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## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Democratic party leaders gathered in Chicago this week for a two-day conference aimed at creating unity within the party and mapping plans for congressional campaigns to be waged next year. The event also honored Adlai Stevenson recently returned from a six months tour of the world. Reports from the meeting state Stevenson, the party nominee in last year's presidential race, emerged from the conference as the leader of the party.

The United Nations voted this week to shelve all proposals for seating Red China as a member of the organization during 1953. The vote was taken on a resolution proposed by the United States. Following this action the UN elected Madame Vijaya Pandit president of the UN. She is the first woman elected to this high office since the organization of the UN in 1945.

A proposal for a national sales tax, endorsed by a number of national organizations, is expected to run into trouble if presented to Congress. Representative Reed, chairman of the committee which will study the proposal is reported opposed to such a measure.

President Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson, it is reported, will confer shortly on world conditions. Stevenson recently returned from a world tour, and is expected to advise the President upon conditions as he saw them on his trip.

## State Merchants Support Bond Vote

A call for merchants throughout the State to give their "full and active support" to the school and mental institutions bond vote on October 3 is made by Ansel E. Fowler, president of N. C. Merchants Association.

"It is apparent that our merchants of today are interested in items other than the mere ring of the cash register. That's why we are plugging for these bond issues," declared Fowler.

He said that the board of directors of the N. C. Merchants Association went on record last week as favoring the bond issues of 22 million dollars for additional mental facilities and 505 million dollars for public school improvements.

"We should be ashamed of the condition of our mental institutions," said Fowler in pointing out that "improvement in the general welfare of our people can only result in a more stable economy for our merchants."

Declaring that there are now approximately 70,000 retail firms in North Carolina, Fowler said that these merchants can within the next few weeks "contact in their own places of business, with little effort, and in the regular course of the days' activities virtually every person of voting age in North Carolina on behalf of the bond issues."

Fowler emphasized that the 1953 school enrollment in the State is short of its needs approximately 7,775 classrooms. He said that the total number of applications to State mental hospitals exceeds the actual number of admissions by about 300 patients per year.

## Number From Here Attend Stock Sales

The annual Fall State Duroc Sale was held at Rocky Mount Friday, September 11. Two breeders, Preston Nixon and Clarence Chappell, Jr., had hogs consigned to the sale. Clarence had the reserve grand champion bred gilt. According to Ralph Sasser, Assistant County Agent, the sales averages were: Brad Gilts \$140.15, Open Gilts \$87.67, and Boars \$97.38. Farmers from Perquimans County attending the sale were Winston Lane, Sr., Winston Lane, Jr., and Tim Mathews. Mr. Lane and Mr. Mathews bought two of these Durocs back to Perquimans County.

Clarence Chappell, Jr., Izulbe Chappell and H. I. Ward entered six dairy cattle in the Junior Dairy Show at Dunn last Saturday. These 4-Hers brought back five blue ribbons and one red ribbon. Chappell also won showmanship in the Guernsey division. Ralph Sasser, Assistant County Agent, reported the N. C. Junior Guernsey Herd will consist of the same animals which will be shown in an exhibition in Richmond, Va., September 26th.

## KOREAN VETERAN NEWS

Veterans of the Korean War, desiring to enroll in the veterans farm training program are requested to contact the Tonnell supervisor of the program in Perquimans County.

## Perquimans Indians Open Grid Season Here Friday Night Against Chowan Team

### Indians Reported To Be In Good Condition For First Contest

Perquimans High School's football team will open its 1953 season here Friday night when the Indians meet the junior varsity from Chowan College. Game time has been set for eight o'clock.

Coach Ike Perry reported his squad of Indians are ready for the opening contest of the season and that probable starters for the game will be G. A. Carver and Eugene White at ends, Williams and White at tackles, Towe and Eddie Overton at guards, Daryl Allen center, with John Morris Howard Williams, Paul Mathews and either Pierce or Marshall Winslow in the backfield.

This lineup, mostly veterans from last season, are expected to turn in a fine game in the opener, and gain valuable experience for the first conference game which will be played here Friday night, September 25, against Ahsokie, Class A State champions of 1952.

The Indians have put in several weeks of strenuous practice for the opening game against Chowan, and fans are expected to get a preview of the possible strength of the local team during this first contest.

Most of the players are in fine shape, although Howard Williams and John Morris sustained minor injuries in practice last week. Both boys have returned for drills and are reported okay. Pierce suffered an attack of appendicitis late last week, and it is still doubtful he will play in the game tonight.

Ahsokie, the first conference game for the Indians this year, won its first contest last week by an overwhelming score, and the game with the Indians a week from tonight is expected to be one of the best in the conference this season.

## Marjorie M. Perry Weds Carlos Flick

The marriage of Miss Marjorie Marie Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Perry of Hertford, Route 1, to Carlos Thomas Flick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flick of Fieldale, Va., took place Saturday afternoon, August 29, at 4 o'clock in the Great Hope Baptist Church.

The Rev. L. C. Channeller, pastor of the bride, performed the double ring ceremony in a setting of tapers, palms, ferns, asters, mums and gladioli.

Mrs. Lee Phillips played the wedding music and accompanied John Long, soloist, of Severn, N. C., who sang "I Would Be True and for the benediction "Seal Us O Holy Spirit."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a street-length suit of white linen with white accessories. She carried a white prayer book, covered with an orchid and showered with lilies of the valley and satin streamers, tied in love knots.

Mrs. Ervin R. Saunders, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and carried a nosegay of summer mixed flowers. She wore a medium blue crepe dress with black accessories.

The Rev. Carl Flick of Fort Worth, Texas, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The ushers were L. V. High of Wilson, N. C., and Grady Nowell of Wendell, N. C.; classmates of the bridegroom.

The mother of the bride wore a suit of purple crepe with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations. The mother of the bridegroom wore a navy blue crepe dress with matching accessories, and a corsage of white carnations. Mrs. George Thomas, grandmother of the bridegroom, wore a dress of Navy blue crepe, with matching accessories.

## Perquimans Growers At Peanut Field Day

Six Perquimans County Peanut Producers attended the Peanut Field Day at Lewiston on September 11. There were W. C. Chappell, Warner Madro, Will Madro, J. O. White and Dan Berry. The program consisted, according to Ralph Sasser, Assistant County Agent, of discussions on new varieties, N. C. 1 and N. C. 2; Peanut diseases, peanut insects, spacing, fertilization and rotation, cultivation and new harvesting equipment. Mr. Sasser says the N. C. 1 and N. C. 2 offer new possibilities in production and quality of peanuts produced in our area. These varieties are a bunch type peanut. The experiment station recommended as low as a 24-inch row width for producing these peanuts. These new varieties are now being grown in Perquimans County by Mr. Preston Nixon of near Hertford.

## PMA To Conduct Election By Mail

John Q. Hurdle, Chairman, Perquimans County PMA Committee, announced today that the elections of community PMA committeemen to serve in 1954 and alternates to attend the County Convention will be held by mail.

The ballots will be mailed to eligible producers the first of October and must be returned to the PMA office on or before October 14, 1953.

The County Convention will be held October 16. Mr. Hurdle stated that the nomination of community committeemen and alternates to the County Convention will be made by a nominating committee from each community Friday night, September 18, at the Agricultural Building in Hertford at 7:30 o'clock. All producers are invited to attend and participate in this meeting.

## Mexico Subject Of Rotary Program

Some of the problems of farming in Mexico was related to the Hertford Rotary Club, at its weekly meeting Tuesday evening, when Jesse Parker Perry was the guest speaker on the club program.

Mr. Perry, who is visiting his father, J. P. Perry, is associated with the Rockefeller Foundation doing research on Agriculture in Mexico.

"Mexico is a small country as compared to the United States," Mr. Perry told the Rotarians, "but it is made up mostly of farmers since the agriculture is the chief industry of the nation."

While about nine-tenths of the population engage in farming the terrain is such only about one-tenth of the land is cultivated, thus there is very little production of crops for marketing purposes, Mr. Perry said.

Mexico, according to Mr. Perry, might be divided into five regions with each section having particular problems related to agriculture but at the present time a vast road building program is underway as a means of uniting the country, and advancing community life and spirit.

Cpl. R. A. Tripp, State Highway Patrolman, was also a guest of the club and he spoke briefly in making an appeal for highway safety. He pointed out the number of fatal accidents this year is already greater than in 1952, and urged the public to observe all safety regulations as a means of cutting down fatal accidents.

The Rotarians voted to observe its annual Rural-Urban night on November 3, and C. R. Holmes, president of the club, named D. S. Darden, A. W. Hefren and C. P. Morris as a committee on arrangements for this event.

## State Peanut Crop Smallest In Years

The smallest acreage of peanuts for picking and threshing in 30 years and the smallest production in 20 years is in prospect. Condition of the growing crop declined somewhat during August and the current September 1 yield prospect is placed at 1,250 pounds per acre. This is 50 pounds below a month earlier and 300 pounds below the 1952 average yield per acre, but is still above the 1,106-pound 1942-51 average yield.

The 1953 acreage for picking and threshing has been placed at 185,000—87 per cent below 1952 and 22 per cent below the 237,000 acres harvested in 1951. Acreage allotment reductions are primarily responsible for the smaller 1953 acreage for picking and threshing. Total production is placed at 231,250,000 pounds for 1953, only 74 per cent of the 311,550,000 pounds produced last year.

Drought conditions have been less severe this summer in the important peanut producing areas than in some other areas of the State, but peanut areas have experienced enough drought conditions to prevent full development of a crop which looked good early in the season.

## Jaycees Contribute To Operation Warmth

Hertford's Junior Chamber of Commerce made a contribution of \$45 to "Operation Warmth," conducted recently to aid unfortunate, Greek victims of recent earthquakes in Greece, it was reported by Henry C. Stokes, Jr., president of the local Jaycees.

The purpose of operation warmth was to provide blankets for the needy Greeks. Through the generosity of an anonymous manufacturer, sponsors of the project were able to purchase a \$7 blanket for three dollars.

## Hertford Men Held For Superior Court On Charges Of Rape

### Nine Cases Heard By Recorder's Judge At Session Tuesday

A verdict of probable cause was returned by Recorder Judge Chas. E. Johnson in a closed hearing conducted here last Tuesday morning for Horace Reed and Roosevelt Sheard, Negroes, charged with raping Alease Smith, 27 year old Negro woman of Elizabeth City. The two men were bound over for action by the Perquimans Superior Court.

Judge Johnson cleared the courtroom of spectators following a motion made by W. H. Oakey, Jr., attorney for Sheard.

According to testimony given during the hearing by the prosecuting witness, Alease Smith, the two men seized her as she sat in a car parked at Perquimans Beach on the night of August 23. She testified the men carried her into a woods and both of them assaulted her, then tied her to a tree. After freeing herself she wandered around in the woods until daylight, and then found her way out of the woods. The Smith woman stated the men blindfolded her but she recognized their voices and reported the men to Sheriff M. G. Owens through recognition of the voices.

The pair was also charged with taking a watch and \$5 belonging to the woman. Both defendants denied the charges but no defense was presented during the preliminary hearing.

Other cases disposed of during the Tuesday session of court included those of Earnie Benles and Walter Kessler, each of whom paid the costs of court after submitting to charges of speeding. A fine of \$10 and costs were paid by Bernie Halpern who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding.

Ruth Phillips, Negro, failed to appear to answer charges of being drunk and disorderly. A \$25 cash bond, posted by the defendant was ordered forfeited.

Costs of court were taxed against James White, Negro, on charges of driving on the left side of a highway. Clarence Riddick, Negro, was fined \$2 and costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of being drunk on a highway.

Cora Smith, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving without a valid license. She was ordered to pay the costs of court.

Charles Johnson, Negro, submitted to a charge of driving with an improper muffler and paid the costs of court.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of Jesse Morgan, charged with non-support, upon the condition he pay the sum of \$5 per week for each of his children residing with Ethel Morgan.

## Lane Rites Held Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Rebecca Louise Lane, 82, died at her home near Winfall Friday at 1:30 P. M., after a long illness.

She was a daughter of William and Josephine Lane and wife of the late Albert Lane. She was a member of the Mount Sinai Baptist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth White of Winfall; a son, George Lane, of Norfolk, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Matt Fitchett, of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Elizabeth Madro and Mrs. Maggie Powers, of Portsmouth, Va.; a brother, John Lane of Jacksonville, Fla.; a grandchild and 11 great-grandchildren.

The body was taken from the Lynch Funeral Home here to Mount Sinai Baptist Church for funeral services Sunday at 2 P. M., conducted by the Rev. Bennie Crawford, pastor. Burial was in the family cemetery near Winfall.

## Meeting To Reveal 1954 PMA Program

The 1954 Agricultural Conservation Program will be announced Wednesday night, September 23, 1953, at a county-wide meeting held at the Agricultural Building in Hertford at 8:00 o'clock stated John Q. Hurdle, Chairman, Perquimans County PMA Committee.

The program will open January 1, 1954, although requests for assistance to carry out soil and water conservation practices needed on their farms will be made by farmers at a community meeting held in each community prior to October 15.

Mr. Hurdle reports that many changes have been made in the Agricultural Conservation Program and it is important that producers attend this meeting in order to get a full understanding of the program. Anyone other than a producer interested in the AC Program is invited to attend.

## Town Board Requests Cooperation In Keeping Local Streets Free Of Trash

### Central PTA Meets Next Monday Night

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School will hold its first meeting of the year Monday night, September 21, at 8 o'clock in the school cafeteria. The subject for the month is "Back To School For Parents". Mrs. Philip Perry of the Woodville community will conduct the devotional. There will also be special music.

The membership drive will be launched at this meeting and a reception will be held at the conclusion of the meeting. All parents and interested patrons of the school are urged to attend.

## Hertford PTA Hears Talk By Rev. Wulf

The Hertford Grammar School PTA held its first meeting on Thursday night, September 10. W. F. Ainsley, president, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The president's message was read by Mrs. Lois Howell, secretary. Mrs. Jack Brinn was elected treasurer for the new year.

J. T. Biggers gave a talk on the bond issue for schools. Miss Thelma Elliott thanked the PTA for balls given the school after which she introduced a new teacher, Miss Louise Chalk. Mrs. H. C. Sullivan gave the devotional. The Rev. Charles Wulf gave an interesting talk on "Moral and Spiritual Education in the Home, School and Community." Mrs. Eldon Winslow's grade won the cup for attendance. Door prizes were won by Mrs. T. P. Byrum and W. M. Pugh.

## State Fair Marks 100th Anniversary

Agriculture's annual "show window," the N. C. State Fair, will start a new century of service as an educational and inspirational institution when the 1953 exposition is held in Raleigh October 20-24.

Robert W. Shoffner, assistant director of the State College Agricultural Extension Service who serves as No. 1 aide to Dr. J. S. Dorton, State Fair Manager, says the goal this year is to have "all 100 counties of the State represented with educational exhibits on the 100th anniversary of the State Fair". He predicts the goal will be reached through stimulated effort on the part of the county farm and home agents and other agricultural leaders.

"Last year," said Shoffner, "we had 1,169 individual and group exhibitors from 85 counties. Of the 'missing counties', eight had exhibits in the 1951 Fair. This means that only seven of North Carolina's 100 counties have not been represented during the past two years. These are: Dare, McDowell, Pamlico, Polk, Richmond, Transylvania and Washington."

The Extension administrator and fair leader said copies of the 1953 State Fair catalog and premium list have been distributed to all previous exhibitors and to other agricultural leaders. He urged that other prospective exhibitors write immediately to the Manager, State Fair, P. O. Box 1388, Raleigh for their free copy of the publication.

The first State Fair was held in Raleigh October 18-21, 1853 under the sponsorship of the old N. C. Agricultural Society. The site was a 16-acre tract now familiar to travelers on U. S. Highway 64-E through a historical marker on Raleigh's New Bern Avenue, 10 blocks east of the Capitol.

The Fair has been a division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture since 1937 and the present fairgrounds cover 288 acres along U. S. Highway No. 1, five miles west of the State Capitol.

## County Board To Hold Special Meeting Friday

The Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County will meet in special session in the Court House Friday morning, September 18, beginning at 10 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting will be receiving of bids for the construction of a new county health center, and other matters brought before the Board.

Bids for the health center, which is to be constructed on a site at the corner of Dobb and Charles Streets, will be opened at 11 A. M., with representatives of the State Medical Commission and Architect William Moore Weber acting with the local Commissioners in comparing the bids.

## Mayor Gives Report On Street Projects; Funds Received

Hertford's Town Board met here in regular session last Monday night and went on record requesting public cooperation for keeping the streets of the town free of trash over week-ends.

Mayor V. N. Darden reported to the Board trash collection schedules are operated on Friday and Saturday mornings but that some residents place trash on the streets after the collection truck has completed its rounds; thus this trash remains on the streets until the following week.

To keep the streets clean of debris over week-ends public notices are being distributed by town employees asking each resident to place his trash at the curb not later than Thursday evening in order that the truck may collect it on schedule.

It was the opinion of the Board that failure on the part of the public to cooperate with this problem will lead to an ordinance making it a violation to place trash on the streets between Thursday evening and Monday morning.

However, the Board is hopeful the public will cooperate in this proposal to help keep Hertford streets clean as possible, especially during week-ends.

Mayor Darden also gave the Board a report on progress of a number of street projects, and stated town employees will start building new sidewalks on Church Street late this week or the first part of next week. State crews have almost completed their work on Church Street, between Grubb and Market Streets, with the exception of resurfacing the highway. This is expected to be done at a later date.

Posts and lights for the new white-way in the business district are on order but delivery has been delayed and installation of the white-way will be made upon arrival of the materials.

The Town also received this week funds in the amount of \$6,001, under the terms of the Powell Bill, for use in maintaining street projects.

## Perquimans School Officials To Head Athletic Conference

Principal E. C. Woodard and Coach Ike Perry, of Perquimans High School will serve as president and secretary, respectively, of the Albarne Athletic Conference during the year 1953-54. The local school officials were elected to head up the athletic conference at a meeting held last week at Plymouth.

Following the election of officers for the new year, and a discussion of the coming football season, the group set a date for the next meeting of the conference officials. The meeting will be held at Tarboro on December 2, and will in addition to selecting an all conference football team, discuss a rearrangement of football schedules to equalize the number of home games conference members will have each year.

President Woodard has been named to work out recommendations for the 1954 conference football schedule and to make a report at the December meeting.

Scotland Neck High School, a former member of the conference, was invited to rejoin the conference in order to make the athletic set-up an eight team affair.

## HDC Meetings Planned By County Home Agent

Miss Pauline Gordan, House Furnishings Specialist from State College, in Raleigh, will be in Hertford at the Agricultural Building on Friday, September 25, to hold a Special Interest Meeting on "New Trends In Draperies". She will discuss the selection and the making also. The meeting will begin at 2:30 in the afternoon. All Home Demonstration members are urged to attend, and anyone else who is interested, announced Miss Kimsey Perry, Home Agent.

Miss Corinne Grimsley, Family Life Specialist, will hold a training school for Family Life Leaders of the Home Demonstration Clubs on Wednesday afternoon, September 23, at 2:30 in the Agricultural Building, according to Miss Kimsey Perry, Home Agent. Each family life leader is invited to attend and bring another club member with her. Miss Perry urges the family life leaders to take advantage of this meeting.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Porter of Savannah, Ga., announce the birth of a daughter, Ann Marie, on September 11. Mrs. Porter is the former Miss Dixie Chappell of Belvidere.