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## PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT PERQUIMANS HIGH SCHOOL

### Forty-seven Seniors to Receive Certificates May 30th

Commencement exercises will open at Perquimans County High School Sunday evening, May 28, with the baccalaureate sermon delivered by the Rev. Paul C. Nickens, pastor of the Plymouth Baptist Church. Local pastors and the school choir will also take part in this service.

The following night the Senior class will observe Class Night exercises by presenting "Footprints and Time." Claire Hunter, as Salutatorian, with an average of 97, will give the address of welcome. The remaining roles will be filled by students in the order of their high school averages: Shirley Butt, class president and prophet; Pat Phillips, teacher; Ronald Butt, historian; Anne Madre, gitorian, assisted by Ruth Hackett; Faye Rae Symons, poet; Ruby Lane, statistician, and Marjorie Perry, valedictorian, with an average of 97. Others who made the Grand Honor Roll that will have speaking parts are Emma Rogerson, Nathan Spivey and Wade Jordan.

Graduation exercises will be held Tuesday night, May 30, when the Seniors will be addressed by Fred Laughon, pastor of Talbot Park Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va. Mr. Laughon will be remembered by the many citizens of Perquimans County who heard him last commencement with so much pleasure that he was invited to return by this year's class. The Glee Club will render two selections.

The 47 Seniors will be awarded their diplomas at this time by J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools. Those making the Grand Honor Roll will have the gold Beta Seal attached to their diplomas. Mr. Woodard will award medals for outstanding service in the field of Scholarship, Dramatics, Band, Journalism, Student Council, Commercial, Public Speaking, etc.

On Wednesday morning the eighth grade will be awarded their certificates as graduates of the elementary school. Attendance and other awards will be given at this time which will mark the close of the school year for the 1949-50 term.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A report issued in Washington this week by the Department of Agriculture stated that it appeared that edible peanuts will be in short supply this year and therefore growers in North Carolina and Virginia will be permitted to sell about the same amount of such peanuts as were marketed in 1947.

North Carolina's Highway Patrol had a new commander Monday when James R. Smith, a veteran of the system was promoted from executive officer to that of commander. Smith replaced Tony Tolar who resigned the post about three weeks ago. Smith was one of the original 37 men assigned to the Patrol when it was first organized and he is the first from the ranks to assume the post as commander.

Campaigns to break up organized gambling throughout the nation have broken out in a number of large cities and Congress is also taking action to curb these activities. The drive appears to be directed at illegal betting on horse races, but the investigations are uncovering all types of gambling reported as being widespread among residents of many states.

Britain's Labor Government won another close test of voting strength this week when a surprise move by the Conservative Party on a tax problem ended with the Labor group receiving one more vote in Parliament than was cast against the measure. Thus the Labor Government continues in power and a report Wednesday from London said that the Liberal Party members had refused to join the Conservatives in an effort to oust the Labor group from power.

### PTA TO MEET

The Parent Teachers Association of the Hertford Grammar School will meet Thursday evening, May 11th at 8 P. M. at the school. A very interesting program has been planned, the subject being "The Child's Future" with Mrs. Fred Matthews and Mrs. Clarence Dell in charge. The Thelma Elliott will also show a very interesting film on health care of our child.

## Youth Recognized For Brave Action

Eugene Myers, 12, son of Mrs. L. D. Myers, received special recognition by members of some 10 Boy Scout troops at a big camporee held last Saturday night at Camp Perry for an act of bravery in rescuing seven-year-old Jimmy Wheeler from drowning in the Perquimans River.

According to the report made by Scout officials, Eugene pulled Jimmy from the river on Tuesday of last week, after Jimmy, while reaching for a boat oar, fell overboard. Eugene was standing on the river bank and seeing Jimmy was in trouble jumped in and rescued the boy.

For his action Eugene received the praises of his fellow Scouts at the camporee. Some 21 boys from the Hertford troop, accompanied by Scout Officers Charles Skinner, Bill White, Emmett Landing and Bob Elliott, attended the camporee, and each of the patrols received awards of ribbons for camping.

## Red Cross Blood Committee Seeks Volunteer Donors

A campaign to recruit additional volunteers for the Red Cross Blood Bank program is now being conducted by the Perquimans County Committee under the chairmanship of Charles M. Harrell, it was reported here this week.

Mr. Harrell stated that the Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit this county again on May 23, at which time the local chapter is hopeful that at least 100 volunteers will donate a pint of blood to be used in the Red Cross program in this area. The program supplies blood for free transfusions in hospitals in this area.

The local committee, endeavoring to build up its list of volunteer blood donors, is seeking donors from civic clubs and organizations in the county and from each home demonstration club. Each group is being asked to furnish five volunteers, to give blood on May 23.

For the present the volunteer committee is the most active in preparing for the bloodmobile visit but Mr. Harrell pointed out that other committees will also shortly swing into action getting ready for the bloodmobile visit.

Members of the Red Cross committee are visiting each club meeting in the county seeking volunteer donors and are explaining the Red Cross blood program at each of these meetings. The aim of the committee is to secure at least 1,000 donors for the program and if successful in accomplishing this goal, within the next year or two, the donors then will be asked to donate blood only once in several years.

## Health Department To Hold Milk School

Plans are now being completed for the holding of a "Milk Producers School" to be sponsored by the District Health Department.

The schools is to be conducted May 8-9 and will be held in the Auditorium of the Pasquotank County Agriculture Building, Elizabeth City, N. C. Time of the school is 8:00 P. M. A different program will be conducted each night. Classes will last about 90 minutes.

An invitation is extended to anyone interested in the milking of cows whether it be the owner of a family cow or the owner of several hundred cows. Invitations are also extended to members of Veteran farm classes in the Health District or adjoining counties. Also 4-H members or anyone considering going into the dairy business.

Appearing on the program will be Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer, Dr. Vahl, Veterinarian, Swindell Lowry, Pasquotank County Farm Agent, a representative from the Sargo Company, Rocky Mount; Francis Patterson, N. C. Department of Agriculture, and K. J. Eyer, Sanitarian, District Health Department.

Subjects covered will include milk borne diseases; fly control; pasteurization and feeding; diseases of cows; demonstration and explanation of laboratory results. The following films have been secured and will be shown—"The Science of Milk Production in Words and Pictures," "You and your Job," "Milk Processing," "Cleaning Equipment and Containers," and "Producing Quality Milk."

## County Board Hears Budget Proposals At Meeting Monday

### Application For Beer License Tabled By Commissioners

Members of the Board of County Commissioners met in a day-long session here last Monday, during which they received a number of proposed budget plans for the next fiscal year.

Definite action was taken only on a proposed budget for the County Welfare Department and in this matter the Board voted to cut a proposed increase in the number of old age assistance and aid to dependent children applications, to be taken during the year, to one-half of the number requested by the Department.

No action was taken at this meeting concerning a proposed increase in a budget to permit increases in salaries to the Negro County Agent and Negro Home Agent.

The Board discussed several drainage projects, previously submitted, and authorized the clerk of the Board to investigate progress of these projects with the State Highway Commission.

An application for a renewal of a beer license for Oak Point was tabled without action by the Board. It was reported that the County Attorney recommended this procedure pending investigation of a suggestion made here recently by Judge Chester Morris concerning this place of business. Sheriff M. G. Owens refused to issue a renewal of this license without authorization of the County Board.

In connection with this matter it was announced that retailers of beer must renew their licenses as of this week, otherwise they face court action for making sales without a license.

## Rotarians To Hold Ladies' Night May 16

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club will be hosts to their wives at an annual Rotary-Anne party on Tuesday night, May 16, it was announced by Robert Hollowell, president at a meeting of the group this week.

Mr. Hollowell also named committees to serve in making arrangements for the 25th anniversary meeting of the Rotarians on June 20. These committee appointments were, V. N. Darden, D. E. Harvey, arrangements; C. P. Morris, and A. W. Heffren, invitations; Max Campbell, program; R. S. Monds, Jr., leader; Edgar White, music; Charles Hanc, speaker; Dr. C. A. Davenport, R. S. Monds, Jr., J. Emmett Winslow, C. R. Holmes and V. N. Darden, greetings.

Jarvis Ward, chairman of the Red Cross Blood Bank volunteer committee, was a guest of the club at the meeting this week and he spoke briefly on the plans for the bloodmobile which comes to Hertford again on May 23. He explained that the Red Cross Committee is endeavoring to enlist five volunteers from each civic organization in the county, who will donate a pint of blood to the program this month.

A number of the club members volunteered for the program following the talk by Mr. Ward.

## Legion Auxiliary Plans Poppy Sales

Members of the Auxiliary of the American Legion are completing plans for the sale of Poppies on Saturday, May 27, according to Mrs. Leslie E. White, chairman of the committee.

In a statement issued today, Mrs. White stated: "Let each of us wear a Poppy on Poppy Day. Poppies are made by disabled veterans in our hospitals. For many of them the city money they have is that received for Poppy making."

"The Poppy industry is the backbone of our rehabilitation program and each year more and more veterans are turning to the American Legion Auxiliary for help and encouragement."

"The memorial Poppy is a replica of the wild poppies which grow between the crosses in the world war cemeteries in Europe. They are made of red crepe paper because this gives the veterans in the hospital more to keep hands and minds interestingly occupied."

"So here in our own county we are asking you to help that this may be the greatest Poppy Day ever. The disabled veterans have done their part in making the poppy. The rest is up to us."

## Board Of Education Seeks Speed-up On Building Program

### Re-elected Teachers Approved; Use of Buildings Voted

Perquimans County Board of Education, meeting in regular session here on Monday acted to speed up the construction project of building a Negro Union School at Winfall. Members of the Board called on Architect J. W. Griffin, who is in charge of the plans for this school, to hasten his work in order that building of this school can be started within the next few weeks. Griffin promised the Board immediate action in connection with plans for the building.

Other matters handled at the meeting included the approving of all county teachers who had been re-elected by the various school committees. J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent, reported the resignation of Rudolph Wiggs and L. G. Finch as members of the faculty at Perquimans High School.

The Board voted approval for civic clubs and organizations to use school buildings without charge except for a small janitorial fee.

After much discussion on the status of married pupils, attending county schools, the Board tabled the subject for further consideration; However, the Board authorized any principal to invoke general statute 115-145, which calls for suspension of any pupil who may be a menace to the school.

Superintendent Biggers was authorized to have burned out light bulbs on Memorial Field replaced, and also to place an order for gym seats for use in the Perquimans High School gym.

Mr. Biggers reported to the Board that the drainage and leveling of a playground area at Perquimans Training School had been completed.

## Indians Continue Winning Streak

Perquimans High School's high flying baseball team marked up its ninth straight victory over Albemarle Conference opponents on Tuesday when Coach Ellie Fearing's charges set back Scotland Neck by a 7-0 score. Earl Rogerson did the pitching for the Indians and held the Scotland Neck boys under control throughout the contest.

The victory sewed up the conference championship for the Indians, for the third consecutive year. Perquimans has only one conference game remaining on schedule and that will be played today at Ahoskie.

On last Friday afternoon the Indians trounced Williamson by a score of 13-0 in a game played here on Memorial Field. Winslow did the mound duty for Perquimans and he struck out 15 Williamson batters. The visitors garnered only four hits. Perquimans had a big inning in the 8th scoring five runs.

Perquimans will close its baseball season with games against Edenton and Elizabeth City. The first of these contests will be played in Elizabeth City on next Wednesday, the second in Edenton on May 18th; then Elizabeth City will play in Hertford on May 19 and Edenton on May 22.

## Political Rally Held At Nicanor

The first of a series of political rallies, scheduled to be held throughout Perquimans County during the next three weeks was held Wednesday night at R. M. Baker's store in Nicanor precinct.

Candidates seeking local office who were present and made short speeches to the audience were W. H. Pitt, W. A. Chappell, Ervin Turner, W. C. Chappell, Earl Hollowell, Charlie Umphlett, Charlie Ward, Roy Chappell, Joe Towe, Archie Lane, Clarence Chappell, Herbert Nixon, Kelly White, Melvin Owens, Nathan Trueblood, Carroll Holmes and William Copeland. Silas Whedbee spoke in behalf of Senator Frank P. Graham.

It has been reported that other rallies will be held on the following schedule: Tonight, at New Hope; May 10, Belvidere; May 12, Bethel; May 17, Winfall, and May 19, Hertford.

### TO GIVE RECITAL

The piano pupils of Mrs. R. Ralph White will present a musical minstrel in their annual recital at the Chowan High School on Thursday night, May 11, at eight o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

## AMERICAN LEGION POST MAKING PLANS TO CONSTRUCT NEW HUT ON RIVER SITE

### HDC County Council Fete Commissioners

The County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs entertained the county commissioners and their wives and the Extension Workers and their wives or husbands on Monday, at a luncheon at the Agricultural Building. The menu consisted of Southern fried chicken, English Peas, Potato Salad, sliced tomato, pickles, hot rolls and butter, hot coffee and apple pie a la mode.

Those present at the luncheon were: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Archie T. Lane, George Jackson, Tolle Twine, Mrs. Fred Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Topping, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Yagel, Mr. and Mrs. George Fields, Mrs. Emory White, and Miss Lillian Swinson.

The Belvidere Club was hostess for the luncheon.

## League Decision To Force Hertford Out Of Baseball

Action taken by directors of the Albemarle Baseball League at a meeting held in Plymouth last Tuesday night has all but killed any possibility that Perquimans County will enter a team in the league during the coming summer. Sidney Blanchard and Edgar Morris, representing Hertford at the meeting, this week formally withdrew from the league.

Directors from Windsor, Plymouth, Edenton and Colerain voted to change the rules of the league whereby each team will be permitted to hire nine non-resident players. This action, according to the opinion of the directors attempting to organize a local team, will make baseball cost too much money for this community to attempt to field a team.

Hertford representatives at league meetings held this year have contended at each meeting the need for reducing costs of operations but did compromise with other representatives to permit the hiring of six players. This agreement was made in Hertford last month and all directors voted for it. Now, that four of the teams have voted to continue the league along the same expensive lines as in the past three years, the Perquimans directors have decided it will be impossible for them to continue with plans to field a team, using practically all local players.

Blanchard and Morris contacted most of the local directors upon their return from Plymouth, and it was the consensus of the directors that this community withdraw from the league. However, a meeting of fans will be held at the Court House in Hertford Monday night and a final decision will be made at that time.

## High School Honor Roll Is Released

E. C. Woodard, principal at Perquimans High School today released the names of 45 students who won scholastic honors during the fifth grading period and thus were listed on the honor roll for this period. The eighth grade led all other classes in the number of students on the honor roll, having 13 making the roll.

The students listed on the roll this period were:

8th grade—Tilson Chappell, Hudson Fisher, John Morris, Marshal Winslow, Leo Dail, Mattie Morse, Katherine Ann Ward, Jean Butt, Jeanette Chappell, Margaret Harrell, Joanne Lane, Sidney Bateman, Clarence Chappell.

9th grade—Faye Butt, Mable Martin Whedbee, Marilyn Baker, Nan Ella White, Dorothy Winslow.

10th grade—Marguerite Butler, Lewis Dawson, Tommy Sumner, Marvin White, Amy Van Roach, Margaret Symons, Pauline Burbage.

11th grade—Virginia Gay, Percy Rogerson, Calvin Butt, Christine Thatch, Doris Faye Allen, Norma Butt, Mary Sue Cook, Catherine Goodwin.

12th grade—Marjorie Perry, Faye Rae Symons, Ronald Butt, Shirley Butt, Mary Lee Chappell, Laura Hopkins, Claire Hunter, Dorothy Jordan, Ruby Lane and Pat Phillips.

### MASONS MEET TUESDAY

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night.

## Election of Officers For Coming Year Held at Meeting Thursday

Construction of an American Legion hut, long a dream of the Perquimans County post of the organization, will soon become a reality, according to post officials, final plans and details of things necessary for an early beginning were worked out at the May meeting held on Thursday night of this week.

Things have been moving fast since the April meeting, when it was announced that Legionnaire R. E. Matthews would give the post clear title to two acres of property on the Perquimans River, on which to build a hut for the William Paul Stallings Post, No. 126. The offer was eagerly accepted, and a special meeting called for April 27, at which time plans were discussed.

The site presented to the Legion was declared by many to be one of the most beautiful on the river, being on a bluff overlooking the water, about four miles from Hertford, on the Harvey Point road.

With a small fund established some time ago for a building fund as a nucleus, further donations of materials, cash and labor, already made, and promised, will make possible a permanent home for the Perquimans Post, which numbers some 140 members at present. Present plans call for a one story block building, thirty by sixty feet, with a meeting hall, kitchen, ladies' and men's lounges and other facilities.

Besides new cash donations received, materials given so far include granite blocks, brick, plumbing fixtures, pipe, lumber, an electric stove and items of furniture.

Besides the building project, other important business handled by the Legionnaires at the meeting last night was the election of post officers for the coming year. The election of officers came earlier this year than last due to a decision handed down by the N. C. Department of the Legion, which requested officers to be selected at May meetings.

## State Farm Bureau Officer Speaker At Local Meeting

The Perquimans County Farm Bureau met in Belvidere Community House Thursday, April 27, at 8:00 P. M., with R. Flake Shaw, Executive Vice President of the State Farm Bureau as guest speaker. Mr. Shaw spoke on the subject of Farm Legislation affecting the peanut program.

"Conditions have changed," he said, "in the National Legislature during the last ten years just as other things have changed. It is much harder to get programs through than formerly." He also said that representatives of the peanut producing states have recently held a meeting to begin work toward improving the peanut program for 1951.

Some of the leading peanut producing states are Texas, New Mexico, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia. Georgia, he said, produces more peanuts than North Carolina and South Carolina together, therefore North Carolina can not have much strength when it comes to changing the peanut program. She must have the backing of the other states concerned.

If the peanut producing states want an improved program they must first get together on what they want.

Clarence Chappell, President of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau, presided over the meeting. Mr. Shaw was introduced by Wm. C. Chappell. Following Mr. Shaw's address, a moving picture entitled "In the Clover" was shown by E. Q. White, vice-president of the local club. Approximately 60 Farm Bureau members attended the meeting. The next county wide Farm Bureau meeting is scheduled to be held at New Hope sometime in July.

## Revival Services To Start Sunday

A series of revival services will be conducted at the Hertford Methodist Church, beginning Sunday May 7, and continuing for one week, it was announced today by the Rev. Ben O. Merritt, pastor. Services will be held daily beginning at 8 P. M., and the pastor will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend.