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## County Residents Invited To Attend Formal Opening Of New Highway Shops

### Governor Umstead To Be Speaker At Program On May 14th

Formal dedication of the new State Highway Shops, for the First Division, located one mile north of Hertford on U. S. 17, will take place Friday afternoon, May 14, beginning at 4 o'clock, it was announced this week by J. Emmett Winslow, Commissioner for this Highway Division.

Governor William B. Umstead will head the list of distinguished visitors expected to attend the dedication program, and will be the principal speaker at the event.

Special invitations to attend the dedication have been issued to all officials of the various counties and towns within the highway division.

Mr. Winslow also announced that all residents of Perquimans County are invited to attend the opening.

Following the conclusion of the dedication program a big barbecue and fish fry will be held at the site.

The new highway shops are located on a 14 acre tract just north of Hertford. Construction of the buildings, which cost in excess of \$100,000, is nearing completion and employees of the shops will assume their duties there following the opening next Friday.

Construction of the units began shortly after the first of the year, and the work has progressed rapidly. The main building is 208 feet long and 60 feet wide, with concrete floors and brick veneer walls. It contains a 45 foot by 50 foot office and stock room, a 45 by 45 foot machine shop, and a large roomy repair shop.

Between 1,000 and 1,500 persons are expected to attend the opening event and the dinner following the dedication program.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Reports from Geneva this week state prospects for peace in Indochina appear brighter; the possibility being the Geneva conference may come up with a compromised truce which will divide the country between Communists and non-Communist forces. It appears from the reports there is little chance Western powers will intervene in the fighting. The conference has made no headway toward solution of the Korean problem, although it was reported the West will make a proposal on unification of the nation before the conference ends.

In Washington the Army-McCarthy hearing drags on with attempts being made to call off the procedure. Reports state GOP leaders are anxious to halt the hearing as it is apparent little if anything will be accomplished by further testimony before the committee. Democratic members of the committee, it is said, oppose this move.

In an unprecedented court-martial, Cpl. Edward Dickenson, charged with collaborating with Chinese Communists, while a prisoner of war in Korea, was sentenced to 10 years at hard labor this week. Dickenson was one of two prisoners of war who elected to return to this country after having at first announced he intended to remain with the Communists.

A report issued this week by State Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw revealed the possibilities the State tax collection for the general fund may fall short of estimates made by the last Legislature. Governor Umstead reported savings being made in the state budget will correct the difference between estimated and actual income.

### Rotary Entertains At Party Tuesday

Hertford Rotarians observed their annual Ladies' Night party at a dinner meeting held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford when the members entertained their wives and a number of special guests.

Carroll Holmes, president of the club, presided. A film showing the history and growth of roses in the country was shown as part of the program. Favors were presented to the Rotary-Annes and guests.

Dr. A. B. Bonner, Dr. C. A. Davenport and Jack Kanoy made up a committee on arrangements for the party.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Reed, Jr., announce the birth of a son, Robert Lindsay, born Sunday, May 2, at the Albemarle Hospital.

### Registration Books Open Again Saturday

Registration books, for the primary election on May 29, will be opened again tomorrow at the six polling places in the county, it was reported today by R. C. Murray, chairman of the County Board of Elections. The books will also be opened, for the purpose of registration again on Saturday, May 15.

Voters already listed in the books need not register again to be eligible to participate in the primary election. Mr. Murray announced, but if a person has moved from one precinct to another since the last election he should check with his registrar concerning his voting privileges.

### Free Auto Inspection Program Is Adopted For State's Motorists

Sponsored by the Carolina Safety League, a free automobile safety inspection program is now in operation in North Carolina. The program is endorsed by Governor William Umstead and Ed Scheidt, Motor Vehicles Commissioner and the free service will be offered by more than 700 garages, which have been approved as inspection stations.

This free service will be given in Perquimans County by the Hollowell Chevrolet Company, Towe-Webb Motor Company and Winslow-Blanchard Motor Company.

Brakes, steering, lights, windshield wipers, horns and tires will be inspected in accordance with a manual approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Cars which pass the inspection will be given green safety stickers.

League chairman T. A. Williams of Greensboro, said, "There is no law that says a car must carry one of these stickers but they have a great value—not only a value in case of an accident but the value of the peace of mind they give the owner. Nobody wants to drive a dangerous car."

"This is an appeal to the common sense and the common decency of all North Carolina motorists," Scheidt said. "It's smart to find out if your car is safe to drive, especially when the inspection does not cost a cent. It's not only the smart thing to do but also the decent thing to do if you care for the lives of your family and the other people who ride in your automobile."

Governor Umstead gave his "official and personal endorsement" to the inspection program. His official car was the first to be inspected.

North Carolina's last automobile inspection law was repealed five years ago and succeeding Legislatures have refused to re-enact the measure. The new voluntary approach to the problem is being watched throughout the country.

Safety League figures indicate that about 14 per cent of fatal automobile accidents are caused, at least in part, by mechanical defects on one or more of the cars involved.

"Nobody believes that mechanical safety will solve our problem," Scheidt said, "but anybody who has studied the record knows it will help. Even in accidents which are due primarily to human failure, the addition of mechanical defects usually makes the accidents much worse."

"I think this safety check campaign will be of great value in reducing the number of lives lost, the number of people injured and the destruction of property. I urge every car owner to have his car safety-checked and to carry a green sticker on his windshield. It's smart to play it safe."

### County Political Meetings Scheduled

Perquimans County Democrats will hold precinct meetings on Saturday, May 8, and a county convention on Saturday, May 15, it was announced today by W. F. Ainsley, chairman of the Perquimans Democratic Executive Committee.

The precinct meetings will be held at three o'clock next Saturday afternoon, at the six polling places in the county and the purpose of these meetings will be to select delegates to the county convention, which will be held in the Court House in Hertford at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, May 15.

Mr. Ainsley stated all Democrats in good standing are eligible to attend the precinct meetings and the county convention.

### Defendants Charged With Shoplifting Sentenced Tuesday

#### Twenty One Cases On Recorder Docket At Session This Week

Two Negro women, Edith Gatling and Helen Hartfield, charged with larceny at the stores of J. C. Blanchard & Co. and White's Dress Shop, were given hearings in Perquimans Recorder's Court last Tuesday. Each of the defendants entered pleas of guilty to the charges. Sentences of 12 months in the woman's camp of Woman's State Prison were given each, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$200 and costs of court, and the return of a sum of \$5.65 taken along with some items of clothing from each of the stores.

Costs of court were taxed against Guy Sperry, George Bidlen, Jack Pearl, R. C. Russell, Murray Hersh, Mable Collins, Robert Bouthiette, John McPherson and Charles Gordon, each of whom submitted to charges of speeding.

E. D. Ninez entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding and he paid a fine of \$10 and costs. Sterling Huntley, charged with speeding, submitted and paid a fine of \$20 and costs.

Charles Mallory, Floyd Freshwater, Negro, and John Doinen, Negro, each entered pleas of guilty to charges of being drunk on the streets of Hertford. Each defendant paid a fine of \$2 and costs of court.

T. J. Bass was fined \$25 and costs on charges of being drunk on a highway.

Claudia Melson, Negro, submitted to charges of reckless driving. She paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Costs of court were taxed against Melvin Winters who entered a plea of guilty to charges of failing to observe a stop sign.

Leonard Cobb submitted to charges of using an improper muffler and paid the costs of court.

Annie Goodwin, Negro, was found guilty of charges of being drunk on the streets of Hertford. She was fined \$10 and costs.

### Albemarle League Opens June 1 With 6 Teams Competing

Final organization of a six team Albemarle League composed of Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton, Rocky Hook, Plymouth and Colerain was perfected at a meeting held in Edenton on Thursday night of last week, and plans were made for the opening of the league on June 1.

The organizational meeting, attended by a number of interested baseball fans was a lengthy one marked by long discussions on the league bylaws. After it was pointed out two of the teams might not be able to field a team unless permitted use of six non-resident players, the rules were changed to grant this proposal.

Operating expenses for the league will be paid from a season ticket sale in which league tickets, good for any game in any park during the regular season only, will be sold for \$10. Only 40 of these tickets will be sold by any team with the money derived from the sale to be deposited with the league president, A. W. Hefren of Hertford, prior to the start of the season.

Any top flight ball will be recognized by the league with the umpire-in-chief having jurisdiction. Marvin Wilson and Bill Cozart were appointed to have the schedule drawn. The schedule calls for four games weekly and a total of 44 games during the regular season.

A lengthy discussion as to who was authorized to sit as the Edenton representative developed with the president ruling that Dr. J. A. Powell, president of the Edenton Colonials who had an organizational meeting last week, being the duly authorized representative.

### Local Men Elected As Shriner Directors

At the annual election meeting of Elizabeth City Shrine Club held in Elizabeth City, May 1, R. C. Murray was elected to the Board of Directors for three years and Jack Kanoy was re-elected to succeed himself. The Elizabeth City Shrine Club is chartered under Sudan Temple, Ancient and Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, New Bern.

### Indians Top Ahoskie In Play-off For Sectional Title

#### Perquimans To Meet Chowan Nine For District Honors

Perquimans High School won its sectional baseball title here Wednesday night defeating Ahoskie 8-0 for the right to play Chowan for the district championship in the State play-off.

Allen Winslow pitched a masterful game for the Indians having a shut-out until the seventh inning. He and Johnny Morris led the Indians in batting, each getting two hits. Winslow slammed out a triple in the first scoring Morris for the first run tallied by Perquimans.

Perquimans scored eight runs on seven hits and four walks while Ahoskie scored one run on six hits and one walk.

The Perquimans Indians lost their first baseball game of the season here last Tuesday night when Ahoskie defeated the Indians 7-0. The loss placed Perquimans and Ahoskie in a tie for the sub-district title and the right to meet Chowan for the district championship in the state elimination play-off.

Paul Matthews and D. A. Carver formed the Indians battery during the contest, while Dick Newsome did the pitching for Ahoskie. Newsome held the Indians to two hits while Matthews gave up eight hits. Matthews struck out 11 Ahoskie batters while Newsome fanned seven. Perquimans committed five errors, which accounted for a number of Ahoskie runs but inability on the part of the Indians to hit Newsome resulted in the loss for the Indians.

Ahoskie tallied three runs in the third inning, picked up two more in the sixth and added one more in the seventh. Only four Indians reached first during the contest, on two hits and two walks.

Perquimans defeated Ahoskie, at Ahoskie last Friday afternoon when Allen Winslow pitched a neat four hit game while his teammates collected 11 hits off Newsome in that contest. John Morris with a perfect batting percentage led the Perquimans attack which resulted in runs in the first, third, fifth and sixth innings. Winslow had a shut out in this game until the seventh inning when Ahoskie's Pierce slammed out a home run after Williford had previously singled.

Morris got a home run, a double and a single to lead the Perquimans batters. D. A. Carver had three for four trips to the plate; Ted Chappell had two for four and Paul Matthews got one single.

### Board Rejects Plan Of Elizabeth City On Fire Calls

Perquimans County Commissioners, during their meeting last Monday, rejected a proposal made by Elizabeth City whereby the County will obligate itself in the amount of \$150 for each and every fire call answered in Perquimans County by the Elizabeth City Fire Department.

In a letter to the Board of Commissioners, officials of Elizabeth City pointed out that regulations adopted by the City Council forbids the Elizabeth City fire department to answer non-city fire calls after July, 1955, and during the period from the present to that date the Elizabeth City firemen will answer calls outside Elizabeth City only on payment of a fee of \$150, the same being billed to the property owner but which must be guaranteed by a County Board.

The letter pointed out the Elizabeth City department had answered five fire calls in Perquimans County during 1953.

It was the opinion of the local Board of Commissioners that ample fire protection is being offered throughout Perquimans County with the arrangements and cooperation of the Hertford Fire Department and that this local program has been very successful during its operation.

In addition to the \$150 fee, Elizabeth City also asked the Board to become responsible for any and all liabilities which might arise on a call to Perquimans County by the Elizabeth City firemen.

In acting on the request of the Elizabeth City authorities the Board voted to reply to the letter notifying Elizabeth City the local Board will not be responsible in any manner concerning the regulations set up by the city regarding fire calls.

### Tentative Budget Proposals Reported To Board Of Commissioners On Last Monday

#### Lions Will Observe Charter Night Friday

Members of the Hertford Lions Club will entertain their wives and a number of special guests at a Ladies' Night party to be held Friday of this week in the cafeteria at Perquimans High School.

Frank McGoogan is chairman of the committee on arrangements for the event which will mark the seventeenth anniversary of the organization of the local Lions Club.

### Honor Roll Students Listed By Principal At Perquimans High

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

The honor students, listed by classes, were:

Eighth Grade—Tommy Matthews, Sophia Godfrey, Faye Hughes, Beth Skinner, Iris Wilder, Patsy Elliott, Jean Hunter, Myrna Skinner, Richard Wheeler, Dan Winslow, Jake Myer, Hazel Matthews, Warner Lee Madree, Lois Turner, Dorothy Taylor, Rachel Spivey, Alma Lane Godfrey, Jean Edwards, Amanda Corpore.

Ninth Grade—Edgar Fields, Charlie Johnson, Charles Whedbee, Jane Winslow, Lillian Hoffer, Marcia Stallings, Doris Jean Morgan, Jo Ann Matthews, Don Baker.

Tenth Grade — Cliff Towe, Ruth Aysue, Marjorie Brinn, Marjorie Byrum, Judy Winslow, Pauline Rogerson, Annie Reed Stokely, Wallace Baker, Bobby Matthews, Charles Ward, Nancy Bagley, Willie Mae Dail, Janice Stallings, Jo Pat Stokes, Sarah Sutton, LaClaire Winslow, Lois Violet Winslow.

Eleventh Grade—Ann Thatch, Celia White, Barbara Edwards, Carolyn Eure, Ray Lane, Patricia Biggers, Ann Burke Chappell, Peggy Harrell, Joseph Layden, Jr., Lucy Eure, Mary Frances Eure, Lois Kirby, Julia Ann Stokes, Emilie White.

Twelfth Grade — Sherry Chappell, Tilson Chappell, Bettie Evans, Ann Stallings, Sylvia Symons, Hudson Fisher, John Morris, Jean Butt, Jeannette Chappell, Mildred Lewis, Leo Dail.

### 4-H Church Sunday Observance Planned

Club members in North Carolina will observe 4-H Church Sunday during the month of May.

Club members in Perquimans observing 4-H Church Sunday on May 16 and 23 will have as their theme "Respect". Oft' times this generation is spoken of as one that has never learned respect. Perhaps we are no worse than other ages, but we are conscious of the fact that this is a problem which we should all face. In school, home, church and community, we must confess that we have not respected personalities, property and institutions as we should. 4-H Club members will talk on Respect for Self, Respect for Home, Respect for Church and Respect for Community.

Programs will be held at the following churches: Hertford Methodist under the direction of the Rev. A. L. Chaplin; Belvidere Piney Woods, the Rev. Virgil Pike; Winfall Methodist, the Rev. H. M. Jamieson; New Hope Methodist, Mrs. E. A. Turner; Berea Church of Christ, Mrs. John Hurdle; Burgess Baptist, Mrs. Joe Proctor; Bethel Baptist, Mr. Brabble; Hertford Baptist, Mrs. Colon Jackson.

Participation of 4-H'ers in the program enables them to think together about self, home, church, community and world events in spiritual terms. It encourages members to associate themselves with high ideals and develop a deeper appreciation of the multiple values of rural life.

Annual 4-H Church Sunday observance has done more than any other one thing to develop the spiritual phase of club work. It is this day that 4-H members dedicate themselves to the true principles which are so much a part of their cultural heritage—love, tolerance, truth, justice, freedom, and loyalty. To all it is a challenge to see and hear boys and girls adhere by practice to these principles.

### MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

### Board Approves Plan For Moving Pupils To County Schools

Preliminary estimates on proposed budget items for the county's next fiscal year, beginning July 1, were presented to the Board of County Commissioners, meeting here in regular session last Monday.

Final action on these matters, with the exception of the budget for the Welfare Department which was adopted, will be taken at the next meeting of the Board. The Welfare budget calls for expenditures of \$100,295.12, an increase of less than \$200.00 as compared with the current year. Breaking down this overall budget for the Welfare Department, \$9,875.12 was approved for Administration, \$19,440.00 for aid to dependent children, \$13,860 for aid to totally and permanently disabled and \$57,120 for old age assistance. Receipt of state and federal funds for this department will reduce the amount of local funds needed for this budget to the overall figure of \$15,475.12.

The Commissioners adopted a resolution favoring the return to Perquimans County schools a number of students, residing in Belvidere Township, who, in the past, have been assigned to attend school at Hobbville. This resolution will be presented to the State Board of Education this week.

A sum of approximately \$200 was allocated by the Board for use of the District Health Department in conducting a mass X-ray project of the district early this summer.

A motion was adopted whereby the County will request bids on fuel oil to be used by the county from July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955. Bids are to be submitted to the Board at its next meeting.

The Board also voted that delinquent 1953 taxes will be advertised during the month of July and sold by the Sheriff on the first Monday in August.

A request from the Board of Education for funds to erect a steel-wire fence at the Hertford Grammar School was tabled until the next meeting.

County Attorney Silas M. Whedbee reported to the Board plans are progressing whereby action will be started early next month disposing of delinquent tax liens held by the County.

### Lennon Motorcade To Visit County Friday Afternoon

A 12-car motorcade formed by New Hanover County supporters of Senator Alton Lennon will visit Perquimans County Friday afternoon, May 7. The schedule calls for the motorcade to arrive in Hertford at about 4:25 o'clock Friday afternoon and it will leave and proceed to Edenton at about five o'clock.

The motorcade left Wilmington on Thursday morning on a tour of 23 counties in eastern North Carolina. Heading the group will be Dan Cameron, mayor pro tem of Wilmington and Lennon's New Hanover campaign manager.

Brief talks in behalf of Lennon will be made at each stop on the tour and transcribed greetings from the candidate will be broadcast by a loud speaker system.

Counties on the motorcade schedule include Pender, Duplin, Lenoir, Wayne, Wilson, Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax, Northampton, Bertie, Hertford, Gates, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Martin, Beaufort, Pitt, Craven, Carteret, Onslow and New Hanover.

### Call Issued For Baseball Players

Ab Williams, a member of the Perquimans High School faculty, was named manager of the Perquimans baseball team, entry in the Albemarle League, at a meeting of the club directors held Tuesday.

Immediately after the meeting Mr. Williams issued a call for baseball players wishing to try out for the summer team, to report to him at the high school field next Monday afternoon at five o'clock. He stated work-outs will be scheduled at the session Monday, in order that each candidate for the team will know the time and date for each practice session.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Nixon of Edenton, Route 1, announce the birth of a son, born May 4th, at Chowan Hospital. Mrs. Nixon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. White of Hertford, N. C.