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Little Interest Being Manifested In Bond Election Scheduled October 3rd

Large Favorable Vote Needed Here To Aid State Approval

Little interest is being shown throughout Perquimans County in the coming special election to determine whether or not the State will issue bonds to build additional school facilities and additional hospital facilities in the near future. The special election is set for Saturday, October 3rd.

While there has been no organization set up to campaign for the proposed bond issue, the program has been explained at numerous meetings of civic organizations throughout the county, and these organizations, generally, have gone on record approving the proposed issue.

If the bond issue is carried Perquimans County stands to get a minimum of \$150,000, possibly much more, from proceeds of the State bond sale for improvement and additions to school buildings. Otherwise the entire cost of any improvements will fall on county taxpayers.

One question which has been raised in discussion concerning the bond issue has been the expected increase in county taxes. If the bond issues are approved by the voters, the issuance of the bonds will not affect local taxes in the least. Repayment of funds procured through the sale of the bonds, both for schools and hospitals, will be made from State funds. Local tax rates will not be affected in any manner.

The bond proposal is being strongly supported by Governor Unstead and all state officials, as well as by the Farm Bureau, state merchants association, parent-teachers congress and practically all other civic and business organizations. No organized opposition has developed, but it is known that an undercover campaign is being waged in some of the more populous areas against the proposition.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A Russian attempt to reopen debate in the UN concerning the Korean peace conference was voted down this week when the Assembly overwhelmingly decided the procedure of the conference had been established during previous meetings. The Russian move was aimed at having neutrals included as delegates to the peace conference, a plan opposed by the United States.

The U. S. Agriculture Department revealed this week that exports of U. S. farm products, for the year ending July 1, were 30 per cent smaller than those of the preceding year. The report stated this sharp decline in exports has been a factor in reducing the status of American agriculture during the past 12 months.

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey, speaking before a meeting of the American Bankers Association on Tuesday, stated personal income taxes will drop next year and the excess profit tax will die on December 31. While government officials predict these declines in taxes, ways and means are being sought to enact new taxes to assist in maintaining high income needed for government expenditures.

Johnson Named On YDC Committee

Appointments of Charles Johnson to the constitution committee for the State Young Democrats Convention to be held in Raleigh, October 8-10, was announced today by W. B. Harrison, YDC President.

Harrison said that this committee will act on proposals to change the present term of YDC officers from one to two years. The annual convention would also be replaced by one every two years, held in the off-congressional election year.

"This will give the officers a longer time to get used to their positions and will make them more effective campaigners during the Congressional elections," Harrison said. "It would also tie in with the national YDC program which provides for elections and campaigns every two years, and would allow more opportunity to prove more effective in that field."

CHIMNEY FIRE

Hertford Fire Department was called to the home of W. G. Newby on Tuesday evening at about 8:45 o'clock to extinguish a chimney fire. The fire was extinguished.

Perquimans Road Report For August

The State Highway Commission completed 8.8 miles of road work in Perquimans County during the month of August, Commissioner Emmett Winslow of Hertford reported today.

State highway maintenance forces laid 8.8 miles of sand asphalt resurfacing from N. C. 37, 1.3 miles southeast of Belvidere, northeast via Whiteston to Perquimans-Gates County line. The road is 18 feet wide.

Central PTA Holds First Meeting Of Year Monday Night

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans Central Grammar School held its first meeting of the year Monday night, in the school cafeteria, with the president, Mrs. B. F. Bray, presiding. The meeting was opened by singing "The PTA Song". The president welcomed the large group of parents and teachers who were present. She stated that the theme for the year is "Better Homes, Better Schools and Better Communities."

A quartet, composed of Asa Renfrow, Robert Biggs, Ray Byrum, and Herbert Russell, accompanied by Miss Edna Earle Griffin, rendered a musical selection. Mrs. Phillip Perry of the Woodville community, conducted the devotional. This was followed by a trio, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Russell and Miss Edna Earle Griffin with Miss Griffin as accompanist.

The minutes were read and approved, after which Mrs. Earnest Elliott Morgan read the minutes of the last executive meeting which was held last Spring at which time the standing committees for the year were appointed.

Committee members named were: Budget and Finance, Arvin Hudson and Thomas Maston; Membership, Miss Johnnie White; Study Group, Mrs. Floyd Matthews; Magazine, Mrs. Ralph Harrell; Program, Mrs. Earnest Morgan; Room Representatives, Mrs. A. R. Cook; Publicity, Mrs. Graham Wood; Ways and Means, Mrs. Russell Baker, Mrs. Ned Nixon, Mrs. Virginia Winslow, and Mrs. Claude Williams; Art, Mrs. Joseph Winslow and Miss Lelia Lee Winslow; Historical, Mrs. Linford Winslow; Character and Spiritual Education, Mrs. Elijah White; World Citizenship, Mrs. Edwin White; Home and Family Life, Mrs. Percy Trueblood; By-Laws, Mrs. Lorenza Elliott; Goals, Mrs. Delvin Eure; Headquarters Building Fund, Mrs. Eugenia Beck; Safety, Mrs. Wendell Matthews; Publicity and Procedure Book, Mrs. Annie Williams; Congress Publications, Mrs. Thelma Rogerson; School Lunchroom, Mrs. Essie Benton, Mrs. Bertha Lane and Edwin White; School Grounds, Claude Williams, Floyd Matthews, Joel Hollowell and Arvin Hudson; Hospitality, Mrs. Eddie Harrell and Mrs. Essie Benton; Recreation, Mrs. Eddie Harrell. (Continued on Page Ten)

Norfolk Motorcade To Visit Hertford

A motorcade, representing the Norfolk Retail Merchants Association, will bring greetings and good wishes from that organization to residents of this county on Tuesday, September 29, when officials of the City of Norfolk, civic groups and business men visit Hertford on a tour of counties in eastern North Carolina.

The program will be a part of the Merchants Association's "Golden Jubilee" being celebrated in Norfolk on October 2 and 3.

Mayor V. N. Darden will welcome the motorcade to Hertford, and while here the motorcade will be located in front of the Court House.

Hertford Jaycees Entertain Wives

Members of the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce entertained their wives and a number of State Jaycee officials at a dinner party held Wednesday evening at the Hotel Hertford. Henry C. Stokes, Jr., president of the local organization, acted as hostmaster.

Special guests included Gene Ochsreiter, State President; Edward Gurganus, 10th district vice president; Roy Chason, president of the Elizabeth City Jaycees and workers who assisted the Jaycees in compiling its community calendar.

Shots talks by Mr. Ochsreiter and Mr. Gurganus featured the program for the event.

Farm Bureau Opens Membership Drive; Goal 300 Members

Barbecue Dinner Will Mark Close Of Drive On October 23rd

The annual membership campaign of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau opened this week, and will be closed on October 15, it was announced today by Jacob L. White, president.

The date for the opening of the drive was made at a meeting of directors of the Farm Bureau, held in the Agricultural Building last Monday night. At the meeting plans were also made for a barbecue dinner to be staged by the Farm Bureau on October 23, marking the close of the membership campaign. All members of the Farm Bureau and their families will be invited to the barbecue dinner.

A quota of 300 members has been set for the Perquimans Bureau for 1953. Perquimans County had 500 members in 1948, a record high membership, and last year 360 members were signed up during the campaign. Directors are hopeful the drive this year will be at least as successful as 1952.

Directors of the Farm Bureau will act as membership chairmen in their respective townships. Included are T. H. Jones, New Hope; Julian Mathews, Parkville; Carroll Williams, Hertford; Edwin S. White, Belvidere, and Colon Jackson, Bethel.

Others of the local Farm Bureau, in addition to Mr. White, are Floyd Mathews, vice president and Claude Williams, secretary-treasurer.

At Monday night's meeting the directors stressed the importance of membership in the Farm Bureau, and the part Farm Bureau is playing today in the vast farm industry. Parts of this program are set out in an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this newspaper, and farmers and business men are urged to support the 1953 membership drive.

In planning the barbecue dinner, the directors voted that every purchaser of a membership will receive a ticket for the dinner, good for himself and his family. It is understood the barbecue dinner will be held at the Perquimans High School, beginning at 3 P. M., on October 23.

New Legion Officers Assume Duties At Meeting October 1

NEW LEGION
William Paul Stallings Post 126, the American Legion, will meet Thursday, October 1, at the Agriculture Building in Hertford at 8 o'clock P. M. This meeting marks the beginning of a new year for the American Legion and the local Post. Their first objective is securing their quota of members for the year 1954. Legion Membership Go-Getters are making a canvass of eligible veterans of World War I and II, and Korean War and will make their report at this meeting.

Also the American Legion Building Committee will make a report as to sites for erection of an American Legion Hut.

The following officers have been elected and installed for the year 1954:

Commander, Joseph W. Nowell, Jr.; First Vice Commander, Clifford C. Banks; Second Vice Commander, Julian C. Powell; Third Vice Commander, Jarvis Ward; Adjutant, B. C. Berry; Finance Officer, V. N. Darden; Service Officer, C. C. Banks; Athletic Officer, C. W. White; Sergeant-At-Arms, Shelton G. Chappell; Chaplain, W. T. Willoughby; Historian, W. F. Ainsley; Guardianship Officer, F. T. Johnson; Child Welfare Officer, George G. Winslow; School Awards Chairman, R. Ralph White; Graves Registration, Thomas H. White; Oratorical Contest, J. Boniac Webb; Boy Scouts Officer, Chas. T. Skinner, Jr.; Sons of Legion Chairman, M. G. Owens.

Commander Nowell requests that all members and eligible veterans attend this meeting and help the American Legion in their programs for the year 1954.

T. B. Association To Hold Meeting

The Perquimans-Pasquotank-Camden-Chowan Tuberculosis Association will have a meeting in the Agriculture Building in Elizabeth City on September 25 at 4:30 P. M. Friday. Ministers, health leaders and civic leaders interested in Tuberculosis are invited to attend. Mrs. Vernon James will have charge of the program.

Indians Open Grid Season With Win Over Chowan Jayvees

Perquimans Team To Play Ahoskie Tonight On Memorial Field

The Perquimans Indians, displaying a surprisingly strong line, romped to a 19-0 victory over the Chowan College Jayvees in the opening football game of the season here last Friday night before a large crowd of fans.

Coach Ike Perry reported his satisfaction over the outcome of the opening contest saying he thought the Indians turned in a creditable performance.

This week the Indians have been concentrating practice sessions toward their encounter Friday night with Ahoskie, Class A champions, in a game to be played in Hertford. Game time will be eight o'clock.

In the opening game last week John Morris, Howard Williams and Paul Mathews teamed up in handling Chowan a 19-0 defeat. Two pass plays, Morris to Williams, resulted in touchdowns, and Mathews converted one extra point. Late in the fourth quarter Mathews intercepted a Chowan pass on the Perquimans five-yard line and raced 95 yards for the third touchdown scored by Perquimans.

Outstanding on defensive play were Daryl Allen, Cliff Towe, Melville Williams for Perquimans and Roberts and Ferguson for Chowan.

Perquimans racked up a total of eight first downs while Chowan marched for five. The Indians were penalized three times for a total of thirty yards and Chowan lost 30 yards on penalties.

Perquimans scored first in the second quarter when Williams ran 12 yards after catching a pass from Morris. The second Indian score came in the opening minutes of the fourth period on a similar pass play, with Williams toting the pigskin over the pay line.

The Indians were definitely the best of the two teams, although Chowan showed flashes of offensive power and had a splendid defensive line.

The line score was:
Perquimans Indians 0 7 0 12 19
Chowan Jayvees 0 0 0 0 0

Hertford Lions Club To Sponsor Harvest Festival Next Week

Commencing Monday, September 28 and lasting throughout the week ending Saturday night, October 3, the Hertford Lions Club will hold a big Fall Festival Carnival. The festival grounds will be next to the Hertford Fire Hall.

The Lions Club have contracted with the Virginia Greater Shows of Suffolk, Va., to furnish the Carnival Midway of Shows, Rides and Games. The Virginia Greater Shows has the reputation of being one of the cleanest carnival companies on the road today. They cater strictly to the much desired form of clean carnival entertainment, catering to the entire family.

Among the many rides will be four special rides for the children as well as several rides for the grown-ups. Among the many tented side shows to be seen on the midway of the Virginia Greater Shows will be the Big Cotton Club Minstrel Revue featuring a cast of high class talented Colored Minstrel performers for lovers of this form of entertainment. Another big feature tent show attraction features Carroll Miller's Trained Money Circus and Speedway featuring Simian Wonders.

Under another tented theatre which must be seen to be enjoyed will be Captain Allen's Circus Side Show with a troupe of Human Freaks and living curiosities featuring also Mike and Ike. They look alike, the only twin midgets in the world today.

On Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock a special children's matinee will be held when all shows and rides will be at a special price to all children.

COUNCIL TO MEET

The Perquimans County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs, will meet in the Agriculture Building in Hertford, Saturday afternoon, September 26, at 2:30 o'clock. All council members are urged to be present.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Boyce announce the birth of a daughter, Denise Yvonne, born Thursday, September 17, at the Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. Boyce, before her marriage was Miss Janice Yagel.

Bids Totalling \$33,300 For Health Center Approved By Commissioners

New Hope Ruritans Victors In Contest

Members of the New Hope Ruritan Club, as victors of the annual corn contest, conducted among members of the Ruritan Clubs at New Hope, Parkville and Bethel were guests at a fish fry given at Hertford Beach Thursday evening by the two losing clubs, Parkville and Bethel. The New Hope Club won the contest with a yield of 128 bushels of corn from the acre planted.

Varied Docket In Recorder Court On Last Tuesday

A varied docket, consisting of 16 cases, was disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court here last Tuesday morning.

Costs of court were assessed against Peter Bellocchio, Mancy Updegraff and Francis Rowe, each of whom entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding. Evelyn Wood, also charged with speeding, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

A fine of \$10 and costs were taxed against Luke Daniels who was found guilty on a charge of being drunk on a highway.

Emanuel Miller, Negro, submitted to a charge of assault. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

William Billups, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, and was given a 60-day road sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs, and the condition he surrender a shot gun to the Sheriff.

James W. Overton, charged with being drunk and disorderly, and assaulting Highway Patrolman B. R. Insoce, entered a plea of guilty to the charges. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of court.

Cecil Ayers paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of driving on the left side of a highway.

Court costs were taxed against Geo. Owens, Negro, Peter Riddick, and Gordon Winslow, each of whom submitted to charges of failing to observe a stop sign.

James Gordon, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to operating a vehicle with improper muffler. He paid the costs of court.

Allen Burnette and James Alexander, Negro, entered pleas of guilty to charges of reckless driving. Each was taxed with a fine of \$10 and costs.

William Knight submitted to a charge of operating a car with improper muffler. He paid the costs of court.

Mrs. Basnight Named Tour Representative

Mrs. J. B. Basnight of the Burgess Home Demonstration Club will represent Perquimans County on the United Nations tour October 5. The group will be made up of Home Demonstration women all over North Carolina. The Farm Bureau and the Home Demonstration County Council are sponsoring the trip.

Mrs. Basnight is eligible for this trip because she is Citizenship Leader in the county. She will be accompanied to Raleigh by Miss Kimsey Perry, Home Demonstration Agent, on Sunday, October 4. The group will leave the next morning at 7 o'clock from the Sir Walter Hotel. They will visit points of interest and spend the night in Washington. From there they will go to the United Nations Session to spend two days, at New York, where Dr. Robert Humber and Dr. Frank Graham will assist them. The group will leave early Saturday morning for home. Many sight seeing spots will be included on the tour.

Report Given On Feeder Calf Sale

The Albemarle Feeder Calf Sale held in Elizabeth City on September 22 averaged \$16.25 per 100. This was about \$2.00 below the first sale of the year which was held in Goldsboro on the 21st of September. Ralph Sasser, Assistant Agent, says not many of the animals purchased went for 4-H projects. However, Perquimans 4-H'ers purchased 4 from the sale. More 4-H'ers will buy from the sale at Rocky Mount which is to be held Thursday, September 24. Houston Edwards of near Hertford had 13 steers and heifers consigned to the sale. Mr. Edwards topped the sale with a choice steer selling for \$22.00. Eighty-two animals were consigned to the sale.

Construction Expected To Start Within Next Sixty Days

In a special meeting, held here last Friday, the Board of County Commissioners approved construction bids for the new public health center, to be erected on a site located at the corner of Charles and Dobb Streets. Low bids for the complete job on the building amounted to \$33,300, including new fixtures and an architect's fee.

While the low bids have been approved by the Commissioners, the bids must also receive the approval of the State Medical Care Commission and the U. S. Public Health Service. It is expected these approvals will come through within one to two months, and work on the building will be started immediately after approval of the bids is received.

Paul P. Thompson Construction Co., of Burlington was low bidder for the general contract, with a bid of \$20,395; C. C. Brown, also of Burlington, with a bid of \$2,550 received the nod for installation of heating; the plumbing contract was received by Rural Plumbing and Heating Co., of Raleigh, whose bid was \$2,745. New Home Appliance Co., of Elizabeth City was low bidder on the electrical work, the bid being \$2,250.

Perquimans County's outlay of cash, as its part in the construction of this new health center, will be \$7,059.60. The remaining portion of the total costs will be paid out of state and federal funds.

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners allocated the sum of \$7,500 for this project, the funds being made available from surplus within the general fund, of which was received from sources other than taxes. A sum of \$2,500 was paid by the county for the site, and this sum likewise was made available from surplus funds.

The new health center will be of brick construction, and when completed will provide the people of Perquimans County with a beautiful, modern facility for the local health department.

Lions Club Study Community House As Proposed Project

The Hertford Lions Club have taken under advisement the possibility of sponsoring a project calling for the construction of a Community House for Hertford, it was reported by Chas. M. Harrell, president of the club.

Mr. Harrell has named a committee, composed of J. T. Biggers, chairman, Claude White, Joe Tunnell, H. W. Winslow and E. C. Woodard to study the proposed project and report to the club at its next meeting.

During the meeting last Friday night members of the local Lions Club went on record endorsing the statewide bond issue to be voted on October 3. J. T. Biggers, in presenting the program for the evening, explained the issues concerning the bond election, setting forth the program proposed by the State in the event the bond issue is approved by the voters.

The club also voted to enforce article six in its by-laws concerning forfeiture of membership, and all members are urged to take notice of this proposed ruling.

Authorities Seek Thieves In Robbery

Local police officials, assisted by the SBI, are continuing an investigation of the theft of \$767 taken from the office of Perquimans High School on Wednesday night of last week.

E. W. Woodard, principal of the school, discovered the robbery. He stated the funds taken in the robbery were collections made at the school for insurance, lunchroom, and by school organizations. The loss was covered by insurance.

The thieves gained entrance into the principal's office by jimmying a lock on the office door, and broke into a safe, containing the money, by knocking off the dial on the safe door.

Sheriff M. G. Owens reported the authorities are working on some clues, and have some suspects in the case.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Raeford Bowen announce the birth of a daughter, Jacquelyn on September 16, at Pender Memorial Hospital, Burgaw, N. C. Mrs. Bowen is the former Miss Marion White of Hertford.