

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The Congressional hearing on the conduct of the Korean war continues in Washington this week with Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall being the chief witness before the committee. Marshall followed General MacArthur before the committee and has refuted part of the testimony given by MacArthur. On Tuesday General Marshall told the committee Russia may enter the Korean conflict without notice, but this threat would be far greater if the nation followed the war plans proposed by General MacArthur.

Meanwhile, on the war front in Korea, United Nations forces have advanced along the 100-mile front, regaining most of the territory lost when the Communists opened their spring offensive several weeks ago. UN troops pushed the Reds back 17 miles before Seoul, and apparently have saved the capital from Red occupation. Reports from Korea point out that Communist resistance to the UN advance is still very strong.

Russia this week proposed a Big Four talk on the peace settlement for Japan. Russia proposed the meeting be conducted between representatives of the Soviet, United States, Great Britain and Communist China. The Reds in their note charged the United States with hindering conclusion of a treaty with Japan. The note asking for the conference was received in Washington but no official comment has been made on the proposal.

British government officials this week assembled facts and figures aimed at rebutting charges that Britain has been shipping large quantities of strategic materials to China despite the fighting in Korea. The report was drawn following charges made by General Douglas MacArthur that British exports sent to China have been of vital importance to the Chinese Communists.

Commission Calls Examinations For Winfall P. O. Job

The U. S. Civil Service Commission, acting under authority vested in it by Congress, has announced an open competitive examination to fill the position of Postmaster at the Winfall Post Office. A salary of \$2,670 annually, is paid the postmaster of this office.

Application blanks for the examination may be obtained at the Post Office in Winfall or by writing the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Applications must be properly executed and on file at Washington prior to the hour of closing on May 24, 1951.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications: Be a citizen of or owe allegiance to the United States; they must have actually resided within the delivery of the Post Office, for at least one year prior to the closing date for receiving applications. Applicants must have reached their 21st birthday and must not be over 63 years of age by May 24.

The vacancy in this office was made when W. G. Hollowell, who had been Postmaster for over 10 years, died on January 1, 1951. His widow, Mrs. Thelma Miller Hollowell, has been serving as Acting Postmaster since that date.

Legion Auxiliary To Hold Poppy Sale

Saturday, May 26, will be Poppy Day in Perquimans County and throughout the United States.

On Poppy Day everyone will be asked to wear a Memorial Poppy in tribute to America's war dead, and to contribute to the welfare of disabled war veterans and needy children of veterans.

With our country preparing to defend itself against new dangers, wearing of the poppy will have increased significance this year.

The poppies which the American Legion Auxiliary will distribute here have been made by disabled veterans of both World Wars at the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville. The work has been beneficial to them as well as giving them an opportunity to earn money for themselves and their families.

Contributions made by those who wear the poppies form a principal source of support for the vast rehabilitation and child welfare work carried on by the Legion and Auxiliary, as by wearing a poppy, everyone is aiding the living victims of war while they honor the war dead.

ACTION ON HERTFORD NEGRO SCHOOL ADDITION DELAYED BY EXCESSIVE BIDS

Board of Education Is Considering Number Of Alternatives

The Perquimans County Board of Education met here last Thursday, in special session, to receive bids on the construction of an addition to the Hertford Negro School. Action on the bids was delayed when it was determined that low bids for the addition were in excess of the funds appropriated for this project.

J. L. Batton of Edenton, was low bidder for the general construction with a bid of \$61,650; low bid for the electrical work was \$3,800, plumbing \$5,550, and heating \$8,220, making a total of \$79,220 as total bids for the project. Funds appropriated for this project totaled only \$65,000, or some \$14,220 less than the combined low bids.

After discussion of the bids, the Board members voted to postpone action until Thursday night of this week. Meanwhile Superintendent of Schools J. T. Biggers and representatives of the Board traveled to Raleigh on Wednesday to confer with the State Superintendent and members of the School House Planning Commission concerning alternative plans to carry out the construction projects planned by the Board of Education.

It is reported that the Board will seek permission to negotiate with other contractors for the construction of this addition, and failing in this, they will refuse all bids received and call for a new set of bids on the project. In the event new bids are called for, it is also reported that the Board may include the construction of two lunchrooms in the proposed construction.

During the meeting last week the Board voted to discontinue public school music training, which has been under the direction of Miss Dorothy Maynard for the past two years.

Members of the County Negro School Committee were named at this meeting and this committee is composed of E. L. Brooks, Bethel; Willie Jones, Hertford; Sam Jennings, Parkville; Dewey Overton, New Hope, and George Hollowell, Belvidere.

Balloting Light In Hertford Election

Little interest was shown in the general election for officials of the Town of Hertford held last Tuesday as compared with the primary of April 30, when more than 400 votes were cast. Only 121 ballots were cast in the general election and Mayor V. N. Darden led the ticket, receiving a total of 119 votes.

Candidates for posts as Commissioners, nominated in the primary April 30, were elected to office. The vote totals for these candidates were as follows: Robert L. Hollowell 114, W. H. Hardeste 113, Henry Sullivan 113 and W. Ray White 110.

The officials elected Tuesday will assume their duties on May 14 for a period of four years.

Mayor Darden and Commissioners Hardeste and Sullivan were re-elected to office, while Hollowell and White will succeed M. J. Gregory and B. C. Berry as members of the Board. The first official meeting of the new Town Board will be held next Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Hertford Boy Wins Scholastic Honors

An announcement has been received here that Reginald Tucker Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Tucker, a student at the University of North Carolina, has qualified for membership in the UNC chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker were notified of their son's scholastic achievement by Ernest L. Mackie, Dean of Student Awards and Distinctions at UNC, who stated Reginald will be inducted into this fraternity in about two weeks.

County Council Host To Board

The County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs of Perquimans County entertained the County Commissioners, County Council Officers and Extension Workers at their annual luncheon at the Agricultural Building on Monday, May 7, at 12:30.

Those present were Mrs. Fred Matthews, Mrs. N. D. Chappell, Mrs. John Spence, Archie Lane, Ernie Turner, Earl Hollowell, Roy Chappell, Will Chappell, Mrs. Nina B. White, Miss Marina Darnest, Mrs. George Fields, E. L. Topping and I. C. Yagel.

Funds Requested For Library Building

The Perquimans Library Board has requested the Board of County Commissioners to appropriate funds in the next fiscal budget to provide for the renovation of the county library building, if and when this building is torn down to make way for a new lunchroom at Hertford Grammar School.

Mrs. Silas M. Whedbee, representing the Library Board, presented the request at the meeting of the Commissioners on Monday. She pointed out that the present building, used by the library, can be enlarged when the new lunchroom is erected, and materials from the portion of the building torn down can be used to renovate the library.

The request met with approval of the County Board.

Board Of Education Presents Awards To Former Members

Former members of the Perquimans County Board of Education were honored guests, and recipients of certificates of merit, at a dinner meeting held at Perquimans High School last Thursday night. The Perquimans unit of the NEA and the Board of Education were sponsors of the meeting.

Certificates were awarded W. E. Dail, Durwood Barber, Mrs. Alice E. Futrell, Julian A. White, and C. V. Ward, for unselfish service rendered in the field of education while members of the local Board of Education. Presentation of the certificates was made by John T. Biggers, Superintendent of County Schools.

Miss Johnnie White, president of the Perquimans unit of the NEA, presided over the meeting and guest speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Chas. W. Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church.

Mr. Duling spoke briefly on the pattern of education and its effect upon life within the community. He summed up his talk by pointing out a chief objective of education should be the teaching of the child to think as an individual.

Man In Jail Goes On Hunger Strike

Frank J. DeFebio, 36, of Dare County, who was placed in the Perquimans jail last Thursday by the Dare County Sheriff, Frank Cahoon, has been on a hunger strike since his confinement here last week.

DeFebio was placed in the local jail following his attempted suicide in the Dare jail on April 21 and his release from the Albemarle Hospital last Thursday.

DeFebio and his wife, Theo, who is staging a sit-down and hunger strike on the Court House steps in Manteo, are facing a number of charges in the Dare County court in connection with failure to place their minor children in school.

The couple moved to Dare County in January of 1950, and according to Mr. DeFebio, it is the desire of the parents that they be permitted to instruct their children at home rather than in the public school. The couple have three children, two, age eight and one, age three.

DeFebio told the editor of this newspaper that after having attempted to take his life he decided that was wrong but he is refusing all food until justice is done, and he and his family are again united.

The children of the couple have been placed in a boarding home at Wanchese by authorities of Dare County.

It has been reported from Dare County a hearing will be held in Dare Recorder Court on May 15 for DeFebio on the charges of failing to send the children to school, and another hearing on other charges will be heard the next day in Juvenile Court at Manteo.

DeFebio is being served meals here regularly but thus far, since Thursday, has refused to eat any of the food placed in his cell. He has, it was reported, been drinking water during this hunger strike period.

Breeding Co-op Now In Full Operation

The Albemarle Artificial Breeding Cooperative, with offices located in Hertford, is now in full operation, according to a report made today by Frank Jessup, inseminator of the Co-op. Mr. Jessup reported the first cow bred through the Co-op's service was one by E. Q. White of Belvidere.

Gatesville Nine To Play Indians Here Friday Afternoon

Perquimans Scores Victories Over Plymouth And Elizabeth City

Perquimans High School's highly rated baseball team will be out to seek revenge for the season's only loss when the Indians play Gatesville in a return game in Hertford on Friday. Tentative time for the game is 2 o'clock in the afternoon. However, E. C. Woodard, principal at Perquimans, announced Wednesday if the lights on Memorial Field are repaired in time, the contest will be played Friday night.

Gatesville handed the Indians an 8-1 defeat two weeks ago in a game played at Gatesville, and Coach Ellie Fearing's charges will be striving hard to win the contest Friday to avenge this defeat and at the same time keep Perquimans in the running in the State elimination play offs.

A large crowd of baseball fans are expected to turn out for the game between Gatesville and Perquimans, as it is billed as the "best game of the season."

The Indians racked up two more victories for the 1951 season during the past week when they defeated Plymouth in an Albemarle Conference game 9-1. Vernon White and Fritz Wulf did the pitching for Perquimans and gave up only four hits, while the Indians collected 10 hits off the Plymouth pitching staff. Chappell and Hunter were the leading hitters for the Indians in the Plymouth contest.

On last Monday night the Indians journeyed to Elizabeth City for a game with the Yellow Jackets. Perquimans came from behind in the seven innings to win a 3-2 decision over the Jackets.

White and Stallings were the battery for Perquimans while Liverman and Gibson formed the battery for the Jackets. White turned in another great pitching job, striking out 11 Jacket batters. Bright and Hunter led the hitting for the Indians.

Elizabeth City scored twice in the fifth inning, but a strong attack by the Indians in the seventh counted for three runs and gave Perquimans the victory over the Northeast Conference team.

Town Of Winfall Elects New Officers

Residents of the Town of Winfall reactivated their governing body with a general election held last Tuesday, in which a Mayor and three commissioners and a town Constable were elected as the official board for the town.

Thirty four voters cast ballots in the election and the candidates elected to office were, Mayor, Nathan Matthews, Commissioners, J. F. Hollowell, F. S. Winslow and D. L. Barber, Constable Charlie Umphlett.

This board is expected to meet within the next week or two and complete the organization of the town governing body.

Much interest is being shown by the residents of the town in the reorganization of the board, and several improvement projects are expected to be carried out under the new board.

Legion Service To Be Held On May 20

Annual memorial services observed here by the Wm. Paul Stallings (Post of the American Legion) will be conducted this year on Sunday night, May 20, at the Hertford Methodist Church. It was announced here today. The Rev. A. L. Chaplin, pastor of the church, will deliver the memorial service sermon.

Members of the local American Legion Post will attend the services in a body and the Legionnaires are asked to meet at the church at 7:45 o'clock on the night of the services.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans Recorder's Court was in recess this week, due to the election of officials for the Town of Hertford, with the Court room being used as a polling precinct. All cases set for hearing Tuesday were continued until the next term of Recorder's Court.

Tentative Budget Matters Discussed By County Commissioners In Meeting Monday

Holmes Speaker At HDC Meeting May 4

C. R. Holmes, County Representative spoke before a group of approximately 90 Home Demonstration Club women on Friday, May 4, at Winfall Grammar School. Mrs. C. P. Quincy of Chapanoke Club presented Mr. Holmes, who talked to the group on what occurred in the last legislature. This meeting was a part of the observance of National Home Demonstration Club Week. The theme for the week was "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World." The meeting opened with the group singing "God Bless Our Homes," followed by the Home Demonstration Club members' Creed. Mrs. Russell Baker of Whiteston Club gave the devotional. Special music was rendered by Miss Janice Yagel, accompanied by Mrs. I. C. Yagel. Her selections were "Nocturne" by Curran and "American Lullaby" by Rich.

The meeting closed with the group singing "Carolina, Carolina."

Following the meeting, Helen Gaither Club was Chairman Hostess for the tea.

Miss Miriam Perry Weds Keith Haskett In Ceremony Here

The wedding of Miss Miriam Perry, daughter of Mrs. Thomas Perry, and the late Mr. Perry, of Elizabeth City and Keith Haskett of Hertford and Camp Lejeune, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Haskett, took place Sunday, May 6, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Hertford Methodist Church, with the pastor, Rev. A. L. Chaplin, officiating.

The church was decorated with white stocks and white snapdragons, against a background of palms and ferns and lighted by cathedral candles.

A program of nuptial music was rendered with Miss Kate Blanchard at the organ and Miss Ruth Barlett, of Wilson, soloist. During the ceremony, "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life," was played softly.

The bride, given in marriage by her cousin, W. H. Rawls, wore a gown of white lace over taffeta. The fitted bodice featured an upstanding collar of lace at the back of the high neck and long sleeves which ended in bridal peaks over the hands. The full gathered skirt was ankle length. Her veil of bridal illusion was arranged with a halo of orange blossoms. Her flowers were a fan-shaped bridal bouquet, centered with a purple-throated orchid and showered with lilies of the valley.

Mrs. W. H. Rawls was matron of honor and the bride's only attendant. She wore a gown of gold lace with matching hat and mits, and carried a fan-shaped bouquet of purple stocks centered with an orchid.

The bridegroom had as his best man his brother, Ray Haskett, and the ushers were Wayne Lambkin and Julian Broughton.

Mrs. Edgar Fields was mistress of ceremony. She wore a chiffon gown of purple print. Her flowers were gardenias.

The bride's mother was dressed in navy blue, with white accessories. Her flowers were a corsage of red roses.

The bridegroom's mother also wore navy blue with white accessories, and her flowers were red roses.

Mrs. J. R. Webb, Mrs. C. W. Haskett and Mrs. Edgar Fields were joint hostesses on Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Webb, at a cake cutting immediately after the rehearsal.

The house was decorated with spring flowers. A huge wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom, formed the centerpiece on the dining table.

Bridal icing and cake was served. About 35 guests were present.

Rotary Club To Entertain Wives

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club will observe their annual Rotary-Anne night on next Tuesday, May 15, with a dinner-dance to be held at Harvey's Point.

Plans for the annual party were completed at the meeting of the club held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford.

The dinner will be served by members of the Bethel Home Demonstration Clubs and will start at 7 o'clock. The dance will follow the dinner.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman White announce the birth of a son born Saturday, May 5, at the Albemarle Hospital at Elizabeth City.

Board Approves Plan For Repairs at County Home

Tentative budget discussion consumed much time in a day long session of the County Commissioners, meeting here in regular session last Monday. Prior to the meeting, the Board visited the County Home and made a complete inspection of these quarters.

After receiving reports from the various county agencies the Commissioners voted approval of a budget item covering the county fire prevention service. This department requested an increase in appropriations of \$200, over the present budget figure to provide a fire pump for the warden's truck. The budget figure approved was \$1,450.

J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools, appeared before the Board and advised that six new school buses will be needed by the County in order to transport Negro school children with the consolidation of Negro schools expected this fall. Total cost of these buses is expected to be around \$14,400. Mr. Biggers was advised to incorporate these items in the school budget to be presented at the Board meeting next month.

Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer, requested the Board to consider the same appropriation to the district health department as was appropriated for the current fiscal year. This amount was \$400 per month.

Edgar White, Superintendent of County Welfare, presented a budget for this department. This budget calls for a decrease in the Old Age Assistance program, of approximately \$400 for the year. The budget for the Aid to Dependent Children program was approximately the same as the current year, as was the budget for the Administration program. County funds for the Welfare program are supplemented by State and Federal funds, calling for the county to pay about one-fourth of the total outlay of this department. This budget was also approved by the Commissioners.

Following a discussion as to repairs to be made to the County Home, Commissioner Earl B. Hollowell was authorized to supervise the painting of the interior of the home, and repairs to be made to the steps and porches of the buildings.

BPW Club To Sponsor Annual Cancer Drive

Arrangements have been completed here for the county's annual Cancer Crusade, which will be conducted under the direction of the Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club, it was announced today.

About 20 members of the BPW Club will make a door-to-door canvass of the business and residential districts of Hertford, receiving contributions to the Cancer Fund. Miss Audrey Umphlett will select canvassers for the rural areas, and these workers will contact residents of the county for similar contributions.

Perquimans County's quota for the Cancer Fund, according to Miss Hulda Wood, president of the BPW Club, is about the same as last year.

Of the amount raised for this fund, a large per cent will remain in the county for local use, and the remainder will be for the use of the American Cancer Society.

The campaign will get underway immediately and will continue until the county quota is reached. Members of the BPW Club, in assuming sponsorship of the drive, are hopeful the quota will be reached within a short time. The public is urged to lend its cooperation to the campaign by donating as generously as possible.

Winfall Youth Injured In Accident

Hubert Elliott, 17-year-old Winfall youth, was seriously injured in an automobile wreck Monday night at about 11:35 o'clock when a car he was operating went out of control and turned over four times. The accident took place at the intersection of U. S. 17 and U. S. 17-A, near Elizabeth City.

The youth was taken to Albemarle Hospital, and is believed to have suffered possible fracture of the skull and other injuries. In the car with Elliott at the time of the accident were two other youths, only one of whom suffered injuries. Jack Trueblood, 16, received a gash on the right elbow.

WMU MEETING MAY 17
The County WMU annual meeting will be held Thursday, May 17, at 10:30 A. M., in the Burgess Baptist Church. All members are urged to take special notice of the date and time of the meeting.