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## BOARD OF EDUCATION PROPOSES 300 THOUSAND DOLLAR BUILDING PROGRAM

### Plans Call For Negro School at Winfall; Other Buildings

Perquimans County Board of Education included a \$300,000 building program in a tentative budget presented to the Board of County Commissioners on Monday of this week. The expansion program, while having no fixed time for starting of the proposed construction, calls for the building of a consolidated Negro school building at Winfall, a gymnasium at Perquimans High School, an auditorium at Hertford Grammar School, an enlargement of the Negro High School, this item to bring about the consolidation of all Negro schools south of the Perquimans River, a lunch room at Central Grammar School and a new agriculture building at Perquimans High School.

No action, other than a discussion of the current high costs of construction, need of the buildings and type of construction, was taken when the program was presented to the County Commissioners.

The building program was previously discussed and adopted by the Board of Education at its meeting held in May, and the dire need of most of the proposed buildings has long been known.

Heading the proposed construction is the Negro school planned to be built at Winfall, and enabling the Board to consolidate all Negro schools north of the river. A new building, completed last year and containing about eight class rooms, is now being used at Winfall, but this building is not of sufficient size to allow a consolidation of the one-room schools.

The majority of the members of the Board of Education favor the construction of a gymnasium at the Perquimans High School in order to permit the full installation of physical education at the school and also provide the school with a gym comparable to most of the other schools of this county.

Patrons of the Central Grammar School have long sought the construction of a lunch room at this school in order to provide suitable arrangements for the serving of meals to the children of the school. It was pointed out this item on the program is one of the most needed.

The program would build eight additional class rooms to the Hertford High School and, according to the Board, permit the consolidation of all Negro one-room schools south of the river.

Building of an auditorium at the Hertford Grammar School, according to the plan, would enable the Board to install a modern lunch room at this school and at the same time do away with a fire hazard.

Increased interest and larger classes makes the construction of a new agriculture building at the Perquimans High School almost a necessity. According to the proposal of the Board of Education, this latter building and the lunch room at Central Grammar School could be constructed of cement blocks, these being made by the Veterans Training Course now in operation in this county.

Although the reception this proposed program received when submitted Monday was anything but indicative that it would be adopted and started, in the event the plans were adopted and construction was to begin, the people of the county would have to vote on the matter inasmuch as a bond issue would have to be floated to meet the cost of the program.

A spokesman for the Board of County Commissioners stated that the program was a splendid one and no doubt necessary but today's high costs of material and labor was too high to undertake the plans at the present time.

There was some indication, however, that the items calling for a lunch room at the Central Grammar School and the Agriculture Building might materialize before the rest of the program could be undertaken.

## Maj. Richard Payne Appointed To Army

Major Richard Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Payne of Hertford, has received a Presidential appointment to the U. S. Army with a permanent rank of First Lieutenant, according to a report received here late last week.

Major Payne, now visiting his parents on terminal leave, will retain his temporary rank as major, under the recent order.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hopkins announce the birth of a son, born Sunday, May 25. Mother and son are resting along nicely.

## Thrashing Permits Now Available

All operators of peanut pickers, thrashing machines and combines in Perquimans County are required to secure operation permits before the new thrashing season begins, J. W. Ward, county register of deeds, has announced.

Mr. Ward stated that prompt action is advisable in obtaining the permits and records which are now available in the register of deeds office in the county court house in Hertford. He stated further that no charge is made for the service.

## Maj. Arthur Woods Speaker At Rotary

Major Arthur R. Woods, who has recently returned home after being stationed with the U. S. Army in Korea for two years, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club Tuesday night.

Major Woods gave a brief account and some interesting highlights on his stay in Korea. He told the members of the Rotary Club that Korea, sought by Japan, Russia and China for many years, was finally taken over by the Japanese in 1910. The Japs immediately set about to make the nation a profitable adventure for themselves and at the same time degraded the Koreans to little more than servants. The Japanese, according to Major Woods, installed modern railroads, telephone and many other services in Korea, but at the same time they moved Japanese people into the country to manage and oversee all of these improvements. The Japanese took over complete control of all business and government services and because of this the nation was poorly equipped to manage governing itself when the Japanese were driven from the Japs.

Describing the Korean as the Irishman of Asia, Major Woods stated the natives of Korea have an excellent sense of humor but were inclined to "fly off the handle" at least provocation. They deeply resented the Japanese and demanded that the Allies move all Japs out of Korea as quickly as possible following the liberation. The American forces, in southern Korea, returned all but about 50 Japanese to their native land, retaining a few to assist the American forces in certain types of activity. The northern half of the country is now under the control of Russia, the division of the nation having taken place at the close of the war against Japan.

Korea is mostly a nation of Leftists, Major Woods said, and it is his belief that the nation would become a Communist-dominated country if and when the U. S. withdraws its forces from southern Korea. Explaining that the division of the nation between American and Russian forces, following the liberation, Major Woods pointed out that it seemed the Russians took over the manufacturing portion of the nation while the U. S. received the agricultural producing portion.

Major Woods stated that one of the biggest deficiencies in the American occupation of Korea has been the inability of the United States to sell the Koreans any concept of democratic government.

## Church Vacation School Opens June 9

A Church Vacation Bible School will be conducted at the Hertford Methodist Church beginning Monday, June 9, and extending to Wednesday of the following week, it was announced today by Mrs. B. C. Reavis, who will serve as director of the school.

Classes will be held each morning from 9:30 o'clock to 11 o'clock with the exception of Saturday and Sunday.

Teachers assigned to conduct the classes were announced by Mrs. Reavis as follows: Beginners, Mrs. Louise Banks; Primary, Miss Polly Tucker, Mrs. Robert Hollowell and Mrs. E. M. Crafton; Juniors, Miss Helms; Nixons; Intermediates, Mrs. E. C. Stokes and Mrs. R. M. Ridwick. Text books for each of the classes will be as follows: Beginners, Happy Times In Our Church; Primary, Friends at Home and in the Community; Juniors, Living in Our Community, and Intermediates, Exploring the Bible.

All children of the community are invited to attend and take part in the school.

## Triple-A Office Ordered To Cancel All Material Orders

### County Secretary Received Wire Stopping All Action

Perquimans County Triple-A officials have received notice to issue no more purchase orders for conservation material and services until further notice and to cancel purchase orders in the hands of farmers on work which has not been begun and on which delivery has not been made, W. E. White, county AAA secretary, has announced.

Mr. White stated that the order was given on the basis of reports from Washington, D. C., where the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Bill was reported as reducing AAA funds by almost half.

Text of the telegram received by Mr. White is as follows:

"Department of Agriculture appropriation bill reported by House Appropriation Committee reduces appropriation for conservation and use from \$301,720,000 to \$165,614,290. Consolidated account for Washington and State office for all appropriations reduced from \$12,855,607 to \$4,037,779. For county offices from \$23,129,152 to \$14,608,620 until further notice issue no purchase orders for conservation material and services. Cancel purchase orders in hands of farmers and vendors on which work has not been started in the case of services and on which delivery has not been made in the case of material and seed. Until further notice suspend 1947 ACP sign-up, suspend substitution of practices on farm plans, and issue no further notice of minimum assistance for farm allowances. Farmers should be notified of these facts immediately.

Signed: G. T. Scott, State Director Production and Marketing Administration."

Mr. White stated that county farmers should be informed of the cut in 1947 payments and the elimination of the 1948 program. The report of the House Agricultural Committee is up for discussion, he said, and suggested that all county farm operators communicate with their Congressional representative, Herbert Bonner, in regard to their attitude toward the measure.

## Splendid Response To Overseas Relief

"The people of Perquimans County responded splendidly to the appeal for overseas relief," C. Edgar White, who served as county chairman of the drive recently concluded here, said Monday.

A total of 3,810 pounds of clothing, bedding and shoes were collected through the efforts of volunteers from churches of the county, and a cash collection of \$67.62 was also received, according to Mr. White.

These items were shipped to New Windsor, Maryland, to the Church World Service organization for distribution to people overseas. The State drive was conducted by and through the churches of North Carolina.

Mr. White expressed his appreciation to the volunteers, who collected the items here, and to all those who gave clothing and money to aid in the relief overseas.

## American Legion Met Thursday Night

Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion held its regular monthly meeting at the Agriculture Building in Hertford Thursday night. New officers for the year were elected and delegates named to attend the State Legion Convention to be held this month at Carolina Beach.

## Hertford Schedule Albemarle League

June 6	Colerain at Colerain
June 7	Windsor at Hertford—8 P. M.
June 8	Windsor at Windsor
June 10	Elizabeth City at Elizabeth City
June 11	Elizabeth City at Hertford—8 P. M.
June 13	Suffolk at Hertford—8 P. M.
June 14	Suffolk at Suffolk
June 15	Edenton at Hertford—2 P. M.
June 16	Edenton at Edenton
June 18	Colerain at Colerain
June 19	Colerain at Hertford—8 P. M.
June 20	Windsor at Hertford—8 P. M.
June 22	Windsor at Windsor
June 24	Elizabeth City at Elizabeth City
June 25	Elizabeth City at Hertford—8 P. M.
June 27	Suffolk at Hertford—8 P. M.
June 28	Suffolk at Suffolk
June 29	Elizabeth City at Elizabeth City
June 30	Elizabeth City at Hertford—8 P. M.
July 2	Colerain at Colerain
July 4	Edenton at Edenton—2 P. M.
July 6	Windsor at Windsor
July 7	Windsor at Hertford—8 P. M.
July 9	Colerain at Hertford—8 P. M.
July 11	Suffolk at Hertford—8 P. M.
July 12	Suffolk at Suffolk

## Judge Morris Urges H. S. Seniors To Meet Challenge Of Life

### Outstanding Students Awarded Honors at Finals on Friday

"Graduation from high school is merely a milepost on the highway of life," Judge Chester Morris told the members of the senior class of Perquimans High School at commencement exercises held in the high school auditorium last Friday night. "It is not the end of anything," the Judge told the class, "it is only the beginning of your life and I hope each and every one of you will meet the challenge life offers and make the most out of it."

"Graduation time is a time of pride and joy," the Judge added, "your parents, aunts and uncles who have watched you from birth and shown interest in your well-being share with you the joy of your achievement."

Judge Morris urged the class as individuals to be prepared to meet life and to pursue it with all the talents one possessed.

The final exercises of the high school opened with an invocation by the Rev. J. D. Stott, pastor of the Winfall Methodist Church. A musical selection was rendered by the members of the girls' glee club. Following the address by Judge Morris, diplomas were awarded to the forty-seven members of the graduating class by F. T. Johnson, County Superintendent.

E. C. Woodard, principal of the high school, then awarded medals for outstanding achievement during the school year. Awards were presented to Molly Oakey, valedictorian; Faye Winslow, salutatorian, and Reginald Tucker was awarded the medal for being the outstanding student of the school during the year.

Medals for best all around boy, Cecil Winslow; best all around girl, Eula Virginia White; the 1946 scholarship medal went to Kader White. Football awards were given Sidney Layden, Lloyd Dail, Cecil Winslow, Colon Butler, Bill Elliott, Bob Keaton and Josiah Smith.

Howard Broughton was awarded the medal for being the outstanding student for citizenship. Reginald Tucker won the award for having the highest scholastic standing in the high school.

The award for being the best member of the school paper staff was won by Molly Oakey; best dramatics, Myrtle Elliott and Clifford Winslow; best debater, Mary Lina Raper; best band member, Ervin White; best FFA member, Clifford Winslow.

Three awards presented by the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion for distinguished achievements were awarded Kader White, Faye Winslow and Clarkson White.

## White Rites Held Tuesday Afternoon

Josiah White, 84, life-long resident of Perquimans County, died at his home in Belvidere Sunday morning at 4:45 after an illness of two months. He was the son of the late David and Isabella Wilson White. He had been a member of Piney Woods Friends Church for a number of years.

Surviving are his wife, Ellen Brown White; two daughters, Margaret White of Belvidere and Mrs. J. E. Wiggins of Sunbury; one son, David J. White, of Greensboro. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dr. C. A. Davenport, Franklin Winslow, Edwin White, F. C. White, David Williams, Willie Winslow, W. C. Chappell and Charlie Biddle.

## COUNTY BOARD HOLDS LONG SESSION CONSIDERING BUDGETS, ROAD MATTERS

### Additional Funds From Poppy Sales

Additional reports received this week by Mrs. J. E. Winslow, county chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary poppy sales brings the total amount received from the sales to \$189.50, according to Mrs. Winslow. The additional reports were turned in by Mrs. Tom White, chairman at Winfall, and Mrs. M. A. Turner, chairman at New Hope.

Prizes offered by the Auxiliary for the most sales made on Poppy Day were won by Anne Proctor of Winfall, first, and Marguerite Butler of Hertford, second.

## Hertford Divides First League Games With Edenton Team

The Albemarle Baseball League got off to a flying start last Sunday with Elizabeth City defeating Suffolk and Windsor mosing out Colerain. Edenton and Hertford, the other two entries in the league, played on Monday with Edenton winning an easy 9-1 victory. Return games between the same teams made the league standing even, when Suffolk nosed out Elizabeth City and Hertford beat Edenton in a hot contest 3-2.

The second Colerain-Windsor game was postponed until Wednesday.

Lester Jordan, pitching ace for the Edenton Colonials, was in rare form Monday night, when he set back the Hertford Indians with four hits and striking out 11 batters. The Indians played listless baseball and connected for only one hit after the fourth inning. Bell, starting pitcher for Hertford, allowed four walks and five hits during his five innings of play, and the Colonials scored four runs during this period. Craig replaced Bell and allowed three hits during his three innings of pitching. Wheeler of Edenton and Nowell of Hertford hit home runs.

Smarting under the opening game defeat, the Indians trounced Edenton in the return game played on Memorial Field Tuesday night behind the pitching of Moe Bauer. The Indians played an excellent field game, completing three double plays to nip Edenton rallies. Bauer allowed five hits and Thorne, Colonial hurler, allowed four. Bauer struck out six Edenton batters and Thorne fanned four. Edenton scored twice in the fourth inning on three hits and Cayton nipped a Colonial rally in the same inning when he snagged a fly and on a quick throw to Stokes retired the side. Hertford tied the count in the sixth inning by getting one hit, Edenton erred twice and Hertford tallied two runs. The winning run was scored in the seventh when Hertford collected two hits and a sacrifice by Smith brought in the third tally for the Indians. Bauer figured in a nice double play in the eighth when he fielded an attempted bunt and caught a runner off first base. In the first half of the ninth Edenton had the tying run on third base with one man out, but Hertford retired the side when Smith fielded a bunt, threw to first and Raig returned the ball for Smith to tag out Thorne as he crossed the plate.

The Board voted that Charles E. Johnson, county attorney, be paid the sum of seven and one-half per cent on the collection of delinquent taxes.

Dr. Z. D. Mitchell, health doctor for the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden Health Department, presented a tentative budget for the department for the next fiscal year. Salary increases will force an enlargement of this budget for the year. Dr. Mitchell stated, however, it was his opinion that one of the employees of the department can be dispensed with and this action will lower the overall budget. The budget calls for an increased allocation for Perquimans County in the amount of slightly more than \$600.

C. Edgar White, Superintendent of Welfare, reported to the Board that changes made by the State Welfare Board will cut an increase proposed in the welfare budget.

No action was taken on a tentative budget presented by the Board of Education, which calls for expenditures of more than \$30,000 for the next fiscal year. The Board of Commissioners took under advisement the proposed budget and announced final action will be taken at the July meeting.

## 3 More Teachers Resign From Jobs

Three more teachers of the county white schools have resigned from the teaching staffs, according to F. T. Johnson, County Superintendent, who on Monday stated that Mrs. Goldie Meekins and Mrs. Frances Sprague of the high school faculty and Mrs. Barnard Proctor, teacher at the Hertford Grammar School, handed in resignations to the Board of Education.

The resignations received this week brings to a total of five vacancies that now exist in the faculty at Perquimans High School. Miss Esther Evans, Miss Francelle Barden and Mrs. C. R. Holmes having resigned previously.

The Board of Education, acting in regular session Monday, rescinded its action as to the retirement of G. C. Buck as vocational teacher at the local high school. A board spokesman stated due to the shortage of vocational teachers, the local Board deemed it advisable to continue Mr. Buck on the list of active teachers, even though he is eligible for retirement.

## Auditors Give Review Of Fiscal Standing; Bonded Indebtedness Now \$383,000

Consideration of tentative budgets for the next fiscal year forced the Board of County Commissioners to hold one of the longest sessions of the year on Monday. The Board was in meeting until five o'clock in the afternoon.

The first item passed on by the Board was the adoption of a \$1,250 allocation for fire prevention service for 1947-48. This amount is a reduction of some \$250 over last year's allocation.

A group of residents living on the Sandy Ridge road in Chowan and Perquimans counties had Louis Winslow and Shelton G. Chappell appear before the Board to request the Commissioners to petition the State Highway Department to improve the Sandy Ridge road, making it an all-weather road. A similar delegation representing the residents of the section, appeared before the Chowan County Board.

A review of the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946, made by Wall and Williams of Raleigh, was given the Board by a representative of the audit firm. The report showed the county receipts for that year amounted to approximately \$120,000 and the expenditures were about \$119,000, leaving a small surplus. The auditor revealed that the total bonded indebtedness of the county as of June, 1946, was \$413,000. Three hundred and seventy-three thousand of this amount being the unpaid total for the construction of the nine-foot roads within the county about 25 years ago. Thirty thousand dollars of the debt is owed on the repairs made to Hertford Grammar School, and the auditor stated this debt is due May 1, 1953.

Approximately \$36,000 is due the county on delinquent tax liens, however, it was pointed out that the county is now making considerable effort to collect these back taxes and the amount is somewhat lower than the reported figure.

The county has \$50,000 worth of U. S. Government bonds, this surplus being divided as \$10,000 in general county fund and \$40,000 in the debt service fund. According to the auditor, the county indebtedness is being reduced at a rate of approximately \$25,000 per year.

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## W. J. Daniels Elected President Rural Mail Carriers Association

### Organization Resumes Activities After Lapse Of Few Years

At a meeting of the Albemarle Rural Mail Carriers Association held in Hertford Friday night, W. Jim Daniels was elected president of the organization for the ensuing year. Other officers elected included Charles Williford of Hertford, secretary-treasurer, and W. H. Elliott of Chapnoke, chaplain.

Friday's meeting was the first to be held in several years, activities of the Association being interrupted due to the war.

MASONS MEET TUESDAY NIGHT Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A.F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night.