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\$1.50 Per Year.

## County Commissioners Adopt Budget And Set Tax Rate For Year At \$1.65

### Valuation of Property Shows an Increase of \$467,123; Budget Exceeds \$99,000

Adopting a budget that calls for the expenditure of approximately \$99,036.84 during the fiscal year of 1949-50, members of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners set the county tax rate at \$1.65 per hundred dollar valuation at a meeting of the board held Monday.

W. F. C. Edwards, county accountant, reviewed the budget for the past fiscal year and presented the new budget to the commissioners. This budget calls for a reduction of five cents in the tax levy for the debt service fund and five cents in the levy for the general school fund; however, increases in the budget for the general county fund and Welfare Administration fund wiped out the decrease in the levy of the above fund and left the tax rate at the same figure as last year.

The budget calls for expenditures of \$36,348.60 in the General Fund; \$8,076.27 for the Poor Fund, \$34,447.00 in the Debt Service Fund, \$8,735.87 for Welfare Administration; \$7,425.00 for Old Age Assistance and \$4,050.00 for Aid to Dependent Children. The tax levy for the funds, in the order named above is 45 cents for general fund, 60 cents for debt service, six cents for aid to dependent children and nine cents for old age assistance.

Members of the Board of Education presented the budget for the general school fund and this amounts to \$41,880, and a tax levy of 40 cents was approved for this department, making an over all rate of 1.65.

J. W. Ward, clerk of the board, and county tax supervisor, reported that the valuation of the property in Perquimans had increased by \$467,123 over last year. The total valuation for the current tax year according to Mr. Ward is \$7,596,062.

In addition to handling the business of adopting the budget and setting the tax rate, the board re-employed W. M. Ruas of Raleigh to audit the county books for the year.

A. T. Lane was authorized to contact a roofing contractor regarding repairs to the gutters and roof of the Court House.

Two delegations appeared before the Board requesting approval of the Board to petition the State Highway Commission to improve roads in Parkville and Hertford townships.

## Farm Agent Reports County Crop Damage

Crops throughout Perquimans County have been damaged considerable by the recent big rains. It was reported today by I. C. Yagel, County Farm Agent. Cotton and late corn, he stated, seem to have suffered the greatest damage. The amount of damage varies too in different sections of the county with Bear Swamp and Bethel communities suffering the greatest.

Peanuts and soybeans are showing improvement now and unless other heavy rains follow may make a fair yield. Crops as a whole, Mr. Yagel said, appear to have suffered a permanent damage of 20 to 25 percent.

Cotton is blooming and forming squares now and farmers are urged to keep a close watch for boll weevil. If 10 squares out of 100 examined or one out of 10 are found to be punctured by the weevil the cotton should be dusted with toxaphene. Local insecticide dealers indicate, the Agent said, that the supply of this material is sufficient at present. Some farmers are on the job and have already started dusting. It is recommended that these dust applications be repeated at five day intervals. Reports from State College show a 24 percent increase in weevil damage found this year as compared with last year at this time.

## Cancer Drive Fund Nears Half Way Mark

Perquimans County's campaign to raise \$400 for the national Cancer Foundation is meeting with success according to J. H. Towe, county chairman, who reported Monday that more than half of the quota had been subscribed.

Contributions reported up to that time had come mostly from residents of Hertford but Mr. Towe stated he expected reports from communities throughout the county by Saturday night and it was highly probable these reports will more than provide the county's goal.

## Town Board Holds Meeting Monday Night

Members of Hertford Town Board met in regular session last Monday night and voted to employ Bob Jordan as life guard at the Harvey Point Beach. Jordan will serve in the capacity following hours for the Red Cross swimming classes.

The beach is proving to be popular as a resort this summer for children and adults and the Board took its action as a safety measure to provide the beach with a life guard throughout the day. Jordan will be employed as the life guard until Labor Day.

Mayor Darden reported to the board that six members of the Volunteer Fire Department have signified intentions of attending the State Firemen's Convention to be held at Carolina Beach next month.

In addition to the above mentioned the Board passed upon the usual routine fiscal matters brought to its attention.

## Ward Funeral Held Monday Afternoon

Mrs. Lou Etha Ward, 60, wife of Charles H. Ward, of Hertford, Route One, died at the Albemarle Hospital last Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock after a short illness.

She was the daughter of the late Richard Shephard and Esta Roberts White.

Besides her husband she is survived by three sons Charles, Frank, and Howard Ward, all of Route One; five daughters, Mrs. Josiah Proctor, Mrs. John Corpew, Mrs. Edgar Long, all of Route One, Mrs. L. B. Elliott of Route three, and Mrs. Clinton Winslow of Belvidere; one brother, R. A. White of Hertford; two sisters, Mrs. C. F. Reed and Mrs. J. M. Sutton both of Route One.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at four o'clock at the Great Hope Baptist Church by the Rev. E. G. Willis, assisted by the Rev. J. R. Byerly.

Mrs. Fred Mathews and Mrs. Howard Mathews, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ellie White, sang "Some Time We'll Understand and No Night There."

Pall bearers were Mack White, William A. White, Charles Mathews, Hurley Hoffer, Joseph Proctor, Emmett Long, James Mansfield and E. T. Bates.

Honorary pall bearers were, W. J. Clinton, and J. D. Clinton, Lawrence Perry, V. L. Proctor, E. W. and W. W. Whedbee, J. T. Elliott, S. M. Long, and A. D. Thach.

## Complaints On Water Made By Residents

Complaints on the water supply for the Town of Hertford were made to this newspaper on Wednesday, when Mrs. Julian A. White reported the finding of several small red worms in water drawn from faucets of her home. She stated that neighbors of hers had also discovered the worms in water at their homes and added that complaints had been made to Mayor V. N. Darden.

When contacted regarding the complaints, Mayor Darden stated that these complaints are being checked and also that the worms had been turned over to the Health Department for classification. He added that the Health Department has reported these worms to be due to a nat larvae in the water mains, which hatch out about this time of the year. He also reported that the Health Department had advised him there was no danger to humans from these worms, and they were sometimes found in water mains of towns and cities.

The Mayor reported that every precaution will be taken to clear up the situation.

## Miss Frances Cely Resigns As Teacher

John T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools, reported Wednesday morning that Miss Frances Cely, English teacher at Perquimans High School for the past two years, had tendered her resignation effective immediately.

This resignation creates a second vacancy in the local school faculty, however, Mr. Biggers stated he believed this English position may be filled within the next day or two.

**MASONS TO MEET TUESDAY**  
Perquimans Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

## Board Of Education Considers Various Projects At Meeting

### Two New Teachers Employed to Fill High School Vacancies

Various problems confronting the Board of Education in regards to opening of schools this fall kept that body in lengthy session at the regular July meeting held last Monday. The Board discussed at length a new State directive regarding a helping teacher or supervisor to be set up for Perquimans and Chowan County.

The Board was advised by a delegation representing the Hertford Civic League that certain property, adjacent to the present Hertford High School, will be transferred to the Board of Education providing the Board will in turn purchase new lots for the owner of the land desired as a site for a new Colored High School.

John T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools, announced the employment of two new teachers for Perquimans High School, thus rounding out the faculty for the next school year, with the exception of an eighth grade teacher, remaining to be employed.

L. G. Finch, of Merry Hill, N. C., was elected to the post of math teacher at the school. Mr. Finch has had several years teaching experience and holds a masters degree from East Carolina Teachers College. He is 43 years old, married and has three children.

With the employment of William A. Whelless as science teacher, the local school will have a fully accredited science department for the first time in a number of years. Mr. Whelless, graduated from N. C. State College in 1931 and received his masters degree, in science from Peabody College, in Tennessee in 1943.

A new law, passed by the last Legislature, provides that a treasurer for individual school funds must be set up in each county and in regards to this action the Board instructed Superintendent Biggers to investigate the plans other counties intend following in regards to carrying out this law, and definite action is expected to be taken within the next two months.

The Board adopted its budget for the 1949-50 school year, which calls for an expenditure of \$41,708. This budget is slightly higher than last year with the increase reported being used to pay for increased insurance on county school buildings and the county's portion of increases in salary to agriculture and home ec teachers.

## PERQUIMANS RED CROSS CHAPTER TO PARTICIPATE IN BLOOD BANK PLAN

Officials of the Perquimans County Chapter of the American Red Cross met here Friday night at the Colonial Tourist Home along with local physicians, nurses and civic club leaders to map preliminary plans for local participation in the recently organized National Red Cross blood donors program.

Speaking following a dinner, Miss Janie Cox, Red Cross field representative from Rocky Mount, gave a complete outline of the blood program that is now being organized throughout the nation and told the group what should be done in the county in order that the program might be successful here.

She told the group that the program was decided upon at a convention of National Red Cross workers held some time ago at which time many requests were made for such a program as blood bank or reserves throughout the country were reported nearly exhausted.

Miss Cox explained that 140 blood receiving centers were contemplated to be set up throughout the Nation and that a center at Norfolk was already in operation and would serve this area consisting of 17 Virginia and 10 North Carolina county chapters.

She added that the county quota each year would be 300 pints of blood with three trips being planned here annually to take 100 pints each by a blood-mobile from the Norfolk center.

The requirements of the local chapter would be the recruiting of approximately 450 donors per year, 150 of whom would agree to be on hand at a specified meeting place and give blood when the bloodmobile visits here on these occasions.

All blood given in this area will be taken to the Norfolk Center to be tested, typed and checked for diseases and later to be distributed to hospitals

## Indians Drop Three Straight Games But Retain 4th Place

### Games Here Friday and Sunday; New Players Added to Team

Hertford Indians retained their fourth place spot in the standing of the Albemarle League, on Wednesday morning despite the fact the team lost three out of its last four games. Edenton divided games with the Indians last Friday and Saturday then Colerain took two from Hertford on Monday and Tuesday.

In the game at Edenton, won by the Indians 6-1, Max Eller pitched four hit ball, struck out five and walked two. The Edenton tally came in the fifth when Fulghum hit a home run. The Indians collected ten hits and four walks from Johnson, Lynch and Goodwin, Colonial hurlers. Hertford made the most of four hits and two walks in the first to collect four runs then added one more in the fourth and eighth innings.

Edenton gained revenge in the game here Saturday night winning a 3-1 decision. Adams went the route as pitcher for the Indians, giving up six hits, walking two and striking out seven. Johnson started on the mound for Edenton. He gave up seven hits and walked three before being relieved in the ninth. Hertford scored in the first and maintained this lead until the eighth when Edenton rallied to score three on two hits, an error and one walk.

Colerain won both of the games with Hertford this week, chalking up an 8-1 victory at Colerain then coming from behind to win the game here Tuesday 11-5. At Colerain, the Trappers scored two in the first, one in the second two more in the sixth and seventh and one in the eighth. Hertford scored its lone tally in the fourth. Pasdon started on the mound for Hertford in the first game but was relieved by Eller in the seventh. Gaines was the starting pitcher for Hertford Tuesday and shut out the Trappers until the fifth. Hertford had a four run lead up to that time but Colerain scored once in the fifth then added five in the sixth to take a 6-4 lead. They added three in the eighth and two in the ninth for a total of 11. Hertford scored one in the ninth to make its total five. Adams relieved Gaines in the sixth and Brooks relieved Colerain's Hawks in the same inning.

Two new players have been added to the Indians roster since last week. Lamb replaced Taffin in centerfield.

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## PERQUIMANS RESIDENTS REJECT ABC STORES BY MAJORITY BETTER THAN 2 TO 1

### Assistant Agent



J. K. Butler, Jr., Perquimans County's new assistant farm agent, assumed his duties here on July 1. He will have charge of the 4-H Club work and assist the farm agent with the general extension program. A graduate of North Carolina State College, he was active in College programs and served as president of the Agriculture Club, largest campus organization at the school.

## Funds Voted For Service Officer

Preliminary steps were taken this week for the establishment of a Perquimans County Service Officer to serve veterans when the Board of Commissioners appropriated a sum of \$500 to help defray the expenses of a local service office. This sum, appropriated by the County Board, will be added to a similar fund to be provided by the state, for payment of the service officer's salary and office expense.

Representatives of the American Legion and V.F.W. appeared before the Board at its meeting Monday and requested a sum of \$1,000 be appropriated for this item. W. F. Ainsley, State Vice Commander of the American Legion and B. C. Berry spoke in behalf of the program as did Stephen Alford, District Representative for the N. C. Veterans Commission. These veterans pointed out to the Board that many problems, concerning veterans, arise almost daily here without the services due them under the law.

According to Mr. Alford, the local service officer will work directly under and with the N. C. State Commission, and will be in position to render local veterans superior service than they now receive. He added that he himself, being in Hertford only once every two weeks, was under a handicap to provide the veterans with the servicing of their problems in the manner in which they were entitled.

He advised the County Board, that under the law setting up local service officers, the appointment of the officer was made by the Commissioners upon the recommendation of the local veterans organizations.

## Gym Plans Discussed With Architect Monday

Preliminary plans for the construction of a gym and agriculture building for Perquimans High School were discussed at a meeting of the Board of Education and representatives of the Citizens Advisory Committee, who conferred with Raymond Fuson, New-Bern architect, who has the contact for drawing the plans.

Mr. Fuson presented a series of drawings for the proposed building and several changes, expected to save money in the construction, were proposed by the local group. The architect was advised to incorporate these changes in the building and present a new set of plans as soon as possible.

The local committee, along with members of the Board of Education are hopeful that plans and construction of the gym can be pushed so as to complete the structure by next January. Present plans for the structure calls for a building approximately 96 feet wide by 180 feet long, and the gym portion of the building will seat about 1200 persons.

### W. M. S. TO MEET

The Womens Missionary Society of the Baptist church will meet Monday night, July 18, at 8 p.m., at the church. All members are urged to attend.

## Special Election Tuesday Draws 1,260 Voters to Polls

Perquimans County voters went to the polls in a special election on Tuesday and rejected a proposal to establish ABC stores in the county by a majority better than two-to-one. A total of 1260 ballots were tallied following the closing of the polls at 6:30 Tuesday evening. Every precinct in the county returned a majority opposing the issue.

Of the 1260 votes cast in the election 882 were against the establishment of ABC stores and 378 favored the issue. The election was the second held in the State under a compromised plan voted by the last Legislature. Columbus County voted overwhelmingly against the issue on last Monday.

The election staged here was the first ever conducted in Perquimans since the establishment of the local option rule back in the early 1930's and the results killed any chance for establishment of ABC stores in Hertford or elsewhere in Perquimans.

Perquimans dry forces succeeded in securing the election on a county wide basis and the victory rules out a separate election for Hertford.

The returns from the six precincts in the county were fairly close in only three of the polling places. The county in Hertford township stood 265 against to 253 for, majority of 12 votes; in Bethel the returns were 58 against to 27 for, a majority of 31; in Belvidere the count was 129 against to 16 for; a majority of 113; in Parkville it was 219 against to 38 for, a majority of 181; in New Hope it was 63 against to 42 for, a majority of 21; Nicanor voted 148 against to 2 for, a majority of 146.

Activity on the part of the Perquimans Allied Church League, no doubt, had a big part in getting out the near normal vote cast in the election. This group organized to oppose the issue and carried out a concentrated effort getting people to register and vote. Hertford Township registered the largest number of votes in the election but the total cast was not as large as recorded in past elections, this was also true of Bethel and New Hope townships, while Parkville and Belvidere returns were in line with returns from other elections. In Nicanor, the vote was the biggest recorded there in the past ten years.

## Legion Installs New Officers; Plan Membership Drive

Officers for the year 1949-50 of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion were installed at a meeting of the post held last Friday night at the Agriculture Building in Hertford. Installation services were under the direction of W. F. Ainsley, Vice Commander of the N. C. State Department of the Legion.

Installed as new commander of the post was Francis Nixon, with C. R. Vann, Archie Riddick, Emmett Long, as vice-commanders, Charles Skinner, Jr., as adjutant and Doward Jones, assistant adjutant.

Carroll Berry, Jr., gave the members of the local Post a report on the activities of Boy's State, which he attended recently at Chapel Hill as representative of the Perquimans Post of the American Legion.

During the business session plans for an extensive membership campaign were drawn by the Post. A goal of 225 members by September 30 was adopted by the members and the Post was divided into three divisions to conduct a membership contest. Each of the three vice commanders head up a division and each division has been assigned a quota of 75 members by the September deadline. Prizes will be awarded for achievement during the drive. The division commander reporting the most memberships secured will be awarded a Legion cap, while the legionnaire securing the greatest number of members in the drive will be awarded a cap, shirt and tie.

## Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans Recorder's Court was in recess this week because of the special election held Tuesday; at which time the courtroom was in use by the Board of Elections. All cases listed on the docket of the court have been set for hearing at the term of Court next Tuesday.