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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Democratic leaders in Congress this week drastically curtailed the administration's program for this session by stripping such hotly contested items as health insurance and civil rights proposals from the agenda. It was also reported that leaders expected no action at this session on President Truman's request for a four billion dollar tax increase. Tentative plans now call for Congress to adjourn on July 31. Meanwhile Congress showed some signs of tightening up national spending. The House killed a measure on Tuesday which would have raised the pay of men in the armed forces, excepting privates.

Russian demands, at a Big Four meeting being held in Paris this week, that the plans for development of a Western German government be scrapped has chilled the optimistic outlook for a successful conference on the German problem, it was reported from Paris Wednesday. The Russian demand that the whole German problem be returned to the Four Power control plan was rejected by the representatives of the United States, Britain and France. The breakdown of the Four Power control plan last summer was the major factor leading up to the blockade of Berlin. The Russians proposed that the conference scrap the West German state proposal and place all of Germany in the hands of a German council under Allied direction.

Former Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal committed suicide by jumping from a window of the 16th floor at a naval hospital in Bethesda, Md., early Sunday. Forrestal, who retired from governmental service several months ago, had been a patient at the hospital some time. He was suffering from strain of overwork and it was reported he was undergoing treatment for a psychoneurotic condition.

Forty-three persons were killed and nearly 400 injured when tornadoes struck a number of communities in Missouri, Kansas and Indiana early this week. Property damage was estimated in the millions of dollars. At least five twisters struck through nearly 20 towns in the three states.

Fifty Seniors To Receive Diplomas At PCHS Commencement Exercises Monday

Closing Activities Start Friday; Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday

Commencement exercises on next Monday will climax closing exercises for Perquimans County schools for the present term, it was announced today by John T. Biggers, County Superintendent. School will close for the summer vacation on Tuesday, May 31.

Fifty members of the senior class will receive diplomas at Perquimans High School next Monday night, according to E. C. Woodard, principal of the school. Heading this list are Pearl H. Jordan, who won scholastic honors during her four years at the high school and she has been named as valedictorian for the class. Mary Lou Butt won second high honor grades and was named as class salutatorian. Mrs. Jordan's average for four years was 97.6 while Miss Butt averaged 97.6. A total of 21 seniors, averaging 90 or better for the four years in high school were named to the honor roll.

Closing activities at the high school start tonight when the seniors hold class night. On Sunday, at eight o'clock, in the auditorium of the school the Rev. M. W. Lawrence of Elizabeth City will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

Commencement will be held in the auditorium on Monday night beginning at eight p.m. Rev. Fred Laubach, of Norfolk, will address the graduating class at the closing service. Rev. E. B. Edwards will give the devotional, prayer will be offered by the Rev. D. L. Fouts. Following the awarding of the diplomas, Mr. Woodard will honor a number of the students with presentation of medals for outstanding work done by the students during the past year. Benediction will be given by the Rev. C. E. Duffing. Members of the high school Glee Club will render a number of selections during the exercises.

Exercises at the Hertford High School will be held Monday morning at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Rose Browne, Professor of Education, North Carolina College, Durham, N. C. will deliver the commencement address. Rev. H. J. Mitchell, of Sunbury, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday afternoon at 8:30 o'clock.

Board Of Elections Sets July 12th As Date For Holding County ABS Election

Registration Books to Open June 11th; Action Taken Under House Bill 1197

Perquimans County's Board of Elections has set Tuesday, July 12, as the date for county voters to cast ballots for or against the establishment of an ABC store for Perquimans County, it was announced last Friday by A. W. Hefren, chairman of the board.

In making the announcement Mr. Hefren stated that registration books will be open on Saturday, June 11, 18, and 25 for the purpose of registering county residents desiring to vote in this election. He pointed out that citizens already on the books need not register in order to be eligible to vote. However, if an eligible voter has changed from one voting precinct to another since the last election then he must register in the precinct in which he now resides. Registration books will be open on Saturday, July 2nd as a day for challenge.

According to notice of the election, which is published this week by the Board of Election, this ABC balloting will be conducted under the provisions of House Bill 1197, which was passed by the General Assembly, and under the general Statute of North Carolina for or against the establishment of an Alcoholic Beverage Control Board in Perquimans County.

This bill was first presented in the General Assembly for the purpose of holding an election solely in the Town of Hertford and profits, from a store if established would go to the Town of Hertford, however, as amended and passed by the Legislature the election is now to be conducted on a county-wide basis and in the event establishment of a store is voted by the citizens profits from the store will be divided equally between the Town of Hertford and Perquimans County.

A definite opposition to the proposal has developed since the measure was first presented in the Legislature, and it now appears that the election on July 12 will determine the issue.

Registrars and judges for the election, appointed by the Board of Elections, will be the same officials as served at the last general election.

Store Remodeling Present Quarters

Darden Brothers' store in Hertford is now undergoing complete renovations and will shortly be modernized in every respect, it was announced this week by D. S. and V. N. Darden, owners of the store.

The firm has discontinued its lines of groceries and hardware and when renovations to the store are completed will handle ready-to-wear, shoes and notions.

Separate departments for men, women and children will be set up in the store and an attractive display of merchandise will be arranged under the renovations.

Rites Held Sunday For Winfall Resident

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Twine Winslow, 83, who died at the home of her son, Alonzo R. Winslow of Winfall at three o'clock Saturday afternoon following an illness of four weeks, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Winfall Methodist Church by the Rev. E. B. Edwards, pastor of the church.

During the services Betty Lou Trueblood sang The Old Rugged Cross and Mr. Durwood Barber played Shall We Gather at the River. The church choir sang Abide With Me at the grave.

Pallbearers were Tom White, Garland Atwater, Eugene Patton, David Trueblood, J. L. DeLaney, Robert Towse, George Wood and Rudolph Williams.

Burial was in the Cedar Grove Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Winslow, a native and life long resident of Perquimans County was the daughter of the late Jessie J. Twine and Sarah Millicent White and the wife of the late Alonzo Riddick Winslow.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. R. L. Towse of Roanoke Rapids and Mrs. W. D. Bryan Jr., of Oxford; two sons, Frederick Snelling and Alonzo Riddick Winslow, both of Winfall; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Perquimans Indians Win Championship From Ahoskie 2-1

Play-off Games Held Here Monday and Tuesday Nights

Perquimans High School baseball team won the undisputed championship of the Albemarle Conference for the 1949 season by defeating Ahoskie two games to one in play-offs held on Memorial Field here Monday and Tuesday nights. The Indians trounced Ahoskie, winners of the western division title, nine to nothing in the opening game Monday night. A double-header was played Tuesday to complete the championship. Ahoskie won the first game 6-2 but the Indians came back strong in the nightcap to capture the flag 7-0. The third game was rained out in the fifth inning of what was scheduled to be a seven inning contest.

Bill Winslow, right-handed speed ball pitcher for the Indians tied the hands of Ahoskie in the play-offs. He established a record in the first game by striking out 17 Ahoskie batters while his teammates were collecting a total of nine runs, including a home run by Edward Lane, centerfielder.

By agreement, the two teams finished up the season with a double-header Tuesday night. Earl Rogerson went the route as pitcher for the Indians in the first game Tuesday and did a creditable job. He struck out nine batters, allowed three hits but walked four men. The Indians committed four errors, while Ahoskie's pitcher, Umphlett, allowed the Indians six hits, walked none and his team committed only three errors. Ahoskie scored four runs in the third inning on a walk, two hits and two errors. Perquimans tallied two runs in the fourth on two hits and one error. Benton started the Indians' rally in the fourth, but the team was unable to overcome the Ahoskie lead.

In the game deciding the championship Winslow started on the mound for Perquimans and took up where he left off with the Ahoskie players on Monday night. After the first inning the visitors were unable to cope with Winslow's fast ball and a large number of them fanned out. The Indians jumped on Umphlett, Ahoskie pitcher, in the second inning and collected five hits, scored five runs and then sewed up the conference flag. Rain halted the game in the fifth inning after Perquimans had scored two more runs to make its total seven.

The season just completed by Coach Joe Levinson's boys was a most successful one. They won a total of 15 games and lost three, the defeats suffered were at the hands of Gatesville, Elizabeth City and Robersonville, while the victories were over the above three teams and Washington, Edenton, Jamestown, Williamston, Scotland Neck, Columbia and Ahoskie.

James Bass Elected Lions Club Prexy

James Bass was elected president of the Hertford Lions Club for the next year, beginning July 1, at a regular meeting of the civic organization held last Friday night.

Other officers selected were Sidney Blanchard, first vice president, John T. Biggers, second vice president, and F. A. McGoogan, third vice president. Norman Trueblood was elected as secretary-treasurer, R. C. Ward, tall-twister, and Charles Harrell, Jr., lion tamer.

Archie T. Lane and C. R. Vann were named to the board of directors for terms of two years. W. L. Sumner and L. B. Sitterton are the holdover directors whose term runs for another year. William D. Cox, retiring president, automatically becomes a member of the board of directors.

Installation of the new officers will take place at the first meeting of the club in July.

Bishop Wright To Conduct Services

The Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina will conduct the service of Confirmation and preach at the Holy Trinity Church, Sunday, May 29, at 11 o'clock. It was announced today by Rev. E. T. Jilson, rector of the church.

County Interest Lagging On Bond Election June 4th

Board of Elections Announces Hours For Polling Places

Interest among Perquimans County voters toward the State Bond Election to be held on Saturday, June 4 is at low-ebb and a light vote will be cast unless interest, in the questions to be determined picks up considerably in the next week.

A. W. Hefren, chairman of the Board of Elections, announced today that polling places will be opened from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. for citizens to cast their ballots on the questions. Registration books have been open for the past four weeks, and Saturday is challenge day. Registrars report only a few new names have been added to the books, and there appears to be little interest in the election.

Two questions are to be determined by the election. The General Assembly passed two measures calling for State improvements providing the voters of the State authorize the issuing 25 million dollars to be used for the purpose of building school houses, this sum, if authorized by the voters will be divided among the 100 counties and Perquimans will receive a total of \$65,847. The second question to be settled by the voters is whether or not North Carolina will issue 200 million dollars worth of bonds to carry out construction of secondary roads of the State. In the event this issue is carried Perquimans County will receive a total of \$812,000.

The election next week will have no bearing, or effect, toward the county receiving \$250,000 for school buildings already allocated by the General Assembly.

Tied up with the road bond issue is an increase in the gas tax of the State. If the voters authorize the road bond issue, an increase of one cent per gallon automatically goes on gasoline; this tax will be assessed not only on gasoline used upon the highways but also on gas used on the farms.

It is also pointed out that the two issues involved in the election are not tied together. Either of the bond issues can be authorized separately or both killed according to the voter's desires.

Hertford Indians Readies Plans For League Opener Here Next Wednesday

Albemarle League Directors Adopt Regulations at Meeting Held Wednesday

Everything is set for the opening of the Albemarle Baseball League next Wednesday, it was announced by Mr. Gaylord, president of the League following a meeting held in Hertford last Wednesday night at which time the League Directors adopted rules for the season and ironed out all problems confronting the teams prior to the opening games.

Hertford is ready for its first game, according to A. W. Hefren, president of the local club, who stated that the league schedule has Hertford playing Elizabeth City in the opener here in Hertford, the game will start at eight o'clock. Other opening games will see Edenton playing at Plymouth, and Windsor at Colerain.

Business Manager Edgar Morris reported that the Indians are ready for the first contest. He stated that the likely line-up for the Indians will be Sires, catcher, Kimbrell, first base, Cayton, second, Bergeron at short, Young at third, with Scott and Christgau in the outfield. Johnson or Hartzell are expected to get the nod for pitching assignments. Other pitchers expected to be on hand are Collins and Eller. Gaines, Montecito and Rushing, from the University of Florida, are expected to join the team on June 3. George Wood, another local boy, is also expected to see some action. Mr. Morris reported that there is a possibility that the local club will trade Moe Bauer to Windsor for Jack McComas, heavy-hitting star Windsor during the past two years. McComas plays for State College and has been a leading hitter in the Southern Conference this Spring. Bauer, who pitched for Hertford for three years, it is reported, desires to be released from the local club.

The Indians will wind up their exhibition games here next Sunday when (Continued on Page Eight)

Commission Recommends Construction Of New School Building In County

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 and Perquimans Training School graduating classes will also receive identical miniatures of the chests and have also received word that their gifts await them at the local store.

District Officer Speaker At PTA meet

The last meeting of the Perquimans Grammar School Parent Teacher Association was held Monday night, May 16, with an outstanding attendance.

Prior to the meeting a picnic supper was enjoyed by everyone. This was followed by open house, featuring art exhibits in all the class rooms. From 7:30 to 8 o'clock Best Ainsworth presented a program of music by grammar grade pupils.

The subject for the meeting was "Living Together in The Family." "Battle Hymn of the Republic" was used as the opening song. Rev. Walker Perry of Elizabeth City, conducted an inspiring devotional. A trio from Roanoke Bible College, Elizabeth City, rendered several selections in song.

Mrs. W. H. Bryan, district officer for the PTA made a splendid talk concerning the work of the association. She discussed three outstanding points: world understanding, health, and school education.

J. T. Biggers stressed the importance of voting for the state wide bond issue for better schools, outlining the benefits which will be derived from this program.

Mrs. W. H. Matthews gave an interesting talk on "Helping Children Make Good Adjustments in School."

The installation of the officers for the ensuing year was conducted by Mrs. W. H. Bryan.

Legion Auxiliary Announces Plans For Poppy Sales

Preparations for the observance of Poppy Day here on Saturday, May 28, have been completed in every detail, Mrs. Kelly White, president of the American Legion Auxiliary, reported today.

At a meeting of the Auxiliary, held last Friday, plans were completed for the sale of Poppies. Mrs. James Wilder was named as chairman of the committee in charge of sales, and members of the Hertford Troop of Girl Scouts will aid in conducting sales. The Girl Scouts have been organized into teams and will distribute Poppies on the streets in Hertford all day Saturday. Other teams of volunteer workers will be assigned to different parts of the county all day so that everyone will have an opportunity to honor the war dead by wearing the memorial flower.

"We expect to have the most successful Poppy Day in the history of the observance," Mrs. White said. "Young women and girls of the county have volunteered enthusiastically to help us carry the memorial flower of the World War dead to everyone in the county and we hope to see a poppy on every coat on Poppy Day."

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 Flanders and Belgium which bloomed on the battlefields and cemeteries of both World Wars, and which have been the symbol of remembrance of 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.

Survey Shows Need of Gym, Class Rooms and Lunch Facilities

A complete report, as submitted by Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, of the State Department of Education relative to a survey conducted on Perquimans County Schools, was released this week by John T. Biggers, County Superintendent.

The report submitted by Dr. Highsmith stated the commission made its study on May 11, 1949, and that no attempt was made to visit each school, white and Negro, but the large centers which are being considered as units in the consolidation program were visited and inspected carefully. As a result of this inspection the Education Commission made the following recommendations, which according to Mr. Biggers, will be submitted to the County Board for action at its next regular meeting.

"White schools—It is recommended that the present organization of the white schools in the County be continued and that the following alterations, renovations, and additions be provided:

"A. Perquimans High School: Gymnasium of adequate size and equipment; an agriculture shop adequately equipped; the lunchroom should be enlarged to accommodate all of the students who wish to secure lunch at the school.

"Note: The lunch period of 45 minutes should be abandoned and three periods of 30 minutes each should be scheduled. In this way the lunchroom can serve all high school students in minimum length of time.

"B. Perquimans Grammar School. A lunchroom adequate for enrollment. Two additional class rooms. The present auditorium seems to be adequate and no new auditorium is suggested at this school until more pressing needs elsewhere have been met.

"C. Hertford Elementary School. Lunchroom adequate in size and equipment to serve the students enrolled. Provision for new auditorium be considered when other more urgent building needs have been met.

"Hertford Negro High School: In view of the fact that the present building which is being used as the Negro High School was constructed many years ago and that it is now in dilapidated condition it is recommended that this building be abandoned at the earliest possible date and that a new building, preferably on a new site, be provided to accommodate the following school in addition to the Hertford Negro High School students: Bethel, Chinquapin, Winfall High School.

"That Galatia, Pools Grove, Oak Hill, Forg Bridge, Willow Branch, Nicamor and Bay Branch Schools be consolidated with the Winfall Elementary School.

"That a new building of about 16 classrooms be constructed at Winfall as the first project in the new building program. The present building will provide space for some classrooms and cafeteria.

"By way of summary our recommendations would affect the school organization as follows:

"All Negro high school pupils will be served at the Hertford High School.

"That all Negro elementary pupils on the Hertford side of Perquimans River will be accommodated at the Hertford Negro Elementary School. All pupils who live on the Winfall side of the Perquimans River will be accommodated at Winfall Negro Elementary School.

"We wish to commend the County Board of Education and the county superintendent for their thoughtful planning for the improvement of Perquimans County Schools. We feel that the consolidation of schools and the adequate provision of school plants made possible by money made available by the Legislature, the County Commissioners and the proposed bond issue for schoolhouses, will produce really tremendous results for Perquimans County."

County Agent Issues Warning On Mildew

I. C. Yagel, County Agent, this week issued a warning to cucumber growers to be alert to the possibility that downy mildew may strike at their crops shortly. He stated that mildew was reported in the Charleston, S. C. area on May 11 and was moving in this direction. He added that if mildew strikes local crops, it can cause considerable damage.

He urged local growers to be prepared to dust their crops in the event mildew was noticed. He stated it could be recognized by angular yellow spots on the leaves. The same treatment is recommended for controlling this disease in cantaloupes and watermelons.