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Indians Play Aces Here Friday Night Renewing Rivalry

Indians Defeat Green Wave 7-6 For First Victory Of Year

An old football rivalry will be renewed Friday night when the Perquimans Indians play host to the Edenton Aces in an Albemarle Conference game scheduled for Memorial Field at eight o'clock.

Edenton has a strong outfit this season having won four contests, tied one and lost one. The Indians, fresh and encouraged by their win last Saturday night over Williamston will be out for their second victory of the season, and fans are assured of a fine contest between the neighboring teams.

The Perquimans-Williamston game, originally scheduled for Hertford last Friday night was postponed and moved to Williamston because of the hurricane. Coach Ike Perry had only 17 players from his large squad available for the game but they were sufficient to come home with a 7-6 win.

All of the scoring in the game was done in the final quarter. Williamston scored first after intercepting a Perquimans pass on the 50 yard line and marching for a TD in nine plays. The try for extra point failed and the Green Wave held a 6-0 advantage.

On the kick-off after the Williamston TD, Perquimans, sparked by fine runs by Paul Matthews, Tommy Matthews and John Hill moved the ball to the Green Wave six yard line. Paul Matthews smashed through for a TD and also converted the extra point to put Perquimans ahead 7-6.

Williamston bounced back strong and moved the ball to the Indian 15 yard line but fine defensive play by Hazel Mathews, who threw a Green Wave ball carrier for a loss on two plays, stopped this drive.

Perquimans completed six pass plays during the contest with D. A. Carver being on the receiving end each time. Charles Whedbee, playing at quarterback after an operation recovery, did a fine job of directing the Indian offense. The running of Paul and Tommy Matthews and John Hill featured the Perquimans attack.

On defense Arnold Chappell, D. A. Carver and Hazel Matthews played best for the Indians.

Farm Bureau Opened Membership Drive Mon.

Perquimans County Farm Bureau officers and directors held their annual kick-off dinner at the agricultural building on Monday night, October 18th. The guest speaker for the evening was Gordon Madrey, N. C. Farm Bureau President, who talked on the problems facing the farmer in getting world markets for our products and world trade, and the role that the Farm Bureau has played in securing trade with foreign countries.

Floyd Matthews, Perquimans County Farm Bureau President, told the group that the county membership goal for 1955 has been set at 300 and urged the workers to strive toward this goal.

Barbecue for the occasion was furnished by Preston Nixon, an active Farm Bureau member and an outstanding Duroc breeder in Eastern North Carolina.

Committee Reports Given At Central PTA Meeting Monday

The PTA of the Perquimans Central Grammar School held its October meeting Monday night in the cafeteria with the president, Mrs. E. F. Bray, presiding. The group sang "America the Beautiful," as its opening number.

Mrs. Bryan Miller, chairman of the Cumberland Community, presented the Rev. James O. Mattox of Hertford Baptist Church, who gave a very inspiring devotional, using as his subject "Anchors Aweigh." Edward Jordan sang "I Will Pilot Thee," accompanied by Mrs. Ned Nixon. Mrs. Miller then presented Mrs. Alice Futrell who gave a most interesting message on "Highway Safety."

During the business session the minutes were read and approved. The president's message was read by the secretary, Mrs. Dick Long. Mrs. Charlie Umphlett, program chairman, gave a list of chairmen from the different communities that would have charge of the programs each month.

The Whitestown community with Mrs. Russell Baker as chairman, will have charge of the November program, the topic being "Ways of Faith." Mrs. Ralph Harrell, magazine chairman, stated that 35 subscriptions to the PTA Magazine were sold and urged all to try to reach the goal of 50 subscriptions. Mrs. Lessie Winslow, membership chairman, gave a report on the membership drive. She stated the unit had almost reached the goal of 200 per cent membership.

Mrs. Claude Williams, chairman of room representatives, gave a list of room representatives for each grade. An announcement was made in regard to the Study Group meetings to be held in each community, naming the leader of each group. These groups were urged, by the president, to have these meetings as soon as possible.

Mrs. Claude Winslow, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, reported on sales of subscriptions to The Perquimans Weekly. She announced the Halloween Carnival to be held at the school on Friday night, October 29 starting with the serving of supper at 5:30 in the cafeteria.

It was announced that the district meeting of the PTA will meet November 3, at the S. L. Sheep school in Elizabeth City. All were urged to attend. The Association voted to invite the PTA District 9 to meet here next fall.

Mrs. Bray recognized J. T. Biggers who commended Mrs. Futrell on doing such a splendid job with school bus drivers. He told of a driver's education course taught at the high school. Winslow and Blanchard are furnishing the car which is being used for this course.

The attendance award was won by Miss Margaret White's 7th grade and Mrs. Joe Tunnell's 1st grade.

O.E.S. Officers To Visit Here Monday

District Deputies Mrs. Doris Bonner of Manteo and Robert Spence of South Mills, will make official visits to the Hertford Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star next Monday night, October 25, it was announced today.

The meeting will be held in the lodge room of the Court House beginning at 8 o'clock, and all members are urged to be present. Visitors are invited.

Time To Get Off Overseas Parcels

Postmaster W. W. White reminded citizens this week that Christmas parcels for members of the armed forces serving overseas should be mailed between October 15 and November 15 in order to assure delivery by Christmas. Parcels should be packed in sturdy, addressed envelopes and sealed within the period specified.

Warner Madre Family To Receive Master Farm Award Oct. 28th

Open House Program Will Begin At 2 P. M. At The Home

Thursday, October 28th, will be the Master Farm Family Recognition Day for the Warner Madre family. This program will begin at 2:00 in the afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Madre, on Skinner's Creek Road.

Participating on the program, along with the County Extension Personnel, will be R. W. Shoffner, Assistant State Director of the North Carolina Extension Service and William LaRue, Associate Editor of the PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

The Master Farm Family Program is co-sponsored by the PROGRESSIVE FARMER and the North Carolina Extension Service.

Another part of the day's program will be Open House, with the Perquimans County Home Demonstration Clubs serving as hostesses, and a tour of the pastures and barns of the Madre farm.

The Madre family was selected as one of the twelve leading farm families in the State and is the first Master Farm Family that Perquimans County has ever had.

Everyone is invited to attend the Master Farm Family program which begins at 2:00 Thursday afternoon, October 28. The scheduled place for the program is at the Madre home, but in case of rain it will be held at Perquimans High School.

Forester Cautions Hunters On Fires

All persons who plan to be in the woods hunting are urged to take all the necessary precautions to prevent fires from starting as a result of careless smoking habits or unguarded warming fires County Ranger Thomas Nixon announced today. The woods are very dry now, even after the recent hurricane rain, and any fire that gets out of control is hard to stop without a big loss resulting. The peat soil is dry enough to burn now in addition to the inflammable material on top of the forest floor, so every precaution should be taken to keep fires from getting out of control.

County Ranger Nixon said that he hoped that the people in Perquimans County would cooperate by keeping wild fire out of the woods. It will not be necessary for the N. C. Division of Forestry to request that the Governor close the woods to all hunting, fishing, and trapping if everyone is careful with their use of fire while in or near the woods. It will be necessary to make this request if too many fires result from hunters, and the fire danger increases as a result of the dry weather.

Similar weather conditions were experienced last fall and it was not necessary to close the woods in this section because everyone was careful and very few fires occurred. The hunters can do their part in keeping the season open again this fall by following the suggestions outlined above.

Improvement Loans Available At FHA

Building improvement loans are available to eligible farmers in this area, E. F. Morgan, county Farmers Home Administration supervisor announced this week.

The loans will be made to enable eligible persons who own family-type farms to improve, alter, repair, replace or relocate an essential building or buildings on the farm including new construction.

To be eligible an applicant must be the owner of a family-type farm which is without a decent, safe, and sanitary dwelling, or without other farm buildings adequate for the successful operation of the farm.

Building improvement loans may be made for a period of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, or 40 years at 4 1/2 percent interest. The probable debt-paying ability of the borrower and the security interest of the Government will be the principal factors in determining the period of the loan. The amount of the loan will not exceed the probable debt-paying ability of the borrower or the fair and reasonable value of the farm, less any prior lien not to be refinanced, whichever is less. Although the farm must have adequate land resources and building facilities for improvement, to qualify as a family-type farm, only the buildings that are actually agreed upon by the applicant and the County Supervisor will be improved with the loan.

Varied Docket In Recorder's Court On Last Tuesday

Escaped Prisoners Face Trial During Coming November Term

A varied docket involving eleven defendants was disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court here last Tuesday. John Threatt and Dexter Edge, youthful prisoners who escaped from a road gang two weeks ago, waived hearings on charges of larceny of a highway truck and a truck owned by Milton Dail. They will be tried on these charges during the November term of Superior Court. Threatt was given 12 month sentences on charges of reckless driving and escaping from the prison camp; Edge was given an additional 12 months for escaping.

Costs of court were paid by David Brickhouse and Virgie Leicester after each pleaded guilty to charges of speeding. Annie Barnard, charged with speeding entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

A fine of \$50 and costs were levied against Lee Hinton, Negro, charged with riding a bicycle while drunk. The Court accepted a plea of guilty to a charge of being drunk on a highway.

Raleigh Hurdle, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of reckless driving. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs.

Joseph Jordan submitted to a charge of passing a vehicle illegally. He paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Costs of court were taxed against Curtis Shamy, Negro, who entered a plea of guilty to charges of failing to observe a stop sign.

Fred Johnson, Negro, was fined \$2 and costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of being drunk.

Oscar Brown, Negro, was fined \$5 and costs on charges of being drunk on a highway. He entered a plea of guilty.

Farm Agent Reports On Damage To Crops

Farm crops in Perquimans County escaped serious damages from Hurricane Hazel, according to a report given Monday by R. M. Thompson, County Agent.

Mr. Thompson, after making a survey of the county, reported: "The crops were not too greatly damaged except for the corn that was left in the field which amounted to about 20 per cent of the total county corn crop. This was damaged very severely and it will take a great deal of labor to get it harvested. Shocks of peanuts were blown over causing a great deal of extra work to the farmers but the peanuts themselves were damaged only slightly. In cases where they were blown off the poles and the whole shocks rolled over and over they were considerably damaged. Soybeans had enough foliage so that they were not damaged too much and they were wet enough to hang in the pod."

"Altogether I would think the loss to Perquimans County by Hurricane Hazel will amount to one million and a half dollars. A great deal of this is covered by insurance but the people who have lived in the county all of their lives say that this is the most severe storm that has hit Perquimans in their lifetime."

New York Artist To Appear Here

Eileen Southern, artist of New York City, will present a piano concert at the King Street School, in Hertford Friday night, October 29, under the sponsorship of The Alphabet Club of St. Paul's A.M.E. Zion Church, it was announced today.

Aside from the piano recital by Mrs. Southern, other talent will also take part on the program. White friends of the church are invited to attend.

In 1948 Mrs. Southern was presented in Carnegie Hall, New York by the Associated Concert Bureau, being the only Negro pianist among the more than two thousand musicians selected to appear in the Festival. In 1949 she received honorable mention in the Artists Division of the National Recording Contest of the American College of Musicians.

In addition to her work in piano at the Chicago Musical College, Eileen Southern has earned the degree, Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Music from the University of Chicago. She later studied at Juillard. She has also finished the requirements for her Ph.D. from New York University.

County Hard Hit By Hurricane Hazel In Process Of Ascertaining Damages

Patrol Reports Two Accidents In County

Two highway accidents occurred in Perquimans County on Monday, according to State Patrolman B. R. Incoe. The first happened at 4 A. M., when Bruce Hutchinson, 19, Marine of Cherry Point crashed through a barrier on the causeway just north of Hertford. Hutchinson was traveling south on U. S. 17 and because of heavy fog failed to see a curve in the road. His car was reported a total loss.

A. G. Mann of Norfolk, collided with a truck driven by J. H. Wilson, of Bear Creek, on U. S. 17 at the weigh station near Woodville at 1 P. M. Wilson was making a left turn into the station when his truck was struck by a car driven by Mann. No charges were filed in either accident.

Communications And Power Interrupted Several Days

Untold damages, estimated in the thousands of dollars, was caused throughout Perquimans County last Friday as Hurricane Hazel ripped its way through Eastern North Carolina. As of Monday, the county was in the process of ascertaining the total destruction caused by the storm. Fortunately, there were few reports of serious damage to homes. The high winds destroyed a large number of out buildings in the county, blew shingles from numerous roofs, broke window panes and disrupted communications and power lines.

Hertford was left littered with uprooted trees and broken tree limbs, and property owners residing in the area near the Perquimans River suffered heavy damage from the storm driven water, which according to many older residents reached the highest crest ever seen here.

Practically all piers and boat houses in the vicinity of "The Point" were swept away by the rushing water which was estimated about five feet above normal tide. The river rose at a rate of about six inches an hour, beginning early Friday morning and reached its peak at about 3:30 P. M., with a change of the wind the waters receded completely in less than one hour.

State Highway officials closed highway 17, over the causeway, at about 10 A. M., Friday, after the river rose over the roadbed. The surging water flooded the highway and covered about 20 feet of the northern end of the bridge leading to the causeway. Use of the highway was restored in the late afternoon Friday.

Falling trees and broken limbs caused a power failure, breaking power lines at many points throughout the town. Portions of Hertford had power restored late Friday but the task of replacing all lines is continuing. However, most consumers had use of power by Sunday. Telephone service between Edenton and Elizabeth City was likewise disrupted by the storm when lines were blown down. Service between Elizabeth City was restored late Saturday and service to Edenton was available Monday morning.

Early Friday morning J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools, announced the closing of the schools for the day, and classes were resumed on Monday.

Employees of the Town of Hertford started immediately the task of restoring power lines and cleaning up debris; power was restored to practically all consumers by Sunday but the work of completing the task is still in progress. Most residents are high in praise for work accomplished by the crews.

Soil Conservation Officials Discuss Local Water Control

The Albemarle Soil Conservation District Supervisors from Perquimans County met with interested landowners on October 4 to consider possible improvements for streams in the county. Frank B. Skinner, chairman of the local group, pointed out that the provisions of the Hope-Aiken Act passed by the last Congress would make it possible for farmers in the county to obtain assistance from the Federal Government. The Hope-Aiken Act is designed to control water damage on small water-sheds.

C. D. Fetzer and F. A. McGoogan from the Soil Conservation Service reviewed the provisions of the bill and told the supervisors what would be required before any projects could be started. Although the act provides for a maximum area of 250,000 acres, it is believed that it might be practical to have the same type of program established on small watersheds of around 5,000 acres. The supervisors said that they would be willing to assist any group of landowners where crops had been damaged by waters, due to filling up of the channels, in the main streams. However, the farmers themselves must be the ones who request this work, and they must be willing to bear a substantial share of the cost.

Frank Skinner, George Winslow and Emmett Long, who make up the Board of Supervisors from Perquimans County, stated that they would be glad to discuss the new program for water control with any group who are interested. They say that there will be a number of requests for this work in the state, and it would be very much to the advantage of farmers in Perquimans County to start action on this as soon as possible.

County Approves Nickels Program

The results of the Nickels for Know-How voting, which was held Friday, October 15, in Perquimans County were 254 votes in favor of paying 5c a ton on feed and fertilizer, to be used for research, and 13 votes against the program. This is a percentage of 95 per cent of the votes in favor of the Nickels for Know-How program.

In the State the percentage being in favor of the program was a little lower, being 93 per cent. Even though the hurricane cut down the number of voters there were still 267 people in participated in this election. Three years ago in the first election there were only 116 that voted. This means that Perquimans County more than doubled the number who voted in the first election. Commenting on the election, County Agent Thompson said: "This program has been a great benefit to the farmers in Eastern North Carolina and I am sure it will continue to mean just as much as it has in the past."

Piney Woods Friends To Conduct Revival

Piney Woods Friends Meeting will conduct a revival beginning Monday, October 25, and continuing through October 31, it was announced today by the pastor, the Rev. D. Virgil Pike. The evangelist will be the Rev. Victor Murchison, pastor of Winston-Salem Friends. The public is invited to attend the services which will be held each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lambkin of Fuquay Springs announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Lynn, born Monday, October 18. Mrs. Lambkin, before her marriage, was Miss Mildred

Scout Leaders In Meeting Here Last Tuesday Night

Boy Scout leaders from all over the Albemarle District gathered at Brown's Restaurant in Hertford Tuesday night at 7 o'clock for their monthly planning meeting. Following dinner the group divided into a district committee planning session and a Scoutmaster Roundtable.

The district committee meeting, under the leadership of Sanford Aydlett, had as its main item of business final plans for the "Scouting in Action" Fair which will take place Saturday on the Elizabeth City Court House lawn. Plans for having scouts serve as ushers at the Oyster Bowl Game in Norfolk on Saturday, November 6, were made. Also discussed was a scout and scout family camping-fishing trip to Cape Hatteras the weekend of November 13-14.

Finance drive plans were discussed by District Finance Chairman Roland Orr. A district-wide finance drive has been scheduled for early November under the leadership of Judge Chester Morris and Forrest Dunstan.

John Biggers, chairman of the training committee, presented a schedule of training courses for Cub Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders, and Explorer Scout leaders. The following committee chairmen also made reports: Raymond Sheely, advancement; Clarence Owens, health and safety; and Oscar Montgomery, organization and extension. District Commissioner Raymond Collier made a report on the condition of the district and the progress of the fall round-up.

Representatives from all the sponsoring institutions gave reports on their units activities. The Scoutmasters Roundtable, under the leadership of James Collier, had a rehearsal of the November Scout program.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

State and Federal departments moved into Southeastern North Carolina early this week to assist in the vast cleanup job following the visit of Hurricane Hazel. Army Engineers and National Guardsmen are working with local authorities in restoring hard-hit communities to normal, although it has been predicted the job will take considerable time. The area around Wilmington, including Kure, Carolina and Wrightville Beaches, according to reports received the greatest damage from the storm.

Hazel finally "blew" itself out near the Hudson Bay area in Canada, having traveled farther inland than any previous hurricane in many years. All along its path, through the U. S. and Canada, it wrought havoc and death. With communications knocked out, and just now being restored in some areas, final figures on loss of lives and property damage are still being compiled.

President Eisenhower designated federal aid for North Carolina in areas struck by the storm and 27 counties have been designated as hurricane disaster areas. The American Red Cross has been authorized as the agency to handle all applications for assistance.

With the general election only ten days away leaders of the political parties are working hard toward victory for party candidates to determine control of the next session of Congress. Surveys completed recently indicate a victory for the Democrats in the House and the Senate.

Registration Books To Close Saturday

Saturday will be the final day for citizens to register for the General Election on November 2. It was announced today by R. G. Murray, chairman of the Perquimans Board of Elections.

Registrars will sit at the various polling places Saturday to register persons desiring to vote November 2, but it was pointed out individuals not ready listed on the books need not register again to be eligible to vote in the election.