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## County Residents Have Eight More Days To Get Free Chest X-ray Here

### Mobile Unit Stationed In Hertford Through Thursday, July 8th.

Perquimans County residents who have not taken advantage of the opportunity to secure a free chest X-ray have only eight more days in which to come to the mobile unit stationed in Hertford for a free examination.

The X-ray program, which is being Hurdle, Sidney Sutton, Jr., and Sidney the District Health Department and the District Tuberculosis Association, has been going on since June 2. Up to Tuesday noon only 1,721 persons had appeared at the unit in this county for an X-ray. The officials of the program had hoped to secure at least 6,000 X-rays of residents of Perquimans County during the month long program.

Individuals who have not yet secured an X-ray are urged to do so before the survey is completed on Thursday, July 8th. The purpose of the program is to make early discovery of the disease. If it is present in an individual, thus reducing time of treatment necessary, and also hastening recovery.

The program offers every individual 15 years of age or over an opportunity to secure information about himself as to the possibility of tuberculosis, cancer of the chest cavity and enlargement of the heart.

The unit in Hertford is in operation Tuesday through Saturday from 10 A. M. until four P. M., and it takes only a minute of one's time to have the X-ray made.

Since there is no charge made for this service every man, woman and child in Perquimans, over 15 years of age, should avail himself of the opportunity offered by the Health Department, in securing this important information concerning his health.

Let's all get a free chest X-ray and help the Health Department secure its quota of X-rays during this survey . . . get yours today.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Failure on the part of the Geneva Conference to accomplish any working agreement for a cease-fire in Indochina and peace in Korea, the new French Premier Mendes-France met Wednesday with Red China's prime minister in an attempt to halt the Indochina fighting. Mendes-France, it was reported, hopes to come to agreement with Red China which will localize the Indochina war, and halt supplies being furnished the Communists of that country.

The Red-tinged government of Guatemala, faced with an uprising which may overturn the government, has again called upon the UN for action to put a stop to the fighting there. Rebel invaders have continued their march toward the capital city, and a pitched battle between the invaders and government forces may decide the issue this week.

A report from Washington Tuesday announced the government will use its price support program, next year, to enforce stricter controls over crop production. The report stated the action is aimed at reducing the mounting surplus of farm products.

President Eisenhower declared in a speech this week that it is imperative that Japan be spared from falling under the influence of Communist domination in Asia if the security of the United States is to be preserved.

## Home Council To Meet Saturday P. M.

The regular meeting of the Home Demonstration Council will take place June 26, at the Agricultural Building at 3 o'clock.

It is most important that every club be represented, since there are items of business to be taken care of at the July meetings. Plans will be made for a part of Farmers Day to be observed August 11. There has been a discussion of the possibility of chartering a bus to go to see "The Common Glory."

Miss Kinsey Perry, Home Agent, urges all club women to attend this meeting Saturday.

## OES To Suspend Summer Meetings

The Hertford Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will meet in the Masonic Lodge room Monday night, June 28, at 8 o'clock. This meeting will be the last held by the lodge until September, as meetings will be discontinued during July and August. All members are urged to attend the meeting next Monday.

## First Cotton Bloom

The first cotton bloom of this year was brought to the office of The Perquimans Weekly last Saturday afternoon, June 19, by Charlie Felton, Negro farmer of Route One.

Felton was the first to bring in a cotton bloom last year also. He stated he planted his cotton this year about a week earlier than in 1953, but thought the recent cold weather might delay his crop somewhat.

He said he found the bloom this year early last Saturday morning in his fields on the Gaither farm.

## Business Men Voice Protest Against Act By Oil Companies

A large number of Hertford business houses and public officials have voiced a public protest against major oil companies for permitting a continuation of a gasoline price war in an area adjacent to Perquimans County. The local people term the action as unfair and discriminating, and call upon the oil companies involved to put an end to the practices which permit the situation to continue, or to give local gasoline retailers the same sales conditions allowing the price cuts to become effective within this community.

In a signed advertisement appearing in this issue of The Perquimans Weekly the local business organizations and individuals seek an answer to a number of questions to which the oil companies or their representatives are invited to give answers.

The gas war, which has been in progress in the nearby area for some months now, is deemed detrimental to business conditions throughout the entire Albemarle area. It is a well known fact that residents not only in Perquimans County, but other counties as well, are flocking to the favored area to make gasoline and other purchases.

In protesting the part being played in the situation by the major oil companies Hertford business people state the condition is discriminating against all communities outside the "favored" area and leads to unfavorable business conditions in all of these communities.

It is believed this protest made by local people will spread throughout this entire area and maybe lead to action by the oil companies whereby no one area will be granted allowances or discounts which will permit unfair trade practices against adjacent communities.

## Beverly Chalk Weds John L. Townsend

The wedding of Miss Beverly Jane Chalk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chalk of Greensboro, and granddaughter of Mrs. Annie Chalk of Hertford, to John Leroy Townsend, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Townsend of Lumberton, was solemnized in the Presbyterian Church in Greensboro last Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Dr. John A. Redhead, Jr., officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white gown of tulle over taffeta. The fitted bodice had a portrait neckline framed with starched cotton lace and all-over shirring which continued slightly into the full skirt, made with a circular train. She wore a full-length veil gathered to a crown of the lace and seed pearls and carried a colonial bouquet of stephanotis and other flowers centered with two white orchids.

Her attendants were the bridegroom's sister, Miss Mary Ann Townsend, Mrs. Joseph Flora, Miss Eugenia McCrary, Miss Margaret Johnston, Miss Anna Beeson and Miss Julia Brown. The bridegroom had as his best man, his father.

Mrs. Townsend is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Chi Omega Sorority. Mr. Townsend is also a graduate of UNC and is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. The couple will make their home in Lumberton.

## Lions Club Installs Officers For Year

New officers for the Hertford Lions Club for the year 1954-55 were installed at a meeting of the club held last Friday night at Brown's Restaurant. The installation service was conducted by R. Ralph White.

Installed as new president of the club was J. T. Lane; first vice president, W. S. Long; second vice president, W. S. Woodard; third vice president, J. T. Lane; secretary, J. T. Lane; treasurer, Louis T. Townsend; directors, Jack Brown, J. T. Lane, and R. A. Mc

## Accident Fatal To Sammie Sutton Last Thursday Morning

### Final Rites Conducted At Home Saturday Afternoon

Sammie Sutton, 51, of Route one, Hertford, office manager for the Cheson Manufacturing Company in Elizabeth City, died in the Albemarle Hospital Thursday morning of last week after being struck by a switch engine of the Norfolk-Southern Railway.

The accident occurred, according to reports, while Sutton was in the firm's lumber yard filling orders. The switch engine was passing through the yard. Mr. Sutton died of severe head injuries.

He had been employed at the lumber manufacturing firm for the past 10 years.

He was the son of the late Sidney and Mrs. Minnie Griffin Sutton and lived on Hertford Route 2. He was a member of Hertford's First Methodist Church.

Mr. Sutton is survived by his wife, Mrs. Antonette Williams Sutton; a daughter, Miss Sarah Sutton, of Fort Dix, N. J.; four sisters, Mrs. J. H. Sparks of Elizabeth City; Mrs. Mary J. Wood, of Hertford; Mrs. Minnie J. Riddick, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Lucious Blanchard of Ahoskie, and two brothers, Sidney Sutton of Elizabeth City, and D. C. Sutton of Norfolk.

Funeral services were conducted at the home last Saturday afternoon at four o'clock by the Rev. A. L. Chaplin, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

During the services Mrs. John Coon, Mrs. B. G. Koonce, John Beers and Talmage Rose sang "Safe In the Arms of Jesus" and "In the Land Where We'll Never Grow Old." They were accompanied by Mrs. L. C. Winslow.

Pallbearers were Howard and Hubert Williams, Elihu Winslow, Elton De, Sidney Sutton, Jr., and Sidney Blanchard.

Interment was in the family cemetery.

## Indians Aiming For Win Over Elizabeth City Here Tonight

After losing seven straight games, the Perquimans Indians are fired up and will be gunning for their first victory over the Elizabeth City Albies in the Albemarle League baseball game to be played in Hertford Friday night.

The Indians lost some close ball games during the past week, and with a few breaks, which did not appear, these games could have been wins instead of losses.

The Rocky Hock game, scheduled for Wednesday night of last week was rained out and will be played at a later date. On Thursday night the Indians traveled to Edenton and dropped a 5-3 decision. Vernon White did the pitching for Perquimans and Cherry was the Edenton hurler. The contest was tied up in the sixth but a pinch single by Edenton's Parker decided the contest in the eighth.

Colerain tripped the Indians twice, on Friday night by a score of 9 to 7, and again Monday night 5 to 1. Colerain coasted to victory in the Friday night contest securing a 7-1 margin in the first five innings. Manager Ab Williams used Matthews and Allan Winslow as pitchers in this game.

Ted Chappell pitched against Colerain Monday night and turned in a fine performance. It was his first pitching assignment for the season. Colerain had a 2-1 lead in the sixth inning but scored three runs in the seventh to sew up the contest.

On Tuesday night the Indians lost another close contest to Edenton by a score of 4 to 3. Riddick and Winslow pitched for Perquimans and D. A. Carver was the catcher. Perquimans held a 2-0 lead up to the fifth inning but Edenton scored twice and then tied the count in the seventh. Edenton scored again in the eighth for the final tally.

The Indian schedule for next week is as follows:  
June 28—Colerain, there.  
June 29—Edenton, here.  
June 30—Rocky Hock, here.  
July 2—Elizabeth City, there.

## BALL GAME SATURDAY

The Bethel baseball team will play a team composed of older men of Bethel Baptist Church on the Perquimans High School field Saturday afternoon, June 26 at 7 o'clock.

## Health Department Reports Completion Pre-school Clinics

### 968 Children Are Given Examinations; Defects Reported

The District Health Department announces completion of the pre-school clinics throughout the health district. A total of 968 children were examined with 755 children accompanied by a parent. Two hundred thirteen came without parents.

Of defects found, 118 had temporary teeth needing immediate attention from their dentist, and 83 had cavities in the permanent teeth. All parents were urged to see their dentist at once.

Nine children have ringworm of the scalp. These will have to be cured before schools open, since it is communicable. They are urged to see their doctor at once.

One hundred sixty-nine children have been referred to their family physician for further examination of tonsils. Forty-one have their tonsils out already. Fifteen have suspicious heart murmurs; four definite heart murmurs. These too were urged to see the family physician. Three have orthopedic defects, and were referred to the family physician or orthopedic clinic.

Six have evidence of serious hearing loss. One hundred fifty-four have smallpox scars; two hundred eighty-two more children without scars cannot enter school until successfully vaccinated against smallpox.

Fourteen have hernias. Most of these are not serious. All were referred to the family physician. One hundred fifty-one were marked as having no defects.

Only two schools had a parent present for every child; Weeksville with 28, and Rocky Hock with 8. Elizabeth City was close with 141 present and only one absent.

Many local practicing physicians helped in the clinics, and Dr. B. B. McGuire, Health Officer, expressed his appreciation for this assistance.

## Peanut Producers Advised Against Use Of Chemical

Information has reached the headquarters of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association to the effect that Benzine Hexachloride is being used by the farmers in Eastern North Carolina in an attempt to control the boll weevil, announced J. S. Sugg, Executive Secretary of the Association, and he strongly urges that this chemical, known as B.H.C. not be used adjacent to peanut fields or on land where peanuts will be planted within the next four years.

According to research by the State Experiment Station, off-flavor and odor of the chemical is carried into the peanut for as long as three years after the chemical is placed on the soil. Buyers detecting the flavor or odor of this chemical in the peanut reject them due to the fact that such peanuts cannot be used in the edible trade.

Mr. Sugg pointed out that toxaphene, aldrin, and certain other chemicals are equally as effective in controlling boll weevils and do not have the harmful effect on peanuts or other crops. Farmers are urged to discuss the use of B.H.C. and follow the recommendations of their County Agents for the control of the boll weevil.

## Producers Oppose Action On Peanuts

Eight Perquimans County peanut producers traveled to Washington, D. C., last Wednesday to attend a hearing before a Congressional Committee, and voice opposition to a proposed bill calling for peanuts to be removed from the basic commodity list. This bill, if approved by Congress will mean support prices for peanuts will be withdrawn.

Representing county peanut producers at the meeting were R. M. Thompson, county agent, Floyd Matthews, Claude Williams, Arvin Hudson, J. A. Sutton, John Hurdle, Marvin Caddy and Robert Sutton.

## Accepts Position

Mrs. Lawrence Towse has accepted a position as Stenographer-Clerk II with the State Highway and Public Works Commission with offices located in the new building near Hertford, W. J. Davis of Tarboro, is Equipment Superintendent and Carlton Bauer of Elizabeth City is Mr. Davis' Office Assistant.

## Defendant Waives Hearing On Murder Charge; Case Sent To Superior Court

### Loan Approved

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner has today been advised that a loan in the amount of \$420,000 has been approved to the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation. The money will be used to provide for additional electric power to 400 new consumers in Chowan, Pasquotank, Camden and Perquimans counties.

Archie T. Lane of Hertford, North Carolina, is president of the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation.

## Smithson-Winslow Vows Spoken At Belvidere June 19

The marriage of Miss Geraldine Winslow, of Elizabeth City and Belvidere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Winslow of Belvidere and Vernon Smithson, son of Mrs. Eva Smithson and the late Mr. Smithson of Elizabeth City, was performed at the Piney Woods Friends Church, Belvidere on Saturday afternoon, June 19th at 3 o'clock in a setting of ferns, feverfew, Queen Anne's Lace, white gladiolus and cathedral candles. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. Virgil Pike, pastor of the church.

Miss Judith Winslow, pianist, presented a program of nuptial music and accompanied Mrs. Christine Ownlev, aunt of the bridegroom, who sang "I Love You Truly," and "Because."

The bride was attired in a white nylon embroidered dress with small covered buttons to the waistline and a full gathered skirt with light blue accessories and a purple-throated orchid corsage.

Miss Frances Tynch of Hobbsville, was maid of honor. She wore a light blue satin dress with white accessories and a corsage of red roses.

The bridesmaids were Miss Rachel Winslow, sister of the bride and Mrs. Sylvia Duncan, sister of the bridegroom. Miss Winslow wore a pink linen dress with white accessories, while Mrs. Duncan wore a light pink satin dress with white accessories. They each wore a gardenia corsage.

The bridegroom had as his best man, Carroll Baker, of Hertford. Ushers for the occasion were Alvin Smithson, brother of the bridegroom and Talmage Byrum, cousin of the bride. Mrs. Harry Lee Sprull, aunt of the bride, acted as mistress of ceremonies.

Mrs. Winslow, mother of the bride, chose for the wedding, a medium blue nylon dress with natural straw hat, white and brown accessories and a corsage of red roses.

The groom's mother wore an aqua blue dress with navy accessories and a corsage of red roses. All the grandmothers wore gardenia corsages.

The bride graduated from Perquimans High School and is now employed as telephone operator at Norfolk & Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company at Elizabeth City.

The bridegroom, since graduating from Central High School, has served four years in the Air Force, and is now employed as a steel worker at Norfolk, Va.

After a wedding trip to northern points, the couple, will be at home in Elizabeth City.

Following the rehearsal on Wednesday night, a cake cutting was held at the bride's parents. Ice cream, three-tiered wedding cake and mints were served to the approximately twenty-five guests present.

## Rabies Inspector Gives Final Warning

A final warning was issued to dog owners this week by G. C. Buck, County Rabies Inspector, calling upon the owners to have their dogs vaccinated by June 30th or face penalties under the law.

Mr. Buck stated about 850 dogs had been vaccinated thus far this season but there remains some 300 to 400 dogs to be given the treatment. He stated dog owners who have not complied with the law should bring their dogs to his home in Hertford for vaccination.

## Fire Damage At Stallings Saw Mill

The Hertford Fire Department was called to Clyde Stallings' saw mill, about two miles west of Winfall, Monday night at 8:15 to extinguish a fire which had gained considerable headway by the time the firemen arrived at the scene.

The firemen saved most of the machinery of the mill, and about one-half of the building housing the operations. Damages caused by the blaze was not estimated.

## Twelve Cases Heard By Recorder's Court At Session Tuesday

Eula Thatch, 42, Negro, charged with murder in connection with the death of Willie Sutton, 59, Negro, waived preliminary hearing in Perquimans Recorder Court last Tuesday morning and the case was moved to the docket of the Superior Court for trial next October. Bond for the defendant was set at \$1,000.

Sutton died about midnight Sunday after being stabbed by the Thatch woman, it was reported by Trotman Miller, the arresting officer. The cutting occurred between Church Street and White Lane in Hertford.

The woman told Sheriff Melvin Owens, Sutton began beating her with a stick in Tom Brooks' cafe, then drew a knife on her after she went outside. She said she then drew her knife and stabbed the man in the lower left chest.

Sutton then went into their home at 5 White Lane and the woman called Policeman Trotman Miller, who returned to the scene with her. Sutton was found in a serious condition and died enroute to a hospital.

Other cases heard during this week's term of court included those in which B. W. Williamson, Jr., paid the costs of court after submitting to charges of speeding. Fines of \$10 and costs were taxed against Manley Pridgeon and Samuel Seifert, each of whom entered pleas of guilty to the charges of speeding.

Russell Gilliam, Negro, submitted to charges of being drunk. He was fined \$2 and costs.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the cases in which William Halsey and William Downing were charged with gambling.

Fines of \$5 and costs were levied against Elsie Felton and Hiram Thatch, Jr., each of whom entered pleas of guilty to charges of being drunk.

Josh Zachary, Negro, paid a fine of \$2 and costs after pleading guilty to charges of being drunk.

George Trueblood paid a fine of \$2 and costs after pleading guilty to charges of being drunk.

Pete C. Riddick, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to charges of issuing a worthless check. He was given a 30-day sentence to be suspended upon payment of costs of court and the sum of the check.

## Gregory Rites Held Tuesday Afternoon

James Ackiss Gregory, 85, died Sunday afternoon at 4:35 o'clock at his home in Woodville after a long illness. He was the son of John and Margaret Ackiss Gregory.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Adelaide Elliott Gregory; five sons, Joe Henry Gregory of Elizabeth City, Johnny L. Gregory of Woodville; Ackiss L. Gregory of Hertford, Hershey Earl Gregory of Woodville and Hurley G. Gregory of Elizabeth City; one daughter, Mrs. Johnny White of Woodville; one brother, George W. Gregory of Woodville, and 18 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Woodville Baptist church by the Rev. Hugh Ross Williams, pastor, assisted by the Rev. G. M. Singletary. Burial was in New Hollywood Cemetery.

Something new for the convenience and comfort of those attending services at the Hertford Methodist Church is being installed in the church this week, according to the Rev. A. L. Chaplin, pastor of the church.

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## Ordinance Helpful To Public Health

An ordinance regarding septic tanks, adopted last year by the District Health Department, is proving very valuable as a health service, it was pointed out in a report issued this week by the Department.

The Department stated of all the factors influencing the health of individuals in rural areas, no single item is of greater importance than proper disposal of human excreta. The report stated a septic tank is an important part of the home and should receive good and proper care.

Since the adoption of the septic tank ordinance, the Department reports, 83 tanks have been installed in Perquimans County.