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## Extensive Survey Of Education In State Now Being Considered By Commission

### Public to Be Asked to Voice Opinions on Major Improvements

The North Carolina State Education Commission, which was authorized by the last Legislature, and appointed by Governor R. Gregg Cherry, to make a thorough study of all phases of education in the State as a means of determining problems and improvements, is planning an extensive survey of all counties in the State, according to information given members of the Weekly Press group at the State Press Institute held in Chapel Hill last week-end.

Local residents through the medium of this newspaper will have an opportunity to voice opinions and suggestions for improvement of the State system, and the Education Commission is hopeful of gaining considerable aid in compiling its facts from these questionnaires.

The Commission was granted the sum of fifty thousand dollars by the legislature, and later the Knapp Foundation became interested in the study and allocated an additional one hundred thousand dollars to be used by the commission in furthering the survey. With this sum the Commission has been able to gather together a group of authorities, recognized as the best in their fields, which include teacher study, maintenance of plants, transportation and other fields, who will compile the facts as they exist in each county. A report of the findings will be made to the Governor upon completion of the entire survey, and these facts will be reported to the public.

The questionnaire, which the Education Commission is requesting to be filled out and mailed to its executive secretary, along with other suggestions and opinions, will be published soon in this newspaper. Readers are asked to watch for it and mail it back to the secretary, whose address will be listed on the form.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A Senate committee, studying the Marshall Plan aid to Europe, is expected to make the original measure look entirely different when it emerges from the committee rooms, according to a report from Washington. It appears the committee will slash the 17 billion dollars requested for a four and one-half period, to a sum to be expended during the next 16 months. Recommendations have been made to the committee that Congress vote sums for short periods of time instead of the overall period as recommended by Secretary of State Marshall.

Plans in accordance with the unification of Western Germany into an economic unit calling for the State Department to take over control of the government in the area are being readied in Washington in conferences between the Army and State Department. It was announced this week the State Department will relieve the Army of the governmental duties around July 1.

Turning down President Truman's recommendation for a flat \$40 per person tax reduction, GOP leaders of the Ways and Means Committee rammed through the Knutson measure calling for a cut of six billion dollars in income tax. The bill is expected to be passed by the House shortly, and likely, according to reports, will pass the Senate. However, authorities in Washington believe the President will veto this measure as he did two similar bills last year.

### License Examiner Given Suspension

R. G. Ward, operator license examiner for Perquimans County, has been suspended temporarily from his duties in this area, according to Sgt. W. S. Hunt of the State Highway Patrol. The Motor Vehicle Department is expected to replace Ward with another examiner within a short time. However, the schedule of the new examiner is unknown at this time.

An announcement from Raleigh on Wednesday stated that Ward had tendered his resignation as an examiner and the case, insofar as the Motor Vehicle Department is concerned, is closed. Officials of the Department stated Ward's suspension had nothing to do with a case in which he is involved in court at Goldsboro.

### Forestry Tour Is Scheduled For Feb. 6

Persons interested in forestry are invited to attend a forestry field meeting to be conducted in this county on February 6, it was announced today by I. C. Yagel, County Agent, who has charge of the plans.

The tour will be divided into two meetings, one at the timber processing plant on the Center Hill highway, which will begin at about 2:30 o'clock. The second will be a timber thinning demonstration which will take place at 3:30 o'clock.

R. W. Graeber, State Extension Forester, will lead the discussion on forest management problems. Persons desiring to attend the meetings are requested to be at the Agriculture Building in Hertford not later than 2 o'clock on the date of the tour.

## Perquimans Bureau To Farm Meeting To Send Delegates

Perquimans County Farm Bureau will send four delegates, three of whom will have voting power, at the annual convention of the N. C. Farm Bureau in Asheville February 1, 2, 3 and 4. Fred T. Mathews, county president, has announced. The delegation from Perquimans will include Mr. Mathews, C. R. Holmes, W. L. Madre and J. M. Benton.

"The number of voting delegates representing a county Farm Bureau is determined by the total membership of the local units," Mathews pointed out. "In all, there will be 344 voting delegates at the meeting, representing the state-wide membership of 10,800."

Voting delegates are elected by the county units to act on resolutions presented to the annual meeting by the 75 county Farm Bureaus in the State. The resolutions, submitted before the State organization only after full consideration on the county level, touch upon various problems and policies affecting North Carolina agriculture. Without doubt, the work of the voting delegates is as important as any action taken at our annual meetings, for their decisions touch upon the organization's whole program for the year to come."

The 1948 convention, which will be highlighted by addresses and discussions by leaders in agriculture, industry, labor and government, is regarded as a milestone in the progress of Farm Bureau in the State, Mathews said. Leading the South once more in membership, he added, the North Carolina Farm Bureau is looked upon as one of the strongest units in the entire organization of 1,275,180 farm families and is expected to continue to show the way in Southern farm leadership.

### Baseball Officials Planning For Season

Directors of the Perquimans County Baseball Club, local entry in the Albermarle League, are making plans for the opening of the 1948 season, following a league meeting held recently in Edenton.

At a meeting last week, F. T. Mathews, president of the local club, announced the resignation of E. H. Cannon as vice president. J. H. Towe was elected to fill the vacancy. The directors voted to request bids for the concessions at the ball park during the 1948 season, and bids are requested to be submitted to the secretary, D. S. Darden, or to Mr. Mathews on or before February 15.

A committee has been appointed to investigate and confer with a number of applicants seeking the position as playing manager of the Perquimans team for this year.

### Indians And Squaws Play At Hobbsville

Perquimans High School basketball teams are scheduled to play in games away from home during this weekend, according to Coach Joe Levinson, who said the Indians and Squaws play in Hobbsville on the Gatesville court Thursday night. These games will be regular Rural Conference contests. In games with Hobbsville earlier this season the Indians and Squaws won over the Hobbsville boys and girls.

Elizabeth City will play a return game with the Indians and Junior Varsity of the local court next Wednesday night in the first of home games played next week.

## Twenty Cases Heard By Recorder Judge During Past Week

### Traffic Violations Continue to Lead Docket List

Twenty cases, eighteen of which represented traffic violations, were disposed of by the Perquimans Recorders Court here this week. A total of \$244 in fines was levied against 18 of the defendants, and each was also taxed with the costs of court.

The State took a no pros in the case charging Exum Brothers with driving without a tail light.

Nine defendants, J. A. Wilson, Kermit Durant, Lawrence Seator, Alexander MacDonald, Albert Shottmeyer, John Keller, Reeves Hornsey, Andrew Morotti and Joseph Guzzetta entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and each was fined \$10 and costs of court.

Arnold Berman, William Hodges, Merrill Smith and Morris Savitz each pleaded guilty to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$5 and costs of court.

Vincent Caizza was fined \$15 and costs on a charge of speeding.

F. N. Dunstatter paid a fine of \$19 and costs for speeding.

Mervin Raby and Martin Herman, both charged with reckless driving, entered pleas of guilty and paid fines of \$25 and costs of court.

Benjamin Twiddy entered a plea of guilty to being drunk and disorderly and was assessed the costs of court.

Troy Elliott, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, was found guilty by Judge Charles E. Johnson of assault with a deadly weapon. He was fined \$50 and ordered to pay the costs of court. Elliott was arrested by Sheriff M. G. Owens, following a fight which, according to the testimony given in court, occurred between Elliott and Nathan Trueblood, during the fight Trueblood was cut with an article and required treatment at the Albemarle Hospital.

## Chester Winslow Awarded Grid Trophy

Chester Winslow, a senior at Perquimans High School, and one of the outstanding football players in this section of the State, was awarded the State Theater Outstanding Player trophy in ceremonies conducted at the State Theater Monday evening.

Winslow, playing at end position during the 1947 season, was selected to receive this year's trophy by members of the Indian squad. Each player on the team cast a secret ballot for his choice and a tally of the votes revealed the sturdy lineman to be the choice of his teammates.

The presentation of the trophy was made by Joe Levinson, athletic director at the local school. Littleton Gibbs, manager of the theater, in giving the trophy to Principal E. C. Woodard for presentation, stated that this trophy was the first of many to be presented to the football player at the Perquimans school showing outstanding ability during the season.

The State Theater management has arranged to present a trophy each year, and the manner of selecting the outstanding player will be the same as this season, the members of the team making the choice. No player will be eligible to win the trophy more than once, and each trophy presented is a permanent award, as a new trophy will be awarded by the theater each year.

### Y. W. A.'s Elect New Officers For Year

The Y. W. A.'s of the Baptist Church were entertained at a supper meeting Monday evening by Mrs. J. H. Bagley. During the business session the group elected the following officers for the coming year: Miss Eva Harris, leader; president, Miss Anna Cannon; vice president, Miss Myrtle Norman Elliott; secretary and treasurer, Miss Maude Holmes; Community Mission Chairman, Miss Juanita Divers; Mission Study Chairman, Miss Katherine Anne Holmes; Publicity Chairman, Miss Betty Jean Winslow; Stewardship Chairman, Miss Betty Ruth Chappell.

The devotional was given by Mrs. Bagley and a talk on the five ideals of the Y. W. A.'s by Mrs. I. A. Ward, president of the Missionary Society.

Those present, beside the officers mentioned, were Misses Charlene Miller, Martha Lee Tilley, Ruth Hassett, Marion Ann Davis. The meeting was dismissed by the group reciting the Lord's Prayer in unison.

## Weather Hinders March Of Dimes Drive In County

### Directors Urge Solicitors to Report Collection Saturday

Perquimans County's campaign to raise \$970 for the March of Dimes program has been hindered somewhat by the inclement weather of the past ten days, according to Silas M. Whedbee, co-director of the local drive.

Only a few reports have been turned in by solicitors and these indicate a slight drop in the size of contributions, as compared with last year, Mr. Whedbee stated that due to the fact that only two or three of the solicitors had been able to complete the canvass of their respective territories or neighborhoods, it was impossible, up to Wednesday noon, to state the measure of success the local drive will have.

Both Mr. Whedbee and Dr. T. P. Brinn, co-directors of the March of Dimes in Perquimans, urge all solicitors to make final reports to them not later than Saturday night, at which time the campaign will come to its official close.

The solicitors and the territory assigned them are: Business houses, Robert Hollowell, Henry C. Sullivan, J. W. Ward; Front Street, Mrs. S. M. Whedbee, Mrs. T. P. Brinn; Church Street, Mrs. B. G. Koonce; Grubb Street, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. L. B. Sitterson; Market Street, Mrs. Julian A. White and Mrs. W. L. Jessup; Dobb Street, Mrs. W. H. Pitt, Mrs. Charles Skinner; Academy Street, Mrs. Cecil Winslow; West Grubb Street, Mrs. Reginald Tucker; Covent Garden, Mrs. Clinton Ely; Penn Avenue, Mrs. Norman Elliott; West Dobb Street, Mrs. D. F. Reed; Woodland Circle, Mrs. R. C. Murray; Miss Frances Maness, Home Demonstration Clubs, Mrs. Etta Turner, Mrs. W. T. Smith, Mrs. A. R. Winslow, Mrs. Tom White, Mrs. Preston Long and H. R. White.

The colored division is under the direction of E. H. Brown, R. L. Kingsbury, W. O. Beamon and Odessa Burke.

## Winter Blasts Cause 3 Highway Wrecks

Perquimans County escaped the full blast of winter's icy thrust at most of the nation last week-end, but did not miss entirely the worse blow of winter thus far this year. It snowed some Friday night and rained some, with sleet mixed in, but an east wind came blowing in to partially block the cold gust out of the west and this immediate area missed the heavy snow fall and icy roads reported from most of the counties in the State.

State Highway Patrolmen H. L. White and R. C. Buckner reported three accidents in the county and credited, partially, weather conditions as the cause.

Ira S. Winslow and Mrs. Joseph Winslow both suffered painful, if not serious, injuries when their cars collided on the icy road near Billups service station on the Hobbsville road last Saturday morning. The collision occurred between 8:30 and nine o'clock when the storm was at its peak and driving conditions were hazardous. Both cars involved in the accident received considerable damage.

Later in the day the Patrolmen investigated a wreck on Route 17, about six miles south of Hertford, Martin Cash of Brooklyn, N. Y., was driving south when his car slipped off the icy road, a rear wheel hooked a soft spot in the shoulder of the highway and turned over in a ditch. Cash nor his two passengers suffered any injuries.

The officers investigated a third wreck of the week end on Monday when Alvah Cartwright, 16 years old, turned over a car which he was driving near Belvidere. According to the youth he missed a curve near Belvidere and the car went into a skid when it struck an icy spot; sliding about 40 feet the car which was being turned in the wrong direction struck a dry spot in the roadway and turned over. Cartwright and another youth, Benny Lamb suffered minor bruises.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Bonner announce the birth of a son, born Saturday, January 24. Mother and son are getting along nicely.

At Plymouth

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Boyce and Mrs. Frances Luttrell visited Mr. and Mrs. James Boyce in Plymouth on Sunday.

## Street Widening Project For Hertford Being Considered By Highway Commission

### Rotary Sees Film "This Road We Walk"

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club were given the opportunity of seeing the film "This Road We Walk," issued by the World Church Service in connection with the relief drive to be conducted in this county under the direction of Mrs. C. O. Fowler and C. Edgar White, at the regular meeting of the club on Tuesday night.

The film gives a pictorial account of the plight of people in countries ravaged by war, and shows the manner through which the World Church Service distributes supplies and clothing to the needy.

## Band Fund Campaign Reaches Half Way Mark, VFW Report

James E. Newby, commander of the Perquimans Post of VFW, reported this week that the campaign to raise funds to provide a fixed salary for the director of the Perquimans High School Band had reached the half way mark, with representatives of the five civic organizations continuing their task of soliciting pledges for the fund.

Individuals of the county are being asked to sign a pledge card contributing one dollar per month for a period of six months, to raise a sum sufficient to pay the band director a salary of \$150 per month. Committees from the PTA, VFW, American Legion, Rotary and Lions Clubs have these pledge cards and are contacting residents of the county in order to build up the fund to the total amount needed. One or two of the organizations, according to Mr. Newby, have reached or almost reached the total allocated for each organization to raise. Reports from other organizations are needed to bring the campaign picture up to date.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, which sponsors the band, is acting as a clearing house for the fund, but each of the five civic groups are obtaining pledges and keeping individual records on payment of the pledges.

Thus far, most of the pledges have been received from the residents of Hertford, but a goodly number of pledges and contributions are expected to come in from residents of the county, and the organizations urge residents of the rural areas desiring to pledge \$6.00 to this fund to write VFW, Box 25, Hertford, for pledge cards, providing the individual is not contacted by one of the representatives of the civic groups.

The home was a scene of beauty and simplicity, decorated with pine, holly, fern and poinsettias, with white and red candies predominating. The centerpiece was a three-tier cake with miniature bride and bridegroom.

The hostess was attired in black with a corsage of gardenias, while the children wore black with a corsage of yellow rose buds and white carnations.

The guests were greeted by Miss Pearl Anne Hollowell, youngest daughter of the honoree. Presiding at the guest book was Mrs. Harry Hassell of Edenton. Mrs. Hallett Rountree of Corapeake, a brother, J. H. Hollowell of Ryland, assisted in the receiving line. Mrs. Anthony Sakowski of Los Angeles, Cal., cut the cake, while Mrs. J. H. Hollowell, Mrs. Lewis Mathias, Mrs. Paul Breeding and Pauline Rountree assisted in the reception of many guests with ice cream, mints and nuts.

During the reception, music was rendered by Anthony Sakowski and daughter, Jacqueline, on the electric Hawaiian guitar and violin.

### VFW Benefit Dance To Be Held Friday

A benefit dance, proceeds from which will be donated to the March of Dimes fund in Perquimans County, will be held at the VFW hall, beginning at 9 o'clock Friday night.

The committee in charge of arrangements has announced that admittance to the dance will be by tickets only, and urges all persons planning to attend to purchase tickets in advance.

## Survey Made This Week For Resurfacing of Church Street

Possibilities that extensive improvements will be made to Church Street in the near future appeared good this week, according to Mayor V. N. Darden who reported that State Highway Commission officials had informed him that plans for widening and resurfacing of the street is being considered by the State Commission.

Survey crews were in Hertford this week making a survey of the street from Dobb Street to the Perquimans River bridge, and the findings of this crew will be placed before the State Commission for consideration in connection with the project.

According to Mr. Darden, if the project is adopted by the State Commission, the Highway Department may undertake the construction job itself or it may call for a contract from a construction company. Part of the costs of the project, if adopted, will come from funds allocated to the Town of Hertford from gas tax funds, and which were not used during the war years.

If carried out, the project calls for Church Street to be widened up to 30 feet and included in the construction will be new curb and gutters for that portion of the street widened.

The need for widening of Church Street, which is a part of Route 17 and heavily used by through traffic, has long been realized, especially that portion of the street between Dobb and Grubb, which is used considerably for parking by local residents and transients. Recent inspection of the roadway also reveals that the surface of the street will soon need repairing in order to preserve the all weather surface.

According to Mayor Darden and information which he has received regarding the project, a decision on the plans is expected to be made soon.

## Peanuts In Section Reported Damaged

Very few farmers' stock peanuts were sold during the past week in the Virginia-North Carolina section, and remaining supplies of good quality suitable for edible purposes in growers' hands are light. Shellers report that much of the current offerings are damaged and after shelling are suitable only for oil purposes.

Support prices were being paid for farmers' stock except for good quality for which a premium was being paid.

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