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HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORTS NO POLIO CASES RECORDED IN PERQUIMANS COUNTY

Suspected Case Returned Home; Department Urges Caution

Perquimans County has no polio cases on record. This was the report from the Health Department on Wednesday and, despite a series of rumors which were prevalent over the week-end there are no suspected cases at present.

Janice Sumner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Sumner, who was listed as a suspected victim of the disease last Saturday, has been returned to her home from a hospital in Portsmouth. Dr. T. M. Oast, reporting on the diagnosis of this case, stated there was no evidence of polio whatsoever.

Rumors regarding other suspected cases of polio have been reported as unfounded by local physicians.

While this county has not had a polio case during the current epidemic, local doctors and Health Department officials continue to urge parents to take every precaution, especially with children. Dr. John Bonner, acting health officer, stated that the present epidemic in the western part of the State seemingly is striking mainly at children; only about six percent of the cases reported have affected individuals 16 years of age and over.

Pointing out that this area has been fortunate not to have a single polio case, health officials urge parents to abide by the resolution adopted by the District Health Board. This resolution is not a quarantine but merely a request that parents cooperate with health departments for the good of the public.

The resolution as passed by the Board reads, "a resolution requesting that all children under sixteen years of age who come into this district from the polio epidemic area be asked to voluntarily restrict their activities to the home in which they are visiting for a period of two weeks, and it was further recommended that no children under sixteen years of age be allowed to go for a visit in an epidemic area."

Agent Recommends Dusting Of Crops

Crop dusting is a very popular topic of discussion among Perquimans County farmers these days. I. C. Yagel, County Agent, reported today. The fall army worm has practically covered the county during the past two weeks and is eating pastures and lawns as well as peanuts, soybeans, and corn. Another pest, the bean leaf beetle, is damaging the bloom of soybeans. This beetle is about the size, and very closely resembles the spotted cucumber beetle. Its color ranges from a greenish gray to copper and has several black spots over its back. When disturbed this bug will drop to the ground, making it difficult to see him at work.

Five per cent DDT dust applied at the rate of 20 to 40 pounds per acre has been giving very satisfactory results, the County Agent said, in controlling both the army worm and the bean leaf beetle. The amount of dust used will vary depending on the size of the plants being dusted and method of application. Tractor dusters are satisfactory for peanuts but the airplane is being used for soybeans.

These insects are so abundant over this entire area that the mixing plants are having difficulty in keeping up with the demand for dust.

Wilmington Pastor Enroute To China

Jerry Newbold, Jr., of Wilmington, N. C., who was ordained as a minister at the Presbyterian Church in Wilmington on July 18, is enroute to China, where he will serve in the Shanghai American school.

The Rev. Mr. Newbold is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Newbold, Sr., and the great grandson of the late Rev. Jeremiah McMullan, former pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Newbold.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Dale of Raleigh announce the birth of a son, born Saturday, July 31. Mrs. Dale before her marriage was Miss Margaret Broughton.

STANDING OF CLUBS

| | W. | L. | Pct. |
|----------------|----|----|------|
| Edenton | 34 | 21 | .618 |
| Colerain | 30 | 23 | .566 |
| Windsor | 28 | 26 | .519 |
| Hertford | 26 | 29 | .473 |
| Plymouth | 25 | 29 | .468 |
| Elizabeth City | 20 | 35 | .364 |

FHA Officials In Conference Last Week

E. F. Morgan, supervisor of the Chowan-Perquimans Farmers Home Administration, and Miss Inez Hampton, clerk of the local office, were among the FHA officials who attended a district conference of FHA officials held in Edenton last week.

Supervisors and clerks from Hyde, Washington, Tyrrell, Pasquotank, Gates, Camden, Currituck and Dare counties were also present.

During the conference State officials including J. B. Slack, director, A. E. Rozar, H. B. Riggle, Vance Swift, Samuel Wilson and Miss Margaret Fuller gave talks on FHA loans and outlined the present aid rendered to farmers along these lines. It was pointed out that the FHA is now assisting farmers through two types of loans, first ownership loans and adjustment loans.

Perquimans County committeemen on the FHA group are Colon Jackson, A. T. Lane and Carson Spivey.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A possibility of a new Big Four meeting between the United States, Britain, France and Russia was reported following a conference in Moscow early this week, when representatives of the United States, Britain and France consulted with Stalin regarding conditions in Berlin. The Western Allies, it was reported, went to the Russian dictator to protest the Russian blockade of Berlin and according to the reports evidently some understanding was reached. The possible conference of the Big Four, it is expected, if held, will undertake to iron out the difficulties pertaining to the occupation of all Germany.

GOP Congressional leaders, it was reported Wednesday, have agreed to start a limited anti-inflation measure through Congress this week. Little progress is expected to come from this measure, however, as the attitude of the GOP seems to be to do nothing and adjourn the special session as soon as possible. Meanwhile in the Senate the leaders permitted a filibuster to be started on the poll tax question and this action has consumed practically all of the time the Senate has been in session. Congressional committees have been functioning but little progress reported from Washington.

State health officials reported Wednesday that the polio epidemic is easing in North Carolina. Only 16 new cases were reported to the State Department Tuesday, and the Board of Health indicated that the disease seemingly is dying out in most of the area heavily hit early this summer.

Henry Wallace's Progressive Party, it is reported, has filed the necessary petition with the State Board of Elections qualifying the party to a place on the election ballot in the general elections in November. A total of 11,123 names were signed to the petition turned in this week. The Dixiecrats are also expected to file a petition with the Board, giving it a place on the ballot.

Miss Wood Named Health Dept. Nurse

Miss Hulda Wood, RN, has been named as a nurse in the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden District Health Department, it was announced Monday by Dr. John Bonner, acting district health officer.

Miss Wood has been a member of the Health Department at Blackstone, Virginia, for the past two years, and will join the local department on September 1. She will be assigned to work in the Durants Neck section of Perquimans County and the southern portion of Pasquotank County.

Miss Wood is the daughter of Mrs. Baker Wood.

Work Started On Route 17 Project

Employees of the Sam Findley Construction Company of Atlanta, Ga., began preliminary work last Thursday on the widening and resurfacing of Highway 17 from the Hertford town limits to the Perquimans-Chowan County line. The crewmen were cutting down some trees and making surveys on relocation of curves in the highway last week.

According to reports, the highway will be widened two feet and resurfaced with asphalt the entire distance. The project is expected to be completed as quickly as conditions will permit.

Indians In Race With Plymouth Rams For Play-off Position

Two Weeks Remain of Regular Season; Colerain Here Saturday

Hertford Indians, holding fourth place in the Albemarle League, are in a tight race with the Plymouth Rams for the coveted position which will mean gaining the right to enter the league play-offs, which start at the close of the regular schedule two weeks hence.

The Indians won two games, dropped one and were rained out in one game over the past week-end.

Trying out a new but ineffective pitcher here last Friday night in the game against Edenton, the Indians lost the decision by a 7-2 count. Monk Webb, on the mound for Edenton, had complete control of the game after getting off to a weak start in the first inning. On Saturday night the Indians went to Edenton and played near perfect ball behind the pitching of Moe Bauer. Edenton was shut out 2-0. Bauer allowed only two hits during the game, while his teammates were collecting six hits off of Herman, the Colonial hurler. Hertford scored its runs in the seventh and ninth innings. Sires and Erickson led the attack for the Indians, each getting two hits and Sires scoring both runs on hits by Erickson.

Rain forced the local management to call off the game with Windsor scheduled for Memorial Field on Monday night, but the Indians playing in Windsor Tuesday night, collected nine hits off two Rebel pitchers and won a 6-3 victory. Bella, Young and Nowell each had two hits during the game to lead the Hertford attack.

The next home game for the Indians comes up Saturday night when the Colerain Trappers come here for the next to the last series with the Indians. The remaining games on Hertford's schedule for the season are August 6 at Colerain, August 7 Colerain here, August 9 at Elizabeth City, August 10 Elizabeth City here, August 11 at Edenton, August 12 Edenton here, August 13 Windsor here, August 14 at Windsor, August 16 Plymouth here, August 17 at Plymouth, August 18 at Colerain, August 19 Colerain here.

Beer Licenses Now Issued By Sheriff

Beer licenses and Schedule B licenses, formerly issued in this County by J. W. Ward, tax supervisor, in the future will be issued by the Sheriff of the County, according to an announcement made today by Mr. Ward who stated that the Board of County Commissioners voted this action at a meeting of the board on Monday.

Beer retailers, who have not purchased licenses for this year must make application with Sheriff M. G. Owens. License for sale of beer must be purchased annually during May and June.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans Recorder's Court was in recess again this week due to illness of Judge Charles E. Johnson.

Seven cases were disposed of by the Court when defendants entered pleas of guilty to charges and paid fines and costs of court. The State took a nol pro in the case charging Ralph Smith with issuing a worthless check.

Louis White, Nate Zuckerberg and John Atkins each paid a fine of five dollars and costs on charges of speeding. May Houten and Arthur Brown paid fines of \$10 and costs for speeding.

Lillian Boone, Negro, paid the costs of court on a charge of simple assault.

Flanagan Rites Conducted Here

Funeral services for Andrew W. Flanagan, who was drowned in Brooklyn, N. Y., last Thursday, were conducted at the Lynch Funeral Home here at four o'clock last Saturday afternoon.

Burial followed in the family plot near Hertford.

He was the son of the late A. B. and Ida Flanagan of Perquimans County.

Surviving are one uncle, Henry W. Flanagan of Norfolk; one niece, Mrs. Elijah White of Winfall; two nephews, Edgar and Emmett Long of Hertford and one cousin, Mrs. H. D. Elliott of Edenton.

Scout Committee To Conduct Drive For Budget Funds

Hertford Goal Is Set at \$300 as Part of District Budget

Plans are being completed here by the Hertford Boy Scout Committee, to conduct an extensive fund raising campaign during the next two weeks to help in meeting the 1948 budget for the West Albemarle District of Boy Scouts.

Robert Hollowell, chairman of the group, announced today that the budget for this district has been set at \$1,800, of which \$300 has been assigned as the quota for the Hertford troop. Mr. Hollowell added that the money raised here will go for payment of salary of the field Scout executive and the operation of Camp Darden and the Tidewater Council staff at Norfolk.

At the present there are two Scout units in Hertford. The Boy Scout troop is under the supervision of Scoutmaster Doward Jones and the Cub Scout troop is directed by Scoutmaster Silas M. Whedbee. Local Scouting has been revitalized during recent months under the direction of these two leaders. However, it has been pointed out that in order for the Hertford Scouts to maintain their national affiliation, the Hertford troop must be a part and lend support to the Tidewater Council. This was explained as the purpose of conducting the fund raising campaign now planned.

The budget drive will be handled by a Hertford committee, which will make a door-to-door canvass in its efforts to raise the necessary \$300 to cover the Hertford quota. The local committee is headed by Mr. Hollowell as chairman. The canvass of the business district will be made by the Rev. D. L. Fouts, Dr. A. B. Bonner and Corbin Dozier. The canvass of the residential district will be made by Mrs. Archie Wood, Mrs. Julian A. White, Mrs. Corbin Dozier, Mrs. Elmo Cannon, Mrs. Fred Mathews and Mrs. T. W. Tilley.

The public is being urged to cooperate in this campaign to lend aid for the continuance of Scouting in this community.

Driver Injured In Accident Saturday

Donald Ambrose, 29, of Norfolk, suffered serious injuries when a car which he was driving overturned on Highway 17, near Hamp's Service Station one mile south of Hertford.

Ambrose was driving a coupe, carrying several other passengers, all of whom escaped injuries.

According to State Highway Patrolman Herbert L. White who investigated, Ambrose said that he was traveling behind a car on US 17 and that the car gave him a signal for a left turn and that he was traveling too close to the car to stop, and at the same time a truck was leaving Hamp's Esso Service Station on the left hand side of the road and that in order to avoid hitting the truck, he cut sharp and hit the gravel in front of the service station and the car went out of control and turned over three times. When the car went over the first time the door came open and Ambrose was thrown 14 feet in the air, and the car turned over twice while Ambrose was in the air. The car traveled 29 yards and Ambrose was thrown 33 yards.

Ambrose was taken to the Chowan Hospital where he is suffering from a head injury, multiple abrasions and contusion of the chest.

Legion Meeting Set For Friday Night

Members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Agricultural building in Hertford for the purpose of installing new officers for the year.

W. G. Hollowell will be installed as commander of the Post and Francis Nixon, as adjutant. W. F. Ainsley is the retiring post commander.

All members of the post are urged to be present at the meeting.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sgt. and Mrs. Rufus Marion Riddick, III, of Langley View, Va., announce the birth of a son, Rufus Marion Riddick IV, born Friday, July 30. Weight 9 pounds.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Al Henley announce the birth of a son, born Wednesday, August 4th. Mrs. Henley is the former Miss Jessie T. Newby.

PERQUIMANS BOARD GRANTS INCREASE IN FUNDS ALLOTTED FOR COUNTY HOME FOOD

Producers Slow In Filing Farm Reports

W. E. White, secretary of the Perquimans County PMA, reports that the farmers are slow in coming in the AAA office to file their Performance Report. August 31st is the final date in which a Performance Report can be filed in order to receive a payment for soil building practices carried out under the 1948 farm program.

Orders are now being placed for AAA limestone. Any farmer desiring AAA limestone should call at the AAA office now and place their order for same.

Cover crop seed will be available the end of August or the first of September. In order to purchase cover crop seed through the AAA, a purchase order must be obtained at the AAA office.

Educational Group Reports On School Surveys Completed

Tests given to North Carolina school children indicate that urban children as a group are more advanced in subject matter than are rural children, the office of the State Educational Commission has reported.

The results of the tests given in the schools in nine counties and seven cities in various sections of North Carolina are incorporated in the report of the Commission's committee on the instructional program which is headed by Theo. Dalton of Greensboro.

The committee reports that the present offerings of too many schools are confined within too small a compass and thinks the offerings and services of the schools should be extended.

"They lack vocational offerings; adequate experiences are not provided for the all-round development of children and youth; community services are limited; pre-school services, adult services, offerings for out-of-school youth, and special offerings and services for exceptional children are practically non-existent," the committee found.

The committee said that the achievement of children was higher in school units which have supervisory services for teachers.

"North Carolina lags behind most states in provision for art, music and shop work," the report continues. "The lag is due largely to lack of money for facilities and staff. Other factors accounting for limited offerings and services are tradition and the large number of small high schools."

Achievement tests were given in grades four, six, nine and twelve in certain selected school systems in the State by the instructional program committee. Test data indicate that rural white children in all four grades are more advanced in all subjects than are rural Negro children. The greatest variation in average achievement is in the twelfth grade. Urban white children in all four grades are more advanced in all subjects than urban Negro children, and urban children, as a group, achieve at a higher level than rural children.

The importance of supervision for the teaching staff was shown in the results of the achievement tests, according to the report of the committee. It said that in a North Carolina county which has had supervision in the elementary grades for several years, 95 per cent of the children were promoted for the school year '46-'47, while in a neighboring county with no supervision, only 88 per cent of the children were promoted. Not only did total achievement rank higher in the schools with a supervisory program, but the achievement in most individual subjects was also greater.

At the present time supervisory programs in schools for white children are in operation in only 15 of the 100 counties and in only 8 of the 72 cities. Twenty of the 100 counties report supervisors for the Negro schools.

J. C. Morgan Re-elected Supt. Of County Home

J. C. Morgan, superintendent of the Perquimans County Home, was reappointed to that position for a period of one year by members of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday.

Mr. Morgan assumed his duties at the County Home on January 1 of this year.

County officials were guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan at a dinner for county officers held each year at the County Home. A delicious country dinner, with all the trimmings, was thoroughly enjoyed by the officials attending.

County Commissioners Hear Report By Acting Health Officer

The high cost of living, especially the feeding of inmates at the County Home, was reviewed by members of the Perquimans Board of Commissioners, who met in regular session on Monday. J. C. Morgan, who was reappointed as superintendent of the home for one year, requested the Board to grant an increase of five dollars per month per inmate for food purposes. Pointing out that under the present schedule the superintendent was allowed \$25 per inmate for food each month Mr. Morgan stated this amounted to 27 cents per meal and under present conditions it was a hard job to feed the inmates proper food at such small cost.

The board granted the request and voted to increase the food allowance from \$25 to \$30 per month, for each inmate.

Dr. John Bonner, acting district health officer, appeared before the board and gave a brief report on the activities of the Health Department. He reported that as of Monday there were no polio cases in this district and that the department was keeping a careful eye upon the polio situation. He also reviewed the health department budget for the current fiscal year and pleaded with the Board for reconsideration of the appropriations made by the Perquimans Board for operational expenses of the department. The local board previously appropriated the same amount of funds to the department as allowed during 1947. The current budget of the department calls for a local increase of nearly one thousand dollars. Action on the plea by Dr. Bonner was tabled by the Board for consideration later.

Dr. Bonner announced the appointment of Miss Hulda Wood as a nurse in the local department and R. T. Daniels as assistant sanitarian for this county.

G. C. Buck, vocational teacher at Perquimans High School, appeared before the board on the interest of construction of a new vocational building at the school. He outlined the needs for additional space for vocational training and told of new construction being done by schools in nearby counties.

Board Of Education Elects New Teachers

Members of the Perquimans Board of Education considered a varied agenda at a meeting held last Monday. The board elected a new home economics teacher at Perquimans High School and named Miss Thelma Elliott to the position as principal of Hertford Grammar School.

Miss Mary Sumner, who has served as principal at the grammar school for a number of years, will continue as teacher of the sixth grade.

Miss Anne Atkinson, a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, was elected to the position as home ec teacher at the high school.

The Board made final approval of the list of Negro teachers for the coming school year. Action on the part of the State Board reduced the county's Negro teachers list by four. J. T. Biggers, superintendent of schools, stated that one vacancy still exists at Perquimans High School, that of a teacher of science. He added that he believed this post will be filled shortly.

The Board authorized the superintendent to dispose of seven old school buses, acting upon authority from the State Board, and approved the following schedule for school holidays during the year.

Sept. 8. Opening day; Oct. 19th, District Teachers Meeting; November 25 and 26 Thanksgiving; December 22 to January 3 Christmas holidays; April 25 Easter Monday holiday; June 1, school closing.

Prior to the opening of schools on September 8, teachers of the county schools will gather in teachers meetings. The white teachers are to meet September 7 at 10:30 A. M. and the colored teachers meeting will be conducted the same day at 2:30 P. M.

Negro Physician Opens County Office

Dr. J. A. Byers, Negro physician, has opened an office at Winfall for the practice of medicine in this county, he reported this week.

Dr. Byers was a practicing physician in Norfolk for thirty years, and was one of the city physicians of the Norfolk Health Department for 15 years until he resigned recently to move to this county.