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Board Of Education Reorganized With Four New Members; Superintendent Is Named

F. T. Johnson Re-elected Head of Schools; Committees Named

Perquimans County Board of Education meeting in regular session on Monday had a full calendar of business to consider before adjournment shortly after the noon hour.

The meeting opened with the oath of office being given Julian A. White and Carroll V. Ward, re-elected to the Board in the general election last November for a period of two years. The oath was then given to Mrs. Mabel L. Cook and Mrs. Alice Futrell, appointed by the last Legislature for a period of four years.

The Board was reorganized following the installation of the four new members with W. E. Dail being unanimously elected to serve as chairman of the Board for the next two years.

Superintendent of Schools F. T. Johnson was re-elected to head the county schools again for a period of two years. The reappointment marks the beginning of the seventh term as county superintendent for Mr. Johnson. He will begin his new term on July 1.

Following the reorganization of the Board and the election of the superintendent, the Board named the following appointments to the school committees: Perquimans County High School, Clarence Chappell, A. W. Hefren, Delmain Eure were reappointed and Dr. T. P. Brinn and Mrs. Morris Griffin were named to succeed Dr. E. S. White and Henry C. Stokes to the committee. The grammar school committee was reappointed and is composed of C. P. Morris, J. D. Chappell, Charlie Phillips, Chester Butt, Julian Matthews and J. M. Copeland.

The local Board of Education is now composed of seven members, Mrs. Cook and Mrs. Futrell being added to the Board by action of the Legislature, and reports indicate the selection of the two new members has met with approval among school patrons throughout the county. Other members of the Board are W. E. Dail, Julian A. White, Carroll Ward, S. M. Long and Durwood Barber.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Communications throughout the nation were hampered this week by the country-wide telephone strike which started Monday morning. Last minute negotiations failed to bring a settlement of the differences between the union and operators. Emergency measures were taken by telephone companies in order to handle a portion of the calls. However, the service was greatly curtailed and many exchange offices handled only emergency long distance calls. Local phone service here in the Albemarle area was not affected by the strike.

Russia halted its tactics of blocking discussion of key problems concerning the peace treaty for Germany this week after U. S. and Britain representatives to the Big Four meeting in Moscow had pointedly stated there was little use to continue the meeting if Russia intended to block the negotiations. Secretary of State George C. Marshall demanded that the meeting get started on constructive work instead of bickering over minor questions. Molotov, Russian representative, yielded suddenly to the demands for discussion of major questions.

Alarmed over the situation caused by current high prices, President Truman held a special cabinet meeting Wednesday to consider the problem and decide on methods of combating the condition, which has caused a sharp decline in buying power. It was reported the cabinet might consider a return to price control if the price line continues to rise as it has since price control was lifted. President Truman in a speech last Saturday stated prices must be brought under control if national economy is not to suffer.

Henry Ford, early pioneer of the automobile, died at his home near Detroit Tuesday night at the age of 88. Funeral services were conducted in Detroit Thursday. Ford, starting with \$28,000 early in 1900, built one of the greatest automobile industries in the world, and is credited with bringing the automobile within reach and use of every man. His grandson assumed the management of the huge Ford Company in 1945.

From Washington, D. C.
Mrs. C. R. Bush and daughter from Washington, D. C., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jake White.

Morris To Preside

Announcement was made here this week by Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt that Chester Morris will be the presiding judge at the April term of Perquimans Superior Court.

Mr. Morris took the oath of office as resident judge for this district two weeks ago and has presided over the Gates and Chowan Superior Court since assuming the duties of his office.

The assignment of Mr. Morris as presiding judge for the Perquimans Court was made by Governor Cherry upon request by the local Bar Association.

Senior Class Play To Be Presented At Auditorium April 18

Ailene Yeates and Vernon Lee Perry Have Leading Parts

Members of the senior class of Perquimans High School will present their annual play next Friday night, April 18, at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the school building, it was announced today by C. E. Woodard, principal.

The senior play is one of the outstanding events marking the close of the school year, and while the play is being presented a little early this year, a well rounded program of closing events have been scheduled at the high school.

This year's play, a mystery entitled "Drums of Death," in three acts, has been chosen for the past three weeks under the direction of Miss Francelle Barden, faculty supervisor.

The cast of characters include Ailene Yeates as Celeste and Vernon Lee Perry as Sheldon Hardy, playing the leading roles. Thomas Butt appears as Jules, Nancy Zachary as Mrs. Oakley, Mary Lina Raper as Mrs. Gillette, Helene Baker as Eugenia Bowles, Dotmegan Lane as Amelia Gillette, Clifford Winslow as Newton Cooper, Vivian Evans as Doctor Cameron and Georgia Barnett as Paula Bailey.

The play has plenty of suspense to keep an audience guessing as to the outcome in the final scene and the members of the cast promise a good performance for all who attend.

Plans To Sell Land For Development

The County Board of Commissioners have taken under advisement a plan to sell a portion of county property to be converted into a site for homes. R. Tim Brinn, member of the Board, was authorized Monday to have the land surveyed and marked off into lots for the purpose of the sale.

The land to be offered for sale is a part of the county home farm, located on the new section of Highway 17.

A number of people have approached the Board seeking lots in the area and the opinion of the Commissioners is that the property not now in use can be converted into a home development, adding the property to the county tax list.

It is understood that timber, now on the land, will be sold prior to the time the property is offered for sale in lot form. A definite decision on the matter will be made at the next meeting of the Board.

In the event the land is sold, the lots will be offered for sale at public auction.

VFW Dance Marks Opening Of Club

About 75 couples attended the Easter Monday VFW dance held in celebration of the opening of the Gaviland H. Ownley Post club room in Hertford.

The club room, located above the Barber store at the corner of Grubb and Eden Road streets, was completed by members of the Post last Friday, and consists of a large assembly room with dance floor, a snack bar, council room and rest rooms.

The dance held Monday was open to the public and many non-member guests attended the affair, all of whom highly praised the post for its fine meeting place.

Sheriff Continuing Investigation In Nicanor Death Case

Facts May Be Presented To Grand Jury For Action Next Week

Sheriff M. G. Owens is continuing the investigation into the death of Milton Perry, 26-year-old Negro, whose body was discovered in a ditch near the Bethany Church in Belvidere Township early Saturday morning, April 5. A coroner's Jury returned a verdict of death at the hands of person or persons unknown and although clues in the case were slight, Sheriff Owens has made a diligent investigation of the matter.

When queried about the case Wednesday, the Sheriff stated that the situation still remains unsolved but that he has information which may lead to a solution of the death. He intimated that a solution would be available probably within three days and sufficient facts in the case will be so that these could be presented to the Grand Jury at the April term of Superior Court, which convenes here Monday.

Perry was discovered dead in the ditch by Lucius Armstrong, who notified nearby residents, who in turn called the sheriff and coroner to the scene. No report as to the cause of death was returned but evidence discovered at the scene indicated a struggle had taken place in the middle of a road and that the Negro's body was dragged into the ditch.

Testimony given to the coroner's jury indicated that Perry was seen late Friday night and that he was in a drunken condition. Other facts presented were that the man had received payment of wages Friday afternoon, but when the body was discovered only forty cents remained on his person. One witness testified that he heard a voice shouting somewhere near the scene at about 11 o'clock Friday night.

No marks of violence were discovered on the body.

Belvidere Resident Died On Tuesday

Edward L. Chappell, 82, prominent resident of the Belvidere community, died at his home at Belvidere Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock after an illness of seven weeks. He was the husband of the late Mary Lane Chappell.

A member of the Piney Woods Friends Church, he was active in the church work and served as superintendent of the Sunday School for 30 years.

Surviving are four sons, Edward Chappell of Cleveland, Ohio, Ray Chappell of Wilmington, Del., Hemby Chappell of Hamilton Field, Cal., and Howard Chappell of Belvidere; four daughters, Grace Chappell, Mrs. Edwin White, both of Belvidere, Mrs. Delmas Price of Crisfield, Md., and Mrs. Raleigh Byrum of Norfolk; five brothers, Ambrose Chappell and Goliath Chappell, both of Wilmington, Del., Earl Chappell of Ray City, Mich., William Thomas Chappell and Curtis Chappell of Tyler; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Rountree of Tyler and Mrs. Charles Lane of Hertford.

The body was removed to the Lynch Funeral Home pending funeral arrangements.

Henry Sullivan Enters Name In Town Primary

A contest was in the making in the coming Town primary election when Henry Clay Sullivan filed his name as a candidate for office as member of the Town Board with Town Clerk W. G. Newby on Wednesday.

With the primary scheduled for April 28, and the deadline for filing of candidates set for April 18, it now appears that there will be at least five persons seeking the four offices as members of the Board.

All present members of the Board have signified their intentions of being candidates to succeed themselves.

Returns Incomplete On Easter Seal Sale

C. Edgar White, county chairman of the Easter Seals sale, reported Wednesday that returns from the sale of the seals were incomplete this week but a full report of the campaign will be released next week.

The campaign was handled by the committee which made a house to house canvass, aided by school children who also sold the seals. All funds raised through the campaign will be used to aid crippled children.

Verdict Of Guilty Returned In New Hope Shooting Case

Varied Docket Heard By Recorder Judge at Session Tuesday

A verdict of guilty of assault with a deadly weapon was returned by Judge Charles E. Johnson in Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday morning against W. A. Humphries and George Sutton, Negro. The case grew out of a shooting scrape near New Hope the latter part of January. The two men were charged with assault with intent to kill, but the State's witnesses failed to provide sufficient testimony to make the original charge stand and Judge Johnson found the two defendants guilty of assault. Each was fined \$25 and ordered to pay the costs of court.

Katie Johnson and George James, both Negroes, charged with fraud, were released when a motion by the defense attorney for a nol pros was allowed.

Purvis Evans was taxed with the costs of court after entering a plea of guilty to a charge of driving without a license.

Herman Winslow, Negro, was given a 30-day jail sentence on a charge of operating a car after his driver's license had been revoked.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Foster Felton, Negro, with driving with improper license.

William Phillips, Negro, entered a plea on a charge of operating a car without a license. He was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the court costs.

Russell Winslow, Negro, was given a 30-day jail sentence on a charge of allowing his car to be operated without a license.

Bill Brothers, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to obtaining money on promise to work. Prayer of judgment was continued upon payment of the costs of court and the refunding of \$19.23 to W. G. Hunter.

The Recorder's Court will be in recess next week due to the April term of Superior Court convening here next Monday morning.

Rotary Club Elected New Officers Tues.

Tom Furgeson, a member of the editorial department of the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, and Bob Bates, former athletic director at Perquimans High School, were guests of the Hertford Rotary Club at its meeting Tuesday night. Mr. Furgeson was the guest speaker for the evening and he told the local Rotarians several anecdotes pertaining to big league baseball players and teams. He was high in his praise of the reception the Norfolk Tars have received in Hertford during the spring training season and stated he intended to use his influence to have the Tars return to Hertford again next year.

Following the program the club members elected new officers, who will assume their duties on July 1 for the ensuing year: Max Campbell, editor of The Perquimans Weekly, was elected as president; William F. Ainsley, vice president, and J. E. Newby, secretary and treasurer. Directors elected included Dr. A. B. Bonner, Henry C. Sullivan, R. C. Murray, Robert Hollowell, William F. Ainsley and Max Campbell.

Indians Meet Chowan On Diamond Today

Perquimans High School will open its baseball season this afternoon when the Indians journey to Chowan for a game with the Chowan High School nine. Coach Max Campbell will take a squad of 14 players on the trip and is expected to start the game with Elmore as catcher; Elliott, first base; Smith at second; Winslow at short; Earl Winslow at third; Billy Winslow, pitcher, and Ward, Lane and Hollowell in the outfield.

Earl Rogerson and Bill Boyce are expected to see duty on the mound, with Webb, Pitt and Cecil Winslow seeing action in other positions.

EASTERN STAR MEETS MONDAY NIGHT AT 8 O'CLOCK

The Perquimans chapter of the Eastern Star will meet next Monday night, April 14, at 8 o'clock at the lodge room. All members are urged to be present.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Zarosa announce the birth of a daughter, born Tuesday, April 8th, at the Medical Center in Elizabeth City. Mrs. Zarosa before her marriage was Miss Lillian Ray Perry.

Board Considering Plan To Change County Home To Boarding Institution

Heads Cancer Drive

Joe H. Towe has been named chairman of the Perquimans County campaign to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, it was announced here this week by John D. Larkins, Jr., State Chairman.

The quota assigned Perquimans County in this drive is \$230. The funds to be used by the society in combating cancer, through medical assistance and research work.

A canvass will be made for funds to meet this county quota and Mr. Towe requests the cooperation of the public in this worthy cause.

Good Program Heads BTU Meeting April 18 At Aulander Church

Rev. Lee Sheppard to Preach Sermon For Convention

Among the outstanding speakers on the program of the annual Regional Training Union Convention in Aulander, April 18-19, is the Rev. Lee Sheppard, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh. Mr. Sheppard will preach the annual convention sermon during the Saturday morning session. His subject will be "The Book's Message—Go Ye." Mr. Sheppard is very popular with the Training Union forces of the State and is very active in promoting such work among the Baptist youth. He has been pastor of Pullen Memorial Church for quite a few years and this church would be considered that of the Baptists attending N. C. State College. For this reason he is intimate with the problems and outlook of college students and other youth of the State. This well qualifies him to bring the annual sermon to the delegates of the training program of the Chowan and West Chowan Association.

The convention opens at 2:55 P. M. Friday afternoon, April 18, and closes Saturday afternoon, April 19, at 3:00 o'clock. There will also be a sermon on Friday night and Saturday morning to complete the convention of four sessions. Between the two Friday sessions, at 5:45 P. M., there will be a banquet of fun, fellowship and food. The program and food will be provided by the hosts, the Aulander church. The inspirational address for the banquet will be given by a Training Union enthusiast, the Rev. M. W. Grissom, of Shiloh. This feature of the convention will claim the interest of the delegates and others attending the convention. All planning to attend the banquet are asked to please get the information to the Rev. William P. Milne in Aulander by April 15 so that ample plans might be made.

A well balanced program has been arranged, consisting of addresses, talks, demonstrations, conferences, a play and both vocal and instrumental music. According to early expressions, the convention will be well attended by delegates and members of the 120 Baptist churches of the Chowan and West Chowan Association.

Auto Inspection Law Passed By Assembly

A highway safety measure was passed during the final days of the meeting of the General Assembly which in addition to changing the speed law from a maximum of 60 to 65 miles an hour, calls for the inspection of automobiles, trailers and trucks at least once during 1948 and twice each year thereafter. The fee for the inspection in 1948 and 1949 will be \$1.00 each, dropping to 75 cents thereafter.

The bill also stiffened fines for various traffic offenses and calls for the reissuance of driver's licenses quadrennially at a fee of \$2.00.

It is to be expected that the State Highway Commission will set up a number of official inspection stations in each county for the purpose of handling the inspection of cars when the law becomes effective for the task.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barbee announce the birth of a daughter born Saturday April 5 at the Medical Center, Elizabeth City.

Change Is Expected to Take Place During Summer; Saving to County Noted

Members of the Board of County Commissioners are considering a plan to change the county home from its present form of operation into a boarding home for the aged. The matter was discussed at the meeting of the Board held Monday and several details of the plan were explained by C. Edgar White, superintendent of welfare.

C. B. White, present superintendent of the county home, advises the Board he would not be interested in continuing as operator of the home after his appointment expires this summer, therefore the new form of operating the home is expected to be started during the summer months.

The county home, now operated entirely at county expense, would be leased to an individual for the purpose of operating a boarding home for aged and dependent persons, most of whom receive old age assistance. These individuals would pay a monthly rate for staying at the home, funds coming from the old age assistance checks. The plan is expected to effect some saving in expenditures of the county, which now pays for the upkeep of the home and the board for the inmates.

It is understood that several counties of the State have adopted a similar plan of operation for their county homes and the plan is working satisfactorily.

Bids for painting the roof of the Court House were received at the meeting Monday, but action on the bids was tabled for the time being.

The Board tentatively adopted a budget for the Welfare Department, submitted by Mr. White, superintendent of welfare. The budget calls for a slightly larger appropriation than during 1946.

A review of the budget for the Board of Education revealed that \$27,043.78 had been spent to date from the budget calling for \$36,170. A large portion of these funds were spent in repair work to school buildings throughout the county. F. T. Johnson, school superintendent, told the Board that he had been unable, to date, to obtain a heating unit for the high school building but radiators, pipes and other fittings for the system had been purchased and were on hand.

Tars In Game With Binghamton Thurs.

The Norfolk Tars exhibition game with Binghamton, scheduled for Memorial Field Wednesday afternoon was postponed to Thursday afternoon due to wet grounds. Buddy Bassett, manager of the Tars, cancelled the game Wednesday when rain made the field unsuitable for playing.

With the ground drying out fast during the afternoon, the decision to play the game Thursday at 2:45 was made and the first team of both clubs met for the third time during the training season.

Large numbers of spectators continue to drive out to Memorial Field each day to watch the Tars go through their daily drills during the spring training here. Manager Buddy Bassett has a well balanced program of training that calls for each player to carry out a regular routine each day and there is always plenty to watch for die-in-the-wool fans.

The Tars have passed the half-way mark in their camp and will bring to a close the training session here in Hertford on April 19, leaving that day for their field in Norfolk to open the regular playing season. The final exhibition game scheduled for Memorial Field will be played April 16, when Binghamton comes over from Edenton to furnish the opposition.

A number of players have come and gone since the Tars opened camp here March 20, but Manager Bassett expects to receive a number of additions to his roster when players from Binghamton, Newark and other Yankee clubs are released before the season's opening game. Many of these released players will become members of the Norfolk team for the season.

Edwards Reappointed County Accountant

W. F. C. Edwards was reappointed as County Accountant at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners held Monday. Mr. Edwards has served in this office since its adoption several years ago.

The Board also reappointed Mr. Edwards to serve as a member of the County Welfare Board.