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## Motorists Slow In Making Application For Driving Exams

### Examiner Urges All Operators to Apply at Early Date

Perquimans County motorists whose name begins with A or B are taking plenty of time in renewing their drivers' license according to B. H. Smith, State automobile license examiner. Mr. Smith reported this week only about 20 motorists have applied for their new license since the State's new law became effective on July 1.

According to the law, all persons whose name begins with A or B must apply for a new license some time between July 1 and December 31, after that time motorists whose name begins with C and D will start taking examinations for new license.

Mr. Smith advises all motorists whose name begins with A or B to apply for an examination as rapidly as possible in order to avoid the last minute rush, expected during the latter part of this year. The examiner is stationed in Hertford every Thursday for the purpose of issuing licenses and giving examinations. He stated last week he has had to invite a number of car operators, whose name started with A or B to come in for the tests, and he now has ample time to give each motorist the opportunity to take the examination without waiting too long. This situation, no doubt, will change later when the motorists start flocking in for exams. He, therefore, urges motorists to apply early.

Speaking of the examinations, Mr. Smith stated he wanted it clearly understood that this examination is not being given as a joke, and that all motorists applying for a new license will be given a test to determine their eligibility to drive. The examiner will play no jokes on the motorist, neither will he attempt to confuse the operator nor do anything which may cause the motorist to fail in the test. The examinations, as given by the examiner, is outlined by the State Division of the State Highway Department, and consists of an eye test, a written test, road sign test and last an actual driving test. During this driving test the motorist will be required to drive over a certain route, obeying all laws as pointed out by the license examiner. During the driving test the motorist must show ability to back up a car, park within two given points and handle the car in a satisfactory manner.

It has been pointed out that the test is not too hard and that most operators are passing the examination and securing their new license. If your name begins with A or B you are urged to apply for a new license at an early date, and avoid the rush.

## Farm Bureau And HD Clubs To Hold Outing

The County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and the Farm Bureau members will sponsor a free fish fry August 14, at the Hertford Livestock and Supply Company grounds, one mile south of Hertford, it was announced this week by I. C. Yagel, County Agent.

The program will begin at 1:30 P. M. with a soft ball game and at 4 o'clock Will Rogers, assistant executive secretary of the State Farm Bureau, will speak.

The fish supper will be served at 5:30 o'clock.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A grand jury at Jackson, in Northampton County, returned findings of not true bills after hearing evidence early this week against seven white men charged with the attempted lynching and kidnapping of a Negro, Godwin Bush. The Negro, charged with attempted assault on a young white woman of Jackson, was also freed by the grand jury. Following the action of the jury, Governor R. Gregg Cherry reopened the case by appointing a Superior Court judge to serve as committing magistrate and hear the evidence.

A Congressional committee investigating war-time profits by manufacturers has held the Washington spotlight this week with a number of witnesses testifying on sums spent by Howard Hughes, plane manufacturer, entertaining air force officers. There has been no evidence presented that, thus far, criminally indicts Hughes for his action. However, the line of questioning seemingly attempts to connect Hughes with large spending in efforts to obtain government contracts for airplanes.

A nation-wide strike on the part of Ford Motor Company employees was averted this week. However, the Ford Company immediately closed down its assembly lines because, it was reported, of a strike by a supplier plant. Meanwhile, another motor company, Packard, announced an increase in the retail price of its cars. This is the second auto company to announce price increases since the signing of the coal contract which was expected to increase the costs of steel.

The Dutch government on Sunday issued an order for cease firing in the undeclared war in Indonesia, after the United Nations had ordered both sides to stop fighting. The Republican forces in Indonesia requested the Dutch troops to retreat to the original lines held at the time the fighting started, but the Dutch refused this request. The action is regarded as a triumph for the United Nations in bringing about a halt in the war.

## Six Traffic Cases Heard By Recorder

A light docket, consisting of six traffic cases, was disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court here this week.

Julius Roth was fined \$30 and costs of court on a charge of reckless driving and was ordered to pay \$25 damage to the Town of Hertford. Roth was charged with reckless driving when he lost control of his car last Thursday afternoon and struck a sign and light pole at the intersection of Church and Market streets.

Sterling Smith submitted to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

Anthony Panter was fined \$5 and ordered to pay the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Willie Taylor, Negro, charged with driving with improper steering gear and insufficient brakes, was fined \$20 and costs of court.

Howard Mapley, Negro, submitted to a charge of driving without displaying license plate and he was taxed with the costs of court.

Ernest Bogue, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving without a license. He was fined \$25 and costs of court.

## Births Outnumber Deaths During Year

Births far outnumbered deaths in Perquimans County during the years 1945 and 1946, according to J. W. Ward, register of deeds, who this week released a report on the vital statistics. According to the report, during 1945 there were 194 births recorded by the register of deeds and a total of 61 deaths. During 1946 the births totalled 200 and deaths numbered 71.

## Indians Hold Third Place Despite Slump During Past Week

### Windsor to Play Here Saturday Night In Next Home Game

Hertford Indians retained their hold on the third place position in the Albemarle League during the past week despite a slump which cost them four out of six games. The Indians dropped two games to Colerain, divided games with Suffolk, turned back Elizabeth City and lost to Edenton at Edenton Tuesday night. Colerain won by scores of 2-1 and 5-0; Suffolk won in the game here 5-0, and the Indians won in Suffolk on Sunday 1-0, in what fans termed one of the best games of the year. Bauer pitched two-hit ball at Suffolk and shut out the home team when his mates counted one run on a Suffolk error. Gilkerson and Taylor did the mound duty at Elizabeth City Monday night, allowing the Senators only four hits while the Indians collected eight. The final score was 3-2 for the Indians.

Brigman started on the mound for Hertford against Edenton Tuesday night, and Jordan pitched for Edenton. A series of errors cost the Indians the game inasmuch as it was nip and tuck throughout the first five innings. Brigman allowed five hits and walked one batter before he was replaced in the fifth by Gilkerson. Taylor replaced Gilkerson on the mound for Hertford in the seventh and Wilson replaced Taylor in the same inning. The score was 1-1 in the last half of the fifth, but two home runs by the Wheeler brothers sewed up the game for the Colonials. Edenton scored again in the sixth and seventh innings and pushed in six runs in the eighth. One hit, three walks and five errors in this inning accounted for the six runs.

Edenton collected ten hits and made three errors, while Hertford counted for six hits off Jordan and made nine errors. Jordan struck out seven batters, Brigman three and Wilson one. The next home game for the Indians will be played on Saturday night when the Windsor Rebels come to Hertford for a game at eight o'clock on Memorial Field. Windsor, showing improved playing, has moved out of the cellar and are now in fifth place in the standing.

## Chowan Association To Sponsor Meeting

Two Southern Baptist Sunday School leaders, J. N. Barnette and A. V. Washburn from Nashville, Tenn., will be the guests of the Chowan Baptist Sunday School Association this week-end in Elizabeth City.

Mr. Barnette is secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, and Mr. Washburn is director of training.

Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock there will be a Sunday School banquet at the First Baptist Church in Elizabeth City for the pastors, Sunday School superintendents, department superintendents and Association Sunday School officers. On Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock there will be an Association-wide Sunday School meeting at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church. The distinguished guests will be on the program both at the banquet and the Sunday afternoon meeting.

Mr. Barnette is an acknowledged leader in Sunday School work. He has had vast experience in the work, having been a Sunday School teacher and superintendent for many years. Mr. Washburn is an authority in the field of Sunday School training and has rich background of experience that fits him for this vital work.

Chowan Baptist Sunday School leaders are urged to attend these meetings this week-end.

## County Board Guests At Annual Dinner

Members of the Board of County Commissioners were guests at a dinner served at the County Home last Monday by Mr. and Mrs. C. B. White. The dinner, an annual event, served by the superintendent of the county farm, included ham, chicken and beef with all the trimmings, was thoroughly enjoyed by the guests.

## SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Services at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church have been discontinued for the remainder of the month of August, the Rev. E. T. Jilson, rector, announced Tuesday.

## Benefits Assured Perquimans Farmers Cooperating In AAA

### Crop Outlook Best In Years, According to Reports Received

Perquimans County farmers who are participating in the AAA farm plan are assured of full payments for carrying out soil building practices, it was announced this week by W. E. White, secretary of the County ACA. In a letter to all producers, Mr. White pointed out the farm plan signed by individual producers and gave the minimum amount of money the farm could earn in carrying out the practices.

Approximately \$32,000 has been allocated Perquimans County ACA for benefit payments, but the plan is so arranged that full payments will be received even though this amount is insufficient to meet all payments.

Mr. White advised all local producers if sufficient practices had not already been carried out to earn full payment, several additional practices could be carried out in order for each producer to earn full payments. These practices include the use of any lime, the seeding of certain winter crops, and also the use of superphosphate if used on either the above named cover crops or for permanent pastures. It was stated there will be sufficient seed for these cover crops, also a supply of superphosphate which can be received by placing orders with the AAA office.

Reports coming into the AAA office, according to Mr. White, indicate Perquimans County can expect a wonderful harvest this fall. Crop outlook, at the present, is the best in years, according to these reports, Mr. White said.

Miss Marie Fowler, AAA treasurer and office assistant, tendered her resignation to the committee, effective September 1. Miss Helen Nixon, who has had experience in AAA work, was elected to succeed Miss Fowler.

Miss Fowler, who is to be married shortly, has been continuously employed in the Perquimans County AAA office for more than nine years. The committee, in accepting her resignation, stated they did so with great reluctance and expressed their grateful appreciation for the fine service she has rendered.

## USDA Asks For Cut In Peanut Acreage

In order to receive a support price of 90% parity as of July 15 for 1948-crop peanuts, producers must vote at a referendum to be held before December 15, 1947, to reduce the nation's 1948 peanut acreage to about 75% of that planted in 1947, according to Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson's recent proclamation establishing 760,000 tons as the 1948-crop peanut marketing quota. Secretary Anderson's proclamation was occasioned by the provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 which requires that unless the supply of peanuts for edible products and vegetable oils is below domestic demands and probable exports, marketing quotas must be established.

The 760,000 ton figure was determined by analyzing the actual disappearance of peanuts cleaned and shelled during the last five years, which averaged 673,000 tons farmers' stock and the prospective disappearance from the 1947-48 crops which is estimated at 579,000 tons. It also includes an estimated tonnage allowed for seed, feed and home use on farms and for damaged nuts.

To produce the 1947 marketing quota, the 3,136,000 acreage planted in 1947 would be reduced to 2,324,109 in 1948, based on a yield of 654 pounds per acre.

## Girl Scouts Hold Regular Meeting

Troop No. 1 of the Hertford Girl Scouts held its regular meeting at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon, August 3, at the VFW hall. The afternoon was spent with games and contests. Each patrol presented a stunt, and light refreshments were served. Patrol One will be hostess for the September meeting. A Scout Law contest, with special prizes offered, was announced as the program for September. All Girl Scouts are reminded to watch the bulletin board at the entrance to the Scout room for further announcements.

## MASONS MEET TUESDAY

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night.

## County Commissioners Name J. C. Morgan As New Superintendent Of County Home.

### Bible School Opens At Chapel Hill Monday

A vacation Bible School will be conducted at the Chapel Hill Baptist Church, beginning August 11 and lasting through August 15, it was announced today.

Services will begin each day at 9 o'clock in the morning and last until 12 o'clock noon. All pupils, ranging in ages from 4 to 16 years, are urged to attend.

## Football Practice At Perquimans High Starts About Aug. 20

### Coach Levinson Requests Recruits to Be Ready For Drills

Coach Joe Levinson, new athletic director at Perquimans High School, stated Monday afternoon that he plans to start football practice for the high school Indians about August 20, and he requests all members of last year's squad, as well as new boys, desiring to try out for the team to be ready to report for drills daily.

A large number of boys are expected to report for practice. During the past several years the number of students trying out for the football team has increased and the number this year is expected to be the largest yet. Not all of these boys will be varsity material but they will, however, be gaining much needed experience that it takes to make good football players.

Members of last year's squad who are expected to answer the first call for practice are John Ward, Jack Symons, Edward Lane, L. C. Elliott, Lawrence Sutton, Bill Boyce, Nathan Spivey, Emmett Elmore, Earl Winslow, Bobby Jordan, Chester Winslow, Bob Evans, Howard Pitt, Howard Broughton, K. Kirby, Bob Layden, Hurdle, Horace Webb, Kermit Lane, Richard Futrell, Carroll Berry, Bruce Chappell, Reginald Tucker, in addition to a number of other students who will be trying out for the team for the first time.

Coach Levinson stated that the first practice sessions will be devoted to a discussion of the rules and any changes made in the rules since last year, and calisthenics.

Keen competition is expected to develop among the boys for regular berths on the 1947 Indian team, and a number of last year's regulars may have to work hard to retain their positions, as some of the reserves of last year are showing much promise for this season.

The definite date for the opening practice, Coach Levinson said, will be announced next week, and he urges all boys to pass the information along to all students interested in playing football.

## Shirt Company Still Taking Applications

Officials of the Don Juan Manufacturing Company, which will open a shirt factory here in Hertford about October 1, are still accepting applications for jobs, according to Jesse Lee Harris, who at present is acting as local representative for the concern and has application blanks for individuals desiring to apply for a position with the firm.

Mr. Harris stated Tuesday that more than 85 applications have already been received and the company is hopeful that at least that many more persons will apply for jobs. An official of the company, Mr. Harris said, stated the company would employ as many persons as it was possible to employ immediately upon the opening of the factory here.

Officials of the company are expected in Hertford on August 16 to make final arrangements regarding the opening of the factory. Construction work on the plant is about completed and the manufacturer is expected to begin installation of machinery within a short time, readying the plant for the start of operations. Persons desiring to make application for a job with the concern may obtain application blanks from Mr. Harris at the Z. A. Harris store here in Hertford.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Hill of Portsmouth announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Ann, born Friday, August 1, at the Maryview Hospital, Portsmouth. Mrs. Hill is the former Miss Mary Lib Fields. Mother and daughter are getting along nicely.

## Discuss Plans to Convert Institution Into Boarding Home

In one of the shortest sessions held this year, members of the board of County Commissioners on Monday appointed J. C. Morgan as superintendent of the county home, the term of the office to become effective January 1, 1948, for a period of one year.

Mr. Morgan was named to the post after the board had been notified by C. H. White, present superintendent, that he would not be an applicant for the post. Mr. White has served as the superintendent of the home for the past ten years.

Following the appointment of Mr. Morgan to the post, the board advised the new superintendent of the commissioners' plan to convert the home into a boarding home for the aged. This plan has been discussed for some time by the board, and through cooperation with the County Welfare Department, it is believed that the county can save at least part of the money now being expended for the operation of the county farm. Under the boarding home plan, inmates of the home would receive welfare checks and in turn would pay for their board from these checks. This plan has been placed in operation in other counties and works satisfactorily and at the same time saves operational expense for the county. Just when the plan will be put into effect here awaits further investigation on the part of the commissioners.

The board reviewed the names of county residents selected for jury service, included in this list were the names of a number of ladies, now eligible under the States' new law to serve on juries.

The board discussed a number of road projects and advised the clerk of the board, J. W. Ward, to write the Highway Department requesting improvements be made to the various roads. Mr. Ward reported to the board he had had no reply to a letter requesting information as to when the Department planned to start work on the Hertford-Center Hill road.

## Soil Conservation District Observes Tenth Anniversary

Farmer-supervisors in the Albemarle Soil Conservation District joined the supervisors of 1,900 other districts throughout the nation in observing two major events in soil and water conservation history.

First is the 10th anniversary of Soil Conservation Districts; second is the reaching of the billion-acre mark in Soil Conservation District organization.

The nation's first Soil Conservation District was created by landowners in North Carolina on August 4, 1937. This is the Brown Creek Soil Conservation District which includes the farm in Anson County, where Dr. Hugh H. Bennett, now chief of the Soil Conservation Service, was born and reared.

The Soil Conservation District movement has made much faster progress than pioneers in soil and water conservation first thought possible. When the districts were first being organized by farmers ten years ago it was not believed that in the course of ten years there would be districts covering a billion acres. This is proof that landowners, when given an opportunity, will take the leadership in solving their own soil and water conservation problems. Each district is organized by farmers and controlled by them under authority of a state law.

Farmers in this section voted to organize the Albemarle Soil Conservation District in 1943. It includes Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Perquimans and Pasquotank.

A. T. Lane of Route 1, Hertford, is the local supervisor of the district. Mr. Lane reports that the district has helped more than 600 farmers to plan and begin applying complete farm soil and water conservation programs on 66,000 acres.

Today, according to Dr. T. S. Buie, Southeastern Regional Conservator of the Soil Conservation Service, 317 Soil Conservation Districts cover more than 206,000,000 Southeastern acres. These districts contain more than 83 per cent of the farms in the nine Southeastern states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.