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## Building And Loan Stockholders In Annual Meeting Wed.

### Officers And Directors Elected; Financial Gain Is Reported

Stockholders of the Hertford Building and Loan Association conducted their annual meeting on Wednesday afternoon, in the Perquimans Court House and after hearing a report on the operations of the Association during 1953, elected a board of directors to serve during the coming year.

Assets of the local Building and Loan Association at the end of the year stood at \$122,877.06, it was revealed by A. W. Hefren, president. This represented a 14 per cent increase as compared to the year ending 1952.

Elected to serve as directors of the Association during 1954 were A. W. Hefren, C. P. Morris, J. P. Perry, Max Campbell, J. W. Ward, Charles E. Johnson, V. N. Darden, Claude White and R. M. Riddick, Jr.

Officers elected by the directors were A. W. Hefren, president; J. P. Perry and C. P. Morris, vice presidents, and Max Campbell, secretary and treasurer.

Commenting on the year Mr. Hefren stated the local Building and Loan Association made 18 new loans to assist individuals in constructing seven new homes, seven persons in buying homes and five persons in repairing their homes. Total loans made during the year amounted to \$39,500.

## Soil Conservation Supervisors To Sponsor Contest

The Perquimans County Supervisors of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District met on Thursday night, February 5, to work out plans for sponsoring a Conservation Poster contest. J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, met with the Supervisors and helped in planning the contest.

Frank B. Skinner, chairman of Perquimans County Supervisors, announced that the Conservation Poster Contest would be for the fifth, sixth and seventh grades of the Central Grammar School at Winfall and the fifth, sixth and seventh grades of the Hertford Grammar School. It was decided that the fifth grade in the Central Grammar School at Winfall will compete with the fifth grade in the Hertford Grammar School to determine the fifth grade winner. The sixth and seventh grade winners would be determined in the same manner. The fifth, sixth and seventh grade winners would compete for winner of all grades. In determining the winners, the teachers of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades in each school will pick the two best posters in their respective rooms. The two posters picked from each grade in both schools will be submitted for final judging to determine grade winners and winner of all grades. No names will be written on posters but should have name on a piece of paper clipped to poster. The posters will be coded by numbers for final judging.

The contest will start on February 15 and close on March 5, 1954. Mr. Skinner stated that the winner of each grade will receive a \$15.00 cash award and that the winner of all grades will receive an additional \$5.00.

The Supervisors believe that a contest of this type will help the schools to teach students how conservation work is done to protect natural resources. The Supervisors also believe that conservation education should start with the younger children. Mr. Skinner said that although the Soil Conservation District is primarily concerned with maintaining and improving the soil resources of the county, the students may use any subject dealing with conservation of natural resources.

## Tyrion Council Visited By Guest

Thomas G. Slate of Fayetteville, N. C., Most Illustrious Grandmaster of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in North Carolina, met with Tyrion Council, No. 19 of Elizabeth City Monday night, February 8, and delivered a very interesting talk on Cryptic Masonry.

After his talk the Royal Masters Degree was exemplified by the Hertford degree team, consisting of the following: B. C. Berry, J. S. McNider, R. C. Murray, Tom White, James Bass and John Decker. Refreshments were served and enjoyed by all companions present.

## County Commissioners Act In Filling Vacancy In Office Of County Agent

### R. M. Thompson, Pasquotank Native, Approved For Post

Members of the Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County met in the Court House last Monday night for the purpose of interviewing a number of applicants for the position as county farm agent.

Appearing before the Commissioners were C. C. Jackson, assistant agent in Sampson County; William Chaffin, assistant agent in Pender County and R. M. Thompson, assistant agent in Johnston County.

Following long interviews with each of the applicants the local Board approved the appointment of Mr. Thompson for the position. He is a native of Pasquotank County, a graduate of Elizabeth City High School and N. C. State College. Following his graduation from State College Mr. Thompson was a vocational agricultural teacher for one year at Jackson, after which he became associated with the State Extension Service. He has been an assistant agent in Johnston County for the past two years.

Mr. Thompson is 28 years old and is married and has two children.

The Board of Commissioners is expected to take official action in electing Mr. Thompson to the position at its next meeting on March 1, and it is understood the new agent will assume his position here sometime between March 1 and 15.

The new agent will fill the vacancy in the Extension Service office here, which has been open since last July. Since that time the duties have been handled by Ralph Sasser, assistant County Agent, who will continue here in his present capacity.

Previously the Board of Commissioners had recommended Sasser for the post as county agent, but this action was not approved by the State Extension office because of operation regulations, but it now appears to be the opinion of the Board of Commissioners the situation has been solved with the county having two capable men filling the offices of agent and assistant.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Reports from the Big Four meeting in Berlin this week reveal little progress toward agreement on plans for Germany, but there is some hope a peace treaty for Austria may be worked out. The Foreign Ministers are to hold a discussion on Austria starting today. Meanwhile, reports from Berlin state the situation in East Germany is one of unrest due to Russia's opposition toward unification of the nation. The Communists have ordered strong security measures to prevent further revolt against the Red rule.

A proposal that the United States send specialists to Indo-China to train natives for the war against Communists is meeting with some opposition in Washington. Secretary of Defense Wilson reported, however, the United States is not sending combat troops into the area. Wilson said the war in Indo-China is progressing as expected by both the United States and French officials and that he believes the French will win a victory over the Reds.

Coffee experts, testifying before committees investigating the steep rise in coffee prices, have stated the situation came about through the shortage of crops and increasing use of the product. An official for the Coffee and Sugar Exchange in New York reported he sees no hope of a dip in the prices so long as the demand for coffee remains normal.

An Air Force base at Goldsboro is one of seven expected to be reactivated sometime during the year, it was reported from Washington this week. The additional bases will be needed, it was said, if the plans for a 137-wing Air Force are reached during 1955.

## March Of Dimes Fund Now \$1,697

Additional contributions made to the March of Dimes fund during this week have swelled the total of the fund to \$1,697.59, it was reported today by Mrs. J. T. Biggers, drive chairman.

Contributions reported to Mrs. Biggers this week included \$55.25 from the Colored Division of Hertford, \$30.10 from Negro Home Demonstration Clubs, \$5.00 from the Eastern Star and \$18.50 from a cake sale held by Mrs. B. G. Koonce.

## Central Grammar PTA Meets Monday

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School will hold its February meeting in the school cafeteria Monday night, February 15 at 7:30 o'clock.

The subject for February is "Times Change—The Beginnings and Today." The Winfall community, with Mrs. J. V. Roach as chairman, will have charge of the program. Mrs. J. L. DeLaney will conduct the devotional and there will be special music by Marvin White and Raymond Stanton.

A Founders' Day program will be presented. Those taking part in the program will include the president, Mrs. B. F. Bray; two past presidents, Mrs. W. H. Matthews and Mrs. Eddie Harrell and a member of the Executive Committee, Mrs. Elijah White.

Members and other interested patrons are cordially invited to attend this and every meeting.

## Indians and Squaws Win Double Header Over Weeksville

Perquimans High School's basketball teams chalked up two more Albemarle conference victories last Tuesday night when the local girls defeated Weeksville girls 50 to 43 and the Perquimans Indians romped to an easy win over the Weeksville boys 60 to 17.

The Indian Squaws averaged a loss to Weeksville earlier this season by securing a lead early in the contest and playing a superior brand of ball when the Weeksville girls made a strong effort for victory in the second half of the game. Perquimans held a 28-18 margin at halftime and was ahead 40 to 33 at the end of the third period. Celia White, with 26 points, led the Squaws in scoring while Edwards hit for 10 points, Stokes and Winslow scored seven points each. Munden was high scorer for Weeksville with 23.

Coach Ike Perry's smooth working boys' team overwhelmed the Weeksville boys in the final of the double header. Howard Williams, Daryl Allen and Eugene White led a first half attack which provided the Indians with a 34-9 advantage. Coach Perry used his reserve squad during the second half and these boys showing much improvement rolled up 26 more points while holding Weeksville to eight tallies.

Every player on the Indian squad helped doll up the huge scoring total for Perquimans. Howard Williams and Eugene White scored 13 points each, Mathews 4, Towse 4, Allen 6, Bray 4, Rossmore, Winslow 5, and M. Williams 8.

The Indians top the Albemarle Conference with 11 victories and no losses while the Indian Squaws rank fourth in the conference standing with five wins and six losses.

## Senate Candidates Step Up Tempo Of Coming Election

Activities on the part of candidates for the office of U. S. Senator, at stake in the primary election next May, is stepping up of the tempo and interest in the forthcoming election.

Former Governor, W. Kerr Scott, as was expected, formally announced his candidacy for the office last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Scott's entrance into the race brings the number of candidates for the office to four.

Senator Alton Lennon is seeking election to the post to which he was appointed last summer by Governor Umstead. Henry L. Sprinkle of Greensboro and W. M. Bostick of Cary are also announced candidates and a report Wednesday revealed Olla Ray Boyd may enter his name into the race.

In addition to the campaign for the office of U. S. Senator, a number of county offices are to be filled by the election, and it is expected interest in these will grow as local candidates announce for the offices.

County offices which are to be filled in the election this year include those of the County Commissioners, Clerk of Superior Court, Representative, Sheriff, Recorder's Judge, Treasurer, Coroner and four members of the Board of Elections.

R. C. Murray, chairman of the Perquimans Board of Elections, has announced he has received forms for individuals to use in filing their candidacy for local offices and the deadline for filing will be the last Saturday in April.

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

### Patrol Very Active Last Week-end Against Traffic Violators

Stepped up activity on the part of the State Highway Patrol, in this area over the past week-end, resulted in an unusually heavy docket in the Recorder's Court here last Tuesday. A total of 38 cases, most of which involved traffic violations, was disposed of during the session.

Fines of \$10 and costs of court were imposed on Joseph Gross, Arthur Polson and Emil Wieselberg, each of whom submitted to charges of speeding.

Costs of court, on charges of speeding, were taxed against Richard Lefors, Sylvia Campbell, James Okun, Joseph Gerhardt, Mary Galletta, Rufus Hobbs, Michael Alfano, James Hall, Robert Stallings, Leonard Cobb, Jr., Charles Reid, Eugene Price, Jr., Harry DeVorhen, Hyman Hermule, H. B. Bates, Jr., Leonard Small, Francis Nardini, Israel Dorfman and Anson Collins. Each of the defendants entered a plea of guilty.

A plea of nolo contendere was entered by Howard Johnson on a charge of improper passing and he paid the costs of court.

J. G. Ward, John Jones and John Riddick, all charged with failing to observe a stop sign, entered pleas of guilty and paid the costs of court.

Miles Whedbee, Negro, was taxed with the court costs on a charge of failing to dim the lights on his vehicle.

Claude Avery entered a plea of guilty to charges of reckless driving. He paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

George White and Charles Overton, Negro, were fined \$10 and costs on charges of driving with insufficient brakes.

A nol pros was taken in the case in which Lesdan Gillikins was charged with improper passing.

(Alice Smith and John Winslow entered pleas of guilty to charges of driving without a license and each paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

John Harding, Negro, was taxed with the court costs on a charge of using improper license on a vehicle. Sidney Baker submitted to a charge of transporting tax-paid liquor in a dry county and paid the costs of court.

Mary Spencer was assessed the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of driving on the left side of a highway.

Alonzo Myers, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to charges of driving drunk. He paid a fine of \$100 and costs of court.

Clarence Hobbs, Negro, was found not guilty on a charge of receiving stolen property.

## Pre-measurement Of Acreage Available To County Farmers

Perquimans County and peanut farmers who want to be sure that they are not planting over their 1954 allotment may have their acreage pre-measured prior to planting. The State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee announced today that "official" pre-measurement of all marketing quota crops will be offered to farmers in every county in 1954.

H. D. Godfrey, State Administrative Officer for ACS, explained that the "official" pre-measurement means that the pre-measured acreage will be accepted as correct for marketing quota purposes unless it is later determined that the crop was not planted within the pre-measured area, that less than the pre-measured area was planted, or that there was an obvious error in the pre-measurement.

The entire cost of the pre-measurement job must be borne by the farmer, and will be deposited with the County Committee at the time application for pre-measurement is made. The County ASC Committee has set the rate for pre-measuring allotted crops mentioned above at the larger of \$10.00 per farm or \$2.00 per acre. The final date for filing an application will be April 1, 1954. It would be to the advantage of farmers planting more than one crop under quotas to have all pre-measuring done at one time.

## New Game Protector Assigned To County

H. A. Cahoon has been assigned as Game Protector for Perquimans County. It was reported here earlier this week. He will succeed Hugh Robertson, who has been promoted to the post of District Game Protector.

## Hertford Board Prepares Plans For Improvement Of Edenton Road Street

### A Fair Warning

The habit of a few local motorists, who evidently fail to appreciate Hertford's liberal policy regarding its parking meter ordinance, in ignoring meter violation tickets, may force the Town to make a change in the enforcement of this ordinance, it was pointed out at a meeting of the Town Board on Monday night.

The Board discussed a number of complaints it has received concerning local motorists who violate the ordinance, then fail to comply with the orders printed on the parking ticket, and in some cases failing to pay parking charges at all.

While no steps were taken for immediate changes of the policy, the Board decided to issue a warning to all motorists that the present policy must be observed or the Board will act to enforce the ordinance to the fullest extent and all violators will be cited for court action.

## Rotary Conference Planned Next Week At Rocky Mount

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club have been invited to attend the annual District conference to be held in Rocky Mount February 14, 15, 16, and a number of them, including the officers, are expected to attend.

Highlights of the program are outlined in an announcement received by officers of the local club from District Governor P. D. Midgett, Jr., of Englehard, and Graham Dozier, Rocky Mount, conference chairman.

Conference Headquarters will be at the Ricks Hotel.

Dr. C. Sylvester Green, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Medical Foundation, a past District Governor, will be the principal speaker at the opening session Sunday night, February 14.

Dr. Trela D. Collins, a retired Durham minister, will address the luncheon session on Monday, and Claude W. Woodward, Richmond, Va., vice-president of Rotary International and a past director, will be the principal speaker at the Governor's Banquet Monday night.

Paul Lucas, Charlotte, public relations director for the Duke Power Company, and an immediate past District Governor, will address the closing luncheon session Tuesday, February 16.

Various phases of Rotary activities will be covered in short talks by discussion leaders at plenary sessions Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Monday afternoon will be given over to sightseeing tours and recreation.

Egbert Peeler, Raleigh, is the only announced candidate so far for District Governor. New officials will take office July 1.

## Wake Forest Coach Guest At Banquet

The Monogram Club of Perquimans High School held its annual banquet in the school cafeteria on Wednesday night and had as guest speaker Tom Rogers, football coach at Wake Forest College.

Mr. Rogers showed films of the Wake Forest-South Carolina football game, played last year, and spoke briefly of some experiences in athletics.

Special guests at the banquet were the fathers of the club members and members of the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce. John Morris, president of the Monogram Club, acted as toastmaster during the evening.

## 4-H Judging Team To Attend Show

A large crowd is expected to attend the first 1954 Aberdeen-Angus Field Day to be held in Eastern North Carolina at the Pocahontas Farm located 9 miles east of Kinston on Highway 70 on Friday, March 5th, it was reported by Ralph Sasser, Assistant County Farm Agent.

The field day is being sponsored by the N. C. Aberdeen-Angus Association in cooperation with the Kinston Chamber of Commerce, and will begin at 10 A. M. A hot lunch will be served by the hosts, it was reported.

Sasser says he is taking the members of the Perquimans 4-H judging team to the show and anyone interested in the event contact him and attempts will be made to provide transportation for all on an expense-sharing basis.

## Cold Storage Room At Ice Plant Getting Overhaul Job

Preliminary plans for the widening of Edenton Road Street from Grubb Street to U. S. 17 were revealed at the meeting of the Hertford Board of Commissioners held last Monday night. Mayor V. N. Darden advised the Board the project of widening the street will be carried out by the State Highway Commission, with the Town preparing the right of way by moving back light poles, water lines and utility lines. He informed the Board Highway Commissioner J. Emmett Winslow is to advise him shortly as to the width the street is to be when the project is completed.

The street to be widened has long been a "bottleneck" not only to local traffic but to through traffic, and to help eliminate this bottleneck pending completion of the project the Board passed an ordinance banning parking of trucks on Edenton Road Street at all times.

On motion the Board reappointed Mayor Darden and Commissioner W. H. Harcastle as members of the Hertford Firemen's Relief Fund. Other members of this board, named by the Fire Department, are C. T. Skinner, Sr., B. C. Berry and Beverly Tucker.

Plans were made for a number of the Commissioners to attend a meeting of municipalities in Edenton on Wednesday night of this week at which time the representatives of the various towns discussed the proposed increase in electric rates being sought by the supplying company, Virginia Electric and Power Company. Plans for presenting opposition to the VEP proposal, which is to be held before the State Utilities Commission on February 24, were expected to be prepared at this meeting.

Mayor Darden also advised the Board that a contract for renovating the cold storage room at the ice plant had been let, and total cost of repairing this room will be about \$1,800. The insulation of the room had deteriorated to such a point; it was almost impossible to keep stored ice in the room and the town was losing revenue because of the condition. The work on the room is being done by the Armstrong Cork Company.

## Hertford Scouts Participating In National Scout Week

The Hertford Troop of Boy Scouts, under supervision of Bobby Elliott, Scoutmaster, is participating in the observance of National Boy Scout Week, which started last Sunday.

On Tuesday of this week the local scouts set up a miniature scout camp on the Court House Green and on Saturday a number of the members of the troop will be stationed at the site carrying out some of the activities taught by Scouting.

Next Sunday the members of the troop will attend church, with attendance planned at the Baptist Church for morning service and at the Methodist Church for evening services.

## Students Interviewed On Plans For College

Representatives of about 20 schools and colleges visited Perquimans High School Tuesday afternoon holding interviews with members of the Junior and Senior classes concerning higher education for the students after completion of their high school courses.

About 100 students at the school were interviewed by the representatives from ECC, ACC, Guilford, Meredith, WCU, Duke, University of North Carolina, N. C. State, Kings Business College, Mars Hill, Louisville, Greenville Beauty School, Wake Forest, High Point College, Chowan College, Obi, DePaul and Norfolk General Hospitals and the Armed Forces.

## County Bond Sales Total \$36,110 In Jan.

Sales of U. S. Government Series E and H bonds increased by 17 1/2 per cent during January, 1954, as compared with the same month in 1953, it was reported this week by the chairman of the State Savings Bonds Committee.

Perquimans County residents joined with others in the State to help achieve this record by purchasing a total of \$36,110 worth of the series E and H bonds.