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## REMEMBER THIS BUILDING?



Can you identify this church? It is a picture of the Hertford Baptist Church, taken before the church was renovated several years ago. The picture was found, among other old cuts of Hertford scenes, by Henry Clay Sullivan while he was clearing out one of his storage rooms. The exact date the picture was taken is not available.

## Local Corporation Seeking Title To Harvey Point Site As Industry Base

### Congressman Bonner Is Asked to Intercede For Local Concern

Albemarle Industries, Incorporated, is seeking to obtain possession and title to the Naval Air Station at Harvey Point, it was announced from Washington last Saturday, and has requested Congressman Herbert C. Bonner to intercede in behalf of having the property declared surplus by the Navy and sold to it by War Assets Administration at a minimum cost.

Albemarle Industries is a corporation composed of local people, headed by T. P. Brinn as president. It is described by Mr. Brinn as a holding company formed to take over the air station for conversion into numerous industries. Some of its main purposes are to give employment to veterans, to furnish on the job training and then offer veterans opportunity to invest in the industries.

A prospectus, prepared by the local concern and forwarded to Washington for consideration, pointed out that more than a dozen industries, including a quick freeze plant, pickle plant, a processing plant for meats, fruits and vegetables, a ceramic plant and slaughter yards could be established at the site, using facilities at the air station. Other industries set out in the prospectus included an oil storage and distribution center, furniture and wood products, a dehydration plant and a peanut processing plant, which would furnish seasonal employment for a number of people of this county.

Also accompanying the prospectus sent to Washington by the corporation were letters from the American Legion and VFW posts, Town and County officials who, the announcement stated, favored the transaction.

Very little news regarding the final fate of the Harvey Point Base has been released and the announcement from Washington was the first regarding a local concern attempting to secure the site. The land was purchased by the government at auction in 1942 and later the Navy Department expended between three and four million dollars in constructing the facilities used by the department during the war.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The proposed measure will take effect this week passed a measure calling for the separation of the Game and Inland Fishing Department from the Board of Conservation and Development. This proposal was sponsored by the N. C. Federation of Wildlife Clubs.

Secretary of State George Marshall and his assistants left this week for Moscow, where the Big Four will meet to draw plans for writing the peace treaty with Germany. Mr. Marshall will stop in Paris, enroute to Moscow, to confer with the President of France. Main point to be discussed by the Big Four will be whether or not Germany is to be given a strong central government or continued to be governed by the four occupying powers.

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### Hearing Tests Being Conducted At Schools

Hearing tests for pupils of the county white schools are being conducted this week by the State Health Department, it was announced today by F. T. Johnson, County Superintendent. The tests are being given all children from the fourth grade up.

## Selective Service To Be Permitted To Die On March 31

The Selective Service Law, enacted in 1940, authorizing the drafting of men into the armed forces, will automatically die on March 31, it was revealed this week when President Truman asked Congress not to extend the draft law.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Perquimans Draft Board, stated Wednesday the local office had received no orders pertaining to closing the office or discontinuing the duties of the Board. However, in view of the President's message such orders are expected to be received here.

In his message to Congress, President Truman stated he would ask for a new selective service law if the Army cannot maintain its authorized strength through volunteer enlistments.

The War Department announced it would discharge all men inducted into the Army through Selective Service by June 30. Inductees already in this country are to be discharged by May 30, and those overseas by the June 30 date.

The end of the draft law will mean that 18-year-old youths will not have to register for the draft, although they must continue to register through March 30, and that all holders of draft cards may destroy these if they so desire. The law will no longer require the cards be carried on the person.

The action taken by the President was believed to be paving the way for the introduction of a bill calling for compulsory military training of all youths of the nation. Congressional committees are now studying such bills looking for this method of maintaining the country's armed forces.

## Blanchard Elected

Blanchard was elected president of the Perquimans Chapter of the Eastern Star next Monday night. The group will hold its next meeting at Colerain Beach during the month of April.

## IN HOSPITAL

Henry Clay Stokes underwent an appendectomy Tuesday morning at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City. He is getting along nicely.

Mayor V. N. Darden and Dr. T. F. Brinn spent several days this week in Washington, D. C.

## Wake Forest Alumni To Meet At Colerain Next Tuesday Night

### Former Governor J. M. Broughton Principal Speaker

Alumni of Wake Forest College will gather in a reunion Tuesday night of next week when a barbecue chicken dinner will be served at 7:30 o'clock in the community building at Colerain. The affair is sponsored by four Colerain alumni of Wake Forest, Tom Belch, Melvin Perry, Joe Jenkins and Elliott Harrell.

The principal address for the occasion will be made by former Governor J. M. Broughton, and among other distinguished guests will be Jim Weaver, athletic director, and Prof. J. G. Carroll of the Mathematics Department.

The dinner will be free to Wake Forest alumni, and provisions will be made to accommodate 150. Any Wake Forest alumni are invited to attend, but an intention of attending must be reported to Walter Holton as soon as possible. Mr. Holton stated Tuesday night that up to that time 115 had already asked for reservations, so that any other planning to attend should notify him as early as possible.

## Recorder's Court Hears Seven Cases At Tuesday Session

Seven cases were disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here Tuesday, and three cases were continued to a later calendar date.

Samuel Castleman entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

Raleigh Griffin, Jr., Negro, was fined \$30 and costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

John C. Williams, was taxed with the costs of court on a charge of speeding.

John Ed Felton, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was ordered to pay the costs of court.

Thomas Jones was found guilty on two counts, driving under the influence and reckless driving. He was given a 30-day suspended sentence upon payment of a fine of \$100 and costs of court. Jones' attorney, W. H. Oakley, Jr., noted an appeal to Superior Court.

## Eastern Star To Elect Officers

New officers for the ensuing year will be elected at the meeting of the Perquimans Chapter of the Eastern Star next Monday night. The meeting will be held in the lodge rooms, beginning at 8 o'clock.

All members are urged to attend and participate in the election of the officers.

## Indians And Squaws Participating In Rural Tournament

### Both Teams Met First Competition In Games Thursday Night

**TOURNEY SCORES**  
**Girls' Games**  
Manteo 34; Gatesville 21.  
Moyock 26; Central 25.  
**Boys' Games**  
South Mills 32; Gatesville 19.  
Central 29; Moyock 19.

Perquimans High School basketball teams, participating in the annual Rural Conference Tournament, met their first competition Thursday night when the Indians played Weeksville boys at 7:30 o'clock and the Indian Squaws, first seeded team of the meet, played Columbia girls.

Pre-tourney dope favored the Squaws to win over Columbia, having defeated the Tyrrell County girls twice during the season, but the Indians-Weeksville game was considered a toss-up, each team having a victory over the other in season play.

The tournament opened at the Central gym Wednesday night when the Manteo and Gatesville girls played at 6:30; the South Mills and Gatesville boys at 7:30; Central and Moyock girls at 8:30 and the Moyock-Central boys at 9:30 o'clock.

Thursday night's pairings saw the Griggs and Weeksville girls playing at 6:30, the Indians and Weeksville boys at 7:30; Perquimans and Columbia girls at 8:30 and Columbia and Griggs boys at 9:30.

The semi-final games will be played Friday night with the winners playing each other and the final games will be staged Saturday night. The final standings of the conference was released as follows:

Girls		
Team	W	L
Perquimans	14	4
Central	14	4
Manteo	13	4
Griggs	13	5
Moyock	10	8
Weeksville	7	10
Columbia	7	11
Gatesville	5	12
South Mills	3	15
Hobbsville	2	15
Boys		
Team	W	L
Columbia	14	4
South Mills	14	4
Weeksville	11	6
Moyock	10	8
Central	10	8
Perquimans	9	9
Griggs	8	10
Gatesville	7	10
Hobbsville	4	14
Manteo	2	15

## Early Reports Show Red Cross Campaign Moving Toward Goal

Early unofficial reports by various Red Cross drive solicitors to Miss Frances Maness, chairman of the Perquimans campaign, shows the county responding well to the appeal for funds for the American Red Cross, it was announced Wednesday.

The local campaign opened last Saturday and Miss Maness is urging her campaign workers to complete the canvass and report the county quota reached by next Saturday. The goal for Perquimans County for the 1947 drive is only \$650, and it was believed by many of the chapter officials this quota could be met easily.

While no full reports have been made to the county chairman and Miss Maness, it is believed that the quota could be met easily.

Community solicitors are requested by Miss Maness to make a report to her tomorrow, and if the territory has not been completely canvassed an effort should be made to complete the work by March 15.

## MONDS-LAYDEN

Miss Doris Evelyn Layden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie E. Layden of Hobbsville, and Louis Clark Monds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bessie P. Monds, of Tyner, were quietly married on Saturday, February 22, at the home of the Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, who performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a dress of gray wool with blue and black accessories. Their only attendants were Miss Edna Ward of Tyner and Joseph Evans of Hertford.

## Center Hill Road Contract Upset By Federal Office Commissioner Tells Board

### Dr. Mitchell To Speak At PTA Meeting

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Hertford Grammar School will meet at the school auditorium Thursday night, March 13, at 7:30 o'clock. Dr. Mitchell, District Health Officer for Perquimans, Pasquotank and Camden Counties, will be the guest speaker for the meeting.

The local PTA is observing "Good Health Month" and this meeting is expected to draw a large crowd to hear Dr. Mitchell speak on the good health program for North Carolina.

## County Board Names I. C. Yagel As Farm Agent In Perquimans

### Draws Jurors For April Term of Court; Name Wiring Inspector

As predicted by this newspaper last week, I. C. Yagel was named to the unexpired term as County Farm Agent, filling the vacancy caused by the death of L. W. Anderson. Mr. Yagel was appointed to the post at a meeting of the County Commissioners held Monday.

Mr. Yagel came to Perquimans County six months ago from Currituck, where he had extensive training in farm agent work. He has served as assistant farm agent here during that time.

On recommendation of A. T. Lane, manager of the Albemarle Electric Corporation, the Board named, subject to the approval of the State Board, Howard Shean as electrical inspector for Perquimans County.

The Board drew the names of the following men to serve as jurors at the April term of Superior Court: Frank Jordan, H. C. West, T. H. Jones, J. E. Dail, Wallace Chappell, T. G. Swain, Jasper Winslow, N. E. Chappell, J. B. Dail, D. J. Pritchard, Jesse Harrell, Haywood Goodwin, Yelum C. Winslow, L. G. Hollowell, I. R. Dail, William T. Gregory, Claude Winslow, Ralph Layden, R. L. W. White, Freeland Elliott, R. L. Robbins, B. H. Ward, E. Leigh Winslow, Melvin W. Rogerson, J. B. Perry, Carroll Williams, W. M. Divers, Jr., Frank Skinner, Thomas Morgan, G. W. Barber, Raymond Winslow, C. M. Harrell, E. D. Mathews, J. L. Lane and J. B. Eure.

A proposal advanced for the spraying of a certain number of homes in Perquimans County as part of a malaria control program was tabled for the time being by the Board.

The Board members will meet again on March 17 as the Board of Equalization and Review, and all persons having complaints to file as to tax valuation must appear before the Board on this date, otherwise the valuation will stand on the tax books as listed.

## Snow Hill-White Hat Study Group Met Feb. 27

The Snow Hill and White Hat communities held a PTA Study Group meeting at the home of Mrs. Horace Miller on Thursday night, February 27, with Mrs. Freeman Umphlett as joint hostess.

The meeting was opened by singing "Leaving On the Everlasting Arms," after which the devotional was given by Miss Johanna Miller, with Mrs. Horace Miller leading in prayer.

An interesting group discussion followed, after which the following articles were given by Mrs. Jack Benton: "Mrs. Horace Miller's Letter to Her Son," "An Interesting Group Discussion," "The Everlasting Arms," "The Child Garden," "Our Aim" was given by Mrs. Marvin Benton.

During the social hour games were enjoyed and the hostess served a sweet course.

## CLASS TO MEET

The Judson Memorial Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church will meet Tuesday evening, March 11, at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Warner Madree. All members are urged to be present.

## EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD

The executive meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service was held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Mrs. Frank McGowan Business and plans for the March meeting were discussed. After the meeting refreshments were served the 19 members present.

## State to Construct Highway From Funds at Future Date

Perquimans County has been handed another blank by the State Highway Commission with an announcement made this week that the Center Hill-Hertford highway contract failed to receive approval of the Federal Works Office at Atlanta, and for this reason the construction of the road will have to await the pleasure of the Highway Commission.

Merrill Evans, District Highway Commissioner, and his engineer, Tom McKim, both of Ahsokie, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday and explained away the failure to complete this project by attempting to outline a grandiose accomplishment of the department in this county during last year.

Mr. Evans informed the county board that the failure of the Atlanta office to approve the bid accepted by the Highway Commission for the construction of the unfinished portion of the local road tied the commission's hands for going ahead with the project at this time and that the State Commission planned to construct the road out of State funds some time during the warm weather. Evans failed, when queried, to name a definite date when work would be started on the project.

The Center Hill road project was bid on late in January and a bid by the Cobb Construction Company was accepted. However, failure to have the bid approved by the Federal office prohibited the construction company from being authorized to begin the project.

Meanwhile the Town of Hertford, desiring to improve that section of the town, incorporated into its limits a year ago last January, must await the delay by the Highway Commission before completing its improvements to Grubb Street extended and other sections of the new addition. The Town officials desire to know exactly where the State Commission plans to build the new roadway before going ahead with its plan of construction of sidewalks and curbs and gutters.

Despite the fact that Mr. Evans informed the County Board, on his first trip to Hertford after receiving the appointment as Highway Commissioner for this district, that the Center Hill road would be the first project undertaken in this county, it now appears uncertain as to when the road will be built. According to Mr. Evans the Commission will construct the road bed itself out of funds allocated for local roads and this work will be undertaken some time during warm weather.

Several secondary roads of the county, according to the Commissioner, were rocked during last year and about eight miles of roadway, a part lying in New Hope and Bethel Townships were hard surfaced. He informed the Board that the Commission plans to complete the hard surfacing of the New Hope-Woodville road during next summer.

## 4-H Clubs Observing National Club Week

The week of March 1st-8th has been set aside as National 4-H Club Week. The theme for the week is "Working Together For a Better Home and World Community."

The clubs in the schools have given child programs to give more boys and girls information about 4-H Club work. These programs included talks on "What 4-H Work Is," "The Objectives of 4-H Club Work," and "Organization of 4-H Club Work." Special music for the program was "Dreaming," sung by one of the 4-H Club girls. "Dreaming" is the girls' 4-H Club song. Group singing included the "Ploughing Song," which is the boys' 4-H Club song, and "The Club Trail."

Friday night of this week the 4-H Club officers of the county are having a banquet in the Hertford Grammar School lunch room. Guests for the occasion will include the County Commissioners, school officials and president of the Home Demonstration County Council. Speaker for the evening will be Jesse James, assistant State 4-H Club leader from Raleigh.

## W. S. C. S. TO MEET

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Woodland Methodist Church will meet with Mrs. E. D. Mathews Wednesday, March 12 at 2 P. M. All members are urged to be present.