

Beauty Contest Underway With 34 Entries

A Beauty Contest, sponsored by the Perquimans County Senior 4-H Club, is now under way. On January 14, at 7:30 P. M., at the Perquimans County High School a Senior and a Junior Queen will be selected by impartial judges from outside Perquimans County. The Senior Queen will be selected from girls attending the Perquimans High School from grades 11 and 12. The Junior Queen will be selected from girls in grades 5 through 7 in both Hertford and Central Grammar schools.

The purpose of this contest is to assist the 4-H Clubs in procuring equipment to conduct recreation in the 4-H Clubs in the county.

The program in addition to the selection of the Queen will feature numbers by the High School Band as well as other special music. The Senior contestants and their sponsors are as follows:

Frances Sutton, Hollowell Chevrolet Co.; Annette Proctor, Pitt Farm Equipment; Marion Elliott, Dostier's Florist; Margaret Ann Banks, Hertford Banking Co.; Jean Butt, 4-H Better Grooming Projects; Wilma Goodwin, 4-H Health Projects; Janice Sumner, Jones Kiddie Shoppe; Myrtle Williams, Darden Bros.; Barbara Lee Sawyer, 4-H Field Crop Projects; Susanna Towe, Towe-Webb Motor Co.; Margaret Symons, 4-H Garden Projects; Delores Russell, Perquimans Junior 4-H Club; Irene Hunter, Brown's Restaurant; Shirley Copeland, Hertford Hardware and Supply Co.; Lina Ruth Proctor, 4-H County Council; Nona Lou Lane, Hertford Motor Co.; Emily Anna Sumner, Winfall Junior 4-H Club; Peggy Harrell, Harrell Gas and Coal Co.; Peggy Stokley, Hertford Junior 4-H Club; Nellie Cartwright, S. & M. Pharmacy; Jennette Chappell, Dixie Fertilizer Co.; Alice Jean Jackson, Jackson Wholesale Co.; Adelia Anne Hall, 4-H Safety Projects; Earlene Chappell, Marshall's Store; Billie Carol Divers, Major and Leona Co.; Marilyn Baker, 4-H Clothing Projects; Ruth Dawson, Winslow Oil Co.; Marjorie Winslow, Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co.; Katherine Nixon, Robinson Cotton Oil Co.; Louise Sawyer, 4-H Extension Projects; Louise Brown, Brown's Motor Co.; Louise Chappell, Simon's; Pauline Wood, 4-H Club's Choice; Evelyn Ann Stanton, 4-H Meat Projects.

Seagoing Beauty is Groomed for Debut



The giant liner United States, largest and fastest passenger ship ever built in this country, looms large against the winter sky at her outfitting dock in the Newport News (Va.) Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company yard. This new superliner will join the America, present flagship of the United States Lines, in transatlantic service. The new vessel is now 85% completed, with interior installations well under way, and is scheduled to make her maiden voyage from New York to Southampton and Havre early next summer. Her peacetime capacity will be 2,000 passengers and a crew of 1,000, although in wartime she could carry a complete division of 14,000 men a distance of 10,000 miles without stopping for fuel, water or food.

Probable Cause Verdict Returned In Hearing On Robbery Of Hertford Store

Seventeen Cases Disposed Of In Court Here Last Tuesday

One of three defendants, arrested in connection of the theft of \$580 from the grocery store operated by Mrs. Elizabeth Haskett, on last December 28th, was bounded over for action by the grand jury at the April term of Superior Court, following a hearing conducted in Perquimans Recorder's Court here last Tuesday.

Melvin Sawyer, 17-year-old Negro, was held for action by the grand jury while Robert Evans and Curtis Felton, also arrested in the case, were released by the court when Judge Chas. E. Johnson ruled no probable cause found as to the latter two defendants.

Sawyer, bundle boy at the grocery, at the time of the theft, allegedly gave Sheriff M. G. Owens a statement implicating the other youths. Testifying in Recorder's Court Tuesday Sawyer denied the statement and said he signed it only after being told he was going to be confined in the Edenton jail.

Sawyer is being held in jail subject to a bond of \$1,000.

Other cases heard during the Tuesday term of court included those of John Trueblood and Thomas Carney, each of whom paid the costs of court on charges of speeding. Ollie Faison, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

The State took a nol proas with leave in cases in which Garland Harris and Clifton Shambry, Negroes, were charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

A prolonged hearing, which resulted in a number of cases developing over an affair which occurred in and near the Savoy, ended with Judge Johnson finding Mildred Sprull and Horace Reed, Negroes, guilty of assault with deadly weapons. Eula Reed was found not guilty of assaulting Mildred Sprull. The Sprull girl was given a 60-day sentence to be suspended upon condition she pay the costs of court, doctors' bills of Eula Reed and not be seen near or at the Savoy for a period of two years.

Horace Reed was given a six-month sentence, suspended upon payment of court costs, the doctor's bills of Mildred Sprull, and further he not be seen at the Savoy for two years.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the hearing in which Jesse Overton was charged with resisting an officer.

Costs of court were taxed against Charles Brown on a charge that he failed to stop at a stop sign.

Greenwood Welch, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of failing to dim his car lights. He paid the costs of court.

Ashley Overton, Negro, charged with transporting tax paid whiskey, entered a plea of guilty and paid the costs of court.

Richard Meads, charged with passing a vehicle at an intersection, was ordered to pay the costs of court.

Shelton McFurran, Negro, was fined \$2.00 and costs on a charge of being drunk on the streets of Hertford.

Bruce White, Negro, charged with being drunk on the highway was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

Dr. Bonner Installed Head Of Shrine Club

Dr. A. M. Bonner of Hertford was installed as president of the Elizabeth City Shrine Club Saturday night.

Other officers are: Bascom Sawyer, first vice president; Wilbourn Smith, second vice president; Charles Gaskin, secretary; Francis Clark, treasurer; and Earl Callender, member of the club.

New Chevrolet Cars On Display Saturday

The 1952 line of Chevrolet cars will go on display in this community Saturday, January 19, at the Hollowell Chevrolet Company showrooms, it was announced today by R. L. Hollowell.

Many changes have been made in the 1952 model cars, Mr. Hollowell said, and he invites residents of this area to visit the company's showroom tomorrow to see these changes.

Pruden Rites Held Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Mary Fleetwood Gregory Pruden, 83, died at her home here Thursday afternoon of last week, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. Charles Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Pruden was a member.

During the services the church choir sang "Abide With Me" and "Rock of Ages." Mrs. J. Ellie White accompanied at the organ.

Mrs. Pruden was a native of Hertford, a daughter of the late Joseph and Margaret White Fleetwood, and the widow of J. H. Pruden.

Survivors are one son, Mark J. Gregory of Hertford; one daughter, Mrs. J. L. Sadler, of Anderson, S. C.; three grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Also surviving are the following stepchildren: Mrs. R. R. Apperson, of Newport News, Va.; Mrs. William Bond, Mrs. Albert Byrum and Mrs. H. A. Campen of Edenton; the Rev. Fleetwood Pruden, of Carnegie, Pa., and John Pruden, of Hilton Village, Va.

Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery. Pallbearers were Robert A. White, V. N. Darden, Joe Caravello, Charles E. Johnson, T. E. Madre and H. T. Broughton.

Peanut Research To Be Discussed Here

A one-half day peanut school will be held on January 24 at the Agricultural Building in Hertford. The program will begin promptly at 10:00 A. M., according to I. C. Yagel, County Agent.

The purpose of this peanut school is to bring to the farmers first hand reports of recent research work on peanuts. It will also offer farmers an opportunity to discuss their production problems with peanut specialists. Speakers appearing on the program will be Dr. E. R. Collins, of the Extension Service of State College and Dr. William E. Cooper who has been doing research on peanut diseases at the Rocky Mount Experiment Station. Dr. E. T. York, also of the Experiment Station will discuss fertilizing problems. All Perquimans County farmers as well as farmers from adjoining counties are invited to attend.

Board Of Health Secures Dentist

B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer, announced today Dr. Shoffner, dentist with the State Board of Health, reported for duty in this health district on January 14, for eight weeks' dental service in the colored schools of the district. He will divide his time between the various counties of the district according to population.

Later, Dr. McGuire reported, during the school year, a white dentist will begin a period of service in the white schools.

Hertford Jaycees Secure Location For Playground

Plans for a playground for children of Hertford, a project of the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce, moved a step nearer reality, it was reported this week with permission granted the Jaycees to use the REA lot, at Grubb and Charles Streets as a location for the playground.

The playground project was adopted by the Jaycees last year, and most of the Jaycee organization form six committees working on the project. Money raised by the Jaycees has been allocated toward the project but the big stumbling block was a site for the playground.

Directors of the Albemarle Rural Electric Membership Corporation voted at their last meeting to grant use of the corporation's lot to the Jaycees for the project, thus clearing the way for the Jaycees to proceed with their plans.

According to the announcement made this week, the Jaycees hope to have the playground ready for use by next Spring. Playground equipment will be purchased and installed on the lot, and part of the site will be converted into a softball diamond.

Included in the plans is a hope of the Jaycees that lights may be secured for the softball diamond, and thus softball teams may use the lot for games during twilight and at night.

Work on the playground project, it is believed, will not get under way until each committee for the project, has worked out its part of the plan, but the Jaycees are hoping to provide the facilities for the use by the children during the coming summer.

Wildlife Club To Elect New Officers

A meeting of the Perquimans County Wildlife Club was held on Friday night of last week, at the Court House in Hertford, at which time a large number of members were present to hear district and state officers discuss the wildlife program for 1952. Mr. Harrell of Plymouth and Dr. A. B. Bonner, district officers spoke briefly on the club activities for this district, while Ross Stevens, Secretary of the State Federation, outlined the over-all program as it has been planned for the state.

During the business session, which was presided over by Charles Henc, president of the local club, a nominating committee, composed of C. W. White, Walton Lane and Tim Matthews, was named to nominate officers for the club for 1952. An election of these officers will be held on Saturday night, January 26, when the club will meet again at the Court House. All members of the club are urged to attend the meeting set for next week.

At the conclusion of the meeting last week a color film, Tar Heel Wildlife, was shown to those attending the meeting.

Soil Conservation Progress Reported

A meeting of the Soil Conservation District of the Albemarle District was held in Elizabeth City on January 8. Those attending the meeting from Perquimans County were: Milton Dail, Jr., and Frank B. Skinner, Supervisors and F. A. McGoogan, Work Unit Conservationist.

Perquimans County farmers, cooperating with the Albemarle Soil Conservation District, improved the drainage on approximately 2,500 acres of land during 1951. This involved the construction of new ditches and the cleaning out of old ditches, which together amounted to approximately 60 miles of ditches.

Nine group drainage projects were completed during 1951. These projects amounted to 12.4 miles of canals, the excavation of 69,211 cubic yards of dirt, and the clearing of 49 acres of right-of-way.

Two hundred, fifty acres of permanent pasture were seeded last fall by Perquimans farmers cooperating with the District.

Tax Listing Moves Along At Usual Pace

Tax listing in Perquimans County is moving along at about its usual pace, according to reports from tax listers this week. A large number of county residents, have yet, to list their property for 1952 taxes and the listers point out only two weeks remain for the property owners to comply with the law and list property.

A schedule for the tax listers is published in this issue of this newspaper, and property owners are urged to list early to avoid the last minute rush, which always occurs the last few days in January.

Town Board Authorizes Application Be Filed For Power From Buggs Island

Helps Dimes Drive.



Miss North Carolina — Lu Long Ogburn of Smithfield—a Miss America contestant in the annual Atlantic City Pageant, makes one of the first contributions to the 1952 March of Dimes. The March of Dimes period has been doubled to include all January because of the record polio toll of the last four years.

Hertford PTA Acts On Lunchroom Plans

The Hertford Grammar School PTA met Thursday night of last week in the school auditorium, with Mrs. W. C. Cherry presiding over the business session.

The opening prayer was offered by Mrs. Walton Lane. Minutes and the president's message were read by Mrs. Silas M. Wheabee. Mrs. G. E. Winslow, membership chairman reported the association's membership totaled 245, with two new members added during the week.

A treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Cherry. Clinton Eley displayed samples of trays, secured for the lunchroom and these were approved by the members. Miss Thelma Elliott, school principal, reported the school had purchased approximately \$684 worth of supplies for the new lunchroom, including a stove, silver and china. It was pointed out that the lunchroom still needed individual trays and a hood for the stove. The group voted to donate funds now available to be used by Miss Elliott in purchasing lunchroom needs.

The president announced Miss Haley, Field Secretary, will be in Hertford on January 25 for the purpose of conducting a study course.

Acting on a request made by Archie T. Lane, the group voted to donate \$5 to the current Boy Scout Fund drive.

Plans were discussed for a play to be presented in February to raise funds for the PTA. This play will be directed by Mrs. B. G. Koonce, and the group voted to purchase books for the play.

A film, Volunteer 5420, the story of a blood donor was shown and Edgar White gave a brief report on the National Red Cross Blood Program.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. W. E. Drake and Edgar White.

Express Service Still Available

Hertford and this area will still have express service, despite rumors to the contrary, it was reported today by Sidney Blanchard, local agent for the express company.

Mr. Blanchard stated that since the application was made recently for the Norfolk-Southern Railroad to discontinue trains No. 1 and 2, it was believed by many local residents that the express service had been discontinued also. Quite to the contrary, Mr. Blanchard said, the local service is now better than ever.

The express company is using two large trailer trucks to haul express into and from this community. Express leaves and arrives twice daily, and local pick-up and delivery service is maintained.

Central PTA Meets Next Monday Night

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School will hold its regular meeting Monday night, January 21, at 7:30 o'clock. The Winfall community will have charge of the program with Mrs. J. Van Roach as chairman. "Moral Strength and Standards" is the topic for the evening.

All parents and interested people are urged to be present.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Goodman announce the birth of a son born Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Chowan Hospital in Edenton. Mrs. Goodman and son have returned home and are getting along nicely.

New Power Source May Lead To Lower Rate On Electricity

Commissioners of the Town of Hertford met in regular session here last Monday night and acted upon a number of matters presented to the board.

Mrs. Henry Stokes, representing the Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club, appeared before the group and commended the Board on behalf of the club for action taken to provide additional safety on the streets of the town; and also to request the Board again to consider the installation of street markers over the town. The Board advised that this project was under consideration and will be acted upon in due time.

Mayor V. N. Darden was authorized to file application papers with the proper authorities which will enable the Town of Hertford to receive electric power from the Buggs Island source, when this project is placed in operation sometime in 1953.

At the present time the Town of Hertford is supplied with electric power by the Virginia Power and Electric Company, but it was pointed out during a discussion of the matter, the Town should be in position to buy electric power from Buggs Island at a cheaper rate than now offered by Virginia Power and Electric Company, and if a cheaper source of power is obtained the Board will be able to pass some savings on to consumers.

The present contract with Virginia Power and Electric Company has approximately 2 1/2 years to run.

Henry Clay Stokes, Jr., was approved by the Board for election to the volunteer fire department.

Mayor V. N. Darden and Commissioner R. L. Hollowell, acting as a committee on the construction of a new municipal building, reported that they had consulted a number of building contractors in regards to supervising the construction of this building, and after considering bids on the job as supervisor recommended the employment of Tom Swain for the job. The committee was authorized to contact Mr. Swain for a meeting with the Board to work out details of the construction.

The Board went on record calling attention of parents of the Town to an ordinance which forbids the shooting of air rifles or fire arms within the town. Complaints have been received by the Board, especially since Christmas, that a number of children are shooting air rifles within the town limits. The Board requests the cooperation of parents of children having air rifles to see that the ordinance is not violated.

Indians And Squaws Lose To Manteo

Perquimans High School lost two hard fought basketball games to the Manteo teams, in games played at Manteo last Tuesday night. The local girls dropped a one point decision of 49-48 to the Manteo girls, while the local boys lost 50 to 42 to the Manteo boys.

The preliminary game between the girls was a thriller from the opening whistle. Marvinna White lead the Perquimans team with 36 points and Rogers of Manteo had 33 points to her credit. Half time score was 24 to 23 in favor of Manteo.

Joe Towe and Ben Thatch were high scorers for the Indians in the boys' contest, Towe canning 14 points and Thatch getting 11. Cohoon for Manteo had 21 points for the contest.

The Manteo boys jumped into a lead early in the game and held it throughout the evening. Halftime score was 25 to 18 in favor of Manteo.

On Friday night of this week Perquimans girls and boys will play a return match with the boys and girls of South Mills. The games will be played at the Perquimans gym with game time set at 7:30 o'clock. The Indians and Squaws defeated the South Mills girls and boys earlier this season and are expected to be the winners in the Friday night contests.

Sheriff Raids Still, Arresting Three Men

A 100 gallon capacity still was raided while in operation Saturday night by Sheriff M. G. Owens and Deputy Tommy Miller and three operators who fled at the appearance of the officers were later apprehended.

The still, one mile from Pender road in Pocosin in the Bethel community, was destroyed by the officers.

Joseph Gordon, Wilson Harvey, and James Edward Skinner, all Negroes, of the Bethel community, were released under \$300 bond each for hearing in recorder's court January 22. The officers conducted the raid by the light of the moon.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Political discussions had new fuel added to the fires this week with announcements by Hubert E. Olive, of Lexington, that he will be a candidate for Governor, and Roy Rowe, of Burgaw, that he is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Olive is a former Superior Court Judge, and has been active in politics for many years. He served as campaign manager for Clyde Hoey in 1936.

A hung jury caused a mistrial in a case heard this week in New York in which Frank Costello, alleged kingpin of the racketeers in the United States, was being tried for contempt of the U. S. Senate. Costello refused to testify in the Crime Investigation hearing conducted in New York by a Senate Committee, and he was indicted on 11 counts. When the jury failed to arrive on a verdict, government officials stated a new trial for Costello will be called shortly.

On Man Winter threw a one-two punch at northern California this week, trying to travel and isolating many communities from the outside world. Heavy snow was reported in many places to stall highway and rail traffic. Rescue workers were using army planes to drop a trail of a stalled train near Cotter, in which 222 passengers were aboard.

The reports from Korea this week, where UN and Communist officials are attempting to work out a truce for the Korean war, continued dark. The Reds have continued their military tactics and UN officials are warning that in the concessions already made by the Communists, MacArthur, leading in Korea has slowed up at a number of points on the front line, but it has not reached the stage of a full attack by either side.

Education Office Announced

A number of information for parents and other individuals having business with the county superintendent of schools and the Board of Education, is given as follows: Bascom Sawyer, superintendent of schools, 100 S. W. 1st St., Edenton, N. C. 26501. Office hours are 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., Monday through Friday.