

Saturday Is Deadline For Candidates To File With Local Board Of Election

Only Three Contests Appear Likely To Arouse Interest

Little interest has been manifested locally in the Democratic Primary scheduled for May 29 and only two days remain for candidates to file intentions with the County Board of Elections for local offices.

To date it appears only three contests will develop any interest within Perquimans County and these will be for the nomination of a candidate for the U. S. Senate, State Senate and County Sheriff.

A number of incumbents have announced intentions of seeking reelection to their offices, but some incumbents as yet have made no announcements concerning their plans.

R. C. Murray, chairman of the Board of Elections for Perquimans County, reported earlier this week that Saturday, April 17, at 6 o'clock is the deadline for persons to file their names with the Board as candidates.

Seven candidates are entered in the contest for the nomination for the office of U. S. Senator but little activity on the part of these candidates has been noted in Perquimans. Candidates for this office are Senator Alton Lennon, W. Kerr Scott, Alvin Wingfield, Jr., W. M. Bostick, Henry L. Sprinkle, A. E. Turner and Olla Ray Boyd.

Seeking the nomination for State Senate for this district are A. P. Godwin, Jr., N. Elton Ayldett and Wayland Spruill.

The local contest for the office of Sheriff, thus far, will be between Sheriff M. G. Owens and J. Kelly White.

Other local officers who have announced intentions to seek re-election include County Commissioners A. T. Lane, Warner Madre, Robert L. Spivey, William C. Chappell and Earl B. Hollowell.

Charles E. Johnson has also announced he will seek re-election as Recorder's Judge.

C. R. Holmes, County Representative, has stated he will be a candidate for re-election and will make an announcement next week.

Other county officers to be filled in the primary May 29 include those of Clerk of Superior Court, County Treasurer, County Coroner and four members for the Board of Education.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

An explosion at Goldsboro on Monday resulted in five deaths and caused injuries to 15 persons. Authorities were at a loss as to the cause of the explosion, but it was believed due to faulty gas mains. Three buildings were destroyed by the disaster, and minor damage was done to a number of other buildings. Gas service was cut off in the city following the explosion and pending an investigation of the disaster.

A high ranking scientist, Dr. J. R. Oppenheimer, member of the Atomic Energy Commission, has been suspended pending an investigation of his status as a security risk. The suspension was ordered by President Eisenhower, and bars the scientist from all access to secret data concerning the atom and H-bomb. The charges, barred by the FBI, alleged Oppenheimer consorted with Communists.

SBI Director James Powell reported early this week his department has closed the file on the Edenton bombing case, following a check of clues discovered following investigation of the case. He asserted he was convinced the suicide death of George H. Smith of Pittsboro, enables the SBI to mark the case closed.

An announcement from Currituck County this week stated the personal property of the Moyock Dog Track will be sold at public auction on April 29 by Sheriff L. I. Dosier, under court order. The track was ordered closed as a public nuisance as of March 17. The sale April 29 will include parimutuel machines and office equipment used at the track. The property value has been estimated at \$250,000.

The U. S. and Great Britain have come to agreement on a proposal to organize an alliance in Asia, similar to NATO, to halt Communist expansion. It was reported Wednesday. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles is conferring with Western Powers in Europe, on the proposal, prior to the Geneva meeting at which time settlement of the Korean and Indochina problems will be attempted.

Choir To Present Program On Tuesday

The Cleveland Bible College Choir of twenty-three voices will appear at Up River Friends Church Tuesday, April 20, at 8 P. M.

These young people are preparing for Christian service. Several expect to enter the Christian ministry and a number are preparing for foreign missionary service. Others expect to serve as song evangelists, church secretaries and directors of religious education.

Five religious denominations are represented in the choir.

Established in 1892, Cleveland Bible College has prepared and sent forth many hundreds of Christian workers to serve both at home and abroad.

Ensembles include a men's and women's quartet, a trio and soloists. On the program are such familiar numbers as "Faith of Our Fathers," "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" and "A Mighty Fortress."

Perquimans Indians Chalk Up Two More Baseball Victories

Coach Ike Perry's Perquimans Indians won their second and third baseball victories of the current season on last Thursday and Tuesday, defeating Columbia High School by a score of 18 to 3, and Colerain by a one run margin of 6 to 5.

The Indians took advantage of errors and wildness on the part of the Columbia team scoring almost at will in every stanza of the contest. Jack Phillips, Allen Winslow and Paul Matthews handled the pitching assignment for Perquimans and held the Wildcats to three runs.

John Morris, Indian shortstop, sparked the Perquimans attack with a home run, while just about every player on the Indian squad contributed to the one-sided victory.

On Tuesday the Indians journeyed to Colerain and won a 6-5 victory over a strong team. Each team tallied six hits, the Perquimans players hitting safely were Paul Matthews, John Morris, Allen Winslow, Arnold and Ted Chappell and D. A. Carver.

Jack Phillips, Allen Winslow and Ted Chappell did the pitching for Perquimans.

The Indians will play two home games next week, meeting Plymouth here on Tuesday afternoon and Williamston on Friday afternoon.

Indians Football Schedule Arranged

Perquimans High School will play a ten-game football schedule during the 1954 season, it was reported this week by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school, who released the schedule of games as follows:

- Sept. 17—Chowan Jayvees, there.
- Sept. 24—Ahoskie, there.
- Oct. 1—Tarboro, here.
- Oct. 8—Plymouth, here.
- Oct. 15—Williamston, here.
- Oct. 22—Edenton, here.
- Oct. 29—Columbia, there.
- Nov. 5—Spring Hope, there.
- Nov. 12—Elizabeth City, here.
- Nov. 19—Morehead City, there.

Six of the contests are with Albaric Conference opponents, while the remaining four are contests against non-conference opponents.

Ten-Day Extension Given Shad Season

A ten-day extension for catching shad in North Carolina commercial waters is announced by Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Douglas said the season, which is closed by law during May when shad usually spawn, has been extended through May 10. This was done, he said, at the request of a number of shad fishermen fishing the Cape Fear River and other shad waters. These fishermen said unseasonable weather had hampered them in their shad fishing efforts and they desired more time in order to fish.

EASTER SONG SERVICE

The Choral Club of Roanoke Bible College of Elizabeth City will present a special program of songs pertaining to the Easter season and the resurrection of Christ on Friday night, April 16, at 8 o'clock at the Bethlehem Christian Church. The public is invited to attend.

Central PTA Awarded Certificate For 200 Percent Membership

Group Plans to Hold Picnic Prior to Meeting On May 17th

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School held its April meeting on Monday night, April 12, in the school cafeteria with the president, Mrs. B. F. Bray, presiding. The meeting was opened with the singing of "The Old North State".

The president announced the subject for the month, "Recreation—A Community Affair" and recognized Mrs. Wallace Baker of the Whiteston community who had charge of the program. After briefly discussing the value of recreation, Mrs. Baker presented the Rev. James Rahenkamp, pastor of Up River Friends Church, who conducted the devotional, using the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes.

Elmer Lassiter sang "Dearest, Still Dearest"; he was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ralph White.

Mrs. J. L. Tunnell's first grade presented a number of musical numbers and Judy Long and Jimmy Sawyer sang "Doggie in the Window." The group concluded their program with several games.

During the business session the minutes were read and approved. Mrs. John Hurdle nominated Mrs. W. H. Keel as vice president for the year 1954-55 and Mrs. Keel was unanimously elected.

The President reported that the Association had been awarded a certificate for 200 per cent membership and the State President Citation Award, for securing magazine subscriptions.

The President also announced a picnic supper will be held prior to the May meeting, beginning at 6:30 o'clock on May 17, and the regular meeting will follow at 8 P. M.

Mrs. Bray gave a very interesting report on her recent trip to the State PTA Convention; the theme of the convention being Setting The Sails. She reported the Perquimans Central PTA was the only one in the district which received the 200 per cent membership award.

Mrs. Tunnell's first grade won the attendance award for this meeting with 95 per cent of the members in attendance. Open house was observed at the conclusion of the meeting.

Grand Jury Makes Two Commendations

Two commendations for services rendered were given in the Grand Jury report for the April term of Superior Court which was in session here this week.

Following completion of its work the Grand Jury, in filing its report with the court, commended W. E. Allen for his services in supervising and maintaining the county fleet of school buses and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morgan for their splendid services as supervisors of the county home.

The Grand Jury reported to the court it had inspected the various county buildings and offices, and found, with a few minor exceptions, all to be in good condition. It further reported recommendations of previous Grand Juries had been carried out.

Town Board Holds Routine Meeting

The April meeting of Hertford's Board of Commissioners was held last Monday afternoon, during which the Board named Mrs. Henry C. Sullivan to serve as town tax lister for 1954 taxes.

In addition to the above action the Board handled its usual fiscal business and Mayor V. N. Darden reported on the progress of the improvement project underway on Edenton Road Street.

This project was started late last week by State Highway employees, and is progressing rapidly.

Perquimans FHA Boys Entertain Fathers

Members of the Perquimans FFA Chapter entertained their fathers, and other special guests at a chicken fry supper, held at the high school on Thursday night of last week.

Departing from the usual banquet-style meeting the FFA boys, this year, staged their annual Father-Son get-together on an informal basis and the program centered around games and recreation.

Clarence Chappell, Jr., presided over the meeting.

County Valuation Shows Decrease As Compared To 1953

Figures Are Released By Tax Supervisor on Last Tuesday

Preliminary figures released this week by Julian C. Powell, Register of Deeds and County Tax Supervisor, shows Perquimans County property valuation for the year 1954 will decrease by slightly more than \$400,000 as compared to last year.

The decrease in the overall valuation for the county is due in part to the loss of two industries in the county, and also to a decrease in value of motor vehicles.

Valuation figures in Hertford and Parkville Townships decreased greater than any other township and accounted for \$360,956 of the total estimated decrease in valuation. The decrease in Hertford township amounts to \$180,136 while in Parkville the figure is \$180,820.

The preliminary valuation figures for 1954 for each of the townships was reported as follows:

Hertford:	
White	\$2,470,265
Colored	\$ 269,712
Bethel:	
White	\$ 641,497
Colored	\$ 145,522
Parkville:	
White	\$1,501,261
Colored	\$ 183,221
New Hope:	
White	\$1,182,502
Colored	\$ 162,386
Belvidere:	
White	\$1,063,662
Colored	\$ 117,417
Total	\$7,737,445

In addition to the above figures approximately \$287,809 is added to the total valuation as the amount of property owned in the county by three corporations, thus making the overall valuation \$8,025,254.

Officers Nominated For Hertford PTA

The Hertford Grammar School PTA met April 8 in the school auditorium with W. F. Ainsley presiding. The minutes were read and approved and the president's message read by the secretary, Mrs. Louis Howell.

Mrs. Walton Lane, lunch room chairman, gave a splendid report on the lunch room. A motion was made and carried that the PTA pay for repairs on the refrigerator in the lunch room. The PTA also voted to pay \$5.00 for insurance on the activity bus to be used by school children.

Mrs. Jack Brinn, chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave the list of officers for the new year as follows: President, W. F. Ainsley; vice president, Mrs. Grace Costin; secretary, Mrs. Frank McGougan; treasurer, Mrs. Jack Brinn.

After the business session Mrs. R. S. Monds, program chairman, divided the members in three groups. These groups were led by Mrs. H. C. Sullivan, Mrs. Robert Hollowell, and Mrs. Monds in discussing habits and problems of children of different ages.

Miss Louise Chalk's first grade won the attendance cup. Door prizes were won by Mrs. J. T. Biggers and Jimmy Stallings.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

This week's term of Perquimans Recorder Court was continued because of the mixed term of Superior Court which convened here Monday. All cases listed on the Recorder's docket were set for hearing at the April 20 term of the court.

Attempted Robbery At Perquimans High

An unsuccessful attempt was made to break into the Perquimans High School safe, located in the principal's office, Sheriff Melvin Owens reported Monday.

The attempted safecracking was discovered Monday morning at 7:45 o'clock by school officials. The handle of the safe was blown off but the door failed to yield.

Sheriff Owens said that nitroglycerine had been used in the attempt to open the safe. A window above the safe was shattered.

SBI Agent Walter Spence of Elizabeth City is assisting Sheriff Owens in the investigation.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Keel announce the birth of a daughter, born Tuesday, April 13.

Superior Court Concludes Docket Of Criminal Cases Wednesday Afternoon

Tunnell Speaker At Rotary Meeting Tues.

J. L. Tunnell, Vocational Agriculture teacher at Perquimans High School was guest speaker at this week's meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club, held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford.

Mr. Tunnell told the Rotarians of the organization of agricultural education within the State, and gave an interesting resume of the activities of the department.

He pointed out the department was founded in 1917, and has grown to the place it now has more than 23,000 members in the State within the more than 400 units in the same number of schools.

The object of the department, according to Mr. Tunnell, is the development of good solid citizens of the future through the teaching of vocational and agricultural subjects along with supervised recreation.

Local 4-H Members Enter Steers In Fat Stock Show

Perquimans County 4-H'ers are beginning to prepare their steers for the Elizabeth City Fat Stock Show and Sale to be held May 11 and 12 in Elizabeth City, according to Ralph Sasser, assistant farm agent. Steers this year from Perquimans County will be shown by Thomas Ed Chappell, Kay Howell, Julian Howell, Clarence Chappell, Jr., Lloyd Ray Morgan, Linwood Hurdle, Louise Chappell and Howard Winslow. According to Sasser these steers have been on feed now for several months, all putting on a great deal of finish.

Ever since fat steers have been shown Perquimans County businessmen have really supported the 4-H boys and girls in purchasing the animals shown. Records show that 95% of the steers from Perquimans were brought back to the county. This is much better than any other county participating in this show. Businesses that purchased animals from Hertford were Hertford Livestock & Supply Co., Major & Loomis, Hertford Motor Co., Miller and Umphlette, Hertford Banking Co., Southern Cotton Oil Co., and Hertford Hardware Co.

It is hoped that the businessmen will again give the fine support on May 11-12 in Elizabeth City and bring those eight steers back to Perquimans.

Farmers Urged To Use Cotton Acreage

Underplanting cotton acreage allotments can be a costly mistake this year, according to M. G. Mann, general manager of the N. C. Cotton Growers Association.

"The farmer who underplants, even though he thought he was planting his full allotment, will lose in two ways," Mann said. "First, he will lose the income from the unplanted portion."

"Second, his future allotments will be affected if his underplanted acreage is more than 10 per cent of his allotment or one acre, which ever is the larger. This would also mean a loss in total allotment to the county and state, Mann said."

"Having the land measured accurately can prevent much of this unintentional underplanting, the cotton leader explained."

For a fee, the county ASC office will pre-measure the allotment and allow this as the official measurement for compliance.

Mann also pointed out that most communities have residents who know how to measure land and that the services of these men could be obtained to stake out the prescribed limits.

"Guessing acreage can be a dangerous practice when so much is involved," Mann said. "It seems reasonable to assume that our cotton acreage will be cut again next year, and if we lose valuable acres through underplanting this year, our problem of maintaining farm income will become even more serious."

Baptist Services Planned For Sunday

W. H. Singletary will preach at the Hertford Baptist Church Easter Sunday at the 11 o'clock service and Chaplain Captain James O. Mattox of Rocky Mount and Williamsburg, Va., will preach at the evening services, it was announced here today. The public is invited to attend the services.

Not Guilty Verdict Returned By Jury In Manslaughter Case

The criminal docket of the April term of Perquimans Superior Court was concluded on Wednesday afternoon following hearings conducted in 10 cases, and the State took a nol pros in four cases. Two cases were continued and a bond ordered forfeited in another.

Aaron Boone, Negro, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Dennis Boone, Negro, following an automobile accident, was freed of the charge when a jury returned a verdict of not guilty after deliberating about two hours.

Robert Morse, charged with assault on his wife, entered a plea of guilty. Judge Leo Carr, presiding over the term, sentenced Morse to jail for eight months, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs. Morse was placed on good behavior for a period of two years.

James Harrell, Jr., Negro, was found guilty on a charge of drunken driving. He was given a four months road sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$100 and costs.

Alonzo Spruill, Negro, charged in three counts with larceny and forgery of checks, entered a plea of guilty to all charges. He was sentenced to the roads for 12 months on the first count and for 18 months on the second and third counts. The 18 months sentence was ordered suspended upon condition Spruill remains of good behavior for a period of two years.

Willow Blanchard, Negro, was sentenced to jail for a period of 12 months after she had been found guilty on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

H. W. Christgou entered a plea of guilty to charges of forcible trespass. He was sentenced to the roads for two years, sentence was suspended upon the payment of a fine of \$100 and costs and the defendant was placed on probation for a period of three years.

A bond of \$1,000 was ordered forfeited when Horace Reid, Negro, failed to appear to answer charges of rape. The case of Roosevelt Sheard, Negro, also charged with rape, was continued pending possible apprehension of Reid.

The State took a nol pros in the four cases in which Ethel Morgan, Ernest Jones, Jr., Gene Woodhouse and Linwood Meers were charged with larceny.

The case in which Nathan Relfe is charged with driving under the influence was continued until the next term of court.

Elsie Harris, Negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, was found not guilty of the charge and was released by the court.

The case of Donald Ambrose, charged with driving drunk, was the final criminal action heard.

After deliberating almost an hour the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, freeing Ambrose of the charge.

Three divorce actions were heard on Monday and divorces were granted to Luther Hardy, Mary Belote and Ruth Nixon.

Following the conclusion of the criminal docket Wednesday afternoon the court began hearing a number of civil actions, which court officials believed would keep the court in session until some time Friday.

Officers Installed By VFW and Auxiliary At Meeting Monday

New officers for the Garland H. Ownley Post of the VFW and its Auxiliary were installed at a joint dinner meeting held on Monday night at the Hotel Hertford. State Commander Forest Dunstan conducted the installation services. George Fields, Commander of the local post, presided over the meeting and introduced Mr. Dunstan and the new officers.

Officers installed were Hank Christgou, Commander; Walter Harrison, Senior Vice Commander; Ray Haskett, Junior Vice Commander; Broughton Dail, Adjutant; C. T. Skinner, Jr., Quartermaster, and Jarvis Ward, Chaplain.

Mrs. George Field, past president of the Auxiliary, installed the following new officers for the Auxiliary: Mrs. Jesse Lee Harris, President; Mrs. J. T. Lane, Senior Vice President; Mrs. Elwood Perry, Junior Vice President; Mrs. Walter Harrison, Secretary; Miss Ruth Tucker, Treasurer; Mrs. Emory White, Chaplain and Mrs. W. J. Kanoy, Conductress.