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Perquimans Board Adopts Changes In Recorder's Office

Approves Paint Bids Submitted for Court House Project

A varied, time-consuming agenda kept the Board of County Commissioners in session here nearly all day last Monday.

Resolutions were adopted contributing \$100 to the Perquimans County Ground Observer Corps, to assist in the construction of a watch tower, and \$50 was voted toward the operation of a fatstock show.

The way was cleared for the painting of the exterior of the Court House when the Commissioners accepted low bids for the paint as submitted by Hertford Hardware & Supply Company. The painting of the Court House is expected to get underway in the very near future.

Action rescinding increased valuation on several tracts of timberland was taken after representatives of the Halifax Paper Co., and the N. C. Pulp Company were heard, and gave reasons for the valuations listed by the companies.

The Board reappointed Max R. Campbell to the office of County Accountant for the next two years. Campbell gave the Board a report on the county financial condition for the first nine months of this fiscal year and advised the Board income and expenditures are in line with the budget adopted last July.

Approval was voted on an application for a beer license, submitted by Willie Taylor, Negro, of New Hope Township.

A discussion was held on a revaluation of property within the county but no action was taken at this meeting, it being the opinion of the Board this action might be started and completed in 1957.

During the afternoon session the Board adopted a resolution calling for some changes in connection with the office of clerk of Recorder's Court. It was agreed the duties of this office will be placed in and under the office of Clerk of Superior Court, effective January 1, 1956, and the Commissioners will request Representative C. R. Holmes to introduce a bill in the Legislature which will provide for a deputy Recorder's Clerk with authority to issue arrest warrants, accept bonds, and act in the absence of the clerk.

The bill will provide the clerk of recorder's court to be appointed by the Board of Commissioners, to serve at a salary to be set by the Board from \$50 to \$200 per month; the clerk in turn will have authority, subject to the approval of the Board, to appoint the deputy or deputies, who will serve at a salary to be set by the Board at not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 per month.

The bill will correct the present deficiency under which the court now operates inasmuch as it will invest in the deputy clerk the same authority now held by the Clerk of Recorder's Court.

Coach Ike Perry's Perquimans Indians marked up their fifth straight baseball victory of the season last Tuesday afternoon by trampling Plymouth High School in an Albemarle Conference game by a score of 21 to 1.

The easy win over Plymouth permitted Coach Perry to use his entire squad during the contest, giving the reserve players some valuable experience. Paul Matthews, Ted Chappell and Seth Morgan divided the pitching assignment for Perquimans. Matthews hurled the first four innings, Chappell pitched the next two and Morgan finished the game.

The Indians collected 10 hits off Plymouth pitchers and scored runs in every inning. Plymouth scored its lone run in the fourth when Matthews walked four straight. Plymouth had two hits, getting both off Morgan in the last inning.

In a return game with Gatesville last Thursday Perquimans won a 21-0 victory, using Seth Morgan and Rogerson for mound duties. The Indians, showing improved hitting ability, collected 16 hits off Gatesville pitchers, Pittman, Campbell and Lowe. The Indians scored in every inning but the last, and played errorless ball during the game.

John Hill led the Perquimans batting attack, getting three hits in three trips to the plate. Carver had three for four. Johnny Winslow suffered an ankle injury which may force him from the lineup for the balance of the season.

The conference game scheduled to be played in Ahoskie Friday afternoon was changed, with arrangements made for the Ahoskie team to come to Hertford for the contest to be played Thursday afternoon.

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Varied Docket In Recorder's Court Tuesday Morning

Twelve cases were disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday morning when all defendants entered pleas of guilty to the charges in each warrant.

Costs of court were taxed against Peter Reekstin and Herbert Buzard who submitted to charges of speeding.

James Johnson, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court and the sum of \$100 to E. R. Winslow, after pleading guilty to charges of driving on the left side of a highway. Johnson's car collided with a cart upon which Mr. Winslow was riding. Winslow was injured in the collision.

A fine of \$2 and costs were paid by T. J. Bass who submitted to charges of being drunk.

William Gordon, Negro, pleaded guilty to charges of driving without a license. He paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Edward Kelly paid a fine of \$25 and costs after he entered a plea of guilty to charges of reckless driving.

Stanley Wilson, Negro, charged with non-support, was ordered to pay the sum of \$6 per week to the clerk of court to be used for the support of his children.

Carl Neal and Hillis Boyce, Negroes, submitted to charges of being drunk and each paid a fine of \$2 and costs of court.

Percy Parker, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs after entering a plea of guilty to charges of being drunk and disorderly.

James Murray was taxed with the costs of court on charges of using an improper muffler on his car.

William Bembry, Negro, paid a fine of \$10 and costs after pleading guilty to charges of being drunk and disorderly.

Other matters handled by the Board during the meeting was the adoption of plans to proceed with the construction of the King Street School, as fast as funds can be secured from state sources for the purpose.

The Board, upon the advice and recommendation of the State Superintendent postponed action naming committees for the five schools and the election of any principals or teachers.

After discussing proposals regarding the home economics department at Perquimans High School the Board voted to renovate the present quarters of the department.

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Plans were also made for proceeding with construction of a classroom for the vocational class at Perquimans Training School.

A committee, composed of George Caddy, D. H. Eure and Mrs. T. P. Brinn, was named by the chairman to meet with the superintendent and make final inspection on the new addition to the Central Grammar School.

A decision was tabled on the matter of replacing fixed seats in the auditorium of the Grammar School with movable seats, when this room is renovated this summer for its original use next year. During the past year the auditorium has been used as classrooms to alleviate the crowded condition of the school.

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SMOKE SCREENS SOUTH'S ORCHARD DISASTER—Smoke from lumber, sawdust and rubber smudges shrouding peach orchard at Shelby County Penal Farm, Memphis, Tenn., is symbolic of the South's largely unsuccessful fight to ward off ravages of spring's worst storm in many years. Subfreezing cold caused multimillion-dollar damage to strawberries, watermelons, cucumbers, corn and pecans; wiped out Georgia-South Carolina peach crops.

Biggers Re-elected As Superintendent Of County Schools

John T. Biggers was re-elected as Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools at a meeting of the Board of Education held last Monday night in the office of the superintendent. The election of Mr. Biggers followed a reorganization of the local Board during which J. Edgar Morris was re-elected chairman of the Board and C. C. Chappell was elected vice chairman. The school superintendent serves as secretary to the Board.

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Officers Installed By Eastern Star At Recent Meeting

New officers of the Hertford Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star were installed at a meeting of the lodge on March 28, it was reported this week.

Taking part in the installation of the Grand Officers were Mrs. Sally Bonner, Mrs. Maude Reaves, Mrs. Annie L. Mullen, Mrs. Nancy H. Coffman, Mrs. Ruth H. Overman, Robert Spence and Willie Batchelor.

Installed as new officers of the Hertford Chapter were: Mrs. Katharine Biggers, Worthy Matron; Cecil C. Winslow, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Lucile L. White, Associate Matron; Elijah White, Associate Patron; Mrs. Lucile B. Winslow, Secretary; David J. Pritchard, Treasurer; Miss Kinsey Perry, Conductress; Mrs. Lucile N. Satchell, Associate Conductress; Mrs. Ruby White, Marshal; Mrs. Edna A. Eley, Marshal; Mrs. Spivey Matthews, Adah; Mrs. Mary S. White, Ruth; Mrs. Mary B. Robertson, Martha; Mrs. Eva S. Howard, Electa.

During the services the Star Points, the Associate Matron and the Marshal presented a program of love to the new Worthy Matron, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Cherry, Past Matron.

Mrs. Biggers presented Mrs. Cherry a past Matron jewel and Mr. Winslow a gift, tokens of appreciation from the chapter for past services.

A number of visitors from South Mills, Edenton, Tarboro and Rhode Island attended the meeting. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

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Calendar Released For Superior Court Term On April 18th

Five Killed On County Roads In '54

Final figures on fatal accidents in North Carolina for 1954 have been compiled and released by the Department of Motor Vehicles. This report shows five persons died from highway accidents in Perquimans County during last year.

The agency reported 991 fatalities for the year, which was the best record since 1950. Total number of accidents reported were 40,449 of which 880 were classed as fatal.

Vaccine Available Only To Children In Grades 1 and 2

Numerous requests from parents of children in grades three through 12 and pre-school children to approve the children for the Salk Vaccine to be given by the District Health Department has been reported by Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer.

These requests must be denied according to Dr. McGuire who today issued the following statement in connection with the vaccinations: "The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has purchased vaccine for eight million children, to be given to first and second grade children throughout the nation, if the vaccine is approved for use by the National Institute of Health, and only for children of these two grades whose parents have given written permission to give it."

"We had signed requests for 1,067 Pasquotank County children, 440 in Perquimans, 565 in Chowan and 207 in Camden, or a total for the district of 2,279. These have already been reported to Raleigh.

"We are sorry that the National Foundation rules prohibit our giving it to any children not in the first and second grades this present school year. If the vaccine is approved for use, parents can obtain it from their private physicians."

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Eleven civil actions seven of which are suits for divorce, are also listed on the calendar for action during the week. The civil calendar is as follows:

Mary Male vs. Charlie Male.
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Due to the nature of the criminal cases scheduled for trial and the time expected to be consumed in disposing of these cases few of the civil cases are expected to be handled during the week of court.

County Tops Quota In Red Cross Drive

Felton Rites Held Tuesday Afternoon

Perquimans County has oversubscribed its 1955 Red Cross Fund quota, according to Mrs. Jack Burbage, fund chairman, who reported Wednesday total contributions to date amount to \$1,940.59.

The county goal, set at the beginning of the campaign by the National Red Cross was \$1,075. Final reports to the local chapter have been made by all team captains with one exception and it is believed when this report is filed the county fund reached during the 1955 campaign will surpass \$1,100.

Mrs. Burbage and other chapter officials are highly pleased with the successful Red Cross drive and have expressed their appreciation to the public for the fine response to the appeal for funds and to the team captains and volunteer solicitors who gave of their time and effort in making the drive a complete success.

The campaign was conducted under the direction of Mrs. Burbage, who was assisted by team captains Bobby Elliott, Mrs. Glenn Matthews, Mrs. Jack Benton for the white division and Mrs. M. B. Taylor and W. C. Stroud and the Rev. Walker for the colored division. A. W. Hefren is the fund treasurer.

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Officials Anticipate Busy Week On Criminal Actions

With 25 cases listed on the calendar, court officials anticipate a busy week for the Perquimans Superior Court which convenes here April 18, with Judge Clifton Moore scheduled to preside over the one week term.

Fourteen criminal cases are scheduled for trial during the week, four of these being capital crimes. Horace Reid and Roosevelt Sheard, Negroes, are charged with rape; Samuel McCulley and James Brickhouse are charged with murder. Hearings will be held for Eddie Austin, John Chappell, Malachi Parsons and Russell Willis, each of these defendants being charged with reckless driving.

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Indians Cop Fifth Straight Victory

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The long predicted retirement of Sir Winston Churchill as Prime Minister of Great Britain occurred Tuesday when the 80-year-old diplomat tendered his resignation to Queen Elizabeth. Reports from London state Churchill may retain his seat in Parliament and continue to offer his services and experience to the government. The resignation cleared the way for 57-year-old Anthony Eden to advance from the post of Foreign Secretary to that of Prime Minister.

North Carolina's greatest forest fire, estimated to have caused losses in the millions, was reported under control late this week. The fire swept across two counties, Tyrrell and Hyde, burning over more than 250,000 acres of timberland. The State Forestry Service, aided by National Guardsmen and troops from Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune fought the blaze for several days before it was brought under control.

Resolutions opposing integration of races in public schools in North Carolina were introduced in the General Assembly this week, and were approved by the House on Tuesday. The action by the Legislature is expected to be incorporated in arguments presented to the U. S. Supreme Court by the Attorney General when he represents the State's position to the Court regarding court ruling of last May.

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Winners Given In Poster Contest

First and second place winners in the Poster Contest sponsored by the supervisors of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District were announced here Tuesday as follows:

Fifth Grade Brenda Smith, Central Grammar School, first; Joe Benton, Hertford Grammar School, second.

Sixth Grade: Kathryn Bonner, Hertford Grammar School, first; Anne Benton, Central Grammar School, second.

Seventh Grade: Betty Overton, Hertford Grammar School, first; Linda Lou Elliott, Central Grammar School, second.

Judging of the posters took place last Monday night. First place winners in each grade will receive a \$5.00 prize and second place winners will receive \$3.00.

The six winning posters will be entered in the District contest to be held in Elizabeth City on April 22. Counties entered in the district contest include, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck.

Judging of the local posters was done by Mrs. J. A. Webb, C. P. Morris, Floyd Matthews and R. M. Thompson.

Frank B. Skinner, George G. Winslow and Emmett B. Long are the members of the Board of Supervisors from Perquimans County. They were highly pleased at the success of the contest which produced 190 posters made by children of the local schools. The Supervisors expressed their appreciation to the school principals and teachers for their interest and effort expended in helping make the contest the success it was.

Sunrise Services At Bethel Sunday

The Bethel Baptist Church will conduct a sunrise service next Sunday morning at 5:45 o'clock, it was announced by the Rev. D. J. Stoner, pastor. A program of special music will be presented during the service and the public is cordially invited to attend.

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MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Annual 4-H Banquet Draws Huge Crowd To Winfall School

The 4-H County Council held its annual banquet Thursday night of last week in the Central Grammar School lunch room. Each year the council members invite to the banquet their parents, the County Commissioners, the county school principals and superintendent. Among other guests this year were E. L. Norton, Northeastern District Agent, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Layden, Miss Lois Violet Winslow, Miss Jean Edwards and Miss Sarah Dail and Mrs. Clara M. Boswell.

Wallace Baker, County Council President, presided and recognized Preston Winslow of the Winfall 7th Grade Club who gave thanks after which a delicious ham dinner was enjoyed by the 115 members and guests present. The food was prepared and served by the ladies of the Durants Neck Home Demonstration Club.

Welcome to the parents and guests was given by Diane Divers, a member of the Hertford Grammar School 7th grade 4-H Club. R. L. Spivey, a member of the Board of Commissioners, graciously responded.

The president recognized all guests and introduced the speaker of the evening, E. L. Norton, who has worked in Extension Service as Farm Agent in Northampton County, as Eastern District Agent and now is Northeastern District Agent. Mr. Norton brought a brief and most inspiring message on what he called two subjects that all people talk about, but no one knows all about, "The Weather and People."

He said the weather is conversation material to pass the time without having to know the why of any of its phases. "People," he said, "could be conversation material as long as you talk of your people and not mine." He urged the boys and girls to notice and appreciate the progress that has been made in rural living and to give due credit to simple people who have made this progress possible.