

J. T. Biggers Elected Superintendent Of Perquimans Schools

Pitt County Principal Signed to One Year Contract By Board

John T. Biggers, principal of the Winterville school at Winterville, N. C., for the past several years, was elected to the position of superintendent of the Perquimans County Schools at a special meeting of the Board of Education, held last Thursday night. Mr. Biggers was selected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of F. T. Johnson for a period of one year.

The new county superintendent of schools is a member of the Presbyterian Church, married and has one child of school age. He graduated from Presbyterian College and took graduate work at the University of North Carolina for three terms and at Eastern Carolina Teachers College for one term. He has had 18 years experience in teaching in various schools in the eastern part of the State, having been located at Raeford, Griffin and Winterville.

He is a member of the North Carolina Education Association and is immediate past president of the Northeastern District of the NCEA. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Lions and Ruritan Clubs.

One of a number of applicants applying for the position here, Mr. Biggers was highly recommended to the Board of Education, both by officials of the State Board and by individuals from Pitt County, who have known the new superintendent personally.

While it is customary to award superintendents two-year contracts, the local Board of Education, in naming Mr. Biggers to the post, voted to confine the contract only for the unexpired time left in the contract tendered Mr. Johnson last year.

Mr. Biggers is expected to assume his duties here sometime about the middle of June.

Forest Education Plan Pushed Here

A ten-year plan of forest education is being set up in the Perquimans High School jointly with some other schools in North Carolina and other Southern states, it was stated here today by W. L. Shaddix of the Southern States Forest Fire Commission, Inc., who was in Hertford Tuesday and Wednesday in the interest of the program. Quantities of forest booklets and posters are being sent here for distribution among teachers and students for studying during the summer, and this fall some films on forest and soil conservation will be offered free on loan here by some organization interested in the project, Mr. Shaddix stated.

The Commission is a non-profit education corporation formed in 1939. The organization is directed and financed by about 1,000 wood industries located throughout the South.

Mr. Shaddix visited the High School here today and worked out details of the plans with Principal E. C. Woodard.

Legion Auxiliary Ships Packages To French Youth

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary, meeting in regular session last week, heard a report from Mrs. C. P. Morris on the project of the auxiliary of shipping food and clothing packages to a French boy, selected by the members to receive aid from the local chapter. Mrs. Morris reported that two parcels, one containing clothing and the other food, had been mailed to the French youth.

During the business session which was presided over by Mrs. R. R. White, president, the Auxiliary heard a plea from a worker in the veterans hospital at Wannanoa urging the local auxiliary to adopt two veterans in the hospital and to send them money and gifts. A collection was taken for this purpose.

Also discussed at the meeting were plans for holding the annual poppy sales and the construction of a veterans building. Plans for the building fund campaign were presented by Mrs. Kelly White and a committee was named to meet with Mrs. White and make final arrangements for this campaign.

A nominating committee was named by the president to make a report on nomination of new officers at the next meeting.

After a short program on Argentina, which was given by Mrs. R. C. Baker, the hostess for the May meeting, Mrs. Tom Cox, served a sweet course.

Perquimans Band To Play At Portsmouth

The Perquimans High School Band has been invited and will take part in a show to be staged in the stadium at Portsmouth, Va., next Monday by the Portsmouth Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, it was announced today by Bert Ainsworth, bandmaster.

Members of the band will travel to Portsmouth aboard the band bus, leaving here Monday about noon.

The local band will be one of several that will have a part in the program that will be sponsored by the VFW.

School Office To Be Open Saturdays

J. P. Snipes, principal of the Central Grammar School at Winfall, announced today that he will be at his office in the school building each Saturday during the month of May to assist parents desiring information about school problems for the next school term.

The special hours on Saturdays of this month will enable the local principal to complete his regular school term a few days early in June, after which he plans to attend summer school, which opens June 9th.

Monogram Club Held Annual Banquet Wed.

Members of the Monogram Club of Perquimans High School held their annual banquet on Wednesday evening at the Hertford Methodist Church, followed by a dance at the VFW Club.

The monogram club is composed of students who have been awarded a school letter for participation in some curriculum activities. Skits, talks on the achievement of school projects featured the program for the dinner event.

Probable Cause Is Returned In Case Of False Pretense

Fourteen Cases Disposed of In Court Here Tuesday

Christopher Armstrong, Negro, was bound over to Perquimans Superior Court following a hearing in Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning. Armstrong is charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses. He was ordered held for trial at the October term of Superior Court.

Fourteen cases were disposed of in the Recorder's Court in a short session this week. Many of the cases were traffic ones, in which the defendants entered pleas of guilty and paid fines and costs of court.

Ralph Rothe, Jeannine Duffey, Barbara Turner, Sue Earl, Charles Levy, Lewis Barr and Leon Pervis, all charged with speeding, entered pleas of guilty and each paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

Henry Smith was fined \$10 and ordered to pay court costs after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Bernard Bierman was taxed with the costs of court on charges of passing a vehicle on a curve.

Samuel Phillips, charged with making an unlawful turn, plead guilty and paid the costs of court.

Willie Walker, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to charges of driving drunk and speeding. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$125 and costs of court. A road sentence of 60 days was suspended upon the above conditions.

Levy Revells, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court on charges of simple assault.

Edward Martin, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs of court after he entered a plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

New Furniture Store To Open Saturday

Formal opening of the new Hertford Furniture Company's store, on Market Street in Hertford, will be held Saturday, May 15, it was announced today by Paul White, manager of the company.

The new and modern building which will house the business was completed early this week after several months of planning and construction. A beautiful new building, much to the beauty of the business section of Hertford, and according to Mr. White the store is stocked with completely new merchandise for the coming event.

Hertford Furniture Company was formerly the White Furniture Co., and the personnel of the store will be Paul White, manager, Otis White, Hilton White, Lanier White and Miss Mildred Skinner.

Favors will be presented to each lady visiting the new store on opening day.

District Recruiters Lead In Enlistments

For the fourth consecutive month, Army and Air Force recruiters of the Columbia Recruiting District retained leadership of the Third Army Area when they exceeded their monthly quota of 1,080 enlistments by enlisting 1,311 young men in North and South Carolina during April, according to the monthly enlistment report released today by Master Sergeant C. B. Cayton, in command of the Elizabeth City Recruiting Station.

The local station enlisted a total of 16 men during the month.

Accent for the month of May, according to the Sergeant, will be placed on the enlisting of young men for direct assignment to the First Cavalry and 11th Airborne Divisions. Both units are presently stationed in Japan, and several members of these two divisions are currently touring the Carolinas for the purpose of stimulating interest in their respective outfits.

In addition, considerable effort will be expended to contact young men graduating from high school this year to inform them of the educational and career opportunities available in the United States Army and United States Air Force.

Bethel Ruritan Club Observes Ladies' Night

The members of the Bethel Ruritan Club will observe Ladies' Night at a banquet to be held at the Hotel Hertford on Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

A special program has been planned for the evening.

Indians Tied With Williamston For Conference Lead

Game Saturday Night Will Decide Eastern Championship

Perquimans High School baseballers went into a first place tie with the Williamston Green Wave for the Eastern championship of the Albemarle Conference when the Indians banged away at three Williamston hurlers to win a 12-8 victory in a game played here Tuesday afternoon.

Gathering plenty of hits, the Indians converted runs in all but two of the nine innings. They jumped into an 8-0 lead at the end of the third inning, led by Billie Winslow, who smacked three hits in three trips to the plate. Winslow was the winning pitcher, although Lefty Rogerson moved in as relief pitcher for the Indians in the sixth inning.

The Indians tallied three runs in the first inning, one in the second, four in the third, one in the fifth and eighth and two in the sixth. Williamston tallied one in the seventh, eighth and ninth, got two in the fifth and three in the sixth.

One more conference game is scheduled for the home field, with Columbia furnishing the opposition in a game scheduled for Friday night at 8 o'clock, before the Indians and Williamston tangle in a single play-off game on Saturday night for the championship of the Eastern Division of the conference.

The winner of the play-off game Saturday will meet the championship team of the Western division, which included Ahsokie, Robersonville, Windsor and Scotland Neck. The conference play-off games will be played next week.

In the game played here Tuesday, Winslow, Rogerson and Elmore formed the battery for the Indians and Griffin, Taylor and Carver completed the battery for the visitors.

Fifteen Days Left For C-D Motorists To Renew Licenses

Only 32 persons whose names begin with C or D applied for a renewal of their driving license, as required by law, in Hertford during the month of April, W. E. Nelson, License Examiner, for the State Motor Vehicle Department, announced this week.

There are a number of persons residing in Perquimans County, in the C and D category who should apply for their licenses before the June 30th deadline. Nelson stated, "I don't think that they realize this gives them only 15 days during which they may renew their licenses, here." He explained that he is in Hertford at the Police Department office only on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week, which limits considerably the days in which persons concerned may apply for licenses.

"I want to urge persons whose last name begins with C or D to renew their licenses now," he said, "and not wait until the last minute when lines will be long at all examination offices throughout the State."

Local Music Clubs Observe Music Week

Members of Mrs. R. M. Riddick's music class observed National Music Week by holding two club meetings, one with Joan Trueblood, Lellia Lee Winslow presiding, and one with David Butler, Juanita Elliott presiding. Programs of songs, piano solos and talks on music were given to an interested group of boys and girls, which were followed by games and refreshments.

Those present were Lellia Lee Winslow, Joan Trueblood, Benita Hutchison, Betty Lou Trueblood, Mabel Martin Whedbee, Anne Myers, Phyllis Trueblood, Mary Louise Owens, Mrs. Allie Trueblood, David Butler, Juanita Elliott, Charley Johnson, Mabel Frances Keel, Jean Long, Edward Lee Madre, Jane and Jean Keel, Sarah Sutton, Rebecca Cox, Patsy Elliott, Mary Anne Robertson, Crafton Matthews, Sondra Hutchison, John Madre, Anne and Jean Stallings, Mattie Wray Morse, Mrs. Hudson Butler and Mrs. Riddick.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Layden of Hobbville announce the birth of a daughter, Morris Eileen, on Saturday, May 8, weighing nine pounds, at Lake View Hospital, Suffolk, Va.

Three Accidents Reported In Week

James E. Stallings suffered minor injuries when a log truck he was driving overturned on Highway 37. The truck struck a soft spot in the shoulder of the road and caused the accident. Charlie Hurdle, Negro, suffered numerous injuries when he was run over by a rear wheel of a truck he was driving. This accident happened at Chapanoke. Hurdle was attempting to enter the cab of the truck when it suddenly lurched into motion and Hurdle was thrown from the car under the wheel.

Three highway accidents were reported for Perquimans County during the past week, according to State Patrolmen H. L. White and R. C. Buckner, who investigated the wrecks. S. L. Phillips and W. A. Brooks, Jr., of Elizabeth City, were driving cars involved in a collision on Route 17 last Friday. No injuries in this accident were reported.

Local Entrants In Stock Show Make Creditable Records

Calves from Perquimans County made a good showing in the Fat Stock Show at Elizabeth City last week. They were a little younger than some in the show but were placed second, third, fourth and fifth in their class. Three graded choice, winning blue ribbons, five graded good, winning red ribbons, and only one was classed as cutter winning a white ribbon. All calves winning a blue ribbon won \$10.00. All winning red ribbons won \$7.50 in prize money. In the sale Perquimans calves brought an average of a little over 36 cents per pound. Five of the calves were bought by the following local concerns: Major-Loomis Co., Hertford Banking Co., Towe-Webb Motor Co., Miller & Umphlett, Hertford Livestock & Supply Co., and Perry & Robbins of New Hope.

Prizes were offered by Hertford Livestock and Supply Co. for the best four calves in Perquimans County. First prize of \$20.00 was won by Horace Layden of Hertford, Route 2, Second prize of \$15.00 was won by Clarence Chappell, Jr., of Belvidere, third prize of \$10.00 was won by C. T. Mansfield of Hertford, Route 1, and fourth prize of \$5.00 was won by Janie Winslow of Route 1, Belvidere.

Three Perquimans County children were selected by the judge to compete in the showmanship contest along with seventeen children from three other counties. This selection was made on the basis of ability to handle the calf. Horace Layden won second place in this contest which won for him \$5.00 in prize money. He also won \$10.00 which was offered by R. C. Holland, Edenton attorney, for the best calf purchased from his herd.

Lions Club To Hold Ladies' Night Party

Members of the Hertford Lions Club will entertain their wives and sweethearts and guests from the clubs of Edenton and Elizabeth City at a Ladies' Night party on Friday evening, May 21, at 7:30 o'clock at the Belvidere Community House, it was announced today by R. R. White, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

The members of the Belvidere Home Demonstration Club will serve the dinner for the affair.

Tentative arrangements for the program call for Charlie Vann, club president, I. C. Yagel and Norman Shannonhouse of Elizabeth City to have a part in the program for the evening.

Saturday Last Day For Registering

Tomorrow will be the last day for registrars in the various voting precincts of the county to register new voters and voters who have changed their residence since the last election, it was announced today by A. W. Hefren, chairman of the Board of Elections.

Precinct registrars will be found at the polling places all day on Saturday for the purpose of registering voters. Saturday, May 22, will be challenge day and then the primary election will be held on Saturday, May 29.

RECITAL AT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Mrs. R. M. Riddick's piano pupils will give their annual recital on Tuesday, May 25th, at the Hertford Grammar School. Their friends are cordially invited.

Hertford PTA Elects New Officers For Next School Year

Group Assured Hazing Of H. S. Freshmen To Be Stopped

Mrs. D. M. Jackson was elected president of the Hertford Grammar School Parent-Teacher Association at the final meeting of the school year.

Mrs. Jackson succeeds Mrs. Norman Elliott to the post of president. Mrs. Charles E. Johnson was elected vice president; Mrs. Silas Whedbee, secretary, and Mrs. J. Edgar Morris, treasurer.

Miss Mary Sumner announced to those present that in the absence of E. C. Woodard, principal of the Perquimans County High School, she was asked by Woodard to assure the parents that there will be no hazing of the freshmen students who enter high school this year. Miss Sumner said the high school principal stated that policemen will be stationed near the school and that he requests that the children go from home straight to school and go directly to their classroom.

The principal further stated that if there was any hazing done by the students to the freshmen on the opening day of the new school term that the students who do the hazing will be expelled from school.

Many complaints were registered following the opening of school last fall when the freshmen entered high school on the opening day several had been initiated by the high school students and some of the students who were caught by the other students were really hurt in the hazing.

The freshmen students who were hazed so severely last year on the opening day would not divulge the names of the students who took part in the acts.

However, if any hazing is reported this year, the students will be suspended.

Mrs. Charles E. Johnson had charge of a very interesting program. Mrs. I. A. Ward gave a very inspiring devotional. Miss Frances Cely, member of the Perquimans County High School faculty, gave two very interesting readings.

Town Board Orders Delinquent Tax Sale

Fiscal matters consumed most of the session held by Hertford Town Board in regular session last Monday night. Following the custom of the past several years the Board ordered that all delinquent 1947 real property taxes be advertised for sale beginning on June 18. The sale will be held on Monday, July 14.

After some discussion, action on the 1948 tax rate for the Town was tabled for the time being. During the discussion opinions were expressed that a possible increase in the town tax rate appeared as a must, especially if the Town continued its program of improvement which has been in force for more than a year. Definite action on a tax increase, however, was not voiced.

A report made by Town Clerk W. G. Newby pointed out that the Town has considerable financial obligations to meet within the next two fiscal months but indications were that income during May and June will be sufficient for the Town to close the fiscal year, on June 30, with all bills paid.

The Board discussed the possibility of installing "off-peak" electric meters on hot water heaters in homes located in the area served by the Town as a means of providing lower costs for hot water through electricity. This system is now used by VEP company and some neighboring cities. No action was taken on the matter but the members of the Board expressed interest in the project and it was decided to continue investigation on the subject.

Mayor V. N. Darden reported to the Board on the repairs being made to the two water tanks owned by the Town and stated that work was about completed; both tanks are now fully repaired and in excellent condition.

Central PTA To Hold Last Meeting

The PTA of Perquimans Central Grammar School will hold its last meeting for this school year Monday night, May 17, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. W. H. Bryan, the district director, will install the new officers for the coming year. Mrs. Alice Futrell will speak on the subject of the evening, "Safety."

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A nation wide rail strike, scheduled to have become effective Tuesday morning, was averted late Monday when the Government seized the railroads and turned them over to the army for operation. A restraining order against the unions was obtained by Government officials and on the court order the railroad workmen continued at their jobs. A hearing on the Court order is scheduled for next week but reports indicate that the differences over which the strike was called will be settled and the trains will continue to roll. Untold sums of money were lost because of the temporary embargo placed upon shipments of perishables by the railroads, when it appeared that the strike would take place. Most selections of the country report conditions back to normal by this date.

Congress has placed its stamp of approval upon a U. S. Air Force of a 70-group size and a Senate committee has approved a selective service measure in efforts to place the nation in a position of safety from possible attack by any nation seeking war. The action by congress in regards to the air force program will provide a greater force than one recommended by Administration officials.

President Truman and State Department officials, this week, stated that the U. S. had not asked for a peace parley with Russia. The announcement was made following a report from Moscow that the U. S. Ambassador had presented a note to Russian officials requesting such a conference to iron out differences between the two nations. The U. S. attitude toward the situation appeared to be one of suspicion toward the Russians in the endeavor to bring about such a conference. It was reported that the U. S. Ambassador had presented a note to Russia stating the United States resented the Russian attitude toward the Marshall Plan aid for Europe.

Eddie White, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert White, of Route Two, suffered painful injuries to his foot Tuesday afternoon when he was run over by a tractor.

According to a report, the youth was helping his father on the farm when the accident happened. He was rushed to the Albemarle Hospital for treatment, where he is reported getting along nicely.