defeated Manteo boys 20 to 18.

At Gatesville Tuesday night the Squaws opened the game by piling up a 12-6 advantage during the first quarter and continued to hit the basket in the second period to gain a 25-12 lead by half time. The Hobbsville girls were no match for the pace-setting Perquimans girls. The reserves played during most of the second half and made a good showing by racking up nine points to the host team's nine. The final score was 34-21.

The Squaws found the going difficult at Manteo and were unable to cope with the fast playing of the Dare County girls. The Manteo team piled up a 14-6 lead during the first period and then made it 22 to 8 at half time. The first half of the game proved costly for the Squaws as both teams played even during the second half, scoring nine points each. The Squaws found themselves during the third period and played ahead of the Manteo sextet but the lead held by Manteo was too great to overcome.

The Perquimans boys closed out the season with a record of nine wins and nine losses, by turning back both Manteo and Hobbsville. The Indians trailed Manteo during the first quarter but forged ahead in the second period and maintained a slight lead throughout the game. However, Manteo tied the count several times during the final period when Perquimans lost points called back by the officials. The final count was 20-18.

At Gatesville the Indians had no difficulty in winning from Hobbsville. They jumped into a 9-4 lead during the first period and increased this to a 20-13 advantage at half time. The entire squad of players saw action in this final game and the scoring was almost equally divided. The score at the third period was 32-22 and during the final canto the Indians racked up eight points to Hobbsville's five. The final score was 40-27.

New Pickle Plant To Operate In Summer

Work on the new \$20,000 pickle plant of the Bloch & Guggenheimer Corporation, located at Winfall, has been completed and the plant will be placed in operation this summer, it was announced today by Fred Winslow, local representative for the company.

The new plant will relieve the bottleneck in one of the county's latest agriculture developments by offering quicker and greater service to farmers engaged in growing of cucumbers.

Bloch & Guggenheimer entered the local cucumber business last year and aided in building up a fast growing market for an extra money crop for Perquimans farmers. The Winfall plant handled a capacity crop last season and Mr. Winslow stated he expected a larger crop to be grown locally this year.

Farm Plans For Soil Building Being Made

Farm plans for earning practice payments are now being drawn at the office of W. E. White, secretary of the ACA, it was announced today.

Farmers of the county desiring to earn certain payments for carrying out any of the practices listed in the handbook outlining soil building goals are requested to call at the ACA office and file a plan form.

No date has been set for the closing of the files, but Mr. White stated this date was expected shortly.

Perquimans County Annual Red Cross Campaign Quota \$650; Drive Opens Sat.

County Agent Urges Greater Cotton Yield

In a letter mailed all cotton producers in Perquimans County this week, I. C. Yagel, assistant Farm Agent, urged cotton growers to gain a greater production this year by using better seed and practicing better control of weevil.

Mr. Yagel pointed out that from all indications a greater yield is justified and he believed the crop could be increased if producers used care in selection of seed and then carried out the practices recommended by the Extension Service.

He stated his office has contacted several certified seed growers and can assist producers to obtain the seed if they will stop in at his office and leave an order. March 10 is the deadline for placing orders.

Legion Perfecting Membership Survey

Legionnaires in this and other counties of the State are now perfecting county organizations as they proceed with plans for what has been termed the largest survey campaign ever undertaken by the North Carolina Department of the American Legion.

Assisted by members of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Forty and Eight, honor society of the Legion, the goal of the State Department of the Legion is 107,149 for this year. The quota was set by the National Department of the Legion and is based on the census that there are 459,330 veterans of World War I and II eligible to join the Legion in the State, according to Paul R. Younts, executive vice commander of the North Carolina Department of the Legion.

Considerable enthusiasm was shown at the recently concluded series of divisional meetings held at Williamston, Clinton, Durham, Salisbury and Asheville and attended by divisional, district and post commanders as well as other Legionnaires, members of the Auxiliary and the Forty and Eight to discuss and perfect plans for the house-to-house canvass to invite all veterans to join the Legion, Younts said.

Emphasis is being put on the current drive to find out how many widows and orphans of veterans of the past two wars who are not receiving the rights and benefits accorded them under the laws passed by Congress for their welfare.

"We are urging everyone engaged in the membership canvass to find out how many of these widows and orphans who are not getting what they are entitled to under the law," Younts informed local Legion officials. "If they are not and if there are reasons why they cannot get them, we will take steps to provide for them out of the \$7,000,000 child welfare fund of the National Department of the American Legion. This is one of the most important projects of the Legion."

Teachers To Get Bonus This Week

The white teachers of Perquimans County will receive the bonus voted by the present session of the General Assembly with their next pay check, which is due Wednesday, County Superintendent of Schools F. T. Johnson stated Monday. Checks to the Negro teachers in the county will go out with their next regular checks also Johnson added.

This supplementary money was authorized by the Legislature after much debate in lieu of pay raises and ranges from \$144 per teacher upward and was voted by the present session to fill the gap between the first of the year and the beginning of the next fiscal year in July, at which time a general monthly increase of from 20 to 30 per cent is expected for teachers in North Carolina schools.

Recorder's Court In Recess; No Cases

Perquimans County Recorder's Court recessed immediately after the opening of court Tuesday morning due to a lack of business. For the first time in months there was not a single case listed by the clerk for a hearing this week.

Local police officials reported the past week-end one of the quietest in months.

Roll Call Chairman Requests Solicitors Re-open March 8

Miss Frances Maness, chairman of the 1947 Red Cross drive for Perquimans County, announced today that the quota for the county in this year's campaign is \$650, and solicitors will begin Saturday to make a house-to-house canvass soliciting membership in the Red Cross.

The quota requested from the county this year is about one-half of the amount requested and raised last year and Miss Maness is of the opinion that the campaign can be completed within two weeks. She is urging all community solicitors to make reports to her by Saturday, March 8, and to complete the canvass not later than March 15.

The small quota assigned the county this year is due to the fact that the treasury of the local chapter is almost sufficient to carry the local budget through the year and through a percentage of the money available will be forwarded to the national office of the Red Cross. As in the past, membership in the Red Cross is gained by making contributions of at least one dollar.

Solicitors who are assisting in the campaign this year were announced today by Miss Maness as follows: Mrs. Reginald Tucker, co-chairman, Mrs. Julian White and Mrs. L. B. Sitterson, Grubb and Covert Garden Streets; Hazel Dail, Edenton Road Street; Miss Helene Nixon and Mrs. C. A. Davenport, Front Street; Mrs. Ray White, Market and Academy Streets; Mrs. Anse White, Dobb Street; Miss Mary Helene Newby, Mrs. Fred Morrill and Miss Mary Alice Cohoon, Church Street; Mrs. Frank McGoogan, Woodland Circle; Mrs. Charlie Elliott and Mrs. Lorenza Chappell, West Hertford; C. P. Morris, A. W. Heffren, W. H. Hardcastle, J. H. Towe, V. N. Darden and S. M. Whedbee, business district.

Belvidera, Mesdames Oliver Winslow, Claude Winslow, Jerome Hurdle, M. D. Lane and Louis Winslow; Hickory Cross, Mrs. F. R. Chappell and Mrs. N. D. Chappell; Ballahack, Mrs. M. M. Elliott, Mrs. Fredland Elliott and Mrs. B. P. Monds; Anderson's, Mrs. Joseph Rogerson; Wynfork, Mrs. Milton Dail; Hopewell, Mrs. M. T. Griffin; Bethel, Mrs. E. T. Phillips and Miss Blanche Goodwin; Burgess, Mrs. Tommy Matthews; Snow Hill, Mrs. W. M. Knight; Bagley Swamp, Miss Minnie Lee Winslow; Winfall, Mrs. A. R. Winslow.

Solicitors are yet unnamed for Chapel Hill, Beech Springs, Parkville, Chapanoke, Woodville, White Hat, Durants Neck, Cumberland, Hurdletown, Newbolds and Old Neck. However, Miss Maness stated these communities will have a solicitor making a canvass by next Monday.

The colored division will be under the direction of E. H. Brown, William Stroud and King A. Williams.

Board Expected To Name New Agent At Meeting Monday

Equalization and Review of Tax Lists Will Start March 17

The naming of a new farm agent for Perquimans County is expected to be considered by the Board of County Commissioners when they meet in regular session next Monday. The Perquimans Weekly learned this week that the State Extension Service will recommend I. C. Yagel to fill the vacancy caused by the death of L. W. Anderson.

Mr. Yagel has been assistant county agent here for the past six months and has proved himself a willing and capable worker in the department. He has been acting county agent for the past two months.

The final decision for filling the vacancy rests with the Board of County Commissioners.

Another important duty facing the Commissioners begins March 17, when they will sit as a Board of Equalization and review the tax listing for 1947. The Board will meet from day to day until all taxpayers have had an opportunity to appear before them for any adjustment being sought in connection with valuation of property listed during January.

CIRCLE NO. 5 TO MEET

Circle No. 5 of the Baptist Church will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Zack Robinson.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The high cost of living was news again this week with reports showing prices advancing on many food commodities over the nation. A bill was reported in the Senate calling for a 10 per cent increase in rents, and pork prices soared at various markets. Generally, housewives were meeting the situation with selective buying which may put a check on the rising markets. The price of hogs reached \$30 per hundred pounds and this led to a report that bacon may soon cost one dollar per pound.

United States' demand for trusteeship over Pacific islands received a backer this week when Russia announced her stand favoring the action. In a note to the State Department, Russia stated she believed the U. S. entitled to the trusteeship due to the bloodshed in evicting Japanese from the islands. Russia had been expected to side with England and Australia contention that the matter should not be decided until some future date.

Unionized labor received a blow in North Carolina this week when the House voted to ban the closed shop. If the bill passes the Senate it will become law and the union will lose one of its chief weapons which makes a person join the union in order to work in a unionized shop. The bill passed in Raleigh is similar to one already adopted by the State of Virginia.

Great Britain's foreign minister, Ernest Bevin, this week found a goat for British trouble in Palestine by blaming President Truman for England's failure in negotiating a peaceful settlement of the immigration problem in the Holy Land. Bevin stated that if President Truman had not issued a statement during the election last November calling for the admission of 100,000 Jews into Palestine, Britain would have been able to work out a solution.

PIANO CLASS TO GIVE ENSEMBLE RECITAL

The piano class of Mrs. R. M. Riddick will give an ensemble recital at 8 o'clock Thursday night, March 6, in the lower hall of the Hertford Grammar School.