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Semi-Final Games In Conference Tourney Being Played Today

Perquimans Girls Will Play at 3 P. M.; Boys Play at 9 P. M.

Semi-final contests in the Albemarle Conference basketball tournament, being held in the Perquimans High School gym this week, will get underway this afternoon at three o'clock when the Perquimans girls' team plays the winner of the Scotland Neck-Columbia game, which was played Thursday afternoon. At 4:30 o'clock the Williamston boys' team will play the winner of the Scotland Neck-Ahoskie game, also played Thursday.

Two games will be played Friday night, beginning at 7:30 P. M., when the Plymouth girls meet the winner of the Williamston-Ahoskie girls' game. The last semi-final contest will start at nine o'clock Friday night when the Plymouth boys, seeded as the number two team, tangles with the Perquimans Indians.

Winners of the four semi-final contests will play Saturday night for the Conference championship; the girls' game will start at 7:30 and the boys' game at nine o'clock.

Pre-tourney dope gives almost any team in the meet equal opportunity to capture the championship. Williamston and Plymouth boys' clubs are rated slightly ahead of Scotland Neck and Perquimans while in the girls' division Perquimans and Plymouth rank ahead of Ahoskie and Williamston.

Coach Ellie Fearing's squads divided a double header at Scotland Neck last Friday night, the girls winning easily over the Scotland Neck girls. Symons was high point getter for Perquimans with 20 points. The Scotland Neck boys handed Perquimans a 46-42 defeat. Scotland Neck swamped the Indians in the second period, scoring nine points more than the Indians, while the locals outplayed the host team in the final period, 15-10, but failed to close the gap gained by Scotland Neck in the second quarter.

In a play-off tournament, held at Ahoskie the first part of this week, the Indians lost in this meet by dropping a 44 to 40 decision to the Cole-rain boys.

FBI Official Guest Speaker At Rotary

"Crime is big business and is costing the people of the United States 15 billion dollars a year" was the opening remarks of Basil Pettie, an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation who was guest speaker at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club on Tuesday night at the Motel Hertford.

Mr. Pettie told the Rotarians of the problems faced by law enforcement officers in combatting the big business of crime, pointing out that the problem changes constantly because conditions also change and criminals find new ways to try to outsmart the enforcement officers.

The solution to the entire problem, Mr. Pettie stated, is to keep law enforcement officers better trained and equipped than the criminals.

Cooperation on the part of the public plays a big part in assisting enforcement officers to keep crime at a minimum, the Rotarians were told. Mr. Pettie illustrated this point by citing the solution to two bank robberies, which occurred in this territory and which were solved quickly through cooperation of local, state and national enforcement officers, aided by fellow citizens.

Mr. Pettie closed his talk by advising the group that the FBI is in charge of handling work connected with national defense and requested that all subversive activity known or suspected be reported to his office.

Lions Club To Conduct Drive For Blind Funds

The Hertford Lions Club will conduct its annual "Be Thankful You Can See" campaign to raise funds for aid to county blind starting this week. It was announced today by John T. Biggers, chairman of the Lions committee in charge of the drive.

Mr. Biggers reported that the campaign will be conducted by direct mail; 500 envelopes, containing the campaign seals, will be mailed out to county residents late this week, and all contributions will be kept in the treasury of the Hertford Lions Club to purchase glasses, braille books, and other aids for blind persons of Perquimans.

POW Claims Must Be Filed By March 1st

World War II veterans who were prisoners of war, or their widows, children, or parents must file claim by March, 1951, for the \$1.00 per day ration money due them while interned in enemy prison camps. The final date, March 1st, was fixed by law and cannot be changed by the War Claims Commission. If you or a member of your family were held as a prisoner of war during World War II, you may be entitled to these special POW benefits.

Official military records list more than 133,000 members of the U. S. Armed Forces as prisoners of war. The War Claims Commission estimates that there are over 30,000 legitimate claims which have not been filed. It is most urgent that these claimants be informed of the rights and file claim without delay.

Official claim forms and assistance in filing the claim can be secured at the office of County Veterans Service Office located in Hertford it was announced today by C. C. Banks, County Service Officer.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Production of civilian items such as autos, refrigerators, radios and TV sets will be curtailed somewhat by an order issued this week by the Government calling for a 20 per cent reduction in use of steel for civilian items beginning April 1. Manufacturers are uncertain as to the cutback this order will make in production but it is agreed there will be some reduction in production.

Peanut growers of North Carolina and Virginia saw a ray of hope for possible boosts in peanut acreage by action taken last Friday when the House Agriculture Committee approved a bill which would direct the Secretary of Agriculture to increase acreage allotments in sufficient strength to get production in line with market demands.

United Nations troops continued their limited offensive against Communist forces in Korea this week and reports from the war front stated slight territory gains were made on all fronts. The UN troops have inflicted heavy manpower losses against the Reds. One Korean report stated General MacArthur visited the front on an inspection trip and stated he would not arbitrarily execute his authority to cross the 38th parallel without giving consideration to political reasons.

Opposition to the proposed bill passed last week by the State Senate, allocating highway funds to towns and cities for street upkeep is growing according to reports from Raleigh. Governor W. Kerr Scott is reported against the plan unless additional gasoline taxes are levied to provide the money for the distribution.

Roberson Funeral Held Monday P. M.

Mrs. Enda Ward Roberson, 22, wife of Carroll Roberson, died suddenly after a brief illness at her home in the Ballahack community early last Saturday morning.

She was the daughter of Clayton and Lessie Bunch Ward of Tyner.

Surviving, in addition to her husband and parents, are one daughter, Pamela Ward; four brothers, Raymond, C. M., Robert and Berlyn Ward; three sisters, Mrs. William Farmer of Edenton, Miss Barbara Ann and Lydia Ward of Tyner.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at four o'clock at the Center Hill Baptist Church by the Rev. Frank Cale. During the services the church choir sang "Sometime We Will Understand" and "Safe In the Arms of Jesus." A trio, Mrs. Joseph Byrum, Miss Irene Byrum and the Rev. Mr. Cale, sang "Rock of Ages."

Palbearers were James, Paul and Clarence Ward, Samuel and A. J. Mansfield and Alonzo Roberson.

Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

TRUCK DAMAGED BY FIRE

Hertford Fire Department was called out Monday afternoon at four o'clock to extinguish a fire which damaged a transport truck owned by the Hertford Livestock and Supply Company. A short circuit in the wiring system of the truck caused the fire. The fire occurred on the Winfall-Elizabeth City highway, near the Cedar Grove Church. Action of the firemen contained the blaze to the cab of the truck.

Civilian Defense Director Reports Progress In County

Defense Wardens Are Named at Meeting Last Thursday

"We are making good progress in organizing our program in Perquimans County," Silas M. Whedbee, chairman of Civilian Defense here, stated following a meeting of the central committee, held last Thursday night in the Court House.

At this meeting reports were made by chairmen of a number of county committees, including the appointment of county defense wardens by chairmen James Snipes and Broughton Dail. These wardens, who will serve as chairmen for their communities were: Belvidere, S. G. Chappell, Charles Henc, Lee Hurdle; Bethel, Emmett Long, Charles E. White; Burgess, J. Moody Mathews, John Chiesie; Woodville, William Boyce, Cecil Sawyer, Elias Whitney; Parkville, Tom White, Shelton Morgan; New Hope, Carson Banks, Ervin Turner; Snow Hill, Robert Turner, George Jackson, J. Elmer Wood, Jr.; Beech Springs, Vernon Perry, Joseph Perry, Anderson Layden; Whiteston, R. R. White, Quincy Riddick, Bill Winslow; Y-area, Ambrose Long, Hoyard Warren, Wade Jordan; Hertford, Ward 1, Henry Stokes, Jake Mathews, J. W. Dillon; Ward 2, Ray White, Julian Broughton, Emory White; Ward 3, Bobby Elliott, George Fields, Sidney Blanchard; Ward 2, Elliott Layden and Louis Tarkington.

The chairmen also named R. L. Kingsbury, H. E. Brown and King Williams to serve as chairmen of the colored division.

C. F. Sumner, chairman of the volunteer firemen reported on the progress his committee is making in increasing fire protection for the area. F. T. Britt reported on needs for additional equipment for use in supplying water and light in case of an attack in this area.

It was also reported that the Medical Committee, headed by Dr. T. P. Brian, is now compiling data regarding the needs for this committee and tentative plans are being drawn for holding home nursing classes in this county.

Mr. Whedbee told the group of the needs for developing and maintaining interest in Civilian Defense.

Another meeting of the Central Committee of the Perquimans Civilian Defense program will be held in the Court House Thursday night, March 15.

Draft To Call 55 From Here In March

The Perquimans County Draft Board has received two calls for men for the month of March, it was reported today by Mrs. Edna Winslow, clerk to the Board, who stated the first call for men is scheduled for March 5, with 25 selectees to be ordered for preinduction examinations.

The second call, for 30 men to report for induction, is scheduled for March 7.

This call for induction on March 7th requests the entire pool of local selectees who have passed their preinduction examinations. It is quite possible, Mrs. Winslow stated, the local Board will be unable to fill the induction call in full, due to a number of postponements of selectee inductions. However, induction orders will be mailed shortly to those who are to report for military service.

The local Board also faces a handicap in filling calls for pre-induction due to the large number of county youths volunteering for military service. Mrs. Winslow reported that 36 county youths had enlisted in the Armed Forces up to January 31, and these were mostly youths between the ages of 17 and 19, who had not received calls from Selective Service. As yet, no credit has been given this county for these voluntary enlistments.

American Legion To Meet Next Thursday

The Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion will hold its regular March meeting at the Agriculture Building in Hertford next Thursday night, March 1, at 8 o'clock.

Commander James Snipes stated today that Basil Pettie, an agent of the FBI, will be a guest speaker at this meeting and all members are urged to turn out and hear the talk by Mr. Pettie.

Bloodmobile Will Be At Hertford Church All Day On Friday

Need For More Donors Apparent If Quota Is To Be Met

All arrangements, with one exception, have been made for the February visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to this community on Friday, February 23, it was reported today by Edgar White, chairman of the program. The one exception which is causing officials of the program much concern is the reluctance on the part of the citizens of the county to volunteer as blood donors.

"Perquimans County," Mr. White states, "is being asked to furnish 180 pints of blood on this trip of the bloodmobile, and unless additional volunteers come forward today, we will fail to meet this quota."

A county recruitment committee, composed of Paul Tucker, Hertford, Mrs. Elmer Proctor, Bethel, J. C. Morgan, Parkville, Joe Nowell, Belvidere, and Steve Perry, New Hope, have been working hard for the past several weeks, to enlist additional volunteers for this program; they are especially interested in securing more volunteers from the rural areas of the county, inasmuch as most volunteer donors in the past have been residents of Hertford.

R. L. Kingsbury is serving as recruitment chairman for the colored division.

The bloodmobile will come to Hertford on Friday, February 23, and set up headquarters at the Hertford Baptist Church. Committee members will be on hand to assist the bloodmobile staff with the work connected with the collection of blood, and individuals, who have not been contacted to serve as a volunteer blood donor will be registered if they apply at the church today.

In view of the dire need for this blood to be available to local citizens, and with the added responsibility of supplying blood, blood plasma and other blood derivatives to the U. N. forces in Korea, it is felt by program officials here that this program is definitely worthwhile, tested and proven to be a benefit both in medical terms and financially, to all in this county. They respectfully urge you to do your part in supporting this worthwhile project.

Nine Cases Heard In Recorder's Court

A varied docket consisting of nine cases was disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here this week.

Billicent Brooks, Emelio Demarco, Robert E. Thomas and Antonio Bonuomo, each charged with speeding, entered pleas of guilty and paid the costs of court.

Fred Gallop, Negro, was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs after entering a plea of guilty to a charge of driving with insufficient brakes.

James Ellison, charged with driving with invalid license plates, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

Mutt Reed, Negro, was fined \$2 and costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

Fleet Cooper, Negro, charged with assaulting his wife, and resisting an officer, entered a plea of guilty. He was sentenced to jail for 30 days, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs.

Leslie Winslow, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to possession of non-tax paid liquor for the purpose of sale. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs.

Copeland Rites Held Thursday

Mrs. Maude Bell Copeland, 57, died at 2:50 o'clock Wednesday morning in Albemarle Hospital following a lingering illness.

She was the daughter of the late George and Emily Spruill Squires and wife of the late Alexander Copeland. She was a member of the Bethlehem Church.

Surviving are one son, Lander J. Copeland of Norfolk; three daughters, Mrs. Kermit Lane and Miss Cecilia Copeland of Hertford, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Copeland of Norfolk; two grandchildren, Kermit Lane, Jr., and Add Lane.

Funeral services were conducted at four o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Lynch Funeral Home. Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Hertford PTA Entertains Faculty

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Hertford Grammar School entertained at a dinner last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. J. H. White honoring the grammar school teachers and a few other guests. The home was beautifully decorated with red and white carnations and white snapdragons carrying out the Valentine colors, and lighted candles burned throughout the lower floor.

Mrs. W. C. Cherry, president of the P. T. A., met the guests at the door and presented each guest with a corsage of red carnations. The other guests present, besides Mrs. Cherry, were Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggers, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woodard, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. David, Julian White, Misses Thelma Elliott, Ruth Elliott, Dorothy Maynard, Mary Sumner, Mesdames P. C. Chappell, Cecil White, John Costen, Jenkins Walters and R. M. Riddick. Assisting Mrs. White in serving the dinner was Mrs. G. R. Tucker.

PMA Opens Drive To Sign 200 Units For Crop Insurance

Officials of the Perquimans County Production and Marketing Administration this week opened a campaign to sign a sufficient number of farmers to insure continuation of Multiple Crop Insurance in this county.

A minimum of 200 units participating in the program is needed in order for the program to be continued in Perquimans after this year.

Multiple Crop Insurance is a low cost protection, offered only to farmers of Perquimans County, and covers the major crops of corn, cotton, peanuts and soybeans. The program has been in operation here for several years but the drive started this week is aimed at acquainting more and more farmers with the program administered for their benefit.

The drive being conducted by the local PMA will continue through April 1, which is the deadline for securing the minimum number of units needed to guarantee continuation of the program.

A large number of farmers who have participated in the program and business houses in Hertford who recognize the protection offered any business by an insurance program have endorsed the Multiple Crop Insurance plan and are recommending it to their fellow farmers.

Baptists Hold Open House For Dulings

Members of the Hertford Baptist Church held open house on Wednesday night of last week in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Duling. The affair was held in the auditorium of the church following the regular prayer meeting service. The Rev. Mr. Duling, pastor of the church for the past five years, recently resigned to become public relations director of Chowan College.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll R. Holmes welcomed the guests at the door and Mrs. M. J. Gregory presided over the registry. Mrs. I. A. Ward and Mrs. V. N. Darden presided at the punch bowl and a group of young girls served sandwiches, cookies, salted nuts and candies.

Immediately following the prayer service, Mr. and Mrs. Duling were presented a handsome silver service, a gift from the church membership, with C. R. Holmes making the speech of presentation. Holmes paid high tribute to the retiring pastor, with special emphasis on the progress of the church during Mr. Duling's pastorate.

Mr. Duling in accepting the gift on the part of himself and Mrs. Duling, spoke feelingly of the loyalty and cooperation he has received from the church membership during his entire term as pastor, expressing regret that circumstances made it necessary for him to work in another field at this time.

State Tax Official In Hertford Mar. 1-7

Announcement was made here this week that Harry Logan, of Elizabeth City, a representative of the North Carolina Revenue Department will be in Hertford March 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7, for the purpose of assisting local residents with filing State income and intangible tax forms.

Mr. Logan will be located in the office of the Hertford Police Department, and county residents desiring assistance with state forms are asked to contact him at this location between the hours of 9 A. M., and 5 P. M.

Red Cross Chapter To Open Roll Call Here March 1st

W. W. White to Direct Campaign; Quota Is Set at \$1,317

Perquimans County's chapter of the American Red Cross will open its annual roll call campaign here on March 1, it was announced today by Robert Hollowell, chapter chairman, who stated that W. W. (Bill) White has been named as County Campaign Director.

Assisting Mr. White with the drive will be Mrs. J. H. Bagley, who will serve as chairman of collections for the white residential area of Hertford; J. H. Towe, chairman for collections in business areas; Mrs. Nina B. White, chairman of collections in white rural areas.

J. H. Tucker will serve as chairman for the colored division for the entire county.

Each of these co-chairmen will be assisted by a number of solicitors, to be appointed this week, and whose names will be announced in the next issue of this newspaper.

Mr. White stated today that the county quota for the Red Cross fund this year is \$1,317. A figure slightly under the goal for last year. The reduction in the quota for 1951 is due, Mr. White said, to a balance now on hand in the chapter treasury.

As usual, solicitors in the campaign will be requested to make a house to house canvass, enlisting the aid of all residents in helping to put Perquimans County over the top in the fund drive.

The county committee is hopeful of conducting a concentrated drive which will reach the county quota within a short time, although the Red Cross Roll Call runs through the entire month of March, the local Chapter hopes to conclude its drive before the end of the month.

County residents are urged to contribute generously to the campaign, and to assist the volunteer solicitors by having contributions ready when the solicitor calls at the home, thus saving the solicitor extra work by having to make return trips to some locations.

Central PTA Hears Talk By District Health Officer

"America the Beautiful" was the opening song for the Perquimans Central Grammar School Parent-Teacher Association at the February meeting.

Devotional was conducted by J. L. Delaney. A solo, "Beautiful Hands" was rendered by Edward Jordan, with Mrs. Percy Trueblood accompanying at the piano.

Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer, spoke on "A Sound Body," also mentioning the importance of a sound mind. He illustrated his remarks with diagrams and charts. The four main factors discussed in insuring a sound body were the teeth, tonsils and adenoids, ears and eyes.

A Founders' Day collection was taken amounting to \$5.15.

Minutes were read and approved and the State PTA president's message was read.

A nominating committee, slated to report at the April meeting, was composed of the following:

Mrs. A. R. Cook, chairman, Merrill Winslow, Mrs. Charlie Rogerson, Mrs. Charlie Umphlett and Mrs. Delvin Eure.

The president announced an executive meeting to be held at the school on March 1 at 2:30.

A study group meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Elwood White on Monday, February 26 at 7:30.

Whiteston community will have charge of the next meeting, the topic being "A Sound Mind," with Mrs. Tom Riddick as chairman.

Appeal for donors to the Blood Bank were made to people between the ages of 18-60.

Third and fourth grades, Mrs. Grace Ward, teacher, won the attendance prize.

INJURED IN ACCIDENT

George Parker, elderly Hertford man, suffered a broken hip when he was struck by a car, driven by John Dixon, Jr., near the intersection of Church and Market streets last Saturday afternoon. Witnesses to the accident told Highway Patrolman B. R. Insoce that the accident was unavoidable. Parker was taken to the Albemarle Hospital for treatment.