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Mayor Darden Advises Town Board Hertford Water Supply Now Adequate

Mrs. Henry Sullivan, Is Named As Tax Lister For Current Year

Hertford's water supply, which went into a shortage stage during the heat wave in July, is now adequate, according to a report given the Town Board last Monday by Mayor V. N. Darden.

Cooperation on the part of the public in not using excessive amounts of water and recent rains have permitted the water supply to be restored to normal amounts in the town's two storage tanks and reservoir, the Mayor reported to the Board during its meeting this week.

An embargo was placed on the use of water for a period of one week and the pumps were used continuously to maintain the supply, however since the first of August, with the heat wave broken and several heavy rains the supply was replenished and it has been possible to return to the operations of the pumps to normal use.

During the meeting Monday night, the Board was also advised that Mrs. Henry C. Sullivan has been named as tax lister for the town for the listing of 1953 taxes. H. N. Nixon was first appointed to the post but he relinquished the appointment and it was given to Mrs. Sullivan.

The Town has been carrying out extensive improvements to streets during the past two months, it was also reported to the Board by Mayor Darden, who stated work of surfacing Woodland Street and Willow Avenue has been finished and curbs and gutters are now being installed on Charles and Hyde Park Streets.

Preparations are now underway for installation of new sidewalks on Church Street, between Grubb and Dobb Streets following completion of the widening of Church Street by the State Highway Commission. The extent of this project will not be known until the street project is completed.

Attendance At Lost Colony Ahead Of '52

Lost Colony's attendance as of the current 13th season's half, reflects that attendance this year is 4,090 ahead of the same date in 1952, according to figures released by General Manager R. E. Jordan. This is a 17 per cent increase over the 1952 season when total attendance for the year was between 45,000 and 46,000 paid admissions.

Ths nightly average through August 4 was 830 paid admissions each night this year as compared to 702 nightly average last year, or an increase of 128 persons each night.

Increase in attendance this year is credited largely to more local and out of state promotion. Parking lot officials have checked license plates from each of the states and several territories and the Fort Raleigh Museum registry indicates that many persons from foreign countries have been in the audiences this year.

Luck of the Lost Colony failed on one night when it was necessary to cancel a performance due to rain. "This was only the 17th rainout during the drama's long history which started in 1937 and has continued each summer since that time except in the four war years," said Jordan. Since 1937 there have been 623 performances which gives The Lost Colony the distinction of being the longest lived outdoor production in the world.

The total attendance through August 4 this year was 26,573 as compared to 22,843 last year, it was pointed out.

Farm Bureau Meeting Scheduled For Monday

There will be a District Farm Bureau meeting in the Agricultural Building at Elizabeth City at 10:00 A. M., August 17. All Perquimans Farm Bureau members are urged to attend. Farm Bureau leaders consider this district meeting the most important ever held in our State.

Plans provide for a discussion of the necessary action to take in securing the required pledges for charter policies to enable the North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company to be licensed to do business. Many other things will be discussed such as the coming year's membership campaign, and discussions dealing with county, state, national and international affairs prior to the State meeting which will be held in Raleigh November 15-17.

All Farm Bureau members from Perquimans County are urged to attend.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 103, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Timber Sale Nets County Over \$1,500

Perquimans County will net slightly more than \$1,500 from the sale of timber from the county home property recently sold the State Highway Commission as a site for its new repair shops, it was reported here this week.

Through last Saturday, John D. Lane, successful bidder for the timber, had cut 32,384 feet of pine and 9,888 feet of hardwoods. Mr. Lane's bid on the timber was \$40 per thousand feet for the pine and \$25 per thousand feet for the hardwoods.

J. C. Morgan, superintendent of the county home, is supervising the cutting of the timber.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

U. S. officials this week adopted a tough policy over the exchange of prisoners under the Korean armistice; it became apparent the Communists were not planning to release all U. S. prisoners, as called for by the armistice terms, but were using some of them as political stooges and slave laborers. The exchange of prisoners is now in its second week and about 400 UN POW's are being returned to freedom each day.

Further curtailment of government expenditures has been ordered by President Eisenhower in an effort to avoid calling Congress into a special session. The President has written all government departments pointing out cuts must be made during the fiscal year. The action followed failure on the part of the administration to get an increase in the debt ceiling and since the national debt is now near its ceiling, expenditures must be watched carefully in order for the government to stay within its income.

Russia has invoked stronger methods to East Germany to stop the flow of Germans into East Berlin for free gifts of American foods. The Reds have attempted to raid the food stations, with no success, and now have clamped down on travel permits into Berlin. Meanwhile the East Germans continue to stage sitdown strikes, riots and other antics in protest of Russian rule in East Germany.

Population of the U. S. passed the 160 million mark this week according to a report from the Bureau of Census. According to the Bureau, there is a change recorded in the population about every seven seconds, and at the present rate the nation is gaining 10 millions in population about every four years.

Peanut Referendum Set For August 29 Big Vote Urged

The North Carolina Peanut Growers Association, Inc., will conduct a referendum August 29 to determine if farmers will assess themselves 1c per 100 pounds of peanuts produced for commercial use.

There are several specific things that could be done to aid in the marketing of North Carolina peanuts. Some of these are: to keep producers informed of support prices, and help farmers make full use of the loan programs. The use of Virginia type peanuts must be expanded in order to insure prosperity for the peanut industry. Promote the fact that Virginia-North Carolina peanuts have superior quality for edible purposes. Work on transportation and storage problems in order to reduce marketing costs and promote orderly marketing, and many others. Every peanut producer is urged to vote in the referendum August 29, 1953.

Former Pastor To Conduct Revival

The Burgess Baptist Church has scheduled a revival service for the week of August 16, through August 21, it was announced today by the pastor, the Rev. Colon Jackson.

Guest speaker at the services will be the Rev. Howard Dawkins, former pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, who is now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kinston, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College.

Services will be held each night beginning at 8 P. M., and the public is invited to attend.



Youth is the hope of the future. So that these Korean kiddies, photographed amid the ruins of their homes, may live and grow up into useful, peace-loving citizens, the people of North Carolina are investing in the future by contributing food to CROP and clothing to Church World Service. Eventual rehabilitation is based on immediate relief.

Coach Perry Calls Football Practice For Next Monday

Ike Perry, new football coach at Perquimans High School, announced this week he will call the first football practice for the coming season Monday, August 17, at 2 o'clock at the high school. The first practice sessions will be devoted to giving out equipment and to conditioning purposes.

Coach Perry is optimistic over the prospects for the 1953 season for the Indians. In starting his duties here as Indian coach he has a large number of veteran players around which he will build his team. Only one regular, Pete Mathews, a linesman, was lost through graduation, although the loss of several key reserves will create a problem for Coach Perry in filling out the roster of his squad.

Returning lettermen expected to play a big part in the formation of the 1953 Indian team will be linesmen, Daryl Allen, Cliff Towe, Richard Mathews, D. A. Carver, Eddie Overton, Eugene White and backs, John Morris, Howard Williams and Paul Mathews.

Coach Perry expects between 30 and 40 candidates to answer the call for practice, and make try-outs for the team, although, it is expected many of the boys will be unable to report for practice until after the opening of school.

Thus far the schedule for the Indians for the coming season is incomplete but as members of the Albatross Conference, Perquimans will play games against Columbia, Plymouth, Edenton, Williamston and Ahoskie.

Weather Damages State Corn Crop

On the basis of condition reports from growers, North Carolina's corn crop is estimated at 59,481,000 bushels as of August 1. This is 15,421,000 bushels or 20.6 per cent less than estimated as of July 1. The decrease in production is attributed almost entirely to damage from extended dry and hot weather.

The average yield per acre is estimated at 27.0 bushels or 7.0 bushels less than the July 1 estimate. A yield of 27.0 bushels, if realized, compares with 25.5 bushels last year and the 1942-51 average yield of 27.4 bushels.

A crop of 59,481,000 bushels would exceed the 1952 crop of 56,176,000 bushels by 5.9 per cent but would be 2.6 per cent less than the 1942-51 average production of 61,059,000 bushels.

The condition of the corn crop varies considerably within the same area. The late seeded crop in most instances has received most of the damage from dry and hot weather.

REVIVAL STARTS MONDAY AT OAK GROVE CHURCH

The Rev. H. M. Jamieson, pastor of the Perquimans Charge, announced today a series of revival services will be conducted at Oak Grove Church beginning Monday, August 17, and continuing through Friday, August 21. Services will be held at 8 P. M., daily with the Rev. A. S. Lancaster, pastor of the Pasquotank Charge, as the guest preacher. The public is invited to attend all services.

Farm Organization In Favor Of Rigid Support Of Prices

The Southern Association of Commissioners of Agriculture, meeting at Ardmore, Okla., recently, went on record in favor of "high-level rigid support prices for farm commodities when accompanied by proper production adjustments." Agriculture Commissioner L. Y. Ballentine said on his return from the meeting.

A resolution adopted by the convention stated that the experience of Southern farmers had justified rigid price supports when production is held in line with consumption.

"The continued downward trend of farm commodity prices, while the prices of manufactured commodities remain high," the resolution said, "points conclusively to the need for a farm program that will provide stability in the market place for farm commodities at a level bearing a reasonable relation to the prices of goods to be purchased by the farmer."

The president, the secretary of agriculture, members of congress and officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture were formally requested "to support the active use of such a program so as to protect the farmer from further unnecessary hazards to his economy."

Another resolution adopted by the Southern commissioners said the school lunch program "has contributed notably to the health and welfare of the school children so served" and also "has served to produce a much needed market for surplus farm commodities."

The resolution requested that "all proper federal officials use fully their efforts to continue the National School Lunch Program on its present basis."

These resolutions were prompted, Ballentine said, by much talk recently of a flexible price support program for farm products and proposals that the federal government leave to the individual the matter of supporting administering the school lunch program.

Soybean Production Well Below Last Year

August 1 reports from growers indicate a 19 per cent decline from last year's soybean production. The expected production of 3,885,000 bushels, if realized, will be the lowest since 1948 but will be 494,000 bushels above the 1942-51 average.

The 1953 yield is currently estimated at 15 bushels per acre. This is 1.5 bushels less than the record high yields of the past two years.

The decline in acreage this year accounts for part of the decrease in production. Tar Heel growers planted 259,000 acres this year compared with 290,000 acres harvested in 1952 and the 10-year average of 252,000 acres.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans record's court was in recess on last Tuesday due to the absence from the city of Solicitor Silas M. Whedbee. All cases listed on the docket were continued until the next term of court, Tuesday, August 18.

Preparations Being Made For Special Bond Election Scheduled October 3rd

Tax Collections Now Over \$131,000

Tax collections for Perquimans County for the fiscal year 1952-53 are running about on average, it was reported this week by Sheriff M. G. Owens, who called attention to all taxpayers, who have not as yet made settlement for this year's taxes, to do so immediately as full settlement of 1952 taxes must be made on October 1.

A total of \$131,099.14 in 1953 taxes, for Perquimans County, was collected through July 31, leaving approximately \$19,000 outstanding of the 1953 tax levy for the county.

Livestock Loans Available Under FHA Regulations

Emergency livestock loans, authorized by recent legislation, are now available to eligible farmers in North Carolina, J. B. Slack, Farmers Home Administration State Director, announced today.

These loans will be made to established producers and feeders of cattle, sheep and goats, provided they have good records of operations, have a reasonable chance to succeed and are unable to obtain needed credit from other sources to continue their normal operations. Such loans will not be made to carry on commercial feed lot operations, to refinance existing debts except for payment of current incidental bills, or to enable a borrower to start livestock operations.

Special livestock loans will bear 5 per cent interest and may be made for periods up to 3 years. Borrowers will be expected to repay the loans as rapidly as they can. Each loan must be secured in the full amount by the personal obligation and available security of the borrower. The Government will not require present creditors to subordinate their liens, but borrowers will be expected to obtain standby agreements from their present creditors so they will have a chance to work out of their difficulties. Also, present creditors must be willing for a portion of the borrower's livestock income to be paid on the Government loan.

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has designated the Farmers Home Administration as the agency to handle this emergency credit program, and has made Administrator R. B. McLeaish administratively responsible for it at the national level. However, all loans must be approved by the special livestock loan committees appointed by the Secretary.

To serve as a temporary State special livestock loan committee for North Carolina, Secretary Benson has named the following: J. B. Slack, State Director, Farmers Home Administration; D. S. Weaves, State Director of Extension, and G. T. Scott, chairman State PMA Committee. This temporary committee was named in order to speed up processing of applications for assistance.

Application forms may be obtained at any county office of the Farmers Home Administration. They may be filed with the local county FHA supervisor or directly with the state special livestock loan committee.

Congress Faces Possible Recall If Debt Spirals

By STANLEY JAMES THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY Washington Correspondent

President Eisenhower's proposal to raise the national debt limit from 275 to 290 billion still hangs over the heads of the members of Congress as they head for home and their long-awaited recess.

The President has agreed to wait until the September tax collections are added up, before deciding to call the law-makers back into a special session to deal with this thorny issue.

He won an apparently easy victory in the House where his bill sped through the Ways and Means Committee, to Rules Committee, and the House itself on a single day. But it met an ignominious Waterloo in the Senate Finance Committee, whose members voted eleven to four to table the measure.

On that Senate Committee vote, the President did not even have a majority of the Republican members and five Republicans voted to table, one Democrat and three Republicans—including Chairman Eugene Millikin

Registration Books Will Be Opened From Sept. 5 through 19

A special election to determine whether or not North Carolina will issue bonds in the amount of \$50 million for school building construction and \$22 million for hospital expansion will be held on Saturday, October 3rd.

Preparations for the special election, in Perquimans County, is now being made by R. C. Murray, chairman of the Perquimans Board of Elections. Mr. Murray received official notification for calling the election from the State Board of Elections last week.

The local election chairman pointed out that registration books for this special election will be opened on September 5, through September 19; that citizens already listed in the registration books need not register again in order to be eligible to participate in this special election, but persons who have become eligible to vote since the last election, and who are not registered must do so to vote in the election on October 3rd.

County election officials, for the various polling precincts, will be the same persons who officiated at the last election. The registrars for the precincts are William Stallings, Bethel; Mrs. B. G. Koonce, Hertford; Harry Barber, Parkville; Mrs. W. E. Dail, New Hope; J. M. Copeland, Belvidere, and R. M. Baker, Nicanor.

According to the regulations for the special election, Mr. Murray stated there will be no absentee ballots for this election.

Action setting up of the machinery for this special election was taken by the General Assembly, which enacted a law permitting Governor William B. Umstead to call the election, for the purpose of determining the question of raising funds to be used in constructing additional state hospital facilities, and completing the program of building adequate school facilities throughout the state.

1953 Cotton Report Reveals Short Crop

Based upon August 1 prospects as reported by growers throughout the State, the North Carolina 1953 Cotton Crop is estimated at 460,000 bales (500 pounds gross weight). Such a crop would be 19.2 per cent less than the 569,000 bales produced last year and 11.9 per cent below the 10-year (1942-51) average production of 522,000 bales.

The 1953 growing season for cotton got off to a favorable start with stands reported to be the best in several years. Weed growth and fruiting were good until late in July when shedding of squares and small bolls became heavy due to a combination of dry weather and weevil damage. Weevil infestation is much heavier in practically all sections of the State than a year ago. Loss to the weevil is expected to run considerably above average.

Assuming average abandonment after July 1, the acreage for harvest this year would be 759,000 acres, compared with 745,000 acres harvested last year.

(R-Colorado) to pass it.

House Democratic leaders worked with the administration's spokesmen to put the bill through in record time, although, privately, they had their doubts about it.

Former Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas, Democrat floor leader, told this reporter, in an exclusive interview, that he could not understand why "those fellows" in the Treasury waited until the end of the session to bring in such a controversial bill.

"They must have known their revenues were not going to be sufficient to cover their expenses," he said; "that was clear when the budgets for the different departments were sent up to Capitol Hill. The deficit would be even worse if Congress had not cut the appropriations sharply."

Former Democratic Whip J. Percy Priest of Tennessee, who is one of Rayburn's close advisers, said: "I have grave misgivings about this. If we have to come back in special session, I think we could find other ways of limiting the debt. One way is by higher taxes and another by further cuts in spending."