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## Foundation Of Registered Calf Chain In Perquimans Scheduled For Dec. 16

### Presentation Is To Be Made By Senator Alton Lennon

A Registered Calf Chain, the first of its kind in North Carolina, will be founded in Perquimans County on Wednesday, December 16, when the Hertford Rotary Club and the Perquimans Purebred Cattleman's Association will present the 4-H Clubs and F.F.A. Chapter of the county with a Registered Polled Hereford heifer.

The heifer that is to be awarded December 16, is bred to a National Grand Champion, valued at \$35,000. The calf from this union will be awarded sometime next August to another Perquimans County 4-H or F.F.A. youth, to be selected by a committee named to promote the calf chain.

About two years ago the Hertford Rotary Club adopted a calf chain project which has achieved much interest in the county but the change being made to registered animals, with the cooperation of the Perquimans Purebred Cattleman's Association, of which Commander Tim Brinn is president, is expected to promote a real cattle industry within the county.

Farmers and businessmen of Perquimans County have been invited to attend the presentation of this Registered Polled Hereford, which will be held at Perquimans High School at 1:30 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon. The program will be highlighted by Senator Alton A. Lennon, who will present awards to high-scoring livestock judging boys.

Other out-of-county guests who will attend the presentation are Jack Kelly and other livestock specialists from N. C. State College.

The committee which will select the youth to receive the next calf, in August, 1954, is composed of the presidents of the four Ruritan Clubs of the county, the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, the president of the Purebred Cattleman's Association and the president of the Hertford Rotary Club.

## Road Report Given By Commissioner

Commissioner Emmett Winslow of Hertford today reported that 11.1 miles of road improvements and the building of a new bridge on US 17 had been completed in his division during November.

The First Highway Division with headquarters in Ahoskie is made up of Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington counties. W. N. Sprull is division engineer; J. D. Miller is assistant division engineer in charge of construction.

In Bertie, a fine new bridge over Roquist Creek on US 17 between Windsor and Williamston was finished. The bridge is 129 feet long and 28 feet wide.

Commissioner Winslow said the highway maintenance forces completed grading and paving from the U. S. Coast Guard Air Station south for two miles to the intersection of a paved county road 0.7 mile west of the U. S. Naval Repair Station. The new road has an 18-foot wide pavement.

In Perquimans, highway maintenance forces resurfaced from Winfall for 2.2 miles northwest to the intersection of a paved county road and runs four miles northwest to the intersection of a paved county road to Belvidere. The second improvement begins 1.3 miles southwest of Chapanoke at the intersection of paved county road and runs 2.9 miles via Chapanoke to Perquimans and Pasquotank county line. All three of these road jobs have 18-foot wide pavements.

## Turner Store Robbed Late Monday Night

Thieves entered and robbed the store of Robert Turner late Monday night, according to Sheriff M. G. Owens, who is investigating the incident. The sheriff reported Tuesday the store was entered sometime during the night of December 7, and in addition to a large amount of merchandise between \$30 and \$40 in cash was taken from the store.

The robbers gained entrance to the store by breaking through the front door, using small crowbars, as tools. Sheriff Owens stated several clues, found at the scene, are being followed in the investigation.

## Tax Listers Named; Meeting Set Monday

Tax listers, who will begin the task of listing property for 1954 taxes in Perquimans County, were appointed during a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners last Monday.

Named as list takers for the five townships of the county were: Percy Rogerson, Hertford; Joshua Sutton, New Hope; Mrs. T. C. Perry, Belvidere; Mrs. Ernest Long, Parkville, and T. Julian Long, Bethel. Julian C. Powell was reappointed as county tax supervisor.

These officials will meet in special session with the Board of Commissioners next Monday, December 14, at 10 A. M., at which time supplies and instructions in the list taking will be given the listers. The officials will begin listing taxes on January 2, 1954.

## Juries Selected For January Court Term

Seventy three Perquimans County residents have been selected to serve as jurors at the two terms of Superior Court which will convene here on January 18 and January 25. The lists were drawn from the jury box last Monday during the meeting of the County Commissioners.

Both terms of Court will be scheduled to handle civil matters only, and the special term will convene first, on Monday, January 18. Jurors for this term are Roy Winslow, R. C. Murray, William Tarkenton, Mrs. M. D. Lane, Elmer E. Ward, F. R. Chappell, Sidney Lane, J. R. Futrell, Renne Dail, George T. Roach, L. N. Chappell, Garland Dail, Robert Harrell, C. Benton White, Winston Winslow, E. Earl Winslow, W. M. Copeland, Percy E. Winslow, W. S. Long, Walter Dail, Lloyd Lane, W. L. Sawyer, C. T. Phillips, W. E. Stanton, Hoyle Umphlett, J. E. White, R. M. Riddick, Herbert W. Chappell, Melvin Eure, Freeland Long, Claude Williams, Hattie Layden, Robert L. Howell, John O. White, Jr., Willard Hurdle and Jesse Sawyer.

Selected as jurors at the January 25 term of court were: V. N. Darden, J. D. Costen, J. S. Rountree, Freeland Umphlett, Archie T. Riddick, Percy Gregory, William J. Stallings, L. J. Winslow, Reuben Stallings, Claude M. Long, J. A. Sutton, Sanford Jennings, Nathan Riddick, W. J. Ward, George Fields, George W. Baker, C. V. Stallings, Louis Layden, Effie T. Miller, Charles Winslow, Johnnie Smith, J. C. Bacaus, Willie Mallory, T. M. Twine, D. M. Cartwright, P. H. Ownley, Jr., G. E. Benton, C. C. Banks, Mrs. Charles Payne, Ralph Proctor, Walter J. Dail, W. Ray White, Ray Nixon, W. D. Stallings, John M. Matthews, Jr., W. H. Winslow and J. T. Winslow.

## Williams Nominated For H. S. All-American

Howard Williams, All Albemarle Conference fullback of Perquimans High School, has been nominated as being the most outstanding high school football player from this area and will be a candidate for the National High School All-American football team.

The All-American team is sponsored by the Wigwam Wiseman of America, Oklahoma City, Okla., and selection of the team is made by sports editors, radio broadcasters and scholastic football writers of the nation.

In a letter nominating the local athlete for high school All-American team, Williams was praised as being an outstanding performer on offense, an extremely fine broken field runner and his amazing driving power is probably his greatest asset. Not only is he an outstanding performer on offense, but his performance as a defensive linebacker was equally outstanding. He is alert, diagnoses opponents' plays well and most of all had what it takes to give his best regardless of personal safety. Howard is a clean living boy and after each game he was always one of the first to congratulate the opposing team for the performance.

Williams is 18 years old, weighs 190 pounds, stands 6 feet, one inch in height and has been playing varsity football for Perquimans for the past four years.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee Sprull announce the birth of a son, Danie Lee, born on December 4, at Chowan Hospital. Mrs. Sprull was the former Miss Cassie Winslow.

## Cotton Producers To Vote Tuesday On Marketing Quota

Tuesday, December 15, is the day cotton growers will decide whether marketing quotas will be in effect on the 1954 cotton crop, L. L. Lane, chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, reminds farmers.

"This is a decision that will affect every cotton grower, and that's why it's so important that each one cast his ballot," the Chairman says. All farmers who grew upland cotton in 1953 will be eligible to vote in the upland cotton referendum. The referendum will be held by secret ballot in each upland cotton-growing county in the Nation. At least two-thirds of the growers voting must approve the quotas before they may continue in effect.

The vote follows the Secretary of Agriculture's proclamation, on last October 9, of a national marketing quota and a national acreage allotment for the 1954 crop of cotton. Such a proclamation must be made under the law, Mr. Lane explains, when the prospective total supply of cotton exceeds the "normal supply." The total supply of upland cotton for the 1953-54 marketing year was estimated on that date at 20.5 million running bales, more than 4 million bales above the normal supply of 16.4 million bales.

The large cotton stocks available this year are due principally to a 45 per cent drop in exports in 1952-53 and the large 1953 crop.

Under a marketing quota program growers who do not exceed cotton acreage allotments may market free the entire production of cotton on the farm; growers who exceed their cotton allotments will be subject to penalties of 50 per cent of parity on their excess production.

If farmers approve quotas by the necessary two-thirds of those voting, the level of price support available to cooperators will be 90 per cent of parity. If more than one-third of the farmers voting do not approve quotas, the maximum level of support to cooperators for 1954-crop cotton will be 50 per cent of parity.

## Santa Claus Coming To Town Saturday December 19 For Big Kiddies' Party

### Event Is Sponsored by Jayces-Firemen For County Children

Hertford's annual Santa Claus party for the children of Perquimans County will be staged Saturday, December 19, it was reported today by Francis Nixon, chairman of the Jaycee committee on arrangements. This year's event is being sponsored jointly by the Jayces and members of the Hertford Fire Department.

A committee representing both organizations is now completing plans for the big party. Plans call for the white children to be entertained at a theatre and candy party Saturday morning, and Old Santa will ride into town Saturday afternoon, at about 2 o'clock to visit with all the children of the county, and he will also have presents for each of the children.

Old Saint Nick will greet the kiddies in front of the Court House and pass out his favors among those attending. All children of the county are invited to join in and welcome Santa Claus to Hertford.

The committee makes one request of the children, that when the big day arrives and Santa comes to town, they not stand, nor crowd too close on the truck, in order that each child will have an opportunity to speak to and have a "real" visit with Santa.

## Negro County Council Meeting Held Dec. 3rd

A meeting of the County Council for Negro Home Demonstration Clubs was held December 3, at the office of the Negro Home Agent, Mrs. E. V. Billups, president, presided over the session.

The program included a solo by Mrs. Helen Banks, and a report from Mrs. Billups of the education tour to Washington, D. C. Picture cards and folders were used to illustrate the various places of interest visited by the group on the tour.

Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Home Agent, and W. C. Stroud, Negro Farm Agent, attended the meeting and gave helpful advice to members of the Council. The Winfall Club was host for the occasion, and served refreshments.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hunter announce the birth of a son, John William, born Sunday, December 6, at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

## Heavy Docket In Recorder's Court Here Last Tuesday

A docket consisting of 20 cases was disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday.

Costs of court were taxed against Derewood Stallings, Carlisle Chambers, Jack Howard, Orville Kephart, Louis Curzo and Glyn Moore, each of whom entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding.

Chester Krell submitted a charge of being drunk on a highway and paid the costs of court.

George Johnson, Negro, charged with failing to observe a stop sign, entered a plea of guilty and paid the costs of court.

David Coleman was found guilty on a charge of reckless driving. He was fined \$25 and costs of court.

Wilbur Woolard, charged with driving without a license and driving drunk, entered pleas of guilty to the charges. He was fined \$125 and costs.

Costs of court were taxed against Thomas Lee who submitted to charges of driving with improper lights.

Spencer Harrell and William White, Negroes, charged with driving without a license, each entered a plea of guilty and paid fines of \$25 and costs of court.

Probable cause was found in the case in which Robert Morse is charged with a crime against nature. Morse was bound over for a hearing by the Superior Court, and bond was set at \$500.

Claude Barger and Albert Davis, charged with failure to dim lights, each submitted to the charges and paid the costs of court.

Henry Downing, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs after entering a plea of guilty to charges of reckless driving.

James Randolph, Negro, paid the costs of court, after submitting to a charge of following too closely behind a vehicle.

Henry Jones, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs on charges of transporting two gallons of tax-paid liquor in a dry county. Thomas Sweets, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court on charges of aiding and abetting Jones.

## Indians Open Cage Season Friday Night

Coach Ike Perry's Perquimans Indians and Squaws will open their 1953-54 basketball season Friday night at the local gym when the girls and boys from Colerain come here to play the locals.

Perry has been drilling his cage teams for the coming season during the past two weeks, and reports the outlook for the coming season is better than average.

Some 15 boys comprise the squad of Indians, led by veterans from last year's team including John Morris, Daryl Allen, Paul Matthews, Howard Williams and Cliff Towe. This roster is bolstered by a string of promising reserves. Pre-season practice sessions reveal the Indians will use a fastbreaking offense, featuring good shooting ability of the entire squad.

Coach Perry's Indian Squaws will also be a veteran team; the starting six will be composed of girls who have had valuable experience during the past two years. Outstanding candidates for the girls' team are Mary Winslow, Jo Pat Stokes, Mary Frances Eure, Barbara Edwards, Celia White, Carolyn Eure, Suzanne Towe, Nancy Bagley and Sue White.

## Board Of Education To Meet December 16

Members of the County Board of Education will hold their December meeting next Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 at the home of Superintendent J. T. Biggers.

The Board will be guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Biggers, and a business meeting will be conducted following the dinner.

## Town's Auto Tags On Sale At Office

Town Clerk W. G. Newby announces that 1954 vehicle license plates are now on sale at the Town Office. These new plates must be displayed before February 1, so Mr. Newby urges the purchase of them as soon as possible.

## County Board Approves Ralph Sasser To Fill Position As County Farm Agent

### County And Town Receive Beer Taxes

Perquimans County and the Town of Hertford have received a total of \$9,232.22, for their share of the more than five million dollars collected by the State on the sale of beer and wine it was announced here last week.

Perquimans County's share in the distribution of these taxes amounted to \$7,124.52, while the Town of Hertford received \$2,107.70.

The local share of the beer and wine taxes this year is \$1,044.00 larger than received by the local government units in 1952.

## Cattlemen Organize To Promote Industry Within County

A new agricultural development is in the process of being formed in Perquimans County, according to Ralph Sasser, Assistant County Farm Agent.

Mr. Sasser points out the need for a cattlemen's organization, similar to the Albemarle Swine Breeders' Association, has long been discussed by local cattlemen, and these discussions have led to the formation of the Perquimans Purebred Cattleman's Association.

Temporary officers for the association have been established and the group hopes to meet sometime after Christmas to perfect the organization. Present officers of the association are: Commander R. T. Brinn, USN, president; J. A. Bray, first vice president; Robert Harrell, second vice president; Clarence Chappell, Jr., secretary, and Warner Madre, treasurer. The Board of Directors is made up of Archie T. Lane, chairman, A. H. Edwards, E. M. Perry, R. L. Spivey, Roy S. Chappell, W. W. White, W. C. Chappell, Thomas Fleetwood, and Tim Mathews.

At the first meeting of the Association next year, Mr. Brinn said, efforts will be made to concentrate on stronger organization and to establish goals aimed by the promotion of an ever growing cattle industry for Perquimans County.

## High School Honor Roll Is Released

Seventy-one students were listed on the honor roll at Perquimans High School at the close of the second grading period, it was reported today by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school.

The eighth grade, with 25 honor students, led all other classes in the number of students winning honors.

The list follows:  
Eighth Grade — Sophia Godfrey, Faye Hughes, Beth Skinner, Iris Wilder, Tommy Mathews, Howard Mathews, Johnny Miller, Johnny Phillips, Richard Wheeler, Dan Reed Winslow, Patsy Elliott, Jean Hunter, Lois Ann Hurdle, Myrna Skinner, Warner Madre, Jake Myers, Phyllis Bagley, Janice Chappell, Amanda Corpew, Joan Edwards, Alma Godfrey, Kay Mathews, Rachel Spivey, Dorothy Taylor, Hazel Mathews.

Ninth Grade—Lillian Hoffer, Mac Elliott, Edgar Fields, Charlie Johnson, Charles Whedbee, Ann Jordan, Marcia Stallings, Mary Ann White, Ralph White, Sylvia Copeland, Jo Ann Matthews, Don Baker, Sandy Divers, Pat Harrell, Arnold Winslow.

Tenth Grade—Marjorie Brinn, Annette Proctor, Annie Reed Stokely, Judy Winslow, Pauline Wood, Wallace Baker, Bobby Matthews, Nancy Bagley, Larue Chappell, Peggy Chappell.  
Eleventh Grade—Hilda Copeland, Barbara Edwards, Carolyn Faye Eure, Joan Madre, Ann Thatch, Ann Burke Chappell, Patricia Biggers, Ray Lane, Joanna Williford, Julia Ann Stokes, Emille White, Mary Frances Eure, Lois Jane Kirby.

Twelfth Grade—Sherry Chappell, Jo Ann Lane, Ann Stallings, Katherine Ann Ward, Mary Winslow, Hudson Fisher, John Morris and Mildred Lewis.

## Central PTA Meeting Set For Monday Night

The December meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Central Grammar School will be held in the school cafeteria on Monday night, December 14, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The subject of the meeting will be Let Your Light So Shine.

The school will have charge of the program, with Mrs. Elijah White serving as chairman. All members of the PTA and friends of the school are urged to attend the meeting.

## Action Subject To Decision Of State Extension Office

Meeting here in regular session last Monday the Board of County Commissioners named L. Ralph Sasser, Assistant Farm Agent, to fill the position of County Farm Agent; a post which has been vacant since last July. The motion adopted by the Board was subject to final approval of the State Extension Office, which with federal and state funds pays the greater portion of the agent's salary.

Robert Shaffner, Assistant Director of Extension Service, was present for the meeting and he advised the Board, following its motion, that it was against the policy of the Extension Service to name an individual to a post as county agent, who had not served as an assistant for a period of time. He stated he would consult with the district supervisor concerning the promotion of Sasser and advise the Board of final decision.

The Board members advised Mr. Shaffner it was their opinion Mr. Sasser's work here, since last June, had met with public approval and from all reports received the public desired to see Sasser promoted to the agent's position.

The Board went on record favoring immediate employment of a full time assistant home agent after Mrs. Verona J. Langford, district supervisor of Home Agents, advised the Board that efforts to secure a part time agent for Perquimans had failed, and the plant for joint employment, between two counties, of assistant home agents was being discontinued. The Commissioners voted to secure a full time assistant at a salary of \$3,380 annually, of which the county will pay \$1,200 per year.

At the request of J. C. Morgan, the Board approved the purchase of a washing machine for use at the County Home.

Certificates of renewal of bonds for the various county officers were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Commissioners approved plans for purchase of springs and locks to be placed on the doors of the court room, and for the room to be locked at nights, to conserve heat, following installation of the new heating system in the Court House.

## Audit Of County Books Reviewed

A report of an audit of Perquimans County books, for the fiscal year ending last June 30, recently completed by the R. E. Aiken Company of Elizabeth City, was reviewed by the Board of Commissioners during its meeting last Monday.

The report revealed county income during the year amounted to \$339,393.39, while expenditures totaled \$292,076.47, leaving a net balance on June 30 of \$109,335.76. The cash balances on hand at the beginning of the current fiscal year were taken into consideration as surplus to be applied against appropriations for the current year, which permitted a 10 cent reduction in the tax rate.

Major sources of income during the year came from 1952 taxes in the amount of \$127,151.30; 1951 and prior year taxes, \$17,112.07; tax sales collections, \$7,812.93; recorder's tax, \$8,247.31; marriage licenses, \$3,472; State intangible taxes, \$4,326.97; state wine and beer taxes, \$6,170.89; penalties on taxes, \$3,732.72; fines, \$6,541.65; federal and state funds for welfare department, \$89,800.00.

Disbursements by departments were as follows: General County Fund, \$52,346.43 for the following: County Commissioners \$4,562.66, tax listing \$652.03, Sheriff Department \$3,120.66, elections \$907.48, county accountant \$2,229.15, treasurer \$600.00, Court House and jail \$3,327.78, Register of Deeds \$1,442.31, Health Department \$3,488.34, Farm Agent \$5,039.96, Home Agent \$2,147.13, District Health Department \$7,205.31, Superior Court \$2,465.25, Superior Court Clerk \$1,040.52, Recorder's Court \$5,304.91, miscellaneous \$8,812.93.

Poor Fund, \$9,487.69; Debt Service, \$51,054.64; Old Age Assistance, \$56,246.57; Aid Dependent Children, \$23,225.00; A.P.T.D., \$10,001; Welfare Administration, \$9,946.21; General School Fund, \$67,987.32; Capital Outlay, \$6,506.67.

Total bonded indebtedness of the county on June 30 was \$455,000.00. The total assets amounted to \$773,983.24, of which \$567,000.00 represented fixed assets such as buildings, furniture and fixtures.

In commenting on the examination of the county's books Mr. Aiken congratulated the County Commissioners on the splendid financial condition of the county at the close of the last fiscal year.