

Cotton Referendum May Determine '55 Price Supports

Balloting Scheduled December 14th At Six Stations

The outcome of the cotton marketing quota referendum to be held throughout the nation's cotton-growing area on December 14 will determine the level of price support for cotton produced in 1955 and therefore is of vital concern to every cotton grower, says L. L. Lane, Chairman of the Perquimans County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The marketing quota program will be in operation for next year's crop, the chairman explains, if at least two-thirds of the votes cast in the referendum are in favor of the program. In that case, price support will be available for the 1955 crop of upland cotton at a level between 82 1/2 and 90 per cent of parity.

Mr. Lane urges all cotton growers to vote in the referendum. In his opinion, the decision will have far-reaching effects and the question deserves the serious study and the carefully considered vote of every grower.

County Citizens Urged To Join In S-Day Program

North Carolina's drivers and pedestrians today were asked to join a State-wide effort to remain completely free of traffic accidents on "S-D Day"—"Safe Driving Day"—Wednesday, December 15.

The appeal was made by Col. James R. Smith, commanding the State Highway Patrol. He said:

"I am asking every man, woman, and child who uses our streets and highways to make an extraordinary effort to walk and drive safely on S-D Day. We want to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced materially if everyone complies voluntarily with all traffic regulations. We hope that we may be entirely free of such accidents."

Last year North Carolina lost 4,118 of its citizens in traffic accidents. About 950 occurred on our main highways. I therefore urge motorists to exercise particular caution on the open road.

Our observance of S-D Day is part of a Nation-wide effort to focus attention on the seriousness of the traffic accident problem. It needs the full support of all of us.

Our state highway patrolmen are being urged to set a good example on S-D Day. We want to show the people of North Carolina that we not only urge others to drive safely, but we do so ourselves.

Remember S-D Day, and then drive every day your Safe Driving Day.

Two 4-Hs National Winners



Perquimans County scored high in national 4-H Club contests held last week in Chicago, having two national project winners with Miss Lois Violet Winslow and Bobby Smith, both of Belvidere.

Bobby Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Belvidere, has been announced national winner in health improvement record. Bobby, who is now a student at N. C. State College, is the first boy to win such honors in Perquimans County. At the present time Bobby, along with some 40 other boys and girls from North Carolina, is attending National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

Health is a program offered by 4-H clubs in which all members regardless of where they live can participate. Bobby was awarded an all expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress for being declared State winner. In addition he was announced national winner on November 30th and along with five other winners will receive a \$300 scholarship.

Smith says, "Good health is a priceless treasure and if we, as a state and nation, do our part in promoting good health, then we are not upholding those things for which our forefathers fought so long and hard."

Smith has given talks in this community and 31 demonstrations on health and safety to a combined audience of 4,000.

Lois Violet Winslow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Winslow of Belvidere, was declared one of the two national winners in the 4-H better grooming project on December 1st at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

County Commissioners In Lengthy Session On Monday

The Board of County Commissioners meeting here in regular session last Monday prior to reorganization of the Board for new terms, held a long meeting completing unfinished business.

Reports were received from various county agencies, the county auditor and R. E. Aiken, Jr., who conducted an audit of the 1954 tax books. The tax report revealed approximately \$51,000 has been collected of the 1954 levy of around \$145,000, and full settlement was made with Sheriff M. G. Owens.

On motion passed \$200 was allotted to the Hertford Fire Department for costs of operation at county fairs; two road petitions, one in New Hope Township and one in Belvidere Township, were approved.

A review was made of the Grand Jury report, for the November term of Court, and authority was voted to make repairs at the Agriculture Building and purchase chairs for the petit jury room as recommended by the report. Arrangements were also made to carry out recommendations as made concerning county school needs.

County Attorney Silas M. Whedbee gave a report to the Board concerning a number of tax suits being brought by the county, in accordance with the law, for the collection of delinquent tax liens. A number of these suits, also being brought by the Town of Hertford under the same statute, have been filed with the Clerk of Court.

Approval was granted to the Civil Defense Observer Corps for the construction of an observation tower on the Public Health Center property, located on Charles Street.

Town Board To Meet Monday Night

Members of the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford will hold their regular December meeting next Monday night, December 13, in the Municipal Building.

Twelve Cases In Recorder's Court Here On Tuesday

A varied docket consisting of twelve cases was disposed of during last Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court.

Charlie Dail, charged with trespassing and driving drunk, was found guilty on the first count, and a motion for non-suit was granted as to the driving drunk charge. Judge Chas. E. Johnson suspended a 60 day sentence in the matter providing Dail remains off the property of Ray Godfrey for at least 12 months.

Segrain Emilie submitted to charges of speeding and paid the costs of court. A fine of \$10 and costs were taxed against Elwood Mellon, who also entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding.

Costs of court were taxed against Phillips Matthews, who submitted to charges of failing to observe a stop sign. Prayer for judgment was continued in the case in which William Wills, Negro, was charged with failure to stop at a stop sign.

On Friday, November 26, Lois Violet attended the State 4-H Recognition luncheon at N. C. State College Union, where she was announced State winner in this project. Immediately after the luncheon the North Carolina delegation State winners in all of the 4-H projects left for the National Club Congress in Chicago. Upon arrival in Chicago Lois Violet was met at the train by representatives of the Toni Home Permanent Company, who acted as hostess to her while in Chicago.

Lois Violet has accomplished much in her projects of "Better Grooming." She has not only made improvements for herself in this project but has encouraged her family and friends to make improvements. She has been county winner in this project for two years. This year she submitted a long-time record book on this project and was named State and national winner. She is the first girl in Perquimans County to receive national recognition in 4-H Club work in many years.

Jack Benton, Jr., submitted to charges of permitting a minor to operate his vehicle. He was ordered to pay the costs of court.

Elmer Yohn entered a plea of guilty to charges of being drunk. He was fined \$2 and costs. He was freed of charges of trespassing.

J. E. Jones Killed In Auto Accident

John Ewell Jones, 63, was killed on the Center Hill Highway Wednesday night at about 8:30 o'clock when he was struck by a car driven by Luther G. Chesson.

It was reported Chesson told authorities he failed to see Mr. Jones on the highway until it was too late to avoid striking him with the car.

Mr. Jones was the husband of Maude Howell Jones, the son of the late Thomas and Levaia A. Etheridge Jones. He was a native of Columbia, but had lived in Hertford for the past six years. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the Columbia Methodist Church. He was employed by the Harris Plumbing and Building Supply Company.

Surviving besides the wife are three brothers, T. W., and Robert Jones of Norfolk and Jesse Jones of Baltimore, Md., two sisters, Mrs. W. H. Overstreet of Raleigh and Mrs. S. A. Lipscomb of Franklin, Va.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Twiford Funeral Home.

New Farm Corn Allotments Ready

Any producer who intends to plant corn in 1955 on a farm where no corn was planted during the years, 1952, 1953 or 1954 should apply for a "new farm" corn acreage allotment if he wants any price support or any ACE payment in 1955. Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, said today.

Marketing quotas do not apply to corn, Miss Nixon explained. However, under the acreage allotment program, the production of corn in 1955 on a farm which has no corn acreage allotment would make all the crops from the farm ineligible for price support in 1955. Likewise the producer on such a farm would be ineligible for any payment under the 1955 Agricultural Conservation Program.

Application forms for "new farm" corn acreage allotments are available at the County ASC office, January 15, 1955 is the last day such applications may be filed.

Two Indians Named On All-Conference Football Team

Coaches of the Albemarle Conference, who for seasons playing only selected two members of the Perquimans Indians football team on the all-conference team for 1954; the two Indians selected were D. A. Carter and Melville Williams, tackle. Williams was named for the honor last year.

Edenton Aces, State Champions, placed five players on the team, Plymouth and Williamson, one each and Tarboro, two.

Arnold Chappell and Paul Matthews, center and fullback for the Indians were chosen for the second team. Selections for the first team were: Rogerson of Edenton and Carver of Perquimans ends; Williams of Perquimans and Proctor of Tarboro, tackles; Bond of Edenton and Hamilton of Williamson, guards; Hamilton of Edenton center; Holland and Stille of Edenton, Estep of Plymouth and Riggs of Tarboro, backs.

Chosen for the second team were: Ends, Styronek of Plymouth and Perry of Williamson; tackles, Simpson of Plymouth and Willoughby of Ahoskie; guards, Painter of Plymouth and Westbrook of Tarboro; center, Chappell of Perquimans; back, Hall of Ahoskie, Rogerson of Ahoskie, Paul Matthews of Perquimans and Painter of Tarboro.

The Conference voted to award three trophies for the football season inasmuch as Edenton, Plymouth and Ahoskie tied for first place honors, and Edenton was chosen to represent the conference in the State playoffs.

Soil Conservation Election Dec. 6th

Election of a member of the Perquimans County Soil Conservation Supervisors Committee, under the Albemarle District will be held December 6-11, 1954.

The term of Frank B. Skinner expires this year; in accordance with the rules staggered membership on the three-man committee. The terms of Emmitt Long and George G. Winslow will expire in 1955 and 1956, respectively.

Frank B. Skinner has been nominated to succeed himself.

There is a blank space provided on the ballot for voters who might wish to vote for someone else. Petitions required to nominate candidates for the supervisor's post must be signed by 20 registered voters. Ballot boxes will be placed at central spots over the county during the election period. Any registered Perquimans County voter may vote in the election.

Jaycee's Victory Dinner December 15

The Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold a victory dinner next Wednesday night, December 15, observing the successful close of its birthday calendar project. It was reported today by Jarvis Henry, president.

Special guests at the dinner will be the wives and sweethearts of the Jaycees.

In reporting completion of the calendar project Mr. Henry said the Jaycees greatly appreciated the support given the calendar by those who participated through ads or subscriptions.

Board Of Education To Meet December 15

Members of the County Board of Education will hold their December meeting next Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30 o'clock at the home of Superintendent of Schools J. T. Biggers.

The Board will be guests at dinner of Mr. and Mrs. Biggers, and a business meeting will be conducted following the dinner.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. James Patrick Hogard announce the birth of a son born Saturday, December 4, at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

Archie T. Lane Re-elected Chairman Of County Board At Reorganization Meeting

Indians and Squaws Divide Cage Games With Weeksville

Perquimans basketball teams opened their 1954 season Tuesday night, playing the girls and boys of Weeksville. The Indian Squaws captured the preliminary contest by a score of 59 to 36, while the Indians lost to the Weeksville boys' team 50 to 23.

Celia White led the Perquimans girls with a total of 27 points. The Squaws started off slow, gaining a 16 to 13 advantage at half time, then breaking the game open during the final half. Other scoring for Perquimans included 18 points by Barbara Edwards, Jo Pat Stokes and Barbara Russell, six each and J. Williams, two. Brothers with 18 points was high scorer for the Weeksville girls.

The Indian Squaw guards, Alice Jean Jackson, Mary and Carolyn Eare, all did a fine job guarding the Weeksville forwards, and keeping their attack under control.

Coach Ike Perry's Indians found the going rough in the boys' contest, hitting for only 23 points while the Weeksville team scored a total of 50. Markland was high scorer for the game with 17 points.

Paul Matthews led the Indians in scoring with a total of 10 points. John Hill got seven. Billy Bray four and D. A. Carver two. Weeksville got off to a fast start in the game and held a 23 to 9 advantage at half time.

The local teams journeyed to Briggs High School Thursday night for the second set of games of the season. Next week the local teams will play at home, meeting Weeksville Tuesday night and Elizabeth City on Friday night.

C. F. Murray Elected Master Of Masons

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., elected Charles F. Murray as master of the lodge for the year 1955 at an election of officers held last Tuesday night. Other officers named were: Elijah White, senior warden; John H. Decker, junior warden; W. J. Kanoy, treasurer; C. C. Winslow, secretary; C. C. Winslow was also elected as trustee and W. J. Kanoy was named to the Budget and Finance Committee.

The master-elect will announce the names of the appointive officers at a later date.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cox announce the birth of a daughter born Monday, December 6, at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

Seventy Four Drawn For Jury Duty Next January

Seventy-four Perquimans County citizens were selected for jury duty during a special and regular term of Superior Court next January at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners here Monday.

Both terms of court will handle civil actions only, and the special term is being called in an effort to clear the court calendar which has grown considerably during the past year.

Drawn for service at the special court term, which will convene January 24, were: Garland Lane, Linwood L. Chappell, Morgan Walker, E. S. Fulghum, W. E. Hobbs, William F. Madre, Charlie Matthews, A. R. Winslow, E. J. Proctor, H. C. Hoffer, A. W. Lane, J. P. Donchise, Talmage Lewis, Marie White, Jack Kanoy, John O. Chappell, Mrs. Peggy Webb, Joseph H. Bagley, Charlie S. Elliott, Paul M. Tucker, Ruby K. Long, Preston Winslow, Henry C. Stokes, Jr., Preston Copeland, Worth Dale, T. H. Jones, Elmer P. Roberson, H. H. Caddy, Joe W. White, Bert E. Smith, W. D. Perry, Jr., Claude Winslow, Woodrow Stallings, John Ward and Blanche Goodwin.

First Snow

The first sleet and snow storm of the winter fell here last Monday, disrupting highway traffic and forcing county schools to close for the day.

A heavy rain Sunday night turned to sleet early Monday, and it snowed off and on until about mid-afternoon Monday, leaving the ground covered with a fleecy blanket.

J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools, dismissed classes early after about 35 children reported at Central Grammar School and about 10 each at Hertford Grammar and Perquimans High School. Colored schools also reported low attendance and were dismissed.

George C. Chappell Dies Of Exposure

George C. Chappell, 42, was found dead in a field near his home about 4:30 P. M. Monday. Chappell, who was unemployed and visited among his relatives, was determined to have died of exposure.

County Coroner Dr. C. A. Davenson and Sheriff J. K. White investigated the death, and Dr. Davenson reported death was due to natural causes and exposure. Chappell was a native of Perquimans County, son of the late Jim and Fannie E. Chappell.

He is survived by three brothers, Edward of Gates County, Gurnie of Perquimans County and Herman of Nansemond County, Virginia, a half-brother, Claude Chappell of Perquimans; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Wilson of Gates, Mrs. Eula Lynns of New York and Mrs. Irene Read of Virginia.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon under the direction of the Lynch Funeral Home with the Rev. Moody Chappell officiating. Burial was in the family plot.

VFW To Sponsor Display Hitler's Car

The Perquimans VFW Post will sponsor the appearance of the famous automobile owned by Adolf Hitler while he was ruler of Germany, in Hertford on Friday and Saturday of this week. It was reported by Broughton Dail, of the VFW Post.

The car will be located on the Court House Green and will be open for inspection December 10 and 11. According to reports, the car is armoured with 1/2-inch steel plate and 1 1/2-inch bullet proof glass. It is 20 feet long and powered with a 400 HP motor and weighs 10,000 pounds.

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Appointive Officers Selected; White Takes Sheriff Oath

Archie T. Lane was unanimously re-elected chairman of the Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County at a reorganizational meeting of the Board last Monday following oath taking ceremonies administered by Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt. Other commissioners are R. L. Spivey, William C. Chappell, E. B. Hollowell and Warner Madre.

Immediately following the election of the chairman, the Board filled a number of appointive offices including the following: S. M. Whedbee, solicitor for recorder's court; Charles T. Skinner, Jr., clerk recorder's court; S. M. Whedbee, county attorney; Julian C. Powell, tax supervisor, and Trojman Miller, janitor.

The Board also named the following tax list takers for 1955 taxes: Percy Rogerson, Hertford Township; Julian Long, Bethel Township; J. A. Sutton, New Hope Township; Mrs. Pearl Perry, Belvidere Township, and Mrs. Ernest Long, Parkville Township.

Other officers taking oaths of office included W. H. Pitt, Clerk of Court; J. K. White, who succeeds M. G. Owens as sheriff; D. P. Reed, Jr., treasurer; Chas. E. Johnson, Recorder's Judge; Dr. C. A. Davenson, coroner, and C. B. Holmes, County Representative.

A special meeting of the Commissioners will be held next Monday, December 13, beginning at 10 A. M., when the Board will meet with the Tax Listers to give instructions concerning listing of taxes.

Bonds for the various officers were presented to the Board and were accepted after being approved by the County Attorney.

Following an audit of collections of 1954 taxes, the county auditor was instructed to turn over the books to the incoming sheriff, J. K. White.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Senator McCarthy, censured last week by the Senate, verbally lashed out at President Eisenhower last Tuesday after it was reported the President had congratulated a number of Senators on the outcome of the McCarthy hearing. The Wisconsin Senator, in his statement, apologized to voters for telling them in 1952 a vote of Eisenhower would spell a vigorous fight against Communism. He said Tuesday he had been mistaken. Meanwhile, other Senators voiced approval of the President's actions.

Allies of the Korean war have presented a petition in the United Nations calling for action on the release by Red China of a number of Allied airmen captured during the war and still in custody of the Chinese. Some of these prisoners have been sentenced to jail on charges of spying. An announcement from the UN stated the Allies will move vigorously for action on the part of the UN for securing freedom for these men.

Paul M. Butler was selected as national chairman of the Democratic party at a meeting of party leaders last week in New Orleans. He will succeed Stephen Mitchell, who has resigned effective next month. The National Committee made plans for the coming Presidential convention by eliminating the controversial loyalty pledge which was adopted at the 1952 convention.

Economic predictions for the coming year, a number of which have appeared in recent weeks, point to good business and stable conditions throughout 1955. Demand for goods in recent weeks has steadied production and lowered inventories at factories.

Masons will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.