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## Tornado Causes \$20,000 Damage At Perquimans Training School Last Thurs.

### Roof Of Gymnasium Ripped From Building; Loss Insured

A small tornado, which apparently dipped down from a high level, struck the Perquimans Training School near Winfall at 8:04 on Thursday night of last week, ripping the entire roof from the gymnasium of the school. Total damages to the building were estimated at about \$20,000.

The building was unoccupied at the time the tornado struck, but King A. Williams, Vocational Teacher at the school, was in the agriculture building at the time and reported the destruction.

J. T. Biggers, superintendent of schools, stated the damage was covered by insurance. Mr. Biggers ordered school at the building dismissed all day Friday pending an inspection of the building, but this inspection revealed little damage to the building other than the auditorium.

W. T. Duff, State Engineer with the State School Commission, came to Hertford Friday to inspect the building and to confer with insurance adjusters concerning the damages.

A construction firm, out of Raleigh, sent representatives here on Friday to draw estimates for rebuilding the damaged walls and roof of the gymnasium, and work on the reconstruction is expected to get underway just as soon as bids on the work are approved.

The wind tore the entire roof from the front portion of the building, splintering some of the heavy timber like matchsticks. Portions of the roof were scattered over the roof of the classrooms and other portions were carried 40 to 50 feet from the school.

A heavy rain, which fell immediately after the tornado unroofed the auditorium, flooded the hardwood floor of the gym and it has been stated that this floor may have to be replaced.

This is the second year the school has been in operation. It was constructed two years ago. The school has an enrollment of 750 students, including both high school and elementary classes.

## Perquimans Student Council On Picnic

Twenty-three members of the Student Council of Perquimans High School held a picnic Wednesday afternoon, April 29, at Nags Head. The group went in private cars and spent the afternoon swimming and climbing the sand dunes. Then a hamburger and hot dog fry was held on the beach. Those going on the picnic were: Suzanne Towe, Billie Carol Divers, Sue Perry White, Margaret Ann Banks, Mabel Martin Whedbee, Katherine Nixon, Billy Chappell, Mollie Lu Yeates, James Griffin, Celia Margaret White, Shirley Eure, John Holmes, Cliff Towe, Charlie Johnson, Douglas Coleman, Corbin Cherry, Marshall Winslow, Nan White, Marilyn Baker, Arnold Winslow, Clarence Chappell, Jean Butt and Katherine Ann Ward. Herman Gurkin and Miss Ruth Haskett accompanied the group.

## Varied Docket In Recorder's Court Here Last Tuesday

A varied docket, consisting of 14 cases, was disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court, in session here last Tuesday with Judge Chas. E. Johnson, presiding.

Bobby Brickhouse entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding 90 miles an hour. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of court.

Wilbur Hilton was fined \$10 and costs of court and James Jordan, Joseph Farmer, Jr., and William Harris, each paid the costs of court on charges of driving trucks loaded over the weight limit. Each of the defendants entered a plea of guilty to the charges.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case in which Fleetwood Harris was charged with assault.

Garland Harris, Negro, was found not guilty of assaulting his wife, Elsie Harris. Elsie Harris was ordered placed in jail for failure to pay the court costs in a previous case in which she was the defendant.

Costs of court were taxed against Frank Riddick who entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding.

Charles Reid, Negro, paid a fine of \$10 and costs after entering a plea of guilty to a charge of assault.

William Wills, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court and \$75 for damages done a car owned by H. H. Evans, after he entered a plea of guilty to a charge of following too closely behind a vehicle.

A motion for non-suit was granted in the case in which Nathaniel Whidbee, Negro, was charged with failure to yield right-of-way.

William Askew was fined \$10 and costs on a charge of hit and run. He was also ordered to pay \$56.21 in damages to Clarence Winslow.

James Jordan submitted a charge of driving with an improper muffler. He paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

Pete Spanus submitted to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$5 and costs of court.

## School Art Entries Selected For Tour

The Perquimans County Central Grammar School sent entries this year for the first time to the North Carolina School Art Exhibit which is held annually at the University of North Carolina. Even though this was the first time the school had entered this contest it had two entries selected to be placed on tour next season. The winners were Irma Bundy, grade 1; Miss Pearl White, teacher, and Ariand Winslow, grade 6; Miss Elijah White, teacher.

These drawings, with those selected from other schools in the State, will be on exhibit at Person Hall Art Gallery, University of North Carolina from May 8 to 24.

Mrs. Elijah White is art chairman for the school and the PTA. It was largely through her efforts that arrangements were made to send entries to this exhibit and the school is delighted with the showing it made in its first venture along this line.

## Rotary To Observe Ladies' Night Tues.

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club will entertain their wives, at the club's annual ladies' night party, Tuesday evening at the Hotel Hertford, it was reported today by Charles Hene, president of the club.

The Rev. Charles Wolf is chairman of the committee on arrangements, and the program.

## County Board Votes To Apply For New Health Building

### To Seek Project Under Federal Program; Need Cited

Acting upon a proposal submitted by representatives of county civic organizations, the Board of County Commissioners, in their meeting here last Monday, voted to make application to the State Medical Commission for state and federal funds to be used in construction of a new Public Health Building for Perquimans County.

Dr. C. A. Davenport, Dr. T. P. Brinn, Mayor V. N. Darden, Dr. A. B. Bonner and Miss Audrey Umphlett, acting as spokesman for the group, told the commissioners of the present program being carried out by the state commission in assisting counties in obtaining health buildings and hospitals.

They related that under the program counties receiving approval of applications secure about 80 per cent of the cost of the structure through state and federal grants, the remainder coming from local funds.

The local government must also provide an acre of land, as a site for the building, in addition to the approximate 20 per cent of the cost.

Approval was voted by the County Commissioners to make an application for a building, containing about 1,740 square feet, which will cost an estimated \$29,000. Of this amount, if state approval is given the local project, the county will pay about \$6,000.

Whether or not Perquimans County will receive a grant from the State Commission for construction of the building hinges on a number of things. After the application is submitted to the State Commission approval of the site must be obtained and funds must be available from the state and federal program. Three sites have been suggested as locations for the building if the project is approved. These sites being the lot back of the municipal building, the lot at the corner of Charles and Grubb Streets, a site on county property, on U. S. 17, north, about one and a half miles from Hertford.

In presenting the proposal to the County Commissioners, the interested citizens pointed out Perquimans County is the only county in this area which does not have a hospital or adequate facilities for its Health Department.

## Public Opposition Arises Over Plan For Target Area

A great amount of public sentiment opposing any enlargement of the Navy's bombing target area in the Albemarle Sound, adjacent to Harvey Point has arisen in this community since announcement of the intention was published in The Weekly last Friday.

Civic organizations are joining with individuals in lodging protests against the movement. Members of the Hertford Rotary Club, at their meeting Tuesday adopted a resolution opposing the action; the resolution to be forwarded to the proper authorities at Wilmington. It has been reported the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce will likewise present a resolution against the move.

Large numbers of individuals, it is understood are writing personal letters to Col. C. R. Brown, U. S. Army Engineering Corps, Wilmington, N. C., in protest of the proposal.

Public notice of the plan was published last week by your hometown newspaper at the request of Col. Brown, who stated objections to amendment of the Danger Zone Regulations will be received at his office in Wilmington until May 25, 1953.

## New Appliance Store To Open Here Soon

Arrangements are nearing completion for the formal opening of Hertford's newest business, Perry Electrical Supply Company, which will sell and service electrical appliances.

The business will be located in the old Shannonsville building, on Church Street which had been completely renovated to house the new business.

### CHANGE IN SERVICES

A change has been announced for services to be conducted at the Whiteville Grove Baptist Church for the third and fourth Sundays. Sunday School will be held at 10:30 A. M., on the third Sunday, and at 10 A. M., on the fourth Sunday. Preaching services will be held at 11 A. M., on the fourth Sunday in May.

## District TB Group Selects Officers In Meeting Here

### 10 From County Named As Directors Of Association

R. L. Garrett of Elizabeth City was elected president of the Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Camden TB Association at the organizational meeting held Wednesday night of last week at the Hertford Grammar School with representatives of the four counties present along with State TB Executive Secretary Scott Venable and Miss Addie Murray Darden, field representative.

Other officers named were W. J. Taylor of Chowan, vice president; J. F. Pugh of Camden, secretary; and Dr. Allan Bonner of Perquimans, treasurer. Dr. B. B. McGuire, district health officer, was named ex-officio officer. Named to serve with the officers as members of the executives committee were J. H. Moore, Mrs. David Fearing, Dr. J. H. Bonner and Charlie Ward, Jr., of Pasquotank, Archie Lane of Perquimans, Philip Meekins of Camden and L. S. Byrum and Ralph Parrish of Chowan. Garrett was named representative director to the state association.

Garrett appointed member for two district committees. Named to serve on the health education committee were Ralph Parrish, chairman, of Chowan, Philip Meekins of Camden, Earl Funderburk of Pasquotank and Mrs. C. P. Morris of Perquimans.

Named to serve on the rehabilitation committee were Edward Davenport, chairman, of Pasquotank, Mrs. Earl Perry of Perquimans, Mrs. B. F. Harrison of Camden and Mrs. J. A. Moore of Chowan.

Each of the four counties will furnish representatives to the Board of Directors for the Association. Named as directors for Perquimans Mrs. Earl Perry, Clifton Morgan, Mrs. Alice Towe, one year; Mrs. C. P. Morris, Miss Audrey Umphlett, Edgar White, Roy Chappell, two years, and Dr. A. B. Bonner, Mrs. Russell Baker and A. T. Lane, three years.

## Legion Post Elects New Officers For Coming Year

New officers for the coming year were elected by the members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion in a meeting held last Friday night at the Agriculture Building in Hertford.

Joe Nowell of Belvidere was elected to succeed F. T. Johnson as commander of the local post. Other officers selected were C. C. Banks, vice commander; Julian C. Powell, vice commander; Jarvis Ward, vice commander; B. C. Berry, adjutant; V. N. Darden, finance officer; C. C. Banks, service officer; C. W. White, athletic officer; S. G. Chappell, sergeant-at-arms; W. T. Willoughby, chaplain; F. T. Johnson, guardianship officer, and W. F. Ainsley, historian.

Named as chairman of the various committees were C. C. Banks, membership; B. C. Berry, Boys' State; G. G. Winslow, child welfare; R. R. White, school affairs; T. H. White, graves registration and memorials; G. F. Webb, oratorical contest; C. F. Sumner, Americanism; C. T. Skinner, Jr., Boy Scouts; M. G. Owens, Sons of Legion, and W. F. Ainsley, public relations.

During the meeting which was held as a joint meeting of the Legion and its Auxiliary, George Little of Elizabeth City, presented an interesting and informative talk on Americanism.

## Post Office Given New Paint Job

Workmen completed painting of the interior and exterior of the Hertford Post Office building this week. The columns and trim of the exterior of the building were painted white, while the interior walls were painted a buff and green. The ceiling of the interior was painted white.

## Plans Being Made To Rebuild Dry Kilns

A. W. Heffren, manager of the Major-Loomis Company, announced this week plans are being made to rebuild the firm's dry kilns destroyed by fire two weeks ago.

Work on the construction of the new kilns is expected to get underway within a short time. The new kilns will incorporate all modern machinery and methods for drying lumber, and is expected to aid in production programs at the mills.

## Tentative Budget Proposals Reported To Board Of Commissioners Here On Monday

### Auxiliary To Honor War Dead On May 23

Poppy Day will be observed in Perquimans County and throughout most of the nation on May 23, the Saturday before Memorial Day, it has been announced by Mrs. Ethel Perry, Poppy Chairman of Perquimans Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary.

On that day everyone in the county will be asked to wear a memorial poppy in honor of the dead of the two World Wars and the Korean conflict.

Crape paper poppies, made by disabled veterans of the three wars will be distributed on the streets throughout the day by volunteer workers from the Auxiliary and cooperating groups. The poppies will be replicas of the World War I battle cemeteries in France and Flanders, thus becoming the memorial flower for America's war dead.

In exchange for the poppies, the Auxiliary will accept contributions for its work for disabled veterans and for needy children of veterans which is largely supported by these contributions.

## Indians In Play-off With Williamston For District Title

By virtue of their one-to-nothing victory over Gatesville last Friday afternoon, the Perquimans Indians baseball team tangle this week with Williamston, in a two best out of three series for the District Title in the State elimination play-offs.

The first game of this series was played at Williamston Tuesday afternoon, and resulted in a 4-1 loss for the Indians. The second game of the series will be played in Hertford, on Memorial Field, Thursday night beginning at eight o'clock.

Vernon White pitched the Indians to a thrilling victory over Gatesville for the right to compete for the district title. He struck out 18 Gatesville batters, gave up five hits and walked one. Harrell, pitching for the visitors, gave up two hits, walked none and struck out 11 Indian batters.

Carver scored the winning run for Perquimans when he slammed out a triple in the ninth inning and was safe at home, after Harrell dropped the ball after tagging Carver out. Harrell also hit a triple in the first half of the ninth but he was out at home plate trying to score on a fielders' choice.

## County Farmers At Plymouth Field Day

Three Perquimans County farmers, Howard Williams and Carol Williams of Route 2, Hertford and J. A. Sutton of Route 3, Hertford, along with F. A. McGoggin and I. C. Yagel attended the Forage Crop and Livestock field day at the Tidewater Experiment Station Thursday, April 29. Results of fertilization tests on pasture were observed along with pastures of various combinations of different grasses and legumes. Hay harvesting and ensilage filling machinery was also observed in operation. Specialists from the Dairy and Animal Husbandry departments at State College were there and explained various rations for beef cattle, dairy cattle and hogs, giving approximate cost of rations thereby helping farmers to determine the most economical rations for livestock under their home situations. Irrigation and hay drying equipment was also demonstrated. Field days of this kind are most beneficial to all who attend.

U. C. Wells, Extension Plant Pathologist, was in the county Thursday, April 30, to assist in planting a soybean variety demonstration on the farm of J. A. Sutton of Route 3, Hertford. Eight varieties were planted in the plot. Mr. Sutton cooperated in a similar demonstration last year and produced the highest yields in the state on all varieties in the test. One variety N46-2566 yielded 48.2 bushels per acre; another variety, N49-2560 yielded 44.3 bushels per acre. Those beans had the same fertilization as his regular crop of soybeans plus a small amount of potash about the first cultivation.

The spring flush season for milk production and recent sharp gains in production and storage of butter and cheese have combined to place dairy products at the top of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's list of plentiful foods for May, says Kinsey Perry, Home Agent.

Sharing the top spot among May plentifuls with dairy products are raisins and onions. Miss Perry said the 1942 raisin crop, according to USDA reports, was the largest since 1947. Volume shipments of dry onions from substantially increased acreages in Georgia, Arizona, Texas, and California should assure abundant supplies this month.

## Tornado Damages Two Barns In County

The tornado which caused heavy losses at Perquimans Training School on Thursday night of last week, also caused damages to barns on the farms of Lawrence Perry and Robert Sutton, it was reported. Estimates of the damages to the barns were not given.

## County Agent Resigns Post; Assistant Is Employed

Preliminary estimates on proposed budget items for the county's next fiscal year, beginning July 1, were turned over to the Board of County Commissioners in regular session here last Monday.

Budget items tendered the Board included salary increases proposed for employees of the Agriculture Extension Service. These proposals were rejected except in the cases of the clerks to the two county agents; these employees were granted a 10 per cent increase. The Welfare Department also tendered its budget for the year, and this was adopted by the Board. Approximately \$12,000 was cut from the overall welfare budget for the coming year, which will mean a substantial savings of local funds.

Definite action on the entire budget for the county will be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

I. C. Yagel, County Farm Agent for the past several years, tendered his resignation of the position to become effective July 1. The Board voted to employ Leonard R. Sasser, of Goldsboro, as assistant county agent and Mr. Sasser is expected to assume his duties here about May 15.

The Commissioners authorized J. C. Morgan, superintendent of the County Home, to paint the living rooms of the homes occupied by the inmates, and to purchase rugs for these homes. The authorization was made in connection with recommendations made by the Grand Jury at the April term of court.

R. L. Spivey was authorized by the Board to make an inspection of the Agriculture Building to determine termite damage and to make arrangements for any repairs necessary to the building.

A. T. Lane was authorized to investigate improvements for the Negro Agriculture Office and to report back to the Board at its next meeting.

Trotman Miller was employed by the Board as janitor for the Court House and jail at a salary of \$90 per month.

## Winslow Funeral Held Wednesday

Cabel Mercer Winslow, 69, of Route one, Belvidere, died suddenly in Hertford at 12:45 A. M., Tuesday morning.

Mr. Winslow was a native of Perquimans, the son of William T. and Mollie Elizabeth Winslow and the husband of Mrs. Alice W. Winslow. He was a member of the Up River Friends Church.

Surviving besides his wife are two sons, Thomas Floyd Winslow of Norfolk, Va., and Clarence V. Winslow of Belvidere; two sisters, Mrs. John T. Lane and Mrs. Jesse V. Rountree; three brothers, Arba Winslow, Lucious Winslow and Linford Winslow all of this county.

Funeral services were conducted at the Up River Friends Church at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. Mrs. Lizzie White. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Elsberry Lane, Brannon Winslow, William Winslow, Louis Spivey, Alton Winslow and Eugene Winslow.

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Beef, turkeys, fresh and frozen fish also will continue to be plentiful, Mr. Overman said. With volume cattle marketings continuing, supplies of good and particularly of choice grades of beef should be abundant and at prices considerably below last year.

Also listed as plentiful foods in the month ahead are potatoes, fresh tomatoes, tomato juice, lettuce, cabbage, fresh and processed oranges and grapefruit, and edible fats and oils.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Senator Willis Smith announced this week that he will be a candidate to succeed himself in the U. S. Senate, in the primary election of 1954. The announcement was made following a newspaper report certain State Senators had planned to request Senator Smith not to be a candidate.

Forty-four governors of the various United States, gathered in Washington this week, at the invitation of President Eisenhower, for a conference on domestic and international problems facing America. Federal officials briefed the Governors on a number of subjects, and there was some discussion of the dividing point between state and federal powers.

Reports from Korea indicate little progress in the renewed truce talks, following an exchange of some sick and wounded prisoners of war between the UN and the Communists. A proposal concerning naming of a neutral nation as a sanctuary for POWs, who express themselves as not wanting to return to their native homes, appears to be the point blocking progress of the talks.

President Eisenhower has asked Congress to appropriate \$5.8 billions for foreign aid during the next fiscal year. This request is \$1.7 billions less than proposed by former President Truman in January of this year. In his request for the appropriation the President pointed out the U. S. must continue its defense, until there is clear evidence of genuinely peaceful purposes on the part of Russia.

## FHA Chapter In District Contests

The Perquimans High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America participated in the district contests held Saturday, April 26, in Tarboro. Twenty counties and sixty-five schools are represented in this district. Bob Smith, a junior at Perquimans High, won second place in the public speaking contest. The parliamentary procedure team of Bobby Smith, Bobby Jones, John Hill, Billy Elliott and Clifton Hollowell placed sixth in the parliamentary procedure contest.

### MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 108, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.