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## County Board Names Tax Listers; Refers Band Salary Matter

## Revaluation of Property May Be Ordered For Year 1949

With several important matters on the agenda, which consumed considerable time in discussion, the Perquimans Board of County Commissioners were in a long session here Monday.

The Board was presented a petition by a group of residents of Belvidere requesting that the State Highway Commission improve and develop certain roads of that township. The petition will be forwarded to the State Commission.

Tax listers for 1948 were named by the Commissioners as follows: R. Chappell, Bethel; John O. White, Hertford; C. V. Ward, Belvidere; W. Stanton, Parkville, and Seth Long, New Hope. The tax listers will begin their duties of listing property for 1948 taxes on January 1. In connection with the discussion on tax listers, the Board took up the matter of revaluation of property during the next year. Present indications are that an increase in the tax rate will be necessary for the next fiscal year and the Board is of the opinion this increase in the tax rate may be overcome by revaluation. No definite action was taken on the matter.

A delegation representing various civic organizations appeared before the Board regarding the payment of a band master's salary. This delegation was present at the last meeting of the Board, at which time additional information was requested by the Commissioners. After some discussion and an opinion from the County Attorney, the Commissioners referred the matter back to the Board of Education. It was pointed out during the discussion that the County Commissioners cannot levy tax for such purposes, but the Board of Education may.

Additional information regarding the matter was given by the Board of Education. The Board of Education requested additional funds from the County Commissioners to offset the expense, but no action was taken other than referring the problem to the School Board.

## Indians Close Grid Season In Win From Scotland Neck 13-0

Perquimans High School's football team closed its 1947 season last Saturday night by chalking up its ninth victory at the expense of Scotland Neck, an Albemarle Conference foe. The victory assured Coach Devinson's Indians the second position in the Albemarle Conference standing. Plymouth, by turning back Williamston the same day, finished the season without a blemish and thereby won the Conference title.

The Indians found Scotland Neck a high opponent during the first half, nevertheless, the Perquimans proved superior and marched off for three touchdowns and two points during the first half, which assured the victory. Scotland Neck scored the lone tally during the second period.

The game developed into a rough contest on the part of the Scotland Neck fans, and officials who repeatedly penalized the host team for unnecessary roughness refused to call second half of the contest. Here, Nixon, a local official, was present officiating the game during the second half and the game was played in a more sportsmanlike manner.

The entire Indian team, which saw on in the game, gave excellent accounts for themselves in the final tilt of the season, thus bringing to a successful close a football year. The game opened the season with Ellerbe City and Edenton and suffered setbacks at the hands of these teams. They turned on the pressure and two games before losing to Plymouth. Another winning streak added two more victories, then Edenton led out in a return contest played Memorial Field. Coach Levinson's team won the last two games easily, over Franklin, Va., and Scotland Neck.

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## Norfolk Southern Presents Petition

Officers of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company have presented the North Carolina Utilities Commission a petition which, if granted by the Utilities Commission, will give the railroad company permission to discontinue passenger service over the railroad running from Norfolk to Raleigh. The petition was presented Monday, according to an announcement by the Utilities Commission.

The railroad officials point out that passenger service on their road has served its day and present traffic does not pay for the expense of operation. However, the railroad contends it will continue to operate Trains No. 1 and No. 2 for the purpose of hauling freight and mail.

## County Welfare Dept. Launches Campaign For Aid To Needy

The Perquimans County Welfare Department announced today the launching of its annual campaign to bring joy to the needy people of this county at Christmas. Edgar White, superintendent of the department, stated that a list has been prepared of the people who need to be helped if their Christmas is to be made a joyous occasion.

This list is available to churches, societies, civic organizations and individual citizens who wish to participate in bringing real happiness to those who for many reasons will be unable to have a Merry Christmas otherwise.

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club, in their regular meeting Tuesday night, voted to assist the Welfare Department through a good will offering which is expected to raise sufficient funds to take a number of the families on the welfare list. Other civic organizations are expected to follow this procedure and Mr. White urges all who desire to assist to get in touch with him as soon as possible in order that arrangements can be made for sharing Christmas joy with every person on the list.

The Salvation Army, which has been generous in the past in aiding the local fund, is again expected to furnish some assistance to the campaign, Mr. White said. He added, however, that the list is of sufficient size that a large number of clubs and individuals are offered an opportunity to share Christmas joy with less fortunate people and the Welfare Department is hopeful that the response will be great enough to care for each case on the list.

## Sale Of Christmas Seals Progressing

Mrs. C. A. Davenport, chairman of the Perquimans County Christmas Seal Sale campaign, reported this week that sale of the seals is progressing in the county and that a large number of reports have already been mailed back to her.

The chairman pointed out that envelopes mailed out to local residents contained 100 seals and each recipient is requested to return only one dollar for the seals. The funds raised through this drive are used to aid in the work of combating tuberculosis. Individuals who have received seals from the chairman through the mail are urged to return their contribution as soon as possible and not later than Wednesday before Christmas.

The drive will close on December 25th.

## Season's First Snow Fell Here Sunday

Winter blew into Perquimans County slightly ahead of its official date, when snow fell here Sunday sufficiently to cover the ground, and cold winds followed causing the mercury to drop below freezing.

The snowfall started at about 1:30 and continued until early evening, the flakes growing larger as the temperature dropped. The storm was general throughout the eastern part of the State and halted local farmers from harvesting crops. Clear cold weather on Monday and Tuesday enabled the farmers to resume harvesting of crops which has been slowed down considerably due to inclement weather.

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## Recorder's Court Collected \$287 In Fines On Tuesday

## Traffic Violations Account For Host of the Court's Docket

Fines and costs of court amounting to more than \$287 were taxed against numerous traffic law violators cited into Perquimans Recorder's Court during the past week. Many of the cases were submitted and fines and costs paid before court convened. Twenty-one cases were disposed of by the court this week.

Archie Chappell paid a fine of \$50 on a charge of reckless driving, \$35 of the amount being awarded as damages inflicted on another car.

Morris Rosenberg, Pauline Cooksey, George Hicky, Jr., Valentine Vargo each paid a fine of \$10 and court costs after submitting to charges of speeding.

Edward Havens was fined \$15 and costs for speeding.

Wallace Knight, George Patterson each paid a fine of \$5.00 and costs for speeding.

Max Croft was fined \$12 and ordered to pay the court costs after submitting to a charge of speeding.

Costs of court were assessed against Warren Overton, Negro, on charges of speeding.

The State took a nol pro in the case of Elmer Proctor, charged with driving with improper lights.

Charges of driving with improper brakes were made against Myrtle Kotch, Antonne Davenport, Daniel Rogerson and Calvin Morgan. Each of the defendants paid a fine of \$10 and the costs of court.

Harriman Waff, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Russell Cohoon was fined \$100 and ordered to pay the court costs on charges of driving under the influence of liquor.

Johnnie Wright, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs for driving with improper lights.

Marvin Sawyer paid a fine of \$10 and costs for passing a car on a curve.

William Creecy, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs for driving with insufficient brakes. A nol pro was taken in the case of Milton Hobbs, Negro, charged with failing to report an accident.

## Christmas Shopping Season To Be Short

With only 17 shopping days remaining before Christmas, Perquimans County shoppers are reminded that the Christmas shopping season this year will be a short one. Thanksgiving was later this year than usual and thus the Christmas shopping season, which starts the day following Thanksgiving, was cut short, and customers will be hurried to get their shopping done before December 25.

Several stores in Hertford have already begun their holiday window-dressing, while all of them have been receiving shipments of Christmas stocks for several weeks now.

Although plenty of radios and radio-phonographs are available, other of the larger items are somewhat scarce. Refrigerators are extremely scarce as are all but the fully automatic types of washing machines. Other household appliances, such as electric irons, coffee-pots, toasters and waffle-irons, are available though not plentiful.

In the toy line, things look somewhat better. Bicycles are scarce as are some of the heavier mechanical playthings, but electric trains seem to be available although one local store manager has stated that his supply sold out.

Christmas tree decorations, lights, tinsel and glass ornaments are available, but not in great quantity, local store managers advising their patrons to replenish their supply of decorations before the last minute rush.

## Christmas Lights Strung On Streets

Colored light bulbs, part of the street decorations used in Hertford each holiday season, have been installed and will be lighted each evening and night for several weeks before Christmas. It was announced today by V. N. Darden, Mayor.

The installation of the lights was made this week under the supervision of F. T. Britt, superintendent of the Utilities Department. The lights are strung along Church Street through the business section and also on Market Street.

## Perquimans Indians To Open Basketball Season December 9

## Schedule of 18 Games Announced By Coach Levinson

Coach Joe Levinson today announced that Perquimans High School will open its 1947 basketball season next Tuesday night, December 9, when the Indians and Squaws meet the teams from Hobbsville. A schedule of 18 games has been listed by the coach.

The Indians, champions of the Albemarle Rural Conference, will be out to defend their championship and the team will be made up of a number of veterans from last year's squad. Coach Levinson stated he has not decided upon a starting team as yet. The group has been practicing only a short time, having only closed out football last week. Veterans from last year expected to make a fine showing this season include Horace Webb, Chester Winslow, Howard Pitt, Edward Lane, Bob Layden, Reginald Tucker, L. C. Elliott, Bob Jordan and a large number of boys who are trying out for the team for the first time.

The girls' team, which will be coached this year by Miss Faye Jessup, has been practicing several weeks and the team is expected to be built around three members of last year's squad not lost by graduation.

Coach Levinson released the following schedule for the season: Dec. 9—Hobbsville here. Dec. 12—Weeksville there. Dec. 15—South Mills here. Dec. 17—Edenton there. Jan. 6—Moyock there. Jan. 9—Manteo here. Jan. 13—Central there. Jan. 16—Griggs here. Jan. 20—Chowan here. Jan. 30—Hobbsville there. Feb. 3—Weeksville here. Feb. 6—South Mills there. Feb. 10—Yorkville there. Feb. 13—Manteo there. Feb. 17—Central here. Feb. 20—Griggs there. Feb. 24—Chowan here.

## Restaurant Owners Warned On Permits

K. J. Eyer, Sanitarian for the Health Department, reported that he had found instances of restaurants in Perquimans County being operated without a permit from the Health Department.

He called attention to the fact that some persons have the mistaken idea that the securing of a health certificate enables them to operate a food handling establishment.

The Sanitarian quoted the State Health Code governing the sanitation requirements for restaurants and pointed out that the law provides that no person who does not possess an unrevoked permit from the State Board of Health shall operate a restaurant.

Furthermore, the law provides that no permits shall be issued until after a sanitary inspection by a representative of the State Board of Health shows that the applicant complies with the regulations.

Eyer quoted the portion of the law which defines a restaurant in order to clarify the situation. "The term restaurant shall mean, coffee shop, cafeteria, short order cafe, luncheonette, tavern, sandwich stand, soda fountain and all other public eating places where food is prepared and served to the public at wholesale or retail for pay, as well as kitchens and other places in which food is handled or prepared for sale elsewhere to the public."

Recently several food handling places were asked to discontinue sale of foods because of not being able to comply with the sanitation requirements.

## Town And County Share In Tax Distribution

Perquimans County and the Town of Hertford shared in the first distribution of increased taxes on the sale of beer and wine this week, when the county received a check amounting to \$3,948.01, while the Town received \$1,010.47. The money was distributed by the State Revenue Department under provisions made by the last General Assembly.

The 1947 Legislature doubled the tax on beer and wine and directed that half of the collection be divided with towns and counties permitting the sale of beer and wine. The amounts received here this week were for collections from July 1 through September 30 of this year.

## Two Women Draw For Superior Court Jury

Women are becoming a popular part of the jury system here in Perquimans County with two additional members of the fair sex being drawn for jury service at the January term of Superior Court, which will convene here early in January to hear a large number of civil suits carried over from the October term of court.

Those drawn for jury service by the County Commissioners at a meeting Monday were: Cecil T. Everett, Mrs. Nellie Davis, Ernest Symons, Otha Nixon, J. B. Corbett, Edgar Riddick, James Winslow, Thomas Mathews, Leslie Gregory, J. R. Futrell, C. S. Jackson, C. H. Ward, J. T. Lamb, Miss Grace Chappell, L. T. Keel, Garland Bunch, Corbin Dozier, W. A. Gay, James Moore, C. M. Winslow, Wallace Morgan, E. R. Whedbee, Jr., H. T. Broughton and Henry T. Layden.

## Board Of Education Defers Action On Leasing Ball Park

Due to the absence of two members at its meeting Monday, the Perquimans Board of Education deferred action regarding a lease on Memorial Field which will enable the Norfolk Baseball Club to establish a spring training center here. It was reported following the meeting of the Board, that a decision on the matter may be made by December 15, at least not later than January 5th.

The Board was not approached on the matter, but discussed the project inasmuch as it has been announced that the Norfolk team desired to return to Hertford for a spring training period.

Tentative dates for the Christmas holidays to be observed by local schools were set, with schools closing on December 19 and reopening on January 5. If adopted, this will give the schools a full two weeks' vacation.

The Board was advised that a new heating plant ordered for Perquimans High School was being shipped and should arrive here shortly. The Superintendent was advised by the Board to use every method possible to get the plant installed during the Christmas holidays, thus providing the building with a heating system sufficient to properly heat the school.

## License Examiner Killed In Accident

B. Henry Smith, Perquimans County Automobile License Examiner, died instantly last Thursday morning from injuries suffered when he was pinned beneath a fire truck which had collided with a station wagon at an intersection in Edenton.

Smith, whose home was in Rocky Mount, lived at Edenton and was a member of the Edenton Fire Department. On Thanksgiving morning the fire department was called to extinguish a blaze at an Edenton home, and on the return trip to the fire station the truck collided with a station wagon. Two other firemen were thrown clear of the wreckage, but Smith was pinned under the truck as it turned over and died from injuries suffered.

Funeral services were conducted at Rocky Mount last Friday afternoon with the Edenton Masonic Lodge, of which Smith was a member, in charge of the services.

## PTA Bazaar And Party At School December 12

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Hertford Grammar School will sponsor a bazaar, ruck and bridge party at the grammar school on Friday night, December 12. The bazaar will be staged at 7 o'clock and the ruck and bridge parties will begin at 8 o'clock.

Proceeds from the bazaar and parties will be used to purchase playground equipment for the school. The public is cordially invited.

## Sheriff Reports Law Prohibits Fireworks

Sheriff M. G. Owens today reminded the residents of Perquimans County that a new law regulating fireworks was passed by the 1947 Legislature and that this law will be enforced at all times.

The law prohibits the sale, use of, manufacture of fireworks in any form. It also prohibits the carrying or transporting of fireworks. The Sheriff urges the public to cooperate by observing this new measure.

## Peanut Producers Urged To Vote In Referendum Tues.

## Polling Places Listed By Secretary of the Local Committee

Next Tuesday will be a pretty big day for North Carolina peanut growers. On that date, December 9, they will decide whether marketing quotas will be in effect for the 1948-49-50 crops. Only peanut producers are eligible to vote in this special election and those interested in peanut production are being urged to cast a ballot in the referendum.

The price support of peanuts depends on whether the growers themselves favor marketing quotas. Under the law there can be no price support unless two-thirds of those voting in the referendum favor quotas.

Arrangements for holding the elections have been completed for Perquimans County, and W. E. White, secretary of the AAA Committee, today released the polling places located in this county. At Belvidere the voting will take place at the Community House; Nicanor, Ralph White's Store; Bethel, C. T. Phillips' Store; Hertford, at the Agriculture Building; New Hope, at the Community House; Durants Neck, at Community House; Parkville, at Fred Winslow's Store.

The polling places will be open from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

In addition to casting ballots for the peanut quotas, local farm producers will also vote, at the same time, for delegates to the county convention and will select community committeemen. Each community will nominate and elect three community committeemen and two alternates.

Mr. White stated that no changes have been made in the boundaries of the communities in regard to this election.

Peanut farm allotments, as to be observed providing the referendum is carried next Tuesday, have already been mailed to local producers, Mr. White announced. He added that a complete list of these allotments are on file at the Agriculture Building and is available for inspection.

He emphasized that for farms which have no allotment established because the acreage during the years 1944-47 was not in excess of one acre, no notice of allotment will be given. He added that if, however, it is found later that more than one acre of peanuts is picked or threshed in 1948 on such a farm, an allotment will be determined at that time which would be established from the reserve held for the correction of errors.

## Legion To Observe Good Neighbor Day Sunday, December 7

Members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion will join with other members of the Legion throughout North Carolina and observe Sunday, December 7, as Good Neighbor Day, it was announced today by W. F. Ainsley, Commander of the local Post.

Mr. Ainsley attended a State conference of American Legion Commanders held last Saturday and Sunday at Goldsboro, at which time plans for the Good Neighbor Day were made.

Every member of the American Legion is requested to visit a veteran on next Sunday and renew friendship with his neighbor as a part of the Good Neighbor Day plan.

The Legion, Mr. Ainsley stated, will continue to observe the plan throughout the week of December 7 to 13 and special efforts to sign memberships into the Legion will be made.

The Commander pointed out that there are 450,000 veterans in North Carolina, of which 360,000 served in World War II. Some 70,000 of these veterans are in some type of training program. Forty-five thousand are taking institutional training and these institutes are high in their commitments to the veterans taking this type of training. Some 25,000 veterans are engaged in on-the-job training and 16,000 are engaged in taking agriculture training.

## State College Club Hears Prof. Lovvorn

Members of the Perquimans County State College Alumni Club met at the Agricultural Building in Hertford address by Dr. R. L. Lovvorn, professor Wednesday night and heard a short sor of agronomy at State College.

A large number of members of the local club were present to hear Dr. Lovvorn and pictures of an athlete contest were shown following the