

CHAIRMAN REPORTS COUNTY NEARS GOAL IN ANNUAL MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN

Funds Contributed to Wednesday Amount To \$2,150; Meeting Is Set for February 21

Perquimans County will meet its 1949 quota for the March of Dimes. This was indicated in reports made Wednesday morning by Silas M. Whedbee, chairman of the campaign. Total funds received by Mr. Whedbee up to that time amounted to \$2,150. The goal is \$2,200.

Mr. Whedbee stated that a few returns from solicitors were still to be reported and it was his belief that these reports will push the total over the quota.

Largest single contribution reported since last week was \$200 turned in by the Hertford Lions Club, which was the proceeds from the bingo party sponsored by this organization.

Breaking down contributions reported to him throughout the drive, Mr. Whedbee reported the following amounts from various solicitors and areas: Business section of Hertford, \$600; Front Street, \$97.40; Church Street, \$57.79; Grubb Street, \$32.87; Market Street, \$24.50; Academy Street, \$10.50; Covent Garden Street, \$6.60; Dobb Street, \$24.50; Penn and Myrtle Avenue, \$8.75; Woodland Circle, \$11.60; Junior Music Club, \$1.00; Town of Hertford, \$25.00; Perquimans County, \$50.00; Prison Farm, \$6.00; colored division, \$200; BPW Club, \$40; Rotary Club, \$14; schools, \$156.42; St. Catherine Guild, \$15; Don Juan Club, \$6.02; VFW Club, \$200; State Theatre, \$115.

The Home Demonstration clubs of the county handled the canvassing in the various communities and reports from each of these clubs were as follows: New Hope, \$17.25; Bethel, \$16.45; Belvidere, \$39; Ballahack, \$19.60; Chapanoke, \$15; Winfall, \$46.50; Hoppelwell, \$32.85; Whiteston, \$61.75 and Beech Springs, \$25.

Mr. Whedbee expressed his thanks and appreciation to the solicitors and individuals who helped to make this campaign a success and announced that there will be a meeting of the March of Dimes Committee on Monday, February 21, for the purpose of electing new county officers for the March of Dimes fund. All individuals who have contributed toward the fund are eligible to attend and are urged to do so. The meeting will be held at the Court House in Hertford.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A truck driver out of Norfolk, Donald Fransler, was reported to have lost his life by drowning in the Chowan River Tuesday when his truck plowed through the guard rails on the bridge near Edenton and dropped into 20 feet of water. Highway patrolmen and other crews worked all through the day attempting to raise the truck from the water and determine whether or not there were other occupants in the truck. Fransler, it was reported, left Norfolk early Tuesday morning enroute to Colerain and had reached the bridge when the accident happened. No report was made as to the cause of the tragedy.

A bill was introduced in the Legislature this week which calls for an increase in the amount of money a candidate for the offices of Governor and U. S. Senate may spend in a campaign. Under the present law a candidate is limited to an expenditure of \$12,000. The new bill would make this amount \$50,000 but calls for a closer check on contributions and expenditures than is now made.

New storms, which struck in the western part of the nation early this week are threatening to undo all the relief work carried out by army units and individuals during the past two weeks, it was reported Tuesday. Snow and high winds again tied up rail and highway traffic and added to the hardship of feeding livestock. President Truman authorized the Interior Department to spend unlimited sums for relief in the stricken areas.

Congress has voted President Truman broad powers to reorganize the executive branch of the Government. The action followed hearings at which Herbert Hoover, chairman of the commission sponsoring the movement, stated that the Government will be able to save huge sums of money over a period or periods through such reorganization.

WASONS WILL MEET TUESDAY
Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Local Store Changed Ownership On Monday

An announcement was made here Monday morning that Herbert Nixon had purchased the interests of J. H. Bagley in the Bagley's Store in Hertford. Mr. Nixon assumed management of the store last Monday.

The store, which has been operated by Mr. Bagley for the past two years, will continue to handle popular and sundry merchandise, according to Mr. Nixon. No changes were announced in the personnel of the store.

Commissioners Act To Halt Parking On Court House Green

Local motorists who have been making a habit of parking on the Court House Green during the past several months must find a new parking space from now on, as members of the Board of County Commissioners took action at their meeting Monday which is expected to halt this practice.

It had been reported that a delegation was expected to appear before the Board to request that the parking be stopped as it was ruining the appearance of the green. However, this delegation did not appear, nor was it necessary. Members of the Board recognized the situation and authorized that a small fence be installed along the sidewalk on the green fronting Front Street and that a chain be installed across the driveway into the green at the south edge of the jail. Signs pointing out that no parking on the green is permitted will also be installed.

The Commissioners also authorized that a number of the older trees located on the green and which have become rotten be removed. Along with this action, the Board also authorized that repairs be made to the Court House belfry.

A delegation composed of the attorneys of Perquimans County appeared before the Board and requested that the indexes of all county records located in the offices of the Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds be brought up to date. At the present these indexes are several years in arrears and it was estimated that the cost of this matter will be approximately \$1,000. The Board approved this request, but work on the project is not expected to get under way for several weeks.

At the request of the County Auditor, W. F. C. Edwards, and County Attorney Charles E. Johnson, the Board authorized a bill which will be presented to the General Assembly which will permit the county to divide equal between the General Fund and the Debt Service Fund all delinquent taxes collected by the County. Up to the present this plan for division is made only on such delinquent taxes that are more than three years old. If the bill is passed by the Assembly, all such delinquent taxes will be so divided.

Reginald Tucker Named To UNC Frat

A Hertford student at the University of North Carolina has been honored for scholastic ability during his freshman year at the school, according to an announcement received here by E. C. Woodard, principal of Perquimans High School.

Reginald Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Tucker of Hertford, has been named for membership in Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honorary scholarship fraternity, for achieving A's in half of his subjects and B's in the remainder of his classes, according to Ernest L. Mackie, Dean at UNC.

Mr. Mackie wrote Principal Woodard: "You may know, we have here a chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, freshman honorary scholarship fraternity, the purpose of which is to encourage and reward high scholastic attainment in one's college career. To qualify for membership in this fraternity, a freshman must have at least half A's and the remainder of his equivalent either his first or second year in college. I wish to report that the list of those who have just qualified, your school is represented by George Reginald Tucker."

BPW TO MEET
The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club will hold a special meeting at the Hotel Hertford Friday night, February 11, at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to be present for an important business discussion.

Board Of Education Planning Survey Of Local School Needs

Superintendent Authorized To Secure Experts For Work

Members of the Perquimans Board of Education went on record at their meeting held Monday of this week favoring the legislative program being sponsored by the United Forces of Education and the State Board of Education. Following this action, it was moved that the local Board will conduct a survey of local school needs in order to prepare a work chart in the event that State-aid funds are provided to help counties construct school buildings.

The Board authorized Superintendent John T. Biggers to secure the assistance of school experts in determining the needs for Perquimans County schools, both as to construction and improvement of studies and extra curricula activities. The recommendations of these consultants are expected to be the basis for any school improvements carried out here.

Mr. Biggers stated, following the meeting, that he will attempt to secure educational consultants from either the University of North Carolina or from the State Board of Education for the purpose of carrying out the survey in this county.

Other actions taken by the Board at its meeting this week included giving authority to the REA to enter upon the Bethel school property; authorized the transfer of funds from capital outlay to maintenance of plant section of the school budget.

Some little time was spent by the Board members in reviewing the audit of the schools, recently completed by certified public accountants.

A request by Perquimans High School for funds to supplement school activities was tabled until further information is available as to the balance of the school budget.

The Board took no action on a number of bids submitted for a new one and a half truck and advised the Superintendent to investigate the possibility of securing a good used truck to be used for school purposes.

Short Time Remains To Apply For Crop Insurance For 1949

Only a short time remains for Perquimans County farmers interested in obtaining protection of their crop investment as provided by the Federal Crop Insurance policies, now available to local farmers, it was reported today by C. R. Vann, secretary of the insurance program.

The crops covered under this multiple insurance program, Mr. Vann said, are corn, cotton, peanuts and soybeans. The farmer pays a premium for this protection which means in effect that he makes a small increase in his operating costs to protect the money and labor that he invests in the crop's production against the losses which no farmer can control.

Most farmers, Mr. Vann added, have had sufficient experience to know that there is no way of telling who will bear the brunt of crop disaster from unavoidable causes in any year or when production efforts in an entire area may be struck down by Mother Nature through weather, insect or disease disasters.

The Federal Crop Insurance Policy available to Perquimans producers who apply for it in time provides the farmer protection against what can happen to his crop investment. Local farmers, under this plan, have the opportunity to build basic protection of their business enterprises which will contribute materially to the soundness of their farming operations.

Applications for the protection can be made through the county office located over Roberson's store in Hertford or by seeing Mr. Vann. He stated that time for taking applications for 1949 crops is growing short and that producers who desire to secure the protection should make application at once.

Neighborhood 4-H Leaders Meet Friday

A meeting of all neighborhood 4-H Club leaders has been called for Friday afternoon, February 11, at 2:30 o'clock at the Agricultural Building in Hertford.

Plans will be made for carrying out the 1949 4-H Club program and all leaders are urged to attend.

Robbery At Winfall Admitted By Youth Apprehended Friday

Sheriff Owens Is Continuing Check on Information

After four months of almost constant work on the part of local and State police officers, the safe-cracking robbery committed at Fred's Grocery in Winfall last September 23 was solved last Thursday when two Norfolk, Va., ex-convicts admitted to SBI men and local police of Waynesville, N. C., that they were responsible for the robbery.

Between six and eight thousand dollars were stolen from the safe of the Winslow store in Winfall on the night of September 23 last year and immediately Sheriff M. G. Owens and other police officials began a diligent search for the robbers. However, each clue ended up at a dead-end and thus forced the officers to start the search all over again. Sheriff Owens continued his investigation despite the seemingly hopeless nature of the task and it was not until last Thursday when an announcement was made that a State Highway patrolman had picked up two ex-convicts who, under questioning admitted that they had "pulled" a number of jobs in this vicinity.

On hearing of the announcement, Sheriff Owens contacted police officials of Waynesville, relating the details of the local robbery and requested advice concerning the two men being held in that city. On last Saturday O. E. Noland, chief of police of Waynesville, wired Sheriff Owens that Kenneth Sheetz, one of the two men picked up there, had admitted committing the Winfall safe cracking job. No information was sent the Sheriff concerning Robert Brady, the other man caught at Waynesville in connection with the local crime.

When questioned at Waynesville by FBI, SBI and local authorities, the two men confessed to some 16 robberies committed in four states, several of the crimes being listed as ones committed in and near the Albemarle area.

A report stated that Sheetz is expected to be returned to the State of Virginia to serve out a 20-year term for burglary and that Brady will be tried in North Carolina for possession of burglar tools. Both of these men, it is highly probable, will face trials in several sections of the State after completing prison terms.

Indians And Squaws Play Columbia In Cage Games Tonight

Perquimans High School boys and girls basketball teams will play the Columbia boys and girls in games on the local court starting at 7:30 o'clock tonight. Coach Joe Levinson stated that these may be the last home games of the season. He is attempting to schedule two games for next week, but thus far has been unsuccessful in locating a team with open dates.

The Indians will be out for revenge in the game with the Wildcats. The Tyrrell County boys handed the Indians a 23-19 defeat when Perquimans played at Columbia two weeks ago. Coach Levinson stated that all of the local players are in good shape for the game tonight and the boys are counting on chalking this game up in the victory column.

Perquimans dropped a hard fought contest to the league leading Jamesville boys last Friday night. The game was played on the local court and the final score was 45 to 33. In the preliminary game the Perquimans girls lost to the Jamesville girls 31 to 28.

Bill To Abolish Court Term Presented

A bill which, if passed by the 1949 Legislature, will abolish the January term of Perquimans Superior Court, has been presented to the General Assembly, according to a report from the Institute of Government.

E. Leigh Winslow, representative for Perquimans, introduced the bill last week. The bill reads to amend Section 70 of Chapter 7 of the State laws and will provide that two terms of court held in Perquimans in place of three, which is now the custom. If the bill is enacted, and it most probably will be, only two terms of court will be held hence forth. The new terms of court under the bill will be held in April and October of each year.

COUNTY BOARD TO PETITION ASSEMBLY FOR BUILDING FUNDS IF ANY AVAILABLE

Slight Damage In Wreck Here Monday

Approximately \$150 damages were reported resulting from a collision of two cars on highway 17 near Hamp's Service Station last Monday morning. Patrolman H. L. White, who investigated the accident, reported that Percy Rogerson, driving north on the highway, attempted to make a left turn when his car was struck by one being driven by James Wallace of Elizabeth City. Wallace was cited in court on charges of reckless driving. No personal injuries resulted in the accident.

Henry Newbold Died Suddenly At Home Tuesday Morning

John Henry Newbold, 55, prominent Perquimans farmer, died suddenly at his home in Hertford at 12:15 A. M. Tuesday. Although death was unexpected, Mr. Newbold had not been in good health for several weeks. He had returned to his home Monday evening after attending a directors' meeting of the Hertford Locker and Packing Company when he was stricken.

Mr. Newbold was a native of this county. The son of the late John Newbold and Mrs. Enola Elliott Newbold. He was a member of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, of which he served as a vestryman.

In 1921 he was united in marriage with Miss Nita White and to this union was born two children, Mrs. Armour C. Miller of Clarvack, N. Y., and Mrs. Edward Griffin, Jr., of Lakehurst, N. J.

A highly successful farmer, he was also interested in business developments in the county and was president of the Hertford Locker and Packing Company and was a director of the Hertford Building and Loan Association.

He served Perquimans County as a Commissioner for several terms and also served as game warden for a number of years. He was a past president of the Hertford Rotary Club.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nita White Newbold; two daughters, Mrs. Armour C. Miller and Mrs. Edward Griffin, Jr.; four grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Vail and Mrs. W. H. Nixon, both of Edenton, and Mrs. David Cox of Hertford, and one aunt, Miss Matilda Newbold of Hertford.

Funeral services were conducted at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. E. T. Jilson, rector of the church. The services were under the direction of the Lynch Funeral Home. The church choir sang "Hark, Hark! My Soul."

Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were R. S. Monds, Jr., Dr. C. A. Davenport, J. Emmett Winslow, W. H. Hardcastle, J. R. Futrell, Tommy Mathews, George W. Barbee and T. B. Sumner.

Court Docket Listed 25 Cases On Tuesday

Twenty-five cases were disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court at this week's session. Twenty-three of the cases listed on the docket were for violation of the speed law and all of the defendants entered pleas of guilty.

Thomas Colton and Elgear Charest paid fines of \$30 and costs of court for speeding.

Fines of \$15 and costs were taxed against Augusta Haddrick, William Potter, Warren Richardson, William Scheer, Rudolph Pesck and Roger Wigglesworth, all of whom entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding.

George Phaneuf, Carl Carlsen, Jenis Alexander, Frank Rodrigues, Albert Ostron, Hai Kaissian, Fred Keiter, Louis Braum, Fred Eisenberg, Harry Gordan, Frank Lovell, Donald Melick and Charles Droure each paid a fine of \$10 and costs for speeding. Norman Dikman and Joseph Bell were fined \$5.00 and costs for speeding.

Costs of court were taxed against Ruth Berger on a charge of passing on a curve.

Willie Morris was fined \$10 and costs for driving a car which did not display a 1948 approved inspection sticker.

Louis Henry Felton, Negro, failed to appear in court to answer charges of forgery. A capias was ordered issued for the defendant to be held for hearing next week.

To Seek \$300,000 Use In Building County School Buildings

Members of the Perquimans Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session here Monday, took action to present a petition to the 1949 Legislature to include Perquimans County into any program passed by that body for the construction of school buildings within the State of North Carolina.

R. T. Brinn, member of the Board, pointed out that numerous counties of the State have already presented programs to the General Assembly which outline the school needs of those counties. He stated that it was his belief that Perquimans County should follow this procedure and request that at least \$300,000 be allotted from State-aid funds, to this county for construction of needed school buildings. The Board went on record favoring this plan and will present a proper petition to the Legislature to include this county into any program adopted to provide State-aid to counties.

A break down of funds needed in Perquimans for school construction amounts to a little more than the sum to be requested of the General Assembly. Approximately \$200,000 is needed to carry out the Board of Education's plan for consolidation of the county colored schools, with construction of at least one new building and repairs to another.

Approximately \$100,000 is needed according to estimates for construction of a gym, lunch room and an auditorium for white schools.

State education officials are now preparing a program for presentation to the Legislature which calls for 50 million dollars to be raised and divided among counties of the State in carrying out construction needs. It is reported from Raleigh that serious consideration is expected to be given this program and a possibility that a bond issue referendum might be called to settle the question.

Baseball Meeting Held Here Wed.

Baseball fans of Perquimans County gathered at the Court House here Wednesday night for the purpose of reorganizing the local baseball club in preparation for the local team to participate in the Albemarle League during the coming summer.

While the group which assembled was not as large as the committee planning the reorganization had hoped for, a goodly number of interested fans were present and a start was made toward organization for the coming year. A. W. Hefren was elected as president and a nominating committee composed of R. M. Riddick, Julian A. White, Steve Perry and Josiah Elliott were named to recommend a board of directors and a business manager.

A brief summary was given as to estimated costs for operating a team during the coming year and this amount was set at \$2,500. Efforts to raise this sum will be made at a later date. Another meeting of fans has been called for next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Court House and the committee urges all fans interested in seeing baseball played here this year to attend.

A. W. Hefren, Edgar Morris and Herbert N. Nixon were among the Perquimans folks who attended a meeting of the league held last week at Elizabeth City. They also pushed plans for the meeting here this week.

County baseball fans have been discussing possibilities of having baseball here this year and it is the consensus of most of the fans that it will be possible to sponsor a team in the league this year by observing the rules set up by the league last week. A drastic plan for financing each club was adopted by the league, and will mean that less money will be needed to pay players than has been the case in the past year or two. Each team, under the rules adopted for this season, must keep within a certain salary limit and local fans have expressed themselves as highly favorable to the program which will bring the financial burden down to a point where league members will be able to support and field a team.

The agenda for the meeting held here Wednesday called for the election of a board of directors, a president, business manager and secretary.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland White, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Jane, born Tuesday, February 8th.