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Farm Bureau Program Outlined in Four County Meeting Held Here Last Thursday

Federation Officials To Head Speakers' List At Gathering

At a general Farm Bureau meeting held at Perquimans County High School on Thursday, January 21st Bill Little and Will Rogers of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation gave those attending a clear and vivid picture of what the Farm Bureau has done and is trying to do to help the average farmer, while John E. Jones reported on the progress of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company.

Will Rogers, Director of the organization for the North Carolina Farm Bureau gave all present many things to think about, stating that the farmers of America are now a minority group of the over-all population who must work and live with other highly organized groups, each trying to improve its own position. He stated that without the present organizations representing the farmers of the nation they would be at the mercy of other groups who might not care just how farmers came out in the end. Mr. Rogers assured those present that the North Carolina Farm Bureau stood for 90 per cent of parity for the coming year on all commodities on which the farmers themselves voted acreage controls and that with such controls came many other problems such as diverted acres, hardship cases where small farmers could not take cuts and still maintain a high enough income.

Mr. Jones, manager of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company told of the urgent need for farmers to start doing things for themselves through their own organization instead of depending on others, who reap large rewards for their services. He stated that in each of the thirty-eight States which now have Farm Bureau insurance services for their farm members the membership has grown constantly with very few backdoor losses, and that the dividends paid to policy holders in some States far exceeded the Farm Bureau membership dues. Mr. Jones also pointed out that none of the thirty-eight companies which are farmer owned and operated, doing business in their respective States have ever gone in the red, showing the soundness of the program.

Mr. Jones also quoted the number of policies in force on January 21st as being in excess of 8,500. He urged all Farm Bureau members to give a few minutes a month to reading their Farm Bureau publications so as to appreciate the greatest farm organizations in existence and to be able to pass on to his fellow farmers more constructive information. At the conclusion of the speaking, many fitting questions were answered, after which Miss Jean Fearing and her mother of Elizabeth City gave a short entertainment which appeared to be greatly enjoyed. Light refreshments were then served in the school cafeteria. It was stated by many that this Farm Bureau meeting was the best they had ever attended and only hoped that there would be more to follow.

State Tax Officer In Hertford Mar. 3-5

Officials of the State Department of Revenue will be in Hertford on March 3, 4 and 5 for the purpose of assisting residents of Perquimans County in filling out and filing intangible and income tax reports for the year 1953, it was reported here this week.

The State tax officials, while in Hertford, will be located at the Municipal Building on Grubb Street.

Individuals desiring to secure assistance in filing the state forms are requested to make lists of necessary information as to income and deductions in advance of contacting the official.

Perquimans Indians Defeat Camden To Lead Conference

Squaws Lose To Camden And Central Girls In Hard-fought Battles

The Perquimans Indians defeated the Camden boys' basketball team Tuesday night to complete the first round of play in the Albemarle Rural Conference with a record of seven victories and no losses.

The Indians won easily by a score of 52 to 33 but the contest was costly to the Indians, as John Morris, star Indians guard, suffered a sprained ankle and will be lost to the team for 10 days.

In the girls' game at Camden the Indian Squaws lost a 47-38 decision to the Camden girls and they closed the first round of conference play in fourth position.

On last Friday night the Indians and Squaws played their old rivals from Central High. The Squaws and Central girls battled to a thrilling 61-55 end, with Central winning the contest. The game was one of the best played this year and turned into a scoring spree between Perquimans' Celia White, who hit for 38 points and Central's Cartwright who tallied 45 for the winners.

The Central girls gained a one point lead in the first quarter and were never headed. They led at half-time 31 to 25 and finished with a five point margin 61-55.

Coach Ike Perry's Indians swamped the Central boys by a 55-33 score. The Indians had a remarkable shooting average during the first half, and led at the rest period 33 to 11. Morris and Williams led the Indians in scoring, each hitting for 14 points. Allen tallied 12, Matthews 7 and Towse 4. Coach Perry used his reserves throughout most of the final period, after Perquimans had rolled up a 45-19 advantage at the close of the third period.

Palmer was high point man for Central, scoring a total of 15 points.

On Friday night the Perquimans teams will travel to Griggs for return games, and the next home game will be played here Tuesday night with Manteo furnishing the competition for the Indians.

February 15th Last Day For Filing Of Peanut Application

ASC Secretary Advises Producers Concerning Procedure

Miss Helene Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, is today reminding farmers that February 15 is the closing date for filing an application for a New Growers Peanut Allotment, and February 28 is the closing date for filing an application for a New Growers Cotton Allotment.

To be eligible for a New Growers Allotment, reports Miss Nixon, the following requirements must be met:

The crop for which the new allotment is desired must not have been planted on the farm in 1951, 1952 or 1953; the owner and operator of the farm must not have an interest in a 1954 peanut allotment on another farm in applying for a New Growers Peanut Allotment, or 1954 Cotton Allotment if applying for a New Growers Cotton Allotment; must derive more than fifty per cent of income from farm and have ample equipment to work the crop. Applications for a New Growers Allotment may be filed at the County ASC Office in Hertford.

February 15 also is the final date in which a producer may file a written release of his 1954 peanut acreage allotment, according to Miss Nixon. Also applications will not be accepted after this date for additional peanut acreage for 1954 only from released acreages.

Any producer of a farm with a 1954 peanut acreage allotment and not planning to plant peanuts in 1954 may release the peanut acreage allotment for 1954, and the farm will be credited with the released acreage in 1955 if released in writing at the ASC office in Hertford. The amount of acreages released will be prorated to farms on which additional peanut acreage has been applied for.

Bank Stockholders Given Report On '53

Stockholders of the Hertford Banking Company gathered for their annual meeting January 19, and were advised the bank has enjoyed one of the best years in its history during 1953.

Following a detailed report on the bank's activities during the year, which revealed the institution's total assets amounted to more than three million dollars, the stockholders elected directors for 1954. Elected as directors were R. M. Riddick, Jr., Dr. T. P. Brinn, W. H. Harcastle, J. W. Ward, Chas. E. Johnson and V. N. Darden.

Following the stockholders' meeting the directors met and elected the following officers for the bank: R. M. Riddick, Jr., president and chairman of the board of directors; Dr. T. P. Brinn, vice president; W. H. Harcastle, vice president; R. L. Stevenson, cashier and G. R. Tucker, assistant cashier.

County Council To Meet Saturday

The January meeting of the Home Demonstration County Council will be held on Saturday, January 30 at 2:30 at the Agricultural Building.

Mrs. J. B. Basnight, County Citizenship Leader, will give a report on her trip to the UN Conference in 1953. Since the Perquimans County Farm Bureau helped to finance this trip for Mrs. Basnight, any members of the Farm Bureau who might be interested in hearing her report are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

All club members are urged to attend this meeting as some important business will be discussed.

4-H Council Plans Annual Beauty Contest

The 4-H County Council met on Monday, January 25 at 7:00 P. M., at the Agricultural Building.

Final plans were made for the 4-H Beauty Contest which is an annual affair and which will be held on Thursday, February 18 at the Perquimans High School.

After the business session, recreation was enjoyed by the group after which refreshments were served.

HOME DESTROYED

Word was received here Tuesday that Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kimbrell of Trinity, Ala., former residents of Hertford, suffered the loss of their home and all personal property in a fire which destroyed the home earlier this week.

Plans To Organize Ground Observer Corps Progressing

Project Is Sponsored By BPW Club; Needs 35 Volunteer Workers

Plans for the organization of a Ground Observer Corps in Hertford were made at a meeting held here on Thursday night of last week under the sponsorship of the Perquimans Business and Professional Woman's Club.

According to Miss Hulda Wood 30 interested people attended the local meeting, which was held at the Agriculture Building, and heard Sergeant Lang, from the Durham Filter Center, discuss the program and outline duties of local Corps.

Sergeant Lang pointed out the purpose of the Ground Observer Corps is to serve in aiding North Carolina to be ready in case of any necessity.

Plans made at the meeting last week call for a skywatch to be held, beginning the latter part of February, for an eight week period. The garage at Perquimans High School is to be used as the observation post.

Mrs. Marion Swindell was elected to serve as Post Supervisor. Mrs. J. Roulac Webb and C. T. Skinner, Jr., are co-chairmen for the enrollment of persons on skywatch.

In order to give further instructions to observers, Sergeant Lang will visit Hertford again on February 9, and meet with the observers at 7:30 P. M., in the Agriculture Building.

As sponsors of the project the local BPW Club hopes a large number of individuals will join the organization as observers. About 35 individuals are needed for the project, and if this number of observers is secured each individual will have only about two hours of duty every four months.

Individuals who will volunteer to serve as observers are requested to contact Mrs. Webb or Mr. Skinner and further information may be secured by calling Mrs. Swindell at 5111.

Williams Selected For All-Star Game

Howard Williams, Perquimans High's all-conference fullback, has received and accepted an invitation to play in the East-West all-star high school football game at Greensboro next August, it was announced by Ike Perry, Perquimans High athletic director.

The all-star game, sponsored by the Greensboro Daily News, is made up of some of the finest high school senior football players in the State and the players are picked by the North Carolina Coaches Association.

Williams, a senior, weighs 190 pounds and needs no introduction to Albemarle football fans. Many colleges are after his services.

He has played varsity football for the past four years at Hertford and for the last three years he has gained a position on the Albemarle Conference all-star team. This season he was named to the Class A all-eastern team and was mentioned on the all-state team.

Howard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams, Sr., of Hertford, Route Two.

Baptist Church To Build New Addition

The Hertford Baptist Church looks forward to breaking ground for an addition to educational facilities in the month of April. For more than two years the church has been planning for this and receiving money in the regular offering for the Building Fund.

The addition will cost approximately \$50,000. The church has voted to have half the amount in "cans on hand" before they begin.

Ground breaking ceremonies are planned as part of the observance of the Church's Centennial next April. This church will be a century old on April 4.

VFW Benefit Dance Planned For Saturday

Members of the Garland H. Ownley Post of the VFW and its Auxiliary will sponsor a dance at the VFW hall Saturday night, January 30, beginning at 9 o'clock, it was announced today by George Fields, Post Commander. Proceeds from the dance will be donated to the Perquimans County March of Dimes.

CLINIC DATE SET

The Orthopedic Clinic will be held at the Health Center, Cedar and Harney Streets in Elizabeth City, Tuesday, February 2.

Registration of new patients will be from 8:30 A. M., until 11:30 daily.

Superior Court Term Concluded Last Wednesday, Much Work Accomplished

Saturday Last Day For Listing Property

Perquimans County property owners who as yet have failed to list property for 1954 taxes are reminded that tomorrow, Saturday, is the final day for tax listing. Individuals who fail to list property for taxes with one of the five township list takers, will be liable for a penalty for late listing.

The tax listers have been rushed during this week by large numbers of property owners who waited until late in the month to list taxes, but the listers estimate the work will be almost 100 per cent complete by closing time on Saturday.

March Of Dimes Drive Collections Lag As End Nears

Incomplete Reports Total About One-fifth Of County's Goal

With the 1954 March of Dimes campaign scheduled to come to a close on Saturday of this week, county solicitors for this fund have reported only about one-fifth of the quota assigned the county, according to Mrs. John Biggers, chairman of the drive.

The lag in collections for the fund, it is believed, is due to slowness on the part of solicitors to make reports to the fund treasurer, George Fields. No reports have been made for contributions from communities outside the town of Hertford or from the schools. These reports, according to co-chairmen for the divisions, will be made on Saturday after the drive closes.

Mr. Fields reported Wednesday morning that contributions reported to date amounted to \$274.75, which is about one-third of the county goal.

Solicitors who, as yet, have not completed the task of canvassing their territory, are urged to do this work immediately in order that the drive may be closed on schedule, and to assist in making the campaign a successful one.

In commenting on the progress of the 1954 campaign, Mrs. Biggers said "If this year's March of Dimes quota of \$2,000 is to be fully subscribed the citizens of Perquimans County will have to respond in large numbers and in a generous way."

To individuals who have not been asked to contribute to the March of Dimes an appeal is made for them to send or give their donations to either Mrs. Biggers or Mr. Fields.

Cotton Amendment To Affect Soil Payment

L. L. Lane, Chairman, Perquimans County ASC Committee, reported today that an amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 which will be of interest to the cotton producers of Perquimans County has been received in the county ASC office.

The amendment states that "any person who knowingly plants cotton on his farm in any year in excess of the farm acreage allotment for cotton for the farm for such year shall not be eligible for any payment for such year under the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended."

All persons applying for any payment of money under the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act, as amended, with respect to any farm located in a county in which cotton has been planted during the year for which such payment is offered, shall file with the application a statement that the applicant has not knowingly planted, during the current year, cotton on land on his farm in excess of the acreage allotted to the farm for such year."

Legion Auxiliary To Sponsor Supper

The Auxiliary of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion will sponsor an Italian spaghetti supper at the Hertford Grammar School lunch room on Wednesday night, February 10, from 6 to 8 o'clock. Tickets for the supper may be secured from the Paragon Beauty Shop or any member of the Auxiliary.

TO HOLD HYMN SING

A hymn sing will be held at the Oak Grove Church, of the Perquimans Charge Sunday afternoon, January 31, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation to attend is extended by the pastor, the Rev. H. M. Jamieson.

Nine Cases Are Disposed Of During Week; 7 Cases Continued

The regular January term of Perquimans Superior Court, which convened here last Monday with Judge Leo Carr presiding, concluded its calendar on Wednesday and adjourned. Considerable headway was made during the week in clearing up the civil docket of the court, and most court officials are of the opinion the docket is now reduced to the point that no special terms will be needed in the near future.

A number of cases listed on the court calendar for the week were continued and these were the cases of Jesse Lee Harris vs. Mrs. W. H. Barber; W. E. Nelson vs. Morgan Walker; Duval Co. vs. J. M. Spruill; F. G. Genovesi vs. Michael Kolpak; Irene Genovesi vs. Michael Kolpak; Hertford Livestock & Supply Co. vs. D. M. Roberson; Dewey Stallings vs. Wayland White, Jr.

Ten cases listed on the calendar were disposed of during the week's session of court.

A compromise was reached in the case of Nathan Turner vs. Geo. W. Nixon et als and the matter was settled.

A mistrial was declared in the case of Mary G. Moore vs. Clarence Dozier, Adm., and the Court granted the plaintiff permission to amend the proceedings.

The matter of Pleasant King was remanded to the office of the Clerk of Court for final disposition.

The case of George Levant vs. Connie Parsons was continued pending the instigation of new proceedings in the matter.

An order remanding the matter of Colson vs. Colson to the office of Clerk of Court was handed down by Judge Carr.

Judgments were ordered in the cases of James Skinner vs. Susan Jackcocks and Curlee Felton vs. J. H. Lilly.

A judgment, by consent, was ordered in the case of Radio Supply Company vs. J. M. Spruill.

Damages amounting to approximately \$443 to cover hospital and doctor's bill was awarded by the jury to Wilbur Lamb in his suit against Preston Copeland.

Bertie County Man Enters Senate Race

C. W. ("Cousin Wayland") Spruill last week announced his candidacy for the State Senate from the First District in the May Democratic Primary. In announcing his candidacy, Mr. Spruill took a stand on the "secrecy" issue which is expected to be a hotly discussed point in state and local political battles this year.

"I am going on record opposing any secret legislation," he said. "I am opposed to using the taxpayers money without the people being informed as to how much is to be spent on each item in the budget."

"I will do what I can to repeal the present law on the statute books which was passed in the last legislature." He was referring to House Bill No. 1071 allowing executive sessions of the Appropriations Committee, passed by the 1953 General Assembly. In seeking a seat in the State Senate, Mr. Spruill is asking the voters to return him to the body which he represented Bertie and the Northampton counties before the present First District was organized.

He has served in eight sessions of the House of Representatives. While in the House he introduced and passed a bill removing the 15-cent ad valorem tax which counties collected for State governmental expense.

A sponsor for years of State tuberculosis and mental institutions, Mr. Spruill has served as chairman of the House Mental Institutions Committee and introduced a bill to establish the East Carolina Sanatorium at Wilson, a wing of which was named in his honor.

He also is a member of the State Hospital Board of Control. On that Board he is a member of the executive committee, a member of the building committee which is directing the use of \$22,000,000 in bond issue money and chairman of the legislative committee.

In Bertie County he has served as County Commissioner and as a road commissioner. He is a Baptist, Rotarian, a Mason and a Shriner.

County Board Meets Next Monday Morning

The Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County will hold its regular February meeting in the Court House next Monday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Russian attempts to have Red China included in a Big Five meeting on world peace failed this week when the United States announced it would not participate in a conference which included China. The Russian proposal was made in Berlin, at the meeting of foreign ministers. Reports from Berlin reveal little progress on the part of the Berlin conference toward agreement on the problems concerning Germany and Austria.

Red China, under protest, has accepted custody of the pro-Red prisoners of war in Korea, including the 20 Americans who refused to return home. From Washington it was announced the Americans will be separated from the armed forces by dishonorable discharges. It is expected these pro-Red prisoners will be moved from present neutral territory to either North Korea or into China.

Soaring coffee prices have caused much comment throughout the nation, leading to demands that the government take some action for the control of this commodity. Recent increases have pushed the price of coffee above \$1.00 per pound. Some areas report weak sales resistance because of the price. Coffee officials state the price is due to shortages while some public officials claim the action is due to market speculation.

49 Pints Of Blood Donated To Program

A total of 49 pints of blood was contributed to the Red Cross blood program when the bloodmobile visited Hertford last Tuesday, it was reported by Talmage Rose, chairman of the committee of Hertford Jaycees, which sponsored the program.

Mr. Rose stated that while the county quota of 150 pints of blood was not secured, he and his committee appreciate the cooperation of those volunteering to donate blood and the assistance of the volunteer workers who aided the committee during the hours the bloodmobile spent here.

He stated the next visit of the bloodmobile to this community will be in about six months.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans County recorder's court was in recess on Tuesday of this week because of the civil term of Superior Court. Judge Charles E. Johnson ordered all cases listed on the recorder's docket set for hearing at the term of court on February 2nd.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. Beecher Ward of Ryland announce the birth of a daughter, Beechye Lou, born Monday, January 18, at Chowan Hospital. Mrs. Ward is the former Miss Orice Winslow.