

Arrangements For Opening Of Schools Completed At Meetings Held This Week

First Grade Students Must Present Certificates To Principals

Summer vacation will come to a close for more than 2,000 Perquimans County school children, with the opening of schools on Wednesday of next week.

Final arrangements for the opening of the 1953-54 term of Perquimans County Schools are now in the process of being completed, according to J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools. Principals of the white schools met with the superintendent Tuesday afternoon for a discussion of plans, while Negro principals held a similar meeting Wednesday morning. Rules and policy for the term were discussed at these meetings.

Among these rules were the following, which J. T. Biggers, superintendent, calls to the attention of parents of children entering school for the first time. In accordance with the law, all children entering school for the first time must present a birth certificate to the principal before being enrolled. New students must also present to the principal his or her school a health department certificate of immunization. Parents who have not obtained these latter certificates may secure them at the local health department office.

County-wide teacher meetings will be held next week, with the white teachers' meeting on Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Hertford Grammar School, and the Negro teachers' meeting at Perquimans Training School Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Estimates made as to enrollment of the various schools for the coming term indicated increases at most of the schools. Two temporary classrooms have been provided for the excessive enrollment at Central Grammar School, while space at the other buildings is believed adequate to handle the enrollment.

Mr. Biggers reported two vacancies existing on the faculty at Perquimans High School have been filled. Harold White of Belvidere will be the teacher of English classes and Mrs. Dewey Yeates has been employed as teacher of the eighth grade.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Operation Big Switch, the exchange of prisoners of war in Korea, is now in its fourth week but Allied officials are worried over the fact that the Communists may retain a large number of UN prisoners. The Reds have reported 400 prisoners, nationalities not disclosed, have elected to stay with the Communists, and that unnumbered prisoners have been given jail sentences which must be served. Meanwhile, in the United Nations, debate continues over setting up a peace conference on Korea. Objective of the debate is naming member nations to compose the conference. The U. S. stand calls for nations participating in the war to make up the conference.

Governor William B. Umstead has proposed a change for the state prison system, taking the jurisdiction of the prisons from under the Highway Commission, and setting up a separate department which will control the system. The proposal, according to a report from Raleigh, will be presented to the next General Assembly. At the time of the announcement, it was reported Prison Director Walter F. Anderson was relieved of his duties as head of the department of prisons.

Russia announced a number of concessions to East Germany this week, following uprisings in the German Soviet Zone several weeks ago. The Reds have agreed to return a number of industries to the Germans, release some 5,000 prisoners of World War II, and end reparation payments on next January 1. Observers report the action is aimed toward creating confusion on the West's proposal for a Big Four conference on a peace treaty for all Germany.

Peanut Field Day Planned Sept. 10th

The first annual Peanut Field Day at the Lewiston Peanut Farm will be held on September 10. The program will be composed of a tour of the farm, new varieties of peanuts, disease resistant varieties, and necessary steps that should be taken by farmers to control peanut diseases. Anyone interested in attending, please contact the farm agent's office as soon as possible.

Heavy Traffic

The causeway at Hertford carries one of the heaviest traffic counts in the Albemarle area, according to average daily counts compiled by the State Highway Commission during 1952, it was revealed this week by J. Emmett Winslow, Highway Commissioner.

A traffic map used by the Commission shows an average daily count of 4,276 vehicles using the causeway during 1952. The next largest count shown by the map is 3,993 vehicles counted on the highway between Elizabeth City and Camden.

Opinion Divided Over Street Project Now Underway Here

Varied opinions were expressed by local residents over the project of widening Church Street, following preliminary work completed last weekend by the Hertford Street Department.

Many residents were disappointed to see so much of the sidewalks being taken over for the project. However, some of these individuals were given a false impression due to the fact the Street Department reset the present light poles in positions which when the project is completed will be part of the new sidewalks. The present locations of the light poles are only temporary and were selected so as not to interfere with the actual construction work.

As previously reported the State Highway Commission, which has jurisdiction over all streets making up a part of the highway system, drew up plans for the project calling for the street to be 40 feet in width. The street is presently only 32 1/2 feet wide. The State plans call for four feet of the sidewalk on the west side of the street to be incorporated into the street proper and two and a half feet of the sidewalk on the east side to be included into the street proper. The plans show the remaining sidewalk on the west side of the street will be approximately eight feet in width following completion of the project.

A number of individuals expressed opposition to the reduction in width of the sidewalks in the two block area affected by the project but officials believe the facilities will be adequate and will meet public approval when the construction work is finished.

Highway crews are now in the process of widening the street, and it is expected the project will take several weeks for completion.

Possible Sale For Major & Loomis Co. Reported Monday

A report, which circulated around Hertford early this week, concerning the probable sale of the facilities of Major-Loomis Company to another lumber firm remained unconfirmed up to Wednesday afternoon.

A. W. Hefren, general manager of Major-Loomis Company, stated his firm had been contacted concerning the sale of the property but he did not disclose the identity of the interested parties. He reported the possible purchasers were to contact his firm after considering the matter further.

Major-Loomis Company, which operated in this county for more than 50 years, suspended operations earlier this month, and up until this week there had been no interest apparent over the purchase of the facilities by any other organization.

Local residents are hopeful that some plan can be worked out whereby the mill will be placed in operation again.

Miss Anne Morrill Weds Ensign Johnson

Announcement has been received here of the wedding of Miss Jacquelyn Anne Morrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrill, and granddaughter of Mrs. Viola D. Nachman, to Ensign Albert Sidney Johnson, USNR. The wedding took place at the Cathedral St. Luke, Ancon, Panama at 5:30 P. M., August 6, 1953. The couple will make their home in Bulboe, Canal Zone, Panama. The Morrills, prior to moving to Panama several years ago, resided in Hertford.



C. S. Alexander, of Scotland Neck, president of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association, reminds peanut producers that August 29 is their big referendum day. On Saturday, all farmers who grow one or more acres of peanuts will have an opportunity to vote on whether or not they should levy upon themselves an annual assessment of one-cent per hundred pounds of peanuts marketed for a three year period. The proceeds from the assessment would be turned over to the association by the Commissioner of Agriculture to be used to promote the interests of Tar Heel peanut growers in all phases of production, marketing, processing, consumption and research. This new organization would function in a similar manner to the successful self-help Tobacco Associates program, which leaf growers authorized in 1947 under the same law.

Ten Cases Heard By Recorder's Judge At Court Session

Hearing Waived By Defendant On Breaking And Entering Charge

Ten cases were disposed of in the Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here Tuesday morning with Judge Chas. E. Johnson, presiding.

Bennie Oxendine, prisoner at the Gatesville Prison Camp, charged with breaking and entering the home of Alton Winslow, waived hearing in the recorder's court and his case was moved up to the Superior Court docket. Eugene Lappe, charged with speeding, entered a plea of guilty and paid the costs of court.

Jeanette Elmore entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving with an improper muffler and paid the costs of court.

A fine of \$25 and costs were taxed against Fich Goodwin who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding.

Cleveland Newbern, charged on two counts with being drunk, submitted and paid fines of \$7 and costs of court.

David Price entered a plea of guilty to charges of being drunk. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of court.

William Costen, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court on a charge of driving on the left side of a highway.

Mrs. James Cartwright submitted to a charge of issuing a worthless check. She was ordered to pay the costs of court.

Willie Shannon, Negro, paid the costs of court on a charge of failing to observe a stop sign.

W. H. Joyner, charged with issuing a worthless check, submitted to the charge and paid the costs of court.

Powell Funds For Hertford \$6,001

Announcement was made today by J. Emmett Winslow, State Highway Commission for this district, the Town of Hertford will receive \$6,001.51 as its portion of the funds distributed to cities and towns under the Powell Bill. The Town of Winfall will receive \$1,161.24 from the same source.

Distribution of the fund is made upon the basis of population and the number of miles of streets in each community. Hertford was allocated \$3,612.15 on the basis of its population of 2,096 and \$2,389.36 on the basis of its 5.10 miles of streets. Winfall will receive \$725.53 on basis of its 421 population and \$435.71 on the basis of its 0.93 miles of streets.

Funds received from the State Highway Commission, under the terms of the Powell Bill, must be used by the municipalities for repair and improvement of streets within the limits of the town.

Revival Services At Chappell Hill Church

Revival services will be conducted at Chappell Hill Church near Belvidere, starting Sunday evening, August 30, and continuing through the first Sunday in September, it was announced today by the Rev. Ralph Knight, pastor of the church. The Rev. Vivian Evans will be the guest preacher for the services. The public is cordially invited to attend services each evening at 8 o'clock.

Belvidere Parents Seek Rule Change On School District

Patrons Want Children Assigned To Schools In This County

Nine Perquimans County families, in the upper area of Belvidere Township, are seeking to have a 1934 ruling assigning their children to the Hobbville school district rescinded in order that the children may attend Perquimans County Schools.

A petition requesting action upon the matter has been presented to the local Board of Education, and on last Monday a delegation composed of J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools, Clarence Chappell, C. F. Tynch and J. T. Winslow, went to Raleigh to confer with State School Officials concerning the situation.

At the present there are 14 children involved, and the parents of these children have expressed the desire they be permitted to attend schools in this county. In 1934, a resolution adopted by the Perquimans County Board of Education and the State Board of Education assigned the area in which these children reside as a part of the Hobbville School District. Since that date children living in the area have attended the Hobbville School.

State officials told the delegation last Monday that for the present school year nothing could be done concerning the proposal inasmuch as teach allotments have been assigned for the coming year, and that the allotments made to this county, and to the Hobbville school, were made upon the basis the 14 children will attend Hobbville school during the 1953-54 term.

However, the delegation was advised to renew their petition to the State Board of Education with a proposal that action will be approved permitting the children to attend Perquimans schools.

O'Sullivan Rites Conducted Tuesday

Henry C. O'Sullivan, 67, of Norfolk, Va., died here suddenly last Sunday afternoon, at the home of his son Henry C. Sullivan. He was a native of Bardonia, Ky.

Surviving are his wife Mrs. Jeanette Darden O'Sullivan; one son, Henry C. Sullivan; one daughter, Mrs. Anne Taylor of Charlotte; three brothers, Sam of Baltimore, Md., Jerry of Culpeper, Va., and Prontice O'Sullivan of Warren, Ohio; one sister, Mrs. Ruth S. Clark of Atlanta, Ga., and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. A. L. Chaplin, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

Pallbearers were D. S. Darden, V. N. Darden, Henry Clay Stokes, Henry C. Stokes, Jr., Ray Jones of Drivers, Va., and Joe Eaton of Norfolk, Va. Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Teachers Awarded M. A. Degrees Friday

Three teachers in Perquimans County Schools were awarded masters degrees in exercises conducted at East Carolina College last Friday. Receiving the degrees were Miss Johnnie White, a member of the Central Grammar School faculty; Mrs. Joe Nowell, Perquimans High School faculty, and Miss Louise Chalk, Hertford Grammar School faculty.

Farmers Vote On Assessment Question In Peanut Referendum On Saturday

Thieves Fail In Robbery Attempt

An attempted robbery of the Winslow Oil Company last Tuesday night failed when the thieves were unable to open a safe in the office of the local firm.

Sheriff M. G. Owens, who with Walter Spence of the SBI are investigating the break-in, reported the thieves gained entrance to the office by rowing a boat under the floor of the warehouse and climbing into the warehouse through a hole in the floor.

The firm's safe was damaged considerably by the thieves who used a punch to knock off the safe dial and one of the hinges on the safe. Failing to gain access to the safe the robbers left the scene, leaving the punch in the safe door.

Indians Football Schedule Released By Coach Perry

Coach Ike Perry, new athletic director at Perquimans High School, has announced a nine game schedule for the Indian football team for the 1953 season, which is now scheduled to open on September 18, with a contest between the Indians and Chowan College Jayvees.

Coach Perry reports he is pleased with practice sessions, which have been underway at the local school for the past two weeks, and expects this year's Indian squad to be outstanding. About 25 players have been reporting daily for the practice sessions, and Perry expects at least 10 more players to report for drills with the opening of school next Wednesday.

School officials are attempting to schedule one more game for the Indians, either on September 11 or November 20. Of the nine games already scheduled three are to be played on Memorial Field in Hertford and six will be played away from home.

Perquimans will participate in the Class A Conference again this year, which is composed of Ahoskie, Columbia, Plymouth, Williamston, Edenton, Tarboro and Perquimans.

The schedule as released is as follows:

- September 11—Open.
- September 18—Chowan Jayvees, here.
- September 25—Ahoskie, here.
- October 2—Tarboro, there.
- October 9—Plymouth, there.
- October 16—Williamston, there.
- October 23—Edenton, there.
- October 30—Columbia, here.
- November 6—Pamlico, there.
- November 13—Elizabeth City, there.
- November 20—Open.

Local Youths Attend Methodist Conference

Five young people from the Hertford area are delegates to the second Annual Conference Session of the North Carolina Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship now underway at Duke University in Durham.

Main business of the Conference Session is to plan the over-all program of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, North Carolina Conference, for 1953-54. Those attending will elect new officers of the Conference Youth Council, participate in committee meetings, and enter into a variety of study, worship, and recreational activities.

On the last day of the session the delegates will be joined by more than 1000 new arrivals to the Duke campus for the Eighth Annual Conference Youth Rally. Rev. Dan C. Whitsett of Sylacauga, Ala., will be the principal speaker and Council officers will be installed at the Rally.

Attending from this area are: Bobby Jones, Joseph C. Layden, Jr., Katherine Nixon, Suzanne Towe, all of Hertford, and Darvin Carver of Belvidere.

Local Farmers At Sale In Maryland

Two Perquimans County farmers, Preston Nixon and Clarence Chappell, Jr., ventured to Fredricks, Maryland, Tuesday, August 18, to the Maryland State Purebred Hampshire Show and Sale. Some of the outstanding swine breeders in the country had hogs consigned to the sale. Five states were represented, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina, and all five states now have hogs purchased from this sale. Preston Nixon purchased the first place gilt and Clarence Chappell, Jr., purchased the second place gilt. There were 50 bred gilts consigned to the sale with an average of \$147.87.

Polls Will Be Open From 7 A. M., Until 7 P. M. In This County

Peanut farmers in Perquimans County will go to the polls on Saturday, August 29 to vote in the State's first Peanut Assessment Referendum. The referendum will be conducted in 44 eastern counties, in which peanuts are produced.

Everything is in readiness for the voting in Perquimans, according to Ralph Sasser, Assistant County Agent who has announced the polling places and officials for the various townships in the county. He reported the polls will be open from 7 A. M., to 7 P. M., and a "yes" vote of two-thirds or more of those voting is necessary to carry the referendum.

Polling places and poll officials are as follows: Bethel, Phillips Store, John Corpew, Wilma Brabble, Colon Jackson, officials; Hertford, Agriculture Building, Preston Nixon, Joe Layden, J. E. Hunter, officials; New Hope voters will cast their ballots at the Agriculture Building in Hertford; Parkville, Winfall Community Building, Floyd Mathews, Claude Williams, Arvin Hudson, officials; Belvidere, Community Building, J. M. Copeland, J. L. Lane, W. C. Chappell, officials; Whiteston, R. M. Baker Store, Percy Winslow, R. M. Baker and Wallace Baker, officials.

The referendum will enable farmers to vote on the question of whether or not they should levy upon themselves an annual assessment of one-cent per hundred pounds of peanuts marketed for a three year period. The proceeds from the assessment would be turned over to the N. C. Peanut Growers Association to be used to promote the interests of peanut growers in all phases of production.

All farmers engaged in the production of one or more acres of peanuts for market will be eligible to vote in the referendum. This includes owners of farms on which peanuts are produced in 1953, tenants and sharecroppers. If several members of the same family participate in the production of peanuts, the member or members having an independent status as owner, tenant, or sharecropper, and entitled too share in the proceeds of the crop is eligible to vote. Both husband and wife are eligible to vote if they are joint owners of a farm growing peanuts.

Two Hertford Men To Face Charges Of Rape And Larceny

Two Hertford Negroes, Horace Reid, 31, and Roosevelt Sheard, 27, were arrested last Sunday morning by Sheriff M. G. Owens and Police Officer Robert A. White on charges of rape and larceny.

The complaint against the two men was filed by Alease Smith, 27, Negro woman of Elizabeth City, early Sunday morning and the arrest followed a short time later.

In a statement given Sheriff Owens the Smith woman said the alleged attack occurred about midnight Saturday at Perquimans Beach. She stated she was sitting alone in a car, waiting to leave the scene with some friends, when a man pulled her from the car and another man grabbed her and the two carried her into a woods where they assaulted her. She said one of the men threw a cloth over her face as they carried her into the woods.

The statement added that after the assault the men tied the woman to a tree and some time later she broke loose and wandered around in the woods, and after finding her way out she came to Hertford to report the attack to the Sheriff.

Sheriff Owens said he has secured physical evidence and a statement from the Smith woman identifying the men who attacked her.

Reid and Sheard were placed in the county jail to await a probable cause hearing in the Recorder's Court, the hearing has been set for Tuesday, September 1. Bonds of \$1,000 each were set for the men and Sheard was released on bond Monday morning.

NEW HOPE MYF MEETS

The MYF of New Hope Church had a very interesting meeting Monday night with group singing and interesting readings by Pauline Wood and Rachel Spivey. Scripture reading was by Carolyn Dail and organ music by Ann Stallings. The Lord's prayer was prayed in unison by the entire group.

Eleven members were present and two visitors recognized. Attending to the business and roll call, the group closed by repeating the MYF Benediction.