

## REA Directors Give Approval To Plan For New Building

### Request Being Drawn For Funds To Build Structure

Directors of the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, meeting here last Monday night, drew the wraps off of their plans to construct an office building and warehouse, and voted to proceed with plans for immediate construction of the building, it was announced by A. T. Lane, chairman of the Board of Directors.

The local REA purchased a building site several months ago but shelved the plan for constructing the building, 90 days ago, when it was deemed inadvisable to start construction, due to possible shortage of materials. Conditions having eased somewhat, the Directors decided at their meeting this week to proceed with the original plan.

Plans for the REA building call for a brick and cinder block building of sufficient size to house the offices and furnish warehouse space for the corporation. The building will be located on the REA lot, at the corner of Grubb and Charles Streets.

Directors of the Albemarle REA are A. T. Lane, chairman, Charles E. White, Floyd Mathews of Perquimans; John Bunch and Joe Wiggins of Chowan; Walter Lowery and Fannie Temple of Pasquotank, and James Whitburn and J. W. Hastings of Currituck.

Following their action to proceed with the construction plans, the Directors decided to make application for Federal funds to pay construction costs. It is believed this application will be approved within a short time and construction of the building will be started within a very short date.

Prior to the meeting the directors and employees of the REA and a number of guests enjoyed a barbecue chicken dinner at the Corporation's office on the Edenton highway. Guests included Senator J. E. Winslow, Representative C. R. Holmes, Mayor V. N. Darden, Max Campbell and Charles E. Johnson. The dinner was supervised by John Costen, manager of the REA.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

General Omar Bradley, Chief of Staff, told a Senatorial Committee this week that peace may come in Korea if the Allies smash the big Red offensive now in progress. General Bradley, testifying in the MacArthur inquiry, also warned the Senators the investigation is providing "hints" with many of the U. S. secret plans, and intentions. The General stated the war in Korea may just fold up if the Reds are defeated in the present big battle, or the Chinese may seek peace terms.

Meanwhile on the war front, Allied reinforcements are being rushed to the eastern front, where Red forces are attempting a break-through of UN lines. Elsewhere along the front the Allies, according to reports from Tokyo, have checked the Reds' drive. Huge casualties have been reported for the Reds while UN losses were reported slight.

Most men and livestock producers apparently joined hands this week to fight the OPS roll back on the price of beef. Reporters from Chicago stated that the cattle pens at the stockyards were empty, only 7,000 head of cattle being received Monday, as compared with 16,800 the previous Monday. Most packers predict that the situation will lead to meat rationing and a black market in beef.

The U. S. Supreme Court this week knocked the props from under "fair trade" laws which let merchants fix retail prices on thousands of articles in 48 states. The court ruled that merchants who do not sign fair trade agreements are free to charge out-of-line prices if they wish.

## High School Band To Sponsor Play

The Perquimans High School Band will sponsor a two-hour performance at the school auditorium on Friday night, June 15, with proceeds from the performance going to the fund for purchase of uniforms. It was reported here today.

A three-act play, written and directed by Emily Stanner and Richard C. Davis, under direction of Miss Bessie Moore, will be presented at the school auditorium on Friday night, June 15, with proceeds from the performance going to the fund for purchase of uniforms. It was reported here today.



Pictured above is L. H. Harrill, State 4-H Leader, awarding 4-H'er Louise Chappell, the trophy for the best Hereford entered in the Fat Stock Show, held last week at Elizabeth City, and another for the Grand Champion steer in the show.

## Thirty-nine Perquimans Seniors To Receive Diplomas At Commencement

### Exercises To Start With Baccalaureate Services Sunday

Perquimans County High School will conduct its 28th commencement exercises, with a program starting next Sunday night, it was announced today by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school.

The exercises will open at the school Sunday night at eight o'clock when the Rev. Charles F. Wulf, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, delivers the baccalaureate sermon.

Members of the graduating class will hold their class night program on Monday, May 28, with the entire service in the hands of the class members. Calvin Butt is the class valedictorian and Doris Faye Allen is class Salutatorian.

Graduation services will be held on Tuesday night, May 29, in the auditorium of the school with Thad Eure, Secretary of State of North Carolina, delivering the address. Mr. Eure will be introduced by Calvin Butt, president of the Student Council. Diplomas will be awarded the seniors by J. Edgar Morris, chairman of the Board of Education and special awards will be made by the principal, Mr. Woodard.

The honor roll for the class of 1951 is composed of Calvin Butt, Doris Faye Allen, Virginia Gay, Mary Sue Cook, Christine Thatch, Catherine Goodwin, Lewis Dawson, Norma Butt, Penny Rogerson and George Curtis Eure.

The thirty-nine members of the graduating class, who will receive diplomas, according to Mr. Woodard, are: Doris Faye Allen, Ann Gray, Norma Butt, Imogene Chappell, Mary Sue Cook, Mary Dunsmoor, Ruth Foster, Virginia Gay, Norma Jean Goodwin, Catherine Goodwin, Carolyn Harrell, Elizabeth Proctor, Christine Thatch, Sally White, Carroll Baker, Henry Baker, Calvin Butt, Roy S. Chappell, Jr., Luther Chesson, Harold Colson, Lewis Dawson, George Curtis Eure, Jr., Sherrod Fulgham, Jr., Julian Harrell, William Hill, Marvin Hunter, Tracy Kirby, Melvin Lamb, Durwood Lane, Winston Lane, Horace Miller, Kelly Miller, Charles Perry, Earl Rogerson, Percy Rogerson, Joseph Stallings, Edgar White and Burwell Winslow.

## Rites Held Tuesday For Miss Whedbee

Miss Martha Rebecca Whedbee, 82, died at her home here Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock after a long illness. She was the daughter of the late Seth and Penelope Blount Whedbee, and a native of this county.

She was a member of the Methodist Church and the Order of Eastern Star.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Helene Nixon, a brother, Brooks Whedbee, both of Hertford, a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning by the Rev. A. L. Chaplin, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church. During the services the choir sang, "It Is Well With My Soul." The casket was of red carnations and white gladioli.

Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery. Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

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## Open Bids Today

### Hertford Jaycees Hold Charter Night

Bids for the general construction of an addition to the Hertford Negro School will be opened at a meeting of the Board of Education Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, it was announced today by J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools.

Original bids for this project, received by the Board several weeks ago, were rejected as being excessive and the Board advertised for new bids to be opened today.

The Board is hopeful, according to Mr. Biggers, that bids received today will be in line with appropriations made for this construction project and that work on the building can be started within the next two or three weeks.

## Hertford Jaycees Hold Charter Night

Charter night was observed by the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce at a dinner meeting held Wednesday evening at the Hotel Hertford. Special guests for the occasion included wives of the local Jaycee members, State officers of the Jaycees, Mayor and Mrs. V. N. Darden and Jaycee members from Edenton and Elizabeth City.

Taking part on the program were Harry Stewart, of Raleigh, president of the N. C. Junior Chamber of Commerce, Clarence Winston, past vice president of the State organization, and Fred Webb, district president.

## Cancer Crusade To Close On Saturday

Officers of the Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club, sponsors of the Perquimans Cancer Crusade, announced today that the drive will come to a close on Saturday of this week, and they request all collectors, who have not yet made reports on contributions to do so by that time.

Reporting on the progress of the drive, the EPW officials stated that a total of \$482.38 has been contributed to the drive to date, and they expressed themselves as highly pleased with the splendid cooperation the club received from the public in supporting the drive and from the solicitors who volunteered to conduct the canvass for contributions.

## County Queen For Festival Selected

Nona Lou Lane, of Winfall, was selected to represent Perquimans County in the Potato Festival to be held next week at Elizabeth City. Miss Lane was declared winner of the queen contest, conducted last Thursday at the State Theatre.

As winner of the local contest Miss Lane will compete this week in a district contest at Elizabeth City, from which will be selected the Queen of the Festival.

A gold cup was presented Miss Lane, by the State Theatre, as winner of the Perquimans contest.

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## Thirteen Cases In Recorder's Court At Tuesday Session

Thirteen cases were disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court here this week, with Judge Chas. E. Johnson presiding.

Four defendants, Martha Winslow, Mary Foster, Sadie Ferebee and Willie Winslow, all Negroes, were found guilty on charges of simple assault, after a hearing involving eight defendants charged with having a part in an affray. The four defendants found guilty were ordered to pay the costs of court. It appeared, from the testimony given in the case, that the fight started when Willie Winslow slapped his wife, and he was immediately "jumped" by the other defendants all of whom were cousins of the wife. No one was seriously injured although Willie got a couple of lumps on his head.

Walter Cartwright entered a plea of guilty on a charge of speeding and he was fined \$15 and costs of court. Irma Felton, Negro, pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and was taxed with the costs of court.

Garland Harris, in court on a capias for failing to pay court costs was sentenced to jail for 60 days for failure to comply with the court order.

Ava Kirby was ordered to pay the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of passing a school bus illegally.

James Skinner, Negro, plead guilty to a charge of failure to observe a stop sign and paid the costs of court. Bruce Leggett was taxed with the court costs on a charge of speeding.

Cherry Jernigan, Negro, plead guilty to a charge of possessing non-tax paid liquor. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Gladya Webb, Negro, paid the court costs after pleading guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

Link O'Neal, Negro, plead guilty to a charge of assault. He was sentenced to two days in jail, which he had already served.

Willie Webb, Negro, charged with assault plead guilty and paid the costs of court.

Clyde Nixon, Negro, was taxed with the court costs on a charge of being drunk on the streets of Hertford.

The bond of Milton Bunchner, charged with following a vehicle too closely, was ordered forfeited when the defendant failed to appear in court.

## Furniture Store To Honor Senior Girls

Following a custom established several years ago, the W. M. Morgan Furniture Company will honor girl members of the graduating class of the Perquimans High School by presenting each girl graduate a miniature Lane cedar chest. Members of the senior class have already received notice that their gifts have arrived at the store and may be obtained any time between now and graduation day.

Girl members of the Hertford Negro High School and Perquimans Training School graduating classes will also receive identical miniatures of the chests and have also received word that their gifts await them at the local store.

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## Town Board To Call Special Election For Decision On Municipal Building

### Proclamation

All citizens of Hertford were urged to wear a memorial poppy on Saturday, May 26, in a proclamation issued today by Mayor V. N. Darden, setting the day aside as Poppy Day. The proclamation stated:

"Whereas young men of Perquimans County are again serving in the defense of our country and are taking their places among our honored citizens alongside those who have served in other wars, and

"Whereas the memory of those citizens who made the supreme sacrifice should live forever in the hearts of all citizens, and

"Whereas annual wearing of the memorial poppy is an individual tribute to the war dead, showing that we remember and are grateful for their sacrifices in our behalf, now

"Therefore, I, V. N. Darden, Mayor of Hertford, do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 26, to be Poppy Day in the Town of Hertford, and I urge all citizens to observe the day by wearing the memorial poppy."

Signed: V. N. Darden

## Indians Lose Play Off Games To West Edgecombe Tuesday

Perquimans High School's baseball team lost out in the State elimination play-offs on Tuesday when it dropped two games to the West Edgecombe nine, at Rocky Mount. Coach Ellie Fearing's charges lost the first game by a 4-1 count and were edged out in the second game of the double-header 6-5.

The Indians had topped West Edgecombe in the first game, here in Hertford, by a 4-1 decision. This contest was played last Thursday. Vernon White, pitching for the Indians, struck out 16 batters, gave up six hits and walked none. The Indians collected six hits off West Edgecombe, which used Logan and Johnson as pitchers. Logan struck out six and Johnson fanned one. West Edgecombe had a one-nothing lead until the seventh when Perquimans bunched four hits, took advantage of two errors, and scored four runs. The visitors tallied their final run in the eighth.

Errors proved costly to the Indians in the games Tuesday, which decided the winner of District One, in the play offs. In the first game Perquimans tallied a run in the first inning but West Edgecombe came back strong to overtake the Indians and coast to a 4-1 victory. White did the pitching for Perquimans, striking out four and walking four.

The final game was a see-saw battle between the two teams with Perquimans holding the edge until the sixth when West Edgecombe tied the score. The host team then collected its winning run in the seventh to complete the scoring for the day.

Rogerson pitched the second game for the Indians, striking out four, giving up a number of hits and walking two. The Indians committed four errors in each of the contests.

Although eliminated from the State play-off, the Indians have one game remaining on their schedule. They still have Williamston to play for the championship of the Albemarle Conference. Arrangements for this game had not been completed on Wednesday but it is expected that the game will be played next week.

## Legionnaires At Edenton Meeting

A number of Hertford Legionnaires attended the installation of officers for the Edenton American Legion Post, held Tuesday night, at which time Wm. B. Umstead served as installing officer.

Prior to the meeting a barbecue dinner was served at the Edenton armory.

Representing the Wm. Paul Stallings Post and its auxiliary, at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Berry, Mayor V. N. Darden, W. F. Ainsley, C. C. Banks, Shelton G. Chappell, and W. T. Willoughby.

A feature of the program was an address given by Mr. Umstead, former U. S. Senator.

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## Commissioners Seek Authority To Issue Bonds For Project

A special meeting of the Hertford Town Board was held here last Monday night at which time the Commissioners further considered plans for the construction of a new municipal building for the town.

The Board was advised that the Local Government Commission looked with disfavor upon an application to borrow \$11,000 for this project unless this amount was sufficient, with cash on hand, to complete the building.

Original plans, approved by the Board in regular meeting last week, called for the expenditure of about \$28,000, with the building to be completed when additional funds were available.

After being advised of the position taken by the Local Government Commission, the Board voted to withdraw its application for a loan of \$11,000 and will, at a later date, call for a special election at which time it will seek authority to issue bonds in the amount needed to completely construct and furnish the building.

Meanwhile, the Board plans to obtain a number of estimates as to the construction costs, and possibly have plans drawn for the building. After obtaining this data the special election will be called and residents of Hertford will be given the opportunity to pass judgment upon the proposed building.

Preliminary estimates as to the cost of a new municipal building range from \$35,000 to \$50,000. The Town now has approximately \$16,000 in surplus funds to be applied to the project.

Also discussed at the special meeting was the possibility of including sufficient space in the new structure to house the Perquimans Library, if and when the building is constructed. In addition so this the building will house offices for town officials use, and the second floor of the building will contain space for public meetings, the holding of luncheons and dinners.

The Board took no action as to setting a date for the special election but plan to obtain building estimates before calling the election.

## Picnic Features Meeting Of Central PTA Last Monday

Members of the Parent-Teacher Association of Perquimans Central Grammar School and several guests enjoyed a picnic on the school grounds at 6:30 o'clock Monday, May 21.

After the picnic the group visited the classrooms, where classroom work was exhibited.

At 8 o'clock President Carl Yow called the regular PTA meeting to order and "The Old North State" was sung as the opening song. Devotional was given by the Rev. Charles Wulf, rector of the Episcopal Church in Hertford.

Minutes were read by the secretary and the treasurer's report given. The president's message was read by the secretary. President Yow commented favorably on the publicity and procedure scrapbook exhibited at the PTA conference and compiled by Mrs. Katherine Jessup.

Mrs. A. R. Cook, study group chairman, reported on the last study group meeting held in Winfall.

Members of the association read the objects of the PTA in unison. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Leroy Dail and Miss Mollie Lou Yeates, with Mrs. Dewey Yeates at the piano.

Mrs. Eddie Harrell, director of PTA District 9, presided over the installation of new officers.

Mrs. Wendell Mathews, program chairman for the year, gave a report on suggestions received for improving future programs. Mrs. Mathews, incoming president, then took the chair while the Rev. Carl Yow, outgoing president, spoke on the subject, "What We Have Accomplished This Year."

Mrs. John Hurdle, Girl Scout leader, announced that the Scouts would present a program at the school at 2:30 Thursday, May 24.

A motion was carried to send a delegate to the PTA convention.

Mrs. Bertha Lane, historian, gave a well-complimented summary of the year's work.

Posters on display for safety and art were judged, with Brenda Ann White, first grade, winner in the primary group and Ann Sawyer and Nora Grace Cook, fifth and sixth combination grades, co-winners in the grammar group.

Attendance prize was won by the seventh grade.