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Chairman For March Of Dimes Fund Reports That Contributions Reach \$1,580

County Is Still Short Of Quota Requested By National Office

Contributions to the Perquimans County March of Dimes fund reach the sum of \$1,580.12 at noon last Wednesday, it was reported by Mrs. John T. Biggers, county chairman for the fund campaign. One or two reports from solicitors are still outstanding but these are expected to be turned over to George Fields, fund treasurer by the end of this week.

In making public the report Mrs. Biggers stated that while contributions have not reached the quota requested by the National Foundation, and the County Committee, are gratified at the results secured during the campaign. She expressed her appreciation and thanks to the volunteers who assisted in conducting the campaign and to the public for the contributions.

The chairman added, however, if there are any individuals or business firms who were not contacted during the campaign and desire to donate toward this fund the contributions may be sent to either she or Mr. Fields.

She also said if there are individuals who wish to make additional contributions toward helping the county reach its assigned quota these contributions will be greatly appreciated.

According to the report released by the drive chairman contributions were received from the following sources:

Hertford residential section	\$504.85
Hertford business districts	355.50
County residential sections	323.07
State Theatre collections	86.96
Street collections	14.40
Ball game collections	14.16
Organization Contributions	
American Legion Auxiliary	5.00
VFW Auxiliary	5.00
VFW Post	19.00
BPW Club	25.00
Hertford Jaycees	5.00
Collections from Schools	
Perquimans High School	10.00
Hertford Grammar School	25.00
Central Grammar School	100.00
Hertford Colored School	37.20
Perquimans Training School	50.00

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Russian efforts to break down the Western alliance, brought through the Big Four meeting in Berlin, have failed, according to reports from Germany this week. The Big Four meeting called for the purpose of working out a peace treaty for Germany and Austria has been in session two weeks but Russia has blocked Allied proposals with counter proposals, all of which have been turned down by the U. S., Britain and France. Political commentators expect little success from the Berlin meeting. They report the conference will amount to little more than a lot of talk.

The U. S. Senate is preparing for a battle over the Bricker Amendment to the Constitution. Efforts to compromise the original proposed law by Senator Bricker have failed and the matter is now expected to be thrashed out in Congress. The amendment proposed to restrict the power of the President in making treaties which become the laws of the nation.

The N. C. Department of Revenue reported this week state income dropped less than one per cent during January as compared with the same month of 1953. The decline was credited to income from sales tax sources inasmuch as revenue from incomes increased about five percent.

The personnel of the State Supreme Court changed again this week when M. V. Barnhill was sworn in as Chief Justice, succeeding W. A. Devin, who resigned from the court. Justice Barnhill's place on the bench was filled by William H. Bobbitt. Both appointments were made by Governor William B. Umstead.

Board Of Education To Meet February 10

Members of the Perquimans Board of Education will meet in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on Wednesday night, February 10, at 7 o'clock, it was announced today by J. T. Blaxers, Superintendent.

J. W. Griffin, architect of Greenville, is expected to attend the meeting and present plans for the improvements scheduled for the Perquimans Grammar School under the bond program now pending.

The plans, if approved, are to be submitted to the State Board of Education for adoption, and work will be started following allocation of funds from the State source.

Preston Morgan Hurt In Hunting Accident

Preston Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morgan of Winfall, was seriously injured while hunting Monday night. A part of a tree fell on the youth, causing a concussion and chest injuries. He was taken to Chowan Hospital for treatment.

Seventy Six Honor Students Listed At Perquimans High

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

The eighth grade with a total of 22 honor pupils led all other classes in number of members winning the honors.

The list follows:

Eighth Grade—Sophie Godfrey, Faye Hughes, Nancy Lane, Beth Skinner, Iris Wilder, Tommy Mathews, Patsy Elliott, Jean Hunter, Myrna Skinner, Richard Wheeler, Dan Winslow, Phyllis Bagley, Janice Chappell, Jean Edwards, Alma Jean Godfrey, Amanda Corprew, Kay Mathews, Jake Myers, Warner Lee Madre, Rachael Spivey, Dorothy Taylor and Hazel Mathews.

Ninth Grade—Edgar Fields, Charlie Johnson, Charles Whedbee, Mable Keel, Lillian Hoffer, Kay Howell, Miriam Kirk, Ann Jordan, Doris Jean Morgan, Mary Ann White, Ralph White, Pat Harrell, Sandy Divers, Don Baker and Jo Ann Matthews.

Tenth Grade—Marjorie Brinn, Wm. Byrum, Annette Proctor, Cliff Towse, Judy Winslow, Wallace Baker, Nancy Bagley, Willie Mae Dail, Bobby Mathews, Janice Sumner, Janice Stallings and Sarah Sutton.

Eleventh Grade—Patricia Biggers, Hilda Copeland, Barbara Edwards, Peggy Harrell, Ray Lane, Ann Thatch, Celia White, Joseph Butt, Joseph Layden, Mary Frances Eure, Joanna Wilford, Julia Ann Stokes, Emilie White and Billie Carole Divers.

Twelfth Grade—Tilson Chappell, Betty Lou Chappell, Joanne Lane, Ann Stallings, Jean Butt, Jeanette Chappell, Ocia Lee Elliott, Leo Dail, Audrey Jackson, Kitty Sue Johnson, Sylvia Symons, Mildred Lewis, John Morris.

BPW Dinner Meeting Held Last Thursday

The Hertford Business and Professional Woman's Club held its January dinner meeting on Thursday night at Hotel Hertford with 18 members present.

The president, Betty Swindell, welcomed the two new members, Mrs. Minnie Wilma Hurdle and Mrs. Mary Roberson.

Mrs. Viola Nachman, chairman of Education and Vocation had charge of the program. Hulda Wood gave a report on the Ground Observer Corps meeting and urged all members to participate in the civil defense program. Grace Coston reviewed two articles concerning modern trends in education as opposed to methods used in former years. Alice Towse gave a talk entitled, Proper Tools For Progress in Building Ramparts. She explained the work of the nine important committees of BPW Clubs and stressed the fact that in order to keep a club alive that every member must be on a committee and do her share of work. Thelma Elliott gave a number of New Year's resolutions suitable for any club to adopt after which the club adjourned.

Griffin Rites Held Last Saturday P. M.

Charlie Wilson Griffin, 80, died January 26 at 5:30 P. M., in the Albemarle Hospital after an illness of 10 days.

The son of Henry H. and Betty Bullock Griffin, he was a native and lifelong resident of Perquimans County.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Wortley Phillips Griffin of New Hope; one foster son, C. L. Parrish of New Hope, and two sisters Mrs. T. C. White of Edenton and Mrs. Frank Harrell of Waycross, Ga.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday at 2 P. M., in the New Hope Methodist Church by the Rev. H. M. Jamieson, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. D. B. Cruise, pastor of the Peoples' Methodist Church. Burial was in New Hope Churchyard.

Recorder's Docket Lists 30 Cases At Session On Tuesday

Large Number Of Cases Due To Two Weeks Recess Of Court

A two weeks' recess of Perquimans Recorder's Court resulted in an unusually heavy docket at the court session held here last Tuesday. Thirty cases were listed on the calendar by Court Clerk C. T. Skinner, Jr.

Fines of \$10 and costs were taxed against James Morgan and Robert Wolfson each of whom submitted to charges of speeding.

Court costs were assessed against George Wentworth, Jr., Carlos Harden, Joseph Beauchon, Wiley Gray, Paul Bramnick, Ed Fuller, Gladys Brinson, John Rae, Jr., Jeanette Geron, Blair Kline and Evelyn Bosco, each of whom entered pleas of guilty to speeding.

James Pinner and Melvin Ashley entered pleas of guilty to charges of improper passing and paid the costs of court.

Robert Lightfoot, Negro, and Jack Trueblood were fined \$25 and costs on charges of reckless driving.

Alfonso Moreno was found guilty on charges of driving drunk and speeding. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$150 and costs of court.

Joe Riddick, Negro, was found guilty on charges of speeding, reckless driving and driving without a license. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

Fred Revells and Josh Zachary, Negroes, submitted to charges of being drunk and each defendant was ordered to pay a fine of \$2 and costs of court.

Clarence Holley and Johnny Holley, Negroes, were found guilty on charges of transporting non tax paid liquor. Each was fined \$25 and costs. A nol pros, on the same charges, was taken in the case of Bill Overton, Negro.

A fine of \$27 and costs were taxed against Henry Whedbee, Negro, who submitted to charges of reckless driving and being drunk on a highway.

Wernham Hyter paid the costs of court after submitting on charges of driving to the left of a center line of a highway.

Kermit Elliott, Negro, paid the costs of court on a charge of using an improper muffler.

R. J. Eposito paid the costs of court after submitting to charges of failing to yield the right-of-way.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of Kermit Winslow, Negro, charged with improper use of a headlight.

Elizabeth Ward submitted to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign and paid the court costs.

Noah Green, Negro, was taxed with court costs on charges of driving with improper lights.

Raleigh Hurdle submitted to a charge of making an improper turn on a highway and paid the costs of court.

Blanchard's Plan Free Program For Farmers Feb. 12th

J. C. Blanchard & Company will present its annual free John Deere program and showing of new equipment Friday, February 12, beginning at 10 A. M., at the State Theatre, it was announced by L. C. Winslow of the Blanchard Company.

The free program is especially planned for farm families, and as usual, a large crowd is expected to turn out. Those planning to attend are urged to come early to secure a seat in the theatre before the show starts.

"Mr. Christmas" a full-color entertainment feature, will highlight the John Deere program. The picture, filmed especially for the program, is the story of a small community's centennial celebration and how it affects the lives of the people who live there.

Other films included on the program are "The Job Ahead", a story of the task that faces agriculture, "The Safety Pin" and "Oddities in Farming".

Mr. Winslow also announced prizes will be given away as part of the program.

DEATH RULED SUICIDE

Rufus James Dail, 70 year old Negro, of Route two, died Wednesday afternoon of self-inflicted shotgun wounds. The death was reported by William Williamson, brother-in-law of Dail, to Sheriff M. G. Owens, who with Dr. C. A. Davenport, County Coroner, investigated the death. They ruled the shooting to be suicide.

Perquimans Indians Defeat Manteo And Griggs Cage Teams

Girls Win Griggs Contest But Lose Thriller To Manteo Girls

Coach Ike Perry's Perquimans Indians continued to set the basketball pace in the Albemarle Rural Conference during the past week by winning victories over the Griggs and Manteo teams. The Indians are undefeated in conference play.

Both games were hard fought and the Indians edged Griggs 50 to 48 in an overtime contest. Perquimans grabbed a 12-7 lead in the first period and led 23-13 at the half but Griggs led by Edwin Woodhouse made a strong comeback in the second half, tying the score just before the end of the regulation playing time. Williams led the Indian scoring with 18 points and Mathews hit for 12 points.

On Tuesday night the Indians played the Manteo boys in a return match and won a close-hard fought game by a three-point margin 51 to 48. Perquimans sparked by some sharp shooting by Allen had a 14-12 lead for the first period but fell behind 24-22 at the half time. Williams and Towe sparked a rally in the third period during which Perquimans rolled up a 37-34 advantage, and were never overcome by the Manteo boys. Scoring in the Manteo game was as follows: Williams 18, Towe 16, Allen 10, Mathews 7. Kee, with 21 points, was high scorer for Manteo.

The Indians played both of the games without the service of Johnny Morris, star Indian guard, who suffered an ankle injury in the Camden game last week.

The Indian Squaws, led by Celia White, who scored 28 points, won an easy victory from the Griggs girls 57 to 42. Mary Winslow was second high scorer for Perquimans with 19 points. Adylett paced the Griggs girls with 22 points.

The Perquimans girls lost a thriller to the Manteo girls Tuesday night by a one-point margin 30 to 29. It was the second time this year that Manteo girls defeated the Squaws by one point.

Both teams played a fine defensive game but a five point advantage secured in the first period by Manteo proved too much for the Indian Squaws to overcome. The score at half time was Manteo 20, Perquimans 17. In the second half the Perquimans guards gave a splendid exhibition on defense holding Manteo to 10 points while the local forwards attempted to score the winning baskets. During the final period the Squaws moved up, time and again, to within one point of the visitors but were unable to secure the points to assure the victory. Barbara Edwards led the scoring for Perquimans with 10 points. White had 9, Stores 6 and Winslow four. Gaskill was high scorer for Manteo with 12 points and Sears scored 11.

Rites Held Sunday For Oscar L. Byrum

Funeral services for Oscar L. Byrum, age 66, who died Saturday morning at his home in Chapanoke, were held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 in the Chapel of Twiford's Funeral Home in Hertford by the Rev. D. B. Cruise, pastor of People's Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. Coy Saunders, pastor of Bagley Swamp Pilgrim's Church.

Mrs. Melvin Doxey and Mr. C. K. Winslow sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and Mr. Winslow and the Rev. Cruise sang "Does Jesus Care", accompanied by Miss Kate Blanchard at the organ.

The casket was covered with a pall of red carnations, white asters, white calli lilies, white gladioli and fern. Pallbearers were Arden Ward, Elmer Boyce, John Eure, John B. Byrum, James Boyce and Leroy Bunch. Burial followed in the Cedarwood Cemetery.

Mr. Byrum was a native of Chowan County but had been a resident of Chapanoke for the past 25 years. He was the son of the late Copeland and Etta Hollowell Byrum. He was a member of Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eva Copeland Byrum of Chapanoke; two daughters, Mrs. Hilda Mae Smith of Winfall and Mrs. Mildred Gregory of Elizabeth City; three sons, Clarence of Chapanoke, Raleigh Lee of Okisco, and Ardell Byrum of Elizabeth City; one sister, Mrs. Donnie Boyce of Tyner; two brothers, John and Walter Byrum of Ryland, and 13 grandchildren.

Belvidere Resident In Fatal Accident

Otto Bunch, 37, of Belvidere section of Perquimans County, was killed Monday night at an intersection of Sandy Ridge and Selwyn Road, about 5.8 miles Northwest of Belvidere.

He was last seen in Belvidere at 11 P. M., and was found Tuesday morning at 5:45 o'clock by Earl Winslow, brother-in-law, who was enroute to Norfolk to work.

According to Highway Patrolman B. R. Inscow, who investigated, Bunch was driving a 1949 Chevrolet pick-up truck, came out of the Selwyn Road, went through a stop sign, skidded across the road into a ditch, turned over and was killed.

Dr. C. A. Davenport, County Coroner, reported death was due to head injuries.

County Commissioners Discuss Plans For Enlarging Vaults In Court House

Methodist Men's Club Adds 4 New Members

The Methodist Men of the Perquimans Charge met for a dinner meeting at the Winfall Community House on Tuesday, January 26. The Rev. C. F. Heath, District Superintendent, was the guest speaker and he spoke on the subject "What Makes A Good Layman?"

During the business meeting 4 new members were received into the club. It was decided to have posters ordered for the Church Attendance Crusade to be placed in various stores as sponsored by the Methodist Men.

There were 20 members present and the next meeting will be held at New Hope Tuesday, February 23 at 7 P. M.

County Proposed As Site For New Air Force Academy

Hertford and Perquimans County has been submitted as a possible site for the new proposed Air Force Academy it was reported this week by Mayor V. N. Darden, who wrote Representative Herbert C. Bonner of the interest of this community in securing the project.

Pointing out the availability of Harvey Point, or some other suitable area on the Perquimans River Mayor Darden advised Congressman Bonner of the advantages possible in locating the new academy in this county.

In a reply to Mayor Darden, this week, Mr. Bonner stated he will see that the interests of the community will be properly presented to the Secretary of the Air Force, and requested a brochure or other materials concerning Hertford be submitted for presentation to the Secretary.

Beauty Candidates Selected By 4-H Club

Thirty-five charming and beautiful girls have been selected from the Perquimans High School to participate in the annual "Miss Perquimans High" beauty contest. The contest will be held on February 18 in the Perquimans High School auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock P. M.

Names of the candidates selected are as follows: Janice Sumner, Mary Winslow, Kaeky Nixon, Billie Carol Divers, Anne White, Sue Perry White, Jill Miller, Peggy Harrell, Alice Jean Jackson, Suzanne Towse, Julia Anne Stokes, Kay Mathews, Kathryn Anne Ward, Joanne Layne, Rachel Spivey, Marjorie Brinn, Becky Cox, Mable Frances Keel, Barbara Edwards, Louise Chappell, Delores Russell, Annie Lou Layne, Sylvia Wray Copeland, La Rue Chappell, Selma Dean Layne, Annette Proctor, Lina Ruth Proctor, Joyce Sumner, Lois Violet Winslow, Phyllis Bagley, Judy Winslow, Jean Edwards, Avis Winslow, Lois Turner, Ehelby Jean Overton and Jeannette Williams.

Also taking part on the program will be 25 grammar school girls who will compete for the "Miss Perquimans Grammar" school beauty contest title. The names of these girls are: Anne White, Connie Sawyer, Mary Barbee, Judy Winslow, Julie Lane, Betty Lou White, Dianne Divers, Betty Brown, Clay Stokes, Becky Nixon, Lois Byrum, Jean Bagley, Helen Sutton, Ellen Wood, Phyllis Nixon, Carolyn Faye Rogerson, Connie Boyce, Wanda Lyle Chappell, Josephine Knight, Arlene Stallings, Linda Lou Elliott, Anne Thurman and Cherry Jo Creamer.

Appearing on the program also will be several outstanding talent acts throughout the Albemarle. Judges for the High School Beauty Contest will be from outside of Perquimans County.

Party Chairman Appeals For Funds

W. F. Ainsley, chairman of the Perquimans Democratic Executive Committee, is making an appeal for contributions for funds for the party, and announced the Perquimans quota for this drive is \$150. He stated about two thirds of the county goal has been raised and requests individuals desiring to contribute to the party fund to send him donations in time to report them on February 13, which is the date for the Jefferson-Jackson Dinner in Raleigh.

No Action Taken on Filling Vacancy In County Agent Post

Plans for renovating the Court House vaults, in the offices of the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court, were discussed during the meeting of the County Commissioners, held last Monday, and Archie T. Lane, chairman of the Board was authorized to secure construction plans for the project and to submit these plans at the next Board meeting.

The Commissioners are hopeful this project, one which is badly needed to provide additional storage space for the offices and which has been recommended a number of times by former grand juries, can be carried out within the near future.

C. S. Mintz, District Supervisor for the State Extension Service, conferred with the Board concerning the vacancy in the office of County Agent, but no action was taken by the Board in filling the position. The Board advised Mr. Mintz it had approved Ralph Sasser for the job, believing it was following the dictates of the people of the county, but this proposal was stalled when Mintz stated State Office opposition to the appointment.

After a long discussion of the matter it was agreed that an interview meeting will be conducted by the Board next Monday night at which time Mr. Mintz will present other applicants for the position.

The Board approved a petition requesting improvement of the Hopeville Road in Bethel Township, subject to a final decision by the State Highway Commission.

Max Campbell, County Accountant, presented a financial report to the Commissioners covering operation for the first seven months of the present fiscal year. The report revealed all departments staying within the budget adopted by the Board last June. Total income of the county during the period, from all sources, amounted to \$228,075.41, while expenditures totaled \$172,446.34.

Tax collections, on the 1953 levy, which totaled approximately \$143,749, amounting to \$100,046.79 through the month of January.