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Operations Of New Fertilizer Plant To Start By February 1

A new plant for the production of liquid fertilizer, the first of its type to be built in North Carolina, is now under construction at a site opposite Perquimans Central Grammar School on U. S. 17-A, between Hertford and Winfall.

The new plant is owned and will be operated by a local concern, the Albemarle Chemical Company, whose offices are W. R. Harrell, president; P. B. Thach, vice president, and J. E. Winslow, secretary-treasurer.

Construction of the plant is expected to be completed about February 1, and production of liquid fertilizer will be started immediately thereafter, it was reported here this week. The firm will manufacture a liquid fertilizer of complete analysis consisting of nitrogen, phosphate and potash.

Production capacity of the new plant will be 200-tons per day of the new liquid type fertilizer, which has been tested and proven in several areas of the United States. The plant is expected to use a number of semi-skilled laborers.

In addition to manufacturing its liquid fertilizer, the company will also be agent for liquid nitrogen side dressing.

County Board To Meet Next Tuesday

The Board of County Commissioners for Perquimans County will hold its regular January meeting in the Court House on Tuesday, January 3, beginning at 10 A. M. The meeting was postponed from the first Monday because of the legal holiday. Persons desiring to confer with the Commissioners at this meeting are requested to note the change in the date of the meeting.

Fire Destroys Farm Home On Monday Night

A fire loss estimated at several thousand dollars occurred here on Monday night when flames consumed a two-story farm house, known as the Cox home adjacent to Perquimans High School.

The fire, believed to have started from faulty wiring in a vacant second story room, gained considerable headway before being discovered.

Hertford firemen were called to the scene at about 8:35 P. M., and fought the blaze for some time attempting to bring it under control but were unsuccessful. Spectators hampered the firemen's efforts by blocking the roadway leading to the scene, thus delaying the firemen when it became necessary to drive the fire trucks to hydrants for refilling of water tanks on the trucks.

Louis Billups, Negro, and his family resided in the house, and it was reported the fire destroyed most of the personal effects of the family.

Marketing Cards Must Be Filed At Local ASC Office

Tobacco and peanut farmers are required by law to return their marketing cards to the local ASC office at the close of the marketing season.

H. D. Godfrey, administrative officer for the ASC State Committee, says that farmers who neglect to return their marketing cards will have their 1955 allotments reduced. Last year, according to Godfrey, 295 producers in the state had their 1955 allotments reduced for failure to return marketing cards and other violations.

These negligent farmers compared with the 163,679 tobacco and peanut farmers in the state are "just a drop in the bucket," he said. However, failure to return these cards definitely hurts the farmers whose allotments are reduced and it also slows up the work in the county ASC office considerably.

Godfrey says that regulations provide that the producer must return to the county ASC office each tobacco or peanut marketing card issued for the farm within 30 days after the close of the markets in the general locality. Many farmers he said are still putting off returning the tobacco and peanut marketing cards.

Plus-cured tobacco farmers, with a 5 per cent acreage cut last year, and another cut in acreage next year, should not take a chance on losing more acreage for mere carelessness.

ROTARY TO MEET

The Hertford Rotary Club will meet Tuesday evening at 8:15 o'clock at the Hotel Hertford.



The store front of W. M. Divers & Son was damaged in an unusual accident here Christmas morning when a car driven by George Reid, Negro, crashed into the building. The extent of the damage can be seen from the above picture. Also shown is Patrolman M. G. Owens, who investigated the accident.

Masons To Install New Officers At Meeting Tuesday

Officers elected earlier this month to head the Perquimans Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., for the year 1956, will be installed at services in the lodge rooms on Tuesday night, January 3, it was reported here today.

Elective officers to be installed are Elijah White, Master; John Decker, senior warden; R. C. Baker, junior warden; J. S. Bass, secretary, and C. F. Murray, treasurer.

Appointive officers to be installed are C. E. Winslow, senior deacon; Jack Symons, junior deacon; W. F. Ainsley, senior steward; R. R. White, junior steward, and R. C. Murray, tyler.

All members of the lodge are urged to attend the installation service, and visiting Masons are invited to attend.

Banks Rites Held Friday Afternoon

Funeral services for Tarlie Pool Banks, 83, who died Wednesday of last week at his home near New Hope in Perquimans County, were conducted last Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. Charles D. Sinclair, pastor of the Woodville Baptist Church, and the Rev. Walker Perry, pastor of Berea Disciples Church. Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Mr. Banks was the son of Thaddeus P. and Mary Ann Barcliff Banks; husband of Mrs. Sadie Bogue Banks; and a member of the Woodville Baptist Church. Surviving are three sons, W. R., C. C., and T. P. Banks, of New Hope; five daughters, Mrs. Mattie Barcliff and Wilma Banks, New Hope and Mrs. H. B. Armstead, Mrs. W. H. Jackson and Mrs. J. R. Hancock all of Greensboro; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Good Report Made On Lee Soybean

With only a couple of exceptions, the new Lee soybean has been showing up its older rival, Ogden, in per acre yield, according to County Agent R. M. Thompson.

Vance Baker, of Hertford, Route 1, is a typical example. Thompson says that Baker planted 4 1/2 acres each to Lee and Ogden. The Lee yielded 110 bushels while the Ogden yielded only 45 bushels.

Local Store Front Demolished By Car Christmas Morning

Survey Shows Only 39.6% Of Students Extend Education

Less than a third (31.3%) of North Carolina's high school graduates, class of 1954, entered college, according to a recent survey by the State Department of Public Instruction.

This survey, made by Nile F. Hunt, Coordinator of Teacher Education, was an attempt to find out what becomes of our high school graduates. Although the survey did not cover the entire number (35,938) of high school graduates, it did include a sufficient number (24,673) to reveal certain significant data.

These data in terms of percentages applied to the whole are as follows: 39.6% continued formal education; 31.3% entered college; 26.6% senior college; 4.7% junior college; 8.3% entered business and trade schools, and nurses training; 7.1% entered military service; 53.3% terminated their formal education.

A racial comparison shows that 40.8% white and 32.6% Negro students continued formal education; 19.9% white and 3% Negro entered military service; 54.2% white and 59.4% Negro terminated formal education.

A comparison of white boys from county units with white boys from city units shows that 31.9% from the county and 60.8% from the cities continued formal education; 27.7% county and 48.2% city entered college; 22.3% county and 42.6% city entered senior college; 5.4% county and 5.6% city entered junior college; 4.2% county and 2.6% city entered business, trade and nurses training; 16.7% county and 11.4% city entered military service; 51.4% county and 37.8% city terminated formal education.

A comparison of white girls from county units with white girls from city units shows that 36.8% from county units continued formal education as compared with 51.6% from city units; 23.6% county unit students entered college compared with 35% from city units; 18.8% county and 35% city units entered senior college and 5.3% county and 5.8% city students entered junior college.

Funeral Sunday For John Asbell

John Nathan Asbell, 79, a native and lifetime resident of Perquimans County, died at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jesse Asbell, and nephew, Emerson Asbell last Friday at 2:30 P. M., after a long illness.

He was the son of the late Henderson and Martha Whitehead Asbell. He was a member of Bethany Methodist Church.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. E. J. Layden of Elizabeth City.

The body was taken from the Lynch Funeral Home to the Bethany Methodist Church where funeral services were conducted at 2:30 P. M., Sunday by the Rev. P. M. Porter. Burial was in the family cemetery in Perquimans County.

Mrs. Chas. Williford To Direct Annual March Of Dimes

Mrs. Charles Williford has accepted the chairmanship and will direct the annual March of Dimes campaign in Perquimans County, it has been announced by Mrs. Corbin Dozier, county chairman for the committee on Infantile Paralysis.

Plans for the March of Dimes drive, which will get underway throughout the county the latter part of January are now being made by Mrs. Dozier and Mrs. Williford. These will be announced in the near future.

As has been the custom in the past, no quota is expected for the county but the public is urged to contribute generously to this cause, with funds collected going to help fight the battle against Infantile Paralysis.

The Perquimans drive is expected to follow the pattern of past years with a house to house canvass being conducted throughout the county by volunteer solicitors in Hertford and members of the various Home Demonstration Clubs soliciting the rural areas.

Rites Held Friday For Roscoe White

Roscoe Miller White, 44, died at his home in Norfolk at 8:30 A. M., Wednesday of last week.

He was the husband of Mrs. Sara Mae Winslow White and son of Clarence B. and Sarah Miller White.

Also surviving are a son, Jay Winslow White of the U. S. Air Force; a daughter, Miss Sara Lynn White; two brothers, Lee E. White of Avalon Terrace and C. Benton White of Portsmouth and a sister, Mrs. J. E. Perry, Jr., of Avalon Terrace.

He was a native of Perquimans County and had been a resident of Princess Anne County and Norfolk for 21 years. He was a member of the Fairmount Park Methodist Church and IOOF.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home at 11 A. M., last Friday.

Burial was in the family cemetery at Hertford.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS END

Perquimans County schools will resume regular class schedules on next Monday, January 2, following the 11-day Christmas vacation, it was announced today by J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools.

Property Required To Be Listed During January For Taxes

Hertford Stores Open On Monday

Hertford stores and business houses, with the exception of the bank and post office, will be open for business as usual next Monday, January 2, it was reported today. The stores closed for Christmas last Monday and Tuesday giving employees the usual New Year's holiday at that time.

Tom Banks Named Outstanding Young Farmer Of County

Tom Banks of Hertford, Route 2, has been awarded a plaque as the county's outstanding young farmer of 1955 by the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Petroleum Institute of America. Presentation of the award was made by Eldon Winslow, president of the local Jaycee organization.

The selection for the award is based upon achievement in agriculture and participation in civic community projects. The winner must be between the ages of 21 and 36.

Banks, 32, is married to the former Ola Bogue Wheelbee. They have two children, Joyce Ola, age 9 and Allen, age 5. Banks is owner of 999 acres of land of which 400 acres are cleared and which he works. His chief crops are corn, soybeans, potatoes, wheat and oats. During the past year he also raised 200 hogs.

The presentation of the plaque was the second made in an annual event sponsored by the Jaycees.

Farmers Advised To Secure Social Security Cards

"The time is fast drawing near when it will be necessary for the farmers to have their Social Security cards," states R. M. Thompson, Perquimans County Farm Agent. "It will be necessary for farmers to have their cards when they file their income tax for 1955. If you have not secured your card as yet you should apply for this immediately as it takes several days for the card to be returned to you after you make application."

"This card is necessary because of a new law that went into effect January 1, 1955. It covers all farmers and farm employees if the farmer makes \$400 net profit in a year or the farm employee draws \$100 in salary from one single farm during a period of one year. This law requires you to pay 3% on your net earnings or if you are employing farm hands it requires you to pay a total of 4%, of which 2% is withheld from the employee's salary.

"The benefits from this Social Security law are such that I think they should be of special interest to our farm families as there are survivor's benefits for your wife and children and retirement benefits when you reach the age of 65."

"Make certain that you have your social security card when you file your income tax as it will save you a great deal of confusion and trouble, as this card is absolutely necessary."

HOLY TRINITY SERVICES

The Rev. Paul E. Shultz, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, announces the following services for the church for January 1: Holy Communion, 8:30 A. M.; Church School, 9:45 A. M.; Holy Communion and sermon at 11 A. M. A cordial welcome is extended the publisher.

Tax lists for Perquimans County will start next week the task of listing county property for 1956 taxation, it was announced today by Julian C. Powell, County Tax Supervisor.

County tax lists for the various townships are Julian Long, Bethel; Percy Rogerson, Hertford; Ernest Long, Parkville; Mrs. T. C. Perry, Belvidere, and J. A. Sutton, New Hope.

The tax lists will carry out the duties of their office under instructions issued them by the Board of County Commissioners in a special meeting held here on December 19.

The tax lister's job will run through the month of January and all property owners must list their property prior to January 31, otherwise there is a penalty of one dollar for the late listing.

Schedules for tax lists are being published this week and property owners are urged to list early in order to avoid the usual last minute rush.

There are few changes in the listing regulations and the tax rate for the property listed next month will be set by the Board at its meeting in July.

In addition to taking the property list, the workers will also take a farm census. Farmers are urged to prepare lists in advance and to assist list takers in the taking of the census.

County Seal Sale Reaches \$932.80 Chairman Reports

The Christmas Seal Sale for Perquimans County has reached \$932.80, according to the Seal Sale chairman, Jarvis Ward. The goal for Perquimans is \$1300.00. Ward said, "money raised for seals will be needed more than ever with chest X-rays soon to be made in the new Perquimans Health Department."

Ward said, "that while Tuberculosis strikes all age groups it hits hard at young adults, and takes the lives of more young people between 15 and 25 than any other disease known to be preventable, that chest X-rays are one of the best means of detecting tuberculosis in an early stage."

Mr. Ward stressed the importance of everyone mailing in their contribution for without funds the Association would not be able to carry on its year-round program on tuberculosis control, and prevention.

Mrs. M. B. Taylor, representative reported \$5.05 received from the First Colored Baptist Church in Perquimans County.

Current Auto Tags Good 'til Feb. 16th

Current license plates will be valid until mid-February, 1956, the Motor Vehicles Department reminded Tar Heel car owners today. Under a revised registration schedule, new tags will go on sale throughout the State January 3 and extend through February 15.

Col. James R. Smith, commander of the State Highway Patrol, said that enforcement measures against delinquent motorists would become effective promptly on February 16. He urged owners to secure their new tags without delay following the opening of sales.

New license plates will be sold by branch offices of the Carolina Motor Club, the Winston-Salem Auto Club, and by Motor Vehicle Headquarters in Raleigh.

Renewal cards will go into the mail around December 27, Department officials said.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The State Advisory Commission on Education has recommended a suspension of activities on the part of county advisory committees, set up during the past year for the purpose of studying problems concerning local schools. The State group stated conditions had changed to such extent local committee action at the present time is inadvisable.

More than 740 persons died from accidents caused during the long Christmas holiday, setting a new high record for the nation, the National Safety Council reported Tuesday. Traffic accidents accounted for 579 deaths while 64 persons died in fires and 105 died from other miscellaneous accidents.

Many communities in California were hard hit by floods during the past week-end when rivers flooded by heavy rains inundated thousands of acres of land. At least half-dozen towns were evacuated and the homeless were numbered in the thousands. Property damage is estimated in millions of dollars and scores of lives were lost in the disaster.

President Eisenhower, following advice of his doctors, left Washington Wednesday for a two-week visit at Key West, Fla. A report said weather conditions in Washington hampered the President's recuperation program and he was advised to visit a warmer climate in order to continue this program.

Indian Cagers To Resume Play Jan. 3

The girls' and boys' basketball teams of Perquimans High School will resume their schedule of games on Tuesday, January 3, when the teams from Gatesville come to Hertford to meet the Indians and Browns.

Following these contests the Perquimans teams will begin playing their Albemarle Conference opponents beginning with Williamsboro on Friday, January 6.

Coach the Perry's teams gained valuable experience playing a number of pre-conference contests before Christmas with the local girls bringing up a record of five consecutive victories while the Indians won their last two contests.