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Reopening Of Perquimans Draft Board Expected To Follow Call For Youths

State Headquarters Report 64 Offices To Reopen; 400 Men May Be Called

Perquimans County Draft Board, which was placed on the inactive list last year, is expected to be reorganized and local board offices reopened within the next week or ten days. This action follows the calling of 20,000 draftees for military service due to the Korean situation.

President Truman invoked the draft law last week, after Congress had voted to extend the law and immediate needs for youths to serve in the armed forces were reported by the Defense Department.

The Perquimans Office was closed last year, and all records of the county board were forwarded to Elizabeth City. During this time the local Welfare Department has served youths of this county in helping to fill out selective service questionnaires and registering youths who appeared at the Welfare Office.

Under the new orders which are now being sent out from State Headquarters in Raleigh some 64 local board offices are to be re-opened, and the report stated that an office will be established in every county in the State.

North Carolina's first call, under the new draft procedure, is expected to be approximately for 600 men, it was reported from Raleigh on Tuesday. Chairmen of all local boards have been advised to seek office space immediately in order that local boards can swing into action without too much delay.

The Perquimans Draft Board was composed of two members at the time it was placed on the inactive list, the members being Thad Chappell and William T. Elliott. A third member will be named at the re-organization of the board.

Under the law as extended by Congress last year, all youths 18 through 25 are subject to call, with some exceptions, and a report from Washington Monday stated that youths 25 years of age are expected to be called first under the action ordered this week.

Selective Service officials report that it will take about 60 days to start delivery under the draft, however, the draft can supply at least 300,000 men within 90 days if necessary, the report stated.

Much Crop Damage Caused By Rains

Crops in general in Perquimans County were looking very good up to last Thursday, and then the rains came, and much damage has been caused by the weather during the past week. It was reported today by I. C. Yagel, County Agent, Bethel and New Hope townships were harder hit by wet weather during the early Spring and crops in these areas were somewhat later than other sections. Some corn is showing considerable water damage this week, the Agent said.

Surveys made by the County Agent revealed that cotton squares are forming fast, but weather conditions for the past week has been very unfavorable for successful dusting. Cotton on which toxaphene dust has been used as much as 24 hours before a rain is showing excellent results. The weevil count of punctured squares in checked fields in the county last week showed an average of about two per cent in treated fields and 25 per cent in untreated fields. Dustings should definitely be continued each week. A State survey shows that adult weevils are still coming out of winter hibernation in woods and hedge rows, the Agent reported.

Time Extended For Terminal Leave Pay

An extension of time for making application for Terminal Leave Pay has been granted by Congress it was announced today by Stephen H. Alfred, District Service Officer of the North Carolina Veterans Commission. This extension provides that veterans who have not applied for their terminal leave pay may have until June 30, 1951 to make application.

All eligible veterans are urged to secure a certified copy of their Honorable Discharge and contact C. C. Perquimans County Service Officer, Hertford, or the District Office at the North Carolina Veterans Commission, 206 Kramer Building, Raleigh, North Carolina, for further information.

Town To Enforce State Law On Dogs

Hertford's Town Board voted Monday night to enforce a State law which forbids dogs running loose after dark. The law will be enforced locally beginning August 1, it was announced by Mayor V. N. Darden.

A number of complaints have been made to the Town Board concerning dogs running loose after dark throughout the town, destroying property and causing a nuisance. The action taken by the Board was deemed necessary to curb the situation.

Dog owners are warned to keep dogs penned up, or on leash if permitted off premises after dark beginning August 1; otherwise the owner will face court action and the animal may be destroyed.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Dispatches from Korea on Wednesday reported that American forces had broken the advance of North Korean tanks and infantry, some seven miles from the Kum River. American elements in Korea have been reinforced by additional men and equipment, however, more and more men and materials are being shipped into the area. American planes, according to reports, have been active in helping to stop the Red advance. Little activity on the part of the North Korean air force has been reported. One report stated that Americans have set the Kum River line as the line of "no retreat" and that every effort is being expended to halt the advance of the Reds past this point in South Korea.

Members of the U. S. Senate, this week, called upon other nations of the world, opposing Communism, to send men into Korea to help the American soldiers, now doing all the fighting. The demand was made after General Bradley told a Senate committee that at least a token force of UN men will be sent into the Pacific war zone. The Senators stated that UN nations can not discharge their obligations simply by lauding the action being taken by the United States.

North Carolina and Virginia congressmen have worked out a compromise regarding Virginia type peanuts to be grown in 1951, and if the type is declared to be in short supply, an increase in allotments will be permitted next year. This resulted when a proposal to place peanuts into two classifications, oil type and edible type, was turned down by the Department officials.

Prices on a number of items have increased during the past week, and the cost of living advanced another notch due to buying on the part of the people believed to be acting because of the war situation. Bread and meat prices were advanced and heavy buying has been reported on tires, batteries and automobiles and trucks.

Band Instructor Signed For Schools

J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools, announced today the signing of Richard David of Greenville, to the position as band instructor for Perquimans High School. Mr. David will succeed Bert Ainsworth, who had charge of the band here for the past six years.

Mr. David is a graduate of EOTC, Greenville, and will teach two classes of social studies in addition to handling the band.

Mr. Biggers reported that all vacancies in Perquimans school faculties have now been filled.

Engineer Victim Of Heart Attack

Bennie William Pierce, Sr., 54, a Norfolk-Southern Railway engineer, died suddenly Tuesday at 12:35 P. M. of a heart attack while at work here in Hertford.

A native of Center Hill, he had lived most of his life in South Norfolk and had been employed by the Norfolk-Southern for 30 years. He was the son of the late Frank and Ella Kelly Pierce. Mr. Pierce was a brother of Arthur Pierce of Winfall.

Eighteen Cases On Recorder's Court Docket Tuesday

Forbes Hearing Set For Court Term on Tuesday, July 18

Eighteen cases were disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court, which convened here Tuesday after being in recess last week. Nine cases, listed on hearing this week, were continued until later terms of court.

The case of Dennis Forbes, charged on seven counts in the connection of the death of Horace Layden last week, was set for preliminary hearing at the term of court on Tuesday, July 18.

Costs of court were taxed against Chester Baker, William Wilkins, Bruce Lee, Earl Schneider and Polis Walker, Jr., all of whom entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding.

Fines of \$5 and costs of court were levied against Lewis Griffith and Jack Godfrey who entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding.

Joseph Donnarman and Russell Uwanawich entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and paid fines of \$10 and costs of court.

Herman Williams paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court on a charge of driving without a license.

Virgil Gregory, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving. He was fined \$25 and costs of court.

A fine of \$15 and costs were taxed against William Churchill on a charge of speeding.

Cora Hurdle was found not guilty as charged for failure to observe a stop sign.

Costs of court were taxed against Robert Perry on a charge of driving without a valid license.

Merrill Layden was found guilty as charged on a count of reckless driving and was given a 60 day road sentence, to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$200. \$100 of this amount to be paid Milton Phtisic for damages to his car and \$62.75 to be paid to Mrs. Paul Smith for hospital bills. Layden's car collided with the Phtisic car on June 24, causing damages amounting to these sums.

Miles Blanchard, Jr., was found guilty on two counts, driving drunk and transporting non-tax-paid liquor. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$150. Prayer for judgment was continued in the case charging Duncan Breault for driving without a license.

Bleeker Elaine Hille was found guilty on three counts, being drunk, using profanity on the highway and interfering with an officer. She was sentenced to jail for 60 days, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$150 and costs of court. An appeal was noted in this case, and bond set at \$200.

Funeral Services Conducted For Alphonso White

Alphonso White, 68, son of the late Alphonso and Sally Phillips White, died at 8:45 o'clock Sunday night after an illness of two weeks.

He was a lifelong resident of Winfall.

He is survived by five sisters, Mrs. E. B. Daughtrey, Mrs. J. H. Baker, Mrs. Dona White and Mrs. A. R. Winslow, all of Winfall, and Mrs. L. M. Simpson, of Elizabeth City; five brothers, Elbert White of Los Angeles, Calif., Joe W. White, of San Antonio, Texas, Opel White, of Baltimore, Md., and Tom White and Toss White, both of Winfall.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home in Winfall Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock by the Rev. E. B. Edwards, assisted by the Rev. E. T. Jilson.

Pallbearers were Shelton White, George Daughtrey, Edwin Daughtrey, Woodrow Daughtrey, Dick Baker and Elwood Weatherly.

Burial was in the family cemetery near Belvidere.

The funeral was under the direction of the Lynch Funeral Home.

Revival Services At Burgess Church

A series of revival services will be conducted at the Burgess Baptist Church, beginning Sunday, July 16. It was announced today by the pastor, The Rev. E. G. Willis of Elizabeth City, who will conduct the services which will be held Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Health Department Gives Final Report On Examinations

Many Children Benefit Through Program Being Conducted

1593 white children and 1368 colored were examined for defects such as visual defects, nutrition, teeth, tonsils, heart, oropic defects, hearing loss, congenital venereal disease, weight variation, etc.

The first and third grades in all schools were examined as well as most children in all grades, including high school, if they can be classed as real repeaters.

In all instances, the parents were invited to the school at an appointed time for the examination, so that the school physician could discuss the child's health in person with them. That is by far the best method of health education. Unfortunately only 497 white children or 31% were examined with a parent present. The U. S. Public Health Service figures that at least 80% should be present for the program to be good. Next year we hope that a far higher percent of parents will be present for the examinations.

348 or 22% of those examined had repeated one or more grades. Most of these were in grades other than first and third. In the schools as a whole, this percentage (22) would not be maintained because, as mentioned above, we selected the repeaters for examination.

By far the most common defects found are dental. A total of 1157 children (60%) have defective temporary teeth (179 or 11%) are serious. 349 (22%) have cavities in the permanent teeth (6 to 12 year molars). All parents of these children should consider this a definite emergency and see their dentist without delay for care. Some of these teeth could be saved by filling, but far too many had advanced beyond the stage where they could be saved. The parents were told of the defects when present, and the others were notified through letter soon after the examination. Frequently parents do not recognize the permanent teeth and are grateful to learn the seriousness of cavities in the 6 year molars, and how to recognize these permanent teeth. Two white children were found to have scabies (itch) and five with pediculosis capitis—these communicable diseases are definitely on the decline. The children are excluded from school and a note sent to the parents urging that the child be taken to the family physician, for treatment. Other methods for clearing up the diseases are discussed in detail.

371 or 25% of the white children have had their tonsils and adenoids removed. A large number of others (Continued on Page Seven)

Congress Approves Investigation Of Fishing Situation

The House of Representatives on Monday passed a bill authorizing an investigation of shad and herring disappearances in Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds, North Carolina.

It was the bill introduced by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner in an effort to alleviate alarming decreases in annual catches of commercial fish in northeastern North Carolina.

The North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development reported that catches of shad and herring had dropped around 80 per cent during the past decade.

As it passed the House the bill will include more than the investigations in North Carolina, however. It will direct studies of the same situation in both game and commercial fishing areas all along the Atlantic Coast.

Particular emphasis will be placed on the declines in croaker catches in Chesapeake Bay and the disappearance of weakfish around the New Jersey Coast.

Should the bill receive the favor of the Senate and the President, the studies will be undertaken by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. After the study is made, the Wildlife Service will then recommend to the various states various measures to halt the declines and increase the abundance of the fish.

Town Commissioners Adopt Budget For Fiscal Year At Meeting Held Monday Night

County Board To Set Tax Rate On Monday

The Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County will meet in a special session here next Monday morning at 10 A. M., it was announced today by J. W. Ward, Clerk to the Board, for the purpose of adopting a budget for the present fiscal year and setting a county tax rate for property listed for 1950 taxes.

County Accountant W. F. C. Edwards is computing a tax rate to be presented to the Commissioners, based upon tentative budgets already placed before the Board for its consideration.

The tax rate for the past year was \$1.65 per hundred dollar valuation, however, no estimate has been given regarding the rate for the current year. Property valuation in Perquimans decreased during the past year and it will not be known until after the meeting Monday if this drop was of sufficient size to force an increase in the rate to cover the 1950-51 budget.

Teen-Age Boy Dies Of Gunshot Wounds Inflicted Tuesday

Paul Wheeler, 13 year old son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Trotman Miller of Hertford, was fatally shot by his seven year old brother, James Wheeler at about 5:30 Tuesday afternoon while the boys, along with other children, were playing at the radio shop of W. S. Long.

It was reported that the children were playing in the shop at the time a .38 calibre pistol, owned by Mr. Long, was discovered and picked up by the younger Wheeler child. The gun was unloaded at the time, but bullets for the gun were taken from a desk drawer and placed in the pistol. It is believed that the gun was fired accidentally, the bullet striking Paul Wheeler in the back of the head, at the base of the brain.

Immediately following the shooting the boy was rushed to the Albemarle Hospital where the bullet was removed and treatment rendered, however, the child died early Wednesday.

Funeral services for the youth were conducted at the Lynch Funeral Home Thursday afternoon at four o'clock, by the Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church.

Surviving besides the mother and grandparents are three brothers, Noah, Richard and James Wheeler, and one sister, Mrs. O. J. Bunch, of Edenton.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Conference At New Hope Church Saturday

The third quarterly conference for the Methodist Churches of the Perquimans Charge will be conducted at New Hope church on Saturday, July 15, at 11 A. M., it was announced today by the Rev. E. B. Edwards, pastor.

The Rev. Herbert Miller will do the preaching and will preside over the conference. All individuals scheduled to make reports are urged to be prepared to do so, Mr. Edwards stated.

County Advertises Delinquent Taxes

This week's issue of The Weekly contains the notice of sale of tax liens for delinquent 1949 taxes, as prepared by Sheriff M. G. Owens upon orders of the County Commissioners.

The sale of the taxes will take place at noon on Monday, August 4th.

A slight increase is noted in the number of liens being offered for sale this year, as compared to last year. This indicating a drop in collection of taxes during the past year.

Rotary Club To Meet At Bethel Tuesday

The Hertford Rotary Club will hold its regular meeting next Tuesday night at 8:15 at the Bethel Community House, it was announced today by Herbert N. Nixon, president.

At a meeting of the club last Tuesday night which was held at the Town Hall, Mr. Nixon and C. R. Holmes gave a report of the District meeting of Rotary clubs held at Elizabeth City last Sunday and Monday at which they represented the club.

Tax Rate Tabled Until August Meeting; No Action on Library

Hertford's Town Board, meeting in regular session here Monday night, tentatively adopted a budget for the Town for the fiscal year 1950-51, which calls for the same expenditures this year as during the last fiscal year which ended June 30. Final adoption of the budget will be made following the audit of the Town's books, and a tax rate will be set for the year following the approval of the budget. It was reported, following the meeting, that there appears little likelihood that a tax increase will be needed, however, this point will be determined by the audit of the books and the final approval of the budget.

Mrs. T. P. Brinn and Silas M. Whedbee appeared before the Board, representing the County Library, and the committee appointed to seek a new library building. The representatives requested the Board to consider rendering assistance to the committee in securing a site for the new library. Several suggestions were made during the discussion but no definite action was taken by the Town Commissioners.

Mayor V. N. Darden was authorized to contact a water tank repair company for the purpose of obtaining prices for cleaning the town water tanks.

On motion ordered, the Board authorized that a State law regarding dogs running loose after dark be enforced within the Town of Hertford.

On motion made by Commissioner Berry, the board voted to send four delegates to the State Firemen's Convention to be held at Hendersonville in September. It was voted that the local Firemen will select two of the delegates and the Board named Mayor V. N. Darden and W. H. Hardcastle as delegates and S. M. Whedbee and M. J. Gregory as alternates.

A discussion was held in regards to double parking, especially of trucks on Church Street and some abuse of the parking meter ordinance, and it was decided that Town Police will be instructed to make additional checks on these violations and use enforcement penalties if these abuses continue.

N. C. Farm Bureau Asks President To Aid Farm Program

President Truman has been asked by the North Carolina Farm Bureau to "appoint as early as practical an overall committee to study the agricultural situation in an effort to determine the best permanent long-range farm program."

A letter to Mr. Truman signed by A. C. Edwards, Hookerton, NCFB 5, said:

"The personnel of this Committee should be comprised of, in our opinion, representatives from those organizations and agencies having a direct agricultural interest in an agricultural program."

The State Farm Bureau pointed out that major actions or changes in the national farm program at the current session of Congress are not now anticipated, possibly "due to improvement in the general farm price situation." "However," the letter continued, "the history of farm legislation is that it is enacted during periods of emergency."

The farm group said that in an effort to prevent this recurrence and to give careful and proper consideration and study of all farm program proposals, as well as new ideas, the North Carolina Farm Bureau, embodying some 77,000 farm families, requests by proper resolution of its Board of Directors that the suggested overall committee be appointed.

"The main issue now appears to be how to support prices and at what level," the Farm Bureau said. "Numerous proposals are in the offing and it is important that proper and sufficient study be given thereto in an effort to prevent a hasty or disastrous program for agriculture and in turn the rest of our economy."

"We have made tremendous progress and attained a better station in life over the past few years as a result of our farm program. We realize this progress has not been due solely to the production of abundant crops but to national leadership as well. Now we need a program which will assure a permanent and stable basis for our farm program."