

Hertford Jaycees To Hold Christmas Decoration Contest, Prizes Offered

Contest Open To Residents of Town And County

A contest to stimulate interest in lighting and decorating of homes for the Christmas season will be conducted by the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce for residents of Hertford and Perquimans County, it was announced today by Francis Nixon, chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Nixon stated, "the Christmas season is fast approaching and the Jaycees are anxious to have everybody join in this contest for promoting better and more attractively lighted and decorated homes."

Residents of both the town and county are invited to join with their neighbors in this friendly movement to say Merry Christmas with an attractively lighted and decorated home.

Local judges will decide the three winners who will receive prizes to be awarded by the Jaycees. All residences of Hertford will be included in the judging, but residents of the county, who desire to enter the contest, are asked to obtain entry blanks from B. J. Holleman or Francis Nixon, in order that the judges will know definitely the county residences to be included in the judging.

The winners of the contest will be decided upon with the judges selecting the lighting and decorations judged to be the best from the standpoint of originality and artistic arrangements.

Folders with helpful hints on decorations may be obtained free at Marshall's or S and M, through the courtesy of the Jaycees.

The Christmas decorating contest is one that is carried on in many communities throughout the nation, but has not been attempted here in recent years, but the Jaycees are hopeful the response for entries in the contest will show sufficient interest the affair will be planned annually.

The three prizes to be awarded for the best decorated homes will be first prize \$10 in merchandise, 2nd, \$5 in merchandise, and third, \$2.50 in merchandise.

PCHS Junior Class To Present Play

The Junior Class of Perquimans High School will present a three-act comedy, "Don't Darken My Door," in the school auditorium on Wednesday night, December 12, at eight o'clock.

The plot concerns the troubles of two young couples, whose romances are breaking up because of the influence of a young author's novel; but this author by a cleverly contrived plot and the help of two maiden ladies and a bachelor uncle sees to it that harmony is restored and true love triumphs over all obstacles.

Members of the cast for the play are Nonie Lou Lane, Kay Stanton White, Billy Chappell, John Holmes, Mabel Martin Whedbee, Emily Anne Sumner, Ruth Dawson and Vernon White. The play is directed by Miss Louise Hines and Mrs. Louis Stallings.

Objection Raised To Proposed Extension Of U. S. Route No. 13

Hertford is joining with cities from Elizabeth City down into South Carolina in protesting a new U. S. north-south highway route which is believed will not create new travel business but rather divert travelers from U. S. 17.

The seriousness of the situation was called to the attention of official last week when Henry Callahan, traveling field representative of the Ocean Highway Association, conferred with a number of Hertford officials and business concerns.

Mr. Callahan stated that the Ocean Highway had spent a great deal of money and worked diligently to build up and maintain the Ocean Highway as one of the principal north-south arteries, and that while the Association will not oppose any section in getting out and working up a new route, it did not consider infringement by the newly proposed extension of Route 13 just right.

"It is proposed to divide the traffic near Little Creek, divert it inland and then run it over the Ocean Highway for about thirteen miles, shift it inland again and carry it through Lumberton into South Carolina, stopping at somewhere about Marion," Callahan said. "Now, if the proponents will go north, drum up more traffic and move it south and back over their own route, we could not complain," the Ocean Highway representative said.

Mr. Callahan said the Ocean Highway is gaining on U. S. 1 and 301, and that No. 13 extension is hardly feasible over the type of roads it would be routed in many areas, that the roads would be torn to pieces under the heavy traffic, and that millions of dollars would be required to condition them for heavy traffic. He also stated that the Ocean Highway will carry its case before the proper authorities, but that the support of the towns affected by the proposed diversion of traffic will be necessary.

The proposed extension of Route No. 13 has been endorsed by officials in a goodly number of counties and towns in this and other states.

Extension of U. S. Highway 13 was authorized last week by the American Association of State Highway Officials, according to unofficial information. However, No. 13 is being extended only as far south as Windsor at the present time, according to the unofficial report. No. 13, beginning in New England, is being extended from its present southern terminus at Bowers Hill, just west of Norfolk, to Windsor, where it will form a junction with U. S. 17. From Bowers Hill it takes U. S. Routes 58 and 460 to Suffolk, thence over Virginia 37 to the North Carolina line, and on to Windsor via Winton and Ahoakie over N. C. 97.

Signs, marking the new No. 13 extension are to be put up as soon as possible. Nothing was said about extending No. 13 on south to a point near the Georgia line.

To Push Collection Of Delinquent Taxes

Following a discussion last Monday between the County Commissioners, Sheriff M. G. Owens and Delinquent Tax Collector Mrs. Jean White, a plan of action was mapped out to push collection of delinquent taxes in Perquimans.

The Delinquent Tax Collector has been authorized to publish the names of all persons who owe taxes on personal property, and this action will be taken in January, according to a notice published today.

Taxes not paid by January 1, 1952, in addition to being published will be collected through levies and garnishment of wages.

Defendant In Bus Wreck Case Freed By Recorder Judge

Light Docket In Recorder's Court On Tuesday

Thomas Crockett, a Marine Sergeant, charged with reckless driving in connection with a truck-school bus wreck, which occurred Thursday afternoon of last week, at the intersection of Routes 17 and N. C. 37, was found not guilty of the charge by Judge Chas. E. Johnson in recorder's court here Tuesday. Judge Johnson ruled the matter was a civil one, in which he thought the truck driver was at fault, but he found no evidence of criminal violation. The school bus, driven by Steve Perry, was damaged considerably, but none of the 12 children aboard the bus was injured.

Costs of court were taxed against Walter Fred and Bennie White, both of whom entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding. Oscar Oliver, also charged with speeding, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

Guy Cash, charged on two counts of issuing worthless checks, entered pleas of guilty. He was ordered to reimburse Ed Overton the sum of \$15.19 and pay the costs of court.

Henry Ormond, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court on a charge of failing to dim the lights of his car.

Hoke Eason, Negro, charged with failing to observe a stop sign, entered a plea of guilty and paid the costs of court.

Pasco Berine, charged with speeding, failed to appear for trial and his bond was ordered forfeited.

Primas White, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of larceny of \$100 from Holly Spellman, and to charges of possession and transporting whiskey. He was ordered to pay Spellman \$100 and pay the costs of court in both cases. Prayer for judgment was continued upon settlement of the judgment.

PMA Nominations Meeting Scheduled For Saturday P. M.

A nominating meeting for Perquimans County's Community Production and Marketing Administration committees will be held at the Agriculture Building in Hertford on Saturday afternoon, December 8, starting at 2:30 o'clock, it was announced today by W. E. White, secretary to the county committee.

Groups from each community in the county are urged to attend this meeting for the purpose of nominating community committeemen for each community, and selecting delegates to the county convention who will in turn elect the county committee.

The election will be held on December 13 and the delegates will hold their county convention on December 14 and elect the county committeemen.

Those who will be nominated and elected as community committeemen will plan a very vital role in the administration of the Perquimans County PMA programs, Mr. White said.

Persons with an interest in farm programs in the county are urged to attend the meeting Saturday. The meeting will be open for questions by any farmer interested in any of the various farm programs, and it is felt if the farmers are thoroughly acquainted with the programs it will be of benefit to them as well as the county.

County and local committees handle the administration of the Federal Government's acreage allotment and marketing quota program. Important to Perquimans farmers is the administration of the peanut and cotton control programs.

Decrease In Peanut Acreage Announced

The Agriculture Department this week announced a 1952 production control program calling for harvest of 880,000 tons of peanuts for sale as nuts. Farmers will be free to grow additional amounts for livestock feed and for sale for conversion into oil, although prices for these will be considerably lower than those at which the department will support prices for nuts grown for eating.

The program set a national planting allotment of 1,678,103 acres for edible peanuts. This compares with 1,806,017 acres allotted for the 1951 crop. The acreage allotment for edible peanuts in North Carolina was set at 175,423 for 1952, as compared with 188,451 for the current year, a reduction of 11,028 acres, or slightly less than 6 per cent.

Board of Education To Request Bids On Milk For Lunchrooms

Building Program Reviewed At Meeting Held Monday Night

Members of the Perquimans Board of Education met in regular session here last Monday night and considered a number of matters pertaining to the school program for the remainder of this school year.

It was voted that public school music instruction will be offered at Perquimans High School, Hertford and Central Grammar Schools during the second semester of the year. Mrs. Charles E. Johnson was named as instructor. Classes will be conducted at each school one day each week.

After some discussion of the cost of milk being supplied to school lunchrooms, the Board voted to call for bids on milk to be supplied, and at least three distributors will be asked to submit bids on prices for milk to be supplied the lunchrooms, beginning as soon as bids can be received and considered.

The Board voted to authorize the sale of the Bay Branch school, located in Belvidere township, which was sold at public auction several weeks ago.

Superintendent J. T. Biggers advised the Board that he has been informed the Navy Department will pay for damages sustained to a county school bus in an accident which occurred November 29, at the intersection of Routes 17 and N. C. 37. Forms for filing claims for the damages have been received by the superintendent.

A financial report, given by the superintendent, revealed funds available in the Capital Outlay Fund, will just about be sufficient for payments outstanding on the construction of the buildings erected and now being completed under the Board's building program.

Mr. Biggers advised the Board contractors state work on all projects will be completed by the middle of January.

No action was taken by the Board in regards to insurance on several of the school buildings, although the Board did discuss this matter at some length. An estimate supplied the Board showed valuation, for insurance purposes, of the school buildings amounted to \$817,000.

Local NCEA Chapter Plan Organization For School Program

The Perquimans chapter of the N. C. Educational Association will conduct a meeting here on Thursday night, December 13, for the purpose of attempting to perfect an organization to assist in working out an educational program to be presented to the next General Assembly, aimed at keeping North Carolina among the top states in providing educational facilities and equipment for state schools.

The local meeting was called by Mrs. Hannah F. Holmes, president of the Perquimans unit of NCEA, who announced the meeting will be held at the Court House starting at 7:30 o'clock.

Various leaders and officers of civic clubs have been issued invitations to attend and all persons interested in schools and the school system are urged to come to the meeting and lend assistance with the organization.

The movement here is part of a state-wide program, as similar meetings will be held and organizations formed in every county in North Carolina, Mrs. Holmes stated.

Assistant Agent Approved By Board

Claude Ruitar, 26, was tentatively approved to fill the position as assistant County Agent in Perquimans, by members of the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting last Monday. Ruitar will begin his duties here on January 1, if his records, now being studied, meets with the approval of the officials of the Extension Service.

Mr. Ruitar studied animal husbandry at State College, under the Extension Service, and is recommended by the professors at State College.

He will succeed Earl Topping as assistant agent. Topping resigned last month to accept a similar position in Johnston County.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET

The Hertford Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will hold its regular meeting next Monday night, December 10, at 8 o'clock at the lodge rooms. All members are urged to be present.

County Commissioners Start Action To Build Addition To Agriculture Building

County TB Seal Sales Reach Total Of \$404

"Residents of Perquimans County are showing wonderful response toward the appeal for funds in the annual TB seal sale campaign," J. A. Leete, chairman of the drive, reported today. He announced a total of \$404.05 had been contributed toward the county quota, and with this showing it can be expected the local quota will be met by the deadline on December 24.

The chairman urged all individuals who have received TB seals and who have not mailed in contributions to use the self-addressed envelope to send in their donations immediately. He pointed out the drive will come to a close on Christmas, but the committee is hopeful all returns will be made prior to that date.

The results obtained thus far equals about one-third of the county quota and the committee is gratified with this response in the first eleven days of the campaign.

Perquimans Cagers Divide Bill With Elizabeth City

Perquimans High School's basketball teams opened their current season last Monday night at Elizabeth City, with the Indian Squaws winning a 36-19 victory while the boys lost a 47-35 decision. It was the first game for the Indians, who had had very little practice and the showing made promises a fine season for the local boys and girls.

In the preliminary game the Perquimans girls, led by Margaret Symons, talked 15 points, had little difficulty in defeating the Elizabeth City sextet. The Squaws grabbed an 11-5 lead in the first period and led 20-7 at half time. In the third period the Squaws moved to a 30-10 margin and coasted to victory in the final quarter. Marvina White scored 10 points for Perquimans and M. Winslow got eight.

The boys' contest ended up as a thriller, but a big advantage the Yellow Jackets piled up in the first half was too much for the Indians to overcome. The Jackets moved into a 16 to 2 lead in the first period and led 22 to 8 at half time.

Led by John Morris and Tommy Sumner, who scored 12 and 10 points, the Indians started to close the gap in the second half and trailed by a 38 to 16 score at the start of the final quarter. The Indians had their best period in the fourth, scoring 16 points while Elizabeth City was held to seven.

Coach Ellie Fearing started Sumner and Williams at forward, Thatch at center and Walker and Morris at guards, Wulf, Duling and Towe also saw action in the game and gave excellent accounts of themselves.

The Indians and Squaws played the South Mills boys and girls in a double header here last Wednesday night with the local teams winning both contests in an easy fashion.

Led by Marvina White, who scored 24 points, the Squaws won their game by a 51-26 margin.

Ben Thatch and Tommy Sumner sparked the Indians to a 50-36 victory over the South Mills boys. Coach Fearing used his entire squad in this game, and all the boys gave fine accounts of themselves.

County Youth Wins \$150 Scholarship

Bobby Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, of Belviders, has been awarded a \$150 scholarship for winning third place in a state-wide essay contest conducted by the Delloway Foundation, it was announced here today. Smith used as the title for his essay, "The Farmer's Part In Keeping American Democracy Strong."

Young Smith will be a guest of the Foundation at its annual convention to be held in Charlotte. He is active in 4-H and FFA work in the county and was State 4-H Health King this year.

New Town Tags Now On Sale Here

Town Clerk W. G. Newby announced this week that the town automobile license tags have arrived here and are now on sale at the Town Office.

The deadline for purchasing the 1951 tags, which are of new colors, red and white, and which are required of all car owners residing in Hertford is February 1, after which date any motor vehicle owner in Hertford not displaying the tag is subject to prosecution. Mr. Newby urges all car owners to purchase their tags at once.

Board Voices Opposition To Any Change Of Highway Routes

Acting on a request made by a committee representing the County FHA organization, the Board of Commissioners, meeting here last Monday authorized E. L. Morgan to secure plans for the enlargement of the Agriculture Building to provide room for housing the FHA in that building. The committee, which was composed of Milton Dail, Sr., E. L. Morgan, I. C. Yagel, F. A. McGoogan and Floyd Mathews reported to the Commissioners there is a possibility Perquimans will lose the FHA organization to another county unless office space is provided at the Ag building.

The Commissioners advised the group the county will be unable to construct the addition during the present fiscal year, because the budget has already been allocated, but the Board favored the project. Cost of the project was estimated between \$3,000 and \$3,500.

On motion passed a special meeting of the Board was called for Monday, December 17, at which time the Commissioners will meet with the county tax listers for the purpose of instructing the listers in the duties of listing property for 1952 taxes, and the taking of a farm census.

The Board was also advised by the Chief Justice of the State a special term of civil court has been arranged for Perquimans County, to convene on February; this special term of court will follow immediately after the regular one-week January term.

Being advised of a movement aimed at diverting tourist traffic off of U. S. Highway 17, by the creating of a new Route 13, running from Little Creek, Va., to Suffolk, on down through Gates, Hertford, Martin and Bertie Counties, thence on into South Carolina, the Board went on record as being opposed to any change in highway routes, as proposed by the creation of a new north-south route 13.

BPW Club Met Last Friday At Winfall

The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club met at the Winfall Community House Friday night, November 30, for its dinner meeting when the Ladies of the Parkville Ruritan Club served a turkey and ham menu.

Miss Hulda Wood, president, welcomed Mrs. Emily T. Harrell, a new member, and presided over the business session when the group decided to help a needy family as its Christmas project. Miss Audrey Umphlett and Miss Nell Wilson were asked to serve on the investigating committee.

The members voted to contribute money for the following: Buy a Bond for the Christmas Seals Drive, to the Boy Scout Troop to help defray expenses on the Hut; and to the State International Relations Chairman toward expenses of a British Club woman to be the guest of the North Carolina Federation at the National Biennial Convention when it meets in Boston, Massachusetts next July.

Miss Wood announced a Dutch Auction would be held at the Christmas meeting on December 14, when it will be held in the home of Mrs. Alice M. Towe, on Old Neck Road, in addition to the exchanging of gifts. Miss Claire Hunter will be in charge of the program.

Mrs. Ann A. Nowell, Civil Defense Chairman, presented a timely program on "Survival Under Atomic Attack," and gave suggestions for alertness in case of an emergency.

Mrs. Lois A. Stokes gave a reading on "Thanks Someone—a message to the unknown samaritan who saved his buddies' life."

Mrs. Dora T. Riddick concluded the program with some of her humorous and original poems.

Annual FFA Banquet Held Thursday Night

The Perquimans Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held its annual father and son banquet at the Perquimans High School lunchroom on Thursday night of this week. Among special guests were members of the Perquimans Board of County Commissioners.

County Ruritans At District Meeting

Perquimans County was well represented at the District Meeting of Ruritan Clubs, held Thursday night, at Central High School, near Elizabeth City. Representatives from the New Hope, Belviders, Parkville and Hertford Ruritan Clubs attended the supper and meeting.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Cease fire talks in Korea this week lagged as UN and Communist officials sparred over the important issue of supervision of Korea after an armistice. This point is expected to cause considerable trouble because, if accepted, it will permit UN inspection behind Communist lines, a matter Communists do not permit elsewhere. Only agreement reached thus far on Korea is where the truce line will be located.

A Congressional committee is continuing its investigations of alleged irregularities within the Internal Revenue Department. A witness at the hearing this week reported an attempt to "shake him down" for half million dollars. The witness, Abraham Teitelbaum, of Chicago, stated he was approached by two men who claimed to represent the department.

North Carolinians are buying fireworks, apparently from Virginia and mail order houses, despite a State law which prohibits the purchasing, owning, selling, manufacture or shooting of same. It was reported from Raleigh this week. The report followed a tragedy which took four lives near Middlesex on Monday, when a fourth fired a ray pistol which exploded a gasoline tank truck.

A new Federal law which requires professional gamblers to purchase a tax stamp has resulted in 7,706 stamps being sold. It was reported from Washington Wednesday. The law, according to reports from cities over the nation, has forced many gamblers out of business as they fear to buy the stamps because of the record thus made and which is available to local police for law enforcement purposes.

Hotel Property Changes Ownership

Announcement was made here this week of the sale of the Hotel Hertford property to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henry Bagley by its owners, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Campbell of Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. Bagley have operated the hotel for the past several years. It was founded by Mrs. Bagley's and Mrs. Campbell's father, C. V. Willford, in the late 1800's. The owners announce they will continue to operate the business on the same basis as it has been conducted under their management. The new owners