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Farm Bureau Acts To Include County In Peanut Program

Perquimans Farmers To Attend Organizational Meeting Thursday

In a special meeting held here Tuesday night in the Perquimans Farm Bureau, the State Farm Bureau proposed to organize a peanut association in the 32 counties of North Carolina, and elected John O. White, Jr., as director to represent Perquimans on the board of the association. J. W. Ward was elected as alternate to Mr. White.

Jacob L. White, president of the County Farm Bureau, R. M. Riddick, Floyd Mathews, Milton Dail, Sr., and I. C. Yagel were named to a committee to investigate the peanut storage situation within the county.

Ten to 12 Perquimans County farmers attended a meeting held Thursday at Scotland Neck, at which time it was hoped the Peanut Association plan could be perfected.

Thursday's meeting stemmed from a similar one held last week in Scotland Neck, at which some 200 peanut growers passed a resolution submitted by the Farm Bureau Peanut Committee that called for the formation of a State Peanut Growers Cooperative.

The resolution instructed each County Farm Bureau organization in the peanut area to hold a meeting prior to the session March 6 for the purpose of explaining the new plan to the membership and electing a producer to serve on the new cooperative's board of directors.

The board, which is expected to have some 32 members, went into session at 10:00 A. M., Thursday, at the Mayor's office in Scotland Neck to prepare a charter and a set of by-laws under which the proposed corporation or association would operate.

The discussion in the afternoon centered around the possibility of calling a special referendum in the peanut-producing counties which would provide for a per acre or per bag assessment to finance the marketing organization. Figures mentioned at last week's meeting as suggestions included 10 to 25 cents per acre or one to two cents per bag.

The resolution also provides "... the newly organized (Peanut) Grower Corporation shall prepare or have prepared a bill to be introduced in the present session of the General Assembly of North Carolina similar to the bill authorizing a referendum and a per acre tax for support of Tobacco Associates, or amend existing legislation or amendments."

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

There was a growing speculation throughout the world on Wednesday that Joseph Stalin, Dictator of Russia, was dead. An announcement from Moscow revealed Stalin was stricken with a brain hemorrhage on Sunday night, which left him in a critical condition. No further announcements were forthcoming from the Russian capital, concerning the dictator, following the original announcement.

More than 1,500 persons attended a hearing in Raleigh on Tuesday pertaining to a bill introduced in the Legislature calling for a referendum on the sale of liquor in North Carolina. Carroll R. Holmes, Perquimans County Representative serves as chairman of the committee considering the bill. The pro and con of the bill was discussed at the committee hearing but committee action on the measure is not expected for at least 10 days or two weeks.

Russia has answered a U. S. charge in the United Nations that the Korean War has been prolonged by the Communists by counter-claiming new policies proposed by the G. O. P. is not one for pursuing a peace program. U. S. Delegate Henry C. Lodge denounced Russian tactics as prolonging the war and this argument was answered by Russia's Vishinsky, who made an attack against a program proposed by President Eisenhower's administration.

Hawaii was a step nearer statehood this week after a House committee approved a proposal that the territory become the 49th state in the Union. A similar proposal stating Alaska be admitted to the Union was turned down by the committee. Washington reports indicate Hawaii may become the 49th state sometime within the coming year.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

National 4-H Club Week, March 7-15

Working Together for World Understanding



Annual PMA Report Reveals \$28,031 Allocated In Perquimans During 1952

584 Farms Participated In Program According To Secretary

Soil conservation materials and services made available to farmers of Perquimans County, through the Agricultural Conservation program on a share the cost basis, were carried out on 584 farms under the 1952 program. It was revealed this week in a report issued by the county PMA committee. The cropland on the farms participating is 78 per cent of all cropland in Perquimans County.

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The intent of the 1952 Agricultural Conservation Program was to obtain the greatest possible conservation activities on their farms. Through the program, \$7,846.13 was brought into Perquimans County through checks to 633 farmers, together with the credit for conservation services and materials, which was received by business concerns in the amount of \$28,031.08. The allocation of funds to Perquimans County for carrying out soil building practices was \$28,031.08.

About 3395 tons of lime, 3040 tons of fertilizer were applied to the soil to establish stand and improve the growth of grasses and legumes. The lime was applied to approximately 3716 acres of cropland and permanent pastures on 429 farms. The fertilizer was used on approximately 1208 acres of legumes and grasses.

Winter cover crops were established on 1403 acres in the county during 1952 with 38,443 pounds of crimson clover, ryegrass, A. W. peas, and vetch being sown in the fall.

About 82 acres of small grain, wheat, rye and oats, were sown in the fall of 1951 and turned or grazed in the spring of 1952.

Approximately 1016 acres were sown to permanent pastures either in establishing new pastures or improving old pastures on 360 farms during September and October.

With assistance from the AC program and under the supervision of the Soil Conservation Service, a permanent open drainage ditch was constructed for the purpose of draining cropland and pasture land on a farm in Parkville Community.

Journalism Class Tours Pulp Mill

The Journalism class of the Perquimans High School went on an interesting and educational tour of the Pulp Mill in Plymouth on Friday morning, February 20th. They saw the wood made into pulp in the pulp mill plant. Then they saw this pulp bleached and rolled into paper in the paper mill. They also saw the water filter plant. Those making the trip were: Catherine Baker Overton, Gaye Cobb Sutton, Nan Whit, Carl Harrell, Mabel Whedbee, Mollie Yeates, Shirley Eure, Marilyn Baker, Mary Ann Harris, Glenda Lane, Nonie Lane, Ann Myers, Kay Stanton, Corbin Dozier, Tommy Mathews, Howard Felton, John Holmes, and Mrs. C. R. Holmes. The Journalism class has already toured the Daily Advance office and WGAI radio station in Elizabeth City.

Easter Seal Sale Underway In County

The 1953 drive for funds to help crippled children will be formally opened in Hertford and Perquimans County on March 5, by the local Easter Seal Society. This campaign will continue through April 5. The Easter seals will be sold by the school children throughout the county as is the custom in this yearly campaign, and paper Easter lilies will be sold on the streets the Saturday before Palm Sunday and Easter. Coin containers will be placed in the stores.

There will be no house to house canvass, but Mrs. J. L. Harris, chairman of the drive, announces that anyone wishing to make a contribution may mail it to "Crippled Children" in care of the local post office. Every citizen in the county is urged to co-operate in making this drive a success.

WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

NOTE: This is the seventh of a series of weekly summaries prepared by the legislative staff of the Institute of Government on the work of the North Carolina General Assembly of 1953. It is confined to discussions of matters of general interest and major importance.

During this eighth legislative week the Governor's budget recommendations and a record February total of 234 bills reached a General Assembly that was hard at work. There were these adjournment straws in the wind: The Senate rule prohibiting introduction of state department and local bills was pushed back from March 1 to March 10; the legislators accepted an invitation to visit Camp Lejeune on March 12; and the joint committee on university trustees set March 20 as the last date for accepting nominations. But adjournment depends entirely on how quickly a decision is reached on the money bills.

The Governor's Budget Message

Newer leaks had pretty well defined the program that Governor Umstead laid before legislators on Tuesday. There were the bond issues for permanent improvements—\$50 million for public schools, \$22 million for mental hospitals, and \$15 million for institutions of higher learning and hospitals. The Governor would submit the first two to the people, have the legislature approve the third. Also recommended were additional appropriations for (1) a teacher pay increase over and above 10 per cent (2) schools—attendance officers, clerical assistance, and driver training; (3) minimum \$60 monthly payments for all retired state employees with 20 years service when the retirement system went into effect; (4) the Ports Authority; (5) operation of mental hospitals; and (6) miscellaneous purposes such as agricultural research, stream pollution regulation, and more state revenue agents.

If all the recommendations are approved to the extent requested by the agencies involved, about \$23 million will be needed plus about \$9.2 million to meet debt service on the bonds. Since the appropriations bills have already exhausted all the surplus and all funds which can reasonably be expected under existing revenue measures (estimated endorsed by the Governor), additional revenues are going to be necessary. This the Governor realized when he referred

Defendants Fined For Transporting 16 Pints Of Liquor

14 Cases Heard By Recorder's Court At Session Tuesday

Fourteen cases were disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday morning. The bonds of two defendants, Thomas Cochran and Paul Marsh, both charged with speeding, were ordered forfeited when the defendants failed to appear in court to answer to the charges.

A verdict of guilty was returned in the case in which Isaiah Jones, Jr., and Sarah Holley, Negroes, were charged with transporting 16 pints of tax-paid whiskey into a dry county. Jones was fined \$25 and the Holley woman was ordered to pay the costs of court. Judge Chas. E. Johnson ordered the arresting officer, Mack Rogerson to turn the whiskey over to the Chowan Hospital.

Costs of court were taxed against Mortimer Scharf and George Poleiner each of whom submitted to charges of speeding. A fine of \$10 and costs was ordered paid by Arthur Harrell who entered a plea of guilty to speeding.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case in which Anderson Layden was charged with failing to yield the right-of-way, involving an accident which occurred at the intersection of Hyde Park and Dobb Streets.

Linwood Spencer, Henry Jackson, Negro, and Gordon Mizelle, each charged with driving trucks loaded over the weight limit, entered pleas of guilty and each defendant paid the costs of court.

Elmer White and Willie Webb, Negroes, charged with assault were ordered to pay fines of \$10 and costs of court after a verdict of guilty was returned by the judge.

Emanuel Miller, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He was ordered to pay the costs of court and a 30-day jail sentence was suspended upon condition he be of good behavior for six months.

Four cases were continued by the court until the next term of court on March 10.

legislators to his inaugural message, in which he suggested revision of sales tax exemptions if more revenues are needed. Only cash in sight: if the mental hospital bonds are approved, \$5.7 million now appropriated will be freed for other uses.

Governmental Reorganization

The General Assembly continues to give approval to the Governor's suggestions for reorganization of state departments and agencies. Bills introduced this week would reduce the State Ports Authority membership from nine to seven (and add inland harbor improvement to its duties) and would reduce from seven to five the membership of the State Personnel Council. In each case the Governor would appoint an entirely new slate of members on July 1, 1953. Other measures (HB 426 and HB 399) would make the Assistant Director of the Budget and the Director of the Department of Conservation and Development serve at the pleasure of the Governor instead of for set terms. The bill calling for a nine-member commission to study possibilities of state government reorganization has passed the House and is now before a Senate committee.

In order to carry out House reapportionment required following each census under the constitutional formula, HB 395 would give Alamance and Rockingham Counties a new representative each at the expense of Cabarrus and Pitt. It joins the more controversial measures dealing with senatorial redistricting in committee.

Propositions and Grievances

The perennial controversy over the sale of intoxicating liquors is now before the General Assembly. On Wednesday long-awaited bills endorsed by the Allied Church League reached both House and Senate. Each provides for an "all or nothing" referendum on November 3 to decide whether liquor, beer and wine are to be sold in every county or whether statewide prohibition is to prevail. A public hearing has already been scheduled for next Tuesday before the House committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, to which the House bill (HB 454) was referred in a surprise move by Speaker Bost. Many legislative observers believe that the bill has little chance of reaching the floor. The Senate bill (SB 185) was referred to the customary committees on Proposi-

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Commissioners Approve Applicant For Position As Assistant Home Agent

County Board Seeks Change In Pay Bill

Members of the Perquimans Board of County Commissioners, by a resolution passed during their meeting on Monday, will seek a change in a bill now before the Legislature pertaining to pay received by the commissioners.

The bill before the General Assembly calls for a pay raise for the Board members to \$15 per diem, plus mileage. The Board will seek to have the bill changed to read that the pay will be not less than \$5 per meeting and not more than \$10.

Board members expressed themselves as having no knowledge this bill was to be presented in the Legislature, and had they known about it would have suggested such a change as is called for in the resolution.

Citizenship Topic Of Program At BPW Meeting Last Thurs.

The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club met at Hotel Hertford Thursday night, February 26, for its regular dinner-program meeting when the Public Affairs Committee had charge of the program.

Mrs. Betty T. Swindell, Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee, presided when the meeting opened with the song "America" with Mrs. Dora T. Riddick at the piano. The Club Collect was repeated in unison.

During the brief business session, Mrs. Grace Coston read the minutes of the business meeting and Mrs. Alice M. Towe announced the spring District Meeting would be held in Ahoskie March 22. Miss Wood announced a play, which is sponsored by the club under the direction of Mrs. B. G. Koonce, will be given Friday night, March 20, in the Perquimans County High School auditorium. Tickets will be on sale and may be secured from any club member.

Charles Skinner, Jr., and Francis Nixon represented the Jaycees and explained their project of purchasing an activity bus for the County Schools. The program was a Symposium on Community Analysis with splendid talks given by the following when their subjects were based on Citizenship and its relationship as follows: Citizenship in the Town Government, W. G. Newby, Town Clerk; Citizenship in the School, J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools; Citizenship in the church, Mrs. I. A. Ward of the Hertford Baptist Church; Citizenship in the Home, Miss Thelma Elliott, Hertford Grammar School Principal.

Mr. Newby entertained the group with several selections on an harmonica. Mrs. Claire H. Murray drew the attendance prize. The meeting closed with the song, "Sing Your Way Home."

Lions To Conduct Broom Sale Friday

To raise funds to assist in carrying out its program of aid to the blind of Perquimans County, the Hertford Lions Club will conduct a broom and door mat sale on Friday and Saturday of this week, it was announced today by A. T. Lane, chairman of the committee handling the project.

The Lions plan to call on every home in Hertford Friday evening, and continue the canvass on Saturday, if necessary, giving local residents the opportunity to join with them in maintaining this program.

All profit realized from this sale of brooms and door mats will be used to assist people who are blind or have defective vision. The public is urged to support the Lions with their project.

Chest X-rays Offered At Cancer Clinic Fri.

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will be held Friday, March 6, in Elizabeth City at the Health Center with registration from 12:45-2:00. A free chest X-ray will be given anyone who wishes it along with the examination of the five areas of the body where cancer is most easily found and cured. There are no limitations as to sex, race, physical, or economic status at the Center; however, there are age requirements. Women should be 35 or more; men should be 40 or over unless you have one of the "Seven Danger Signals" or "Symptoms," or unless you have been referred by your doctor. No appointment is necessary, but a priority may be secured by writing the Cancer Center, Elizabeth City, N. C., for one.

Board Draws List Of Jurors For April Court Term

Members of the Board of County Commissioners, meeting here in regular session last Monday approved the application of Miss Callie Marie Kinard, a native of Washington County, to the position as assistant county home agent to succeed Miss Carolyn Biggerstaff, who has resigned effective August 1.

During the meeting the Board authorized repairs be made to the county jail, and were advised repair work on the Court House will be started this week.

The names of 64 residents of the county were drawn to serve as jurors during the April term of Superior Court.

Drawn for jury service were: Howard E. Long, M. H. Robbins, Ellie Ward, Robert P. Hollowell, J. I. Curtis, Willis P. Dail, Hayward Small, Harvey Stallings, Edward C. Barber, I. C. Butt, Alton Stallings, J. Ray Haskett, C. C. Godfrey, Thomas A. Dail, James M. Divers, William (Pete) Jackson, Max J. Lane, George H. Baker, Jr., W. D. Landing, Jr., Wickard Davis, Ellis Winslow, Lonnie A. Proctor, George W. Jackson, Josiah Smith, Lawrence Towe, L. A. Smith, C. E. White, J. P. Chesson, Jr., Geo. G. Winslow, A. H. Edwards, Mathews Smith, Elisha Winslow, G. B. Winslow, Maxie Stallings, Vernon Lee Perry, John Pike, Harry T. Hollowell, John Lassiter, James Emory White, James Stokely, Mrs. Freeland Elliott, Luther Copeland, Marvin Caddy, Lorenzo Elliott, Benjamin Smith, W. D. Rogerson, W. E. Hobbs, Emmett Stallings, M. D. Lane, Mrs. Fred Mathews, Linwood Godfrey, Ralph F. Harrell, Wallace Bright, W. C. Johnson, Willie White, Joel F. Hollowell, Linden White, Edison Harris, Edgar Riddick, Elizabeth Ward, Laura B. Chappell, Aleck Stallings, Thomas G. Rogerson and Joe P. White.

Action on janitorial services in connection with the Court House and jail was tabled until the next meeting, and at which time a committee on the matter will submit recommendations to the Board.

Other business handled during the meeting included receiving reports from the County Agricultural Extension Service and from the Welfare Department.

Indians And Squaws Lose In Tourney Games At Camden

Perquimans High School's basketball teams were defeated in the semi-final rounds of the Albemarle Rural tournament, in games played at Camden on Friday night of last week. The Indian Squaws lost to the Manteo girls by a 35 to 26 margin and the Indians lost to the Central boys 47 to 36.

Both local teams were definitely off form in the tourney games. Inability to find the range of the basket during the early stages of the contests gave their opponents a lead which could not be overtaken.

The Manteo girls, sparked by the sharp shooting of Lois Sears, had a 19-11 lead at half time and scored 15 more points in the second half while Perquimans girls collected 15. Jo Pat Stokes, with 16 points, led the scoring for Perquimans.

In the boys' game Central jumped into a 12-7 lead in the first period and moved to a 25 to 16 advantage by halftime. Blevins, sharpshooting guard for Central, led his teammates in scoring with a total of 16 for the game. Morris and Towe sparked a Perquimans rally in the third period which counted for nine points while Central scored eight. Perquimans closed the gap to within three points midway of the final period but a spurt by the Central boys put the game on ice. Central scored 14 points in the fourth period while Perquimans tallied nine.

Scoring for Perquimans was Morris 10, Towe 8, P. Matthews 6, Williams 4, Cobb 3, V. White 3 and Allen 2.

Teacher To Address Hertford PTA Meeting

Mrs. Paul E. Wise, teacher of exceptional students in the Elizabeth City schools, will be guest speaker at a meeting of the Hertford Parent-Teacher Association on Thursday night, March 12. The meeting will be held in the lunch room of the Hertford Grammar School, and the public is invited to attend.