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Slight Increase In Enrollment In Perquimans County Schools Reported

Classes Now Operating Under Full Schedule; Pupils Number 2,146

Opening of the 1952-53 school term in Perquimans County got off to a smooth start here Wednesday morning when a total of 2,146 pupils were enrolled in the five units of the county system, it was reported by J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent.

The enrollment figures, while about what had been expected, were slightly higher than last year, Mr. Biggers said. A gain was noted in all three white schools, the largest being in the first grade at Perquimans Central School, while there was an increase in the Hertford colored school enrollment and a decrease in the enrollment of the elementary grades at Perquimans Training School.

More than 70 pupils were enrolled in the first grade at Perquimans Central Grammar School, and Thomas Masten, principal, reported he expected several more pupils will be enrolled in this class by next week.

Enrollment figures for the white schools of the county were released by Mr. Biggers as follows:

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| Perquimans High School | 271 |
| Eighth Grade | 98 |
| Hertford Grammar School | 262 |
| Central Grammar School | 430 |
| For the Negro schools the figures were: | |
| Hertford Colored School | 691 |
| Perquimans Training School: | |
| Elementary Grades | 459 |
| High School | 235 |
| Total enrollment for the entire county is | 2,146. |

In opening the schools there were the usual problems concerning enrollment, classes and school bus routes and the school officials were hopeful to have all these opening problems ironed out by Friday of this week, when classes will begin operation on full schedule.

Opening exercises were held at the Hertford Grammar School with the Rev. Charles W. Duling as speaker and at Perquimans High School, where the Rev. Charles Wolf was the speaker.

Invitations For Exhibits At State Fair Is Extended

An official invitation for North Carolinians to enter exhibits in, and attend the 1952 State Fair has been issued by Governor W. Kerr Scott and Commissioner of Agriculture, L. Y. Ballentine. The fair, which will have its 85th renewal here October 14-18, is a division of the State Department of Agriculture.

Calling attention to the larger and finer facilities "for your service and pleasure," Governor Scott termed the State Fair "the greatest of all annual get-togethers in North Carolina for a reflection of the yesterdays, the accomplishments of today, and the trend of the tomorrows in our State."

Commissioner Ballentine said "there will be more to see, enjoy and learn at this year's inspiring spectacle of North Carolina's accomplishments." He listed expanded and improved facilities including the big new livestock judging and exhibition arena which is expected to be in partial use this year, the Youth Center where junior exhibitors will be quartered, and greatly enlarged and more accessible parking lots.

"We want the Fair to be a lot of fun for everybody," Ballentine declared. "A place to relax; a milestone of progress; a festival of the facts that make North Carolina the No. 1 State in the South; and a meeting place for the exchange of information and ideas."

Hollowell Funeral Conducted Sunday

Funeral services for George A. Hollowell, Sr., 66, who died Friday in Chowan Hospital, were conducted Sunday at 8 P. M., at Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church by the Rev. Vivian Evans. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Mr. Hollowell was a native of Chowan County, the son of George Hollowell and Mrs. Charley Hudson Hollowell and husband of Mrs. Georgia Lillie Hollowell. He was a merchant at Tyner.

Surviving are his wife; three sons, W. A. Hollowell of Elizabeth City, G. A. Hollowell, Jr., of Edenton, and C. T. Hollowell of Tyner; three daughters, Miss Elizabeth Hollowell of Tyner, Mrs. Rufus Proctor of Wintfall, and Mrs. Edward J. Chappell of Edenton; one sister, Mrs. Sallie Rountree of Norfolk, and six grandchildren.

Library Renovations Nearing Completion

Renovations of the Perquimans County Library, located in the grammar school building, on Grubb Street, are nearing completion, it was reported Monday by J. T. Biggers, superintendent of schools. The work on the building is expected to be completed in about 10 days.

The building which formerly housed the school lunchroom as well as the library, has been covered with a white asbestos shingle, giving it a more attractive look. The kitchen on the building was dismantled and the dining room has been combined with the reading room of the library, providing a much larger space for the library business.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Big guns of the 1952 political campaigns were wheeled out this week as Governor Stevenson and General Eisenhower began in earnest their race for the office of President. Stevenson spoke Monday in Detroit, aiming his remarks mostly at the great mass of labor votes in Michigan. Eisenhower made three speeches Tuesday, at Atlanta, Jacksonville and Miami. The speeches of the General were built around a call for honesty in government.

High winds and heavy rains occurred in the southeastern section of the state early this week, the tail end of the season's first hurricane. The storm swept inland near Charleston, S. C., and was well spent by the time it reached North Carolina. Slight property damage was reported and highways south of Raleigh were blocked for several hours due to heavy rainfall.

More than 400 Americans were killed accidentally over the Labor Day week-end, according to reports of the National Safety Council. Auto accidents accounted for 346 deaths from 6 P. M. Friday through 6 P. M. Monday, while 34 died from drowning and 59 were killed in miscellaneous accidents.

A meeting of the United Nations got off to the usual start this week when Russian representatives announced they will use the UN curb, the veto, to block action on admission of new members unless the Western powers accept a Red proposal to admit a number of nations as a package deal—voting on the entire group rather than each nation individually.

Board Of Elections Name New Chairman

Durwood Reed, Jr., was named chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Elections, at a meeting of the board held Tuesday afternoon. He succeeds Herbert N. Nixon, who resigned the post last month.

Mr. Reed is a popular young business man of Hertford, being associated with his father in the Reed Oil Company. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College.

Following the reorganization of the election board, which is now composed of Mr. Reed, Jarvis Ward and Raymond Winslow, arrangements were made for the printing of absentee ballots to be used in the general election November 4th, and Mr. Reed stated other arrangements for the election will be made and announced in the coming weeks.

Youths Assume Store Management

Richard Futrell and Carroll Berry, Jr., two popular Hertford youths, assumed the management of Marshall's here Monday morning. The youths will manage the store until the latter part of this month, when they will return to the University of North Carolina to resume their studies.

They replaced Ellie Fearing as store manager, when Mr. Fearing left this week to start his teaching duties at Perquimans High School.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans County Recorder's Court was in recess this week due to the absence from the city of Judge Chas. E. Johnson.

All cases listed on the docket were set for hearing at the court session on Tuesday, September 9.

Training For Band Majorettes Held Here This Week

Miss Sara Page Jackson of Elizabeth City, has been in Hertford this week training the Perquimans band majorettes. In spite of the fact that plans now do not include a band director or a band at Perquimans High School for the coming year, the majorettes felt they wanted to go ahead with this training for their own enjoyment, and perhaps arouse some interest toward a band in the future.

Miss Jackson has been chief majorette at Wake Forest College for the past four years and attended a twirling camp at Syracuse, Indiana the past two summers and had been conducting twirling classes in North and South Carolina throughout the summer. While in Hertford, she stayed with Miss Janice Yagel.

Much credit for Hertford's band during the past year can be given the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce, through whose untiring efforts it was made possible to buy new uniforms for the band members. It is hoped by the younger set and a large number of adults, interest in a local band will be revived to the point a band will be possible.

The girls taking the training this week included Janice Yagel, chief majorette, Ann Myers, Kay White Stanton, Marjorie Brinn, Jo Pat Stokes, Annett Proctor, Kattie Sue Johnson, Peggy Harrell, Janice Sumner, Sally Overton, Mary Dow Chappell and Marietta Perry from Edenton.

Class Reunion Held Here Last Sunday

Sixty persons were present at the Hotel Hertford Sunday for the reunion of the Perquimans High School Class of 1927, when a turkey dinner was served. A corsage was presented to each lady upon arrival.

The Rev. Charles W. Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, pronounced the invocation and Mayor V. N. Darden made a brief address of welcome in which he especially welcomed back those from a distance.

W. C. (Bill) Perry, of Virginia Beach, was toastmaster. The class poet, Mrs. Roscoe White (Saramate Winslow), of Norfolk, Va., read the poem she had written 15 years ago. Mrs. Charlie Elliott (Lade Copeland) played the accompaniment to "Smiles," sung by the group.

Edward Weeks, of Elizabeth City, class president, called the roll of 40, to which 28 responded, each introducing husband or wife and giving place of residence and the number of children in the family. The class members reported they were grandmothers.

It was an enthusiastic group, many of them meeting for the first time in 25 years, and it was remarked that all of the class is living and well.

Plans were made for another reunion five years hence. Edward Weeks was named chairman of the following committee: R. S. Monds, James Ewart Newby, Mrs. Hazel Keaton Mathews and Mrs. Roxanna Chappell Jackson, with Bill Perry ex-officio member. This group will decide the time and place in the year 1957 for the reunion.

There were many expressions of appreciation of the work done by Bill Perry in arranging for the first class reunion and he was given a big hand.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Rogerson, Mr. and Mrs. Claude White, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Spivey, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dall, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Stallings, Miss Hulda Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brinn, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. James Ewart Newby, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Monds, all of Perquimans County; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry of Virginia Beach, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weeks of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford C. Simpson of Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jackson of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Winslow of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Mann of Hollywood, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Smith, of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. Moulton Ingram of Princeton; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Jernigan of Bayside, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe White of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nachman of Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gregory of Elizabeth City; the Rev. Charles W. Duling, Mrs. Charles W. Duling, V. N. Darden and Mrs. W. E. White.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Payne of Charlotte announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Louise, born Sunday, August 31, in Raleigh.

Jaycees To Sponsor Campaign In County Get Out The Vote

Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce, joining with hundreds of other organizations throughout America this year, will conduct a campaign throughout Perquimans County urging residents to vote in the general election on November 4.

Plans for the "get out the vote" drive are now being formulated by the Jaycees, according to J. Emory White, member of the committee in charge. These plans will be announced shortly, Mr. White stated.

Great interest in getting out the vote for the general election of 1952 has been manifested due to publicity given the fact that in 1948 only slightly more than 51 per cent of the eligible voters cast a ballot in the presidential election.

Public-spirited organizations, such as the Junior Chamber of Commerce, believe that all eligible voters should participate in all elections, and the campaign being planned by the Hertford Jaycees will be conducted with the hope of creating interest in the election among the residents of the county.

Little interest is shown, usually, in Perquimans County in general elections. More voters participate in the primary elections than do in the general election. In 1948 slightly more than 1,200 votes were cast in the presidential election as compared to the total of about 2,300 voters registered on the election books. This percentage was about the same as the national participation according to reports published.

More than 1,700 voters participated in the primary election here last May, and the Jaycees will be working toward getting out most of that number in the election on November 4.

County Agent Gives Warning On Weevils

Weevils in corn, cause heavy losses on North Carolina farms each year. I. C. Yagel, County Agent, says this damage can, in many cases, be eliminated, and certainly in all cases can be greatly reduced.

Generally, corn becomes infested first in the field. The adult insects fly to the field about the time the corn begins to silk, coming from infested farm stored grain. These adults lay their eggs on exposed kernels and by the time the corn is harvested it is usually heavily infested. Therefore, there are several things a farmer can do which will help in preventing his grain from becoming infested.

First of all the grower should clean up his old infested grain in the summer. Any grain which has not been used should be fumigated to kill the weevils. This will prevent insects moving to grain in the field. Before any newly harvested grain is placed in storage it is very important to see that the bins are clean and free from old grain or feed that may harbor insects. The bins should be thoroughly swept out and breaks repaired. The walls, ceilings and floors should then be sprayed thoroughly with 5 per cent DDT, about 1 gallon should be used for each 500 square feet. These steps if properly carried out will go a long way toward preventing some of our weevil damage.

Corn, when stored in tight bins can be fumigated to kill weevils, but unless the bin is tight, fumigation will not be satisfactory. Mixtures of 3 parts ethylene dichloride and 1 part carbon disulfide make a good corn fumigant. Ready mixed fumigating materials are available on the market.

Soybean Variety Test Being Made In County

A soybean variety test is now in progress on the farm of J. A. Suttor in New Hope township. Twelve varieties are in this test which is being conducted in cooperation with the N. C. Experiment Service. On September 11 at 9:00 A. M., a field meeting will be held at the demonstration plot. Representatives of the plant pathology department and from the agronomy department will be there to explain experimental work being done with soybeans and answer questions regarding some new varieties which are growing in our test plot. The public is invited to be present, especially farmers who grow soybeans. Mr. Suttor's farm is located about nine miles from Hertford on the Durant's Neck Road.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at eight o'clock in the lodge room at the Court House. All Masons and visiting Masons are urged to attend.

County Commissioners Endorse Winslow For Post On State Highway Commission

Demonstration With Whammy Held Thurs.

State Highway officials conducted two demonstrations in this area on Thursday, testing the efficiency of the "whammy," a new electronic device being used for checking speed of motor vehicles on the highways.

A similar instrument was placed in use in the city of Raleigh several weeks ago, and is proving to be successful in that city.

County officials, the press and radio representatives were among those witnessing the demonstrations conducted yesterday. One demonstration was held on Highway 32, between Edenton and Sunbury and the other was held on highway 170 in Camden County.

The demonstrations were conducted by Lt. T. B. Brown of the State Highway Patrol.

Season's Hunting Rules Reported By Game Protector

Local sportsmen interested in the hunting and trapping rules for the approaching seasons were advised today by Hugh Robertson, County Game Protector, that the following seasons and bag limits have been announced by the State Wildlife Resources Commission:

Bear: Open season October 15 to January 1. Limits, two daily, possession 2; season, none. Deer: Only male deer with visible antlers may be taken, October 15 to January 1. Limit one daily, possession 1, season 2. Raccoon and opossum, October 15 to February 14. Limit, no restrictions. Rabbit, November 17 to January 31. Limit, daily 5, possession 10, season 75. Squirrel, October 15 to January 15. Limit daily 8, possession 16, season 100. Quail, November 27 to January 31. Limit, daily 8, possession 16, season 100. Wild turkey, November 27 to January 31. Limit, daily 1, possession 2, season 3. Dove, October 1-15 and December 27 to January 10. Limit, daily 8, start shooting at 12 noon until sundown.

Open season for trapping mink, muskrat, opossum, otter and raccoon is November 15 to January 31, exception January 1 and January 31 in Currituck County and Hatteras, and other parts of Dare County.

Mr. Robertson urges all hunters to observe the rules and regulations of the Wildlife Resources Commission and be a sportsman as well as a hunter. Hunting licenses are needed and may be obtained at the same locations at which fishing licenses have been sold in the county.

Indians To Play Grid Game Sept. 12

Perquimans High School will open its 1952 football season on Friday night, September 12, in a game with the Jamesville High School, it was announced here today by Coach Ellie Fearing.

Arrangements for the game were completed Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Fearing said.

The Indians have been holding practice drills for the past two weeks and Fearing reports prospects for a good team appear brighter as the players advance in their training.

Size of the Perquimans squad is yet unknown, but a large number of candidates reported for practice for the first time with the opening of school this year and Coach Fearing says all of them are coaching hard to win a berth on the team.

County Ranked 11th In 1951 Peanut Crop

Perquimans County ranked 11th among the 100 counties of the state, in the number of acres of peanuts harvested in 1951, according to a report released this week by the crop reporting service of the Department of Agriculture. It ranked sixth in the yield per acre as to pounds.

In 1951, according to the report Perquimans farmers harvested a total of 5,050 acres of peanuts and the yield per acre by pounds totaled 1,354. Total Production was 6,836,000 pounds of peanuts.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Messner of West Chester, Pa., announce the birth of a daughter, on August 28. Mrs. Messner is the former Miss Myra Chappell of Tyner.

Three Road Projects Approved By Board At Meeting Tuesday

Perquimans County's Board of Commissioners, meeting here in regular session last Tuesday, passed a resolution, unanimously endorsing J. Emmett Winslow for appointment as a member of the State Highway Commission, and authorized a copy of the resolution be sent to Governor-Elect William B. Umstead.

The action taken by the county commissioners, endorsing Mr. Winslow for the position as highway commissioner for the First District follows the endorsement by friends of Mr. Winslow not only in Perquimans County but in other sections of the First District.

In connection with these endorsements Mr. Winslow has announced he will accept the post if it is tendered to him.

Other matters handled by the County Board, at the meeting this week, included the approval of three petitions presented for the State Highway Commission to improve the Harrell lane and T. H. Jones lane in New Hope township and the Oje Elliott lane in Parkville township.

W. T. Willoughby tendered his resignation as janitor at the Court House and the Board appointed Latham Godwin to succeed Mr. Willoughby to the job.

Authorization was granted to J. C. Morgan, superintendent of the county home, to construct a number of cement walks at the home. Materials for the construction to be furnished by the county.

The Board voted to tender a contract to the W. M. Russ Company of Raleigh for the annual audit of the county books at a contract price of \$1,200.

During the afternoon session of the meeting the Commissioners conferred with County Attorney S. M. Whedbee, regarding the status of delinquent tax liens owned by the county, and discussed ways and means of pushing collection of these accounts.

Attendance Rule Adopted By High School Officials

The school committee for the Perquimans High School and the Board of Education have adopted a resolution concerning attendance at the school during the coming term, it was reported today by J. T. Biggers, School Superintendent.

Under the resolution all students of the school and members of the faculty will be required to remain on the school grounds from the opening of the school each morning until it is dismissed in the afternoon. The principal is empowered to grant certain exceptions to the rule but if these exceptions are found to be in violation of the resolution the privilege will be rescinded.

Students driving cars to the school will not be permitted to use the car or drive it from the school grounds during the school hours.

Winfall Ruritans Win Softball Lead

The softball team representing the Winfall Ruritan Club, jumped back into first place in the local softball league by defeating the VFW team in a game played last Thursday night. The Jaycees retained third place in the league standing by winning from the Hertford Lions Club.

There was some talk among the officials of the league not to play the remaining games of the regular schedule but to decide the championship of the league by a play-off, which if scheduled will find the Ruritans playing the Jaycees and the VFW playing the Lions in a two-out-of-three series with the two winners meeting for the finals.

Tax Settlement Set For October 6

Settlement on collection of 1952 Perquimans County taxes will be made on Monday, October 6, between the Board of County Commissioners and Sheriff M. G. Owens, it was announced here last Monday.

In connection with the announcement Sheriff Owens called upon all property owners, who as yet have not made full payment of 1952 taxes, to come forth and make full payment immediately.