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Farm Bureau Drive Off To Slow Start Solicitors Report

Drive Chairman Calls For Volunteer Canvassers For Task

Perquimans County Farm Bureau membership drive moved off to a slow start last week, according to a report made last Monday night when solicitors met with drive chairman Milton Dail at the Agricultural Building. While the report made Monday was unofficial because all solicitors were not present, it was announced that a total of 73 memberships had been written up to that time.

In connection with the drive Mr. Dail announced that solicitors for the Farm Bureau will be awarded achievement prizes at the close of the campaign. Any person signing as many as 25 memberships will receive a silver Farm Bureau pin and persons signing as many as 100 members will be awarded a gold pin. Mr. Dail pointed out that any person in the county can write Farm Bureau memberships and he requests individuals who desire to help in the campaign to apply at the Agriculture Building for the necessary receipt books.

Perquimans County's goal in the Farm Bureau campaign this year is 400 members, Mr. Dail said, and it is the hope of the officials that the goal will be reached before the deadline date which is coming up soon.

The committee and solicitors carrying out the membership drive will meet every Monday night at the Agriculture Building to make a progress report, and the chairman requests all solicitors who can not attend each meeting to file a report on memberships sold in order that the local Bureau can report the progress of the drive.

Individuals who desire to solicit memberships for the Farm Bureau may obtain receipt books by applying at the County Agriculture Building or seeing County Agent I. C. Yagel, or Mr. Dail.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

One result of the U.S.-British economic conference, held recently in Washington, was announced this week when Britain told the world of the devaluation of the pound. Effective Sunday the British pound, formerly worth \$4.03 was decreased in value to \$2.80. This move is expected to increase British foreign trading, enabling British goods to meet competition in world markets, thus enriching the British treasury with dollars. Most of the nations of Europe, following the British announcement, in turn devaluated their money to conform with the British prices.

The reaction of the British move in the United States set in Tuesday when commodities and stock prices broke. Wall Street reports stated that stocks and bonds fell off one billion dollars in trading on Tuesday. Reports stated selling orders came from all over the U.S. and indicated thought that the devaluation of the pound will cause a drop off in American trading abroad.

Two Hollywood stars, long famous in the entertainment world, died this week. The two were Frank Morgan, a top comedian in both film and radio, and Richard Dix, who's performances in the movies have been outstanding for a quarter of a century. Morgan died in his sleep Sunday night and Dix died of a heart attack Tuesday night.

A movement to halt bootlegging throughout North Carolina was started this week when officials of the State ABC board requested Governor Scott to call a meeting of all sheriffs and police chiefs of the state, at an early date, in order that a master plan can be worked out whereby all officials will cooperate toward the stamping out of illegal sales of liquor. Because the State ABC officials have no authority to enforce the law in dry counties the move has been made in order to enlist the cooperation of all local law enforcing officers.

Eastern Star Meeting Next Monday Night

The Hertford Chapter of the Eastern Star will hold a regular meeting next Monday night, September 26, at eight o'clock in the lodge rooms at the Court House in Hertford. All members are urged to be present.

Plan For Estimating Corn Yields Shown

A series of demonstrations on estimating corn yields is being conducted through the county this week by County Agent, I. C. Yagel, who announced that farmers interested in the corn contest and those using A. N. L. side dressing should attend in order to file their corn yields this year.

Three demonstrations were conducted on Thursday, at Roy S. Chappell's, Carol Williams and E. M. Perry's. Three more demonstrations will be held today, at 10 a. m. at G. W. Jackson store, at 2 p. m., at T. R. Ward's near Belvidere and at 3:30 p. m. at Luther Winslow's in the Nicanor community.

These demonstrations are especially for those who have used the A. N. L. side dressing and those entered in the corn contest, but Mr. Yagel stated the public is cordially invited to attend.

Rotarians Hear Talk On Trends In Education

John T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools, was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club last Tuesday night at the Colonial Tourist Home. The school head spoke on the Trends In Education in North Carolina.

In opening his brief but interesting discussion on the school situation as it is today, Mr. Biggers told the Rotarians that he believed the situation could be divided into three categories: Teacher Improvement; Enriched Program and Building Program. He explained how North Carolina's educational system was being stepped up by the payment of larger salaries for teachers and demanding and receiving better trained teachers. Pointing out that one usually gets what one pays for, the Superintendent stated that it was evident that State teachers are showing more interest in their jobs now that the salary increase has been made. He pointed out that many teachers are taking additional training in order to meet the increased requirements for jobs.

In discussing the second phase of the program, Mr. Biggers told how the State was carrying out an enriched program by providing health education, correctional services and increasing funds for instructional supplies. He reported that Perquimans County will receive \$2,111 to carry out a health program among school children and plans are already under consideration by local school authorities and the District Health Department to get the most from this program. Part of this fund will be used to provide correctional services for children unable to pay for services themselves.

The third phase of the talk was given over to the subject of the current building program. On this subject Mr. Biggers talked mainly about the program as it will affect Perquimans County. He reported that the local Board of Education has about completed a survey for carrying out a \$370,000 building program which will include the construction of a gym and ag building at the Perquimans High School, a lunch room and two class rooms at Central Grammar School and a lunch room at Hertford Grammar School, an elementary school for Negroes at Winfall and a high school for Negroes in Hertford.

The survey which is now being completed and which must be presented to the State Board of Education for approval shows the location of all present buildings and a history of each building must be attached, giving data concerning its use. The local survey will show how the white schools have been consolidated and the proposed consolidation of the county Negro schools.

According to figures given Mr. Biggers by State authorities, this county will receive slightly more than \$315,000 from State funds toward this construction program, after the program is given the approval of the State Board, the balance of the funds needed for the entire program must come from local sources.

Contractor Starts Work On Streets

Construction and repairs to a number of streets in the Town of Hertford got underway here Wednesday morning when workmen representing the H. D. Jones Company began the task of repairing the roadwork on Woodland Circle. Mayor V. N. Darden stated that other minor street repairs will be carried out when the workmen complete the job on Woodland Circle.

Indians Open Grid Season Tonight In Game With Jackson

Contest on Memorial Field To Start at 8 O'clock

After four weeks of strenuous drills, the Perquimans High School football team will open its 1949 season Friday night against the Jackson High eleven on Memorial Field here in Hertford. The contest is scheduled to get under way at 8 o'clock.

Coach Ellie Fearing, athletic director at Perquimans, reported this week that while his squad is made up of mostly new players, he believes they will make a fine showing during the season. The starting lineup for the game tonight has been announced as Euse and Kirby at ends; C. Robertson and C. Winslow at tackles; A. Lane and J. Robertson at guards; Berry at center; Chappell, Spivey, A. L. Lane and Jordan or Towe in the backfield. Berry, Lane, Kirby, Chappell, Spivey and Jordan are hold-overs from last year's team.

The starting eleven for the Indians will present an average size team working from a single wing offensive plan but the reserve strength of the squad, for the present, is an unknown quantity and it is believed will take additional training before it can be counted on to make the Indians the power in this area enjoyed during the past several years.

The experience of the last season's veterans is expected to be of great assistance to the newer members of the squad in rounding out a balanced team, and Coach Fearing is working the players hard to bring them up to the hard games with Albemarle Conference teams coming up later in the season.

Perquimans' opponent for this opening game is expected to provide plenty of opposition for the Indians and local fans can expect a fine contest. The Jackson team is coached by a cousin of Coach Fearing, and this family relationship between the coaches is expected to add zest to the contest, as both are directing football teams for the first time. Both of the coaches graduated from ECTC last spring.

Nine Cases Heard By Recorder Judge

A varied docket consisting of nine cases was disposed of in Perquimans recorder's court here Tuesday morning with Judge Charles E. Johnson presiding.

Vernon Force, charged with failure to observe a stop sign, entered a plea of guilty and paid the costs of court. Horatio Newbern, Jr., entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

Cleo Cromers, Jr., charged with reckless driving, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Simon Barber entered a plea of guilty to a charge of failure to observe a stop sign. He was taxed with the costs of court.

Deward Brown, charged with reckless driving, paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court, after pleading guilty to the charge.

David Jordan, Negro, was freed of a charge of assault when Judge Johnson granted a motion for a non suit, at the conclusion of testimony offered by the State.

Joe Forehand, Negro, was found guilty of a charge of larceny. He was given a 30 day sentence, suspended upon payment of court costs and placed on good behavior for six months.

Raymond Rogerson, charged with being drunk, entered a plea of guilty and was ordered to pay the costs of court.

Jimmy Rose, charged with speeding, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Cotton Moving To Market; Grade Fair

Cotton started moving to local markets in this county this week in fair quantity, it was reported Wednesday by C. P. Morris, general manager of the Southern Cotton Oil Company. Mr. Morris stated that while cotton had just started coming in the quality appeared fair, but indications are that the yield will be below normal.

Favorable weather conditions this week pointed toward increased harvesting of cotton in this area during the week.

BPW Club Adopts Large Program For Yearly Projects

Group Plans Support of Numerous Civic Improvements

The executive committee of the Perquimans Business and Professional Woman's Club held its first meeting of the fall season last week at the home of Mrs. Alice M. Towe, president, to discuss plans for the coming year with the department heads.

Committee chairmen present for the meeting included Mrs. Dora Riddick, Miss Eleanor Wilder, Miss Elizabeth Fowler, Miss Thelma Elliott, Mrs. Sally Bonner, Mrs. Ruby Butler, Miss Hulda Wood, Mrs. Roxanna Jackson and Miss Mary Inez Chappell. Each chairman discussed plans for her committee during the year and these were approved by the executive committee.

Included in the various projects the club will undertake during the coming months is continued sponsorship of the Senior Girl Scout Troop; securing of better grade movies to be shown at the local theatre; support of the Perquimans Blood Bank program; as well as other public health movements; plans for a series of benefit parties during the winter months; sponsorship of a poster contest during Business Woman's Week October 9-15; co-sponsor with the PTA better recreation for teen-age groups; and continuation of the Loan Closet project already underway in the county.

In connection with some of the above projects it was reported the Club will conduct a first aid course for members of the Senior Girl Scout Troop and that a committee from the club will petition officials of the local theatre to provide better grade pictures here. The poster contest will be conducted among students at Perquimans High School and a prize will be awarded the pupil writing the best theme on "Boost Hertford and Perquimans County." Complete details of this contest have already been announced at the school.

The resignation of Mrs. Mary Brinn as Social Chairman was accepted and Mrs. Ethel Perry was named to this post.

Mrs. Towe reported that officials of the Norfolk-Southern Bus Company had replied to an inquiry concerning a new bus station in Hertford to the effect the matter was now under advisement.

It was reported that the Fall meeting for BPW Clubs of this district will be held on October 9 at Washington, N. C., and members planning to attend are urged to make reservations immediately.

Miss Anne Mann, of Raleigh, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the club next Tuesday night at 6:30 o'clock at the Hotel Hertford.

County Cancer Goal Reached Last Week

Perquimans County's belated drive for funds for the Cancer Campaign was concluded late last week with the quota over-subscribed by \$170.55 it was announced Wednesday by J. H. Towe and Miss Audrey Umphlett, co-chairmen of the local campaign.

The annual Cancer Fund drive got off to a late start in the county but splendid response on the part of the public and diligent canvassing by the solicitors enabled the county to more than meet its quota Mr. Towe said. The county quota was set at \$400 and a final report filed early this week showed that \$570.55 was raised here through the drive.

Both Mr. Towe and Miss Umphlett expressed their thanks and appreciation to the solicitors and public for the generous help in making this campaign a success.

Solicitors who assisted the co-chairmen with the drive were Mrs. L. Howell, Beach Springs, Mrs. Russell Baker and Mrs. Daisy Lane, Nicanor, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Jordan, Bagley Swamp, Miss Carlum Hurdle, Belvidere, Mrs. Elizabeth Hollowell and Mrs. Thelma Trueblood, Winfall, Mrs. Ralph Miller and Mrs. Benton White, Hurdletown, Mrs. William Caddy and Miss Audrey Stallings, New Hope, and Mrs. Tom Swain, Woodville.

SIGMON-MADREY

Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Henry Madrey announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Reba Madrey, to Geo. William Sigmon, son of William P. Sigmon, of Portsmouth, Va., and the late Mrs. Sigmon. The wedding will take place in October.

COUNTY SCHOOL BUS FLEET READY FOR ANOTHER YEAR; DRIVERS WELL TRAINED

Reorganization Of Scout Troop Sought

A movement to reorganize the Hertford troop of Boy Scouts, under the sponsorship of the Methodist Church, got underway here this week when Charles Skinner, Jr., assumed chairmanship of a committee seeking reorganization of local scouting.

Mr. Skinner reported that a committee composed of Dr. A. B. Bonner, Henry C. Sullivan, W. H. Pitt, Corbin Dozier and Charlie Vann had been named to work out arrangements for the scout troop and its program. This committee is expected to meet within the next few days and a call meeting of all boys interested in joining the scout troop, will be called probably one day next week, providing the organizational plans can be completed in time.

Central PTA Group Hears Discussion On Child's School

The Parent-Teacher Association of Perquimans County Central Grammar School held the first meeting of the year Monday night, September 19, at 8 o'clock with a good attendance.

The meeting was opened by singing God Bless Our Native Land. The Belvidere community, with Mrs. Arnold Chappell as chairman, had charge of a very interesting program. The subject was "My Child's School." The Rev. Carl Yow gave the devotional followed by a duet by Mrs. Quinton Stallings and Mrs. Lasalle Chappell. A talk, "My Child's School" was given by Mrs. L. J. Winslow. She asked the questions with open discussion:

1. Are we satisfied with our school?
2. What improvements can be made in the betterment of our school?
3. Who shall guide the child, the teacher or the parent?
4. What can be done by the parent and teacher for the backward child?
5. Are the children of rural schools given the same opportunities as those of city schools?
6. Are the transportation facilities to school satisfactory?
7. Does our school provide interesting ways of keeping children in school?
8. Should music and music appreciation be taught in the school?
9. Do you think children have improved mentally by having a lunch room?

Mrs. Winslow closed her talk by saying, "Love and guidance is the birthright of every child."

Mrs. Edwin White read the poem, "Be the Best of Whatever You Are."

Mrs. M. D. Lane, the president, presided over the business session. J. P. Snipes, principal, recognized the new teacher, Miss Pearle White, and the parents who have recently moved into the community. Mrs. Elijah White, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting and the minutes of the executive meeting. They were approved and accepted. Mr. Snipes read the By-Laws. They were also approved and accepted. Chairmen of the standing committees reported their plans for the year. Mrs. M. D. Lane gave a report of the Institute she attended at Greensboro and announced the district meeting to be held at Manteo, October 18. The Rev. Coy Saunders conducted a short recreational period.

The attendance prize was awarded to the first and second graders, Mrs. Mary White, teacher. After the meeting refreshments were served.

PCHS Seniors Elect Officers On Monday

Members of the senior class of the Perquimans High School held their first meeting of the school year last Monday morning to select class officers for the year. Elected to offices were Shirley Butt, president, Laura Hopkins, vice president, Pat Phillips, secretary, Lillian Russell, treasurer and Ruby Lane, class reporter.

There are forty three members of the class, 28 girls and 15 boys. This number will be increased by seven who will become eligible after mid-term.

The annual staff, it was announced, will be selected next week and this group will meet with representatives of the publishing firm at that time. Pictures for the annual will be made Friday morning.

Buses Will Travel Approximately Thousands and Miles Daily

The opening of the 1949-50 school term finds a well trained and efficient group of school bus drivers and substitutes, at least two for each bus, ready and trained to begin another year's work, it was reported this week by John T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools. Under the supervision of Mrs. Alice E. Futrell, of the North Carolina Highway Safety Division, each driver and substitute, has successfully completed a course in driver education as required of all school bus drivers.

Each school bus has been overhauled and thoroughly checked under the supervision of the county mechanic, W. E. Allen, who reports that every bus is in good mechanical condition.

Perquimans County, Mr. Biggers stated, this year is operating a total of 23 school buses, carrying 1134 pupils to and from school, approximately 1,000 miles daily. The shortest daily mileage for any one bus is thirty miles and carries forty children. The longest daily mileage for any one bus is 66 miles and carries sixty children. The bus fleet averages approximately eight miles per gallon of gasoline, or uses 125 gallons of gas daily. The average cost to operate the fleet is 13 cents per mile or \$18.04 per pupil for the year or \$974.22 per bus for the year.

Four new buses are being added to the county fleet this year. The county is buying two of the new buses and the state is replacing two worn out buses with new ones. The county must buy the original bus and the state then buys the replacement. Each bus now costs approximately \$2,500.

With the well trained drivers and the good mechanical condition of the buses the school authorities are looking forward to a safe and efficient transportation record this year.

Hertford Parent Teachers Group Holds First Meeting

Members of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Hertford Grammar School met in the first meeting of the current school year last Thursday afternoon at the school auditorium. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. D. M. Jackson, president. Mrs. J. H. Towe acted as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Silas M. Whedbee.

Various reports were made by committee chairmen during the business session. Mrs. Carson Howell gave a brief summary of the PTA Institute, conducted last summer in Greensboro. Mrs. T. P. Brinn reported on the activities of the Girl Scouts and Brownie troops. Joanne Madre gave an interesting talk on a trip made to Williamsburg, Va., during the past summer by members of the Girl Scout troop.

The playground committee reported that equipment for the school playground had been purchased and installation of this equipment was made last Saturday.

Following a program which was presented under the chairmanship of Mrs. Warne Madre, the patrons then toured the school building inspecting class rooms and the lunchroom. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the tour.

Girl Scout Leaders Attending Institute

Leaders of the Hertford troops of Girl Scouts are attending a scout institute being held at Suffolk, Va. this week and next, it was reported today by Mrs. T. P. Brinn, director of the local Scout troops. The Institute is divided into programs for the Brownie leaders and Intermediate leaders with each meeting every other day from Tuesday through Friday.

Local Girl Scout leaders attending the institute this week were Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, Mrs. Willis Jessup, Mrs. Robert Hollowell, Mrs. T. P. Brinn, for the Brownie leaders training and Mrs. J. H. Towe, Mrs. John Biggers, Mrs. W. C. Cherry, Mrs. James Leete, Mrs. Charles Williford, and Mrs. Robert Elliott attending the program for intermediate leaders training.

Mrs. Brinn stated that attendance at the meeting are planned for next week and individuals interested in attending the Institute are welcome and transportation will be provided. The group will leave here each day at about eight A. M. and return about 1:30 P. M.