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Kiddies' Bicycle Parade On Saturday To Climax Week Long Safety Campaign

Wide Interest Shown In Program; Prizes to Be Awarded Many Contest Entrants

A huge parade, expected to be made up of two or three hundred Perquimans County children riding decorated bicycles, will bring to a climactic close a safety campaign sponsored among the county school children during the past week by the Perquimans Business and Professional Woman's Club in cooperation with the State Highway Division.

In fact there will be two parades on Saturday afternoon, one for the white children will be staged at two o'clock and one for the Negro children will be held at three o'clock, with a large list of prizes to be awarded children competing in the campaign.

Highlights of the safety campaign conducted during the week included lectures to the children on safety. These talks were given by Mrs. Alice Futrell, Field Representative for the State Safety Division, Cpl. L. E. Howell of the Highway Patrol and members of the BPW Club. In addition a safety movie, explaining safety regulations and practices was shown in each school in the county and written examinations were given the older children.

The campaign has been a huge success from every angle. Patrolman Howell reported that much interest was manifested in safety practices after the showing of the film, and it was evident that many of the children were ignorant of many of the common rules for safety, but all showed a willingness to learn and put into practice the rules of safety.

The parade Saturday afternoon will start first for the white children at the Hertford Grammar School, and will be headed by Patrolman Howell and B. R. Inscoe. The parades will start down Market Street and end at the Court House where prizes will be awarded the winning contestants. The parade for the Negro children will start at the Hertford High School and will likewise end at the Court House where prizes will be awarded to the winning contestants.

It was announced today by Mrs. D. M. Jackson and Miss Hulda Wood, chairmen of the BPW committee in charge of the campaign that all scrap books and slogans to be entered in the campaign must be turned in by Friday afternoon in order for these to be judged in the campaign. Prizes for these books and slogans will be awarded on Saturday.

Some of the prizes to be awarded contestants include many accessories for bicycles, such as baskets, horns, lights, rear-view mirror, locks grips, belts, luggage carriers, and fountain (Continued on Page Eight)

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

After weeks of consideration, President Truman on Wednesday announced that the United States will go ahead with preparation to manufacture a Hydrogen bomb, which according to reports, is more powerful than the Atom bomb. In his statement, this week, President Truman said he had ordered the Atomic Energy Commission to proceed with plans for the making of the H-bomb.

An appeal for a truce in the coal dispute was issued this week by President Truman, who called on coal operators and miners alike to carry out a normal 70 day coal production schedule in order that the nation will not suffer from a coal shortage. The President urged to principals in the strike to reply by Saturday of this week regarding the proposal. If accepted the truce will mean an end to the three-day work week the miners have been observing for months.

Sixty-four of Agriculture Brennan reported from Washington this week that unless Congress orders otherwise his department will destroy about 50 million bushels of surplus potatoes, acquired by the Government under the farm price support program. The reason, it was reported, cost the government between \$8 and 100 millions of dollars.

Another candidate threw his hat into the political ring this week when Bob Reynolds announced that he would seek the office of U. S. Senator against Senator Frank Graham in the primary in May. Reynolds previously had indicated his intentions of running for the office but the opinion was that he would not do so. The announcement this week came as a surprise to many political leaders.

Edenton Marine Base Ordered Closed Soon

Orders to close the Edenton Marine Air Station effective March 31, were received by the commanding officer of the station in Edenton on Wednesday of this week, according to a report circulating Thursday.

The Commander of the Station could not be reached to confirm the report, however, the consensus of opinion among the Edenton business men was that the report this time is official.

Rumors concerning the closing of the base circulated in this area two weeks ago, but at that time Edenton representatives were advised in Washington that no action was contemplated, at least until the end of the fiscal year.

Series Of Projects Planned By County HDC Federation

The Council of Perquimans County Federation Home Demonstration Clubs held its regular meeting Saturday afternoon, January 28th at the Agricultural Building. The meeting opened by singing "Lead On, O King Eternal" after which Mrs. L. J. Winslow of Belvidere Club gave a short devotional. The minutes were then read by the secretary and the roll called by clubs with twelve clubs represented and 42 present. The treasurer of the council gave a financial report.

During the business session, with Mrs. Fred Matthews presiding, dues for the year were discussed, and contributions to Loan Funds were approved. Mrs. Matthews appointed a committee to select county project leaders and county committee chairmen to serve for the next two years. Whistleton club was selected to have one of their members give the county report at the District meeting. A Music appreciation program was discussed and a committee was appointed with Mrs. L. J. Winslow of Belvidere as chairman. Mrs. Russell Baker of Whistleton and Mrs. Fred Matthews of Hertford serving on the committee.

Mrs. N. D. Chappell of Belvidere gave a very interesting report on the officers training school which she attended in Plymouth.

The meeting closed with a song after which the council members re-petaed the club collect.

Whistleton Club was hostess to the Council following the meeting.

Local Legionnaires Attend State Meeting

B. C. Berry and W. F. Ainsley returned to their homes here Tuesday after attending the Post Officer's Annual Conference of the American Legion, held in Raleigh on Sunday and Monday. Mr. Berry is a member of the Legion's National Membership Committee and Mr. Ainsley is State vice-commander of the American Legion.

The North Carolina Conference went on record, according to a report of the meeting, as opposing the Hoover Commission report as it affects the Veterans Administration. It was pointed out that this report offers no economy or efficiency insofar as the Veteran's Administration is concerned.

GI Insurance Checks Arriving In County

C. C. Banks, Perquimans County Service Officer, estimated today that approximately 60 veterans in this county have already received dividend checks, being paid on National Service Life Insurance from Washington. These checks represent dividend, secured on insurance payments made by veterans from 1940 through 1949. The amount paid to each veteran varies as to the amount of insurance carried and the number of years the policy was in force.

B & L Stockholders To Meet February 8

Stockholders of the Hertford Building and Loan Association will hold their annual meeting at the Court House in Hertford next Wednesday afternoon, beginning at four o'clock for the purpose of electing directors for the association for the year, 1950. It was announced today by Max Campbell, secretary of the association.

Building and Loan stockholders, unable to be present for the meeting are urged to send their proxy to the association and take part in the meeting.

Contributions To March Dimes Fund Lagging In County

Less Than One-third of Quota Reported Up to Wednesday

Less than one-third of the Perquimans County quota for the March of Dimes campaign had been reported up to Wednesday of this week, according to James E. Newby, drive chairman, who stated that a total of \$475 had been collected and reported to him early this week. He stated most of this sum was contributed through the State Theater, the Perquimans High School and a few reports from the Town of Hertford.

"It appears now that we are lagging behind in this campaign to raise funds for a very important cause," Mr. Newby said, "but I feel that the residents of Perquimans are going to respond to the appeal to help fight polio and I am urging that contributions be made as soon as possible in order that we may obtain our quota and close the campaign by February 15."

Solicitors, especially those working in the Town of Hertford, are requested by the drive chairman to complete their canvass and make reports not later than Saturday of this week. Those making a canvass of rural communities are urged to complete the task as rapidly as possible and make reports as soon as possible for each neighborhood.

"We have an unofficial quota for the county of \$1800 and this is a small sum to give to help stamp Polio from our midst," the drive chairman said. "The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has done an excellent job in rendering assistance in North Carolina as well as other states, and we should remember that Polio may strike right here in Perquimans, let's be prepared by helping raise the national quota and have sufficient means to combat the disease if and where it strikes."

Individuals who have not been contacted or have not made contributions to the March of Dimes can do so by leaving their donations with Mr. Newby at the Post Office in Hertford, or by seeing their neighborhood solicitors, listed by Mr. Newby in the last issue of this newspaper.

Assault Charges Filed By Sheriff In Shooting Scrape

Richard White, 17 year old Negro, shot his sister-in-law, Emmaline Simpson White, 28, with a shot gun at his home in the Durants Neck community Tuesday evening between four and five o'clock, it was reported by Sheriff M. G. Owens, who stated that he has filed charges against the couple charging both with assault with deadly weapons.

Emmaline was taken to the Albemarle hospital, suffering from shot wounds, where she was reported to be not in serious condition.

According to Sheriff Owens, who investigated the shooting scrape, Richard White and his wife, Mary, also 17, were scuffling in the yard at their home when Emmaline White, who lived next door, came into the yard with a knife in her hand and told Richard she was going to cut his throat, then Richard, it is reported, ran from the woman who pursued him around the yard and into his home.

During the chase, it is reported, Emmaline picked up an axe and threw it at Richard, then later picked up a pitch fork in an attempt to stab him.

White told Sheriff Owens that he got his shot gun from the house and loaded it with a No. 4 shot and went into the yard and told his sister-in-law to go on home, when the woman continued to charge him he fired at her in an attempt to scare her. He told Sheriff Owens that he did not shoot to kill her but only wanted to scare her away.

White and his wife were questioned by Sheriff Owens Tuesday night and the wounded woman was seen later at the hospital. Richard was placed in jail, charged with assault with a deadly weapon and hearing will be held in Recorder's Court at the next term.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans County Recorder's Court was in recess this week because of the special term of Superior Court which convened here Tuesday. All cases listed on the dockets in recorder's court were set for hearing on Tuesday, February 7.

Bloodmobile Unit To Visit Hertford Tuesday, February 21

Volunteers Needed In Order For County To Contribute Quota

Members of the Perquimans Red Cross committee in charge of the Blood Bank program, sponsored by the American Red Cross, are now making plans for the next visit of the Bloodmobile, which will come to Hertford on Tuesday, February 21, it was announced today by Charles M. Harrell, Jr., chairman of the group.

The Bloodmobile unit will be stationed at the Hertford Methodist Church for the purpose of collecting 100 pints of blood to be used by the Red Cross in this area in providing free blood transfusions to hospital patients, in need of transfusions.

In reporting plans for the next visit of the bloodmobile, Mr. Harrell stated, "We feel this program is going to be of great benefit to the residents of our county as well as the entire area, we already have reports that several Perquimans County residents had received free blood transfusions through this program and no doubt many more will benefit in months to come."

At the present time the committee is chiefly concerned with signing up volunteers who will donate one pint of blood when the bloodmobile comes to Hertford on February 21. Jarvis Ward, chairman of the committee for recruiting volunteers reported Monday that thus far only a few individuals have volunteered to donate blood, and unless more residents of the county come forward and volunteer for the program Perquimans will not be able to fill its quota.

A large number of individuals signed up as blood donors for the first visit of the bloodmobile, but some of these were unable to appear and the committee is hopeful that many of these recruits will come forward on February 21 and help the county meet its quota.

In reporting on the recruiting of volunteers, Mr. Ward stated, "I think many individuals are reluctant to volunteer for this program because of fear, but the taking of blood in this program is easy and no one should hesitate in helping us to make this program a success." He urges a large number of volunteers to sign up in order that the quota will be obtained February 21.

Soil Technicians Map Plans For 51 County Farms In '49

Soil Technicians, working with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District assisted 51 Perquimans County farmers in preparing conservation plans for their farming in 1949, it was reported today by F. A. McGrooghan of the Soil Conservation District. Mr. McGrooghan reported this makes a total of 361 farm conservation plans, covering 40,555 acres in Perquimans County worked out since the local was established in 1944.

Farmers cooperating with the District seeded 248 acres of permanent pastures during 1949, an increase about three times the number of acres sown in 1948.

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Car Demolished In Wreck Sunday Morning

A speeding automobile, driven by an 18 year old resident of Edenton, was completely demolished and the driver seriously injured when the car failed to make a curve on the causeway near Hertford Sunday morning at about 3:45 A. M., it was reported by Patrolman B. R. Inscoe, who investigated the accident.

According to Patrolman Inscoe, Rhett Miller, Jr., suffered a fractured left ankle and other injuries and a passenger with Miller, Earle Hughes, suffered minor injuries when the car driven by Miller left the highway and landed in the Perquimans river. Property damage to the car, reported new, was listed by the Patrolman at \$1,300. Mr. Inscoe also stated that Hughes related to him that the car was being driven at a high rate of speed at the time of the accident.

Special Term Of Superior Court In Session Here; Judge Nimocks Presiding

Officers Continue Search For Assailant

Pasquotank police officers are continuing the investigation of the brutal assault made on Dr. W. A. Hoggard, Perquimans County physician, last week, according to reports heard here.

Little progress has been made in tracking down the assailant, but authorities state that every clue is being taken in an effort to apprehend the attacker.

The condition of Dr. Hoggard is reported to be slight improved although he remains as a patient in the Albermarle Hospital.

Rumors have been making the rounds that an arrest in the case has been made by officers in Elizabeth City but they deny this report.

Indians And Squaws Drop Doubleheader To Plymouth Cagers

Perquimans High School basketball teams lost a double header to the Plymouth boys and girls in contests played at Plymouth last Friday night. It was sweet revenge for the Plymouth teams who had lost previous games to the locals earlier in the season.

The Plymouth girls won the opening contest by a score of 55-46, displaying a powerful offensive punch in the closing minutes of the game. Perquimans trailed 14-16 at the first quarter and 24-29 at half time, then the Plymouth girls went to a scoring spree adding 26 points in the last half while the Squaws collected only 22. Marvina White led the local girls in scoring with 23 points and Janice Perry collected 17.

Browning paced the Plymouth boys to a nine point victory over the Indians when he sparked the Plymouth attack with a total of 22 points. The score was tied at the first period 9-9 then Plymouth took a 23-19 lead at half time and were never headed when play was resumed. Plymouth had a 36-29 margin at the third quarter and the final score was 46-37.

Cannon was high point man for the Indians with 12 and Tilly was second with a total of nine.

The sharp shooting of Browning gave the Plymouth boys the extra zip needed for the host team to even the count with Perquimans for the season play.

On last Saturday night the Perquimans Junior Varsity defeated the Elizabeth City Boys Club by a score of 40-29.

Perquimans will play Ahoskie there tonight in conference games and will be striving to gain revenge over the conference leaders for defeats suffered two weeks ago when the Ahoskie teams took both games from the locals.

Next week the Indians and Squaws will play in Williamston and Scotland Neck and will play Edenton here on February 14.

Truck Driver Injured In Accident Tuesday

Nathan Stowe, Jr., 28 of Belhaven, suffered serious injuries when a truck he was driving turned over on Highway 17, near Hamp's Place one mile south of Hertford late Tuesday afternoon.

Patrolman B. R. Inscoe, who investigated the accident reported that Stowe was driving north on the highway and attempting to pass another truck when this vehicle pulled to the left causing Stowe to swerve off the road. Stowe's truck turned over one and a half times, throwing Stowe into the air. He landed on the roadway and suffered a fracture of the left knee cap, broken nose and multiple cuts and bruises. Damage to the truck was estimated at \$350 to \$400.

Most of the rest is tied up in suits brought by former owners.

About 140,000 former prisoners of war and internees are expected to file their applications.

Eligible persons in this area are urged to contact the District Office of the North Carolina Veterans Commission, 206 Kramer Building, Elizabeth City, North Carolina or C. C. Banks, County Service Officer, located in the Reed Oil Company Warehouse, Hertford, North Carolina, for information and assistance.

Session Is Expected to Last Through Most of The Week

A special term of Superior Court convened here Tuesday, after a delay of one day in the opening when Solicitor Walter Cohoon was detained in Beaufort County with a case in that court.

The Perquimans Court opened Tuesday morning with Judge Q. W. Nimocks, of Fayetteville, presiding.

In charging the grand jury Judge Nimocks reported that he had received an anonymous letter, on his arrival here reporting charges of gambling in this county and he charged the grand jury to investigate this matter and turned the letter over to Sheriff M. G. Owens for investigation.

Despite the delay in opening, the court proceeded with the business at a rapid pace. Seven of the cases listed on the criminal docket were disposed before noon when Solicitor Cohoon took a nol pros in two of the cases and four were continued at the request of the defendants.

The cases of Clifton Shambry, Negro, charged with carrying a concealed weapon and Norman Gatling, Negro, charged with speeding, were stricken from the docket by a nol pros.

The cases of John White, Jesse Feiton, Booker T. Harrell and Lester Keel were continued until the next term of Superior Court.

W. Rush, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of larceny. He was given a 60 day road sentence suspended upon the condition that he left the State before noon on February 1, 1950.

Almost two days of the court's term was lost when a mistrial was ordered by Judge Nimocks in the cases of Sterling Miller and Roy Sutton, Negroes, charged with larceny of seven pigs from the Hertford Livestock Company. This case was called for trial about noon Tuesday and almost all testimony had been presented when Attorney W. H. Oakley, Jr., appearing for Sterling Miller advised the Court that two or more of the jurors in the case had