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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A reorganization of the nation's farm program was ordered into effect this week by Secretary of Agriculture Benson. The plan will consolidate some of the farm agencies and abolish all seven regional offices of the Soil Conservation Service and turn their functions over to the states. Benson ordered the plan into effect despite some Congressional protests. He claims the shuffling of the organization will provide greater benefits for the overall farm program.

In elections conducted last Tuesday in Virginia, New Jersey and New York, Democrats won major offices in contests considered setbacks for the Republican administration. In Virginia Democrat Thomas B. Stanley was elected Governor over Republican Ted Dalton. In New Jersey a Democratic Governor and Congressman won a victory over Republican opponents while New York City elected Robert Wagner as Mayor.

A report from Korea this week stated that 19 of 22 American prisoners of war in Communist camps. These men elected to stay in Korea following the armistice, but the report said 19 of the men might elect to come home but are afraid to make the necessary declaration for fear of their lives.

Meanwhile negotiations continue between the U. S. and Communists concerning a conference for a peace treaty in Korea, but little headway is being made toward this conference. Failure on the part of thousands of Chinese and North Koreans to accept Communism and return to their homelands from the POW camps in South Korea is believed to have caused the Reds to use stalling tactics in agreeing to peace talks.

President Eisenhower this week accused Russia of frustrating the hopes for world peace. Earlier this week Russia had notified the Western Powers it was not interested in a Big Four meeting to consider a peace treaty for Germany, and other matters concerning nations in Europe. This refusal was believed to have brought forth the President's statement.

Officers Installed For County Clubs On Achievement Day

Highlighting the annual Perquimans County Home Demonstration Achievement Day on Wednesday of last week was a very interesting talk made by Mrs. J. P. Morgan, chairman, 25th District, of Shawboro. The subject of Mrs. Morgan's talk was "Highlights of the National Meeting".

Also a feature of the program was the installation of new officers by Mrs. Verona J. Langford, Eastern District Agent. She installed the following officers for the coming year: Mrs. E. J. Proctor, president; Mrs. Wade Jordan, vice president; Mrs. Claude Winslow, secretary, and Mrs. Emmett Long, treasurer. She praised the retiring officers, Mrs. John Hurdle, president; Mrs. N. D. Chappell, vice president; Mrs. Josiah Proctor, secretary, and Mrs. Warner Madre, treasurer for their good work during the past two years.

A very interesting and inspiring devotional was given by the Rev. Chas. Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Fred Matthews and Mrs. Howard Matthews. They sang "The Lord's Prayer".

The County report of Achievements was given by the Bethel Club.

Mrs. Eddie Harrell of the Mrs. Hill-White Club introduced Mrs. Morgan, speaker for the occasion.

Miss Kinsey Perry, Home Demonstration Agent, presented the awards which consisted of 30 Perfect Attendance certificates and 11 reading certificates, and the gavel which went to the Bethel Club for having the most members present on a percentage basis. After a song and the club collect there was a tea in the school lunchroom with Whiteston Club as Chairman. Other hostess clubs were Darts Neck, Chapanoke, Winfall, Home and Garden and Belvidere.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

The regular term of Perquimans Recorder's Court, scheduled for last Tuesday, was continued because of the November term of Superior Court which convened on Monday. All cases listed on the docket for the Recorder's Court were set for hearing at the term of court next Tuesday.

Settlement For 1952 Tax Collections Concluded At Board Meeting On Monday

Committee Named To Investigate Beautification of Green

A settlement for the collection of 1952 taxes, due Perquimans County, was made here last Monday between the Board of Commissioners and Sheriff M. G. Owens, and authorization was made for the Sheriff to receive the new tax books for 1953.

The settlement revealed that of a total tax levy of \$161,659.06, County Accountant W. F. C. Edwards collected \$27,247.59, Max Campbell, as special tax collector, collected \$1,449.12 and Sheriff Owens collected \$111,137.39. Tax lien sales amounted to \$7,123.93, while \$709.13 was remitted in penalties and discounts allowed were \$544.09.

A balance of \$3,707.84 remained in the books which the Sheriff reported as insolvents and the same being accepted by the Board.

The resignation of Mrs. Jean White as collector for delinquent taxes was accepted by the Board, and Mrs. Floyd Long was named to the position. The Board set bond for Mrs. Long at \$1,000, the bond to be paid for by the county.

Other matters handled during the meeting of the Board of Commissioners included the appointment of Chairman Archie T. Lane and Commissioner Warner Madre as a committee to investigate the possibility of having the trees on the Court House Green treated and trimmed of dead limbs, and carrying out other projects for the beautifying of the Green.

Commissioners E. B. Hollowell and R. L. Spivey reported on the proposal for painting of the buildings at the County Home, and the recommendations were authorized to be carried out.

The Board voted to pay expenses of Julian C. Powell, county tax supervisor, while attending a tax supervisors' school, to be conducted at Chapel Hill, under the direction of the Local Government Commission on November 19, 20 and 21.

The Board also voted to recommend abandonment of a certain highway located in the Town of Winfall, now under the supervision of the State Highway Commission.

Rural-Urban Night Observed By Rotary

The Hertford Rotary Club observed its annual Rural-Urban Night last Tuesday evening at the Hotel Hertford and had as its guests a number of residents from the county.

V. N. Darden gave the address of welcome and Charles Overman, County Agent of Chowan County, was the speaker on the program. The meeting was presided over by C. R. Holmes, president of the club.

Pointing out that a county is no better than the plans made for it, Mr. Overman urged cooperation between residents of the rural and urban areas in building a better county community in which to live. "Pulling together" is a must if unity is to be achieved and progress made in any county, Mr. Overman said.

Senator Lennon Ruritan Speaker

United States Senator Alton Lennon was guest speaker at a meeting of the Parkville Ruritan Club, held Tuesday night at the Community House in Winfall.

Senator Lennon spoke on the subject of parent-teacher relations in the schools and told the Ruritans, briefly, of his personal experiences as the Junior Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. Lennon was appointed to the office as U. S. Senator by Governor William B. Umstead to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Willis Smith.

Senator Lennon has announced he will be a candidate for the office subject to the Democratic primary next May.

Roy Scout Fund Campaign Underway

A campaign to raise funds for the Boy Scouts of the Albemarle is underway this week, and the Hertford drive is under the direction of J. T. Biggers.

Mr. Biggers announced plans call for the campaign to come to a close next Monday. He urges the public to contribute generously toward this campaign in order to keep Scouting at the high level it has attained during recent years.

Persons who desire to contribute to the fund, and who are not contacted by collectors are asked to send contributions direct to Mr. Biggers.

Cases Remanded To Juvenile Court Here

A hearing for Elbert Sutton, 14-year-old Negro youth, charged on two counts of breaking and entering and larceny was remanded to the County Juvenile Court by Judge Chester Morris, after the case had been set for trial in Superior Court.

The youth was arrested by Sheriff M. G. Owens on charges of breaking in a feed house of Willie Lamb and taking 4 1/2 dozen eggs; while in the custody of the Sheriff Sutton admitted he had broken into the office of the Harrell Gas and Coal Co., about two and a half months ago, and taken \$275 in cash from the safe located in the office.

Sutton told Sheriff Owens the details of the robbery of the Harrell Company office, which checked with the investigation conducted by the Sheriff. However, he told the Sheriff the cash he had taken had been spent and he could not account for any of it.

Construction Work Underway On New Health Center Here

Paul P. Thompson, general contractor of Burlington, began construction work on the new Perquimans County Health Center this week, under the terms of a contract which was recently approved by the United States Public Health Service. The project had previously been approved by the Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County, and the State Medical Care Commission.

Under the terms of the contract which specifies the construction must be completed within a certain time period the contractors have been notified the agreement will be computed from November 2, 1953.

The contract calls for the general construction to be carried out by Paul P. Thompson at a cost of \$20,395; the heating contract was awarded C. C. Brown and Heating Company of Burlington on a bid of \$2,550. The plumbing contract will be handled by the Rural Plumbing and Heating Company of Raleigh at a cost of \$2,745; and the electrical work will be done by the New Home Appliance Company of Elizabeth City at a cost of \$2,250. Wm. Moore Weber of Raleigh is the architect for the project.

The new building will be constructed on a site located at the corner of Dobb and Charles Streets. It will be of brick construction and modern in every detail. When completed it will house the Perquimans Health Department and have sufficient space for handling clinics of all types as well as the regular routine work carried out by the local health department.

Kathy Nixon New Monogram Queen

Miss Katherine Nixon, Junior at Perquimans High School, was crowned Miss Monogram Queen for 1953 at ceremonies conducted at halftime of the Perquimans and Columbia football game last Friday night. Miss Peggy Harrell was runner-up in the contest and Miss Eva Russell placed third.

The contest was conducted by the Monogram Club of P. C. H. S. and the winner was introduced by John Morris, president of the club. Miss Nixon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Nixon.

Local Dealer Showing '54 Line Of Chryslers

New model Chryslers, for 1954, featuring the most powerful passenger car engine in America, are now being shown by the Towe-Webb Motor Company. The new car is offered in five models with a total of 20 body styles. The public is invited to visit the showroom of the Towe-Webb Motor Company and inspect the many new features incorporated in the new models.

Prices of the new Chryslers will be unchanged or lower than those of comparable 1953 models, the company announced late last week.

Guild Members To See Orphanage Films

Mrs. M. D. Whisnant of Thompson Orphanage, Charlotte will be in Hertford Tuesday evening, November 10, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Davenport and will show a film on the activities of the Orphanage.

PLAN FOOD SALE

The St. Catherine Auxiliary will hold a food sale Saturday, November 7, at Perry Electric Supply on Church Street, it was announced here today.

Perquimans Beats Columbia 45-0 To Cinch Tie For Title

Indians Play Bayboro Friday Night; E. City Game Next Week

The Perquimans Indians defeated the Columbia Wildcats 45 to 0 in a homecoming football game here last Friday night to cinch a tie for the Albemarle Conference championship.

John Morris, Howard Williams, Marshall Winslow, D. A. Carver, and Ted Chappell led a fine Perquimans offense that scored two touchdowns in each of the first three quarters and added the final marker in the fourth period.

Morris passed for three of the touchdowns with Carver on the receiving end of two of them and Paul Mathews catching the other. Williams, on running plays, scored three times and Carver recovered a blocked Columbia punt and raced 20 yards for the other score.

Perquimans completed five out of 13 pass attempts with Carver receiving three of them and Mathews the other two. The Indians made 11 first downs to four for Columbia. The Indian reserves played about one half of the game and launched several scoring threats but were unable to go over.

The new Perquimans activities bus was presented to the school by Henry Stokes, Jr., president of the local Junior Chamber of Commerce and was accepted by Edgar Morris, chairman of the county board of education with Francis Nixon acting as master of ceremonies.

The Indians are scheduled to travel to Bayboro for a game this week, and then meet the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets at Elizabeth City on November 13. However, the schedule may be changed in the event Perquimans is selected to represent the Albemarle Conference in the play-offs for the State championship.

Farmers To Get Peek At 1954 Farm Outlook

Perquimans County agricultural workers and leaders will get the latest information on what to expect on the farm front next year at a meeting to be held at the agriculture building in Hertford on November 12.

Ralph Sasser, assistant county agent for the State College Agricultural Extension Service, said today that this meeting will be one of 101 meetings held in 99 counties of the State this month to give the farm people information that will help them adjust to the farming picture next year.

The meetings will be conducted by five teams of farm management and marketing specialists from State College under the supervision of C. B. Ratchford, in charge of farm management and marketing, Sasser said.

The outlook for cotton, feed, feed grains, peanuts, soybeans, forest products, beef hogs, sheep, poultry, vegetables, farm costs, home furnishings, housing and household equipment will come in for discussion, according to Mr. Sasser.

Pastors Reassigned To Local Churches

Methodist pastors of churches located in this area were reassigned to the churches for the coming year at the conclusion of the annual church conference conducted in Durham.

Assigned to the Hertford Church was the Rev. A. L. Chaplin. The Rev. H. M. Jamieson was assigned to the churches of the Perquimans Charges, and the Rev. C. H. Beale was assigned to the Chowan Charge, which includes the Anderson Church.

WORSHIP SERVICES TO BE HELD AT MT. SINAI SUNDAY

Worship services will be held at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Sunday night, beginning at 7:30 o'clock as a program of advancement is inaugurated. Special music will be furnished by the church choir and at the conclusion of the service the Lord's Supper will be observed. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The church has recently advanced from quarter time to half time services with preaching services being conducted each second and fourth Sunday night and first and third Sunday mornings. Rev. Bennie Crawford is pastor.

TO PRESENT PLAY

The Senior Class of Chowan High School will present a play "Don't Darken My Door" in the auditorium of the school on Friday night, November 13, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

Criminal Docket Expected To Consume Superior Court Term In Session Here

Clubs Organized At High School

Three newly organized clubs at Perquimans High School are busy planning programs for the year. The projectionist club elected officers and arranged for a club constitution. Officers are Sidney Bateman, president; Nelson Nixon, vice president; Peggy Harrell, secretary, and Bobby Smith, reporter.

The FHA, directed this year by Miss Frances Newby, is making plans to send gift packages overseas this year.

Abner Williams will direct the newly formed Poster Club, whose membership is composed of Joan Madre, Mary Powers, Lois Violet Winslow, Ann White, Janice Stallings, Evelyn Russell, Carolyn Eure, Lois Kirby, Jo Pat Stokes and W. N. Mathews.

Grand Jury Makes Recommendations On County Buildings

A number of recommendations concerning county buildings were made by the grand jury for the November term of Superior Court, as set forth in the report listed below. The report was filed by E. W. Long, foreman of the grand jury.

We, the Grand Jurors for the October term, 1953, Perquimans County Superior Court, respectfully submit the following report:

We have passed on all bills that were sent to us from the Court.

We have inspected the offices of the Register of Deeds, Clerk of Superior Court, Sheriff, Welfare Department, and Superintendent of Schools. All of these offices are well kept and in good condition. We recommend more fireproof filing equipment for the Sheriff's office.

We have inspected the Court House and recommend that the Jurors' chairs be either repaired or replaced. We recommend that the North East corner of the Court House be repaired in order to stop the leaks. We recommend that the needed repairs to the toilets in the Court House be attended to at once and that the toilets be kept clean. We recommend the pipes leading from the furnace to the Court House be changed so as to not create a hazard.

We have inspected the County Jail and found it kept clean and in good condition.

We have inspected the schools in the county and found them kept clean and in good condition. We recommend that additional fire extinguishers be placed in all of the county schools.

We recommend that an inspection be made at the Perquimans Training School at Winfall to find as to whether or not the septic tanks are the cause of water continuously standing between the buildings.

We recommend screens for the lunchroom at the Perquimans Training School.

We recommend that new windows be put in at once at the Perquimans Central Grammar School in Winfall, and that the boys' toilet be put in a sanitary condition. The water system should be inspected and corrected so that the toilets can be flushed.

We investigated the school buses and found from Patrolman Insoce's report of October 26, 1953, and from information given by Mr. Allen, the school mechanic, that the buses are all in good condition.

We, in a body, visited the County Home and found it well kept and in good condition. We commend Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Morgan for their good work in looking after the County Home and the inmates.

We visited the Prison Farm and found it well kept, neat, and clean and in excellent condition. We commend Capt. Tulghum.

Respectfully submitted, this November 3, 1953.

Methodist Men's Club Holds Meeting

The Methodist Men's Club of Perquimans Charge met at Cedar Grove Church Tuesday night, October 27.

The program chairman, Will Hoffer, spoke on the need of laymen to use their talents in the service of their church. He also emphasized the charge-wide laymen's day service to be held the following Sunday and assigned parts the men were to have on the program.

The committee for the Orphanage Bowl game reported \$50 had been realized through sales of tickets and donations.

The group was dismissed by the president.

Court Suspended Tuesday Afternoon By Judge's Illness

Perquimans County Superior Court convened here Monday morning for its November term, and despite some rapid action on several of the cases on the docket, court officials expected the criminal docket to consume the major portion of the term.

Judge Chester Morris is the presiding judge, and E. W. Long was designated as foreman of the Grand Jury. Court was suspended Tuesday at about 10:30 A. M., until Wednesday morning due to illness of Judge Morris.

Five cases were disposed of during the court session Monday, including the cases of Gilbert Eure and Earliest Spellman, Negro, each charged with speeding. Found guilty on the charges each of the defendants were ordered to pay a fine of \$75 and costs of court.

Benny Exedine and Emmett Jefford, inmates of the Gatesville Prison Camp, charged with breaking and entering, entered pleas of guilty to the charges. Exedine was sentenced to serve two years on the roads and Jefford was given an 18 months road sentence. The sentences to begin in each case at the expiration of their present sentences.

Two cases in which Elbert Sutton, Negro, was charged with breaking and entering were remanded to the juvenile court.

A motion for a non-suit was granted in the case in which William Oliver was charged with carrying a concealed weapon; then Oliver entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving on the left side of a highway. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

The cases of James Harrell, Jr., Negro, charged with driving drunk and Elsie Harris, Negro, charged with assault with intent to kill, were continued until the next term of court.

Court opened Tuesday morning with the hearing of the case in which Thomas Rogers, Negro, was charged with assaulting his wife. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and Rogers was released.

Henry Lindsay and Claude Lee Boone, Negroes, charged with attempting to break and enter the Colonial Store, entered pleas of guilty to the charges. Lindsay was given an eight month jail sentence, suspended upon payment of costs of court and he was placed on probation for a period of two years. Boone was sentenced to the roads for eight months, the sentence to begin at the expiration of a sentence he is now serving for breaking and entering the office of the Hertford Livestock and Supply Company.

Court was adjourned again Wednesday because of the illness of Judge Morris, and announcement was made the session was to reconvene Thursday morning.

Seven cases remained on the docket of the criminal calendar and all of these except the two in which Roosevelt Sheard and Horace Reid, Negroes charged with rape, were expected to be tried during this term of court. The cases against Sheard and Reid, court officials said, will likely be continued until the next term of the Superior Court.

Schoolmasters To Meet In Hertford

Perquimans County Education groups will be hosts at a meeting of the Albemarle Schoolmaster's Club when a dinner meeting will be held at the Hertford Grammar School Cafeteria next Monday night, beginning at 6:30 o'clock, it was announced today by J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools.

Some 100 superintendents, principals and teachers from 10 counties and the systems of Edenton and Elizabeth City are expected to attend the gathering here.

David Holton, State Director of Purchases and Contracts will be the guest speaker for the occasion.

Free Cancer Clinic Scheduled Today

The next clinic of the Northeastern Cancer Center will be held Friday, November 6, in Elizabeth City, at the Health Center with registration beginning at 12:45. A free chest X-ray will be given anyone who wishes it along with the examination of the five areas of the body where cancer is most easily found and cured. The only requirement for attendance at the clinic is one of age; women should be 35 or more and men should be 40 or over unless referred by a doctor, or unless one of the "Seven Danger Signals or Symptoms" is present.