

# BPW Club Program Presented At Dinner Meeting Wednesday

The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club held its dinner meeting at Hotel Hertford, Wednesday evening, September 26. Mrs. Grace Coston gave the invocation and Miss Hulda Wood, president, gave the welcome. Mrs. Pickett A. Sumner introduced the new members who were as follows: Miss Nell Wilson, Mrs. Laura M. Hollowell, Mrs. Sallie M. Lane, and Mrs. Eva James Dozier. Miss Wood recognized Mrs. Eula Sumner, president of the Elizabeth City BPW Club, who was a guest, and welcomed Mrs. Mattie U. Dail back into the club after being out the past year. Mrs. Dora T. Riddick and Mrs. Alice M. Towe gave reports on the Southeast Region Biennial Conference held in Washington, D. C., recently. Attendance prizes went to Miss Wood, and Mrs. Nettie Lee Caravello.

Final plans for Equal Rights Day were completed for Thursday, which was a part of the program planned for Business Women's Week.

Mrs. Sumner had charge of the program when she presented an Emblem Pageant. Miss Thelma Elliott was the Herald and opened with these words: "The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club emblem embodies the symbols of courage, culture, power, law, truth, love—foundation stones." Mrs. Essie Burbage represented "Torch," symbol of light, wisdom, principles, leadership—our educational program. Miss Audrey Umphlett represented "Wand," herald of a new day for women, opportunity, equality, healing, harmony, power—our health program; Mrs. Lois A. Stokes represented "Ship of Commerce," typifying the entrance of women into business, expansion of opportunities, adventures in friendship abroad—our international program; Mrs. Nina B. White represented "Scroll of Achievement," begun in 1919 and still unrolling, recording participation in movements toward social, civic and political betterment—our public affairs and legislation program; Mrs. Riddick represented "Nike," the Winged Victory of Samothrace—symbol of strength, progress, freedom, triumph, facing squarely the winds and waves of prejudice and other limitations. Miss Wood closed the pageant with these words: "These symbols, over the inscription N. F. B. P. W. C. are bound in a golden circle signifying unbroken harmony, endless friendship—the circle of completeness: Light, Health, Peace, Achievement, Victory—comradeship, blessing of work, benediction of Love." The meeting closed with the club Collect repeated in unison.

# Herbert Bonner Reveals Story On Govt. Property Sale

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has released a report through his subcommittee revealing a chain of events which enabled certain individuals to obtain property purchased by the Government for nearly 5 1/2 million dollars. These individuals paid approximately \$35,000 as the cost of this property to a school.

Clayton C. Harrah, an aircraft parts dealer, and Howard L. Pemberton, formerly a test pilot, along with three other individuals started acquiring Government surplus property in December, 1946. This property was acquired in the name of the Bunker Hill School, which was an existing high school in Indiana. None of this property was ever delivered to the high school. Instead it was shipped to the Bunker Hill Naval Air Station.

The Air Station was leased from the Navy for a dollar a year plus maintenance by the Town of Bunker Hill, Indiana. The town had subleased the Air Station to a private corporation which was farming the land and renting the buildings thereon for storage. The proposed school used this facility as their base of operations, though no lease was ever obtained from the corporation or Town.

In March, 1947, the Bunker Hill School of Aeronautics was incorporated as a non-profit school. Surplus property continued to pour into the base until August, 1947. No classes were ever taught by the aeronautical school. Though the school was intended to have facilities for 300 students, only around 30 ever expressed any interest in enrolling, and none were actually enrolled for future classes. There was little evidence of a bona fide attempt on the part of the incorporators of the school to acquire desks, blackboards, and other necessary equipment for instruction.

At the insistence of the Navy Department in the latter part of 1947, the school was evicted from the Air Station because terms for leasing could not be agreed upon. In trying to move, the proposed school had difficulty in finding a new location. This resulted in the property being stored in numerous places.

Starting in March, 1950, the incorporators of this school started to sell the property acquired. In one case 26 Lycoming Aircraft Engines which had cost 10 dollars each were

sold for \$3,750. Though other receipts were not this sensational, much property was sold, and the total receipts have amounted to \$27,000. There are still vast quantities of surplus property in the possession of these individuals.

Congressman Bonner stated that the evidence in the possession of the subcommittee will be turned over to the Department of Justice. He said at least the investigation has opened the way for the United States Government to attempt to reclaim the property in the possession of the individuals or to obtain damages from them.

## Proceedings Of Commissioners

October 1, 1951

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held at the Court House on the first Monday, the 1st day of October, 1951, present and presiding A. T. Lane, chairman, with commissioners R. S. Chappell, E. A. Turner, E. B. Hollowell and William C. Chappell. Absent: none.

On motion ordered, the County Commissioners recommended that the State Highway and Public Works Commission take over and keep in a passable condition that certain road or lane leading from Body Road to Paul Colson's home, a distance of about 6 or 7 hundred yards, in New Hope Township, Perquimans County, North Carolina.

On motion the following persons were appointed List Takers and Farm Census Survey, for year 1952, which duties will begin on the first day of January, 1952:

C. V. Ward, Belvidere Township; T. Julian Long, Bethel Township; Percy Rogerson, Hertford Township; C. D. Spivey, New Hope Township; W. R. Stanton, Parkville Township.

On motion, the following persons were appointed to vaccinate hogs against cholera, for Perquimans County, using serum and virus:

Winston Lane, Bethel Township; N. S. Hurdle, Parkville Township; Wayland Howell, Hertford Township; Carson Spivey, New Hope Township; Harold Copeland, Belvidere Township.

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On motion made and duly passed, the Board recommended that the Perquimans County Welfare Department refuse to consider cases for hospitalization other than those on direct relief.

On motion made and duly passed, that the chairman of the Board have bins and shelves built in the attic of the Court House to store old records and to destroy all papers and records that are of no value in order to clean up the attic to lessen the danger of fire.

The following good and lawful persons were drawn to serve as Jurors at the next term of Superior Court for Perquimans County, N. C., which will convene on Monday, the 29th day of October, 1951:

J. H. Gorprew, Jr., T. E. Madre, C. M. Harrell, Jr., Mrs. W. T. Smith, Milton Dail, Jr., Charles C. White, W. O. Hunter, Obed T. Winslow, Jr., Vivian C. Dale, Jasper J. Winslow, A. D. Weston, Noah Stallings, Emerson Asbell, Essie L. Winslow, Bernard F. Proctor, J. D. Yeates, Jessie P. Chesson, Jr., Vernon Lee Perry, Marion T. Winslow, Alvin G. Copeland, Julian C. Howell, J. T. Harris, Julian R. Mathews, Mrs. Nora Winslow.

Marjorie White, William A. Russel, Noah Felton, Jr., W. Haywood Smith, James F. Butt, J. C. Bundy, Sr., Joe B. Perry, A. W. Hedron, C. T. Phillips, Johnnie Stallings, Mrs. J. Morris, W. M. Joe Stallings, W. H. Cartwright, W. Bryant Stallings, Ambrose B. Long, J. P. Ward, J. C. Baccus, Claud M. Long, Lloyd H. Chappell, Raymond L. Farmer, James A. Casper, Feasland Mansfield, Basil W. Copeland, James I. Copeland, Mrs. Andrey Roach, W. Quinton Hurdle, J. E. Aycock.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay the following bills: Department of Motor Vehicles, \$13.17; Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co., \$95.00; W. S. Long, \$10.15; Darden Bros., \$33.33; The Perquimans Weekly, \$5.00; J. W. Ward, \$9.50; J. W. Ward, \$1,845.40; Sam Hourmouzis,

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