

Public Welfare Program Subject Of Discussion At Commissioners' Meeting

Officials of First District Gathered Here Last Tuesday

Between 40 and 50 officials representing the counties of the First District, gathered in Hertford last Tuesday for their annual District meeting, and heard a discussion on the Public Welfare Program conducted by John Alexander McMahon, Assistant Director of the Institute of Government.

The meeting opened at 10 A. M., with an address of welcome by Archie T. Lane, chairman of the Perquimans County Board of County Commissioners. This was followed by short talks by J. Emmett Winslow, District Highway Commissioner and J. Henry Vaughn, Secretary and Treasurer of the State Association of County Commissioners.

During the morning session Mr. McMahon devoted his discussion to the foundation of the public welfare program, and traced its beginning with the churches of the Colony up to the present time when the program is being administered by the Federal, State and Local governments.

He explained how, through rules and regulations adopted by Congress, when the Federal government began participating in the program, that the program in each State is essentially the same.

Mr. McMahon explained to the County Officials how these regulations govern the set-up and operation of each County Welfare unit, and the duties of the County Commissioners, the Welfare Board, Welfare Superintendent and Caseworkers in the operation of the local program.

The meeting adjourned at noon and the entire group had luncheon at the Winfall Community House, being served by the Missionary Society of the Cedar Grove Church.

During the afternoon session a review of the various functions of a local Welfare Department was given with a large number of questions being asked and answered concerning the different types of assistance rendered by local departments.

Training School To Be Conducted At Methodist Church

A Training School for the Methodist Churches of this area is scheduled to be held in the First Methodist Church, Hertford, on April 4 to 6. The School will begin on Sunday night at 7:30 in the Education Building of the church with a 15 minute devotional service. On each evening there are to be two 60 minute periods for class room workshops, lecture, discussions and visual aid studies. Closing time will be 9:30 each evening.

Three separate courses have been arranged with an able group of three instructors. The Rev. R. L. Jerome, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Elizabeth City will be in charge of a course dealing with work with adults on the subject, "Christian Stewardship." Mrs. R. T. Commander, director of children's work in the Elizabeth City District, also of Elizabeth City, will teach the class for workers with children, entitled "Children and the Bible." For all who are interested in work with youth Mrs. H. R. Odom of Gibson, N. C., will be in charge of a course on "Teenagers—Their Days and Ways." Mrs. Odom is a well known authority on the subject of youth throughout the North Carolina Conference.

The opportunities of the school are open to everyone who is interested in Christian teachings for children, youth and adults. While it will have special values for officers, teachers, workers and parents charged with the responsibilities of the Church School, it will also provide information for all who attend.

The Rev. H. M. Jamieson is serving as treasurer of the School and the Rev. A. L. Chapin has been accredited by the General Board of Education as Dean of the School.

Belonging to the Area are the following churches: Edenton, Hertford, Anderson, Center Hill, Bethany, Evans, Cedar Grove, Epworth, New Hope, Oak Grove and Woodland. It is hoped each church and Church School in the Area will have a large delegation in attendance.

Wildlife Meeting Here Next Monday

An invitation is extended to sportsmen of the county to attend a wildlife educational program at the Court House Monday night at 8 o'clock on March 22. Jack Bump, vice-chairman, First Wildlife District, will present a film program of N. C. Wildlife.

VFW Auxiliary To Sponsor Fashion Show

A fashion show and tea, sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary to Post 8297 will be held on Saturday afternoon, March 20, at 3:30 in the auditorium of the Agricultural Building, Hertford.

Spring fashions will be modeled from J. C. Blanchard & Company, Jones Kiddie Shop, White's Dress Shop, Simon's and Woodland Dress Shop, Illida Dress Shop, Dozier's Florist, Paragon Beauty Shop. Complete outfits for children as well as adults, will be shown. Costume jewelry from Divers Jewelers will be shown also.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from Auxiliary members. Anyone interested in securing a ticket is asked to call Mrs. Jesse Harris, phone 2526, Hertford.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The State Supreme Court this week ruled the law which set up the dog track operation in Currituck County is unconstitutional because it forms a monopoly and offers special privileges to some but not all the people. Following the ruling of the Supreme Court an order was issued Wednesday by a Superior Court judge padlocking the plant at Moyock. Attorneys for the dog track have not indicated if the action will be carried to a higher court.

A sizzling fight is expected to develop in Congress over the proposed GOP tax revision bill, up for consideration this week. President Eisenhower made a radio-TV appeal for public support of the measure Monday night and this was followed Tuesday night by Sam Rayburn, Democratic leader, who attacked the bill. With Congress about evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats the fate of the proposed measure is in doubt.

Seven persons were killed, 70 injured and property damage up to 23 million dollars resulted from a tornado which struck Central and West Georgia last Saturday night. The storm centered near Columbus, Ga., and heaviest damage occurred to property at army air bases.

B. Ray Cohoon of Columbia has been nominated by President Eisenhower to succeed Ford S. Worthing as U. S. Marshal for the Eastern District of North Carolina. Approval of the appointment must be made by the U. S. Senate.

The Supreme Court this week upheld the action of Congress, last year, in giving title to tidewater oil lands to States. The Court refused to consider actions by Alabama and Connecticut which opposed the grants made by Congress.

Training School PTA In Meeting Monday

The P. T. A. of Perquimans Training School, Winfall, held its regular meeting Monday evening, March 15 with the president presiding.

The president, with the assistance of King A. Williams, gave a brief summary of a recent workshop held at the State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, pertaining to P. T. A. work.

The P. T. A. group planned to work toward giving a covered dish supper April 30, at which time a county-wide popularity contest will end that will determine which is the most popular section in Perquimans County.

To Represent County At District Meeting

Seven persons will represent Perquimans County at a district meeting of the North Carolina School Board Association meeting to be held next Monday evening at Chocowinity, it was reported today by J. T. Biggers, superintendent of schools.

Planning to attend the meeting from Perquimans are Mr. Biggers, E. C. Woodard, school principal, Mrs. A. R. Cook and Clarence Chappell of the Board of Education and Mrs. A. H. Edwards, Mrs. B. F. Bray and Edwin S. White of local school committees.

W. M. U. MEETING

The Chowan Association of W. M. U. will meet at the Bethel Baptist Church Wednesday, March 24, beginning at 10 A. M. An interesting program has been arranged for the meeting and all members are urged to attend.

Carolyn White Wins Soil Conservation Poster Contest

The judges in the contest sponsored by the Supervisors of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District selected the poster prepared by Carolyn White as the best one submitted in the county. Posters prepared by students in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades in the Hertford and Central Grammar Schools were considered by the judges last Thursday night. Carolyn White's poster was also selected as the best submitted from the sixth grades in the two schools. The fifth, sixth and seventh grades in the two schools competed to determine a winner from each grade and also the best from both schools in the county.

Miss Thelma Elliott, Principal of the Hertford Grammar School, said that each grade made a study of conservation and that the students then prepared a small drawing to show their ideas of a poster which would tell the story. After this the students prepared the posters, and Miss Elliott said she believed they had learned much about conservation by doing this. One hundred, sixty-one students entered the contest, 121 from Hertford School and 40 from the Central School.

Mrs. T. B. Smith, Mrs. Morris Griffin, C. P. Morris, R. S. Chappell and George Caddy were the judges. After viewing all of the posters, they also selected winners from each grade. These were:

Fifth Grade—First Place, Jerry Chappell; second place, Ann Benton.

Sixth Grade—First Place, Carolyn White; second place, Catherine Sawyer.

Seventh Grade—First Place, Jimmie Dozier; second place, Merrill Winslow. The student who won first place in each grade will receive an award of \$15.00, and Carolyn White, as county winner, will receive an additional \$50.00 prize.

The first and second place winners from each of the grades will compete in a District Contest being sponsored by the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce in Elizabeth City on March 19, 1954. Here again, the first and second place winners from the five counties which make up the Albemarle District will receive additional awards.

Frank B. Skinner, George G. Winslow and Emmett B. Long are the members of the Board of Supervisors of the Albemarle District from Perquimans County. Mr. Skinner, who is chairman of this group, complimented J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of the Perquimans County Schools; Miss Thelma Elliott, Principal of the Hertford Grammar School, and Tommy Maston, Principal of the Central Grammar School, for the interest they had displayed in helping to carry out this contest. Mr. Skinner also commented on the efforts of the teachers in each of the grades to teach the conservation story to their students.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans Recorder's Court was in recess this week because of the annual district meeting of County Commissioners which convened in the court room on Tuesday of this week. All cases listed on the docket of the court were set for hearing on Tuesday, March 23.

Agricultural Conservation Program Is Termed Farmer-Taxpayer Partnership

"A partnership between the farmer and the taxpayer." That's the way Horace D. Godfrey, state ABC administrative officer, describes the Agricultural Conservation Program.

"The ACP, operated in North Carolina by state and county ASC committees, is the method devised by the Congress whereby the general public may protect its interest in the nation's life-sustaining topsoil. In the not too distant future our topsoil will probably replace crude oil for the descriptive term Black Gold. There are substitutes for oil but no substitutes have been found for the soil on which our food and fiber are produced," Godfrey says.

Through the ACP the federal government shares the cost with the farmer of carrying out certain conservation practices. The 1954 program in North Carolina has been adapted to local needs through the teamwork of representatives of the Soil Conservation Service, the Agricultural Extension Service, the Forest Service, and the Farmers Home Administration, explains Godfrey.

The county programs in North Carolina are being operated by ASC committees in line with the following national policy:

The program is to help achieve additional conservation on the land.

Central PTA Hears Talks On Mexico And Australia

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School held its March meeting Monday evening, March 15, with the president, Mrs. B. F. Bray, presiding. The meeting opened with the singing of "America."

The Bagley Swamp Community, with Mrs. Joseph Winslow as chairman, had charge of the program. Mrs. Winslow presented Mrs. Charles Peabody. Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson and Miss Neppie Smith who beautifully rendered "Jesus, Wonderful Lord." They were accompanied at the piano by Miss Lelia Lee Winslow.

Mrs. Joseph Winslow conducted the devotional using as her theme "Attributes of Leadership—Knowledge and Understanding." Edward Jordan sang "Lead Me Gently Home", accompanied at the piano by Miss Lelia Lee Winslow.

Mrs. Winslow stated that the topic for March was "Adventures In Understanding" and that the speakers of the evening would present pertinent information on International Relationships and their bearing on the topic for the month. She presented Mrs. Joshua Sutton, a native of Australia, who spoke on many phases of Australian life with special emphasis on the customs, occupation and recreation of the people.

Mrs. Winslow then presented Mrs. A. H. Ross who has lived in both Cuba and Mexico. Mrs. Ross spoke on the dress, languages and customs of the Mexican people. She told of the Union Church with its twenty-three missionary circles, of the Boy Scout Troops and Y. M. C. A. Mrs. Ross said there are 75,000 Americans in Mexico City.

Thomas Maston spoke briefly on the United Nations Charter. He read the preamble to the UN Constitution and handed out a questionnaire on the UN Charter in which he had carefully compiled a large number of questions and answers furnishing valuable information on their great instrument of freedom.

Mrs. Winslow presented Miss Audrey Umphlett, County Health Nurse, who spoke on "The Functions of the Health Department." Miss Umphlett said "Public health is usually defined today as the art and science of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting physical, mental, and social well-being through organized community efforts."

Under the functions of the Health Department, Miss Umphlett discussed the services dealing with communicable disease, immunization, pre-school clinics, tuberculosis control, maternal health, pre-school health, orthopedic clinics, cancer detection centers, and vital statistics.

During the business session the minutes were read and approved. The treasurer, Arvin Hudson, reported a balance of \$23.17 in the treasury. The secretary, Ms. Ernest Long, read the president's message stressing attendance at the State convention. The secretary also read a note of appreciation from the family of Mrs. Ellen White.

The president, Mrs. B. F. Bray, announced that due to Easter holidays the April meeting will be held on April 12 instead of April 19.

Mrs. W. H. Matthews, Chairman of the nominating committee offered the following slate of officers for 1954. (Continued On Page Seven)

Plans For Industrial Survey Of This Community Made At Meeting Wednesday

Plymouth Rector To Preach Here

The third preacher in the Tuesday night Lenten series at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will be the Rev. Edward M. Spruill. Mr. Spruill is rector of Grace Church in Plymouth, N. C., where he has been since 1947. Born in Rocky Mount, N. C., he attended the University of North Carolina and the Atlantic Christian College. His ministerial training was at the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va. He was minister in charge of the Church of the Messiah in Mayodan, N. C., before taking charge of the Plymouth congregation. He is also in charge of St. Luke's Church in Roper. The service will be Evening Prayer and the sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Spruill at 8:00 P. M.

Invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

Seventy-nine Listed On Honor Roll At Perquimans High

Seventy-nine students at Perquimans High School were listed on the school honor roll at the close of the fourth grading period last Friday, it was announced Monday by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school.

The tenth grade, with a total of 24 students winning scholastic honors, led all other classes of the school in the number of members on the list.

Students listed on the honor roll were:

Eighth Grade—Tommy Matthews, Sophia Godfrey, Faye Hughes, Nancy Lane, Beth Skinner, Iris Wilder, Myrna Skinner, Lois Ann Hurdle, Jean Hunter, Patsy Elliott, Dan Reed Winslow, Richard Wheeler, Warner Lee Madre, Jake Myers, Phyllis Bagley, Janice Chappell, Amanda Lou Crawford, Jean Edwards, Alana Jane Godfrey, Jean Keel.

Ninth Grade—Lillian Hoffer, Jane Winslow, Edgar Fields, Charlie Johnson, Charles Whedbee, Doris Morgan, Marcia Stallings, Mary Ann White, Ralph White, Sandy Divers, Jo Ann Matthews.

Tenth Grade—Cliff Towe, Ruth Ayscue, Marjorie Brinn, Marjorie Byrum, Peggy Harrell, Annie Reed Stokely, Judith Winslow, Ann White, Wallace Baker, Bobby Matthews, Nancy Bagley, Peggy Chappell, Willie Mae Dail, Jean Long, Janice Stallings, Jo Pat Stokes, Sarah Sutton, Lois Violet Winslow, Jimmy Copeland, Kay Matthews, Gail Pierce, Rachel Spivey, Dorothy Taylor, Lois Turner.

Eleventh Grade—Ray Lane, Patricia Biggers, Ann Burke Chappell, Hilda Copeland, Barbara Edwards, Peggy Harrell, Joan Madre, Ann Thatch, Joe Butt, Joseph Layden, Billie Carole Divers, Mary Frances Eure, Lois Kirby, Barbara Sawyer, Julia Stokes, Emilie White, Joanna Williford.

Twelfth Grade—John Morris, Jean Butt, Tilson Chappell, Bettie Chappell, Jo Ann Lane, Ann Stallings and Katherine Ward.

Wade H. Jordan, Jr. Wins Scholarship

Wade H. Jordan, Jr., has been awarded one of the Morehead Scholarships valued at \$1,500 a year for four years graduate study at the University of North Carolina.

He graduated from Perquimans County High School in the class of 1950 and completed his work at East Carolina College in February of this year. While in college he majored in science and was president of the college chapter of the National Honorary Science Fraternity, vice president of the Science Club, an officer of the student government association and active in other campus organizations. He is included in the 1953-54 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Since completing his work at Greenville he has been employed as a chemist in the research department of Liggett Myers Tobacco Co., in Durham. Upon entering the University he expects to work towards a Ph.D. degree in science. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Jordan of Route 2 Edenton and a member of the Bethel Baptist Church in Perquimans County.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William Landing, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Evelyn Louise, born Monday, March 15, at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

VEPCO Representatives To Assist Committee With Development

Another step toward development of an industrial program for Hertford and Perquimans County took place here last Wednesday morning when Robert N. Fricke and William Bobbitt, representing the Industrial Development Department of the Virginia Electric and Power Company met with a group of interested local residents to instigate an industrial survey of this community.

Arrangements for the meeting, and plans for the survey, were made for the community by Mrs. Viola Nachman, who has devoted much time and effort toward this program.

During the meeting much industrial data concerning Hertford and the surrounding territory was compiled to be incorporated in a pamphlet to be published by the Virginia Electric and Power Company for distribution to industries seeking new locations. Included in the information furnished the VEPCO representatives were facts on population, water and power resources, school facilities, recreational facilities, churches, transportation facilities, local tax rates, local government, labor supply and current industry.

All of these facts will be attractively set out in the pamphlet to be published by the power company, and copies will be made available to the local committee for distribution.

The local committee also showed the VEPCO representatives eight sites available to prospective industries.

The local industrial survey which is to be carried out by the VEPCO Department is similar to ones already completed in a number of communities in North Carolina and Virginia and is expected to be very valuable in telling the "Hertford Story" to industrial organizations.

Present at the meeting here last Wednesday, in addition to Mr. Fricke and Mr. Bobbitt, were T. H. Jones and Clinton Eley of the power company, Mrs. Nachman, Mayor V. N. Darden, L. C. Winslow, John T. Biggers, Ralph Sasser and F. T. Britt.

Indians Defeated By Winterville Cagers In State Playoff

Perquimans High School was eliminated from the State basketball Class A playoff in the district tournament at Ahoskie last Thursday night by a sharp-shooting Winterville team. The final score was 70 to 65.

Winterville, losers in the sectional meet to Robersonville, jumped into a 20-14 lead during the first period and maintained the advantage throughout the contest. Williams, with 18 points, led Perquimans in scoring and Keeter of Winterville also hit for 18 points.

Winterville scored 21 points in the second period while the Indians garnered 18. Half time score was 41 to 32.

The Indians came back strong in the third quarter, outscoring Winterville 15 to 9, but were unable to overcome the Winterville lead. In the final period Winterville scored 20 points while Perquimans hit for 18.

Perquimans scoring was as follows: Williams 18, Allen 13, Matthews 12, Towe 14, Morris 6 and White 2. For Winterville, Riggs 5, Wingate 13, Stock 13, Paramore 17, Keeter 18, Tripp 6.

Rotarians See Film On Highway Safety

"A Day In Court", a film on highway safety was shown on the program at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club held last Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford.

Showing some of the common practices of automobile drivers in present day traffic the film urged all drivers to adopt "courtesy of the highway" as a personal means in helping to reduce highway accidents.

Road Completes Valuation Work

County Commissioners, meeting here last Monday in a special session as a Board of Equalization and Review, completed a study of county property valuations listed for 1954 taxes.

The Board was in session most of the day and made a number of changes in valuations as listed with the list takers.

Individuals having changes made in their property valuations will be notified as to the changes made.