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Chairman Reports County Meets Goal In March Of Dimes

Contributions Total \$1,917.42 At Noon On Wednesday

Perquimans County has oversubscribed its quota in the 1953 March of Dimes, according to a report released Wednesday by Mrs. J. T. Biggers, chairman of the campaign. With a few reports still outstanding, contributions turned over to George Fields, drive treasurer, up to Wednesday amounted to \$1,917.42. This was \$117.42 in excess of the county goal.

In making public the report Mrs. Biggers stated she was more than gratified at the splendid response in this appeal for funds for the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis and she expressed her appreciation and thanks to the volunteers who assisted her in the work and to the public for the contributions.

According to the report released by the drive chairman, contributions were received from the following sources:

Town of Hertford, residential district, \$522.17; Hertford Business Houses, \$434.50; donations through State Theatre, \$127.80; Organizations, VFW and Auxiliary, \$20.00, Lions Club \$56.45, American Legion Auxiliary, \$5.00, Ambassador Club, \$50.00. Schools: Hertford Grammar School \$25.00, Central Grammar School \$32.15, Perquimans High School \$15.24, Perquimans Training School \$40.00, Hertford Colored School \$37.50.

Hertford Colored division, business and residential, \$62.70.

Donations made through white home demonstration clubs of the county, \$397.55. Donations made through Negro Home demonstration clubs of the county, \$42.86.

While the drive came to a successful close on last Saturday, there remains a few more reports to be received from the solicitors, and these reports may swell the over-all county contributions to near the \$2,000 mark.

Scout Fund Drive To Open Next Week

Hertford's annual drive for funds to support the Boy Scout organization in this community, will be conducted next week, according to a report made today by John T. Biggers, District Scout official, who will direct the drive with the assistance of members of the local Scout Committee.

A quota of \$450 has been set for this campaign, Mr. Biggers said. He pointed out the local Scout troop has an old debt, owed to the Tidewater Council, and the committee desired this amount be included in the quota of the 1953 campaign to permit future operations of the local troop free of debt.

The Hertford Boy Scout troop, sponsored by the Hertford Lions Club, has experienced a healthy growth during the past two years, and members of the troop are manifesting much enthusiasm in Scout work. Because of the local troop record and the valuable experiences Scouting offers teen-age boys, members of the Scout Committee are hopeful the public response to this appeal will enable the sponsors to provide the Boy Scouts with sufficient funds to carry out the 1953 program.

Hertford PTA Meeting Postponed To Feb. 19

The February meeting of the Hertford PTA has been postponed from February 12 to the 19th, it was announced here today. Founder's Day will be observed at this meeting and the program will include a panel discussion on the subject of Home Work. Miss Thelma Elliott will be the moderator and the panel will be composed of two pupils from the seventh grade, Mrs. John Coston, Mrs. T. P. Brinn, Mrs. R. S. Monds, Jr., and Robert L. Hollowell.

PTA members are urged to note the change in the date of the meeting and to make plans for attending.

Local Rotarians To Attend Banquet

The regular meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club, scheduled for next Tuesday night, has been cancelled and the members of the club, instead, will attend the Governor's Banquet, a part of the District Conference of Rotary, being held in Elizabeth City next Monday night.

Jack Kanoy, secretary of the Hertford Club, has been designated as delegate of the local club to the Conference.

Forest Fires Cause Small Loss In 1952

Perquimans County participation in prevention of forest fires paid off during 1952, according to a report released this week by the office of Department of Conservation and Development.

During last year Perquimans County had a total of 11 forest fires which burned over 224 acres, and damages from these fires were estimated at \$539.

J. W. Nowell, County Forest Ranger, points out his department hopes to continue or better this good record during 1953, but he calls attention to the fact that the public must cooperate with the program for it to be successful. He urges that burning permits be secured before a brush fire is started during the fire season, which is now in effect.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

President Eisenhower, in presenting his State of the Union message to Congress, this week, ordered the U. S. Seventh Fleet to end its protection of the Red China Coast, and announced the U. S. will repudiate any secret agreements with foreign nations. It is expected some time will be needed before the effects of these decisions will be known, but it is generally conceded the action is a step toward a change in foreign policy which will give the U. S. added strength in world affairs.

The President also announced wage and price controls will be permitted to expire on April 30. He called for a reduction in spending and of deficit financing before any provisions are made for reduction in taxes. On Tuesday orders were issued placing governmental spending and hiring under new restrictions which are expected to reduce the number of persons on the government payroll. More than 2,000 workers in the Wage and Control department were given notices of dismissal pointing toward economy in the administration.

A disastrous storm struck coastal areas of England, Holland and Belgium early this week leaving more than 1600 persons dead, hundreds injured and thousands homeless. Tidal seas, driven by high winds of hurricane force, smashed dikes along the coasts flooding large areas of land in all three countries. Reports stated the storm was the worse weather disaster in the memory of Europeans.

A half-million dollar drop in revenue to the State's general fund was reported for January as compared to the same month in 1952, a report from Raleigh revealed this week. Biggest drop was in the income tax schedule but the report stated there was an increase reported on income from the State sales tax.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is in Europe this week meeting with Foreign Ministers in an effort to build up sagging plans for the European army. Some Washington reports state Dulles is using blunt language in selling the European nations unless they begin showing signs of helping themselves they may expect less help from the United States.

A Federal Judge in New York this week proposed that 13 second string communists, convicted of revolutionary conspiracy against the United States be permitted to live in Russia rather than serve a prison term in U. S. prisons. On hearing the proposal the 13 communists were flabbergasted but had presence of mind sufficient to reject the idea that they live in Russia.

Flu Situation Eases In Schools

Absenteeism in Perquimans County Schools due to "flu" appeared to be easing somewhat Tuesday of this week according to J. T. Biggers, County School Superintendent, who reports enrollment figures on Monday revealed 12 per cent of the students absent.

Mr. Biggers stated school authorities are keeping a careful check on the situation, and it was thought that there is not sufficient grounds for closing of schools due to the flu.

He stated normal absenteeism runs from three to four per cent, and the 12 per cent record of Monday was not high enough to be rated as an epidemic.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 7:30. All members are urged to attend and a cordial invitation is extended all visiting Masons to attend.

Nineteen Cases On Recorder's Docket Here Last Tuesday

Traffic Violations Made Up Most Of The Calendar

Nineteen cases were disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court, in session here last Tuesday after a week's recess, and three were continued until the next term of court, according to C. C. Banks, Clerk of Recorder's Court.

As usual, cases involving traffic violations, made up the majority of the calendar as this week's court session.

Pleas of guilty were entered by Dale McClain, Thomas Harrell, Richard Thach, Jr., and Jefferson Robbins to charges of speeding and each of the defendants paid the costs of court. Henry Moser submitted to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

*James Baker was taxed with the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of following a vehicle too closely.

Fines of \$25 and costs of court were assessed against Lloyd White, and Claude Dunbar, Negro, on charges of driving without a license.

Ben Furguson, Henry Jackson, Negro, Rufus Hunter, Negro and Willie Hathaway, Negro, all charged with driving trucks loaded over the weight limit submitted and paid the costs of court.

Virginia Marler was taxed with the court costs after submitting to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign.

Lloyd Perry paid a fine of \$10 and costs on a charge of passing a vehicle on a curve.

Johnny Jordan and John Morgault, Negro, were fined \$2 and costs after pleading guilty to charges of being drunk on the streets of Hertford.

Perry Parker, Negro, was fined \$4.50 and costs of court on a charge of assault.

Russell Gilliam, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of larceny. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

Elder Harris, Negro, was ordered to pay \$15 per week to the court for the use by his wife in supporting Harris' child. Harris entered a plea of guilty to a charge of non-support.

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

NOTE: This is the third of a series of weekly summaries of the work of the North Carolina General Assembly of 1953. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

Tentative plans of the 1953 General Assembly to accept an invitation to visit Camp Lejeune sometime after the first of March indicate that this session of the legislature will not be of usually short duration. Although this third full week of legislative activity marked the first floor debate of the session and showed a sharp increase in the number of committee meetings held, the speed-up in the rate of bill introductions anticipated at the end of the second week has not yet materialized. The number of bills introduced so far this session is about 20 per cent less than the number of introductions for the same number of legislative days in 1951. Reports from Durham of Governor Umstead's condition continue to be encouraging.

Finance and Appropriations
The introduction of a 1953 Revenue Bill late this week gave the joint finance committee a framework around which to consider proposed amendments to the State's tax structure. The bill itself contains only a slight change in the inheritance tax law and provides for a short form income tax return for persons earning less than \$5,000 a year under which a standard 10 per cent deduction could be taken. The short form return was suggested to but not adopted by the 1951 legislature. The week also saw introduction of proposed amendments which would (1) give plumbing, heating and electrical contractors state-wide licenses, and (2) permit home-owners who sold one home and purchased another, either during the year prior to or subsequent to the sale, to report only the excess of the sale price over the purchase price as taxable income. The committee's days were taken up with explanations of the revenue schedules by staff members of the revenue department.

Meanwhile the joint appropriations committee continued hearings for state departments and agencies. Twenty-two departments and institutions can request for additional appropriations to more than \$20 million over recommendations of the Advisory Budget Commission. Two more

Indians And Squaws Win Double Header From Weeksville

Griggs Teams To Play Local Cagers Here Next Tuesday Night

Perquimans High School's basketball teams won a double header from the Weeksville cagers, played on the local court last Tuesday night, despite the fact that the local teams have been handicapped because of several players out with the flu.

The Perquimans-Camden games, scheduled for last Friday night, were postponed because of the illness of Perquimans players, but these games will be played later.

In the games played here last Tuesday, the Indian Squaws, sparked by Mary Winslow won a 20-10 victory from the Weeksville girls. Perquimans held a 6-0 lead at the first quarter and went ahead eight to four at the half. It was evident neither team was playing up to the usual standard.

In the second half the local girls gained a 16-8 lead at the end of the third quarter and added four points in the final canto while the visitors tallied only two points. Winslow scored 11 points and Eure collected six for the Indian Squaws. Baker, with five points was high scorer for Weeksville.

In the boys' contest, after a slow start, the Indians moved into the lead during the second quarter and maintained control of the situation during the remainder of the ball game. Weeksville had a 13-8 lead at the close of the first period but was held scoreless during the second frame. Perquimans led at half time 21 to 13.

In the third quarter the Indians scored 14 points while Weeksville tallied six and in the final period Coach Fearing used his reserves and they scored five points while Weeksville collected 10 points.

Scoring for Perquimans was as follows: Williams 12 points, Morris 10, Allen 9, Mathews 6, Towe 2, Cobb 1. For Weeksville: Pritchard 10, Meade 9, Scott 6, Hall 2, Haskett 2.

The Indians and Squaws will play at Moyock on Friday night and on the home court again next Tuesday night when they meet the boys' and girls' teams from Griggs High School.

County Commissioners Table Action On Filing Agencies In Ag. Department

Purebred Swine Sale Planned February 13

The Albemarle Swine Breeders' Association will hold its spring sale of purebred hogs Friday, February 13, at the Hertford Livestock and Supply Company barn, it was announced here today. The sale will begin at 1 P. M. Twenty-seven purebred hogs have been entered for the sale, including boars, bred gilts and open gilts of Duroc, Jersey, Spotted China and Black Poland China breeding.

This will be an opportunity for farmers of the Albemarle to purchase good breeding stock. Sale catalogues are available at the offices of Farm Agents in each of the nine counties of the Albemarle.

J. C. Morgan Wins Prize As Corn King

"All things come to those who wait." This seemed to be the thoughts going through the mind of J. C. Morgan of Winfall as he received his reward recently for being the 1952 corn champion of North Carolina. He received a prize, a gold wrist watch given by the N. C. Foundation Seed Producers, Inc., at their annual meeting in Raleigh.

This is the first time Perquimans County has produced a state champion in corn production. Mr. Morgan won this distinction by producing 126.2 bushels of Dixie 17 corn on 1 acre. This yield came about as a result of a corn contest between members of the Parkville and Durants Neck Ruritan Club. He was only trying to beat his neighbors in corn yield. Having accomplished this he was persuaded to submit his yield to the state corn committee to be considered in competition in the eastern district of North Carolina.

After due time Mr. Morgan received word that he was not only the winner of the eastern district in the adult division but also State Winner. Mr. Morgan was accompanied to Raleigh by three of his fellow Ruritans, Floyd Mathews, Arvin Hudson, Shelton Morgan, and I. C. Yagel, county agent.

County Council In Meeting Last Sat.

Mrs. John Hurdle, Perquimans Home Demonstration Council President, gave a very interesting talk on the National Council meeting she attended which was held in Raleigh in October, at the regular council meeting. The council met in the auditorium of the Agricultural Building on Saturday, January 31.

The meeting opened with a song followed by the devotional by Mrs. Eddie Harrell of Snow Hill-White Hat Club.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. Lee Bishop, chorus director, who sang "Without A Song".

The Council voted to buy a refrigerator for the kitchen of the Agricultural Building. The Executive Board reported that they had banned Mrs. M. T. Griffin, of Hopewell Club, as first Vice Chairman of the 25th District Federation.

Miss Kimsey Perry, home agent, gave a program on "Storage Space in the Home".

The meeting adjourned with the club collect.

Elizabeth Jean White Weds Herman J. Meads

Miss Elizabeth Jean White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert White of Route 2, Hertford, N. C., became the bride of Herman Ray Meads, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Meads of Route 1, Elizabeth City, N. C. Saturday night in the Woodland Methodist Church, by the Rev. Dermont Reid.

The bride wore a navy blue dress with navy blue accessories. Her flowers were a corsage of American Beauty red roses.

Their only attendants were Lucy Mae Goodwin and Ervin Copeland, Jr.

After a wedding trip to Washington, D. C., the couple will make their home at Route 2, Hertford, N. C. Mrs. Meads is a senior at Perquimans High School. Mr. Meads is a graduate of the Weeksville High School and now is employed at Norfolk, Va.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Lt. and Mrs. Thomas Calvin Wilson announce the birth of a son, Calvin, Jr., born January 15th, in Raeford, N. C. Mrs. Wilson was the former Miss Nita Gullledge of Raeford.

Board Approves Work On Courthouse And Jail; New Fees For Sheriff

Action on two resignations in the Perquimans County Extension Service Department, submitted to the Board of County Commissioners during their meeting here last Monday, was tabled pending further consideration of the matter.

Claude Ruitter, Jr., assistant farm agent for the past year, submitted his resignation to the Board during the session Monday morning, and Miss Carolyn Biggerstaff, assistant home agent, submitted her resignation during the afternoon session. Ruitter's resignation is effective March 1, and the resignation of Miss Biggerstaff is effective August 1.

T. S. Godwin, a native of Wilson County, and assistant farm agent in Yancey County for the past five years, was presented to the Board as an applicant for Mr. Ruitter's position, but action was tabled to permit the Commissioners time to consider a requested increase in salary as presented by the State Extension Service office. This request asked that Mr. Godwin be paid \$32.50 more each month, from county funds than has been paid a local assistant farm agent for the past several years.

The meeting of the Commissioners was a day-long session during which the Board considered a large number of matters concerning county operation.

Three petitions, seeking improvement to county roads, were presented and these were approved by the Board for consideration of the State Highway Commission.

A six dollar per week increase in salary was granted, on a temporary basis, to J. C. Morgan, superintendent of the county home, to provide additional help at the home in caring for inmates.

The Board approved a request presented by Sheriff M. G. Owens, asking that a resolution be passed authorizing presentation of a bill in the 1953 Legislature granting increases in fees collected by the Sheriff in serving a number of papers as required by law. Sheriff Owens pointed out these fees, now collected, are the same as collected in 1932, there being no increases granted during the past 21 years.

A motion was also passed authorizing certification of certain fees charged by the Register of Deeds, Julian C. Powell, Register of Deeds, requested the action because he stated he was unable to locate any document setting forth these fees and he desired the fees be certified.

Silas M. Whedbee, County Attorney, appointed last month to investigate the condition of the county jail, and laws pertaining to its upkeep, reported to the Board stating the building, its heating system, supplies and equipment were the responsibility of the Board, but custody and upkeep was vested in the sheriff of the county.

During this discussion it was announced that certain repairs to both the Court House and jail are to be carried out under the supervision of Commissioner R. L. Spivey, and that Board Chairman A. T. Lane and Sheriff Owens are to supervise installation of new locks to some of the cells of the jail.

Some discussion concerning the janitorial services for the Court House and jail, was also held but definite action on this matter was not taken.

4-H Club To Present Golden Jubilee Thurs.

Crowning of a Senior and Junior beauty queen will highlight the program of the Perquimans County 4-H Club Golden Jubilee, which will be sponsored by the local 4-H Clubs at Perquimans High School on Thursday night, February 12 at 8 o'clock.

The Senior queen will be selected from 50 candidates, all students at Perquimans High School, and the Junior queen will be selected from 26 candidates representing the Hertford and Central Grammar Schools. Gold cups will be awarded to the winners of the honors. A third gold cup will be awarded to the winner of a talent contest, which will be a part of the program.

According to Bobby Smith, president of the club, the purpose of this contest is to assist the 4-H Club in securing funds for the purchase of a movie projector and other supplies. He added that Francis Nixon and an acrobatic team from Hobbsville will also appear on the program.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Nixon announce the birth of a son, born Wednesday, at Chowan Hospital. Both mother and child were reported doing nicely.