

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## 4-H Achievement Day Program Draws Large Attendance

### New County Council Officers Installed By Home Agent

Highlighting the 4-A Achievement Day program held on Wednesday, November 18 was a talk by Bill Shackelford, Assistant Farm Agent, from Jones County, concerning his trip to Great Britain as an International Farm Youth Exchange Delegate. Mr. Shackelford spoke to an enthusiastic audience of approximately 110 4-H children, parents, and friends, the largest attendance at 4-H Achievement Day in a long time. He urged 4-H boys and girls to take advantage of the opportunities given them, and not to give up if they became discouraged, but work even harder. Wallace Baker of the Senior 4-H Club introduced Mr. Shackelford.

Annie Lou Lane of the Senior Club conducted an inspiring devotional and Johnny Phillips rendered special music.

Miss Kimsey Perry, Home Agent, and Ralph Sasser, Assistant Farm Agent, gave out certificates and awards to those winning them.

Miss Perry then installed the county council officers for the coming year. They are Myrtle Gordon Williams, president; Wayne Howell, vice president; Whit Matthews, secretary; Judy Benton, reporter, and Annette Proctor and Preston Winslow, song leaders.

Following the program the group enjoyed square dancing, Virginia Reel, and the Bunny Hop, and refreshments of punch and cookies.

## Postmaster Issues Request For Early Mailing This Year

Another reminder that Christmas is "just around the corner" came this week with the message from Postmaster W. W. White urging patrons to get Christmas parcels and greetings in the mail early.

Mailings for distant states should be made well in advance of December 11, Postmaster White stated, and greeting cards for local delivery not later than December 14 in order to assure delivery before Christmas Day. Those who dislike to mail parcels early for fear they may be opened by the recipient before Christmas Day should not worry, the postmaster continued. Parcels may be marked, "Do Not Open until Christmas."

Patrons of the local office can save valuable time during the rush of the holiday shopping season by purchasing an adequate supply of stamps at one time.

Mail matter should be plainly and completely addressed, preferably in ink, giving street address, apartment number if any, post office box number or rural route and rural box number whenever possible. Sender's return address should appear in the upper left hand corner of the address side.

Greeting cards should be sent first class to obtain best service. Such greetings sent first class may be sealed and contain personal messages, they are dispatched and delivered first and forwarded, if necessary, without additional postage.

Patrons having a number of greeting cards to mail are urged to tie them in bundles with addresses all faced one way to facilitate handling in the post office.

Articles for mailing should be packed carefully and tightly in durable containers. Wrap and tie parcels securely with good quality paper and cord, but do not seal unless name and address of sender are shown together with the usual parcel post inscription. Packages sent by air or parcel post are limited to a maximum of 100 inches in length and girth combined. The weight limit is 70 pounds.

## Up River Friends Revival Starts Sunday

A revival will be conducted at the Up River Friends Church beginning Sunday, and continuing through December 6. It was announced today. Bascom G. Rollins will be the guest evangelist and special music will be presented each evening by community churches. The schedule for the revival is as follows:

Monday—Up River Friends; Tuesday—Sandy Creek Baptist Church; Wednesday—Bible Woods Friends; Thursday—Peoples Methodist Church; and Saturday, Bethany Methodist Church.

The public is invited to attend.

## Trophy Presentation Scheduled For Monday

The annual presentation of the State Theatre trophy to the outstanding football player at Perquimans High School during the 1953 season will be made from the stage of that theatre next Monday night, it was announced today by B. L. Gibbs, manager of the theatre.

The trophy, to be presented Monday, is on display at the theatre and selection of the winner will be made by members of the 1953 Indians' football squad. Presentation of the award will be made immediately at the close of the showing of the film "East of Sumatra."

## Mrs. Biggers Named County Chairman For March Of Dimes

Mrs. J. T. Biggers of Hertford will again direct the March of Dimes campaign for Perquimans County, it was announced today by Secretary of State Thad Eure, State March of Dimes chairman.

In announcing the appointment, Mr. Eure said, "Mrs. Biggers is well qualified to do an outstanding job in mobilizing Perquimans County for this most crucial March of Dimes campaign in the history of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis."

Pointing out that during this past summer more than 30,000 boys and girls of Caldwell, Catawba and Avery counties received free inoculations of gamma globulin in a dramatic effort to stem the rising tide of polio in that area, Eure expressed his confidence that the people of North Carolina will demonstrate their gratitude by giving more generously than ever before to the fund raising drive which will open January 2 and continue through the month.

Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation, in a letter to Mrs. Biggers, emphasized the need for an all-out effort this year. "The Foundation is now in a new era," writes O'Connor. "Research has given us gamma globulin, a temporary immunizing agent against paralytic polio. At tremendous cost, we have done all in our power to increase the supply of this precious fluid. And even as demands for gamma globulin have grown by leaps and bounds, comes word that an experimental vaccine is on the way. Such a vaccine may be ready for large-scale field studies before the next polio season. And we must continue to assure financial assistance to the thousands of persons who are now recovering from the disease as well as those who may contact it in the future," she added.

Mrs. Biggers calls upon every forward-looking person in Perquimans County to get behind the 1954 March of Dimes drive. "We've got to put this campaign over, and we will put it over with your help," she said.

## Perquimans Lodge Hold Annual Banquet

The annual Masonic banquet was held in Perquimans County Central Grammar School dining room Tuesday night, November 17, with Master of Ceremonies Jim Bass welcoming members of the lodge, their wives, friends, ladies of the Eastern Star and widows of Masons.

Dinner was served in a Thanksgiving decorated atmosphere, after which the ladies of the Eastern Star presented an enjoyable program of music and games.

Guest speakers were District Deputy Grand Master Robert F. Spence of South Mills, who spoke on "The Principles of Masonry," and District Deputy Grand Master Annie Laurie Mullen of South Mills, whose subject was "Service of the Order of the Eastern Star."

Bingo was played to conclude the program.

## Boy Scout Drive Concluded Monday

The annual drive for funds for the Boy Scouts was concluded last Monday night at a dinner meeting held in Elizabeth City, and reports from the counties of the Albemarle were made to Judge Chester Morris, fund drive chairman.

Archie T. Lane and J. T. Biggers directed the drive in Perquimans County, during which more than \$300 was raised to help defray the expenses of the Scout movement in this area.

The directors of the county drive expressed their thanks to solicitors and to the public for the part played by each in contributing to the success of the campaign.

## Indians Defeated By Massey Hill In State Play-offs

### Champs of Southeastern Conference Stop Perquimans 34-13

The Perquimans Indians lost a 34-13 decision to Massey Hill High School in the Eastern Class A State football play-offs held last Friday night at Wilson.

In defeat the Indians lost none of the prestige they had established with a fine record for the season. The victory went to an outstanding team, which was big, fast and aggressive. Aside from about five minutes in the third period, the Indians failed to click and showed only flashes of the form which won them the privilege of representing the Northeastern section in the play-offs.

The game opened with Massey Hill taking command of the situation and the Cumberland County boys scored the first of six touchdowns midway of the first quarter. Massey Hill turned up the steam during the second period, scoring two TD's on a pass play and the other on a sustained march. Try for the extra points were all good and the half ended with Massey Hill leading the Indians 21-0.

Perquimans received the opening kick-off of the second half, and marched to Massey Hill's five yard line but lost the ball on a pass interception. The Indians scored a few minutes later when Williams ran 29 yards for the goal. Morris converted and the score was 21-7. The Indians pushed Massey Hill back to their goal line minutes later but were stunned when the Massey Hill boys capitalized on a near fumble and raced more than 100 yards for their fourth TD, making the score 27-7.

Massey Hill scored again from the 37-yard line of Perquimans after intercepting a Perquimans pass.

Howard Williams scored Perquimans' second TD. He received the kick-off and ran some 60 yards over the goal line but the play was called back to the 21-yard line. Williams scored from that distance and the score then stood 34-13.

Howard Williams, John Morris and Paul Matthews sparked the Indians' offense which rolled up seven first downs while Massey Hill collected eight. Daryl Allen and Bruce Lowe were stand-outs on the defense for the Indians.

## ASC Announces No Marketing Quotas On 1954 Corn Crop

The Secretary of Agriculture has announced that acreage allotments on the 1954 corn crop probably will be proclaimed later for the commercial corn producing area, reported Helene Nixon, Office Manager of the Perquimans County ASC. At the same time the Secretary announced that there will be no marketing quotas on the 1954 corn crop.

According to Miss Nixon, preliminary work in preparation for possible acreage allotments has been started. A survey of all farms in the county will be made in order to obtain farm acreage data for farms on which corn was planted in 1951, 1952 or 1953. Each farm operator will be contacted by a community committee member or corn reporter before December 15.

Final decision on acreage allotments for next year's crop will be made when more is known about the effect of drought on the supply and prospective demand situation. The deadline for such a determination is February 1, 1954.

## Pitt Selected To Play In Senior Bowl

Howard Pitt, captain of the 1953 Duke University football team, and former star athlete at Perquimans High School, has been selected as one of the nation's outstanding college seniors to participate in the Senior Football Game to be played Christmas night in Miami, Florida.

Pitt will complete his college gridiron career at Duke on Saturday when the Duke team plays Carolina. He was a member of the Duke freshman team and of the varsity for three years. During 1952 he was named on the All-Southern Conference team.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pitt.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. John Ward announce the birth of a daughter, Jonetta, born Sunday, November 22, at the Chowan Hospital in Edenton.

## Varied Docket In Recorder Court Here Last Tuesday

### Bench Warrant Issued In connection With Liquor Hearing

A varied docket consisting of 18 cases was disposed of during Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court.

Following a hearing in which James Everett, Negro, was found guilty on charges of possession of non-tax-paid liquor for the purpose of sale, a bench warrant charging Jule Harvey, Negro, with possessing the liquor was issued and Harvey entered a plea of guilty to the charge and paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Raymond Shock paid a fine of \$10 and costs after submitting to a charge of speeding.

A fine of \$25 and costs were taxed against Harold Abernathy, who entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding and reckless driving.

Ida Nelson entered a plea of guilty to charges of driving drunk. She was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs of court.

James Carter and Margaret Riley entered pleas of being drunk on a highway and each paid a fine of \$5 and costs.

T. J. Bass was taxed with a fine of \$2 and costs of court on charges of being drunk on the streets of Hertford.

Costs of court were taxed against Alvah Cartwright who submitted to a charge of improper use of a spotlight.

Clinton Riddick and James Brickhouse, Negroes, were taxed with the costs of court on charges of assault. Riddick entered a plea of guilty and Brickhouse was found guilty as charged.

Ben Riddick, Negro, was given a 30 day jail sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10 and costs, after being found guilty on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

William White, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of simple assault. He was given a 30 day jail sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10 and costs and the condition he be of good behavior for six months.

## Jaycees To Honor Perquimans Man Of Year During January

In observance of National Junior Chamber of Commerce Week, during January, the Hertford Jaycees are making plans to honor a young man of Perquimans County with a Distinguished Service Award as "man of the year." D. F. Reed, Jr., is serving as chairman of the Jaycee committee conducting this project.

The Jaycees desire all civic organizations in the county to select a candidate for this honor, and the selection should be based upon the following: Achievement, leadership and service to his community; personal character and ability. Only young men between the ages of 21 and 36 are eligible for consideration of the award.

A committee of local citizens, over the age of 36, has been selected by the Jaycee committee to judge the qualifications and choose the individual to be honored with the award. Organizations desiring to offer a candidate for the project are requested to file the name and qualifications with Mr. Reed at an early date.

Anyone in the community will be allowed to make a nomination for the award and nomination blanks, likewise, may be secured by contacting Mr. Reed or any Jaycee.

## Federal Tax Forms Mailed To Taxpayers

Federal taxpayers of Perquimans County on Monday received their income tax forms to be used in filing reports on 1953 income. The forms were included in a book of instructions to be used in making out returns.

Persons receiving these forms are advised their income tax blanks are enclosed in the book of instructions, and these forms should be saved and used at the time the taxpayer files his income tax return.

While the Department of Internal Revenue mailed out the forms early, taxpayers need not make final reports until March 15, 1954. Persons who have income taxes withheld, or those paying taxes by the quarter must still make final payment by January 15, 1954, but need not file the complete form until March 15.

## Hertford Jaycees To Sponsor Home Talent Show At High School Next Week

### Work Progressing On Health Center

Construction work on Perquimans County's new public health building is progressing according to schedule, it was reported this week by Silas M. Whedbee, County Attorney, who is acting as co-ordinator on the project. The contractor has completed the foundation of the building and is now erecting the walls. Construction of the building, which will house the Perquimans Health Department, is expected to be completed within four to five months.

## Sportsmen Urged To Use Caution During Hunting Season

If you are one of the thousands that joined the ranks of game hunters last week, it will pay you to remember that sportsmanship and courtesy may save a life—"maybe yours," says Assistant County Agent Ralph Sasser.

Mr. Sasser says the first rule in good sportsmanship is to "ask the farmer's permission whether the land is posted or not. No one likes to have his fall and winter crops damaged by persons tramping through soft fields."

"Second, and just as important, is for all hunters to remember that just three causes lead to two-thirds of all hunting accidents: (1) humans in line of fire, (2) mistaking humans for game, and (3) hunting with the safety catch off.

"Sportsmanship is just good manners. It is common sense in handling guns, plus consideration for others. It means also the use of the right gun for the right game, hunting only in season and taking the limit only if he can use the meat or the trophies. For bird hunting, the true sportsman takes a trained dog to retrieve cripples. He puts out cigarettes and campfires carefully, breaks matches before dropping them and, in other ways, uses his head."

Mr. Sasser recommends the following ten commandments for safety in hunting:

1. Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun.
2. Carry only empty guns taken down or with the action open into your auto, camp and home.
3. Always be sure that the barrel and action are clear of obstructions.
4. Carry a gun so that you can always, under all circumstances, control the direction of the muzzle.
5. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger.
6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.
7. Never leave your gun unattended unless you unload it first.
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## Basketball Drills Started Last Monday

Basketball practice was started on last Monday at Perquimans High School under the direction of Coach Ike Perry, who reported the Indians first home game will be played with Colerain on December 11.

The Perquimans Squaws have been practicing for about two weeks and it was reported there are between 45 and 50 girls trying out for the team.

Coach Perry was greeted by about 20 candidates for the boys' team at the first drill, and he expressed himself favorably toward the prospects for the year. The Indians will be composed of veterans from last year's squad, including Daryl Allen, Howard Williams, Paul Matthews, John Morris and Cliff Towle, and a number of reserves.

## Rotarians To Hold Ladies' Night Dec. 15

Plans for a Ladies' Night party, to be observed on December 15, were made at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford.

C. R. Holmes, president of the club, named the Rev. Charles Wulf, chairman of the club's program committee, to direct arrangements for the Ladies' Night party. The event will be held at the hotel.

## MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. E. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

## Proceeds To Finance Christmas Party For Children

Miss Marian Parkes arrived Monday to start work on the big musical minstrel revue, "On Stage America" which will be presented on December 3 and 4 at the Perquimans High School auditorium for the benefit of the Christmas Theatre Party and Santa Claus Parade.

Miss Parkes comes to Hertford well recommended. She has had special training on this particular production and her ability to work with all types of talent, both musical and dramatic, will be of great benefit to the local acts who will take part in the amateur contest which is to be one feature of the show.

The following members of the Jaycees held a meeting Monday night to make arrangements for the show and to choose talent: Francis Nixon, Charlie Skinner, Jr., Emery White, Henry Stokes and George Fields.

"On Stage America" uses a minstrel setting featuring ten prominent local men who will appear in black face and in special costumes to sing old time melodies and modern musical numbers as they tell jokes on one another and to the white face master of ceremonies. Twenty-four teenagers will be selected to appear as chorus girls and ten to twelve outstanding acts of amateur talent will be chosen. These amateur acts will include musicians, singers, dancers and impersonators and those chosen will compete for valuable prizes. The winners will be selected on show nights by popular audience vote. Anyone in Hertford and surrounding community is eligible to compete and there is no age limit, nor do those who participate need to be members of the Jaycees. Anyone who is interested in taking part is urged to contact Miss Marian Parkes at the Hotel Hertford.

A savings bond will be the first prize for the amateur contestant who receives the largest number of total votes at both performances of the big show. The second and third place winners will receive valuable gift bonds.

A baby contest will be held in conjunction with the show. The entrants in this contest to select the King and Queen, the Prince and Princess and Duke and Duchess of Toyland are the small fry of the town. Boys and girls under six years of age are eligible for this popularity contest. The polling places for them are located in the stores of leading merchants.

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## Election Scheduled To Fill Position Of Soil Supervisor

Election of a member of the Perquimans County Soil Conservation Supervisors Committee, under the Albemarle District, will be held December 7-12.

The term of Clarence C. Chappell expires this year in accordance with the rule for staggered membership on the three-man committee. The terms of F. B. Skinner and Emmett Long will expire in 1954 and 1955 respectively.

Two men have been nominated for the position, Clarence C. Chappell and George W. Winslow. Petitions required to nominate candidates for the Supervisors post must be signed by 25 registered voters. Ballot boxes will be placed at the central spots over the county during the election period. Any registered Perquimans County voter may vote in the election.

The Albemarle Soil Conservation District is composed of Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank and Currituck counties. The Supervisors in the five counties compose the District Soil Conservation Board which was established by the General Assembly to handle organization work for the area.

## Earl Coneland Passes Suddenly

Earl Coneland, 64, died suddenly on Tuesday night at about 9 o'clock at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Whedbee, where he had been making his home.

Surviving besides Mrs. Whedbee are one sister, Mrs. R. M. Fowler and one brother, Carl Coneland.