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## Winners In Bicycle Safety Campaign Announced By Local BPW Club Committee

### Wide Interest Shown In Project; Parade Attracts Large Crowd

More than 200 children participated in the big bicycle parade conducted here last Saturday in connection with the Bicycle Safety Campaign sponsored by the Business and Professional Woman's Club, it was reported Monday by Mrs. Lawrence Towe, president of the Club.

The week-long campaign created much interest among the children of the county and the judges of the various contests, held as part of the program, had difficulty in making final selections of winners.

Prizes for the winners were awarded on Saturday, just before the parade by members of the BPW Committee in charge of the project. The various contests included a radio quiz, scrap books, slogan and decoration of bicycles. The children were divided into three divisions, 1, first through the third grades; 2, fourth through seventh grades, and 3, eighth through 12th grades.

The winners as announced by the club committee were: Radio quiz, Carolyn Lewis, first; Christine Winslow, second; Scrap Book, group 1, Margaret Williams, first; Jimmy and Tommy Morgan, second; Letitia McGoogan, third; group two, Evelyn Ann Stanton, first; Lucy Mae Eure, second; Anne Chappell, third; Slogan, group 1, Letitia McGoogan, first; her slogan was "Right Way is the Safe Way"; Clay Stokes, second; Johnny Everette, third; group two, Charles Smith, first; his slogan was, "Good Brakes Saves Aches"; Alice Jean Jackson, second; Carl Barber, third. Group three, Lloyd White, first; his slogan was "Bike Safety, Life Safety"; Howard Williams, Jr., second, and Fred Mathews, Jr., third.

During the parade Saturday afternoon the judges selected Anne Brinn as having the best decorated bike, Becky Cox, as having the cutest decorated bike, Jill Miller the funniest, and Jack Broughton as the oldest.

Prize winners for the radio quiz division, which was also divided into classes similar to those in the white schools were: Radio quiz, Mary Belle Whidbee, first, and George Wood second. Scrap Book, group 1, Barbara Ann Riddick, first; Melvin Riddick, second; Second grade room Hertford school. Group two, Jarvis Newby, first; Eva Hassell, second; Willow Branch School, third. Group three, Jessie Norman, first; Lillian Copeland, second; Francine Mitchell, third. Slogan, group one, Doris Sutton, first; whose slogan was "Be Wise, Save Lives"; Phyllis Johnson, second; Dorothy Sharpe, third; group two, Parry Parson, first slogan, "While On A Bike Be Safe and Right," James Felton.

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## Baseball Fans To Meet Friday Night

A meeting of Perquimans County baseball fans has been called for Friday night, February 10, at eight o'clock in the Court House in Hertford for the purpose of determining if there is sufficient interest in the game for an attempt to be made in fielding a semi-pro team here during the coming summer.

A. W. Hefren, president of the club last year, has called the meeting and he urges all interested fans to attend.

Directors of the Albemarle League will meet in Edenton next Monday night to organize the league for next summer, and it is the desire of local baseball directors to be in position to advise the league whether or not Hertford will take part in the sport as a member of the league.

Edgar Morris, Business Manager of the Perquimans Club last year, stated, "We are hoping that fans will turn out for the meeting tonight and give us their views. We hope to find out if the fans want baseball here this summer in order that we can let the Albemarle League know definitely as to our participation. This meeting is solely for the purpose of determining whether or not fans want baseball this year, there will be no attempt to raise money, so we want the fans to come out and give us their views concerning the situation for this year."

An Albemarle League meeting was scheduled for this week but was postponed until next Monday when it was learned that only Plymouth, thus far, had made plans for fielding a team this coming season. League officials stated that it was their hope that the League will be continued with the same teams as last year with either Washington or Williamson taking the place of Elizabeth City, which has had a professional circuit.

## Burning Permits Now Being Issued

J. W. Nowell, Perquimans County Fire Warden, announced today that 16 persons throughout the county are now issuing burning permits, and called attention to the law which forbids the starting of fires in woodland sections without first obtaining a permit. He urged all individuals to comply with the law and to help prevent forest fires.

Individuals empowered to issue burning permits, as announced by Mr. Nowell are: Odas Mansfield, I. C. Long, C. R. Chappell, John Corprew, Jr., Jack Benton, Seth W. Long, R. E. Perry, E. S. Winslow, Lawrence Perry, Henry Riddick, Earl Perry's store, New Hope; Mrs. John Symons, Chapanoke; Wade Jordan, Bonner's Corner; Ray Gregory, Woodville; W. W. Whedbee, Burgess and Blunt Eure, Winfall Fire Tower.

## Indians To Play In Conference Tourney At Williamston

Coach Ellie Pearing's Perquimans Indians will match cage talent with other members of the Albemarle Conference in an annual tournament scheduled to get underway next week at Williamston. The schedule for the tournament was drawn at a meeting of conference officials last week and matches the Indians against Scotland Neck in the first round. This game will be played at 7:30 o'clock next Wednesday night. The winner will meet Williamston in the semi-finals. The other bracket places Plymouth against Columbia with the winner meeting Ahsokie in the semi-finals.

The conference tourney this year will be composed of boys' teams only. No tournaments will be scheduled for the girls' teams of the conference.

During the past week the Indians lost games to the league leading teams from Ahsokie and Williamston. Ahsokie turned back the Indians last Friday by a 58-35 count and Williamston trounced the Indians 69-43 in a game here Tuesday night. Cannon had 13 points to lead the Indians in scoring at Ahsokie and Sumner tallied 7. Umphlett was the big gun for Ahsokie, scoring a total of 22 points.

Cannon, Tilly and Towe led the Indians scoring in the game with Williamston here Tuesday, but the taller Green Wave outfit swept over the Indians by an overwhelming score. Williamston led throughout the contest, holding a 11-5 lead at the quarter and pushing this to a 33-21 margin at half time. The final score was 69-43.

In preliminary games the Indian Squaws won from the Ahsokie girls by a margin of 43-29. Perry and White starred for the Indians with 18 and 19 points, while Conger counted for 12 for the losers.

The Squaws lost a heart-breaking decision to the Williamston girls 33-32 on Tuesday. Perry was high point getter for the locals with 14, White and Symons had nine each, while Peck starred for Williamston with a total of 18 points. An official ruling (Continued on Page Ten)

## Third Period Honor Roll Released Today

E. C. Woodard, principal at Perquimans High School, this week released the names of 33 students on the honor roll at the school for the third grading period, which ended last Friday. The eighth and 12th grades led the other classes with the number of students listed on the roll, with eight boys and girls from the eighth and seven from the 12th, excelling in their studies.

The honor roll by grades follows: 8th grade: Tilson Chappell, Hudson Fisher, John Morris, Marshall Winslow, Katherine Ann Ward, Joan Butt, Margaret Harrell, Joanne Lane. 9th grade: Ruth Dawson, Kay Stanton, Mable Martin Whedbee, Jamie Winslow, Nan Ella White, Mollie Lee Yeasts. 10th grade: Lewis Dawson, Tommy Sumner, Marguerite Butler, Mary White, Pauline Burgess, Amy Van Roach.

11th grade: Odvin Butt, Percy Rogerson, Doris Pave Allen, Virginia Gay, Catherine Goodwin, Mary Sue Cook. 12th grade: Selby Butt, Jean Layden, Marjorie Perry, Faye Ray Symons, Wade Jordan, Claire Hunter and Pat Phillips.

## Red Cross Chapter Making Plans For Annual Roll Call

### Committees Named at Meeting Held Last Thursday Night

Tentative plans for the annual Red Cross Roll Call, which will be conducted here during the month of March, were reviewed at a meeting of the Perquimans County Red Cross Chapter, held at the Court House last Thursday night with Charles Henc, county chairman, presiding.

Henry Clay Stokes, who will serve as 1950 Fund Drive chairman, spoke on the plans now being formulated for the annual drive. He reported that the quota for this county for 1950 will be \$1,395.

The Chapter voted to allocate and pay the sum of \$180 per year to help pay the expenses of the blood bank program now being carried out by the Red Cross in this area. Chapter members were advised that the Norfolk Chapter had assumed the costs of this project, but circumstances forced this chapter to request financial aid from other chapters cooperating in the program. The total annual cost of the project was announced as \$18,000. Thus Perquimans County agreed to pay one per cent of this total.

A report on the success of this blood bank program was given by Mr. Henc.

Three committees for the Perquimans Chapter were named at this meeting included the Executive committee, composed of Robert Hollowell, Rev. C. W. Duling, C. T. Banks, and Mrs. Robert Applewhite; the finance committee, C. P. Morris and Robert Hollowell and the program committee made up of Mrs. Chas. E. Johnson, Mrs. Lawrence Towe and Mrs. J. H. Towe. Mrs. F. C. White, production chairman stated that another meeting of the committee chairmen will likely be held prior to the opening of the roll call campaign early next month.

## Probable Cause Verdict Returned In Assault Case

A verdict of probable cause was returned by Judge Chas. E. Johnson in Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning against Harry Powell, Negro, who is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Powell was bound over for a hearing at the April term of Superior Court and bond was set at \$1,000. According to testimony offered at the preliminary hearing Powell stabbed Henry Riddick five times with an ice pick.

Other cases heard at this week's session of recorder's court included those of J. W. Sawyer, Edward Melftand, James Bell and John Priston, all of whom entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and paid the costs of court.

A fine of \$5 and costs were assessed against Rose Bogelman and Jordan Preut, who entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding.

Costs of court were taxed against Vaughan Rue, who pleaded guilty to a charge of passing on a curve.

Frank Jones, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign. He paid the costs of court.

Robert Bray, charged with driving without a license, plead guilty and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Joseph Babose was fined \$35 and costs of court on a charge of reckless driving.

William Routree and Pauline Routree were found not guilty on charges of letting a non-licensed operator to drive a car without a license.

William Patillo, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to driving without a license. He was fined \$25 and costs.

Ralph Bailey paid a fine of \$10 and costs after pleading to a charge of reckless driving.

## Farm Bureau Hold Convention

Three members of the Perquimans Farm Bureau will attend the State Convention starting in Raleigh on Sunday. The local delegates are Milton Dall, Warner Madre and Raymond Eure.

A. C. Edwards, president of the State Farm Bureau has appealed to members to make an extra effort to attend the 14th annual convention pointing out that the yearly meeting provides Farm Bureau members with the means of obtaining first hand information on agriculture problems. The convention starting Sunday will continue through Wednesday.

## Court Of Honor To Close Activities On Boy Scout Week

### Parents to Participate In Event to Be Held At Court House

Hertford Troop 155 of the Boy Scouts will bring to a successful close its observance of National Boy Scout Week with a Court of Honor to be conducted at the Court House in Hertford Friday night starting at 7:30 o'clock.

Boy Scout Week has been a busy one for members of the local troop, on Monday night, a Board of Review was held at which time many of the boys qualified for awards to be made at the Court of Honor, and plans for the court were completed. It was announced that the event Friday night will be a boy and parent affair, with parents presenting awards to their sons.

Presentation of the awards to the parents will be made by Wm. A. Sutherland, Field Scout Executive from Elizabeth City. The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

Members of the Boy Scout troop opened activities for Boy Scout Week by attending church last Sunday at the Hertford Baptist church, they will attend the Methodist Church next Sunday.

On Tuesday night the following members of the troop, Corbin Dozier, Howard Felton, John Holmes, Eugene White, Charles Whedbee, Crafton Mathews, Herbert Nixon, Jr., Talmadge Byrum, Eugene Myers, Carlton Sutton and Corbin Cherry, composed a first aid team which put on a demonstration for the District Court of Honor which was held in Edenton.

The local boys displayed a splendid exhibition and were highly commended by the scout officials.

In connection with National Boy Week, a display of scouting activities had been placed in the window at Nixon's and will remain the balance of this week.

## Health Department Reports 19,592 X-ray Films Made

Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer, reported today that a grand total of 19,592 X-rays were made in the four county health unit in the survey conducted during December and January. Pasquotank county had 10,097, Perquimans, 4,326; Chowan, 4,037 and Camden, 1,132.

Final results of the survey are not complete. Dr. McGuire stated, since many persons in all four counties who were requested to have a large film made have not done so. He pointed out that it is of special importance that all those persons come at once for this large film. The request for the large film does not necessarily indicate that the person has active tuberculosis, but instead, it is necessary to rule out pulmonary tuberculosis.

Miss Audrey Umphlett, County Health Nurse, stated that a follow up unit making large films is at the local health office in Hertford and films will be made from 9 A. M., to 1 P. M., daily from February 9 through February 17, Sundays and Mondays excepted. Individuals who have been requested to have a large film made are asked to bring their letter from the Health Department and get a large film made without delay.

## County Board Holds Meeting On Monday

Commissioners for Perquimans County met in regular session here on Monday and passed upon a number of fiscal matters presented during the session.

No action was taken on the request that poll taxes of members of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department be rescinded, pending a decision by the Attorney General as to the legal right to do so.

The Board turned down a recommendation that grants to blind individuals be increased to 100 per cent of budget needs. It also rejected a number of applications for assistance from the Poor Fund.

Members of the Board of Education appeared before the Commissioners concerning a decision regarding the construction of Negro schools, however, the Commissioners advised the Board of Education that it considered the matter closed through the recommendations made by the Negro school committees.

## ONE CHILD KILLED, FIVE INJURED IN SCHOOL BUS ACCIDENT LAST THURSDAY

### B & L Stockholders Re-elect Directors

Stockholders of the Hertford Building and Loan Association held their annual meeting at the Court House in Hertford on Wednesday afternoon and re-elected the association's present board of directors for a period of one year.

Directors re-elected were A. W. Hefren, C. P. Morris, J. P. Perry, J. W. Ward, V. N. Darden, Max Campbell, Chas. E. Johnson, Claude White, R. M. Riddick, Dr. C. A. Davenport, and Julian A. White.

Following the stockholders meeting, the directors met and re-elected present officers for the coming year. A. W. Hefren was elected as President, J. P. Perry and C. P. Morris, vice presidents and Max Campbell, secretary.

## Board Of Education Asked To Reconsider Negro School Site

Members of the Perquimans Board of Education, meeting in regular session here on Monday, were requested by a delegation of Negro citizens, representing the Hertford district, to reconsider proposals to construct a union school for Negroes at Winfall. This delegation told the Board it has discovered another site, suitable for a high school in Hertford and asked that this site be considered before construction of a building started at Winfall. The Board, according to J. T. Biggers, superintendent, advised the delegation that it will consider the request and have the site investigated by a State engineer.

This action on the part of the delegation was a reversal of a decision made three weeks ago when school committees for the Hertford and Winfall districts met and recommended that the final decision as to the high school location be made by State School officials. These officials recommended the construction of a union building at Winfall.

What delay, if any, this request will have concerning the building program for Winfall will depend upon decisions made by the State Engineer.

Details concerning the fatal bus accident on last Thursday were reviewed by members of the Board and a resolution was passed requesting the State Highway Commission take immediate steps to improve the bridge and to widen this bridge.

The Board authorized the Superintendent of Schools to clear and drain the school grounds at Perquimans Training School for playground area. He was also authorized to secure bids for seats in the new gymnasium at Perquimans High School.

Raymond Fuson, architect for this building, appeared before the Board and made a progress report on the construction.

## Peanut School Drew Large Crowd Here

A one day peanut school was conducted on February 2 at the Agricultural Building. The various phases of peanut production including soil requirements, seed bed preparation, fertilization, cultivation, insect and disease control, and harvesting were discussed.

Approximately fifty farmers attended. Interest was good with many farmers entering into the discussion. Dr. E. T. York, who is connected with the Upper Coastal Plain Experiment Station at Rocky Mount led the discussion on fertilization and liming of peanuts. W. D. Lee, of State College discussed the types of soil and soil requirements of peanuts. George D. Jones, Extension Entomologist led an interesting discussion on the insect program and recent experiments with different insecticides. N. C. Teter, and G. W. Giles of the State College Engineering Department discussed mechanization and told of experiments now in progress to develop new types of peanut harvesters. Dr. E. R. Collins, Extension Agronomist discussed different types of result demonstrations which would be carried out with peanuts. He also explained work which has been done to develop a hybrid peanut.

Following the peanut school, a brief Dealers Insecticide School, was conducted by G. D. Jones and Dr. E. R. Collins. Fifteen dealers and other interested persons attended.

## Matter May Be Placed Before Grand Jury at April Court

A Perquimans County Coroner's Jury, after hearing testimony presented concerning a highway accident involving a school bus and a log truck, in which a 10-year old girl was killed and five other school students injured, returned a verdict that it was the jury's opinion that both drivers were obeying the law.

The coroner's inquest on the accident was conducted by Dr. C. A. Davenport in the office of the superintendent of schools last Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The jury was composed of Lawrence Towe, John O. White, Jr., Charlie Elliott, T. W. Nixon, J. P. Chesson and Joe Perry.

A large number of witnesses gave testimony at the hearing and there was some variation as to the manner and the exact spot that the accident occurred.

Killed in the accident, which happened last Thursday afternoon at about four o'clock on the highway between New Hope and Woodville, was 10 year old Irene Foreman, who it was reported, died of a head wound. The list of injured students included Jesse Jacobs, James Banks, Mildred Welch, Patsy Lee and Charles Overton.

The school bus transporting children from the Perquimans Training School at Winfall, to their homes was traveling toward New Hope, it was reported by Patrolman B. R. Inscow, who investigated the accident.

Testimony presented at the inquest by Patrolman Inscow revealed evidence that the accident occurred at a bridge near the Hog Neck road. The Patrolman stated that debris on the highway indicated that the accident happened at the south side of this bridge but that there were no tire tracks plainly showing the paths of the vehicles.

Tannis Spellman, Negro, driver of the log truck which collided with the school bus, told the jury that as he rounded a curve in the road he saw the bus approaching and that the bus was across the center line of the road. He stated he attempted to turn out of the way of the bus but had insufficient room to avoid hitting the school bus. He stated that he had crossed the bridge and that the accident occurred on the Woodville side of the structure. He told the jury that he was traveling at approximately 20 miles per hour.

Jonas Whedbee, Negro, driver of the school bus, stated that he saw the truck approaching around the curve and that he was just crossing the bridge and pulled the school bus to the right as much as possible to avoid a collision. He stated that the truck was traveling at about 40 miles per hour. He stated that the wheels of the log truck were over the center of the road.

Several of the students riding on the school bus testified before the jury, and three estimated the speed of the log truck at about 40 miles per hour. The jury was advised that the school bus had a governor on it and (Continued on Page Seven)

## Polio Campaign To Close Next Monday

Contributions to the Perquimans March of Dimes fund reached a total of \$720.85 this week, according to James E. Newby, drive chairman, who stated that the sum reported represented contributions turned in from the Town of Hertford, the State Theatre and Perquimans High School. He pointed out that as yet he has not received any reports from rural communities or special events staged by local civic organizations.

"With the reports yet to be received, I believe we will reach more than a thousand dollars," Mr. Newby said.

The chairman requested that all solicitors make every effort to report returns to him not later than Saturday of this week, as the committee desires to bring the drive to a close this week. Solicitors unable to report by Saturday are asked to do so by next Monday.

Total contributions received to date were broken down by the chairman as follows: Business section of Hertford, \$256; State Theatre, \$114.71; Perquimans High School, \$13.72, and residential Hertford, \$336.42.

Special events staged by local clubs for the benefit of the March of Dimes were the bingo party sponsored by the Lioness Club and a ruck bridge party given by the Perquimans BPW Club. The VFW Post is sponsoring a dance Saturday night and proceeds from this event will be contributed to the fund.