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Madre Family of Perquimans Selected Among State's 12 Master Farm Families

Winners To Receive Recognition At Program This Fall

A Perquimans County farm family, the Warner Madres of Route one, have won an outstanding award in being selected as one of 12 Master Farm Families of North Carolina. It was announced this week by the Progressive Farmer and the State College Agricultural Extension Service. Other families receiving the recognition came from Yancey, Warren, Yadkin, Guilford, Rowan, Union, Robeson, Buncombe, Wilson, Scotland and Beaufort counties.

The families are picked from North Carolina once in every three years and in Virginia and North Carolina in other years. W. C. LaRue, Associate Editor of the Progressive Farmer, and D. S. Weaves, Extension Director, announced the following winners, selected "for notable efforts in developing a successful home and farm and for taking active part in community improvements."

This fall, the new Master Farm Families will be recognized at public programs on their particular farms, according to the sponsors. The winning families will be presented a bronze plaque.

The families were judged on a 1,000 point score card which gave consideration to family and community life, organization and operation of the farm, business methods and ability, and the home and farmstead.

Objectives of the Master Farm Family program are three-fold:

To give farm people deserved recognition for notable accomplishments in farm, homesteading, and citizenship.

To spotlight all-round demonstrations in these phases of rural life.

To set a high standard for the honored family's further development and for other farm families.

The Master Farm Family program is nationwide in scope, with the Progressive Farmer and the State Agricultural colleges sponsoring it in the Carolina and Virginia.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Efforts to harmonize conflicting policies of the U. S. and Great Britain will be made when President Eisenhower meets with Winston Churchill at a conference starting June 25. Churchill will come to Washington for the meeting. Unofficial sources state the purpose of the meeting will be to patch up the differences between the two nations over Far East policy.

Meanwhile, in Geneva UN Allies have broken off negotiations for a peace settlement for Korea. The Allies in making the announcement said they did so regretfully but saw no reason to continue the negotiations in face of Communist rejection of every proposal made by the U. S. representatives. The present armistice agreement in Korea, is deemed sufficient to maintain the peace so long as the Communists continue to observe the armistice terms.

France is seeking to organize its 20th government since the end of World War II. Premier Laniel was ousted by a vote of confidence in the French Parliament last Saturday and the French President has asked Mendes-France, a cabinet minister to attempt to form a new government. The unstable situation of the French government, it is reported, is due to conditions involving the war in Indochina and economic conditions at home.

A Washington report Wednesday stated Senator McCarthy is expected to be the last witness testifying in the McCarthy-Army probe, which is now in its fifth week. It appears, from reports, the final judgments of the probe may be as confusing as the hearing has been.

Preliminary plans were worked out last Tuesday between H. A. Graham, chairman of the State Highway Commission and representatives of a Turnpike Authority for the construction of a turnpike leading from Nags Head to Virginia Beach. The report stated no date for starting the project.

Mt. Sinai Church To Hold Exercises

Commencement exercises for the Vacation Bible School at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Indians Developing As Contender In Albemarle League

Colerain To Play Local Team Here Friday Night At 8 o'clock

After getting off to a slow start in the Albemarle League, the Perquimans Indians are showing splendid improvement and look like they will cause the opposition plenty of trouble in the games ahead.

Manager Ab Williams has been using 14 to 15 players in the games thus far attempting to find a combination which will play most of the games. The Indians lost games last week to Edenton and Colerain, after having won from Rocky Hook on Wednesday night.

A number of bad breaks caused the Indians to lose a game or two but Manager Williams believes his team will develop into real contenders after a few more contests. The Indian infield, in most games, has been composed of Cliff Towe at first, Joe Towe at second, John Morris at short and Billy Chappell at third. D. A. Carver has been doing most of the catching. Bill Winslow, Ted Chappell, Claxton Stallings, John Ward, Paul Matthews and Allan Winslow have been carrying out the job in the outfield.

Matthews, Winslow, Hank Christgau and Williams have formed the pitching staff and they were joined Monday night by McCabe Riddick.

The Indians lost to Elizabeth City last Monday night by a score of 13 to 8, in a game which gave the fans some fine baseball. Elizabeth City connected for 16 hits off Winslow, Christgau and Riddick, scored 13 runs and committed five errors. Curtis did the pitching for the visitors. The Indians collected 10 hits, eight runs and committed only three errors.

Colerain will come to Hertford Friday night to play the Indians, and the local management has announced all ladies, accompanied by an escort will be admitted to the game free. The game will start at 8 o'clock.

Next week's schedule for the Indians is as follows:
June 21—Colerain, here.
June 22—Edenton, there.
June 23—Rocky Hook, there.
June 25—Elizabeth City, there.

Local Observers Participated In Nationwide Alert

The Hertford Ground Observer Corps Post was in operation from Monday morning at 10 until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in cooperation with the National Civil Defense test, "Operation Alert". The purpose for this alert was to test the efficiency of all phases of the National Civil Defense program.

Mrs. Marion Swindell, local post supervisor, wishes to thank the following people who took part in the watch: Mrs. R. F. Webb, who is the Chief Observer, Charlie Skinner, Jr., the assistant chief observer, Sherman Long, Billy Yagle, Mrs. Jimmy Stallings, Mrs. J. H. Towe, Earl Dunsmoor, Jr., George White, Mrs. Jake Jackson, John Matthews, Mrs. Edgar Fields, Mrs. Francis Nixon, Billy Cherry, Mrs. Charlie Skinner, Mrs. Lawrence Tows, Dickie Owens, Bebbie Tucker, Silas Whedbee, Eldon Winslow, Billy White, Marion Swindell, Edgar Fields, Jr., and Talmadge Rose, Francis Nixon, C. F. Sumner, C. P. Morris, Louis Tarkington and Jimmy Wheeler.

A total of 60 planes were reported by the 28 observers during the 24-hour watch.

There is still a need for observers for the post, especially people who will be able to watch during the daytime. Anyone wishing to volunteer are asked to call Mrs. Swindell at 5111.

Wheat Allotments Deadline June 30

Farmers on land which no wheat was seeded for grain for all of the years 1952, 1953 and 1954 may apply for a 1955 wheat acreage allotment, according to L. L. Lane, chairman of the Perquimans County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. To be considered for an allotment on a farm which had no wheat seeded for grain for any of those years, the farmer must apply in writing on or before June 30, 1954, to his County ASC Committee.

Blank application forms are available at the county ASC office for use in filing requests for allotments.

Board Of Education Elects Two Teachers At Perquimans High

Superintendent Gives Report On Faculty Allotments For '54

The Board of Education for Perquimans County met in special session here on Wednesday night of last week and acted upon a number of matters pertaining to county schools. Superintendent J. T. Biggers reported the Perquimans High School and Central Grammar School had been allotted an extra teacher for the 1954-55 school term, while the King Street School had lost one teacher due to a drop in average attendance during the past year.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, a member of the Weeksville faculty during the past year was elected as teacher of English and Social Studies at Perquimans High School, and Clarkston White, Jr., was elected as English teacher at the high school.

White is a graduate of Perquimans High School, class of '49. He is now securing a Master's degree at ECC, after having served two years in the U. S. Air Force.

Mr. Biggers also announced Mrs. Eldon Winslow, teacher of the second grade at Hertford Grammar School, has resigned her position effective upon acceptance of the Board of Education.

The Board took no action upon a petition tendered requesting reinstatement of Willie Y. Williams as a teacher at Perquimans Training School. Action upon the petition was tabled until the board meeting in July.

Mr. Biggers was at Duke University Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week attending a conference on school law.

Recorder's Docket Listed 13 Cases At Session Tuesday

Thirteen cases were listed on the docket of the Perquimans Recorder's Court for the term held here last Tuesday with Judge Chas. E. Johnson presiding.

Costs of court were assessed against David Setzer, Joel Savell and Otis Stallings, each of whom entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding.

Kenneth Riggs submitted to charges of driving vehicles with improper light and paid the costs of court.

Thomas Felton, Negro, was found guilty on charges of non support. He was sentenced to the roads for a period of 30 days.

John Overton, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of failing to dim the lights of his car.

Court costs were taxed against Thomas Holemb on charges of failing to comply with restrictions of his operator's license.

Time served in jail was the sentence meted out in the case in which Ashley Fleetwood was charged with being drunk.

Jeremiah White, Negro, submitted to charges of assault. He was ordered to pay the costs of court and be of good behavior for six months.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case in which Durwood Twine was charged with reckless driving.

Earl Ward was found guilty on charges of reckless driving. He was fined \$25 and costs.

John Monds paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of speeding and having an improper muffler on his car.

Leon Purvis, Negro, was found guilty on charges of failing to yield the right-of-way and having an improper muffler on his car. He was sentenced to the roads for 60 days, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs of court.

Eva Norris Russell Weds Sidney Layden, Jr.

Miss Eva Norris Russell and Sidney Thomas Layden, Jr., were married in an informal ceremony on Friday, June 11 at two o'clock in the home of the Rev. Walter Perry, officiating minister in Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Layden is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Russell of Route three, Hertford. Mr. Layden is the son of Mrs. Hettie Nixon Layden and the late Sidney Thomas Layden.

The couple's only attendants were Miss Delois Russell, sister of the bride and Tommy Jones, cousin of the bridegroom.

Hertford Board Votes Rate Increase Pending Litigation With Utility Firm

Vault Additions Started Wednesday

Enlargement of the vaults to the offices of the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court in the Perquimans Court House was started last Wednesday by the Edenton Construction Company, which received the bid for the project.

The new additions to the Court House, long needed and recommended by past grand juries, will provide double the present filing space in each vault. The new construction will, when completed, conform to the present architecture of the building as much as possible.

The work is expected to be completed within the next four or five weeks.

Redding-Pitt Vows Spoken Saturday In Asheboro Church

White blossoms formed a floral background last Saturday afternoon in the First Methodist Church, in Asheboro, for the marriage of Miss Anna Ingram Redding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Howard Redding, to Second Lieutenant William Howard Pitt, Jr., USMCR. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pitt of Hertford.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Dr. Arthur Kale of Duke University, who was assisted by the Rev. Russell Young, assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white Italian silk taffeta made with a fitted bodice, long sleeves, and finished with a portrait neckline and alencon lace bertha. The very full skirt of unpressed pleats extended into a train. Her full length imported Brussels lace veil, lined with matching illusion, was attached to a Juliet cap of illusion. She carried a bouquet of fluer d'Amour and lilies of the valley.

Miss Christianna Land of Lincolnton, young cousin of the bride, was her maid of honor. Mrs. John R. Pender of Chapel Hill, was matron of honor. The bridesmaids were the Misses Margaret Cheatham of Henderson, Ann Penton of Wilmington, Helen Saunders of Charlotte, Christie Peeler of Salisbury, and Miss Laura Hays and Mrs. Alton Cummings of Durham. The attendants to the bride wore floor length strapless gowns of white net over taffeta designed with detachable stoles and bouffant skirts with side ruffles. The honor attendants wore circlets of velvet ribbons with illusion flirtation veils attached. The bridesmaids wore circlets of velvet ribbon trimmed in velvet bows. They carried bouquets of gardenias with moss green velvet ribbons.

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Final Honor Roll Released For H. S.

The honor roll for Perquimans High School for the sixth, and final grading period for the 1953-54 school term was released last Friday by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school. A total of 66 students were listed on the roll as follows:

Eighth Grade—Tommy Matthews, Nancy Lane, Beth Skinner, Patsy Elliott, Myrna Skinner, Jean Hunter, Dan Winslow, Warner Lee Madre, Hazel Matthews, Jake Myers, Phyllis Bagley, Janice Chappell, Amanda Corpew, Jean Edwards, Alma Jane Godfrey, Kay Matthews, Gail Pierce, Rachel Spivey, Dorothy Taylor.

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

Tenth Grade—Ruth Ayscue, Marjorie Byrum, Annie Lou Lane, Annette Proctor, Annie Stokely, Judy Winslow, Pauline Rogerson, Wallace Baker, Bobby Matthews, Nancy Bagley, Jean Long, Barbara Russell, Sarah Sutton, Lois Violet Winslow.

Eleventh Grade—Ray Lane, Patricia Biggers, Barbara Edwards, Anne Thatch, Celia White, Joseph Butt, Joseph Layden, Mary Frances Eure, Lois Kirby, Julia Ann Stokes, Emilie White.

Twelfth Grade—Tilson Chappell, Bettie Chappell, Jo Anne Lane, Anne Stallings, Katherine Ward, Jean Butt, Jeanette Chappell, Leo Dail, Audrey Jackson, John Morris, Bobby Smith.

Funds Collected To Be Held For Bond Or Refund To Customers

New electric rates for customers of the Town of Hertford were adopted at a meeting of the Town Board, held Monday night, following a report given the Commissioners by Mayor V. N. Darden on the status of the rate increase granted the Virginia Electric & Power Company by the State Utility Commission.

The rates adopted by the Board are for the present, temporary, pending the outcome of a court suit now being prepared in which eight towns in this area will seek to have the State Commission ruling set aside.

Costs of this suit to the Town of Hertford, Mayor Darden told the Board will be \$198.61. The other towns will pay proportionate parts according to amount of power purchased from the utility company.

The Mayor pointed out to the Board that under the rate increase granted VEPSCO the Town of Hertford will have to pay approximately \$500 per month more for current than it has been paying, and because the town is not in position to absorb this increased cost it must be passed on to local consumers.

The funds collected through this increase in local rates are to be set aside in a sinking fund to be paid as bond in the event the eight towns lose the law suit. In the event the towns win the suit and the power company's rates are reduced the funds collected will be credited to the account of the local customers; each customer being credited the increased amount paid on his bill.

According to the new rates adopted Monday night by the Town Board, each customer will pay about 50 cents per month more for power than during the past. The new rates become effective immediately. The new rates for commercial users will be the same as the VEP charges under the permission granted by the State Commission. Residential rates adopted set the price at five cents for the first 50 KW's, four cents for the next 100 KW's and 2½ cents for all remaining KW's. This will mean the average residential user will pay about 50 cents more each month on his power bill than in the past.

The Board adopted these rates temporarily, pending the outcome of the litigation, which is expected to go to the Supreme Court before a final decision is handed down.

Members Board Of C & D Spend Time Inspecting Area

Members of the Water Resources, Inland Ports and Waterways Committee of the Department of Conservation and Development arrived in Edenton late Tuesday afternoon and spent the night here. The party was on a four-day cruise for the purpose of studying facilities of the inland waters of North Carolina for commercial and pleasure purposes, with the idea in mind of seeing what can be done to improve these facilities.

The group left Morehead City Sunday morning and passed through Core Sound to the Atlantic. The second stop was at Portsmouth and then Ocracoke. The party then proceeded up the coast to Hatteras Inlet and on to Buxton, where the Cape Hatteras Park was inspected, after which they proceeded up the Sound to Manteo.

Tuesday morning the party crossed Albemarle Sound to the Inland Waterway at the mouth of Pasquotank River and proceeded to Edenton, arriving here shortly before 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. They spent the night in Edenton and on Wednesday morning crossed Albemarle Sound to Alligator River and then by way of the Inland Waterway to Belhaven, where the trip ended.

R. L. Hollowell, chairman of the Perquimans Industrial Committee and Mrs. Viola D. Nachman, secretary of the Committee, went to Edenton on Tuesday night to confer with the officials concerning improvements to Perquimans River and the industrial possibilities in Perquimans County.

Bible School Exercises Will Be Held Friday

Commencement exercises for the Bible School, conducted during the past two weeks at the Hertford Baptist Church, will be conducted Friday night at the church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.