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## Senator Lemon Makes Presentation In Founding of Calf Chain in County

### Warner Madre Awarded First Heifer; Trophy Presented To Clarence Chappell

A Registered Polled Hereford Calf Chain, the first of its kind in North Carolina, was founded in Perquimans County Wednesday afternoon when Senator Alton A. Lemon presented the first heifer of the chain to Warner Madre, Jr., during a program which was conducted at Perquimans High School.

The project, sponsored by the Hertford Rotary Club and the Perquimans Purebred Cattleman's Association, was founded to promote more and better livestock production in Perquimans.

The presentation program opened with an address of welcome by Mayor V. N. Darden. Representative C. R. Holmes, acting as master of ceremonies, gave a few brief facts on the history of agriculture in Perquimans and told of the foundation of the Rotary Calf Chain.

Mr. Holmes introduced Senator Lemon who then awarded a beautiful trophy to Clarence Chappell, Jr., in recognition of Clarence's skill and enterprise in being selected as the best livestock judge in the county.

Following the presentation of the Hereford heifer to young Madre, who is a 4 H Club member, Robert Harrell, second vice president of the Perquimans Purebred Cattleman's Association announced plans for a big barbecue dinner and farm day program planned for next August to which all livestock producers in the county will be invited.

Mr. Holmes then recognized a number of guests at the program including C. S. Mintz, District Extension Supervisor; A. B. Allen, Livestock Specialist from N. C. State College; Archie T. Lane, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the Board of Directors of the Purebred Association; Johnny Gray, Robert Harrell, Dana Matthews, E. M. Perry, Tim Matthews, R. L. Snivey, W. C. Chappell, Warner Madre, A. H. Edwards, Roy S. Chappell, W. W. White, W. C. Chappell, directors of the Association, and Preston Nixon, Clarence Chappell, Sr., and Howard Williams, officers of the Purebred Swine Breeders Association.

The program closed with a brief talk by Senator Lemon in which he congratulated Perquimans County for a splendid spirit of cooperation which made it possible for such a project as the calf chain to be organized and founded.

Senator Lemon told his audience, which included the students of the Perquimans High School, that farming is a vocation which presents a challenge worthy of any individual, and at the same time it is a business and profession to be followed with pride.

He pointed out that agriculture is the backbone of the economy of eastern North Carolina, but that he has hopes the per capita income of this area will be increased through diversification of farm production, and the securing of additional industry.

## Club Women Furnish Toys For Children

The Home Demonstration Club women of Perquimans County have just completed one of the most beautiful projects of the year. At the October meeting the Arts and Crafts leader in each club had made a sample stuffed toy to show to the members. They passed out patterns for different kinds of stuffed toys to each member and asked them to have one made by the November meeting. The club women responded very well and there were approximately 65 stuffed toys made by members. These consisted of dogs, elephants, penguins, horses, kangaroos, etc.

These toys were divided and part of them sent to the Oxford Orphanage at Oxford and part to the N. C. Children's Home at Greensboro. Letters have been received from both places saying how grateful they were for these things.

## Jaycees Present Footballs To Indians

Silver footballs were presented to members of the Perquimans High School football team by the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of the team's outstanding record during the 1953 season, and as re-awards of the Albemarle Conference.

Presentation of the awards was made during chapel services at the school on Friday by Jaycee Henry H. H. Jr., Francis Nixon and the Rev. J. S. Bass.

## Local Post Office To Remain Open Sat.

W. W. White, Hertford Postmaster, announced today the windows at the local Post Office will remain open on Saturday afternoon, December 19, for the convenience of patrons of the office.

Mr. White again urged patrons of the Post Office to do their Christmas mailing early in order to assure delivery by Christmas. Reports point toward the largest volume of mail this year, ever handled by the Postal Service, and users of the mail are urged to mail early to avoid the last minute rush and possible delay in delivery.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

U. S. envoys, in Korea to plan for a peace conference, are on their way home following a breakdown of negotiations with the Communists. Arthur Dean, head of the U. S. commission, blasted the Communists for wrecking the efforts for an early peace for Korea. Meanwhile, January 22 has been set as a date when prisoners of war will be released. PW's still retained are those who have refused to return to their homes.

Aviation's 50th anniversary was celebrated at Kitty Hawk, Tuesday when the nation's leaders in powered flight gathered to pay homage to the Wright Brothers, who flew the first plane at that spot on December 17, 1903. Similar celebrations were held throughout the world but the event at Kitty Hawk was termed the most elaborate.

Vice President Nixon returned to Washington this week from a 70-day global trip and reported optimistically the Communists are failing to build up hatred for America in Free Asia and the Middle East.

World reports indicate President Eisenhower's plea for pooling Atomic power for public benefits is receiving favorable reaction in many countries. Russia, which first rejected the proposal, has backed off from flat refusal and now states the plan needs further study.

## Changes In Bus Schedules Given

Changes in bus and train schedules most always cause a certain amount of confusion and frequently result in someone missing the bus or train and thereby spoiling a pleasant trip or vacation.

The attention of the public is called to a few minor changes in the schedule of the Norfolk Southern buses serving Hertford. Those going north leave Hertford daily at 9:18 A. M., 12:48 P. M., 4:18 P. M., and 8:58 P. M. Those going south leave Hertford daily at 8:32 A. M., 12:12 P. M., 3:12 P. M., and 7:22 P. M. No changes have been made in the schedule of the extra buses on week-ends.

The greatest change has been in the schedule of the morning bus going south which now runs thirty minutes earlier than formerly. This schedule change became effective December 15. When planning a trip it would be advisable to check with the local bus station for schedules.

## Three Cases Heard By Recorder Judge

Only three cases were listed on the docket of Perquimans Recorder's Court during its session here last Tuesday. William Lindsey, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to charges of driving with improper lights. He paid the costs of court.

T. J. Bass submitted to a charge of being drunk on the streets of Hertford and paid a fine of \$2 and costs of court.

George Whitehurst, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs of court after being found guilty on charges of assault.

Judge Chas. E. Johnson issued commitment orders for jail sentences to be involved on December 29, in the cases of Emma Gibbs and Saul Mehana, Negroes, if the defendants fail to pay delinquent court costs by this date.

## Company Employees Guests At Dinner

The store employees of the J. G. Blanchard & Company were the guests of the company at a dinner and Christmas party held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford.

## Indians And Squaws Win Doubleheader From Colerain H. S.

Perquimans High School opened its basketball season here last Friday night marking up twin victories over the girls' and boys' teams from Colerain. Coach Perry's Squaws and Indians displayed talent and form which indicate a successful season ahead.

The Squaws, led in scoring by White, won a victory of 46 to 35 margin, after the Colerain girls weakened in the final period. Colerain led at the end of the first period 12-10, but Perquimans had the advantage 22-20 at halftime; the third period closed with the Squaws ahead 29-28. White, Stokes and Edwards found the range in the final quarter to give Perquimans an 11 point victory. Scoring by the Squaws was as follows: White 21, Stokes 10, Edwards 8, Winslow 7. Farless was high scorer for Colerain with 20 and Pierce had 14.

Coach Perry used a number of reserve players in the final period after the victory had been assured.

In the boys' contest the sharp shooting of John Morris, Indian guard, paved the way for a Perquimans victory by a 50-32 score. Morris hit for 25 points. His uncanny shooting permitted the Indians to gain a 19-5 lead in the first period, after which the outcome was never in doubt. The Indians displayed a fine floor game, and made only a few errors in winning their opening contest. Starting the game for the Indians were Matthews, Allen, Matthews, Towe and Morris.

Coach Perry used his entire bench during the contest, giving his reserves some experience.

Scoring for Perquimans were Morris 25, Towe 5, William 7, Matthews 2, Allen 4, Bray 1, M. Matthews 4, and White 2. Baker with 11 and Mizelle with 9 were high scorers for Colerain.

The next home game for the Indians and Squaws will be on January 5 when the local teams begin conference play meeting Griggs High School teams on the local court.

## Officers Charge Four With Larceny In Connection With Turner Robbery

### Hertford Stores To Observe Holidays

Closing dates for Hertford merchants for the holidays have been released by a spokesman for the merchants, following a survey conducted among the business houses last week.

Local stores and business houses will be closed for Christmas day and on Saturday, December 26. The stores mentioned by recommendations by mem January 1.

## Town Board Votes Approval On Budget

Hertford's Town Board met here Monday night, for its regular December meeting, and voted final approval of the town's 1953-54 budget, calling for expenditures of approximately \$140,000 for the General Fund and the Utility department.

Clerk W. G. Newby advised the Commissioners a payment of \$5,000 on the bonded indebtedness of the town will be made this week, reducing the overall indebtedness to the sum of \$60,000.

The Board voted to give the employees of the town, and members of the Fire Department a cash Christmas present. The present to be in the same amount as given last year.

Mayor V. N. Darden advised the Board he had received word that the new utility poles, which will be used in connection with the new street lighting, were shipped this week, and expected to arrive here in time for the town to have the poles installed before Christmas.

## Warning Issued On Use Of Firecrackers

Sheriff M. G. Owens today issued a warning to residents of the county concerning a State law which bans the use of fireworks. The Sheriff stated the law forbids the possession, purchase, transport, selling or discharging of fireworks of any kind.

He added that this law has been violated in recent days and calls for strict observance of the measure. Violators of the law will face court action if apprehended, he said.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman White of Suffolk, Va., announce the birth of a daughter, born Friday, December 11, 1953, at the home of Mrs. White in Suffolk, Va. Mrs. White is the former Miss Betty Dull.

## Formal Opening Of Hollowell Building Planned For Friday

Friday, December 18, will mark a red letter day in the history of Hollowell Chevrolet Company, which will on that date, move into its new quarters on U. S. Highway 17, north of Hertford, and will show for the first time the new 1954 line of Chevrolet cars.

With the completion of their new plant Mr. Hollowell states his firm will offer its customers the largest and most complete automotive facilities in Perquimans County, with ample room inside to take care of all customers' needs and spacious parking areas on the outside.

The new plant is located just north of Hertford on approximately five acres of land, and consists of two buildings containing 17,000 square feet of floor space. The main building is of cement block and brick construction and contains a large glass-enclosed showroom of 2,000 feet attractively finished with dark green walls and plaster ceiling. The floor is of Tennessee flagstone. Three spacious offices adjoin the showroom, and back of these is a large and well arranged stock department, also rest rooms for ladies and gentlemen. The rear of the main building is devoted entirely to mechanical service, well arranged to provide quick, efficient service to cars.

The second building, located at the rear of the main building, houses the body and paint shop, a washing and greasing room, undercoating room, and boiler room. In the rear of this building is located a huge parking space for car storage, and adjacent to the main building on the highway is a large used car lot which will be lighted at night.

A special invitation is issued to the public to attend the formal opening of the plant on December 18 and 19, and to see the new model 1954 Chevrolets at the same time. Gifts will be presented to men, women and children attending the opening.

## Loot And Money Found Stored In Building In Hertford

Warrants charging four individuals with breaking and entering, and larceny of merchandise from the store of Robert Turner, on the night of December 7, were drawn here last Tuesday by Sheriff M. G. Owens.

Charged in the warrants are Ernest Jones, Linwood Mears and Gene Woodhouse, all of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Ethel Morgan of Route three, Hertford.

The quartet was arrested during the night of December 14, by Police Officers of Elizabeth City, and SBI agents, assisted by Sheriff Owens, in connection with a series of robberies committed recently in and near Norfolk, Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties.

Part of the loot taken from the Turner store, which included a shot gun, several dozen suits of underwear, 2 1/2 dozen pocket knives, 10 dozen dress socks, Christmas lights, a large quantity of cigarettes, 1 1/2 lbs. cheese, 60 pounds of sugar, a number of cans of foods, and other items and \$30 to \$40 in cash was discovered in a building in Hertford which had been rented by a member of the gang.

Sheriff Owens stated considerable evidence had been gathered linking the quartet to the robbery but he did not reveal any of the evidence. He stated the four will be given a hearing in Perquimans Recorder's Court, but that it was quite possible this hearing will be conducted after trials for the group had been conducted in other localities.

## Pitt Listed In College Who's Who

William Howard Pitt, Jr., is one of the 46 Duke University seniors who has been selected for recognition in the 1953-54 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. Selection of the students was based on excellence in scholarship, leadership and participation in extracurricular activities, service to the school and promise of future usefulness. Pitt, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pitt of Hertford, is captain of the Duke football team.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A Christmas program will be presented at Chappell Hill Baptist Church Sunday night, December 20, at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Board Of Commissioners In Special Meeting On Monday With Tax Listers

### Santa Claus Visit Scheduled Saturday

Preparations are complete for the visit of Santa Claus to Hertford on Saturday afternoon, it was reported by Francis Nixon, chairman of the Jaycee-Firemen committee which is sponsoring the event for the kiddies of Perquimans County.

Mr. Nixon stated word has been received that Santa Claus will arrive in Hertford at about two o'clock, and he will stop in front of the Court House for a visit with the children. He will also have with him gifts to be given to the children.

All the children of the county are invited to come out and visit with Santa Claus and it is expected a large crowd of both children and adults will be on hand to greet him on his arrival here.

## Christmas Story Theme Of Central PTA Meeting Mon.

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School held its December meeting in the cafeteria of the school Monday night, December 14, with the president, Mrs. B. F. Bray, presiding. The meeting was opened with the singing of "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" by the audience.

The Rev. Coy Saunders, pastor of the Pilgrim Church at Bagley Swamp, delivered the invocation. Mrs. Chas. Johnson beautifully rendered "The Birthday of a King" accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ralph White.

The school had charge of the program with Mrs. Elijah White acting as program chairman for the month. A most beautiful portrayal of the Christmas story, emphasizing the theme "Let Your Light So Shine" was rendered by a choir composed of pupils from the various grades of the school. Mrs. Elijah White acted as narrator, Mrs. Charles Johnson was director, and Mrs. Ralph White was accompanist.

The Christmas Carols, which were interspersed among the scripture verses, graphically depicted the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas Carols used were: O, Come All Ye Faithful, While Shepherds Watched, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, Away In A Manger, Star of the East, We Three Kings, Joy to the World, and Silent Night.

Both pantomime and tableau were effectively used during the program. The choir was arranged in such a way as to form an animate Christmas tree with their white robes and lighted candles they formed a beautiful picture.

The climax of the program was a striking rendition of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by the choir.

During the business session the president commended Mrs. White for the marvelous program which she had arranged and presented. Mrs. White expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Johnson for help in directing the choir, to Mrs. Ralph White for acting as accompanist, the mothers for making the robes, to Ellis Miller for the carpenter work in preparing the setting for the tableaux and all others who helped in any way.

The minutes were read and approved. After the reading of the minutes, Arvie Hudson, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. He reported that there was \$716.75 in the treasury.

Mrs. Ernest Long, secretary, read the State President's message stressing family unity.

Mrs. Floyd Matthews, Study Course Chairman, reported that the Study Course will be held in January or February.

Mrs. Ralph Harrell, magazine chairman, reported that the goal of 50 magazines has not been reached and urged those members who have not subscribed to do so immediately so as not to miss another issue of this valuable magazine.

Mrs. Ernest E. Morgan, program chairman, announced the topic for January as "Keeping Faith With Youth." The Old Neck community, with Mrs. Floyd Matthews as chairman, will have charge of the program.

The Hospitality Chairman, Mrs. Eddie Harrell, reported that Mrs. Elijah White's fifth grade won the attendance banner with 83 per cent of the members present.

Mrs. Eddie Harrell, Recreation Chairman, presented three amusing contests. Refreshments were served before adjournment.

Open House was held in order for the parents to visit the rooms and see examples of the work being done by the students.

## Instructions And Supplies Issued For Job Next Month

Perquimans County Commissioners met in special session here last Monday with county tax listers, for the purpose of issuing supplies and giving instructions to the listers in connection with the annual job of listing property for taxes, which will begin January 2.

In addition to Commissioners A. T. Lane, William C. Chappell, E. B. Hollowell, R. L. Spivey, and Warner Madre, attending the meeting were Tax Supervisor Julian C. Powell and List Takers Julian Long, Percy Rogerson, Mrs. Ernest Long, Mrs. T. C. Perry and J. A. Sutton. Instructions on the job of listing property, as drawn and recommended by the Institute of Government, were outlined to the list takers, and these were supplemented by recommendations by members of the County Board.

A. T. Lane, chairman of the board, cautioned the list takers to use care in preparing the property list, pointing out the importance of the duties and the necessity for an accurate listing of all property within the county.

Tax listing starts on the second day of January, and all property owners must list property for 1954, under penalty of the law. Failure to list property by January 31, is a violation of the law, and makes the property owner subject to a penalty for late listing and court action or both.

A schedule, setting forth dates and places at which list takers will work during the month, will be published in this newspaper during January, and property owners are urged to take notice of this schedule and list property accordingly.

As in the past the list takers will also take the 1953 farm census, and farmers are urged to prepare in advance a list of all land cultivated, and crops produced during the year. Having this list ready will save considerable time for both the farmer and list taker.

## Support For Cotton And Peanuts Voted By County Farmers

Cotton and peanut growers of Perquimans County joined with other producers throughout the nation on Tuesday in voting overwhelmingly in favor of production and marketing controls for these crops.

In Perquimans County 253 peanut producers voted in the referendum, with 248 voting in favor of controls and five voting against the proposal. Cotton producers voting totaled 222, with 213 favoring controls on this crop while only nine opposed the plan. The favorable vote on the proposals will mean limiting production of these crops to a specific number of acres in return for high support prices of 90 per cent of parity, on the production from acres allotted.

Under the Farm Act a two-thirds vote favoring control was needed to approve the plan, and this majority was secured for both cotton and peanuts. The approval places cotton under control for only one year but the controls on peanuts will be for three years.

## Winners Announced In Jaycee Contest

Winners in the Tiny Tot contest, conducted here by the Hertford Jaycees in connection with the stage show, have been announced as follows: King, Carlton Keaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keaton; Queen, Missouri Ann Bateman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bateman; Prince, Sammy Hourmouzis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hourmouzis; Princess, Cynthia Winslow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Winslow; Duke, Mark Beers, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Beers, and Duches, Ava Rae Kirby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kirby.

## Lions Christmas Party Friday Night

The Hertford Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas party for members and their wives on Friday night, December 18 at the VFW hall beginning at seven o'clock.

J. S. Bass and Frank McGoogan head a committee on arrangements for the party and the report is a very interesting program has been planned.

A buffet style supper will be served, and members will exchange gifts.