

TEACHER SHORTAGE DUE TO CONDITIONS AND FINANCES, STATE SURVEY REVEALS

Better Conditions With Work Is Wanted By Prospective Teachers

A change in the present community attitude toward teachers is necessary to attract more young people in to the teaching profession, according to college sophomores answering questions of the State Education Commission.

About 20 per cent of the current crop of 12,000 sophomores in all types of colleges in North Carolina took part in the state-wide poll.

The community's attitude toward the teacher's social life, status in the community and living conditions should be improved, the young people feel.

There is "too much community interest in private affairs," one young woman said.

"Once a woman starts teaching, she seems to continue it permanently," frankly complained another. "I want to get married."

Many students felt that the community should provide adequate living quarters for its school help. They also complained of unsatisfactory sanitary facilities in the school buildings.

A majority of the white girls interviewed said that a starting salary of from \$2,000 to \$2,400 would be sufficient to induce them to teach.

Of this group, 456 said they would not teach for the present \$1,620 and 141 said they would. Those who would start at this figure, however, would feel that they deserved more money.

As one girl put it, "I am interested in teaching because I believe the improvement of the educational system is largely dependent on the individual teaching in the grammar grades. I am willing to teach at a sacrifice of money to help accomplish this."

Of the white men, 906 would refuse to teach for the present salary and only 39 would enter the profession. Most of them say they can make more money in private business, and many want year-round work.

"Insecurity" is one man's reason for not teaching. He says a teaching position is "dependent on the whims of the immediate superior."

A 17-year-old lady adds, "although the spirit may be willing, the flesh could be a trifle weak at \$1,620."

In addition to better community attitude and more pay, the sophomores want in this order: More adequate equipment and facilities, reduced teacher load, and a more adequate retirement plan.

New School Supt. To Assume Duties June 10

J. T. Biggers, recently appointed to the position as superintendent of Perquimans County schools, will assume his new duties here on June 10, he announced last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Biggers spent last Saturday in Hertford, making inquiries about rental of a house or apartment in which to live upon their arrival here.

The new superintendent will complete his duties as principal of the Winterville school about June 4 or 6 and plans to move here shortly thereafter.

W. E. Dail, chairman of the Board of Education, announced today that he had been advised by Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent of Schools, that arrangements are being made for a temporary superintendent for the county schools pending the arrival of Mr. Biggers to assume his duties.

Legion Auxiliary Announces Plans For Poppy Sales

"A poppy on every coat, remembrance in every heart" will be the goal of the American Legion Auxiliary for the annual observance of Poppy Day here May 29, the Saturday before Memorial Day.

Complete plans for the Poppy Day were announced today by Mrs. Thomas H. White, the Auxiliary Poppy chairman. Poppies will be offered throughout the county all day so that everyone will have opportunity to honor the war dead by wearing the memorial flower.

Teams of volunteer workers from the Auxiliary and cooperating organizations will be assigned to different parts of the county, each working under a team captain.

All Poppy Day workers will give their time without pay, Mrs. White explained. Contributions made for the poppies will go to the rehabilitation and child welfare funds of the Legion and Auxiliary, to be used for the benefit of disabled war veterans and needy children of veterans during the coming years. These contributions form a large part of the money expended by the Legion and Auxiliary in their vast rehabilitation and welfare work.

The poppies which the Auxiliary will distribute have been made by disabled veterans at Fayetteville hospital. They are crepe paper replicas of the famous wild poppies of France and Belgium which bloomed on the battlefields and cemeteries of both World Wars, and which have been the symbol of remembrance for the dead ever since the first World War. Thousands of disabled men and women, unable to do other work, have been given employment making poppies for the Auxiliary this year.

Bill Cox New Head Hertford Lions Club

W. D. (Bill) Cox has been elected as president of the Hertford Lions Club for the club year beginning July 1, it was announced by the club secretary. Other officers of the club elected for the new year include Sidney Blanchard, vice president; Clarence Phillips, second vice president; James Bass, third vice president; Norman Trueblood, secretary; Sam Hourmouzis, tail twister; and I. C. Yagel, Lion tamer. Directors elected were W. L. Sumner and L. M. Sitterson.

The Lions Club will hold its annual Ladies' Night banquet at the Belvidere Community House on Friday night, May 21. Visiting Lions and Lionesses from Edenton and Elizabeth City are expected to attend, according to R. R. White, who is chairman of the program committee.

Preston Layden Dies At Home Of Parents

Preston A. Layden, 27, son of Herbert and Annie Asbell Layden, died at the home of his parents in Hertford Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock after a long illness.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, Jasper Layden, and one sister, Mrs. Thomas Morgan.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Asbell cemetery at Belvidere.

Indians Trounce Yellow Jackets In Extra Inning Game

Pitchers' Duel Ends In 12th With Local Team Ahead 5-4

Perquimans High School Indians gained revenge over the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets in a return baseball game, played on Memorial Field Tuesday night, when the Indians turned back the Jackets in a 12-inning affair which amounted to a pitchers' duel between Rogerson and Winslow of Perquimans and Hodges and Davenport of Elizabeth City.

Rogerson and Hodges started on the mound for their respective teams with Rogerson having the edge over his opponent. The Indians tallied three runs in the second inning with two hits and two walks. Elizabeth City went scoreless until the sixth inning, when a number of errors committed by the Indians allowed the Jackets to tie up the ball game at a 4-4 count. Rogerson was relieved by Bill Winslow in the first third of the sixth inning with the score standing 4-2 for Perquimans. The Jackets nicked Rogerson for three hits while the Indians had collected four bingles up to this time. Winslow controlled the Jacket batsmen until the 11th inning when it appeared the Jackets would score after getting two hits. The side was retired and the Indians then failed to hit. Elizabeth City filled the bases in the 12th, but were unable to score. The Indians garnered two hits in the 12th and Winslow scored after stealing second and going to third on a bad throw.

Rogerson struck out 12 Jacket batters, while Winslow fanned four. For Elizabeth City, Hodges fanned 11 and Davenport struck out five. The Indians collected seven hits off the Jacket pitchers while Elizabeth City hit safely eight times. Perquimans made seven errors while the Jacket team committed two.

The outstanding play of the game was Edward Lane's one-handed grab of a line drive into left field which stopped a Jacket rally in the fifth.

The Indians wound up their regular season with games against Columbia on Wednesday night and Williamston on Thursday afternoon.

Annual Award Day Observed At PCHS

Students of Perquimans High School excelling in extra curriculum activities other than athletics were given recognition on the first annual Award Day held in the high school auditorium last Friday afternoon, and letters were awarded ten students who had achieved sufficient points to win letters.

The school authorities have established a point system under which students may receive school letters upon the requirement of 30 points. These points are awarded for participation in band, glee club, debating, dramatics, commencement marshals, club membership, assisting in lunch room, library and school office, work on the school paper and annual. A maximum of 16 points can be earned by a student during any one school year, and a total of 64 points can be earned during the student's four years in high school.

Students winning recognition at the school this year were Howard Broughton, Reginald Tucker, Laurastine Britton, Doris Butt, Peggy Cook, Leon Lane, Eugene Hurdle, Betty Ruth Chappell, Sidney Reed and Mary Lou Butt.

The Award Day program is sponsored by the Student Council of the high school.

House In Winfall Struck By Lightning

Lightning struck a house owned by Annie Jones, Negro, near Winfall on Monday afternoon about 1 o'clock and caused a blaze which completely destroyed the home and all household furniture. The Hertford Fire Department answered a call for assistance but discovered upon arrival at the scene that the fire had gained such headway little help could be rendered by the booster tank and water carried on the truck.

Loss was estimated at between two and three thousand dollars.

Local firemen reported that a woman was in the home at the time the lightning struck the house and it was necessary for a neighbor to rescue her from the burning home.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Decker of Lexington, Neb., announce the birth of a son, born Sunday, May 16, Mrs. Decker before her marriage was Miss Blanche Raye Skinner.

Central PTA Holds Last Meeting Of School Year Monday

Group Recognized on Membership; Talk on Safety Heard

The PTA of Perquimans County Grammar School held its last meeting for this school year Monday night in the school auditorium. The Old Neck community was in charge of the program, using as its subject "Safety." The devotional was conducted by the Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church. "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" was sung by the group, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. Ashby Jordan. The reports of the standing committees were given by their chairmen.

J. P. Snipes, principal, made remarks concerning progress made in the school during the past year. It was voted that a donation be sent to CARE for overseas relief.

Mrs. W. H. Bryan, district PTA director, made remarks concerning the association in the district. The association was one of the three having 100 per cent membership, one of the seven standard associations, and it received a blue ribbon on their PTA scrap book, which was exhibited at the convention. They also qualified for the "Fifty or More Club" of the National Congress for subscriptions to the National Parent-Teacher Magazine. They led the district with 62 subscriptions.

I. C. Yagel spoke interestingly on the subject of the evening, "Safety," after which Mrs. W. H. Bryan installed the officers for the coming year.

VFW Post Calling For Band Fund Pledges

Perquimans County residents, members of the civic clubs and Parent-Teacher Association, who signed pledge cards to aid in the support of the bandmaster for the Perquimans Band, are being urged by the local post of Veterans of Foreign Wars to honor these pledges immediately in order that the fund can be closed up by the end of the current school year.

The fund, it was reported this week by Eldon Winslow, VFW member in charge of the project, is showing a small deficit of approximately \$150, which must be collected before June 1 in order to make the final salary payment to Bert Ainsworth, the bandmaster.

According to Mr. Winslow, five local civic groups, the VFW, Lions Club, Rotary Club, American Legion and PTA became responsible for collections amounting to \$180. Two of the organizations, VFW and Lions Club, have collected and paid into the fund the full amount; the Rotary Club has paid \$165, leaving a balance due of \$15, the Legion has paid \$132, leaving a balance to be collected of \$48 and the PTA has collected and turned over \$103, thus leaving a balance of \$77 due from this organization.

The VFW is urging all of the civic groups to make full collection and report the funds immediately.

Mrs. Fouts' Mother Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Roxanna Lowe, 78, mother of Mrs. Dwight L. Fouts, died in the Albemarle Hospital Sunday night. She was the wife of the late Atlas A. Lowe and daughter of the late William and Mary Lassiter, a native of Northampton County.

She had been making her home in Hertford with her daughter and son-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Fouts.

Surviving, besides Mrs. Fouts, is one other daughter, Mrs. W. A. Vaughan of Roxobel; three brothers, J. E. Lassiter of Rich Square, Roger Lassiter of Woodland and Lester Lassiter of Kelford; six grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. J. H. Miller, District Superintendent of Elizabeth City District, assisted by the Rev. E. T. Jilson, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, and the Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church. The Rev. J. F. Coble of Jackson had charge of the committal service conducted at Rahoboth.

Stewards of the Hertford Methodist Church served as pallbearers.

ORS TO MEET MONDAY

The Hertford Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will hold its meeting Monday night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

INTEREST IN POLITICAL RACES RISING AS PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 29 NEARS

Local Merchant To Honor Senior Girls

Following a custom established several years ago, the W. M. Morgan Furniture Company will honor girl members of the graduating class of the Perquimans High School by presenting each girl graduate a miniature Lane cedar chest. Members of the senior class have already received notice that their gifts have arrived at the store and may be obtained any time between now and graduation day.

Girl members of the Hertford Negro High School graduating class will also receive identical miniatures of the chests and have also received word that their gifts await them at the local store. The total number of chests to be awarded by the local store is 30, eighteen to members of the class at Perquimans High School and 12 at Hertford High School.

Hertford Indians Make Preparations For Diamond Opener

Directors of the Perquimans County Baseball Club, sponsors of the Hertford entry in the Albemarle League, have about completed preparations for the opening of the 1948 season, according to Joe H. Levinson, business manager of the club. Eleven of the 12 hired players allowed each team by league rules, have been signed for the Hertford team, Mr. Levinson stated. These players include infielders, Edward McCarthy, catcher and manager for the local club, who hails from Duke University; Leroy Sires, Duke; Dan Knight of Norfolk, former Wake Forest player; Bill Bergeron, Duke; outfielders, Jimmy Regis, a junior college star from Campbell College, and Henry Christgou from Pennsylvania.

The pitching staff will be headed by Francis Dail, lefthander from Duke; Moe Bauer, Wake Forest; Charlie Lynch and Corbett from Campbell College and Frank Graham of Duke. McCotter of Atlantic Christian College is expected to make the 12th player signed by the local directors. McCotter will pitch an exhibition game against the Hertford team on Saturday, May 29, when Jim Johnson's ECTC team plays on Memorial Field against the Hertford Indians. All of the signed players are expected to arrive in Hertford ready for the season opener on May 29 and 30.

In addition to the hired players, the Hertford team will also be made up of a number of local players including Jack Craig, pitcher; Bud Cayton and Red Kimbrell, infielders, and Joe Nowell and Harmon Young, outfielders.

The Albemarle League season will open on Monday, May 31, with the Perquimans team playing in Elizabeth City and the first home game will be played here Tuesday, June 1, with the Senators returning the opening game.

New bleacher seats along the first base line are being constructed at Memorial Field this week in order to enlarge the seating capacity of the local park.

Heavy Wind Storm Causes Damage

A heavy wind storm, which struck Hertford and parts of Perquimans County at about 4:30 Monday afternoon, caused slight damage according to reports received on Tuesday.

Numerous trees over the Town of Hertford were blown down and electrical service was disrupted for a period of time when one of the circuits was severed by a tree falling across the power lines.

The home of Mrs. E. A. Byrum was damaged when an uprooted tree crashed on the porch of the home.

Hall also was reported to have fallen during the short storm period but little damage to crops was reported.

Bishop Wright At Holy Trinity Sunday

The Rev. Thomas H. Wright, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will be at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hertford Sunday, May 23, at 11 A. M. to conduct the rite of Confirmation and to preach the sermon for the morning service, it was announced today by the Rev. E. T. Jilson, rector of the church.

County Registrars Report Goody Number Of New Voters

With the Democratic primary election set for next Saturday, May 29, reports from over Perquimans County reveal that interest in the political races on tap is rising and a near normal vote may be cast. This picture has changed somewhat during the past ten days, when reports indicated a complete lack of interest in politics.

Registrars for the various polling precincts all report lively interest among a number of new voters who registered during the past three weeks. Nearly 100 new voters were listed on the books, according to an unofficial count of the registration. Hertford precinct led in the new registration, nearly 75 new voters being added to the books by Registrar Mrs. B. G. Koonce.

A quick glance at the political picture reveals that chief interest of the local residents centers on the race between Senator William Umstead and Melville Broughton, contesting for the office of U. S. Senator; Charles M. Johnson and Kerr Scott lead the six-man field in the race for Governor, with some supporters claiming substantial strength for Mayne Albright. Other races drawing interest of local voters are the ones which find John Graham, Walter Cohoon and John White battling it out for the office as solicitor for the First District. The only local contest is that for the office of Representative which finds E. Leigh Winslow opposed for reelection by Clarence W. Phillips.

According to reports from over the district, Perquimans' candidate for the office as State Senator, J. Emmett Winslow, appears to be gaining sufficient strength to indicate possible success in the primary. He is opposed by Joe N. Vann of Ahoskie and W. I. Halstead of Camden County. Voters select two of these candidates to fill the two offices for the district.

As usual little interest has been shown in the races for minor offices of the State. Brandon Hodges, seeking the office as State Treasurer, has visited the county in his behalf, and other candidates have written letters to local supporters as a means to increase the interest generally in the coming primary. Thad Eure, popular Secretary of State, has opposition in seeking re-election to this office. He is opposed by John Armstrong.

A. W. Hefren, chairman of the County Board of Elections, announced that the Board is prepared for the primary. Ballots are on hand and will be delivered shortly to election officials in each precinct in plenty of time for the opening of the polling places on primary day. With only one purely local race, the number of votes expected to be cast in the election here is estimated to run about normal as compared to the past four to six years.

Recorder's Court Lists 15 Cases Tues.

Fifteen cases, 14 of which involved traffic law violations, were disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning. Three cases were continued until the next term of court.

Entering pleas of guilty to charges of speeding, Vincent Puma, Alan Roberts, Vance Bass, Garrett Wilson, Emil Tomczyk and Fordyce Thompson, each paid a fine of five dollars and costs of court.

Fines of ten dollars and costs of court were assessed against John Stewart, Al Goldsmith and Joseph Butts, Negro, who entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding.

E. W. Hobbs was fined ten dollars and costs of court after he entered a plea of guilty to driving with insufficient brakes.

The State took a nol pro in the case charging John Odum with non-support.

James White was ordered to pay the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of failing to stop before entering a highway.

Lonnie Lane, charged with driving drunk and driving without a license, was fined \$125 and ordered to pay the costs of court.

Willie Johnkins and S. S. Overton, both Negroes, charged with driving with insufficient brakes, were fined \$10 and costs of court.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Eure announce the birth of a son, born May 12 at the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City. Mrs. Eure before her marriage was Miss Ethel Margaret Cartwright.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Full scale fighting was reported from Palestine this week after Jewish leaders announced the establishment of a new nation, following the conclusion of the British mandate over the Holy Land. Arab troops attacked Jewish positions and many casualties were reported. Officials of Israel have called upon the United Nations to take steps to force the Arabs to desist in fighting the Jews.

U. S. State Department has turned down a proposal made by Premier Stalin of Russia that the U. S. and Russia hold a conference to settle differences between the two nations. Stalin offered to join in such a meeting following an open letter by Henry Wallace that steps should be taken to end the cold war. Officials of our State Department say that too many jokers are included in the Stalin proposal for this country to make any private deal with Russia in regard to world peace.

North Carolina Democrats met in State Convention in Raleigh on Thursday of this week. Some 4,000 party members were expected to attend the meeting. Attorney General Harry McMillan was one of the keynote speakers. Adoption of a party platform and issuing instructions for delegates to the national convention this summer were the main points on the convention agenda.

Reports from Washington Wednesday announced that the House bill to outlaw Communist activities in the U. S. will probably pass the House this week. Opponents of the measure look for it to be killed in the Senate, but President Truman has stated he will veto the bill if passed by both houses. Opponents of the bill contend that Communism should not be driven underground by the passage of such a measure but should be left to operate out in the open where Communist activities can be watched.