

## Deadline Near For Entries In Jaycees' Annual DS Contest

December 31st Last Date For Submitting Names

Hertford's most outstanding young man between the ages of 21 and 35 for 1954 will be honored again this year at a banquet which will be given in his honor during Jaycee Week, January 14 through 21. The exact date has not been determined yet.

Jaycee clubs all over the country will be honoring the young man who has contributed most in the way of achievements, leadership and service to his community for the calendar year 1954 during Jaycee Week. Although the recipient of the award is in the age classification of the Jaycees, he need not be, or have been a Jaycee. The award has no relation to Junior Chamber of Commerce membership. The judging committee is made up of a secret committee of prominent local citizens over the age of 35 and the recipient of the award is selected from nominations received.

The Jaycees are urging everyone who would like to nominate some outstanding young man for this award to make their nomination before the deadline for receiving nominations which is December 31, 1954. Nominations should include name of nominee, date of birth, address, sponsor, address of sponsor, achievements and nature of service; (List and explain in detail the achievements, nature of service, nature of participation and leadership of nominee, bearing in mind that judging will be done on following basis: contribution to community and state welfare and betterment; participation in all-round community and state activities and civic enterprises; evidence of lasting contribution to community and state welfare; evidence of leadership ability; success in own vocation and personal and business progress; cooperation with individuals and civic organizations. All activities for which judging is to be made must have been performed while nominee was 35 or younger.)

The Jaycee Committee for this event is made up of Francis Nixon, chairman, Moody Matthews and Guy Cannon.

## Kiddies Turn Out For Santa's Visit

The sixth annual arrival of Santa Claus in Hertford was termed a huge success by the committee of the Hertford Fire Department and the Hertford Jaycees, which sponsored the Christmas party for the children of Perquimans County last Saturday afternoon. One of the largest crowds, both children and adults, ever to attend this event were gathered to welcome Santa as he drove up to the Court House at about 2 o'clock.

On his arrival here, Ole Santa, all dressed up in his holiday togs, had favors and gifts for the children, and he was assisted in the distribution of these by members of the two sponsoring organizations. The sponsoring organizations express appreciation to all who had a part in assisting this project, and who had a part in making it a big success.

## Building & Loan Closed Saturday

The office of the Hertford Building and Loan Association will be closed all day Saturday in observance of Christmas. It was announced today by Max Campbell, secretary of the Association, who stated the office will be open as usual the following Saturday, January 1st.

## Early Edition

This week's edition of The Perquimans Weekly has been printed and comes to its readers one day ahead of the usual schedule. This stepping up of the press schedule will enable the editor, and the printers of The Weekly to enjoy a vacation during the holidays. Editor and Mrs. Max Campbell will spend the holidays in Indiana, and the office of The Weekly will be closed from December 22 through December 31.

In this issue of The Weekly the merchants and business men of the community are sending season's greetings to the residents of this trade area and to the readers of The Weekly. These fine expressions of greetings tell of the appreciation merchants hold for residents of this area, and for the patronage of local stores during the past year.

## Christmas Theme Features Meeting Of Central PTA

The PTA of the Central School held its regular meeting Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the cafeteria, with the president, Mrs. B. E. Bray, presiding. Mrs. Ruth Burden was in charge of arranging the program for this meeting. Pupils from the various grades portrayed in a most effective way the true meaning of Christmas by presenting a play entitled "The Two Christmases."

During the business session the minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given. Mrs. Bray urged all leaders of the study groups to have their meetings in January. The Winfall-Cumberland group had theirs in November. It was reported that Miss Margaret White, chairman of the building fund, had raised \$15.00 to be sent in. The program chairman, Mrs. Charlie Umphlett, reported that the Belvidere community, with Mrs. Edwin White as chairman, will have the January program. Mrs. Bray recognized J. T. Biggers, who urged all to remember the true meaning of Christmas, as was illustrated in the program. Mr. Biggers stated that there had been some suggestions about lighting the front of the building, and asked the president to name a committee to meet with him to help secure some lights before the next meeting of the PTA. Elwood White, Claude Williams and Thomas Maston were appointed to serve on this committee. The meeting was closed by Mrs. Bray wishing all a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Ruth Burden's third grade won the attendance award.

## Junior Red Cross Plans Being Made

Mrs. Lawrence Towe, Junior Red Cross chairman of Perquimans County, is studying methods of improving the activities of the Junior Red Cross and will work with teacher sponsors in carrying out a well-planned program of activities in the schools.

Membership in the organization is maintained throughout the calendar year. All schools are invited to enroll and to participate in the work of the Perquimans County Chapter of the Junior Red Cross.

Local, national and international services form a principal part of the Junior Red Cross program. Local services include school improvement projects, courses in first aid.

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## Wishing You A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS

Beautiful indeed is the Story of Christmas... the Story of how, so many years ago, the Wise Men saw the Light... the Star... and followed it to a rich and wonderful reward.



Again it is Christmas... a time to find new faith and new hope in the true spirit of the occasion. May your Christmas be rich in joy and happiness... a season of much joy.

## The Publishers

## County Votes For Marketing Quotas On Cotton In '55

Perquimans County cotton growers voted overwhelmingly for marketing quotas for 1955 when the referendum was conducted throughout the county on December 14. 154 growers participated in the voting with 149 voting for the program and five voting against.

Unofficial returns from the counties revealed more than 30,000 growers favoring marketing quotas while only 1,867 opposed.

Polling places in Perquimans County were located at the Community House in Belvidere, R. M. Baker's Store in Whiteston, Agriculture Building in Hertford, C. T. Phillips' Store at Bethel and the Community House at Winfall and New Hope.

The vote in North Carolina will be added to those of other cotton states. Unless the quota issue carries overall by two-thirds majority, price supports of 90 per cent of parity will drop to only 50 per cent of parity. Preliminary returns from seven other participating states indicated a margin of 93 per cent in favor of the quotas.

The North Carolina vote fell far under the 50,616 ballots cast in a similar referendum a year ago.

## County Schools Closed For Annual Holidays

Perquimans County school began an 11-day Christmas vacation at noon last Wednesday, which will carry through New Year's Day. The vacation actually accounts for seven school days, and is in line with the vacation schedule adopted by the Board of Education last fall. Classes will be resumed at all schools on Monday, January 3.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR CHRISTMAS SEALS?

## Winfall Residents Petition To End Charter Of Town

A large number of residents of the Town of Winfall, estimated at about 90 per cent of the property owners, have prepared a petition seeking to put an end to the charter incorporating the town.

It is the plan of the petitioners to present the proposition to Representative C. R. Holmes for action at the 1955 General Assembly.

The Town of Winfall was incorporated sometime in the 1800's, and then the Town Board became inactive. Reorganization was completed about four years ago but the petitioners now claim the governing body has discontinued regular meetings, and the town's business seems not to be conducted according to the law. They also claim, despite these contentions, the Board continues to try to operate and to levy taxes.

In the petition the residents state: "We feel the charter of the Town of Winfall should be repealed and the governing body dissolved."

Signing the petition were the following residents: Mr. and Mrs. Troy Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Spruill, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Moore, Hulda Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Copeland, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Jones, Lula Lane, Alex Jordan, Mrs. Ermon Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Tadlock, Maude Lane, W. C. Jordan, Matthew Lane, C. E. Lane, A. F. Stallings, W. W. Daughtry, Mrs. W. F. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Trueblood, Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Proctor, Evelyn Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Pike, Mrs. R. M. Melton, Mrs. H. M. Copeland, Mrs. Leslie Gregory, C. E. Wilder, B. H. Ward, Mrs. E. B.

Daughtry, Mrs. Carson Jordan, Mrs. Charlie Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Umphlett, Mrs. B. H. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. George Parker, Mrs. Charlie Lane, Mrs. Ruth Perry, Miss Annie White.

Also L. R. Perry, Pearl Perry, Maggie Perry, Joe Moore, Mercy Perry, Bernice Woodard, Maggie Woodard, Louise Jr. Bragg, Ella Lumber, Roberta Mason, Florida Lynd, William Lynd, Mary Red Deck, Thomas C. Riddick, Pearl Riddick, Margaret Riddick, Pearl Rumber, Martha Welch, James Washington, Louise Washington, Anna Washington, Minnie Nixon, Terlar Nixon, Luther Perry, Deardeary Riddick, Martha Riddick, Rosa Felton, Ethel Miller, Odessa Miller, Madeline Fletcher, Sack Adams, Joseph Adams, Odel Whitakers, Deborah White, Eleanor Petters, Samuel Petters, Ocer Creecy, Hattie Griffin, David Griffin, Edna Griffin, Edna Howell, Willie Howell, William Rumber.

## VFW To Sponsor Holiday Dances

The Garland H. Ownley Post of the VFW and its Auxiliary will sponsor two dances during the Christmas-New Year holidays; it is announced here. Both dances will be held at the VFW hall.

The Post's annual Christmas dance will be held on Christmas night, December 25, and the New Year's dance will be on the night of January 1.

Because of the limited space at the VFW hall, two admission tickets will be permitted each member of the Post, and individuals desiring to attend the dances are urged to contact one of the members early to secure a ticket.

## Final Appeal Made By TB Chairman For Contributions

With the end of the season for use of Christmas Seals rapidly approaching, Jarvis Ward, chairman of the Perquimans TB Seal Sale Committee today issued a final appeal for contributions to the District TB Association Fund.

He urged all persons who as yet have not mailed in contributions for the seals received earlier this month to do so now. He pointed out that the success of the complete tuberculosis program depends upon the public support of the TB seal campaign.

District-wide the campaign is progressing slightly slower than the Association's officers had hoped for. Dr. A. B. Bonner of Hertford, reported last week that total contributions amounted to \$3,832.65, of which \$2,360.70 came from Pasquotank County; \$585.50 from Perquimans County; \$575.85 from Chowan County and \$310.60 from Camden County.

Persons who have overlooked the purchase of these TB Seals, are requested to return contributions to Mr. Ward before Friday, December 24th.

## Court House Green Project Is Underway

The Court House Green is getting a face-lifting. Dead and diseased trees are being removed in preparation for the replanting of new trees and beautifying the Green generally.

The old trees are being removed by employees of the Town of Hertford and the beautification project will begin, under the supervision of the County Commissioners, just as soon as the work of removing old trees has been completed.

The project, adopted several months ago, by the County Board, will be completed as soon as possible.

## Board of Education Requests Division School Bond Funds

### Not Too Late

Individuals and organizations of Perquimans County who desire to assist unfortunates at Christmas-time still have the opportunity to do so, it is reported by C. Edgar White, Superintendent of Public Welfare.

Mr. White pointed out that the joy fund list, made up of about 25 to 30 families, who unless aided by those more fortunate, will have a joyless holiday. He stated that a large number of families have already been chosen to receive food baskets from individuals and organizations, but a few families still remain on the list.

The joy fund in Perquimans is supervised each year by the Welfare Department. It is outside the department's usual work but the officials of the department do this job to help others to provide a cheerful Christmas for the needy.

Individuals who desire to contribute to this fund are requested to contact Mr. White at the Welfare Office in the Court House.

## Yellow Jackets Top Perquimans Indians 42-39; Jayvees Lose

The Perquimans Indians closed out their pre-holiday basketball games last Thursday night, losing to the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets by a score of 39 to 42. It was the fourth loss of the season for the Indians.

Elizabeth City's accuracy at the foul line during the final period of the contest accounted for the victory. Perquimans had secured a two point lead in the game, with three minutes to play, then the Jackets sank five charity tosses to win.

Elizabeth City had a 24-19 lead at halftime but Paul Matthews found the basket range in the third quarter and with help from Hill and Carver the local closed the gap until they took the lead in the fourth quarter.

Hooker led the winners with 15 points, followed by Smoak who hit for nine.

Scoring for Perquimans were Matthews with 13, Hill 10, Carver 8, Williams 6 and Bray two.

The Indians jumped into an early lead in the game, with some good shooting by Carver, but the Jackets rallied to secure a 13-12 lead at the end of the first canto.

In a preliminary game Elizabeth City Jayvees defeated the Perquimans Junior Varsity by a one-point margin of 22 to 21, in what turned out to be a hard fought, exciting contest. The visitors secured an early 8-1 lead and increased it to a 10-4 advantage at halftime. The Indian Jayvees came back strong in the second half to narrow the score to 12-10. Scoring for Perquimans were Hurdle, nine; Cherry and Tommy Matthews, four each; Chas. Whedbee and Johnny Miller, two each. Melvin and Bobby Hooker led the Baby Jackets with six points each.

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## Stores To Close Saturday and Monday

Owners and employees of a majority of Hertford stores and business houses will enjoy a three-day holiday at Christmas time this year, it having been reported the stores will be closed Saturday, Christmas day, Sunday and Monday. A survey made of the business houses last week indicated most of the stores will observe this schedule, and then will remain open on Saturday, January 1.

## Varied Agenda Considered By Board At Last Meeting

The Board of Education went on record at its December meeting, held Wednesday night of last week at the home of Superintendent J. T. Biggers, seeking action on the part of the State for a division of the final half of funds to be made available through the sale of school bonds.

The action taken by the local Board follows similar resolutions adopted by other educational boards and organizations throughout the State, and the request is being made in order that the local board may ascertain the full share each county will receive through the division of these funds. Many boards desire this information to aid them in planning construction of needed schoolrooms to relieve the overcrowded conditions of schools.

Fifty percent of the bond issue, voted a year ago, has been divided or allocated to the 100 counties, but the remaining 50 per cent is to be allocated by a committee set up by the Governor, with needs and ability to finance to be used as a basis of division of the funds.

Prior to the business meeting, the members of the Board and C. R. Holmes, County Representative, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Biggers.

During the business meeting Mr. Holmes discussed with the Board possible legislation expected to be passed during the next General Assembly. He told of the problems facing the Legislature, especially from a financial position, but expressed the hope that appropriations for schools might be maintained at present levels.

The Superintendent was instructed to write the Attorney General for a ruling concerning students, residing in town, riding school buses into the county for the purpose of visiting friends. The Board desires a ruling on this question in order to ascertain responsibility for such passengers.

A request made by a committee from Central Grammar School for installation of lights on the school grounds was taken under advisement and the Superintendent was authorized to investigate the matter and report at the next meeting.

The January meeting of the Board will be held in the office of the Superintendent on Monday night, January 3, at seven o'clock.

## Council Calls For Safe Christmas

Watch how you drive—if you want to be alive in '55!

That's the advice of the National Safety Council, which points out that it's only one more day until December 24th—the most dangerous day of the year in traffic.

"Christmas is a very special duty of joy," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council, "but because of accidents—and especially traffic accidents—it becomes a day of tragedy in entirely too many American homes. The greatest tragedy of all is that so many of these accidents could be prevented!

"It's time for Americans to realize that these traffic accident victims die in vain. They die because the victim, or some one, was careless."

"If everyone would assume personal responsibility for himself and others, whether walking or driving, many of these accidents could be prevented and Christmas could be a happy holiday for many more people."

As the holidays grow nearer, the Council is stepping up its annual Christmas safety campaign, Mr. Dearborn said. Cooperating with (Continued on Page Eight)