

## Commissioners In Session On Tuesday Had Light Agenda

The Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County met in regular session here last Tuesday, the meeting having been postponed one day due to the holiday falling on Monday.

A delegation of citizens of Winfall, including Elijah White, J. F. Hollowell, Sr., and Nathan Matthews, appeared before the board to request approval of an application for a street in Winfall to be returned to the State Highway system, and this request was approved by the Board. The street in question is one leading from U. S. 17 to Highway 37, and it is reported to carry a heavy traffic load.

The Board was advised Mrs. T. E. Raper is resigning as registrar for vital statistics for Hertford Township, and the County Health Department was named to fill out this vacancy should the resignation be received.

Silas M. Whedbee, County Attorney, was authorized to confer with the clerk of recorder's court on the appointment of an additional deputy clerk of recorder's court in order to provide further service for this court at nights and on weekends. The action followed a discussion by the board on the operation of the court, after it has been reported additional service could be beneficial to the operation of the recorder's court.

The Board denied a request for a donation to be made for furnishings for the Negro State 4-H Camp, after being advised by the County Attorney the Board was not empowered to make such contributions.

During the meeting reports were tendered to the Commissioners by members of the Extension Service and by the Superintendent of Public Welfare.

## First Snow Causes Highway Hazards

Perquimans County's first snow of the winter started falling last Friday morning at about 11:30 o'clock, and continued until late afternoon, covering the ground with approximately one to two inches of snow.

The snowfall attracted considerable attention, especially from the children and it also brought about a number of problems. Highways became slippery and a number of minor accidents were reported due to this condition.

The Highway Patrol issued warnings to motorists to drive with caution in order to prevent accidents.

## Sasser Resigns As Assistant To Agent

Ralph Sasser, Assistant Farm Agent for Perquimans County since May, 1953, has tendered his resignation of the position to accept a position with the Albemarle Chemical Company, a new fertilizer business to be opened here early next month.

Mr. Sasser tendered his resignation to the Board of Commissioners at a meeting held here Monday. The resignation is to become effective February 15.

In resigning as Assistant Farm Agent Mr. Sasser expressed his appreciation to the Board and to the residents of the county for the cooperation he has received while serving with the local Extension Service.

## Gatesville Cagers Win Double Header From Perquimans

### THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Congress, which convened Tuesday, will hear the State of the Union message by President Eisenhower on Thursday and it is then expected to plunge into the vast job of considering legislation proposed through numerous bills already introduced. Major programs to claim the attention of Congress, reports say, will deal with the farm situation, a road building program and federal aid for building schools. A tax reduction bill is also expected to be considered and reports state such a tax reduction will likely be voted in this election year.

A riot in connection with a Westinghouse strike in Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday resulted in the death of one person and injuries to eight others. A picket on duty died from a heart attack during the violence. Eighty-eight persons participating in the riot were jailed by Columbus police.

An election Monday of establishing a stable government but the results were not so clear as party winning a majority and reports indicate the nation will have to contend with a coalition form of government which may not prove effective.

There is a prediction of a good year for 1956 but state officials will level out to normal conditions. There is a possibility of higher production and there is possibility of price cuts later in the year. Farmers will be glad to see improvement in their condition.

The Indians and Squaws of Perquimans High School will open their Albemarle Conference basketball schedule here on Friday night playing the boys' and girls' teams of Williamston. A game time has been set for 7:30 for the preliminary contest between the girls.

Coach Ike Perry's squad of girls lost the first game of this season on Tuesday night when the Gatesville lassies scored a 58-47 win over the Squaws. Hobbs, scoring a total of 49 points, was the leading scorer for the visitors. Pierce hit for the remaining nine points for Gatesville.

Jo Pat Stokes led the Perquimans scoring with a total of 28 points. Russell collected 10 points, Hollowell six and Williams three.

The contest was a thriller from start to finish with the teams being tied at the half with the score standing 27-27. Hobbs' sharp shooting in the second half gave the edge to the visitors.

The Gatesville boys edged the Indians 58 to 55 in the final game of the double header. Holding a three-point advantage at the half-time, the visitors managed to maintain a slight lead through the second period and finished ahead by one point.

Williams was high scorer for the contest gaining 24 points for Perquimans while Pittman tallied 22 points for the visitors. Other scoring for the Indians included 16 points by Matthews, five by Miller, four by Baker and Howell and two points by Bray.

On Next Tuesday night the Indians and Squaws will travel to Tarboro for a double header and will play in Hertford again next Friday night with the Abertie teams furnishing the opposition.

**EASTERN STAR MEETING**  
The Order of the Eastern Star will meet Monday night, January 9, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic room at the Court House. All members are urged to attend.



**AVIS MACADAMUS**—New specie for ornithologists to study in years to come is the "highway bird." A prime example of the fowl is shown, above. Its tail feathers form the approach to a service plaza under construction at Lawrence, Kan., for the new Kansas Turnpike. Bird's body is outlined by lanes of the 236-mile route. They join to form the beak, which stretches into the distance at upper right. "Perch" is a secondary road which will be bridged by the new through-way, slated for opening by October of this year.

## Spivey-Butt Vows Spoken Christmas New Hope Church

The marriage of Miss Shirley Marie Butt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Butt of Durants Neck, and Nathan Carlton Spivey, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Spivey of Route 3, Hertford, took place Sunday afternoon, December 25 at 4 o'clock in the New Hope Methodist Church.

The Rev. Earl R. Meekins performed the double ceremony in a setting of mixed white flowers, palms and cathedral candles. Mrs. Melvin Wood played the wedding music and accompanied Miss Ruth Tucker, who sang "Because" and "The Wedding Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white wool dress trimmed in white satin beaded Peter Pan collar, matching accessories and carried a white prayer book topped with a pink orchid and streamers.

Miss Maude Lee Raper of Elizabeth City, the bride's attendant, chose a pink wool dress trimmed in pink satin with matching hat. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations showered with lavender irises.

Nathan C. Spivey, the bridegroom's father, was best man. Groomsman were Thomas R. Butt, of Belvidere, brother of the bride; Billy H. Jones, Bobby Jones and Julian W. Hughes, all of Route 3, Hertford.

Mrs. T. R. Butt, of Belvidere, sister-in-law of the bride, was mistress of ceremonies.

The bride's mother chose a dress of blue crepe with satin trim, matching hat and black accessories. She wore a corsage of red roses. The bridegroom's mother wore a brown silk dress flecked in gold, brown accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

After the ceremony the couple left for a southern wedding trip after which they will reside in Ga.

## Third Graders Get Physical Exam By Health Department

The district school physician is now making physical examinations on third grade students throughout the health district. This is a very pertinent school at the present time, as social security for farmers is something new and the changes in income tax are such that it will be beneficial to you to be present to learn more about them. "These meetings on income tax and social security are in great demand throughout the state and W. L. Turner, Public Affairs Specialist, has spent a great deal of time working up this meeting, in which the latest information will be given. I urge you to attend," said R. M. Thompson, County Agent.

Parents are urged to be present at the examinations, and are sent written notices of the date and time. However, the Department reports, far too few parents are present. The Department believes, in order to have a good program, at least 80 per cent of parents should be present for these examinations.

So far, this year, Hertford Grammar School leads the district in this regard, with 58 per cent of parents being present at the time examinations were made at that school.

**MASONS TO MEET**  
The Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

## County Ranks 56th In Number Farms From 1950 To 1954

According to the 1954 census of agriculture, Perquimans County ranks 56th in North Carolina from April, 1950, to November, 1954, in the percentage increase in number of farms. In 1954 Perquimans was credited with 888 farms, which represents a decrease of 7.6% since 1950. Person County heads the list with a percentage of 26.2%.

There are only 16 counties with more farms in 1954 than in 1950. The increases range from Person with 26.2 percent to Currituck with 0.4 percent. One county, Greens, reports exactly the same number of farms at each census period.

Eighty-two counties reported fewer farms in 1954 than in 1950. The losses range from 0.2 percent in Surry county to 27.4 percent in Gaston county.

It is interesting to note that only two counties in the state show increases of more than 10 percent in number of farms, while 32 counties show decreases of more than 10 percent during the approximately five year period.

There does not appear to be any particular conclusion as to what parts of the state were most affected by gains and losses. Most of the counties that suffered heavy losses are pretty well scattered over the state. The number of counties showing only nominal losses are chiefly cash crop counties. However, there are all kinds of exceptions to any geographic observation. Several counties showed gains, or only nominal losses, while their next door neighbors showed heavy losses. There simply is no pattern to the gains and losses of farms during the last five years or so. The outstanding fact is that 83 counties report fewer farms than in 1950.

Following the Trend  
There is nothing to be alarmed

## Tax School Here On Monday Night

There will be an Income Tax and Social Security School for farmers in the Agricultural Building at Hertford on Monday night, January 9, at 7:30 o'clock. This is a very pertinent school at the present time, as social security for farmers is something new and the changes in income tax are such that it will be beneficial to you to be present to learn more about them. "These meetings on income tax and social security are in great demand throughout the state and W. L. Turner, Public Affairs Specialist, has spent a great deal of time working up this meeting, in which the latest information will be given. I urge you to attend," said R. M. Thompson, County Agent.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Copeland of Hertford, Route 2, announce the birth of a son, born at Albemarle Hospital January 1. Mrs. Copeland is the former Christina Harrell.

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about in the decline of farms in North Carolina. We are finally following the national trend. In the United States the number of farms reached an approximate peak about 1910 and remained rather constant for the next 25 years. The decline in farms set in after 1935, at which time the Census reported 6,812,350 farms. The number of farms had declined to 5,382,162 in 1950. The total for 1955 has not been reported. Preliminary reports are out for about 30 states, nearly all of which show fewer farms in 1954 than in 1950.

North Carolina has experienced a loss of from 288,508 farms in April 1950 to 267,906 farms in November 1954. This means a loss of 20,602 farms, or slightly under 5,000 farms per year for the four and one half year period.

While there has been a steady decline of farms in the United States, and in almost every state during the last 20 years or so, North Carolina has shown increases. In fact, North Carolina is the only state in the Union that showed increases of farms from 1940 to 1945, and from 1945 to 1950. The 1920 Census reported 269,763 farms in North Carolina; the 1950 Census reported 288,508 farms. The 1954 report of 267,906 is almost identical with the 1920 number. During this same period, the nation lost more than one million farms, representing a decline of some 20 percent in number of farms.

While there was a decline in the total number of farms, there was an increase of about 2,000 in the number of farmers cultivating from 1 to 9 acres. There was a decrease in all other brackets up to 200 acres of cultivated land per farm. There was an increase of 209 farmers cultivating more than 200 acres each. This again is following the national trend.

## Former Resident Passes In Richmond

Mrs. Hanna K. Stephens, 76, died Sunday in a Richmond nursing home following a long illness.

She was a resident of Hertford for 50 years before moving to Richmond.

Survivors include her husband, P. L. Stephens of Richmond; six daughters, Mrs. W. S. Hooton of Richmond, with whom the family is staying, Mrs. N. C. Haskett and Mrs. A. C. Shannonhouse of Elizabeth City, Mrs. T. C. Jackson of Edenton, Mrs. A. C. Hall of Trusville, Ala., and Mrs. D. D. Fuller of Gainesville.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock in Richmond, and interment followed in a Richmond Cemetery.

## Some Stores To Close Wednesday Afternoon

A number of Hertford stores will begin closing Wednesday afternoons next week, it was announced today, following a survey conducted on Wednesday. Several stores reported they will remain open Wednesday afternoons until a later date when they, too, will join the clos-

## Building And Loan Association Report Shows Fine Growth

Hertford Building and Loan Association today reported that its assets now amounted to \$145,001.25, or about 10 per cent more than what they were on December 31, 1954.

A. W. Hefren, president of the association, in releasing the annual report, said that the institution's progress continued to be based on serving an increasing number of Perquimans citizens, "and serving them well."

"With each passing year," he said, "we serve a growing number of people, either by providing a safe, convenient and profitable place for their savings, or by granting them loans on a sound basis for the purchase of homes."

Mr. Hefren listed highlights of the specialized thrift and home financing institution's 1955 operations as follows:

1. Net savings in 1955 increased by \$14,252.00, bringing total savings to \$127,713.00.
  2. Dividends paid out to savers totaled \$3,917.50.
  3. Home loans increased both in number and amount, with such loans numbering 16, and totaling \$44,200.00 in 1955. Total home loans outstanding now amount to \$133,156.74.
  4. Reserves now amount to \$10,261.23, or \$2,155.14 more than at the end of 1954.
- Mr. Hefren forecast an "unusually good" year for business in 1956, especially for the first six months. The economic expansion of 1955 would continue, he predicted, bolstered by a high level of plant and equipment expenditures, expanding inventories, a high rate of consumer spending, peak employment, and a high level of construction.

## TB Seal Chairman Makes Final Appeal For Contributions

W. Jarvis Ward, Seal Sale Chairman of Perquimans County, urges all, that have received seals, and have put off sending in their contributions, to do so as soon as possible.

Mr. Ward said, "so far, that the method to raise the money by Christmas seals was also a high point to inform the public of progress being made against tuberculosis. It gives the TB Association the opportunity of telling the people about community health programs financed by Christmas Seals. None of this could be done if it were not for the extensive volunteer help, and the important work that volunteers play in the role of TB control." One of the vital programs in TB control is the chest X-ray. In 1955, 220 people were chest X-rayed in cooperation with the TB Association in the District Health Department.

Mrs. M. B. Taylor, representative of Seal Sale reports the following colored churches, that have helped with the program: First Colored Baptist Church, \$5.05; Galatia Baptist Church, \$3.05.

Because of the Christmas Seal democratic appeal, no pressure is exerted to make people contribute. The individual determines whether or not he will contribute for the Christmas Seal, and what it stands for, for its own appeal.

## Town Board Fills Vacant Positions

Hertford's Town Board met on Tuesday night in special session for the purpose of filling a vacancy on the town's police force. After considering a total of five applications the Board appointed Pete Riddick to the job vacated by William Tarkenton. Riddick will assume his duties immediately.

Mrs. Steve Perry was appointed as assistant to the Town Clerk at a meeting held by the Board on December 24. Mrs. Perry started her duties last Tuesday. She succeeds Miss Katherine Nixon who resigned the position last month.

## Veniremen Drawn For Regular And Special Civil Courts

### Sheriff Destroys 100 Gallon Still

Sheriff J. K. White captured and destroyed a 100-gallon capacity still on Saturday, December 24, after having conducted a search of the premises of Herman Haynes, Negro of Route two, Hertford.

Sheriff White reported about 200 gallons of mash was also destroyed at the still site. Haynes was charged with manufacturing of illicit liquor and a hearing was set for January 10.

### Reckless Driver Fined By Court

George Reid, Negro, charged with reckless driving in connection with an accident which damaged the W. M. Divers & Son store here last Christmas morning was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs after he entered a plea of guilty to the charge. He was also ordered to pay the sum of \$50 to the Town of Hertford for damage done to two parking meters.

A hearing for Reid was held in Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday. Other cases disposed of during the session included the one of Thomas Sawyer, Negro, who paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of failing to observe a stop sign.

George Dayton was taxed with the costs of court on a charge of speeding.

Robert Levander, Negro, was found guilty of reckless driving and ordered to pay a fine of \$50 and costs of court.

A number of cases on the court docket were set for hearing at the January 10 term of court.

## Sanitation Plans Proposed As Means For Better Health

### Umphelett Funeral Held Last Saturday

Marvin Hoyle Umphelett, 52, died in Duke Hospital Thursday afternoon of last week at 3:30 o'clock after a long illness.

He was the son of Daniel C. Umphelett and the late Ella Coffield Umphelett, a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Perquimans Lodge A. F. & A. M., Sudan Temple, Masonic bodies and the Lions Club.

Survivors in addition to his father include his wife, Mrs. Charlotte Nixon Umphelett; four brothers, Clyde Umphelett of Durham, Wallace W. Umphelett of Wilson, Haywood S. Umphelett of Baltimore and Charles Umphelett of Louisiana; one sister, Mrs. Harrell Thach of Gordonsville, Va.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home here with burial in New Hope Cemetery.

### Livestock School Planned January 12

There will be a livestock school held at the Agricultural Building on Thursday afternoon, January 12 at 2:00 P. M. This school will be conducted by Jack Kelley and Sam Buchanan, livestock specialists at State College. Part of the discussion will be led by a panel made up of the specialists, livestock leaders, and possibly a veterinarian.

"In the past a great deal of interest has been shown in livestock and I think that these discussions are very educational and enjoyable to those that attend," stated R. M. Thompson, County Agent.

A total of 74 residents of the county were drawn for jury service at the regular and special terms to be held here the last week in January and the first week of February during the meeting of the Board of Commissioners last Tuesday.

Both sessions of the Superior Court will be devoted entirely to the handling of civil actions.

Drawn for jury service for the court term convening January 30 were: J. P. Chesson, Jr., Ulric C. Caddy, F. R. Chappell, B. G. Koonce, J. J. Phillips, James F. Perry, Quincy Riddick, Abram L. Hurdle, Norman Godfrey, John Harrell, Lester Keel, W. H. Lane, Caleb Raper, Oliver Cartwright, Jessie Lee Harris, James T. Hall, Jones Perry, M. M. Spivey, Sr., Carson Monds, W. A. Gay, Wilbert Wilson, J. R. Jarvis, J. Alton Pierce, Earl Taylor, J. P. Cartwright, D. A. Winslow, Robert Russell, W. L. Sumner, Carl N. Owens, V. L. Proctor, Archie Asbell, Henry Edd Smith, Henry C. Sullivan, John O. White, Jr., E. S. Fulgham, Abe Godfrey, Sr.

The jurors drawn to serve at the special term of court, convening February 6 were: James E. Gregory, James C. Burke, John O. White, III, Erwin W. Whedbee, Joseph Harrell, F. M. Condon, Melvin Forehand, Oliver Winslow, William E. Williams, J. Gregory, W. L. Gagley, W. S. Long, Mrs. J. R. Futrell, P. B. Thach, Vivian C. Dale, William Ferrell, John E. Chappell, Lorenzo Elliott, James Brothers, Miss Audrey Umphelett, Jarvis Henry, Ellis G. Byrum, William A. Russell, T. W. Wilson, James Barnes, J. H. Boyce, W. V. Brabble, Curtis Johnson, Arrie L. Wilson, William S. Umphelett, Mrs. Corbie Dogier, Freeman Long, Albert Swate, E. T. Kirby, Lloyd Layden, James C. Lamb, Jim L. Lamb and Charles E. Lane.

K. J. Eyer, Sanitarian for the District Health Department, speaking before the Hertford Rotary Club Tuesday night, proposed a four-point program for better sanitation in Perquimans County.

Stating that sanitation is the foundation for better health everywhere Mr. Eyer said he would like to see a sewer and water ordinance adopted for the Town of Hertford; a year around rat control program established and the construction of a sewerage treatment plant. The last point of the proposed program is the establishment of more dairy business within the county.

Describing his work as district sanitarian, Mr. Eyer said the job is more than simply inspecting food and drink establishments and placing up of grade cards. Public health laws, he said, provide certain codes which must be observed for the protection of public health and the sanitarian must carry out a vast tour of inspection in seeing these laws are fully observed.

Much work is carried out in connection with inspection of schools and school lunchrooms throughout the district to maintain a high standard of health for school children. Eyer said each school is thoroughly inspected twice a year and recommendations for improvement of conditions are made to proper school authorities.

Mr. Eyer was introduced to the Rotarians by V. N. Darden, program chairman.

**SERVICES FRIDAY**  
The Rev. P. E. Shultz, rector of Holy Trinity Church announced that Holy Communion will be observed at the church at 10 A. M., Friday, January 6; Feast of the Epiphany, At 7:30 Friday evening a color filmstrip, "Story of the Other Wise Man" will be shown at the church. This will be a service of interest to the community and the public is invited to attend.