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Reports On School Renovations Heard At Board Meeting

Extensive Repairs Underway At High School Building

Meeting here in special session last Monday night the Board of Education proposed plans for extensive repairs to Perquimans High School and heard a report on the progress of construction of a new agricultural classroom at Perquimans Training School.

Renovations at Perquimans High School include a complete rewiring job on the building and enlargement of the home economics department; installation of two additional exit doors in the auditorium; repairs to toilet rooms and replastering and painting of classrooms.

The cost of the major portion of this project will come from state funds, allocated by the State Board. Contracts for the work are expected to be let in the near future. Work of replastering the classrooms, which will be paid for from county funds, is now underway with the Edenton Construction Co., employed to do the work on a cost plus basis.

This company is also constructing the classroom at Perquimans Training School and the Board was advised this project is about one-half completed. A report was also made that restoration of the auditorium at Central Grammar School has been about completed.

Other matters handled during the meeting included granting permission to the extension service for holding Farmers' Day in the gym during the third week in August. Action upon appointment of a cost clerk was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

The Board voted to enter into agreement with Gates County for the employment of county supervisors during the coming year. Each county has been allocated one supervisor and under the agreement a white and colored supervisor will devote half of their time to each county.

A short discussion was conducted concerning the new school law, enacted by the last General Assembly, but further study of this law was tabled to later meetings.

The Board of Education will hold its next meeting in the office of the superintendent on Tuesday night, July 5, at 7:30 o'clock.

Hefren Installed As President Of Local Rotary Club

New officers for the Hertford Rotary Club were installed at a meeting of the club held Tuesday evening at the Hotel Hertford.

A. W. Hefren became president of the organization. Other officers installed were Bill Davis, vice president; Jack Kanoy, secretary-treasurer; Dr. A. B. Sumner, Ray James O. Hattax and Max Campbell, directors. Henry C. Sullivan, education president, is a director ex officio.

Mr. Hefren became the first member of the club ever to hold the club presidency for the second year. He served as head of the club a number of years ago. Following his installation he named the club directors as chairman of the four main club committees including Club Service, Community Service, Vocational Service and International Service. Other committee members will be reported at the next meeting of the club.

First Cotton Bloss Reported On Monday

The first cotton blossom brought to the Weekly office this year was reported last Monday by Charlie Wilson, Negro of Route one, Hertford. Wilson picked the blossom from his 15 acre cotton field last Sunday indicating the start of the season.

This is the third year that cotton has been reported to the Weekly office.

Business Houses To Close Monday, July 4

Hertford stores and business houses are expected to be closed all day next Monday in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. W. W. White, Postmaster, reported that mail will be received and dispatched on a holiday schedule but there will be no mail delivery during the day.

In connection with the long holiday, State Highway Patrol officers urge all motorists to remember the "Slow Down and Live" campaign now in progress and to drive carefully on the highways.

Appointed To Board Of Trustees For Methodist Homes

L. C. Winslow, long active in the work and progress of the Hertford Methodist Church, has been appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees for Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc., it was learned this week through a letter from M. G. Mann, president of the Board of Directors for the corporation.

Mr. Winslow was nominated for the post by the District Superintendent and appointment was made by Bishop Barber and his Cabinet at the Conference which convened last Monday in Fayetteville.

According to Mr. Mann, the home is expected to be opened in August to provide a "home among homes" for persons 65 years of age or older. Applications for admission to the home, which will be operated by the Methodist Retirement Homes Corporation, will be open to retired ministers of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church and their wives, and such other persons as may be admitted.

The by-laws provide the applicant shall be a person who needs, either now or in the future the security of "home" life which he or she cannot secure elsewhere.

The location of the principal offices of the corporation is in Durham.

Local FFA Boys Win State Honors

Perquimans County FFA Chapter is well represented at the State FFA Convention which is being held in Raleigh this week. Daniel Euro and Irvin Mansfield are the two official delegates representing the local chapter. Clarence Chappell, Jr., is secretary to the State Association. He left Monday for Raleigh to help with the convention plans.

Wallace Baker, Jesse Ray Mansfield, Joe Rogerson and Belmont Perry will receive their Carolina Farmer Degree Friday morning. This is the highest degree that the State FFA Association awards and in order to qualify for this honor a boy must be outstanding in FFA work.

To qualify a boy must be a chapter farmer, have three projects in operation, show outstanding leadership, know parliamentary procedure, show a profit of \$500 from his projects and have some of this invested. His school grades must be satisfactory and he must participate in school and community activities and must have held office in local FFA Chapter.

County Board To Meet Next Tuesday

The regular July meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be held next Tuesday, beginning at 10 o'clock instead of on Monday, July 4, which is a holiday.

In addition to its usual routine business, the Board is expected to take the annual report of the

INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4th



"... and the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our Flag was still there."

Peggy Harrell In Florida Competing In Beauty Contest

Peggy Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Harrell, accompanied by her mother, left Saturday for Daytona Beach, Fla., where she will compete in the 10th annual Miss Dixie beauty contest July 1-4, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

This will be Miss Harrell's second trip to the contest. She competed last year and placed high in the rating, which led the sponsors to invite her back for the event this year.

Her entry in the contest this year, as representative for Perquimans County, is sponsored locally by several organizations and business firms.

Miss Harrell, who holds the title of Miss Albemarle, has brown eyes and hair, is 5 feet, 2 inches tall, and weighs 110 pounds. She's a 33-23-33.

In the talent part of the contest she will play the piano. She hopes to win the Miss Dixie title and the \$1,000 scholarship for one thing; to repay the Jaycees in her home town, the Business and Professional Women's Club and the other clubs in the county that are sponsoring her trip here by getting the money to continue her musical education.

Miss Harrell has dress designing, playing the piano and cookies as her hobbies. She also tints photographs in her spare time. She especially likes to make cakes.

TB Leaders Attend Wilson Conference

Mrs. David Peering, R. L. Garrett, Miss Hulda Wood, Miss Audrey Umphlett, Mrs. Sarah Allan and Mrs. Dillie Cropper were members of the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden-Chowan TB Association and Health Department attending the conference held at Eastern Sanatorium in Wilson recently.

Discussions on case-finding and diagnosis, nutrition, rehabilitation, contacts of TB and related services were discussed by groups composed of sanatorium staff, health officers, public health nurses, welfare, rehabilitation and tuberculosis workers.

After this session each group will conduct and extend an invitation to all within its area.

Indians Score Win Over Edenton; Play Colerain Tonight

McKay Riddick, Perquimans Indian pitcher, struck out 18 batters as the Indians defeated Edenton Tuesday night by a score of 2-1. Riddick gave up only two hits to the Colonials, both coming in the same inning. Emminizer, pitching for the Colonials, gave up seven hits to the Indians; four of them in one inning during which the local team scored its two runs.

The victory for the Indians, the second out of three games played during the week, moved Manager Ike Perry's crew into a tie for first place in the league standing with Elizabeth City.

In a make-up game played against Elizabeth City Monday night Perquimans lost by an 8-3 count. George Williams, Albion hurler, fanned 14 Indians and gave up five hits. Ted Chappell started on the mound for the Indians but was relieved by Allen Winslow. The Albies collected 14 hits. Paul Matthews, with two doubles, led the Indian batting attack. Perquimans scored two runs in the fifth and one in the eighth while Elizabeth City tallied two runs in the first, fifth and sixth and one each in the seventh and eighth.

Perquimans and Edenton played another thriller here last Friday night when Paul Matthews set the Colonials down with three singles and fanned 14 while walking only one. Monk Raines gave up nine hits to the Indians and fanned 12. Allen Winslow led Perquimans in hitting, getting two safeties. Perquimans tallied one run in the third and fourth to win by a final score of 2-0.

During the coming week the Indian schedule calls for Colerain to play here tonight; Chowan will be played there on Tuesday night and home games will be played next Thursday and Friday. NAF will furnish the opposition on Thursday night and Chowan will play here on Friday night.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M. will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the edge rooms. C. F. Murray, member of the lodge, urges all members to attend and extend an invitation to all within its area.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Harry McMullan, 71, Attorney General for the State for 17 years, died in Raleigh last Saturday morning. Funeral services were held Monday in Washington, N. C., his home for many years. McMullan was born in Hertford. He attended school in Edenton and received his law degree at UNC. He was the son of the late Dr. J. H. McMullan and Lina Tucker McMullan. His services to North Carolina as Attorney General won for him state and national recognition.

A Russian note of regret was tendered the U.S.A., following the shooting down of an American plane between Alaska and Siberia on Wednesday of last week. The State Department protested the action by Russian MIGs and it was reported the shooting might hamper plans for the Big Four meeting, scheduled this month for Geneva. The conciliatory note from Russia, however, was reported as gratifying to the State Department.

Wheat farmers have approved to continue present rigid control on their crop next year, it was reported following a referendum last week. By a majority of 77.5 per cent the producers agreed to marketing quotas for 1956 to try to avoid additional wheat surpluses.

Federal employees were granted a pay raise this week when President Eisenhower signed a bill granting 7 1/2 per cent raises to about one million civil service workers.

Administration plans for an Atomic-powered merchant ship were scuttled this week when the Senate defeated a measure to provide funds for the construction of the ship.

ROTARIANS TO MEET

The Hertford Rotary Club will meet Tuesday evening at 8:30.

Two Persons Have Narrow Escape When Tornado Hits County Home Last Saturday

Varied Docket In Recorder's Court Here Last Tuesday

A varied docket consisting of fourteen cases was disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court here last Tuesday with Judge Chas. E. Johnson presiding.

Costs of court were taxed against William Melton, Alice Webb, David Byrum and Roy Dail, each of whom submitted to charges of speeding.

George Trueblood was found not guilty on charges of driving without a license and driving drunk.

William Modlin, Negro, submitted to two charges of issuing worthless checks. He was ordered to pay the costs of court.

Gerald Richards and Henry Sims pleaded guilty to charges of failing to observe a stop sign and each paid the costs of court.

A fine of \$25 and costs were taxed against Spencer Smith, Negro, charged with driving without a license.

James Tucker, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to charges of being drunk. He was given a 30 day jail sentence to be suspended upon condition Tucker left the county within 48 hours.

David Pike, charged with using an expired operator's license, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Martha Winslow, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of failing to yield the right-of-way and entered a plea of guilty to driving without a license. She was meted a 60 day jail sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs of court and the sum of \$125 to be paid David Pike for damages to Pike's car.

Arthur Parra was found guilty of charges of reckless driving and ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of court costs in the case of Theodore Hulse, who was found guilty on charges of reckless driving.

Open Friday Night Lost Colony To

What is expected to be the greatest opening in the history of The Lost Colony, will be the 15th season premiere in Waterside Theatre at Manteo on Friday evening, July 1, it is stated by R. E. Jordan, general manager of the drama, which has lived longer than any other outdoor production.

"Already we have sold scores of tickets for the opening performance in addition to more than 800 memberships to Roanoke Island Historical Association, each of which represent a season's ticket to any or all showings this year," he said.

Jordan pointed out that he expected large attendance of season ticket owners on opening night, due to the fact that The Lost Colony this year with some minor and some major changes will have a new look. In addition to the usual opening night attractions which normally draws a large audience, there will be many new actors in the cast this year, especially principals, and in show business this always attracts attention from those who like to be first nighters.

Director Clifton Britton states that rehearsals have been progressing much better than some had anticipated with several new faces in leading roles.

Among the new actors this year will be Martin Gerrish in the role of John Borden, male lead and also David Bowen who will portray the ever popular role of Old Tom Harris. Gerrish came from Arizona to play the lead and Bowen came from New York via the Raleigh Little Theatre where he was director of productions during the past winter.

Among groups buying advanced tickets for the 15th season premiere have been many families with children. Jordan stated. The Lost Colony has always proven of as much interest to children as to grownups. The drama tells the story of English-speaking American's beginning in the New World and it tells the story also of a history mystery never solved.

Health Department Offers Continuous X-ray Service

A continuous X-ray service in control of tuberculosis is rendered at the Health Center, Elizabeth City, in cooperation with the doctors and official agencies. The District Health Department will soon be in position to take chest X-rays at the new Hertford Health Center. Films are made by Mrs. Horace Sawyer, X-ray clerk, each Monday and Wednesday from 8:30 until 11:30 and on Thursdays from 1:30 until 5:00. All patients going through the colored pre-natal clinic, cancer clinic, and all midwives have received free X-rays given to them by the TB Association and the District Health Department. All others are asked to pay \$1.00 to cover cost of taking, developing and reading the film. Films are read regularly every Wednesday afternoon by Dr. J. H. R. Booth, Roentgenologist. This is also paid for by the Christmas seal dollars.

From January 1 through June 22, 1955, a total of 1,209 chest X-rays have been made through the clinics. Out of these clinics were found, among other pathological conditions, the following: 3 lung cancers; 5 tuberculosis cases, and several cardiac abnormalities and pneumonias. All contacts of TB are X-rayed as soon as possible after a case is found. These people are also reminded to return for a follow up film every 3 to 6 months for a year, or until tuberculosis is ruled out.

Tuberculosis kills more people than all other infectious diseases combined. Control of this disease is more complicated because it is spread by one infected person to normal people. However, the basic control is education and finding it in an early stage. There are usually no symptoms in the early stages of tuberculosis. This is one of the reasons why a yearly physical examination by a doctor should include a chest X-ray.

Rapid progress is being made in saving people from death from tuberculosis through the use of new drugs and treatment, but slower progress is being made in saving people from the disease itself.

T. P. Layden Family Suffers Loss Of Personal Property

A freak tornado, hitting only a small area here last Saturday afternoon, destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Layden, located on a mile west of Hertford.

Two young ladies, Miss Velma Layden and Mrs. Carroll Layden, narrowly escaped serious injuries when the tornado demolished the home. They were knocked unconscious but suffered only shock, bruises and lacerations. They had gone upstairs, in the eight room house, when it started to rain to close windows. They felt the house shake and tried to get downstairs. The next thing they knew they were crawling out from under the debris through a second story window which was then next to the ground.

The large farm house, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Layden, their daughter, Velma, and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Layden, was lifted from its foundation, turned upside down and smashed to the earth.

Mrs. T. P. Layden was visiting friends in the Whiteston community and the men of the family returned home from fishing just in time to see the shingles being blown about.

"I saw some furniture and stuff blowing around up in the air," Layden said, "and told my son it was shingles from the house. The next thing I knew my son said 'the house is blown down.' We came up the path and I just knew the girls were dead or all broken up, but just as we came up to the fence we saw them crawling out from under the remains."

The twister, coming in from the southwest about 3:45 P.M., accompanied by heavy rain, apparently hit the house and then rose above the tree tops as none of the other farm buildings were damaged. A few corn stalks in a small part of the field across the road to the south of the house were flattened, but no other damage was noted, and no reports have been received so far of tornado damage elsewhere.

"We couldn't even feel a breeze where we were in the field," said Layden.

Farm Safety Week Set For July 24-30

In a statement issued with his proclamation of the 12th National Farm Safety Week for July 24-30, 1955, President Eisenhower said he was glad to learn that the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Safety Council are again co-sponsoring National Farm Safety Week.

"A death toll of 14,000 farm residents each year is a tragic loss to the nation," the President said.

"Your safety is in your hands," was suggested as the theme for National Farm Safety Week by the President, who added a suggestion that each farmer "make a safety inventory of his home, his machinery, his equipment, his actions, and his attitudes."

The theme set by the President—Your Safety is in Your Hands—was praised by Ned H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council:

"Special surveys in farm areas," said Mr. Dearborn, "indicate that about three out of every four accidents to farm residents are the result of one or more unsafe acts. Regardless of national and group safety activities, the ultimate responsibility for each farm resident's safety is himself. This individual responsibility is summed up in the life line given by the President—Your Safety is in Your Hands."

"The purpose of National Farm Safety Week continues to be to focus nationwide attention on the seriousness of farm accidents," said Maynard H. Coe, director of the Farm Division of the National Safety Council. "We hope to inaugurate greater year-round safety ac-

tivity by each resident—and to make the individual's farm life a safer, happier, and more prosperous life."

Mr. Coe said all 48 states are expected to take part in the observance of the Week, with 34 states having active Farm Safety Committees and 13 having state farm safety specialists, who will help guide the observance.

Store In Tyner Destroyed By Fire

Fire gutted the service station and general store of B. P. Monds at Tyner Sunday morning about 12:15 o'clock with damages from the blaze expected to run into several thousands of dollars.

A few bits of merchandise were saved from a small warehouse beside the main building before it became too hot to go inside. The rear of the building was in flames when the fire was discovered.

Monds had closed up the store about a half hour prior to the discovery of the fire. Lightning, causing a delayed short circuit, may have been the cause.

The Edenton Fire Department was called but the buildings were already past saving when they arrived. Firemen played water on the two gasoline pumps to keep them cool and to avoid their catching fire.

The building, the remains of which were still smoldering Sunday afternoon, was owned by Bess Bush and the business was owned by Monds.