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DECISION REACHED TO CONSTRUCT UNION SCHOOL FOR NEGROES AT WINFALL SITE

State Director's Recommendations to Be Followed By Local Board

As a result of a recommendation made by W. F. Credle, Director of School House Planning for North Carolina, the Perquimans County Board of Education, this week, are pushing plans for the construction of a 25 room Union School for Negroes at Winfall.

The new school, according to Superintendent of Schools, John T. Biggers, will contain elementary classes for students residing on the north side of the Perquimans river, and the entire high school department for the county. A consolidation program for the Negro schools will be carried out, then, by converting the Hertford school into an elementary one.

Mr. Biggers stated Monday that J. W. Griffin, architect, had been requested to complete drawing for the new union school, and it is the hope of the Board of Education that plans can be approved and a contract let for construction to start on the building by March 1.

The superintendent also reported that with the consolidation completed, the union school at Winfall will have an enrollment of about 812 students while the school in Hertford will have 444 students.

Mr. Credle made his recommendation concerning the construction program after being requested to do so by members of the school committees for the Hertford and Winfall schools. These committees met last week with members of the Board of Education, after a deadlock had been reached as to the location of a Negro high school, and they requested that the final decision be made by State officials.

A. W. Heffren Elected President Of Local Lumber Company

A. W. Heffren was elected to the position as president of the Major-Loomis Company at a meeting of the stockholders held at the company's offices here last week.

The presidency of the local lumber firm has been vacant since the death of T. E. Preston last fall.

Mr. Heffren first became associated with Major-Loomis Company thirty years ago and has served as general manager for the past several years. He is one of the outstanding residents of Hertford, having served as a member of the Town Board for 20 years, is president of the Hertford Building and Loan Association, and has always taken an active interest in civic affairs in the community.

Plans For Peanut School Announced

Plans for conducting a one day peanut school at the Agriculture Building in Hertford next Thursday, February 2, were announced today by I. C. Yagel, County Agent.

Mr. Yagel stated that inasmuch as peanuts is one of the major cash crops of this area this school should be of great interest and value to all farmers who grow peanuts.

All phases of peanut production will be discussed by some of the best peanut authorities in the State, Mr. Yagel added.

Speakers for the program will be Dr. E. T. York, and Dr. W. E. Cooper who are doing research work with peanuts at the Rocky Mount experimental station, and H. K. Cantley, George Jones and Dr. E. R. Collins of N. C. State College.

The meeting next Thursday will begin at 10 A. M., and Mr. Yagel stated all farmers and other individuals interested in peanut production are urged to attend.

ATTENDS DRIVING SCHOOL

E. W. Baughman, instructor at Perquimans High School, spent last week in Charlotte attending a school connected with the safe driving instruction being sponsored by the Safety Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Mr. Baughman is now registered as an instructor for the driving class and will assist Miss Anne Anderson in teaching the classes at the local high school.

Recorder's Docket Lists Ten Cases

A total of ten cases listed on the docket of Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday, was disposed of in a morning session presided over by Judge Charles E. Johnson.

Probable cause was found in the case of Roosevelt Smith, Negro, charged with fraud and larceny and the defendant was bound over for action in the Superior Court. Smith was also found guilty on a charge of trespass and fined \$30 and costs of court. An appeal was noted on this judgment.

Louis Brinn, Harry Siegel, Charles Knight, John Dewitt, Lucille Maclear and Roger Stephens, all charged with speeding, entered pleas of guilty and paid the costs of court.

A fine of \$5 and costs was taxed against William Ross, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding.

Floyd Harrell was found guilty on a charge of assault and was ordered to pay a fine of \$15 and costs of court.

Gilbert Oshia, charged with driving without a license, entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$25 and costs.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

President Truman presented his tax message to Congress this week, asking for a host of changes which, if enacted by Congress, may mean a reduction in some excise taxes and an increase in corporation, inheritance and gift taxes. President Truman pointed out that the aim of the program is to provide approximately one billion dollars additional in tax revenue. He called on Congress to reduce excise taxes only to the extent that the resulting loss in revenue is recovered by closing loopholes in the present tax structure.

Congress is still sparring with major problems expected to be the chief source of work during the present session. The Administration won a victory during the week when Congressmen voted not to change house rules governing procedure. This action was started, according to reports, as an effort to halt consideration of the civil rights bill. A report Wednesday said that efforts are now being made to block the Fair Employment Act by action of the Rules Committee.

Berlin hit the headlines again Monday when Western Allied leaders protested to the Russians, charging an attempt to blockade the truck traffic on main highways leading into the city. Later reports stated the Russians had eased the condition which had permitted only a few trucks to travel the highways each day. The Russians halted the trucks when Germans seized an abandoned Soviet building. A report stated the building was returned to the Russians.

Local Group Attends Banquet At Raleigh

On Thursday, January 26, the N. C. Foundation Seed Products Association sponsored a banquet at State College honoring 100 bu. Corn Club members of the State. The highest producing farmer, 4-H Club member, and War Veteran in the county were invited to attend. Eddie Harrell of Rt. 3, Hertford who produced 97.71 bu. per acre represented the farmers. Ronald Harrell, his eleven year old son produced 93.45 bu. per acre and represented the 4-H Club and Earl Riddick of Rt. 1, Hertford who produced 102 bushels per acre represented the Veterans. These men were accompanied by Emmett Long, Veterans instructor, Frank Jessup, who is a veteran's instructor and also a member of the crop improvement Association and I. C. Yagel, County Agent.

County Council To Meet Saturday P. M.

The January meeting of the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs will be held on Saturday afternoon, January 28, at 2:30 at the Agricultural Building.

All members are urged to be present as our county project leaders and county committee chairmen will be appointed.

Club will be on the program to report on the Officers' Training School which was attended in Plymouth.

Whittaker Club will be hostess to the Council.

Perquimans Indians Drop Court Games To Conference Foes

Squaws Top Scotland Neck; Lose to Girls at Williamston

Perquimans High School cagers dropped a double header to the conference leading teams of Williamston last Tuesday night. The Indian Squaws lost by a one-point margin, while the Indians trailed the Green Wave boys 51-24.

The Perquimans girls, headed by Janice Perry and White, who scored 16 points each, led throughout the contest until the last three seconds when a Williamston player dropped in a basket to put her team in front 40-39. The local girls had a 10-9 advantage at the first quarter and led 22-17 at half time. They had a four point lead at the third period, but Williamston overcame this lead in the final period, scoring 12 points while Perquimans collected only seven.

Tilley and Thach led the Indians in scoring in the boys' game but the sharp-shooting boys from Martin County were not to be denied the victory. Williamston jumped into a 18-9 lead during the first quarter and maintained this advantage throughout the contest. The score at half time was 31-14 for the Green Wave. In the third period both teams lacked driving power and Williamston scored four points to Perquimans' three. In the final period the Green Wave rolled up 17 points while the Indians collected only six.

The Indians and Squaws divided games with Scotland Neck boys and girls in contests played here last Friday night. The local girls, led by Perry and White easily overwhelmed the Scotland Neck sextet by a 41-24 count while the Indians lost to the visiting boys 41-25.

Twe led the scoring attack for the Indians, but Coach Ellie Fearing's charges were definitely having a bad night and were unable to cope with the Scotland Neck outfit.

The Perquimans team journey to Plymouth tonight for a return engagement with Plymouth High. On next Friday the local boys and girls will travel to Ahoskie for a return match with another conference opponent.

March Of Dimes Drive In Progress

Perquimans County's March of Dimes drive got underway this week, according to James E. Newby, chairman, who reported that some changes had been named in the list of solicitors for the town of Hertford. Mrs. R. K. Lane, will canvass Edenton Road Street, while Mrs. Reginald Tucker will canvass Dobb Street extended and assist Miss Mildred Reed with Grubb Street, west of the railroad.

Plans for conducting a canvass of the rural communities were completed with an announcement by Mrs. Nina B. White, County Home Agent, that the Community Service Office of each Home Demonstration Club will serve as director of solicitations for her respective community, and will name her assistants.

Mr. Newby pointed out that funds collected through this campaign will be used to combat infantile paralysis with contributions being divided equally between the National Foundation and the local chapter.

It was also pointed out that during the last five years the National Foundation has supplied North Carolina with \$3,247,952.31, while North Carolina raised only \$3,228,256.32. Half of this money raised or \$1,614,126.16 went to the National Foundation. This means that North Carolina is indebted to the National Foundation by over \$1,600,000.

North Carolina had 2,516 cases of polio in 1948 and 248 cases in 1949. As much money was spent during the 1949 to care for the 1948 patients as was spent during the epidemic in 1948.

The National Foundation estimates that \$20,000,000 is needed to care for 1949 patients. How many will be stricken during 1950 is unknown. The need for funds for 1950 is greater than ever before. The treasury of the National Foundation has been depleted during the past year, 31 states having had epidemics.

CONFERENCE SATURDAY
The Quarterly Conference for the Perquimans Charge of Methodist Churches will be conducted at the church in Winfall Saturday, January 28, instead of Sunday, January 29, as announced last week.

County Physician Victim Of Brutal Assault Monday

Pasquotank Police Are Seeking Attacker of Dr. Hoggard

Dr. W. A. Hoggard, 63 year old physician of Woodville, is in a serious condition at Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City as a result of a brutal assault which occurred in Pasquotank County Monday night.

According to reports released Dr. Hoggard, widely known country doctor, who has administered to the ill of people of both Perquimans and Pasquotank counties for years, received a call Monday evening to attend a sick person. He left his office at Woodville and was later discovered by Steve Wilson, Negro farmer, on a lonely road about three miles from Elizabeth City. Wilson told police that he heard cries of help and walked from his home, finding Dr. Hoggard near the gate to his yard.

The physician was badly beaten about the face and head and Dr. W. H. C. White stated that he suffered lacerations of the scalp, face and body, a skull fracture and a broken jaw. The wounds were inflicted with a blunt instrument, according to the police.

Sheriff W. L. Thompson of Pasquotank county, who is investigating the assault reported that he found Dr. Hoggard's car about 100 yards from where the physician was found by Wilson, in the lane the officers found the doctor's medical kit, glasses and a small amount of change.

A ball bat found near the scene is being examined to determine if it was the assault weapon.

Blood hounds were used by the police Monday night in an effort to track down the person who assaulted the physician but reports state that no clues were found.

Wilson told Sheriff Thompson that he heard a car drive up near his house but he paid little attention because he thought the car was a hunter's and he continued eating his supper until he heard the cries for help. He added that he found Dr. Hoggard about 65 feet from his house, lying in the lane.

The attack on the popular physician has shocked residents of both counties and late reports say that contributions are being made to offer rewards for the arrest of the person guilty of the assault.

Four Days Left For Listing Property

Perquimans County tax lists are expected a rush of business today and tomorrow as the deadline for listing property for 1950 taxes draws to a close next Tuesday. Reports indicate that the majority of property owners in the county have already listed, but there remains a sufficient number to keep the listers busy during the last four days of the listing period.

The law requires that all property owners list their property for taxes and that all males between the ages of 21 and 65 list their polls. The law does not allow for any extension of time for the listing and persons failing to list by next Tuesday will be charged a penalty as late listers.

Persons who have not listed their taxes, as yet, are urged to see the lister today or tomorrow in order to avoid the rush of the final two days, Monday and Tuesday.

County property valuation for this year is expected to take a drop, according to the tax listers, who report that the decrease in the valuation of automobiles this year, will likely cause a decrease in the overall valuation for the county.

Since the list takers have no authority to change valuations, or handle complaints concerning valuation, individuals are advised that the Board of County Commissioners will meet in March as a Board of Equalization and Review to handle matters concerning valuation. All complaints on this matter should be presented at this meeting of the County Board.

Officers Destroy Huge Still Saturday

ATU and ABC officers of Pasquotank County, aided by Sheriff M. G. Owens, captured and destroyed a 100-gallon still in the Beech Springs section of Perquimans County last Saturday. The officers also found and destroyed 850 gallons of mash.

According to a report, the officers had watched the still for 10 days but operators of the still failed to put in an appearance, and the officers then destroyed the still.

COUNTY-WIDE BICYCLE SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED HERE MONDAY BY BPW

Woodville Resident Injured In Accident

H. W. Bateman, 63, of Woodville, was seriously injured about 12:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when the mule drawn log cart he was driving on U. S. 17 South was struck from the rear and side by a 1949 Ford coupe operated by Charles H. Wink, 73, of Swanquarter.

State Patrol officials reported today that Bateman received a broken leg and cuts about the head and shoulder while Wink received abrasions of the leg.

The accident occurred about 300 yards North of New Hope Road, about nine miles North of Hertford on U. S. 17.

Wink told officers that he was attempting to pass the log cart but failed to pull out far enough to negotiate the pass. Approximately \$500 damage was done to the auto and about \$50 to the horse drawn cart.

Special Term Of Superior Court Convenes Monday

A special term of Perquimans Superior Court will convene here next Monday morning, with Judge Q. K. Nimocks of Fayetteville, presiding, and a docket consisting of 17 civil cases and 17 criminal cases is listed by Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt as ready for hearing at this special term of court.

The criminal calendar, expected to be called first, will likely consume most of the court's time during the one week term. However, it is the opinion of the court officials that most of the civil calendar will be disposed of before court adjourns.

Jurors drawn to serve at the special term of court were: M. R. Griffin, J. L. Curtis, G. E. Wood, Mrs. C. E. Sutton, John Winslow, C. M. Bundy, Mrs. Sadie Perry, Charlie Stallings, Johnnie Gregory, N. D. Chappell, Harlan Hurdle, Edison Harris, Mrs. D. L. Reed, Oliver Winslow, Louis Harrell, John Q. Hurdle, Alvah Lamb, U. C. Cady, L. J. Baker, L. E. Winslow, Joseph Rogerson, Norman Stallings, Herbert Eure, W. L. Madry, F. R. Chappell, W. M. Harrell, W. S. Winslow, A. L. Dail, James Cartwright, J. A. Elliott, Malcolm Nixon, Charlie Chappell, Keith Haskett, Dewey Overton, Fenton Britt, Lucius Winslow, Elton Winslow, W. H. Harcastle, Selma Harrell, and W. D. Rogerson.

Farm Bureau Names Group Delegates For State Convention

Members of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau, in a meeting held Tuesday night at the Agriculture Building in Hertford, elected five directors for the Bureau and named three delegates to represent this county at the State Farm Bureau Convention which will be held in Raleigh February 12-15.

Elected to serve as directors of the local Farm Bureau were E. W. White, Belvidere; Horace Miller, Parkville; C. D. Spivey, New Hope; James Sawyer, Bthel, and Preston Nixon, Hertford.

Milton Dail, Warner Madre and Raymond Eure were elected as delegates to the State Convention.

Following the business session, E. Q. White and Preston Nixon, who represented Perquimans County at the National Farm Bureau Convention at Chicago in December, gave interesting reports on their trip.

VFW To Sponsor Benefit Dance

Members of the Garland H. Ownley Post of the VFW, meeting last Monday night, voted to sponsor a dance at the VFW hall on Saturday night, February 11, with the proceeds to be contributed to the Perquimans County March of Dimes fund. The receipts from the dance will be divided with 75 per cent going to the March of Dimes, while the VFW retains 25 per cent to cover expenses for the event.

Tickets for the dance, it was announced, will be placed on sale next week and individuals may purchase them from local stores or members of the VFW.

Prizes and Contests For Children to Feature Promotional Program For Week

A county-wide bicycle safety campaign, built around a series of contests, to promote highway safety among the children of Perquimans County will be launched here beginning next Monday under the sponsorship of the Perquimans Business and Professional Woman's Club. Details for the campaign were outlined at a meeting of the club held Thursday night at the Hotel Hertford.

The campaign, according to Miss Hulda Wood, chairman of the Club's public service committee, will open Monday when students at all schools in the county will witness a film on highway safety. Talks will be made by Patrolman Sergeant Provo, and written examinations, on highway safety rules, will be given the older children.

A large number of prizes will be offered children competing in the campaign and theater tickets will be awarded children, who display knowledge of the safety rules, through the operation of their bikes during the week.

The Club will offer prizes for the best scrap books compiled by the children during the week; another set of prizes will be awarded for the best safety slogan and the campaign will close on Saturday, February 4, with a mammoth parade with prizes going to the bike owner for the best decorated bicycle.

Separate prizes will be offered for the above contest to white and Negro children and two parades will be conducted on the closing day. The first parade will be for white children, who will assemble at the Hertford Grammar School at 2 P. M., and the parade for the Negro children will start at 3 P. M. from the Hertford High School.

Miss Wood also announced that each of the contests, with the exception of the parade will be divided so that contestants will compete in age groups. The first group will be children enrolled in classes, one through three; second will be children in grades four through seven and the third group will be children in grades from eight through 12.

The importance of such a safety campaign as being sponsored by the (Continued on Page Seven)

Hearing On Flood Control Postponed

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner on Saturday announced postponement of the Chowan County flood control hearing scheduled for January 30 at Winston, N. C.

He said the hearing would be held either February 27 or March 6, the exact date to be announced later.

Postponement of the meeting followed a talk with District Engineer Col. G. T. Derby, of Norfolk, in which it was decided that January 30 would be too early a date for the hearing.

"There would be insufficient time to notify all the persons necessary and make all the other arrangements should the meeting be held this month," Mr. Bonner explained after his talk with Col. Derby.

Red Cross Chapter To Meet Next Thursday

An important meeting of the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at the Court House in Hertford on Thursday night, February 2, it was announced today by Charles Henc, county Red Cross chairman. The meeting starts at 7:30 P. M.

In announcing the meeting, Mr. Henc stated several important business subjects will be discussed, and he urged all officers and directors of the chapter to make plans to be present.

Cotton Allotment Deadline Feb. 15th

Farmers who desire to apply for a cotton allotment for 1950 must do so before February 15, it was announced today by W. E. White, secretary of the Perquimans PMA.

Mr. White stated that in order for an individual to be eligible for an allotment the regulations provide that he must not have had a cotton crop in 1946, 1947 or 1948. Likewise, an individual will not be eligible for an allotment in the event that he is interested in any cotton to be grown under an allotment in 1950.