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Officials Close White Schools Of County Due To Flu

Board of Education to Hold Meeting Next Monday Night

An epidemic of flu, which has been raging in this area for the past two weeks, forced local school authorities to close all white schools of the county on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. The schools will remain closed until next Monday.

The action closing the schools came following a meeting of school officials with representatives of the local Board of Health, when it was determined the action was in the best interest of the children and the public. Present at the meeting were Superintendent J. T. Biggers, J. Edgar Morris, chairman of the Board of Education, Principals E. C. Woodard, Miss Thelma Elliot, Thomas Maston, Dr. T. F. Brinn, Dr. A. B. Bonner and Mayor V. N. Darden.

In making the announcement closing the schools the officials requested all children to remain in their homes during the period the schools are closed. They requested the children to attend no public gatherings of any nature. All activities of the schools, including a tri-county basketball tournament and a 4-H Club banquet, were cancelled until the schools reopen.

At the meeting held Wednesday morning reports from the school principals revealed that 202 students were absent from classes in the white schools that morning due to the flu. There were other absences reported but the majority was caused by illness. Fifty-two pupils were absent at the Hertford Grammar School, 100 at Central Grammar School and 50 at Perquimans High School.

Reports from Negro schools indicated only a few absences due to the flu, and thus the action of the officials did not affect the Negro schools.

Mr. Biggers announced the schools would remain closed until Monday night, March 10, at 7 o'clock in the office of the Superintendent. It is expected the health situation will again be discussed at this meeting but it is hoped that the condition will be greatly relieved by that time.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Congress voted 236 to 162, on Tuesday, to send the Administration-backed measure for universal military training back to the committee. Reports from Washington state the action just about kills the possibility of further consideration of the measure during the present session of Congress. The bill caused much debate in Congress and was voted down after six hours of heated debates.

State and local officials continued to crack down on the Ku Klux Klan in the southeastern section of the State. Additional arrests were reported this week of Klan members charged with floggings. Action against the Klan started on February 16 when the FBI arrested 10 persons alleged to hold membership in the organization and having a part in its unlawful activities.

Senator Russell of Georgia announced late last week he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency. He is the second announced candidate for the office; Senator Kefauver having already announced his intentions. The announcement of Senator Russell was favorably received by many top government officials. Meanwhile, Senators Taft and General Eisenhower continue to lead the list of Republican candidates seeking the office.

North Carolina tax collections increased by 50 per cent during February, 1952 as compared to the same month in 1951. It was reported from Raleigh this week. Collections for the month totaled \$18,917,667. Income tax returns were responsible for more than two million dollars of the increase which amounted to slightly more than three million for the month.

Perquimans Youth Second In Contest

Wally Smith, a sophomore at Perquimans High School, represented the high school in the district American Legion speaking contest held in Winston. Wally won \$10 by placing second behind Neil Smith of Pleasanton. He spoke on the challenge of the Constitution.



MARINE ASSAULT COPTER—Rapid movement to the front lines in modern warfare is effected in a manner that has revolutionized tactics since World War II. In Korea the helicopter has demonstrated advantages in transporting troops quickly and safely to positions formerly considered almost inaccessible. Here Marines board an HRS-1 helicopter that will spot them on the razor-back Korean ridges along the fighting front. (Department of Defense photo by Cpl. A. B. Smith, Marine Corps.)

Youthful Jail Breaker Apprehended In Norfolk After Few Hours Of Freedom

Additional Charges Filed In Case Of Young Freddie Lee

Freddie Lee, 17-year-old prisoner in the Perquimans jail, broke out of jail Friday night of last week for the second time within a month, but his attempted escape from justice was short lived as he was apprehended by the Norfolk Police early Saturday night and was returned to jail here by Sheriff M. G. Owens.

Lee was being held in jail pending his commitment to the roads on a charge of breaking jail the first time, and also to await trial at the April term of Superior Court on a number of charges of breaking and entering.

Sheriff Owens stated he had obtained confessions from Lee on two more robberies which had occurred in Hertford, those of the Farmers Feed and Seed Co., M. Digers and Son Store.

Lee also admitted, Sheriff Owens said, the theft of a car owned by J. Roulac Webb, which Lee used to get to Norfolk after breaking jail last week.

Four more charges have been added to the list Lee already faced, and hearings on these counts will probably be held next Tuesday, although Lee has indicated he will waive the hearings.

Alexander McDonald, Jr., and Elva Lee, both Negroes, are being held for trial on charges of aiding and abetting Lee to escape from jail last week. It was reported these two persons were admitted to the jail last Friday night by Police Officer L. N. Rountree to visit Freddie; McDonald is alleged to have hurried up the steps, while Elva Lee detained Mr. Rountree on the ground floor of the jail, and McDonald is charged with actions aiding in the escape. Lee was in a cell, the lock for which is controlled by a lever outside the cells, and it was necessary for someone to pull this lever in order for Lee to gain freedom from the cell. After he had done this he tore out the facing of a window and crawled through the bars of the window to make his escape.

The car which he is reported to have admitted taking from in front of the Webb home was recovered at Norfolk, and returned to Mr. Webb by Sheriff Owens. It was reported the car was apparently not damaged.

Indians Lose Out In State Tourney

The Perquimans Indians were eliminated from the State basketball tourney in the semi-final round of the district meet held at Abocks last week. Jamesville's strong team defeated the Indians by a 49 to 36 count.

Perquimans won the right to meet Jamesville in the semi-finals when Windsor forfeited the first round game to the Indians. The semi-final contest was played last Friday night.

The teams played on even terms in the first half with Jamesville holding a 19-16 advantage at the rest period. In the second half, the superiority of the Jamesville quintet became apparent as it moved into a 31-23 lead at the third period close and scored 18 points to the Indians' 11 in the final canto.

Towe with 18 points for the Indians and Modlin who scored 24 points for the winners were the offensive stars of the game.

TO HOLD COOKIE SALE

The Hertford troops of the Girl Scouts will conduct a house-to-house cookie sale March 11 through the 15th. All three troops will participate in the sale, and the public is asked to cooperate and assist the troops to raise funds for their activities.

Recorder's Judge Sends Larceny Case To Superior Court

22 Cases Disposed Of At Court Session Here On Tuesday

Judge Chas. E. Johnson returned a verdict of probable cause in a hearing conducted Tuesday in Perquimans Recorder's Court in which B. A. Furr and Mrs. Lillian Nixon were charged with larceny of \$75 from Ben Whitley, and the defendants were ordered held for action by the grand jury at the April term of Superior Court.

Twenty-two cases were disposed of during Tuesday's session of Recorder's Court, and in addition to the above, James Duling, Alice Ashe, Margaret Palmer and John Cavanagh entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and each paid the costs of court.

Fines of \$10 and costs were taxed against Lee Shannon, Hyman Ziman, Wilfred Nadman, Raymond Lundgren, each of whom entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding. Charged with speeding 75 miles per hour Simon Adolf entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

A bond, posted by Jerry Simon, charged with speeding, was ordered forfeited when Simon failed to appear to answer to the charges.

Fines of \$10 and costs were assessed against Oscar Johnson and James Reid, each of whom was charged with driving an overloaded truck.

A nol pro was taken in the case in which R. C. Plaski was charged with passing a vehicle improperly.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of Willie Shannon who was charged with hit and run. Ralph Nixon, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of reckless driving, and he was fined \$25 and costs.

Costs of court were taxed against Alfonza Eason, Negro, charged with driving with improper brakes. James Felton, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of being drunk on the streets of Hertford. He paid a fine of \$2 and costs.

William Smith, charged with driving on the left side of the road, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Preston Bell paid a fine of \$10 and costs after being found guilty on a charge of improper turning on the highway. Phil Sawyer, Jr., was found not guilty on the same charge.

Indians Win Double Bill From Sunbury

Perquimans High School's basketball teams closed the 1952 season here last Tuesday night by winning a double header from the Sunbury girls and boys.

Margaret Symons and Marvina White led the local girls to a 48-31 victory. Symons scored 21 points while White hit for 19. The Indian Squaws moved into a 11-8 lead in the first period and widened this margin to 28-13 at halftime. The Sunbury girls improved during the second half but were unable to overcome the Perquimans lead. Perquimans scored 20 points during the last half while Sunbury tallied 18.

In the boys' contest, the Indians were handicapped, playing without the services of Tommy Sumner and John Morris. Sunbury jumped into a 7-5 lead during the first period and were ahead 17 to 13 at halftime. The Indians started clicking in the third period and outscored Sunbury 11-5 to take a 24-22 lead. The final score was Perquimans 33, Sunbury 26. Thatch led the Indians in scoring with 17 points while Riddick of Sunbury had eight.

Local Group Attend Grain Meeting Tuesday

A number of local men attended a meeting held Tuesday night at Elizabeth City, the purpose of which was to discuss the problems connected with the marketing of grain in this area.

Marketing specialists were present for the discussion, and it was planned to conduct a survey on the problems, especially on transportation which seems to be one of the bottlenecks handicapping grain growers in this area.

Attending the meeting were Milton Dail, Sr., Julian A. White, I. C. Yagel, Claude Raifer, Jr., and Elihu Lane.

PLAN BOX SUPPER

The Bethel Buritan Club will hold an old-fashioned box supper at the Bethel Community House on Friday night, March 14, beginning at 7 o'clock. It was announced today. Cakes and box suppers will be auctioned off and the public is invited to attend.

Building Improvements Considered By Commissioners At Meeting On Monday

Psychologist To Address PTA Groups

The Hertford Grammar School PTA will meet Thursday evening, March 13, at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The guest speaker will be Miss Marian Stanlard, psychologist in the Division of Psychiatric and Psychological Service of the State Board of Public Welfare. After a short talk "Helping Children Grow," normal mental growth and how to promote it, she will conduct an open forum.

Miss Stanlard has been conducting discussions on school psychological projects for several years and is particularly familiar with the types of problems that arise among school children.

The Perquimans County Central Grammar School PTA has accepted an invitation to meet with the Hertford Grammar School PTA at this meeting.

Mrs. W. C. Cherry, president, invites all patrons and friends to attend the March meeting.

Exchange Student Guest Of Rotary Club Tuesday Night

Michel Burger of Besancon, France, an exchange student at Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, was a guest of the Hertford Rotary Club at its weekly meeting held at the Hotel Hertford Tuesday evening.

The French youth is studying at ACC under a scholarship awarded by Rotary International. He arrived in the United States on September 4 of last year and has been at Wilson since the opening of the college last Fall.

Telling the local Rotarians of his impressions of America, Mr. Burger stated he thought the freedom of language in this country was what impressed him most.

He added that when he was first chosen to study in America he thought the purpose of the program was to give him the opportunity to learn more of the English language but since arriving at ACC he had changed this opinion to believing the important thing was the opportunity he has had of informing fellow students of facts about his native country and upon returning to France of telling his townspeople about America. He pointed out most Frenchmen think of America in terms of Hollywood movies, and he discovered these opinions are a far cry from the true American way of life.

"Exchange students have a great story to tell of the habits of the people of the various countries in which they study," the youth said.

Basketball Letters Awarded Last Friday

Seven basketball players were awarded letters by E. C. Woodard in an assembly program last Friday. Stars were awarded to those players who had already received letters. The girls receiving letters were: Mary Winslow, Suzanne Towe, and Frances Sutton. Those receiving stars were: Peggy Stokely, Janice, Yagel, Marjorie Winslow, Margaret Symons, Billie Skinner, Ruth Dawson, Kay Stanton and Mary Esther Saunders.

The boys receiving letters were: John Morris, Howard Williams, Fritz Wulf, and Jay Duling. The boys receiving stars were: Joe Towe, Tommy Sumner and Ben Thatch. Gold basketballs were also awarded to the boys who participated in the Conference Tournament which was won by Perquimans. These boys were: Julian White, Tommy Sumner, Joe Towe, Ben Thatch, Jay Duling, John Morris, Fritz Wulf, Howard Williams, Garland Walker and Vernon White.

Gregory Rites Held Monday Afternoon

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the Sandy Cross Baptist Church, for Mrs. Leah Stallings Gregory, 55, who died Saturday. The Rev. W. V. Brown officiated. Burial was in the Up-River Friends cemetery.

She was the daughter of the late Jimmy and Christian Stallings.

Surviving are her husband, Jordan Gregory; one son, Edward Gregory of Fentress, Va.; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Meads and Mrs. Beulah Stallings, both of Elizabeth City; one brother, Lee Stallings of New Hope, and Sam Stallings of Plymouth; one sister, Mrs. Ollie King of Shawboro, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Fannie Stallings of Belvidere and Mrs. Daisy Gregory of Hobbsville.

Board Authorized To Purchase Items For County Jail

Consideration of improvements to county buildings comprised most of the agenda at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, held here last Monday.

W. E. White, representing the County Mobilization Committee, presented a proposed floor plan for improvements to the Agriculture Building, in order to provide sufficient space to house all federal agencies under one roof. The Commissioners approved the floor plans, subject to changes which may be made when the building is remodeled.

Sheriff M. G. Owens requested the Board to authorize the purchase of finger printing equipment for the sheriff's office, for use in crime detection; the Board approved this purchase on the condition half of the costs, estimated at \$165, be paid by the town of Hertford. Sheriff Owens also requested a number of improvements be made to the county jail, including the fixing of jail door locks, purchase of new mattresses for the cells, placing additional bars at the windows of the jail and adding to toilet facilities of the lock-up.

The sheriff was authorized to purchase the mattresses for the jail bunks, and A. T. Lane was authorized to work with Sheriff Owens in securing estimates on the costs of repairing the present locks, or purchasing new locks if needed to replace the old ones. The two men were also authorized to secure prices for installation of additional toilet facilities in some of the cells.

The Board instructed the Sheriff to erect no parking signs at entrances of the Court House Green and to keep the green free of parked vehicles.

J. C. Morgan requested the purchase of an electric stove for use at the County Home and this request was taken under advisement with Mr. Morgan authorized to secure prices on the equipment.

Requests for improvement to three roads within the county were approved and these petitions were ordered forwarded to the State Highway Commission for its consideration.

Red Cross Drive To Get Underway Here Next Week

The annual fund raising campaign for the American Red Cross will get underway in Perquimans County next week, it was announced Wednesday by D. F. Reed, Jr., who will direct the 1952 drive.

Mr. Reed stated today team captains for the solicitors met with Regional Red Cross officials Thursday night to map out final plans for the local drive and all will be in readiness for the campaign to open here next Monday.

Perquimans County has been assigned a quota of \$1,150 for the 1952 drive, Mr. Reed said, and the chapter officials are hopeful this goal can be achieved within a short time.

It is believed the plans for the campaign will be similar to those used in past years, with the solicitors making a house-to-house canvass in order to provide an opportunity for every resident of the county to join the Red Cross.

The public is urged to cooperate with the solicitors, who are volunteering their time and efforts in this drive, by having contributions ready for the solicitors upon the first call to the home.

Big Boy Scout Fish Fry Scheduled In Hickory March 8

Announcement was made this week that the Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America, will hold a fish fry at Hickory, Va., Saturday, March 8, from 2:30 P. M. to 8:30 P. M.

Aside from the fish fry, there will be fun, fellowship, Scout demonstrations and contests, with a special feature being the National Council's No. 1 man in rural Scouting, Elmer H. Bakken, national director. The affair is sponsored by the Youth Committee of the Hickory Ruritan Club and Southside District of Tidewater Council.

It is hoped many from the West Albemarle District will attend the fish fry, for which reservations together with \$1.00 should be sent to the Scout Office, 220 Monticello Arcade, Norfolk 16, Va.