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## Perquimans Library Host At District Meeting Tuesday

### Inglis Fletcher Guest at Luncheon; State Officials Here

The Perquimans Library Board was host at a district meeting of library officials held here at the Agricultural Building Tuesday. Thirty-eight representatives from 11 library boards were in attendance at the opening session of the meeting at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Miss Mae Wood Winslow, chairman of the Perquimans Board, opened the meeting with a welcome to the visiting representatives and introduced Miss Helen Rex, supervisor of rural libraries for the North Carolina Library Commission. Miss Rex spoke briefly on the national plan for the advancement of libraries and told of the progress being made toward this goal in North Carolina. Miss Marjorie Beale, secretary and director for the Commission, gave out detailed information on the operational costs of maintaining libraries throughout the State. She pointed out that about 52 cents is spent nationally per capita for operation, while in North Carolina the amount per capita is about 36 cents.

Miss Nina Braswell, County Home Agent, spoke to the group, telling of the reading program being conducted by members of the Perquimans County home demonstration clubs.

The morning and afternoon sessions of the meeting were broken by a luncheon served at the Hotel Hertford, at which 41 guests were present. Inglis Fletcher, well known author, was guest of honor at the luncheon and she spoke to the group about her new novel, "Roanoke Hundred," which is expected off the press very shortly. Mrs. Fletcher told of the research done prior to writing of this novel, which is the story of 108 men who came from England to Roanoke Island, establishing the new colony. Mr. Fletcher and Herbert Peale, editor of the Daily Advance, were also guests at the luncheon.

Mr. Peale was the principal speaker at the afternoon session and he spoke on National Newspaper Week in connection with library work. He told the library representatives that so long as freedom of the press continued, we will have freedom for the people.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Security Council of the United Nations voted 9-2 on Tuesday to hear full details of the East-West dispute over Berlin. Reports from Paris, where the UN Council is meeting, stated that Russian Representative Vishinsky immediately disclosed that Russia will boycott the debate. He refused to enlighten reporters who asked if that statement meant Russia will walk out of the UN hearing. Meanwhile, President Truman recalled Secretary of State George Marshall from the Paris meeting in order to receive first hand information regarding the serious situation.

For the third time within a month, a hurricane struck Miami, Florida, this week, lashing the city with winds up to 90 miles per hour. Damage was reported as light in Miami, but the storm kicked up several small tornadoes which caused severe damage in districts near Miami. The storm was reported headed out to sea. The hurricane struck first over Cuba and caused heavy damage there. Six deaths were reported from Havana, where winds were reported up to 132 miles per hour.

Senator Taft of Ohio reported this week that he favors Congressional action which will grant a \$25,000 a year pension to all ex-Presidents of the United States, and which will also give ex-Presidents the privilege of a seat and the right to speak in Congress. The privilege of voting power, however, would not be given.

Two white men and six Negroes, held for the robbery of the Columbia bank, entered pleas of guilty to the charges in Federal Court at Washington this week. The robbers received sentences from 20 to 25 years each for participation in the hold-up. It was reported that \$68,667.25 was taken by the bandits, but no report was made on the actual amount recovered. However, it is reported that most of the money was recovered by officers capturing the robbers.

## Another Try

A second attempt to organize a Parent-Teacher Association at Perquimans High School will be made at a meeting to be held in the school auditorium next Tuesday night, October 12, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced here today.

Near the close of the school term last year, E. C. Woodard, principal of the school, sent out a large number of questionnaires and received replies from parents indicating a desire for a PTA at the high school. At a meeting called September 26 for the purpose of organizing the high school PTA, 19 parents showed up for the meeting. Most of the parents resided here in Hertford. Lack of interest shown by the attendance at the first meeting resulted in those present desiring to call a second meeting to determine if a sufficient number of parents of high school students were interested in joining the PTA. The Rev. C. W. Duling was elected president pro-tem of the group and Mrs. Henry Stokes was elected secretary.

Notices are being sent to the homes of high school students regarding this second meeting and all parents interested in seeing a PTA organized at the high school are urged to attend.

## Local Democrats To Attend District Rally Friday P. M.

A large number of local people are making plans to attend the big First District Democratic party rally which will be held at Washington, N. C., Friday afternoon and night, it was announced here today by C. P. Morris, chairman of the Perquimans Democratic Executive Committee. Mr. Morris stated that all members of the party are invited to attend the rally, which will get under way about five o'clock this afternoon, climaxing with a huge barbecue between 7:30 and 8 o'clock.

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner is in charge of the arrangements for the rally. He has announced that several well known State political leaders, including party chairman, Capus Waynok, Governor Scott, Senator Hoey and Senator Broughton, will be among those present. A number of other candidates for State and local offices are also expected to be present at the gathering.

Among local residents expected to attend the rally, besides Mr. Morris, are Mayor V. N. Darden, State Senator J. Emmett Winslow, Representative C. W. Phillips, W. H. Hardcastle, R. M. Riddick and W. W. White.

In announcing plans for the rally, Congressman Bonner stated that all Democrats who are able to attend the meeting will be heartily welcomed.

## D. L. Barber Resigns Educational Post

D. L. Barber, Sr., a member of the Perquimans County Board of Education for the past several years, tendered his resignation to the Board at a meeting held Monday, it was announced by John T. Biggers, superintendent of schools. In tendering his resignation, Mr. Barber stated that pressure of business left him with insufficient time to devote to the duties as a member of the Board of Education.

The resignation of Mr. Barber was accepted by the Board of Education with regret. It was effective October 4th, according to Mr. Biggers.

Members of the Board of Education took no action toward naming a successor to the post held by Mr. Barber. The Board named John Mitchell, Negro, as new janitor for the Hertford Grammar School. It also named a committee to review the bids submitted at the public sale of four Negro school sites, which have been abandoned by the Board of Education.

Mr. Biggers reported an additional teacher had been assigned to the colored schools of the county and the Board had employed Rosa Reed to fill this position.

## Local Student Wins Beta Club Award

Betty Ruth Chappell, a member of the senior class at Perquimans High School, and also a member of the Beta Club, won second prize in the Beta Club's literary contest during the month of September. It was announced here by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school.

Miss Chappell's award was based on an article written by her on crippled, a review of which appeared in the Beta Club Journal last month.

## Recorder's Court Hearing Set For Oct. 19th On Still Case

### Bus Driver Released of Charges Filed After Accident

A motion made by defense attorney, W. H. Oakey, Jr., for continuance in the case charging Robert Harrell, white youth, and Arthur Harrell, Negro, with making, aiding and abetting in the making of intoxicating liquor, was granted by Recorder's Judge, Charles E. Johnson, at Tuesday's session of Recorder's Court.

The two youths were charged in a warrant issued last Friday after Sheriff M. G. Owens had discovered and destroyed a still found on the Ainsley farm 5½ miles south of Hertford.

According to Sheriff Owens, he went to the home of Robert Harrell after being advised by W. F. Ainsley that he (Ainsley) had seen the still on the farm and also seen two men near the scene. Sheriff Owens stated he asked Robert Harrell about the still and was shown the spot by Harrell, who denied owning or operating it. Harrell contended that he had seen the still for the first time that day. Arthur Harrell told the officer that he had never been at the still, neither had he seen it.

A no pros was taken by the State in the case charging James White, school bus driver, for failure to display a stop sign before halting to unload children. The prosecuting witness in the case failed to appear for the hearing.

Court costs were assessed against David Shannon, Negro, in the case charging William Riddick, Negro, with non-support.

Walter Hirsch, Rudolph Perry and Mrs. Emma Walter were taxed with the costs of court after entering pleas of guilty to charges of speeding.

A fine of \$5.00 and costs were paid by Elizabeth Benhoff on charges of speeding.

Graham Bell and Lewis Bell entered pleas of guilty to being drunk and disorderly. They paid the costs of court.

Guy Perry entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

The case of Robert Winslow, Negro, charged with breaking and entering, was continued until October 19. Winslow was released on bond of \$100.

William Forehand was fined \$25 and costs on charges of reckless driving.

Costs of court were taxed against Esther Meade, Negro, on charges of assault.

## Draft Call Received By Local Board 73

Perquimans County Draft Board No. 73 has received a call to furnish three selectees for medical examination on October 19, it was reported Wednesday by Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local board. The local board is expected to meet within the next day or two to review questionnaires and classify registrants for the purpose of selecting the registrants to fill the order for October 19.

The registrants selected will be sent to Durham for examinations.

Mrs. Sumner stated that she had attended a district meeting at Edenton on Tuesday, at which the clerks of local boards in this area were given information on the procedure of the work to be carried out by selective service boards.

The first call for induction of registrants is expected to be effective for some time in November. In connection with induction of men, local boards have been advised that registrants who reach their 26th birthday on or before November 29 should not be considered as available for November calls.

## Indian Relics Found On Farm

Archie T. Lane found several old Indian relics on his farm last Friday while engaged in digging peanuts. Noticing the digger going through a rather high mound of earth, Mr. Lane walked close by and found an old sandstone tomahawk and several stone arrow heads. Both the tomahawk and arrow heads showed fine craftsmanship in the production of the articles.

**EASTERN STAR MEETING**  
The meeting of the Hertford chapter of the Eastern Star will meet on Monday night, October 11, at 8 o'clock at the lodge room.

## Indians In Second Conference Game At Ahoskie Tonight

### Robersonville Win Reveals Power of Local Gridders

Perquimans Indians, fresh from their overwhelming victory of last Friday night over the Robersonville High School football team, will journey to Ahoskie tonight for their second Albemarle Conference game of this year. The game tonight is expected to be one of the best in this section of the State, as both the Indians and Ahoskie are rated as the outstanding teams of the conference.

Coach Joe Levinson stated he will carry a squad of 28 players to Ahoskie for the contest today.

The Indians and Ahoskie are rated about even as to team strength, although Perquimans rolled up a larger score over Robersonville than Ahoskie was able to do. Both teams have two straight wins to their credit.

Coach Levinson's Indians showed a remarkable display of offensive power in the game against Robersonville last Friday when they rolled up a total of 53 points while maintaining a strong defense which held the visitors scoreless.

The Indians opened the game last week by scoring in the first period on a pass from Boyce to Pitt, who lateralized to Layden. Layden ran 30 yards for the touchdown. Jordan converted to make the score 7-0.

In the second period Lane intercepted a pass and ran it back to his own 49, then the Indians turned on the power again to score when Dail, receiving a pass, raced 20 yards for a touchdown. Spivey converted the extra point on a line smash. The third Indian touchdown came when Simpson passed to Dail, who ran the ball to the Perquimans 35-yard line. Spivey hit the line from the 15-yard stripe to carry the ball over for the score. In the third period the Indians marked up their fourth touchdown on a pass from Boyce to Pitt, who carried the ball over the goal line. During the fourth period the Indians ran roughshod over the Robersonville team, scoring four touchdowns. A. L. Lane, L. C. Elliott, Simpson and Layden did the scoring.

The victory was the second straight for the Indians, who downed Windsor in the opening game two weeks ago, and gave Coach Levinson's squad a lot of confidence in themselves for harder games coming up on the schedule.

## County Board Draws October Jury List

Perquimans County's Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session here Monday, was advised by Charles E. Johnson, County Attorney, of procedure to be followed in setting up the machinery for conducting a revaluation of property. The Board is considering the project to be undertaken next year, setting up new values and classify registrants for the purpose of selecting the registrants to fill the order for October 19.

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## HERTFORD TAX RATE BOOSTED TO \$1.35 AT MEETING OF TOWN BOARD LAST FRIDAY

### Missionary Union Met Here Tuesday

The Hertford Baptist Church was host at the annual district meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union which convened here Tuesday. Representatives of churches from 15 counties were among the attendants at the local meeting. Miss Una White of Severn, N. C., was the presiding officer.

The meeting started at 10 o'clock with the morning session closing at 1 o'clock. Lunch was served by the local church between 1 and 2 o'clock and the afternoon session began at 2 o'clock. The Rev. H. R. Littleton, missionary from Nigeria, and the Rev. B. W. Jackson of Raleigh were the principal speakers.

## Inquiry Made Here For Possible Site For New Industry

A possibility of another new industry locating in Hertford loomed up here last week when a representative of the Norfolk Southern Railroad came to Hertford for the purpose of making inquiries regarding possible sites for the industry.

Mayor V. N. Darden discussed the local situation with the railroad official, but was unable to give out definite details concerning the company seeking a location. Mr. Darden stated that he was advised by the railroad official that a company is seeking to locate in this section of the country and needs a sizable tract of land adjacent to a stream or river, and also easily served by highway and the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

It is understood that a time limit is involved in the transaction and developments regarding the location of the firm must be carried out quickly. No information was given Mr. Darden on the type of manufacturing carried on. It was reported that the requirements for this site must be immediate possession of about 50 acres of land adjacent to a river and the possibility of an additional 100-200 acres of land for expansion purposes. The site must be outside the town limits.

Mayor Darden reported this week that he has advised the railroad official of the possibility of securing some options on land in this locality and if further information concerning the company and its production is available, there is a possibility that action here on the matter can be speeded up. It is believed here that all requirements of the company can be met and it is merely up to the company to determine the location it desires to select for the new industry.

## Game Warden Gives Hunting Rules And Seasons For Game

Eldon Winslow, Game Warden for Perquimans County, this week announced open seasons and regulations for taking game in the First District. The regulations are as released by the State Wildlife Resources Commission.

In connection with the announcement on open seasons, Mr. Winslow stated that hunting licenses will be on sale in Perquimans County at the following locations: Bill Elliott, Hertford; Willie Winslow, Belvidere; R. M. Baker, Whitestone; C. H. Phillips, Bethel; John Symons, Chapankoke; G. W. Jackson's, H. S. Jackson, New Hope.

The open seasons and the bag limit for one day are as follows: Bear, October 15, limit 2; opossum, October 15, limit 10; rabbits, October 15, limit 7; squirrels, October 15, limit 8; turkeys, November 25, limit 1.

Federal migratory game bird seasons and limit for North Carolina are listed as follows: Sora, September 1 to October 30, limit 20; rail, September 1 to October 30, limit 15; ducks, December 10 to January 8, 1949, limit 4; geese, December 10 to January 8, 1949, limit 1; coots, December 10 to January 8, 1949.

### BPW CLUB TO MEET

There will be an important business meeting of the Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Agriculture Building.

## High Cost of Improvements Force Increase; Budget Adopted For Fiscal Year

Hertford's tax rate for the current fiscal year was raised from \$1.10 to \$1.35 per \$100 property valuation at a special meeting of the Town Board held last Friday afternoon. The increase in the tax rate was voted after members of the Board had heard a review of the annual audit of the Town's books and a tentative budget explained by James Williams, certified public accountant, who recently completed an audit of the Town's books.

Improvements carried out by the Board during the past year and ones remaining to be completed were the chief reason for the increase in taxes. These improvements consisted of work on Grubb Street, which remains to be completed, new curb and gutter projects and the purchase and installation of electric lines and renovation of the Town water tanks. Because of these improvements, the expenditures of the Town during the past fiscal year, in practically all departments, exceeded the revenues collected.

While the audit shows a surplus at the close of business June 30, this surplus was due partially to the sale of \$10,000 worth of government bonds during the year.

Total revenue for the Town during the last year, including income from the sale of the bonds, was approximately \$115,000, while total expenditures amounted to approximately \$113,000. The greater portion of the income was derived from these sources: Taxes collected, \$16,794; water and light collections, \$65,286; sale of ice, \$13,421, and parking meters, \$1,804; the larger expenditures were Water and Light Department, \$44,812; street maintenance and improvements, \$21,073; Ice Department, \$10,754; general improvements, \$4,567, and bonds and interest paid, \$10,754.

The outlook, financially for the Town, during the coming year, even in face of the added revenue expected from the increased tax rate, is not rosy. The auditor told the Board: "Excessive expenditures must be halted in order to stay within the budget adopted."

Adoption of the budget, which called for the increased tax rate, followed a discussion on the various items listed, and while it was necessary to up the tax rate to meet the requirements of this budget, there was little increase voted for any department. Practically all of the increased revenue expected to be collected will be