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Farmers Program Delayed By Storm Held On Thursday

Due to weather conditions which were brought about by Hurricane Diane, Perquimans County Farmers Day was postponed until Thursday of this week.

On Tuesday the merchants and farmers completed booths and exhibits which were much better than the ones in 1954. Personal exhibits brought in by the rural people were in much larger quantities than those before. More merchants took part in Farmers' Day plans and aided in making the exhibit hall very decorative.

Those merchants having booths were: Darden Bros., S & M Pharmacy, Winslow Oil Co., J. C. Blanchard & Co., Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co., Hollowell Chevrolet Co., Harris Building & Supply Co., Towe Oil Co., Pitt Farm Equipment Co., Milton Dail & Son, Towe-Webb Motor Co., Hertford Motor Co., Byrum Furniture Co., Hertford Hardware & Supply Co., Harrell Gas & Coal Co., Reed Oil Co., Andmar Appliance Co., Hertford Furniture Co., Byrum Implement Co., Albemarle Rural Electrification Co-op, Perry Electric Co., Culligan Water Softener, Neece Tractor Co., Culpepper Motor Co., and Farm Bureau.

Educational booths were displayed by: Perquimans 4-H Clubs, Future Homemakers of America, Future Farmers of America, Soil Conservation Service, Ruritan National and Whiteston Home Demonstration Club.

Judging of exhibits had not been completed in time for this issue. However, winners of exhibits and contests will be announced in next week's issue.

In spite of weather conditions and the postponement, huge crowds turned out to enjoy the fair. Very tasty food was served throughout the day by the Business and Professional Woman's Club and Home Demonstration Clubs of the county. All in all the second annual Perquimans County Farmers' Day was termed a very successful event of the year.

Porter Rites Held Last Saturday P. M.

Miss Maude Arlean Porter, 64, died Friday morning at 2:30 o'clock in the Albemarle Hospital after an illness of four days. She was a native of Moneys, Va., but had lived in Elizabeth City for the past 10 years.

Miss Porter was the daughter of the late Morton Eugene and Florence Bailey Porter, a member of the First Baptist Church, Greensboro and was employed at the NAF Weeksville.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. W. L. McClamroch of Durham, N. C.; Mrs. R. W. Cooper of Jacksonville, Fla.; and Mrs. V. N. Darden of Hertford; one brother, Dr. John E. Porter of San Diego, Cal.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the chapel of Twiford's Funeral Home in Hertford by the Rev. E. G. Purcell, Jr., pastor of the Aholis Methodist Church.

Soft musical renditions were played during the service by Mrs. J. Ellis White at the organ.

The casket was covered by a pall of pink roses and pink carnations and ferns.

Pallbearers were Douglas Darden, Corbin Donier, Henry Gill, F. D. Barrow, William P. McClamroch, Jr., and E. L. Baker.

Burial followed in the Cedarwood Cemetery.

Missing Woman Reported Found

Sheriff J. Kelly White reported last Monday he had been advised that Mrs. Sarah Squires, reported missing from this county since July 30, had returned to the home of her parents at Marietta, Indiana. A search for the woman, carried out for the past two weeks, has been halted.

Lucky Puppy

One near casualty of Hurricane Connie was a small dog. Only a pup he is, and he is owned by Perry and Price, 8-year-old twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Monda.

It happened on Friday when the wind and the tide were getting in some of their very best lies of the storm.

The waves were beating furiously against the breakwater where the river and the back lawn of the Monda home meet. Perry and Price, with some other playmates, were running along the bank, with the little dog frolicking as small dogs will, then — splash! — right over into the seething, whirling mass of water went the pup.

Well, dogs can swim; even very small dogs take to the smooth water. Maybe "Topsy" might have made it, even in this vortex, but Perry didn't wait to find out. Right over he went, too, and clutching his dog, scrambled over the breakwater to safety.

Lucky dog! Happy boy!

Farm Census Shows Increase In Use Of Land

According to the January, 1955, Farm Census Survey for Perquimans County, the 106,656 acres of farm land was utilized in 1954 on about the same basis as the previous year. Crops were harvested from 47,989 acres, all cropland, and 58,858 acres were in pasture and idle cropland.

Corn and soybeans for beans were the two major crops harvested, accounting for 46 and 41 per cent respectively of all the crops grown. The cotton acreage was decreased but wheat, oats, milo, lespedeza for seed, hay crops and other vegetables grown for sale, all showed some increase over the previous crop year. The livestock inventory reflected an increase in sows and beef cows, but not much change in the number of milk cows. The survey reported 3,549 cords of pulpwood cut, and also listed 467 peach trees on farms in the county.

Corn led all other crops harvested, showing a 150 acre increase; peanuts, one per cent and the sum of all crops harvested were three per cent higher than 1953.

According to the report during 1954 Perquimans County had a total of 106,656 acres in farm land; 47,989 of these were harvested cropland, 327 were idle cropland, 2,135 were in improved pastures, 378 acres in other pasture land and 58,858 consisted of all other land, woods and waste.

Acres planted during the year to major crops were: Corn, 21,854; cotton, 1,619; peanuts, 3,456; wheat, 142; oats, 329; other small grain, 14; soybeans, 19,364.

Crops harvested for hay were soybeans (acres) 128; lespedeza, 78.

Acres of vegetables harvested were Irish potatoes, 44; sweet potatoes, 74; other vegetables, mostly for sale, 648.

Livestock owned as of January 1 was reported as follows:

Sows and girls, 1,937; cows and heifers (milk), 487; beef, 1,237; hens and pullets, 31,030.

The over-all report for the county was compiled and summarized from the various township reports as taken by the county list takers.

Polio Victim

Leroy East, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter East, Hertford, has been admitted to the Maryview Hospital at Portsmouth suffering from polio. The hospital reported the boy was stricken with the disease August 7 and admitted to the hospital August 13, where he is undergoing observation and treatment.



EYES FRONT AND CENTER—These young Americans are all eyes and ears as they listen to the absorbing tale Corporal Robert Glidden of Kalamazoo, Mich., has to tell of the turret gun on a Patton 48 tank. They are members of the Colorado Springs YMCA Summer Adventure Club and one of their big adventures was to visit Fort Carson and observe life at this typical Army post.

District Meeting Of FHA Officials Was Held Here Tuesday

A meeting of Farmers Home Administration county supervisors and county committees from Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Warren and Washington Counties was held in Hertford at the Agricultural Building on Tuesday, August 16.

The purpose of the meeting was to acquaint county committees with the Farmers Home Administration program with specific emphasis on the duties and responsibilities of the county committee in administering the program in its respective county.

Horace J. Isenhower, State Director, pointed out to the county committees that the Farmers Home Administration is a credit agency in the Department of Agriculture but that the credit the agency supplies does not compete with banks or other credit. The credit that the agency supplies supplements other credit as loans are made only to families who cannot get the needed credit elsewhere.

The committeemen were told that the Farmers Home Administration program in North Carolina ranks near the top in so far as volume of business is concerned. The appropriation for loans during the 1956 fiscal year passed by the recent Congress is \$137,500,000 for production and subsistence loans and \$19,000,000 for farm ownership loans and \$11,500,000 for soil and water conservation loans. In addition to direct appropriation for loans, real estate loans are being made on an insured loan basis, with a slight increase in appropriations and the insured loan authority the Farmers Home Administration should be able to provide more families with loan assistance in 1956. Farmers receiving the services of the Farmers Home Administration have improved their status as a result of such assistance.

Mr. Isenhower pointed out that the records of more than 900 families repaying their operating loan in full during the 1954 crop year show that the average family increased their net worth—value of everything they owned minus any indebtedness—on an average of \$4,493 to \$6,172 or 37 per cent during an average of three years they were receiving loans and technical assistance through the Farmers Home Administration. Similar progress was made in other respects. He further pointed out that although none of these families had enough security to qualify for credit from other sources at the time they applied for loans to the Farmers Home Administration, most of them now are in a position to finance their operations without

further borrowing or are able to obtain any further loans from private or cooperative sources.

Ralph W. Turner, farm management specialist, discussed the objectives of the Farmers Home Administration with the committee. It was pointed out that the Farmers Home Administration is an agency in the United States Department of Agriculture set up to assist farmers to help themselves. The agency extends credit and supervisory assistance to eligible farm families to help them operate, buy or improve their farms. The primary objective being to enable farm families to become soundly established in a well balanced system of farming which can be successfully carried on without further aid from the Farmers Home Administration. He further pointed out how efficient this agency does its work in the county depends to a great extent upon the understanding and interest taken in the program by the County Committee.

James O. Buchanan, farm ownership officer, explained to the committee the different types of real estate loans available through the agency and the purpose and objective of each loan and defined the county and committee duties in connection with applicants for real estate type loans and their duties in connection with the farm being purchased or improved by the applicant.

Herman B. Riggie, production and subsistence loan officer, discussed with the committee purposes of production and subsistence loans pointing out that they are made primarily to enable families to become established successfully in a sound well balanced system of farming in order to make full and efficient use of their land and labor resources. It was explained that the maximum initial loan is \$7,000 and that such loans are to be repaid in one to seven years. He further discussed the duties of the County Committee in connection with these loans. It was pointed out that no loan can be made to any applicant until such applicant is certified by the County Committee as being eligible and qualified to receive such assistance but the County Committee has no responsibility for determining the amounts of loans or the purposes for which loans are made.

Highway Group In Meeting Here Over Windsor By-Pass

More than 50 interested citizens from Edenton, Hertford, Camden, Elizabeth City and Windsor attended a meeting at the Municipal Building in Hertford Tuesday night to state their position relative to a by-pass at Windsor and to solicit the support of Highway Commissioner J. Emmett Winslow.

The group went on record as favoring a by-pass to the south and east of Windsor for the following reasons:

1.—There is more traffic on U. S. 17 than on U. S. 13 and a by-pass around Windsor should favor the most heavily traveled highway. Traffic surveys made by the N. C. State Highway and Public Works Commission show that three times more out of state passenger cars travel on U. S. 17 in the northeastern section of North Carolina than on U. S. 13.

2.—There is by far a greater investment in hotels, motels, restaurants and service stations for tourist traffic on U. S. 17 than on U. S. 13. The following reports were presented by committees previously named to secure the amount of this investment in each county affected:

Pasquotank—\$1,797,000.
Perquimans—\$425,000.
Chowan—\$1,115,000.
Bertie County, east of Windsor—\$225,000.

3.—More money is spent for traffic promotion on U. S. 17 than on U. S. 13. In the 21 years that the Ocean Hiway Association has been promoting tourist traffic, it has spent \$1,757,500. This figure does not include the money spent by individual firms for advertising and promotion in newspapers, magazines, etc.

4.—A by-pass to the south and east of Windsor will be much cheaper than a by-pass to the north and west of Windsor.

Relvidere Girl Tapped For Club

Among the 28 4-Hers from all over North Carolina during the recent 4-H Club Week at N. C. State College, Raleigh, Miss Lois Violet Winslow of Belvidere was tapped into the honor club, one of the highest honors a 4-Her can attain.

Lois Violet is the first 4-H girl of Perquimans County to have received this honor. Clarence Chappell, Jr., and Bobby Smith of the county are also members of the club.

New members are elected by an unanimous vote of honor club members on the basis of their outstanding records and achievements in 4-H work, character and leadership ability in church and community service.

These young people are to be congratulated and should encourage others to attain similar honors.

W. M. S. TO MEET
The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock at the church.

36 Candidates Out For First Football Practice Monday

Football practice for the 1955 Perquimans Indians started here last Monday with 36 candidates reporting for try-outs for the team, it was reported by Coach Ike Perry, who said he was pleased with the large turn-out of members of the freshman class.

Coach Perry stated he will hold practice sessions each afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock until the close of the present baseball schedule, after which he will hold two drill sessions daily from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 9 P. M.

The Indians lost four first string players from the 1954 team, Paul Matthews, Arnold Chappell, D. A. Carver and John Hill. Coach Perry said prospects for the 1955 team appear good, but he was expecting to have a problem in filling the positions of center and fullback. Five members of last year's line are back for this season and the Indians are expected to have one of the better lines in the Albemarle Conference.

A ten-game schedule has been arranged for the Indians, according to Perry, who said the season will open here on September 16 with Churchland, Va., furnishing the opposition. Churchland is coached by Ellie Fearing, former mentor at Perquimans High. The Indian schedule is as follows:

September 16—Churchland here.
September 23—Ahoskie here.
September 30—Tarboro here.
October 7—Plymouth there.
October 14—Williamston there.
October 21—Edenton there.
October 28—Columbia here.
November 4—Spring Hope here.
November 11—Elizabeth City here.
November 18—Morehead City here.

Baptist Training Union Meeting At Rocky Hock Church

On Monday afternoon and night, August 22, the Rocky Hock Baptist Church will be host to the annual mass meeting of the Training Unions of the Baptist churches of the Chowan Association. This meeting culminates the Training Union year of work and it has been planned for two sessions, the afternoon session opening at 3 o'clock and the evening session opening at 7:20 o'clock. Between the two sessions there has been scheduled a period of directed fun and fellowship on the church grounds at 5 o'clock; an old-fashioned basket supper at 6 o'clock and a twilight vesper service at 6:45 o'clock.

The program, committee has planned a well balanced program for each of the two sessions consisting of music, conferences, talks, a talking film projection, an inspirational address and other interesting features. The message of the film "Beginning of the Rainbow" promises to be very impressive and presents a very worth-while message. One of the interesting features of the evening session each year is the election and installation of new officers for the new year of training work and all Training Union enthusiasts will be interested in this part of this year's evening session. This session, closing at 9 o'clock, will bring to a close another annual training meeting of fellowship, inspiration and information and all interested are invited to share it with Training Union members and workers.

Bids Asked Local Highway Project

The State Highway Commission has advertised for bids on 17 projects involving 58.035 miles of road work in 21 counties. The letting will be held August 23.

Included among the projects is one calling for three bridges, four reinforced concrete box culverts, one reinforced box culvert extension and several pipe lines to be constructed on N. C. 37 between Winfall and U. S. 13 north of Gates in Gates County.

One of the bridges to be constructed, it is understood, will be on N. C. 37 at Belvidere.

Hurricane Connie Caused Only Slight Damage In County

Diane

Diane, the fourth hurricane of the year, which blew inland near Cape Fear early Wednesday morning, made itself felt throughout Perquimans County by producing strong winds with gusts estimated up to 60 miles per hour. Rain squalls were frequent and the Perquimans River rose to a higher mark than was recorded from Hurricane Connie last week.

Some property damage resulted from the storm but few reports had been heard up to the time this newspaper went to press. Crop damage was expected to be greater from the effects of this storm than from Connie.

High water over the causeway at Hertford forced the Highway Department to close Route 17 to all traffic early Wednesday morning. The highway had not been opened Thursday morning.

Fifteen Cases In Recorder's Court

Fifteen cases were disposed of in Perquimans Recorder's Court this week after the court had been in recess on Tuesday of last week. Costs of court were taxed against John Bell, John Klevit, John Wrather, Murray Crawford and Anthony Horvath, after each had submitted to charges of speeding.

Costs of court and fines as listed were paid by the following, who entered pleas of guilty to speeding charges: Lorrain Lang, \$8; Jean Dubonel, \$8; Nathan Gieretz, \$7; Robert Strang, \$40; and Joseph Bass, \$2.

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Indians Win First Play - Off Contest From Albies 4 To 0

Manager Ike Perry's Perquimans Indians exploded for four big runs in the first inning of the Albemarle League play-off game Tuesday night to win a 4-0 decision over Elizabeth City.

The victory gave the Indians a 1-0 lead over the Albies in the three out of five semi-final series to determine which team will meet the winner of the Colerain-Edenton series in the final play-off for the league title.

McKay Riddick and Williams were the opposing pitchers in the opening game, with Riddick having the edge over Elizabeth City's Williams. Riddick struck out eight men, walked four, while Williams fanned six, walked one and hit two Indians batters.

Perquimans opened the game with Morris walking, Christgau was safe on an error and Hunter filled the bases when he was safe on an error. Allan Winslow, who led the Indians with two hits, banged out a triple to score three runs. D. A. Carver then singled to score Winslow, giving the Indians a 4-0 lead. Neither team scored after that.

The league play-offs were arranged at a meeting of the directors held in Hertford Monday night. Colerain, finishing the season at the top, was assigned to play Edenton, which finished the season in fourth place. The Indians, finishing second, were matched with Elizabeth City, third place in the standing.

The two winners of the semi-final round of play will meet next week in a four best out of seven series for the league title.

In setting up arrangements for the play-offs the directors voted not to play rained out games, in order not to prolong the season. Colerain had completed its schedule but Edenton had five games to make up, while Perquimans had four and Elizabeth City two.

The third hurricane of the season, named Connie, passed through Perquimans County last Friday evening causing only slight damage to property and crops, according to general reports.

County residents, given ample warning by the storm which hovered off the coast near Wilmington for two days, were fairly well prepared for the hurricane which had diminished in strength by the time it reached this area. Many local merchants taped display windows or tied them with rope to reinforce them against high winds. Most stores in Hertford closed at least part of the day Friday, permitting employees to go to their homes.

Highest winds of the storm struck the county Thursday night, it was generally believed, and these winds caused some damage to the local corn crop. John Curtis of the Department of Agriculture Economics, N. C. State College, was in Hertford Tuesday morning following completion of a survey of crop damage in Perquimans and he reported the survey revealed 25 per cent of the corn crop had from one to five per cent blowing damage; that is the corn was bent from the winds; 10 per cent of the crop had from 6 to 15 per cent blowing damage.

Mr. Curtis said there appeared to be very little damage to the cotton and soybean crops in Perquimans.

High tides resulting from the storm forced the Perquimans River to flood low areas in a large number of places and some property damage occurred from this source. The high water rose several inches above the causeway and U. S. 17 was closed to all traffic for several hours Saturday. State highway employees were kept on the alert and permitted one-way traffic via the causeway late Saturday afternoon and night.

The next game between Perquimans and Elizabeth City will be played in Hertford Wednesday night if weather permits. The third contest will be played in Elizabeth City, the fourth game in Hertford and the fifth contest in Elizabeth City.

Rites Held Monday For Mrs. Dobson

Mrs. Maude Leigh Dobson, 80, died early Sunday morning at the home of her niece, Mrs. Clyde McCullum, with whom she had made her home for the last several years.

She was the wife of the late John Dobson and daughter of the late Edward Augustus Leigh and Criselle Jacobs Leigh. She was a member of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. Robert Kahn of Huntington, West Virginia; two grandsons, John Perry of Huntington, West Virginia, and John Dobson of Edenton and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 A. M. Monday at Holy Trinity Church by the Rev. Paul Shultz, rector of the church. The casket was covered with a pall of purple asters and white gladioli. The church choir sang "O God Still Keep Me."

Pallbearers were Trim Wilson, Walter Oakley, Henry Clay Sullivan and Dr. C. A. Davenport. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

BAKE SALE

A bake sale, sponsored by the Youth Fellowship groups of Piney Woods and Up River Friends Churches, will be held Saturday, August 27, at the Hertford Furniture Store.