

Inclement Weather Is Serious Threat To Peanut Crop

Harvesting Operations Halted; Growers Advised Not to Begin Picking Too Soon

Continued wet weather experienced throughout this county during the past two weeks created a serious threat to the local farmers who have not had their peanut crop picked. Practically every picker in the county was halted in its operation by late last week and it is estimated that more than 50 per cent of the peanut crop remains to be harvested.

Those who picked their peanuts too soon after rains and before the nuts are thoroughly dry are risking the loss of a market for their crop, according to J. Mayon Parker, of Ahoskie, president of the Growers Peanut Cooperative, Inc., agency through which the Commodity Credit Corporation's governmental price program is handled in the Virginia-Carolina area. The growers are also being urged by millers and warehousemen to keep pickers out of the fields until the stacked peanuts have had time to dry thoroughly.

"There is simply no market for wet peanuts. The mills cannot mill them and warehousemen cannot store them," Parker said. "Farmers who pick their peanuts while still damp from rains will find themselves faced with no takers for their crop, and they are urged to save themselves this needless financial loss by waiting until the stacks have dried thoroughly before resuming picking after rains."

"Millers and warehousemen alike have been in touch with the Cooperative's headquarters in Franklin, Va., and made urgent request that we warn farmers against picking their peanuts while wet," Parker said.

Farm Bureau Drive For Members Lags

Perquimans Farm Bureau officials announced this week that the local drive for membership will continue throughout the month of December despite the fact that the State campaign closed November 30 for the purpose of determining delegates to the national convention of the Farm Bureau, scheduled to be held in Atlantic City, N. J.

Fred T. Mathews, president of the County Bureau, reported Wednesday that total memberships secured here to date number 268. The County quota assigned by the State Bureau for Perquimans was 500.

Because it failed to achieve its State membership goal, the County will not be entitled to receive expenses for a delegate to the national convention. However, I. C. Yagel, county agent, stated it is a possibility that some of the local members may attend the convention at their own expense.

Speaking of the local membership in the Farm Bureau, Mr. Mathews stated that a large number of local residents who were members of the Bureau last year have as yet failed to renew their membership and he urges these individuals to do so before the end of the month. He pointed out that a strong Farm Bureau membership will be a great help in promoting farm programs both on a national and local scale.

Fleetwood Funeral Conducted Sunday

Mrs. Rebecca Boyce Fleetwood, 89, daughter of the late Baker and Harriet Boyce, died Saturday morning at 10:30 at the home of her son, Pete J. Boyce of Hertford, after a lingering illness of approximately 10 weeks.

She is survived by five sons, Elijah, L. B. and Bill Boyce of Chowan County, Richard Boyce of Elizabeth City and Pete J. Boyce of Hertford; one daughter, Mrs. E. D. White of Suffolk, Va.; 32 grandchildren and 59 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Lynch Funeral Home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 by the Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church.

During the services the choir of the Hertford Baptist Church sang "Safe In the Arms of Jesus" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Interment was in the family cemetery near Cedar Hill.

COUNTY VOTERS ELECT LEIGH WINSLOW REPRESENTATIVE IN SPECIAL ELECTION

Perquimans Officers to Take Oath; Assume Duties Monday

In a special election held in Perquimans County Tuesday of this week E. Leigh Winslow was elected to the office of Representative by a total of 175 votes. Little interest was manifested by the voters and Hertford Township reported the largest number of votes cast.

The special election was called by Governor R. Gregg Cherry for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the death of Clarence W. Phillips, Representative-elect in the general elections in November. Mr. Winslow was the unanimous choice of the Democratic Executive Committee who selected the party's candidate for the special election. The Republican party did not nominate a candidate, and according to A. W. Hefren, chairman of the County Board of Elections, there were no write-ins during the special election, all votes being cast for Mr. Winslow.

The complete returns from the six precincts of the county were reported as follows: Hertford, 107; Bethel, 11; Belvidere, 7; Parkville, 20; New Hope, 15; Nicanor, 15.

Perquimans County officials elected to office in the general election in November will be given oaths of office next Monday, December 6, by Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt, and will assume their duties as of that date. The officials to be sworn in Monday are: J. W. Ward as Register of Deeds; Charles E. Johnson, Judge of Recorder's Court; Max Campbell, Treasurer; E. M. Perry, R. T. Brinn, George W. Jackson, Roy S. Chappell and T. M. Twine, County Commissioners. Mr. Chappell and Mr. Twine will be new members of the Board of Commissioners. They succeed Charles E. White and L. L. Winslow as members of the Board. Leigh Winslow will be sworn in as Representative and J. Emmett Winslow assumes the duties as one of the two State Senators for the First District.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Berlin continued to be the scene of stress in foreign relations during the past week. Early in the week a report from Paris indicated that the United States, Britain, France and Russia might come to an agreement over the German situation, and that the blockade of that city might be lifted; then Wednesday a report from Berlin stated that Communists had sprung a coup, seeking to gain control of the Berlin city government. The Communists staged a political rally and quickly named a full slate of officers, ousting the duly elected government, which has been holding forth in the western zone in Berlin.

The Department of Agriculture on Wednesday announced that a reduction of 22 per cent in peanut acreage for 1949 will be ordered for the production program. A declining demand for peanuts was given as the reason for the cut. The Secretary of Agriculture announced that the 1949 planting goal was set at 2,611,367 acres as compared with 3,340,000 acres planted this year.

Representative Robert L. Doughton, Democrat, N. C., who will be chairman of the tax-writing committee in the next Congress reported this week that he saw little chance of early action by the committee toward any change in the present tax set-up. He said that before any tax bill can be drafted annual budget and revenue estimates must be studied closely and compared with expert estimates of Congressmen.

Between \$1,200 and \$1,500 was removed from a safe of a garage in Windsor early Tuesday morning by safe robbers, who entered the motor company's office and broke open the safe containing the money. State Bureau of Investigation men are working on the case. No clues were disclosed as being left by the robbers.

PTA TO MEET THURSDAY

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Hertford Grammar School will meet next Thursday night, December 9, at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the school. Mrs. D. M. Jackson, president, urges all members and patrons of the school to be present. The students of the school will present a program during the meeting.

Local BPW President Attends State Meeting

Mrs. Lawrence Towe, president of the Perquimans BPW Club, represented the County BPW's at the mid-year Council of the N. C. Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs which was held in Southern Pines. She served on the Executive Board and was appointed on the Nominating Committee for the purpose of selecting a new director for this district. She also participated in one of the stunts during the "Fun Hour" after the closing banquet Saturday night.

Indians Close Grid Season With Tight Game At E. City

The Perquimans High School Indians closed their 1948 football season with a game at Elizabeth City last Thursday afternoon against the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets. The game proved to be one of the best of the year for the locals, who displayed a powerful defensive show and held the Jackets to two touchdowns. The final score was 13-0 for Elizabeth City.

Perquimans won the toss and elected to receive the kick-off, but Spivey fumbled on the first run of the game and the Jackets recovered. They moved down to the four yard line but the Indian line held and Perquimans took possession of the ball. After that the first quarter was a see-saw contest with neither side able to gain an advantage. During the second period the Indians were unable to mount an offensive threat but the Jackets moved down to the ten yard line and on a pass scored the first touchdown of the game. Try for extra point failed and the score was 6-0. Elizabeth City received the kick-off at half time and two plays later fumbled with the Indians recovering the ball. Poor blocking on the part of the Indians again proved disastrous and the Perquimans team was forced to punt to the Jackets. Midway of this period Elizabeth City refused a penalty and the Indians lost the ball to the Jackets on a fourth down play. Immediately the Jackets took advantage of this break and went over for their second touchdown. Try for extra point was good and the score was 13-0.

During the final quarter the teams played on even terms and neither side threatened to score. The Thanksgiving game was the last for a number of the players on Coach Levinson's squad, those playing for the last time being Jack Symons, who without doubt was the outstanding defensive player on the field; Howard Pitt, end; Edward Lane, Robert Evans, Bob Layden, Dolan Winslow, Earl Winslow and Jones. Symons, Earl Winslow and Bob Jordan all played an excellent defensive game, while on the offensive side Spivey, Lane and Pitt starred for the Indians.

Legionnaires To Install New Co.

The Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion will hold an important meeting Friday night, December 3, at 8 o'clock at the Agricultural Building in Hertford, it was announced today by Francis Nixon, Post adjutant.

All members of the Post are urged to attend, as a new Commander will be installed to succeed Clarence W. Phillips, deceased.

Mr. Nixon also urged all members who have not as yet paid their 1949 membership dues to do so immediately in order that the local Post may make a full membership report to State headquarters.

State Trophy To Be Awarded Friday Night

The annual presentation of the State Theater football trophy to the outstanding player of the Perquimans High School team will be made from the stage of the State Theater Friday night at 9 o'clock, it was announced today by B. L. Gibbs, manager of the theater.

Members of the Perquimans team have selected the player they believe should receive the honor for the 1948 season and this choice will remain secret until the trophy is awarded Friday night.

Board Of Health Adopts New Rules For Sanitation

Operators Must Obtain Permits From State Board

Recently the State Board of Health adopted rules and regulations governing the sanitation of frozen food lockers, poultry processing plants, as well as some revision of meat market and abattoir rules and regulations. The following definitions now apply in the interpretation and enforcement of these rules and regulations:

Abattoir—The term "abattoir" shall mean and include any place or establishment where meat animals, such as hogs, cattle, sheep, etc., are slaughtered, processed, cured, smoked or rendered for human consumption.

Meat Market—The term "meat market" shall be considered to mean and include any buildings, houses or enclosures in which meat or meat products or poultry are offered for sale.

Frozen Food Locker Plants—The term "frozen food locker plants" shall mean freezer locker plants, refrigerated locker plants, or any similar establishment which offers to the public, for lease or rental, separate compartments or individual lockers for the storage and preservation by continued refrigeration of meat and meat products for human consumption. This definition shall also apply to any cold storage plant where meat is processed, stored or refrigerated by the operator for ultimate sale, or where meat is stored by the operator for others.

Poultry Processing Plants—The term "poultry processing plants" shall mean and include any place or establishment where domestic fowls, such as chickens, turkeys, etc., are slaughtered for human consumption. These rules and regulations also require operators of such establishments to have a permit from the State Board of Health. No permit to operate shall be issued until a sanitary inspection by a representative of the State Board of Health shows that such establishment complies with these rules and regulations. Applications for such inspections shall be made to the local Health Department. Permits also will be issued by the local Health Department.

It has been the practice in past years for grocery stores, gas stations, etc., to offer for sale sausage, bologna, franks, fat back, etc., without meeting the market requirements set up by the State Board of Health. However, under present rules and regulations such establishments shall meet meat market requirements, unless these meat products are offered for sale in cellophane package or similar package form. Then the most important item of sanitation is adequate refrigeration.

Joseph W. Ward Weds Miss Grace Chappell

Miss Grace Lee Chappell of Belvidere and Joseph W. Ward were united in marriage in a ceremony which took place at the home of the Rev. E. G. Willis in Elizabeth City on Wednesday morning, November 24, at 11 o'clock.

The bride wore a suit of Gothic blue with black accessories and a purple throat orchid corsage.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip and are now at home at 80 Front Street.

Mrs. Ward is the daughter of the late Edward L. and Mary Love Chappell of Belvidere. She is a graduate of East Carolina Teachers College and a member of the Perquimans High School faculty.

Mr. Ward is Register of Deeds for Perquimans County and a prominent business man here.

ST. KATHERINE'S GUILD WILL MEET MONDAY NIGHT

The regular meeting of the St. Katherine's Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. Thomas Nixon and Mrs. Walter Oakey Monday night, December 6, at 8 o'clock at their home on Church Street. All members are urged to attend.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton P. Layden of Hobbville are the proud parents of a six-pound, five-ounce son, Philip Wayne, born Friday, November 26, at the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City. Mrs. Layden is the former Miss Joyce Riddick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Riddick of Hobbville.

BAND COMMITTEE OF PTA TO LAUNCH FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN HERE TUESDAY

Rotary Club To Fete H. S. Football Team

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club will entertain the Perquimans High School football team, its coaches and other guests at a banquet at the Hotel Hertford next Tuesday night at 6:15, it was announced today by W. F. Ainsley, president of the club.

A. W. Hefren, V. N. Darden and Max Campbell were appointed as a committee on arrangements for the dinner honoring the local football players, who completed their season last Thursday.

Hertford Stores Ready For Holiday Shopping Season

With only 19 shopping days left before Christmas, Hertford stores are being prepared for the holiday season. Already a number of the stores have installed holiday decorations and are displaying many items of merchandise featured for gift presentation.

The Christmas spirit is beginning to catch on. Practically all stores will have up their decorations within the next day or two and the Town is expected to complete stringing the street decorations at any time.

Shoppers will have a wider variety in selecting merchandise this Christmas shopping season than at any time since the war. Many of the stores are featuring toys of all types and electrical appliances, often sought after as gifts are more plentiful than last year. Wearing apparel of excellent quality, always suitable for gifts, is also featured by most of the stores, as is furniture and jewelry at the local furniture and jewelry stores.

Perquimans residents will find no need to shop in other cities or towns, for local stores feature practically everything the shopper can desire, and have long been recognized for quality merchandise.

Mrs. Jane Campen's Funeral Wednesday

Mrs. Louise Jane Campen, 89, died at her home in Hertford Monday morning at 3 o'clock after a lingering illness.

Mrs. Campen was born in Washington County, the daughter of the late Edward and Margaret Sawyer. She was the widow of the late Jesse Campen and had resided here for several years. She was a member of the Baptist Church and an honorary member of the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors include six sons, J. H. Campen of Whiteville, William M. Campen of Richmond, Jesse C. Campen of Columbia, Charles Campen of Wilmington, D. O. Campen, Sr., of Portsmouth and James H. Campen of Hertford; one daughter, Mrs. C. H. Clark of Washington; 30 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hertford Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the church. The choir sang "Abide With Me" and "Will There Be Any Stars In My Crown?"

Pallbearers were Will Elliott, L. B. Sitterton, Charles F. Sumner, M. J. Gregory, George White and George Barbee.

Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Athletic Conference In Meeting Here Wed.

Officials, principals and coaches of the member schools of the Albemarle Conference met in Hertford, at the hotel, Wednesday evening at 6:30 for the purpose of drawing the conference basketball schedule for the coming season and discuss plans for expansion of the conference.

One spokesman for the conference stated that rumors have come to him that Edenton High School and Tarboro, both present members of the Northeastern Conference, desire to become associated with the Albemarle Conference and some decision on this matter may be made soon.

E. C. Woodard, principal of Perquimans High School, is president of the Albemarle Conference this year and he presided at the meeting here Wednesday evening.

Goal of \$3,000. Is Set as First Step Toward a Sustaining Program

A \$3,000 fund raising drive will get under way here next Tuesday morning as a result of a meeting held on Tuesday night by the band committee of the Perquimans High School Parent-Teacher Association, at which time the committee discussed the band situation and made plans to place it on a sustaining basis.

The committee, representing the PTA, which is sponsoring the band, is composed of J. H. Towe, chairman, T. B. Sumner, Corbin Dozier, W. H. Pitt, A. W. Hefren and E. C. Woodard.

During a discussion prior to setting up plans for the fund raising campaign, the committee was told by E. C. Woodard that at the present time the band is composed of approximately 40 students and the band director receives \$90 per month in tuition fees as a salary. He told the committee that the band director, contrary to a recent report, has been paid in full for services up to date. The committee was advised that additional instruments and uniforms are needed to provide expansion for the Perquimans Band and that a sufficient number of students with talent are available to enlarge the band.

In setting the goal for the drive to start Tuesday, the committee adopted a plan to pay the band director \$100 per month from the sum raised during the months between now and next June. This sum will supplement the \$90 per month he is now receiving from tuition fees. The balance of the funds raised will be turned over to E. C. Woodard, principal of the high school, to be placed in a band fund and used for the purchase of additional uniforms and instruments.

A. W. Hefren, general manager of the Major-Loomis Company, started the ball rolling in the drive when he announced that his company will contribute the sum of \$200 toward the goal.

The committee plans to conduct the drive throughout the county and give every resident an opportunity to help in this community project.

The drive will start in Hertford next week, then on Thursday community solicitors from the county will be named at the PTA meeting, after which they will solicit funds in each neighborhood.

Members of the Band Committee will handle the solicitation of funds here in Hertford.

During the meeting long range plans for a sustaining program for the band were discussed and some parts of the program adopted but the committee desires to announce these later.

The action taken by the Parent-Teacher Association in adopting the sponsorship of the band gives the organization its first permanent sponsor. In the past two years residents of Hertford and Perquimans County individually and as groups, have conducted drives to raise funds for the band and the bandmaster, but these steps were temporary. Some \$2,300 was raised here in 1946 and last year approximately \$1,500 was raised, this latter sum going solely to the bandmaster. The Band Committee is hopeful that the project undertaken by it will be the start of a sustaining program which will assure a permanent band set-up for the local school.

Draft Board Fills First Call For Men

Perquimans Draft Board furnished one inductee for the armed forces this week, when Thomas Riddick left Tuesday morning as the first inductee from the county under the new selective service law.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local Board, announced Tuesday that the Board here has received an order to send 10 selectees to the examination station on December 29, to undergo physical examinations. She also reported that two local selectees passed the examination taken during this month. These selectees will be subject to induction at a later date.

Recorder's Court Recessed This Week

Perquimans County Recorder's Court was in recess this week while the court room was used Tuesday for holding the special election for County Representative. All cases listed on the docket were continued until next Tuesday, Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt announced Wednesday.