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Friday Schedule Given For Newly Renovated Library

The Perquimans County Library takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to groups and individuals for their contributions and their interest that have made possible improved library service throughout the county. First of all to the Board of Education for permitting the Library to use the building and ground space it occupies on the school property. Next to the Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County and the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hertford, the Library expresses its appreciation for jointly financing and carrying out the much needed repairs to the Library Building.

The interior of the new building has been made comfortable and attractive by contributions of material by the Hertford Hardware Company, Pitt Hardware Company and J. C. Blanchard and Company, and Southern Cotton Oil Company. Cash contributions were made by Miss Mae Wood Winslow and Mrs. Zelma Dawson. Fourteen pairs of curtains were donated by Mrs. T. P. Brinn. An attractive outside sign was painted by Heywood Divers. The members of the Perquimans County Library Board have freely given of their time and efforts in carrying out the project, all of which has resulted in greatly improved library service for the people of Perquimans County.

The following schedule for the holidays is announced.

The library will be closed December 24th to 28th inclusive. The Library will also be closed on New Year's Day.

The Bookmobile will not make any of its trips regularly scheduled for those dates.

New books added during November were Non Fiction, 26; Fiction 31. Circulation for November was main library, 1511; bookmobile, 844; total 2355.

Local Cagers Divide Games With E. City

Playing in Elizabeth City Thursday night, the Perquimans High School basketball teams divided a twin bill with the cagers of Elizabeth City. The Perquimans girls won a 34 to 16 victory while the local boys lost a heart-breaker 42 to 41.

White led the scoring for the Perquimans girls with 10 points. Winslow scored 9 and Edwards hit for seven. The Squaws held a half-time lead of 20 to 9 and won going away at 34 to 16.

The boys' contest was thriller from start to finish. Elizabeth City had a 28-21 lead at half time but the Indians whittled this down during the second half until the score stood tied at 41-41 with two seconds remaining in the game. At that point Perquimans fouled and Elizabeth City scored to win 42 to 41.

Johany Morris and Paul Mathews led the scoring for Perquimans. Morris earned 13 points and Matthews 11 for 21.

Santa's Visit Here Draws Large Crowd

The fourth annual arrival of Santa Claus in Hertford was termed a huge success by the committee of the Hertford Fire Department and the Hertford Jaycees, which in cooperation with Hertford merchants, sponsored the Christmas party for the children of Perquimans County last Saturday afternoon. One of the largest crowds of children and adults, ever to attend this event were gathered to welcome Santa as he drove up to the Court House on the back of the fire truck.

On his arrival here, Ole Santa, all dressed in his holiday togs, had presents and gifts for the children, and assisted in the distribution of presents to members of the two sponsoring organizations.

The sponsoring organizations extended their appreciation to all who had helped in this project, and are making it a big success.

A Prayer For Christmas

God grant this day of Christmas dawn on one honest man...

On one happy child, secure in the perfect idealism of the very young...

On one act of pure generosity, consecrated to the Christ whose birth we celebrate now...

On one word of peace, spoken in faith to still the clamorous horror of cannon, bomb, and bullet...

On one deed performed for love and not for gain...

On one leader who himself is not led astray in arrogance but humbly guides others in the paths of goodness and true progress...

On one follower who is willing to play his role not blindly but with the alert and critical wisdom which is the heritage of all people...

On one great human thought that will not be crushed and rent by the cynical, the hopeless, the greedy, and the ignorant.

God grant that some essence of these miracles be performed in all of us, and we shall see a Christmas that is like unto the first one the angels watched over.



Few Opportunities Remain On Joy List

Individuals and organizations of Perquimans County who desire to assist unfortunates at Christmas-time still have the opportunity to do so, it was reported today by C. Edgar White, Superintendent of Public Welfare.

Mr. White pointed out that the joy fund list, made up of about 25 to 30 families, who unless aided by those more fortunate, will have a joyless holiday. He stated that a large number of families have already been chosen to receive food baskets from individuals and organizations, but a few families still remain on the list.

The joy fund in Perquimans is supervised each year by the Welfare Department. It is outside the department's usual work but the officials of the department do this job to help others to provide a cheerful Christmas for the needy.

Individuals who desire to contribute to this fund, are requested to contact Mr. White at the Welfare Office in the Court House.

Lions Christmas Party Held Friday

The Hertford Lions Club held its annual Christmas party last Friday night at the Perquimans High School cafeteria and the members had their wives as special guests at the event. Clinton Elay headed up the committee which had charge of food arrangements and L. C. Yager served as chairman for the program.

County Schools Closed For Annual Holidays

Perquimans County Schools closed at noon last Friday, December 19 for the annual Christmas holidays, it was announced today by J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools. The schools will be closed for 11 days, classes scheduled to be resumed on Wednesday, December 31.

Students and parents are advised the vacation comes to a close the day before New Year's, but this schedule was arranged in order to permit the closing down of schools at the end of the term next Spring on the schedule planned by the Board of Education last Fall, and students are urged to observe the duration of the holidays and return to classes on schedule.

Motorists Receiving Safe Driving Pledge

Safety reminder cards are being given motorists daily by each of the 13 highway patrolmen in this district, asking their pledge for safe driving during the holiday season, it has been announced by Sergeant L. B. Lane.

By accepting these cards, motorists pledge to do their part in keeping the highways free of accident over the holidays by obeying the legal speed limit, never passing on hills or curves and not driving after drinking.

"If we can make the motorists safety conscious, we can do a great deal in cutting down the number of holiday traffic accidents in our state," said Sergeant Lane.

Chairman Calls For Xmas Seals Report

Miss Hulda Wood, chairman of the Perquimans County Christmas Seal campaign, today issued a final appeal to county residents to return Christmas Seal envelopes to her before Christmas day, which marks the closing of the local drive.

The chairman stated a few returns have yet to be made on the number of seals mailed out to local residents earlier this month, and she urges all individuals to mail back the envelopes in order that a final count on the drive can be made as soon as possible after Christmas.

Reports received thus far indicate that local residents have responded splendidly to the appeal for funds used to fight tuberculosis and the committee is hopeful that this year's drive will be the best ever conducted. A final report on the sale of Christmas Seals will be made by the chairman shortly after the drive closes and the committee has had an opportunity to tabulate all of the returns.

From New York

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hefren spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Hollingsworth at Jamesville, Md. They were accompanied home by Miss Marjorie Hefren, from New York City, to spend the holidays with them.

From Holland

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Norflet and children will spend the week-end with Mrs. Baker Wood and Miss Hulda Wood.

Milton Dail, Sr., Elected As Chairman Of Perquimans PMA Committee On Friday

Early Edition

This week's edition of The Perquimans Weekly has been printed and comes to its readers several days ahead of the usual schedule. This stepping up of the press schedule will enable the editor and the printers of The Weekly to enjoy a vacation during the holiday season. Editor and Mrs. Campbell will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. Campbell's 95-year-old father at Shelbyville, Indiana.

In this issue of The Weekly, the merchants and business men of the community are sending season's greetings to the residents of this trade area and to the readers of The Weekly. These fine expressions of greetings tell of the appreciation merchants hold for residents of this area, and for the patronage of local stores during the past year.

Indians' Basketball Schedule Released

Conference basketball games to be played by Perquimans High School in the Albemarle Conference for the 1953 season were listed today by Coach Ellie Fearing and Principal E. C. Woodard. The Indians have already played three games in non-conference competition against Elizabeth City, Virginia Beach and Edenton.

The schedule of conference games follows:

- January 7—Camden, here.
- January 9—Weeksville, there.
- January 13—Moyock, here.
- January 16—Griggs, there.
- January 20—Central, here.
- January 23—Kitty Hawk, here.
- January 27—Manteo, there.
- January 30—Camden, here.
- February 3—Weeksville, here.
- February 6—Moyock, there.
- February 10—Griggs, here.
- February 13—Central, there.
- February 17—Kitty Hawk, there.
- February 20—Manteo, here.
- February 23—Conference tournament.

Elliott Funeral Conducted Saturday

Funeral services for Joseph F. Elliott, 72, who died suddenly at his home in Hertford on Friday night at 11:30 o'clock were conducted Saturday morning at 11 o'clock at the graveside in Cedarwood Cemetery by the Rev. A. L. Chaplain, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

Mr. Elliott was the son of the late Joseph A. and Kathleen Rogerson Elliott and the husband of the late Mrs. Effie Winslow Elliott. He was a member of the Anderson Methodist Church.

Surviving are four daughters, Miss Thelma Elliott, Mrs. Eldon Winslow, both of Hertford, Mrs. Dennis Holliday of Enfield, and Mrs. Charles Godwin, Jr., of Williamston; one sister, Mrs. Annie Jordan of Drivers, Va., and one brother, Charlie Elliott of Great Bridge, Va.

Rites Held Friday For Accident Victim

Funeral services for Robert Preston Copeland, seven-year-old son of Mrs. Catherine M. Allen of Route three, Hertford, who died Wednesday in Albemarle Hospital from injuries suffered in an automobile accident, were conducted Friday afternoon at two o'clock at Twiford Funeral Chapel in Elizabeth City by the Rev. Sigbee Miller. Burial was in the family plot near Woodville.

Surviving besides his mother, are his father, Kyree Copeland; a brother, Tommy and his grandmother, Mrs. Ora Byrd of Route three, Hertford.

Holiday Guests

Lt. Commander W. H. Hardcastle, Jr., and children of Boston, Mass., Admiral and Mrs. J. B. Lyon of Arlington, Va., and John Lyon of Los Angeles, Calif., will arrive Wednesday to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hardcastle.

Members Named In An Election Held Last Thursday

Milton Dail, Sr., was elected chairman of the Perquimans County PMA committee at a meeting of the county delegates, held last Friday at the Agricultural Building in Hertford, it was announced by Helene W. Nixon, secretary to the committee.

Other officers selected to serve on the county committee were: John Q. Hurdle, vice chairman; O. J. Lane, regular member; L. L. Lane, first alternate; F. S. Long, second alternate.

Helene W. Nixon was reappointed as Secretary and Ruby A. White as Treasurer. In the PMA election participated in by farmers and land owners of the county the community committeemen for the various communities were also elected as follows:

Belvidere—J. M. Copeland, chairman; J. L. Lane, vice chairman; Edwin S. White, regular member; Charlie T. Rogerson, Sr., first alternate; Joe W. Nowell, Jr., second alternate.

Nicanor—Elsberry Lane, chairman; O. Roy Winslow, vice chairman; Elsha S. Winslow, regular member; Archie B. White, first alternate; Ellis Stallings, second alternate.

Bethel—S. M. Long, chairman; John Corprew, Jr., vice chairman; T. Julian Long, regular member; James R. Sawyer, first alternate, W. V. Brabble, second alternate.

Hertford—Preston Nixon, chairman; Louis G. Howell, vice chairman; Jack E. Hunter, regular member; Joseph Layden, first alternate; Carroll R. Williams, second alternate.

New Hope—Stephen D. Banks, chairman; J. Elmer Wool, Jr., vice chairman; Belvin Eure, regular member; Chester A. Butt, first alternate; Marvin Caddy, second alternate.

Parville—Elmer L. Miller, chairman; J. Clifton Morgan, vice chairman; John A. Bray, regular member; Claude Williams, first alternate; Julia R. Mathews, second alternate.

The County Committee and the community committeemen will play a big part during the coming year in carrying out the farm program in Perquimans County as it is related to the Production and Marketing Administration.

F. N. Nixon Named Jaycee Man Of Year

Francis Nixon, Hertford young man, has been selected to receive a special Award of Merit as Young Man of the Year, to be presented by the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce in observance of National Jaycee Week during the early part of January.

Mr. Nixon was chosen from a list of candidates, submitted in the first annual contest of the local organization by civic clubs of the county. Selection of the winner, the Man of the Year, was by a committee of three ineligible men.

Selection for the honor was no easy task for the committee, each candidate having a list of accomplishments during the past year which were considered as achievement for community betterment.

Mr. Nixon is a veteran of World War II, a member of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, a member of the Hertford Fire Department and is active in many projects for the youths of the community.

VFW To Sponsor Holiday Dances

The Garland H. Ownley Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will sponsor two dances during the Christmas-New Year holidays, it was announced here today. Both dances will be held at the VFW Hall.

The Post's annual Christmas dance will be held on Christmas night, December 25, and the New Year's dance will be the night of December 31.

Because of the limited space at the VFW Hall two admission tickets will be permitted each member of the Post, and individuals desiring to attend the dances are urged to contact one of the members early to secure a ticket.