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County Voters Show Little Interest In General Election Held On Tuesday

Less Than 500 Votes Are Cast; County Officials Re-elected

Perquimans County citizens showed little interest in the general election held last Tuesday when less than 500 voters went to the polls to cast ballots for State and County officials. Reports from all six precincts revealed 452 ballots were cast and counted.

Unofficial results of the balloting in Perquimans County were reported about 9 o'clock Tuesday night. The election officials met in Hertford Thursday to make the official canvass of the voting and to forward the returns to Raleigh.

County voters approved five amendments to the Constitution, giving large majorities for the 1, 2, 3 and 5 amendments and voting for the 4 by a 198 to 101 count.

The Democratic nominees for County offices were unopposed in the general election Tuesday, and with their formal election will assume the duty of the offices on Monday, December 6. The only change up in the present office holders will be J. Kelly White, who will succeed M. G. Owens as Sheriff.

Perquimans voters gave Democratic nominees for State offices an overwhelming majority over Republican opponents. W. Kerr Scott received 407 votes while his opponent for the office of U. S. Senator, Paul West got 56 votes. Edwin Gill, candidate for State Treasurer had 410 votes, while Rex Morton received 48. Chas. Gold, candidate for Commissioner of Insurance received 400 votes to Fred Frick's 48. M. V. Barnhill had 399 votes while his opponent got 49.

Herbert C. Bonner received 410 votes for reelection at Congressman while his opponent, W. T. Love, received 51.

The results of the balloting for District and County offices were: Solicitor, Walter W. Cahoon 436; State Senator, N. Elton Aydlett 427; A. P. Godwin, Jr., 423; Representative, C. R. Holmes 438; Sheriff, J. Kelly White 451; Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt 452; Recorder Judge, Chas. E. Johnson 444; Treasurer, D. F. Reed, Jr., 444; Coroner, Dr. C. A. Davenport 445; Commissioners A. T. Lane, 440; William G. Chappell, 441; R. L. Spivey, 440; E. B. Hollowell, 436, and Warner Madre, 439. Board of Education, J. Edgar Morris 438; Mrs. Mary Brinn, 433; Mrs. Mabel Cooke, 433, and Clarence C. Chappell, 439.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Incomplete returns from the off-year election held last Tuesday indicate a record vote on the part of citizens of the nation. Early Wednesday it was apparent the Democrats had won control of the House, having won 207 seats and needing only 11 of the 76 undecided contests for a majority. The battle for the Senate was even. The Republicans held an edge of 48 seats while the Democrats held 47 with one independent. Six Senate seats were in doubt, in Ohio, Oregon, Michigan, New Jersey, Montana and Wyoming. The GOP had leads in three of these states while the Democrats led in three.

A close race was in progress in New York for the office of Governor with Harriman the apparent winner over Senator Ives, Republican. Harriman maintained a slight lead with practicaly all precincts in. The Democrats picked up some five Governor's offices from the GOP, which is expected to have important bearing on the Presidential election in 1956.

Cleveland's famous murder trial, in which Dr. Samuel Sheppard is being tried for murdering his wife, had a new climax this week when it was revealed one of the jurors selected to decide the case had a criminal record and had failed to tell about it during the questioning period while the jury was being selected. The results may mean a mistrial with further delay before the matter is finally settled.

North Carolina voters approved four amendments to the Constitution in the election last Tuesday but defeated one which would have prevented a single county from ever having more than one State Senator, regardless of population growth.

Judge William C. Harris, dean of North Carolina Jurists, died Tuesday in Raleigh after an illness of months. He had recently retired as Judge, having served on the bench for more than 40 years.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. George Fields announce the birth of a son born last Monday, October 25, at the Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. Fields (former Miss Frances Lane) formerly was Miss Frances Lane.

4-H Club Members At Chocowinity Event

Perquimans County 4-H Club members ventured to Chocowinity on Saturday, October 30th for the District Recognition Day. This trip was sponsored by the Southern Cotton Oil Co., Milton Dail & Son and the Hertford Livestock and Supply Co., who are 4-H Club boosters in Perquimans County.

The boys and girls making the trip were: Joe Rogerson, Billy Hudson, Lloyd Ray Morgan, Julian Howell, Wallace Baker, Johnny Phillips, Bobby Smith, Annie Lou Lane, Lois Violet Winslow, Kay Howell, Diane Divers, Rachel Spivey. Mrs. Louis Winslow, adult leader, also attended.

The district winners were announced at this affair and Perquimans County had winners in 4-H Livestock Judging, Sweet Potatoes, Beekeeping, Health Improvement Record, Better Grooming and Poultry and Talent.

County Crop Yields Reported Higher Than Last Year

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With adverse weather conditions and infestation of crops by insects, the Perquimans County farmer is still getting a good yield from his planted acreage.

On an average the corn yield was cut from 25 to 30 per cent due to dry weather, but the corn price held up and the farmer received a good cash return on bushels that were yielded.

Peanuts, soybeans and cotton have yielded exceptionally high with some farmers reporting peanuts yielding as high as 30 to 43 bags per acre. Of course, there are a number of farmers who did not do as well. With the price of peanuts at 14 cents per pound the income from the peanut acreage will be above average for 1954.

Where the soybeans looked scarce by the first of September, the rains we got from the hurricanes that passed this way tended to increase the number of bushels produced per acre. Soybeans that were completely bare due to the army worm and the bean beetle around the 10th of September, have yielded as high as 30 bushels of beans to the acre. The market price for beans today is about $2.80 a bushel in bulk and $2.77 if the beans are in the buyers' bags.

This has been an exceptionally good season for cotton with some farmers reporting as high as two bales of cotton per acre and just about everyone making a bale. The bulk of Perquimans County cotton was sold when cotton was bringing 13 to 13½ cents per pounds.

With everything taken into consideration, the high cost of production, the high cost of dust and dusting and labor, the Perquimans County farmer will still have a good year as far as the crop income is concerned due to the high yields of peanuts and cotton and the high price of peanuts, soybeans and cotton.

Pastors Assigned To Local Churches

Methodist pastors of churches located in this area were assigned for the coming year at the conclusion of the annual church conference held last week at Raleigh.

The Rev. H. M. Jamieson was reassigned to the churches of the Perquimans Charge and the Rev. I. S. Richmond was assigned to the Hertford Methodist Church. The Rev. Mr. Richmond, prior to the conference served at Burlington. Rev. A. L. Chaplin, pastor in Hertford for the past four years, was assigned to Durham. The Rev. P. M. Porter was assigned to the churches of the Chowan Charge.

Mrs. Biggers Resigns As DIMES Chairman

Announcement was made here this week that Mrs. John T. Biggers, March of Dimes fund chairman for the past several years, has resigned the chairmanship effective immediately.

No successor to the post has been named as yet.

OBSERVERS ALERTED

The Perquimans Ground Observer Corps will participate in "Operation Thankful" Sunday afternoon, November 7, from 3:00 P. M. until 5:00 P. M., along with other N. C. posts.

Attention is called to the fact that the observation post is now located at the Municipal Building rather than the high school again as it was.

County Designated To Receive Aid On Storm Damage

FHA Authorized Agency Handling Applications of Residents

Perquimans County has been designated by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson as an area where eligible farmers can obtain emergency loans from the Farmers Home Administration to repair damage caused by the recent hurricane. Details of the emergency loan program were explained by E. F. Morgan, FHA County Supervisor today.

Any established farm owner or farm operator in Perquimans County whose crops, buildings, or other farm property were damaged by the hurricane, and who is unable to obtain from other lenders the credit needed to continue normal operations may be eligible for a loan.

Applications are made at the county office of the Farmers Home Administration. The office for Perquimans County is located at Hertford.

Eligibility of applicants is determined by the county committees of the Farmers Home Administration, composed by men familiar with local conditions. The committeemen for Perquimans County are:

Roy S. Chappell, Route 1; Joseph C. Layden, Route 1; Carson D. Spivey, Route 3.

Loans may be obtained for the purchase of feed, seed, fertilizer, replacement livestock and equipment, replacement or repair of buildings, and for other essential farm and home operating expenses. Loans may not be made to pay existing debts, to compensate applicants for their losses, or to expand operations.

The loans bear 3 per cent interest on the unpaid principal, and are scheduled for repayment over the minimum period of time consistent with the borrower's ability to repay. Ordinarily loans secured by liens on chattel property are scheduled for repayment within one to five years and loans for repair or improvement of real estate are scheduled for repayment within one to ten years. However, amounts advanced for crop production purposes are repayable when the income from the sale of the crops produced with the loans is received.

Real estate security is always required when advances are made primarily for improvements to real estate.

OES Officials Pay Visit To Chapter

District Deputies of the Order of Eastern Star paid an official visit to the Hertford Chapter at the regular meeting held in the lodge rooms in Hertford, October 25.

Entertained by the local Chapter were Mrs. Doris J. Bonner of Manteo and Robert Spence of South Mills. The lodge rooms were decorated with fall flowers and Mrs. Bonner was given a corsage of yellow and blue flowers.

The Deputies gave very constructive and inspiring messages in accordance to the ideals of the Order. The Star Points and other officers presented a program in tribute to the Deputies. The Associate Matron and Patron presented them with gifts. Refreshments were served at the close of the program.

Mrs. Lucy Copeland Passes In Hertford

Mrs. Lucy Evans Copeland, 79, died Tuesday morning at 8:45 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Florence Goodwin in Hertford, after a long illness.

She was the daughter of the late Charles and Carolyn Minnis Evans and wife of the late Hugh Copeland. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Elizabeth City.

Surviving are three sons, Arthur M., and James O. Copeland of Hertford and H. Morris Copeland of Charleston, S. C.; three daughters, Mrs. Lucy Perry of Edenton, Mrs. Florence Goodwin of Hertford and Mrs. Bessie Speight of Miami, Fla.; 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The body was removed to the Lynch Funeral Home here pending completion of arrangements.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

The regular term of Perquimans Recorder's Court scheduled last Tuesday was continued because of the election day holiday. All cases listed on the docket for the Recorder's Court were set for hearing at the term Tuesday, November 9.

Perquimans Indians Win Over Columbia Gridders 35 to 0

Local Team Travels To Spring Hope For Contest This Week

Coach Ike Perry's Perquimans Indians traveled to Columbia last Friday afternoon for a non-conference football game with the Columbia Wildcats and came home on the long end of a 35-0 score. It was the second win of the season for Perquimans.

The Indians scored their first touchdown late in the first quarter when Tommy Matthews went over from the 10 yard line. Paul Matthews ran the extra point.

Perquimans scored again in the second period. After receiving a punt on their 45 yard line the Indians moved to a tally in four plays with Paul Matthews going the final 10. Tommy Matthews added the extra point.

The next touchdown resulted from a pass from Paul Matthews to D. A. Carver which was good for 25 yards and Tommy Matthews added the extra point making the count 21 to 0 at half time.

The Indians scored on a 45 yard Paul Matthews to Carver pass in the third quarter and Paul Matthews also made the extra point.

The final score came in the fourth period when Charley Umphlett went 25 yards and Charles Whedbee added the extra point.

Coach Perry used his entire roster of players in the contest, and valuable playing experience was gained by the reserves.

This week the Indians will play Spring Hope away from home in another non-conference game. Elizabeth City will play the Indians in Hertford on Friday night, November 12, and the season will close with the Indians playing at Morehead City November 19th.

Boy Scout Fund Campaign Underway

Scout leaders of the Albemarle are now conducting the annual compaign for funds for the Boy Scout movement in the District, it was reported by J. T. Biggers, who with other leaders of this county are conducting the drive locally.

The campaign, according to Mr. Biggers, opened last Wednesday, and it is hoped the desire of the officials to bring the drive to a close on Saturday of this week. Biggers urged the public to contribute liberally toward this campaign in order to keep Scouting at the high level it has attained.

Persons who desire to contribute toward the fund, and who are not contacted, may send donations direct to Mr. Biggers.

4-H Council Names Officers For Year

The 4-H County Council of Perquimans County held its first meeting on Thursday night, October 28th, at 7:00 in the Agricultural Building. The following officers were elected: President, Wallace Baker; vice president, Joyce Owens; secretary, Betty Brown; reporter, Nancy Lane; pianist, Anne Lane. The following committees were elected: Recreation, Annie Lou Lane, Franklin McGooban and Barbara Divers; Program, Kay and Julian Howell, Charles Banks and Diana Divers.

The meeting was concluded with a social hour with recreation being led by Clara Mason, Assistant Home Agent. Refreshments were enjoyed by all attending.

Great Masters On Exhibition Here

There will be a display of paramount interest at Perquimans High School next week, November 8-12, an art exhibit. More than 150 pictures will be shown. The exhibit will be one of interest to individuals wishing to attend. A small charge will be made to aid the school to raise funds for a purchase of a picture. The exhibit will be open to the public from one P. M., to 8:30 P. M.

Schools To Close For Teachers' Meet

White schools of Perquimans County will be closed all day Friday, November 5, to permit local teachers to attend the District meeting of the N.C.E.A. scheduled to be conducted in Greenville, it was reported by J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools.

Colored schools will be closed all day Friday, November 12, to permit teachers to attend the NUTA meeting to be held in Oxford.

Six Criminal Cases, Four Civil Actions Disposed Of In Superior Court Wednesday

Next Cancer Clinic Scheduled Friday

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will be held on Friday, November 5, at the Health Center in Elizabeth City with registration beginning at 1:00. A free chest X-ray will be given to anyone wishing it along with the examination of the five areas of the body where cancer is most easily found and cured. There are no limitations as to sex, race, physical or economic status at the center. However, there are age requirements. Women should be 35 or more; men should be 40 or over unless referred by a doctor, or unless one of the "Seven Danger Signals" or "Symptoms" are present.

An appointment may be secured by writing Cancer Center, Elizabeth City. Examinees are asked to bring a rob or housecoat with them.

Master Farm Family Ceremonies Honor The Warner Madres

The Master Farm Family Recognition Day was held at the Warner Madre home on Thursday, October 28th, at 2:00 o'clock. Ralph Sasser, Assistant County Agent, served as Master of Ceremonies. Miss Kimsey Perry, Perquimans County Home Agent, and R. M. Thompson, Farm Agent, told of the achievements and activities of the Madres. R. W. Shoffner, Assistant Director of the North Carolina Extension Service, told why the North Carolina Extension Service is co-sponsor in the Master Farm Family Contest and some of the achievements hoped for as a result of this progam. W. C. LaRue, Associate Editor of The Progressive Farmer, the other co-sponsor of the Master Farm Family Program, told what the program is, why it was originated and presented a plaque to the Madre family. Warner Madre, receiver of the Master Farm Family plaque and award, thanked Mr. LaRue and Mr. Shoffner and made a few remarks about his farm and family.

After the program an Open House was held and a tour of the farm. Refreshments were served by the Helen Gaither Home Demonstration Club and the Perquimans County Council furnished these refreshments. Mrs. Reginald Tucker, president of the WMU of the Hertford Baptist Church, presided at the punch bowl.

The Madres are the first family ever to receive this award in Perquimans County and one of the few families in North Carolina to be awarded a Master Farm Family plaque. North Carolina will select Master Farm Families again in three years with this award being rotated between North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia

State College Club To Meet Mon. P. M.

The Perquimans County N. C. State College Alumni will have their Fall meeting November 8th at 7:30 at the Perquimans County Agricultural Building. The speaker for the occasion will be L. B. Dixon. Mr. Dixon is a graduate of N. C. State College and served for a period of time as Assistant County Agent in North Hampton County and at the present time is Assistant State 4-H Club Leader.

Frank McGoogan, President of the Perquimans County N. C. State College Alumni group encourages all the College Alumni to be present, if possible. It is hoped that movies from last winter's basketball games will be shown at this time.

Masonic Banquet Planned November 16

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106. A. F. & A. M., will hold its annual banquet on Tuesday evening, November 16, beginning at 7 P. M., in the cafeteria of the Perquimans Central Grammar School at Winfall.

Special music will be presented on the program and a number of special guests are expected to attend. All members of the local lodge are urged to make plans to attend.

School Masters To Meet Here Monday

Perquimans County will be host at a meeting of the Albemarle School Master' Club to be held in Hertford Monday, November 8, at 6:30 P. M., it was reported today by J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. F. O. Mixon, president of Chowan College will be the guest speaker for the meeting.

Four Criminal Cases Remain On Docket Befor Judge Nimocks

Perquimans County's fall term of Superior Court opened here Wednesday morning with Judge Q. K. Nimocks, Jr., of Fayetteville presiding over the session which opened two days late because of the election day holiday.

Eleven cases were listed on the docket for trial during the term, which court officials believe will run through Friday. Four divorce actions were disposed of Wednesday morning, following the selection of the Grand Jury, and prior to noontime adjournment.

Capias were ordered issued for Joseph Butts, Lester Keel and Alfred Wrighton for failure on the part of the above named to comply with previous court orders for payment of fines and court costs.

Six defendants entered pleas of guilty to charges during the Wednesday afternoon session which helped considerably in disposing of the docket which was thought might consume at least six days of court.

Kelford Byrum, charged with reckless driving, entered a plea of guilty to charges of following a vehicle too closely. He was ordered to pay a fine of $25 and costs

Pauline Kolek, charged with forgery, also entered a plea of guilty and Judge Nimocks withheld judgment in this case until later in the week.

N. A. Relfe was ordered to pay a fine of $25 and costs after he had entered a plea of guilty to charges of failing to yield the right of way.

Dexter Edge and John Streatt, youthful convicts who were charged with larceny and armed robbery in connection with an attempted escape from a road gang, were sentenced to one year on the larceny charge and from 7 to 10 years each on the charge of armed robbery. Both entered pleas of guilty to the charges.

Heber Alligood, charged with larceny, entered a plea of guilty to charges of forcible trespass. He was ordered to pay the costs of court and the sum of $176.06 for hogs taken from the Hertford Livestock and Supply Co., and was placed on probation for two years.

The State, early Thursday morning, took a nol pros in the cases in which Eula Thatch, Negro, was charged with murder.

Board Continues Tax Settlement With Sheriff Owens

The Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County, meeting here in regular session last Monday, continued until November 9 a full settlement with Sheriff M. G. Owens on the collection of 1953 taxes. The action taken by the Board was at the request of Sheriff Owens.

According to figures presented to the Board a total of $12,241.29 remains outstanding on the 1953 tax levy and of this amount approximately $4,676 represents insolvents.

The Board discussed beautification of the Court House Green, and voted to start operations of removing the dead trees on the lawn and replacing these with new trees. The lawn will also be seeded for new grass.

No action was taken by the Board on a complaint concerning a store remaining open on Sunday in the Durants Neck section of the county; the matter being referred to Attorney Silas M. Whedbee for a legal opinion on the authority vested in the Board on such matters.

Approval was voted on a petition to be presented the State Highway Commission for improvement of the Tucker Roard in New Hope Township.

Hunter Rites Held Monday Afternoon

Mrs. Mamie Chappell Hunter, 62, wife of the late George Hunter of Belvidere, died Sunday morning at 1:20 o'clock in the Albemarle Hospital after a long illness.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Chappell and one sister, Mrs. J. T. Chappell both of Belvidere; five brothers, Elbert, Joe and Johnnie Chappell of Belvidere; Ernest Chappell of Norfolk and Luther Chappell of Durham; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2:30 at the Lynch Funeral Home in Hertford, by the Rev. Virgil Pike, pastor of the Piney Woods Friends Church, assisted by Louis Winslow. Burial was in the family plot near Belvidere.