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Pictured here are six young ladies who will represent Perquimans County in the 1953 Beauty Queen Contest to be conducted at Colerain Beach. The "beauties", all winners in the recently sponsored 4-H Golden Jubilee Contest are, Peggy Harrell, Janice Sumner, Jill Miller, Annette Proctor, Mary Lee Miller and Anne Burke Chappell. The contestants will be competing for all expenses paid trip to New York. They will also appear on a Norfolk TV program at 10 P. M. Tuesday, July 14.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Reports of riots inside the Iron Curtain continue to reach the official capitals of the West. Unrest over working conditions set by the Russians and shortage of food have caused trouble in East Germany, Poland, Hungary, and other areas of Russian held territory. Meanwhile the Russian government has called its diplomats to Moscow, from all parts of the world, for a top level conference. Many commentators, familiar with European conditions, believe Russia is in trouble in regards to governing its satellite nations.

In Korea conferences continue between U. S. representatives and South Korean President Rhee on the question of a truce, but a report Wednesday announced the Communists have accepted a proposal of General Mark Clark that the truce be signed without the approval of the South Korean government.

From Raleigh, during the past week, came a report the State Board of Education has recommended October 3 as the date for a special election to determine whether or not the State will issue \$50 million in bonds for use of counties in completing school building programs. Governor William B. Umstead will set the official date for the election.

Mass inoculations against a polio epidemic were under way this week at Lenoir where 11,000 Caldwell County children were being given gamma globulin shots as a preventive against the disease. Outbreak of a large number of cases of polio led to the decision for mass inoculation within the county.

## Young Indians Too Tough For Oldsters

In a free-swinging baseball game, played here last Friday night between the Perquimans Indians and the Perquimans All-Stars, the high school boys trampled the alumni by a score of 17 to 11.

A fair sized crowd of fans turned out to watch the ball game, and incidentally, contribute toward the Jaycee activity bus fund. They got a kick out of watching old-time stars like Jack Brinn, Eldon Winslow, Ray White, Melvin Owens and Nathan Mathews perform as pitchers for the all-star team, hustling work turned in by Emmett Elmore, Hilton White, Paul Smith, who played as catchers for the alumni.

The all-stars outthunder the Indians as to players, but the high school team used its youth, and in addition to past experience in winning a one-sided victory. Billy Winslow and Billy Benton, Indian hurlers of 1952 did the major portion of the pitching for the All-Stars.

Other alumni of the school playing in the game against the Indians included Joe Nowell, Johnnie Hunter, Charlie Skinner, Earl Winslow, Henry Stokes, Elmer Lassiter, L. C. Elliott, Joe Town, Jr., R. S. Monds, Jack Symons, Preston Morgan, Preston Chappell, Clyde Lane, John Ward, Dan Berry, Dolan Winslow, Josiah Smith, Willie Rhiney, Alvah Winslow and Broughton Dall.

## County Board Accepts Offer Of State For Land As Site Of Highway Repair Shops

### State Commission Reveals Plans For New Construction

The way was cleared here last Monday for the State Highway Commission to locate its repair shops in Perquimans County when members of the Board of County Commissioners voted to sell the State Highway Commission approximately 12 acres of land, located on U. S. 17, about one and a half miles north of Hertford. The tract of land is part of the county home property, located between U. S. 17 and U. S. 17, Alternate.

An appraised price of 3,500, plus all saleable timber was accepted for a tract of land containing 7.3 acres of land, and a price of not less than \$500 per acre was set as the amount to be paid by the Commission for the additional land desired by the Highway Commission.

State Highway Commissioner J. Emmett Winslow appeared before the Board and advised the County Commissioners the State desired to purchase additional land, for possible future enlargement of the operations in this county, and it was voted by the County Board the additional land would be made available at the above quoted price.

Plans for the construction of the repair shops for the First Division were announced from Raleigh last Friday. The building will be 208 feet long and 60 feet wide, with concrete floors and brick-veneer walls. It will be laid out for a 45 foot by 50-foot office and stock room, a 45 foot by 45-foot machine shop, and a 45 foot by 15 feet lavatory, toilet and machinery and heating space. The rest of the building will be used as a repair shop.

Highway bridge department crews or local contractors will erect the walls and main-section of the building. Bids for steel roof and roof trusses have been placed, and a Raleigh firm will install the roof and insulate it. Total cost of the building is expected to be in excess of \$100,000.

## Local 4-H Members Take Part In Contest

The District 4-H Elimination Contests were held at Washington on July 7. Perquimans County took first place in Public Speaking, first place in the production phase of NJVGA which was "The Construction of Electrically Heated Hot Bed" and second place in the Dairy Management Demonstration. The boys participating were Clarence Chappell, Jr. and Bobby Smith. These boys will compete for State honors the week of July 20 in Raleigh. They were accompanied to Washington by L. R. Sasser, Assistant County Agent.

## Negro Teachers Elected By Board

Three vacancies on the faculty of the Negro schools in Perquimans County have been filled, according to an announcement made Tuesday by J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools. According to Mr. Biggers the Board of Education has elected Letitia Leane, Mattie T. Riddick and Jessie L. Sharpe to fill the vacancies. These teachers will begin their duties in this county in September.

## One Accident In County Over Holiday

Only one highway accident was reported in Perquimans County over the July 4th holiday, it was announced this week by State Patrolman B. R. Insoe, who stated the accident resulted in about \$100 property damage to a car. There were no accidents within the county resulting in death or personal injuries, according to Mr. Insoe.

## State Price Index Drops Five Points; Grain Prices Off

At mid-June the index of prices received by North Carolina farmers stood at 259 percent of the 1910-14 average—a drop of 5 points (2 percent) from mid-May. This is the lowest point reached by the All Commodity Index since July 15, 1951. Prices received by N. C. farmers for most commodities during the month were lower than the previous month. The poultry and egg index was the only commodity group reflecting an increase for the period ended June 15—the result of an increase in egg prices.

The grain commodity index dropped 17 points (nearly 9 percent) from the May 15 level with lower prices reported for all grains. Leading the decline was wheat with a drop of 28 cents per bushel. Oats were off 24 cents, barley 23 cents, rye 30 cents, sorghum grains 10 cents and corn 3 cents per bushel from the mid-May averages.

The cotton and cottonseed index was down 4 points (nearly 2 percent)—the result of a half-cent decline in cotton lint prices. Cotton seed was unchanged at \$66.00 per ton on June 15.

Prices received for hogs around mid-June were \$1.30 per hundred above the May 15 average—offsetting in part declines in price of beef cattle, calves, sheep and lambs and limiting the drop in the meat animal price index to 4 points during the month. Beef cattle prices were off 30 cents, calves \$4.40, sheep \$1.50 and lambs 10 cents per hundred during the month ended June 15th.

Dairy farmers received an average of \$5.30 per hundred for milk sold at wholesale to plants and dealers and 21.4 cents per quart for milk sold at retail—both prices unchanged from the previous month.

The miscellaneous commodity price index dropped 12 points (about 4 percent) during the month, due primarily to a 70 cents per bushel decline in prices received for Irish potatoes. The average price of all lespedeza seed was down 50 cents per hundred with all hay prices showing a decrease of 40 cents per ton. Soybean and peanut prices at \$2.60 per bushel and 11.7 cents per pound, respectively, remained unchanged from the May 15 average. Sweet potatoes were averaging farmers \$4.00 per bushel at mid-June, a 10 cent advance over the previous month, and apples were up 20 cents per bushel, averaging growers \$3.50 per bushel at mid-June.

## Board Of Education Continues Study Of Classroom Project

### Special Meeting To Eliminate Problem Called For Monday Night

A second special meeting of the Perquimans Board of Education, for the purpose of studying ways and means to eliminate the overcrowded condition at the Central Grammar School, has been called for next Monday night at 8 o'clock, it was reported today by J. T. Biggers, secretary to the Board. Members of the Board met last Monday with the Central Grammar School committee, to discuss the problem, and it was decided to call in State officials to survey the possibilities of converting the school auditorium into permanent classrooms. This proposal was advanced by members of the school committee.

Representatives of the State Division of School Planning visited the county Tuesday, and surveyed the situation at the grammar school. It was reported Floyd P. Barnes, Engineer, stated in his opinion the proposal to convert the auditorium into permanent classrooms was not practical, but additional information on the subject will be furnished the local Board by the Division of School Planning, and these final recommendations are expected to be received here on Friday of this week.

The State representatives were also questioned concerning temporary conversion of the auditorium, to create additional classroom space, and this suggestion was also taken under advisement by Mr. Barnes, who stated his office will advise the Board of Education on this plan.

No changes have been made in the program adopted by the Board of Education, whereby members of the seventh grade of the school will be transferred to Perquimans High School on a temporary basis until permanent relief can be worked out for the Central Grammar School, although it is reported the Board of Education is hopeful a solution can be worked out which will meet with the approval of the patrons of the grammar school who are opposing the program adopted by the Board of Education, regarding the transfer of the students.

## Safe Recovered In Robbery Of Last Wed.

Sheriff M. G. Owens, assisted by Walter Spence of the SBI is continuing an investigation of a robbery of the Harrell Gas & Coal Company, which occurred here on Wednesday night of last week, when thieves entered the building of the local firm and carried off a safe containing an undisclosed amount of cash, checks and the books of the company.

The officers located the safe on a road in Bethel Township last Saturday recovering some checks and the firm's books.

The robbery occurred sometime after eight o'clock on the night of July 1. Charles M. Harrell, Jr., owner of the business was in the office up to that time, and he discovered the robbery the next morning.

Entrance into the building was gained by prying off the lock of the rear door of the building. The robbers then entered the office of the firm by climbing through a small interior window. It is believed the thieves attempted to crack the safe, but being unable to do so carried it off with the aid of some type of vehicle.

Sheriff Owens reported he discovered a number of clues which he and Mr. Spence were following up in connection with the investigation.

## Miss Glenda Lane Weds Garland Walker

The marriage of Miss Glenda Carolyn Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray D. Lane of Hertford, Route 2, to Pvt. Garland R. Walker, grandson of Mrs. C. E. Walker of Hertford, was solemnized Friday, July 3, at 11 o'clock A. M., in the Chappell Hill Baptist Church.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ralph Knight, pastor of the church. The wedding music was rendered by Mrs. Fred Bunch of Edenton.

The bride wore a Navy blue dress of sheer nylon marquisette over taffeta with white accessories. Her corsage was a white orchid.

Mrs. Eugene Boyce of Hertford, matron of honor, wore a two-piece dress with a charcoal skirt and contrasting top of blue and gold stripes. She wore mixed accessories and a corsage of yellow carnations.

The bridegroom had as his best man Eugene Boyce of Hertford. After the ceremony the couple left on a short wedding trip.

## County Commissioners In Busy Session Last Monday, Adopt Budget and Tax Rate

### Public Hearing

A public hearing concerning the enlargement of a bombing range, off Harvey Point is scheduled to be conducted in the Court House in Hertford at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning.

The hearing, called by Col. R. C. Brown, District Engineer for the U. S. Army, will be for the purpose of discussing the proposed project and to hear complaints from residents of this area opposing the enlargement.

A large number of individuals have lodged protests against the proposed project, and these as well as other interested citizens are urged to attend the public hearing set for today.

## Heavy Docket In Recorder's Court On Last Tuesday

Nineteen cases were listed on the docket of the Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday. A majority of the cases listed violation of traffic laws as the offense of the defendants.

Fines of \$10 and costs were assessed against Robert Pelesi, M. G. McAuliffe, Jr., and Sylvester Smith, Jr., each of whom submitted to charges of speeding. Costs of court were taxed against James Weidman, Paul Weidman and Roger Warren, also charged with speeding. These defendants entered pleas of guilty.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the hearing in which Calvin Casper was charged with failing to yield the right of way.

Fines of \$25 and costs of court were levied against Eugene Kinard and Andrew Best, Jr., each of whom entered a plea of guilty to charges of reckless driving.

Richard Goodwin was ordered to pay a fine of \$15 and costs of court on charges of being drunk and disorderly.

Edward Revells and Luther Hayes, Negroes, were fined \$2 and costs of court after each of the defendants entered pleas of guilty to charges of being drunk on the streets of Hertford.

A fine of \$15 and court costs were taxed against William Costen, Negro, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

John Jones and Arthur Harrell, Negroes were ordered to pay the costs of court, on charges of operating a tractor on the highway at night without lights. The defendants entered pleas of guilty.

Leroy Holley, Negro, paid a fine of \$15 and costs after pleading guilty to operating a car with improper muffler and brakes.

Charles Skinner, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court on a charge of operating a vehicle under a restricted license. He entered a plea of guilty as charged.

Darius Tillet, Negro, was ordered to pay the court costs and \$100 in damages to John Mewbern, after being found guilty on charges of driving on the left side of a highway, causing damages to the Mewbern car.

Raymond Mason, Negro, was fined \$15 and costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of operating a car with improper brakes.

## Boll Weevil Count Increasing In County

Boll weevils are finding conditions ideal according to a survey conducted this week by the County Agent's office, it was reported by Ralph Sasser, Assistant Agent. Many fields are threatened with what appears now to be an infestation approaching 1950 conditions.

Growers, according to Mr. Sasser, can expect to bring infestations down and produce high yields if applications are made at regular intervals and if weather conditions are favorable. It will be necessary to get into fields as often as soil conditions will permit and at 3 to 5 day intervals in many cases if one is to adequately protect his crop.

## Church Planning Revival Service

A series of revival services will be conducted at the Bagley Swamp Pilgrim Church, beginning July 16 and continuing through July 26, it was reported today by the Rev. Coy S. Saunders, pastor of the church. Evangelist W. F. Page of Albemarle, will be the guest preacher at each service which will start at 8 P. M.

## Plans For New Health Building Approved Tentatively

Members of the Perquimans Board of County Commissioners, in a day-long session here last Monday, handled one of the heaviest schedules to come before the Board in recent months. The board approved tentative construction plans for a new county public health building, as submitted by William Moore Weber, architect, and authorized Weber to proceed with plans leading toward letting of a construction contract in about 60 days.

J. C. Morgan, superintendent of the county home was authorized to purchase fire extinguishers for the home, and to investigate the purchase of a water softener for the home.

No action was taken by the Board on a request for an increase of \$961.34 in the budget for the District Health Department, pending acceptance of increases in the budget by Camden, Chowan and Pasquotank counties, which with Perquimans County comprise the health district. \$6,432 has been budgeted for this department, which is requesting an appropriation of \$7,393.54.

Salary increases of 10 per cent were voted to W. C. Stroud, Negro Farm Agent, and Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Negro Home Agent to conform with increases granted State employees by the General Assembly.

The Board took no action on appointment of a County Farm Agent, postponing the matter upon the possibilities of receiving additional applications for the position.

The county budget for the fiscal year 1953-54, calling for expenditures of \$230,035.00, of which \$127,500 will be raised through ad valorem taxation was officially adopted and the county tax rate was set at \$1.70 per hundred dollar valuation.

Members of the Board of Education appeared before the Board requesting an allocation of funds for a project to relieve the overcrowded condition at Central Grammar School, but no action was taken on the matter pending an investigation and report from the Engineering Office of the State Board of Education.

The Board voted to enter into a contract with an exterminating company to treat the Agriculture Building for termites and named Commissioner R. L. Spivey to oversee the work.

Board Chairman A. T. Lane was authorized to look into the possibilities of securing bids for installation of a central heating system for the Court House and jail.

## Wildlife Project To Be Considered At Town Meeting

Hertford's Town Board will hold its regular July meeting next Monday night, in the municipal building, at which time the Board is expected to consider a proposal to lease its river front property, back of the town office, to the State Wildlife Resources Commission for the purpose of installing a boat launching facility.

A number of property owners residing adjacent to the site, upon which the proposed facility will be located in the event a lease is perfected, are expected to appear before the Board in protest against leasing of the property for the purpose of establishing such a facility. It is also reported a number of residents, favoring the proposal, will appear in its behalf.

The Board is also expected to adopt a tentative tax rate for the town, subject to final approval following the annual audit of the town's books for the fiscal year which ended June 30.

## Holmes Installed As Rotary President

New officers of the Hertford Rotary Club assumed their duties for the year at a meeting of the club held Tuesday evening at the Hotel Hertford. C. R. Holmes, who was installed as president of the local club, at the closing of the club meeting last week, presided over the meeting this week.

Other officers of the Rotary Club are the Rev. Charles Wolf, vice president; Jack Kanoy, secretary, and Chas. Henc, Henry C. Sullivan, Max Campbell and Robert L. Hollowell, directors.

Committee memberships for the club for the coming year will be announced by the new president at the next meeting of the club, which will be Tuesday, July 14.