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Saturday Final Day For Candidates To File In Election

Board Of Elections In Meeting Here On Last Wednesday

Preparations for holding the primary election on May 21 were started here last Wednesday when the Perquimans County Board of Elections met with registrars for the six polling precincts and issued instructions for opening of registration books on Saturday, April 26th. The meeting, which was presided over by W. F. Ainsley, chairman of the board, was attended by Jarvis Ward and Raymond Winslow, other members of the board, and Mrs. B. G. Koonce, William Stallings, Mrs. W. E. Dail, Ross Baker, J. M. Copeland and Harry Barber, registrars for the various precincts of the county.

Judges, to assist the registrars, were appointed and will be the same as in the last election with the exception of Bethel township, where Young Berry, who resigned as registrar, will serve as judge.

In connection with the opening of the registration books, Mr. Ainsley announced the books will remain open for four Saturdays, and individuals who have already registered need not do so in order to be eligible to vote in the election on May 21; however, if an individual has never registered or if he has moved from one precinct to another, he must register in order to be eligible to vote in the primary.

Mr. Ainsley also announced that Saturday, April 19, at 6 o'clock, is the final hour and day that individuals may file as candidates for the county offices at stake in the coming election.

He reported that candidates who have already filed their intentions of seeking offices are: for Register of Deeds, Julian Powell, Ervin Turner, G. C. Banks, Jim Bass; for County Commissioner, E. B. Hollowell, for Parkville, Wm. G. Chappell for Belvidere; R. L. Spivey, Finner Banks, for New Hope; Curtis R. Helms, for Representative; Max Campbell, for county treasurer; and Chas. E. Johnson, for Judge of Recorder's Court; Delvin Eure and George Caddy for County Board of Education.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Scientists have discovered a lead in the development of Polio, which may be the start of finding a prevention or cure of the disease, according to a report released on Wednesday. The scientists have determined, through experiments, that Polio develops in the blood stream, rather than in the stomach, as previously believed. Tests made with animals traced the virus to the blood stream from which it attacks the nerves, unless sufficient antibodies are built up to counteract the virus.

President Truman, on Tuesday, signed the Japanese Peace Treaty, which formally ends the long and bitter struggle that began when Japanese planes bombed Pearl Harbor. The treaty will become effective April 28 and will restore full sovereignty to Japan, which has been occupied for 6½ years after the close of the war.

Efforts on the part of the Government to settle the steel dispute are being continued despite a break down in negotiations on Tuesday. A report from Washington stated Federal officials are considering giving steel workers a boost in pay over objections of the steel management's head. In this event it is likely the management will again appeal to the courts to prevent the action.

Another flood is sweeping through the middle west this week, and disaster workers are engaged in a struggle to aid thousands made homeless by the raging Missouri River. Hard hit by the floods are communities in Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska. President Truman flew over the area on Wednesday, inspecting the scene and making preparations for government aid for the areas.

Grammar School To Present Program

A public program will be presented at the Hertford Grammar School on Thursday night, April 24, beginning at eight o'clock. The program will feature a Tom Thumb Wedding, with children of the elementary grades participating and special music will be rendered by the glee club and grade students of the school.

A silver offering will be taken during the program.

District Winner



Bobby Smith, a student at Perquimans High School, recently won district honors in a speaking contest, the topic of which was Green Pastures. Smith won the sub-district contest held here and the district contest held at Williamston. The contest was sponsored by the Soil Conservation Department.

Indians Win Over Gatesville Friday Lose On Tuesday

Coach Ellie Fearing's Perquimans Indians won their fourth straight baseball game of the season last Friday afternoon by defeating a strong Gatesville team, in a District One, Class A, contest.

Vernon White, pitching ace for the Indians, turned in a two-hit performance, and was backed up defensively by the remainder of the Perquimans team.

The 5-0 victory for Perquimans placed the Indians at the top of the standing in the district playoffs. The defeat was the first suffered by Gatesville this season.

White struck out seven men and walked one in a nine inning contest while H. Lilly, Gatesville moundman, was touched for 10 hits but fanned 11 Indians.

Perquimans scored one run in the first frame when Billy Benton doubled and a single by Clyde Stallings, moved Benton to third. Benton then scored on John Morris' one base blow. Perquimans added another tally in the third inning as Clyde Lane connected for a double and scored on a single by Joe Towe. The Hertford boys picked up single runs in the fourth and fifth stanza and the final run came in the eighth when Vernon White's single got past the outfielder and he circled the bases for the final tally.

Clyde Lane, Indian outfielder, paced the Perquimans batters with a double and a triple. Harrell, Gatesville outfielder, was badly spiked when he and Webb, another Gatesville outfielder, ran together while chasing a fly ball. Harrell had to be taken out of the game.

On Tuesday afternoon Perquimans and Gatesville played a return game on Memorial Field here in Hertford, with Gatesville winning by a margin of 9-3. The visitors took a three run lead in the first inning, collected three more in the second which sewed up the contest.

Vernon White was hit by a batted ball in the second inning and was replaced as Indian pitcher by Billy Benton. Jack Phillips relieved Benton in the ninth.

Bobby Harrell went the route for Gatesville, pitching a nice game for the winners.

The loss Tuesday was the first of the season for Perquimans and changes the league standing to a tie between the two teams.

Holmes Candidate For Re-election

C. R. Holmes, Perquimans Representative in the 1951 General Assembly, today announced his candidacy for re-election.

"I am deeply grateful to the people for the support they accorded me two years ago, and if elected will continue to serve the County and the State to the best of my ability," said Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes filed his candidacy with the Perquimans Board of Elections late last week.

CENTRAL PTA MEETS

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Perquimans Central Grammar School will meet next Monday night, April 21, in the auditorium of the school. Thomas Maston, principal, will serve as chairman of the program committee. All members are urged to be present.

Albemarle R. E. A. In Annual Meeting Here Last Saturday

Members Hear William B. Umstead Urge Expansion Of Service

Members of the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, gathered in Hertford last Saturday afternoon for their annual meeting, during which they elected directors for the corporation for the current year. The program, presented at the meeting, included a financial report given by the secretary, Floyd Mathews. This report revealed the local REEA has shown steady growth as compared to previous years and its total assets now amount to \$949,556.01. Six miles of electric lines were added to the system during the year and 74 new members were enrolled in the corporation.

The meeting was presided over by A. T. Lane, chairman of the Board of Directors for the corporation.

In the election of directors for the coming year, two directors from each of the four counties comprising the corporation were chosen and one director was elected at large. The new directors chosen were A. T. Lane, Charles E. White and Floyd E. White for Perquimans, J. A. Whitehurst and J. W. Hastings for Camden, J. A. Wiggins and John N. Bunch of Chowan, and W. R. Lowry and Tommie Temple for Pasquotank.

Following the election of directors, William B. Umstead, candidate for Governor, was introduced by Chas. E. Johnson, attorney for the corporation. As speaker for the event Mr. Umstead urged expansion of rural electrification, pointing out through such services the State's all important agricultural program and will continue its growth and progress.

Umstead told the group that he worked for and voted for the Rural Electrification Act while a member of Congress in 1936. "The REA grew out of the need of the farmers, rural schools, rural churches, country stores and other rural establishments," Umstead said.

"I supported the Act," he said, "because I understood what electricity means, since I was born and reared on a farm that had no electricity."

Umstead also had praise for the expansion of rural telephone service, and the new telephone division of the REA. "About two years ago," he said, "the Department of Rural Telephones was created in the REA, and I think this program should be encouraged every way possible so that rural people will have adequate telephone service."

Nurses Of District In Meet At Edenton

The 19th District of the North Carolina State Nurses Association which comprises Dare, Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Bertie, Gates and Hertford Counties held its regular meeting at the Chowan Hospital Nurses' Home, Edenton, Tuesday, April 8.

After a short business session the meeting was turned over to Mrs. J. W. Davis of the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary who talked to the nurses about the organization of the auxiliary and some of its work and accomplishments since its beginning five years ago.

A few of the things which this splendid organization has accomplished are purchased a resuscitator, two incubators, a delivery table, an oxygen tent, planted the new hospital grounds, provided the patients with magazines and books and organized, with the cooperation of the ministers of the county, a hospital chaplain service.

Mrs. Davis brought out the fact that the woman's auxiliary wishes to be above all "a friend to the hospital," serving doctors, nurses, and most especially patients where ever the need is. She further brought out the fact that in Edenton and Chowan County there is a negro as well as white auxiliary and that the two work together to the best interest of both white and colored patients and of the hospital in general.

This program was unique and I think that the nurses, especially those not associated with the Chowan Hospital, realized for the first time the very real assistance given by the women of a hospital auxiliary in the over-all functioning of a hospital.

Following the meeting the Chowan Hospital Auxiliary served delicious refreshments.

Worship Services At Whiteville Church

The Rev. Caleb Goodwin, a visiting minister, will preach at the Whiteville Grove Baptist Church on Sunday, April 20, at three o'clock. Sunday School will be conducted at 2 P. M. The public is invited to attend.

Board Plans Change In Vehicle Used For Trash Collections

Action On Proposal For Library Tabled For The Time Being

Commissioners for the Town of Hertford met here last Monday night, in regular session, and considered a number of matters brought to their attention.

Approval was given and plans made for a change in the system of collecting trash and garbage. Two committees were appointed to investigate the purchase of a truck chassis and a truck body to be used for garbage and trash collections within the town. Mayor V. N. Darden, Commissioners R. L. Hollowell and Ray White were named to obtain bids and data on various types of bodies for the truck, and Mayor Darden and Commissioner Ray White were named to secure bids and data on trucks.

In a discussion on changing the present system, which now uses horses and carts, to motor vehicle the Board went on record favoring the same service as now rendered for collections of trash and garbage. No date has been set for purchase of the equipment, nor making the change but it was the opinion the present carts used by the town will need replacing within three months.

Mayor V. N. Darden reported to the board on a meeting held by the Library committee regarding changes proposed in the library building. Part of this building is now used as a lunchroom for the Hertford Grammar School children, and this portion of the building will soon be available for use by the library but some changes in the building will be needed before it can be taken over by the Library Board. Costs for the changes were estimated at around \$1,500. Action on the proposal insofar as the part the Town Board will take in the matter, was tabled for the time being.

The Board went on record as approving a proposal made by the Boy Scout Committee, requesting a day assigned when members of the local troop will conduct a program and assume offices of the town government for the day. The Scouts will conduct a series of merit tests to determine the boys who will be candidate for the offices and will elect the scouts to the various offices.

County Tops Quota In Red Cross Drive

A final report, released this week by D. F. Reed, Jr., County Chairman for the 1952 Red Cross Fund drive, revealed Perquimans County oversubscribed its quota by \$11.07. Total contributions to the fund this year amounted to \$1,329.07, Mr. Reed reported.

A break down of the report showed \$456.41 was contributed by the donors of the white residential section of Hertford; \$383.52 was raised in the business district; \$404.51 was raised through the white Home Demonstration Clubs of the County; \$50.53 was through the Colored Home Demonstration Clubs of the county; \$14.00 was raised through the Negro elementary school; and \$50.10 was raised by contributions from donors of the Colored residential section of Hertford.

Eastern Star Holds Easter Program Mon.

An impressive Easter program was presented at the meeting of the Hertford Chapter of the Eastern Star on last Monday night. New officers, installed in a public meeting on March 24, filled their stations for the first time at the meeting this week.

Mrs. Ruth Overman as Worthy Matron, presided and the program was in charge of Mrs. Maude Reeves, assisted by other members of the chapter.

Mrs. Overman announced the Year Books for 1952 are expected to be ready for distribution soon.

Contest Winner In District Meeting

Maryna White, winner of the Perquimans High School World Peace speaking contest competed in the district final contest, held in Rocky Mount last Wednesday. She was competing for a free trip to the United Nations in New York on April 30th. Entered in the contest Wednesday were winners from 12 districts in the State.

The Perquimans entry in the district meeting was sponsored by the Woman's Society of the Piney Woods Friends Church.

Spring Term Of Perquimans Superior Court In Session; 34 Cases Listed

Jaycees Plan Sale For Playground Fund

In an effort to raise additional funds for the playground project, which is now under construction, the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce will conduct a house to house sale of napkins, in Hertford on Friday night. Members of the organization will call at local homes beginning about 7 P. M., it was announced today by B. J. Hollenan, Jr.

Funds received from the sale of napkins will be used by the Jaycees to purchase additional equipment for the playground. A large part of the equipment has already been purchased and is now on hand, awaiting installation.

The Jaycees hope to have equipment installed and the project completed within the near future.

Solicitors Named To Conduct Cancer Drive In County

The 1952 Cancer Crusade for Perquimans County was launched by the Hertford Lioness Club at its dinner meeting held Friday night of last week at the Hotel Hertford, as announced by the president, Mrs. Minnie W. Hurdle.

Solicitors have been named to canvass Perquimans County during the last two weeks in April, which is national cancer month. Volunteering as solicitors are: Grubb Street, Mrs. Helen Woodard, Mrs. Annette David, Mrs. Jessie Cox and Mrs. Elizabeth Thach; Penn. Ave., Mrs. Edna Eley; Market Street, Mrs. Margaret Lane; Dobb Street, Mrs. Katherine Biggers; Church Street, Mrs. J. H. Towe, Mrs. D. M. Jackson and Mrs. Minnie W. Hurdle; business district, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Hurdle; Woodland Circle, Mrs. Dorothy Bass; Academy Street, Mrs. Elmo Cannon; Covent Garden and Edenton Highway, Mrs. Irene Byrum; Railroad and Willow Streets, Mrs. Annie Lane; U. S. 17, north, Mrs. Jack Burbage.

Belvidere, Mrs. T. C. Perry, Jr., and Mrs. Jack Symons; Ballahack, Mrs. Sally Lane; Bethel, Mrs. Lula Mae Ward; Burgess, Mrs. Paul Smith; Harvey Point Road, to Center Hill, Mrs. Ann M. Berry; Chapel Hill, Mrs. Willard Copeland; Beech Springs, Mrs. Howard Winslow; Winfall, Mrs. Helen Winslow and Mrs. Ruth Stanton; Bagley Swamp, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stevenson; Whiteston, Mrs. Ruby White and Mrs. Becky White; Snow Hill-White Hat, Mrs. Myrtle Williams; Woodville, Mrs. A. R. Cook and Mrs. Ruby Long; U. S. 17, south, Mrs. Mary L. Long; Don Juan Co., Mrs. Bill Boyce; Parkville, Mrs. Thomas Rogerson; Chapanoke, Mrs. Will Elliott; New Hope, E. A. Turner; Durants Neck, Mrs. Horace Webb; Hertford Grammar School, Miss Thelma Elliott; Central Grammar School, Mrs. Helen Winslow.

King A. Williams and R. L. Summersett will direct solicitors at the Perquimans Training School and Hertford Colored School.

The public is urged to respond to the appeal in the fight against Cancer, when called upon by the neighborhood solicitors. In turn the solicitors are being asked to complete the canvass as soon as possible and to make reports to Mrs. Dorothy Bass, who is serving as treasurer for the local committee.

Methodist Revival Planned April 28th

A series of revival services will be conducted at the Hertford Methodist Church, starting April 28 and continuing through May 2, it was announced today by the Rev. A. L. Chaplin, pastor of the church.

The Rev. R. L. Jerome, minister of the First Methodist Church of Elizabeth City, will preach each evening, with the services starting at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend all services.

Career Day Observed By Local Students

Tuesday, April 15, was Career Day at Perquimans High School. The students of the Junior and Senior classes were given an opportunity to interview representatives of various colleges and businesses. There were representatives from the Greater University of North Carolina, Duke, Wake Forest, East Carolina College, the Armed Forces, the Nurses Association, the Greenville School of Beauty Culture, and an Employment Service. Career Day was sponsored by the Hertford Business and Professional Women's Club, with Miss Hulda Wood and Mrs. Viola Nachman as co-chairmen.

Court Officials Hope To Finish Docket By Adjournment Time

Delayed one day by the observance of Easter Monday, the April term of Perquimans Superior Court convened here last Tuesday morning with a total of 33 cases listed on the criminal docket. Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt stated the docket consisted of the largest number of cases in more than 18 years.

Judge Clawson Williams is presiding over the term of court, which is expected to run through Friday of this week, and court officials are doubtful if the calendar will be cleared by the time court adjourns.

Following the selection of the grand jury on Tuesday morning, of which L. N. Hollowell is serving as foreman, the Court got down to the business at hand and five of the cases were disposed of before court adjourned for the day.

Cases tried on Tuesday were those in which Lester Keel entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving drunk. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$150 and costs of court.

Julian Hendrix was found guilty on charges of driving drunk and speeding. After a reprimand by the judge, Hendrix was fined \$250 on the first count and \$70 on the second, and ordered to pay the court costs.

Robert Sutton paid a fine of \$50 and costs of court after being found guilty on charges of speeding in the town of Hertford.

Jack Keel was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs, after being found guilty on charges of using profanity on the streets of Hertford.

John Henning was found guilty on charges of driving drunk. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$150 and costs of court.

Court opened at 9:30 Tuesday morning and the first case called was that in which Elbert Copeland, Negro, was charged with reckless driving. After presentation of evidence by the State Judge Williams granted a motion for a non-suit, freeing Copeland of the charges.

Joseph Butt, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to charges of hit and run, and being drunk on the highway. He was ordered to pay \$150 for use of Josh Overton, whose car Butt damaged in a collision, and also pay the costs of court.

Alfred Wrighton, charged with illegal parking on the highway, failed to appear to answer the charges. His bond was ordered forfeited and a capias was ordered issued for his apprehension.

A jury returned a verdict of guilty in the case in which Freddie Lee, 17-year-old Negro, was charged with breaking and entering W. M. Divers & Son and the larceny of a number of watches from this store. Lee was indicted on all counts of breaking and entering and larceny and this was the first of the 11 cases called for trial.

Judgment in the Lee case was not given on Wednesday, and probably will not be until all cases in which he is involved have been tried by jury.

A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury in the case in which Herman Felton, Negro, was charged with breaking and entering of the home of Preston Nixon, and of larceny.

The case in which William Fairchild is charged with manslaughter was continued until the next term of court. It was reported the Grand Jury returned bills of indictment against Robert Evans and Curtis Felton, both Negroes, charging larceny of \$600 from Keith's Grocery in Hertford.

The trial of Charlie Dail, charged with driving drunk was being heard as court adjourned Wednesday night.

Much business remained before the court, but officials were hopeful Wednesday evening that the calendar will be cleared by adjournment time Friday.

Henc To Represent Club At Conference

Charles Henc, president-elect of the Hertford Rotary Club, will represent the local civic club at the annual conference of the 278th district, to be held in Burlington April 20, 21 and 22. Representatives of 38 clubs, comprising the 38th district will gather for the meeting.

The Hertford Club has purchased a large quantity of peanuts to be given away at the conference as a means of advertising one of the agricultural products of this county.

A program, combining an excellent mixture of Rotary information, inspiration, relaxation and entertainment, has been announced for the conference. Mr. Henc will be accompanied to the meeting by Mrs. Henc.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All visiting Masons are invited to attend.