

Board Of Education Moves To Condemn Property For Site Of New School Building

Acting to secure title to a tract of land as a site for the new Hertford Grammar School, the Board of Education, meeting in special session here last Friday night, voted to start condemnation proceedings to acquire 14.2 acres of land known as the Pattle Wood Warren land, adjacent to Woodland Circle.

Local school authorities, for the past two weeks, had been negotiating with the owners of this tract but being unable to reach agreement as to a sale price moved to place the matter before the courts in order to expedite securing of the land and proceed with plans for construction of the new school.

It was learned Saturday a group owning 9.2 acres of the 14.2 acres sought notified the Board of Education they would accept the Board's offer of \$13,500 for this particular tract of land.

In connection with the condemnation proceedings, the Board of Education employed Silas M. Whedbee to act as attorney for the Board.

J. W. Griffin, architect for the

new school, was present for the meeting of the Board and presented a sketch-drawing of the new facilities. It was revealed, in talks with the architect, the new building will require a lot which will provide for 357 feet of frontage for the structure. The plan presented by Mr. Griffin was approved by the Board, and orders issued to him to proceed immediately with other plans for the building.

The Board also voted to advertise and sell, as salvage the grammar school building which was destroyed by fire January 9. Under the terms of the sale the buyer will purchase only the materials remaining from the fire, and same is to be removed from the site.

A resolution was adopted by the Board approving teacher participation in social security, in connection with State retirement.

The Board voted approval of a six weeks leave of absence granted by the School committee to Mrs. C. R. Holmes, English teacher at Perquimans High School.

Heart Fund Drive Planned Here On Sunday, Feb. 26th

Heart Sunday is the one day in the year when volunteers call upon their neighbors to contribute funds which support the fight against heart diseases—our country's number one killer. February 26 has been designated as Heart Sunday.

This is the first year in which Hertford has participated in this worthy cause on a wide scale basis. The Rev. James O. Mattox, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church will serve as chairman; Tommy Byrum will serve as treasurer and the following ladies will serve as captains over their designated sections of the town: Mrs. E. C. Woodard for Woodland Circle, Mrs. Marion Swindell for area from city limits to the railroad, Mrs. Tom Harrell for the area from railroad to Covent Garden, Mrs. J. T. Biggers for area from Covent Garden to Front Street, and Mrs. R. S. Monds for Front Street and the north end of Church beginning at Grubb.

The drive will be for one day only for two hours only—February 26th between 2 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The contributions will go to the National Heart Association to be used for research and prevention of dreaded heart diseases.



BARBED WIRE is no great obstacle to an M-41 Walker Bulldog light tank, but it's a signal of caution to tankers and riflemen of the Sixth Armored Cavalry as they clean out an "enemy held" town at the Grafenwohr, Germany, training center.

Three Still Cases Heard By Recorder Tuesday Morning

Three defendants, charged with operating stills within Perquimans County, and manufacturing non tax paid liquor, were given hearings before Judge Charles E. Johnson in Recorder's Court on Tuesday.

Dallas Gilliam, Negro, was found guilty of the charges and he was given a six months road sentence, to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$200 and costs. Will Askew, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to the charge and he was ordered to pay the costs of court and be of good behavior for a period of one year. Askew testified Gilliam had set up a still within the kitchen of the Askew home and both of the defendants were connected with its operation.

Mark Downing, Negro, also entered a plea of guilty to operating a still. He was given a six months sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs, and the condition he be of good behavior for two years.

Seven defendants, all charged with speeding, submitted to the charges and paid the costs of court and fines indicated following the name: John Woodard, Dominick Iengo \$5, Paul Bell \$20, William Dillard, William Ralph, Lindsay Barber \$25, and Robert Nixon \$15.

Board Of Education To Offer Burned Building For Sale

Preparations for removing the ruins of the Hertford Grammar School, which was destroyed by fire last January 9, are being made by the Board of Education, it was announced by J. T. Biggers, superintendent, who stated today the walls of the building and salvage materials within the walls will be offered for sale at public auction on Saturday, February 25.

The Board of Education, Mr. Biggers said, will, at this sale, sell only the damaged building and its contents. No portion of the land will be sold at this time.

Under the terms of the sale, the buyer will be required to remove the debris and level the building site with the surrounding land, within a period of sixty days.

Bidding on the salvage job is open to the public.

Homemaking Class Recently Organized

An adult homemaking class was organized on Thursday, February 9, in Bay Branch area at the home of Miss Adelaide Hurdle with the following officers elected:

President, Mrs. Katherine Hunter; secretary, Miss Hilda Winslow; treasurer, Mrs. Elnora Victoria Billups; business manager, Miss Adelaide Hurdle.

The class is being sponsored by the homemaking department of the Perquimans Training School with Miss Vyvian J. Harris as instructor.

A unit on clothing construction is being offered first and all persons interested in attending are asked to be present at the Bay Branch Community Center on Thursday, February 23, at 3:00 P. M.

Local Firm Awarded Sales Certificate

Barrell Gas and Coal Company of Hertford has been awarded first place certificate for sales leadership in the South Atlantic Division of Pyralax Gas Service for 1955. It was announced here this week.

The award was presented last week in Baltimore at a conference sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hollwell, and the credit was given to the company by the National Gas Association.

Navy Department Requests \$48 Million For Seaplane Base At Harvey Point Site

Athletic Officials Draw Schedule For Baseball Season

Meeting in the Perquimans High School at Hertford Wednesday evening of last week, members of the Albemarle Athletic Conference set up plans for the annual basketball tournament to be held at Tarboro Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 22, 23 and 24, elected new officers, made plans for picking an all-conference basketball team, arranged baseball schedules for next season.

Only five teams will play in the basketball tournament, for Williamston will participate in the Martin County tournament.

A meeting of the coaches and conference officials will be held at Tarboro on opening night of the tournament, Wednesday, February 22, to select an all-conference basketball team for the current season. After considerable discussion and one vote on officers, the conference decided to set up a new system of choosing officers. Beginning September, 1956, the officers will serve in alphabetical order of the schools with A. Woodrow Taylor, Ahsokie principal, as president; Gerald D. James, Edenton principal, as vice president and E. C. Woodard, Perquimans principal, secretary and treasurer. The next year James will be president, Woodard vice president, and J. S. Fleming of Plymouth secretary-treasurer and so on down the list through Tarboro and Williamston. Any new member will be added at the bottom of the list and rotated in order as the others.

Football charms were passed to the winners' coaches and it was announced that trophies are being engraved and will be ready soon.

The basketball schedule for the next season will be just as this season with the sites reversed:

A drawing was held for the baseball schedule places and all games are to begin at 3:15 except where agreement is made between the schools involved in any game. The schedule as presented by B. G. Stewart of Williamston and adopted unanimously sends Williamston to Hertford on March 30 to open the season with Ahsokie at Plymouth and Edenton at Tarboro on the same date.

Fingerlings Placed In Perquimans River

Hugh Robertson, District Wildlife Game Protector, reported today the Wildlife Service had placed 3,000 Robbin fingerlings in the Perquimans River during the past week, and plan to place some bass and bream fingerlings in the stream later this spring.

The fingerlings received here this week were supplied by the State Fish Hatchery at Fayetteville.

Soil Supervisors To Sponsor Annual Poster Contest

F. B. Skinner, John A. Bray and George G. Winslow, Perquimans County Supervisors of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District, met on Friday, February 10 to work out plans for sponsoring a conservation poster contest.

It was decided that the poster contest would be held in the same manner as last year. The contest will be for the fifth, sixth and seventh grades of the Central Grammar School at Winfall and the fifth, sixth and seventh grades of the Hertford Grammar School. The fifth grade in the Central Grammar School will compete with the fifth grade in the Hertford Grammar School to determine the fifth grade winner. The sixth and seventh grade winners will be determined in the same manner.

The supervisors are offering a first and second prize for each grade. The contest will be held during the month of March.

This will be the third year that the supervisors have sponsored a conservation poster contest. Last year students made 199 conservation posters.

Rites Held Sunday For Mrs. Richmond

Mrs. Nannie Mack Richmond, 58, wife of the Rev. I. S. Richmond, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, died early Saturday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Dudley Whitley in Pine Tops, following a lingering illness.

Surviving besides the husband are one daughter, Mrs. Charlie Edwards, of Kinston; five sisters, Mrs. Whitley, Mrs. John Little and Miss Ruth Brown, all of Pine Tops, Mrs. W. M. Liles of Lanesville and Mrs. Oren Thomas of Wilson County, and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Pine Tops Methodist Church by the Rev. Vance Lewis, pastor of the church. Interment was in the Pine Tops cemetery.

Additional plans for construction of a seaplane base at Harvey Point were revealed Thursday morning in an announcement from Washington that the Navy Department has requested \$48 million dollars for completion of the base.

A new 48 million dollar seaplane base for the use of heavy jet bombers will be built at Harvey's Point near Hertford if the Navy's plans materialize.

Initial construction on the base would begin with funds requested in the military budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The initial request was for six million dollars.

The base would be constructed on the site of a Navy patrol plane base used during World War II. It is located on the Perquimans River about 11 miles east of Hertford near Harvey's Inlet, where the river empties into the Albemarle Sound.

The base would tie in with present heavy fortifications and military installations already established within a 40 mile area, including the Navy and Coast Guard stations at Elizabeth City and the Navy Auxiliary landing facility at Edenton, now being used by the Marines; and the Navy's lighter than air base at Weeksville.

The initial funds would be used for airfield pavements, water front, fuel storage and dispensing, aircraft and station maintenance facilities, navigational aids, utilities, and other work.

A few buildings erected at the site during World War II still remain, but the report stated these would be torn down and new ones built.

The Marine Corps has asked for \$13,926,000 to build up the Navy's auxiliary landing field at Edenton, plus another \$6,736,000. The money would be spent beginning July 1 of this year for aircraft and station maintenance, fuel dispensing, operational, administrative, personnel, communications, and community facilities, airfield pavements and utilities.

Local PTA Votes Funds For School Equipment Needs

The Hertford Grammar School PTA held its February meeting in the Perquimans County Court House Thursday night with Mrs. Jack Brinn, president, presiding.

After the devotional given by Mrs. H. C. Sullivan, Mrs. T. P. Brinn, a member of the Board of Education, talked briefly to the group about the coming School Bond Election.

The PTA decided by a majority vote that it favored Raleigh as headquarters for the state PTA.

Miss Thelma Elliott, principal, explained that approximately \$9,000.00 worth of school equipment such as maps, pictures, projector and films, etc., was destroyed in the grammar school fire with no insurance coverage. The PTA voted to give the sum of \$250.00, its balance on hand, toward replacing a part of this equipment.

Announcement was made concerning a basketball game to be staged by the Jayces and VFW Club proceeds of which would be used for the benefit of the school.

Francis Nixon was in charge of the program the subject of which was civil defense. Charlie Skimmer spoke on "Civil Defense in Peace and in War." Jarvis Henry spoke on the need of volunteers for the Ground Observer Corps.

March Of Dimes Fund No. 1,036

Contributions to the Perquimans County March of Dimes fund have reached a total of \$1,086.90, it was reported Wednesday by Henry C. Sullivan, drive treasurer.

He stated practically all reports turned over to date have come from collectors canvassing within the Town of Hertford, and a number of reports are yet to be received from county solicitors. When these reports are in the county committee believes the fund total will be somewhere near \$1,300.

Mrs. Charles Willford, league chairman, today reported details which have been received from reports on the fund.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Parker Perry of Mexico City, announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Brinn, born January 30.

BAKE SALE SATURDAY

The St. Catherine Auxiliary of the Holy Trinity Church will hold a bake sale Saturday morning at Perry's Electrical Shop on Church Street.

Plymouth Netters Tilt Out Indians In Conference

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The long awaited decision on the state's health of President Eisenhower was revealed Tuesday following a medical examination of the President by a group of physicians. They reported the President should be able to carry on in active work for another five to ten years. The doctors told newsmen that the President had made a good recovery from the heart attack suffered last fall. With the medical examination over the President is expected to make known a decision concerning his future political plans about March 1.

A revised farm program, which includes rigid support prices as well as provisions for a "soil bank" is expected to come a little while under consideration by Congress. The Administration opposed rigid support prices but favors the soil bank plan. Washington reports indicate the bill as approved by congressional committees may be adopted by the lawmakers but may face a presidential veto.

Nearly 500 persons have died in Europe during the past three weeks from attacks of the severe winter weather of this country. Floods sweeping in from Siberia covered probably all of the continent, as far west as the northern shores of Africa. U. S. military personnel stationed in Europe, are assisting in relief programs set up during the past two weeks.

Miss Elizabeth Compton, Charlotte, North Carolina, received the 1955-56 award for the best letter written by a girl in the country. The letter was written to her mother and was about the time she was in the hospital. Miss Compton is a member of the Girl Scouts of America.

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Making good on two foul shots in the final 15 seconds of the ball game the Plymouth Panthers edged out the Perquimans Indians by a score of 82-81 in the final basketball game of the season here on Tuesday night. It was the second victory of the season for the Panthers over the Indians.

Several errors committed by the Indians during the final period paved the way for Plymouth to come from a deficit of six points at the close of the third period to score the win.

Plymouth opened the game fast going into a 12-4 lead but the Indians fought back and trailed 17-19 at the end of the quarter and the contest was tied-up at the half 31-31. Perquimans moved into a 47-41 lead at the end of the third quarter but lost this advantage in the final eight.

Plymouth's center, Luke, was high scorer of the game with 17 points, while Bray hit for 16 for the Indians. Special, with 14 points and the contest was tied-up at the half 31-31. Perquimans moved into a 47-41 lead at the end of the third quarter but lost this advantage in the final eight.

The Plymouth girls defeated the Indian Squares in the preliminary game by a seven point margin, 44-37. Latham led the Plymouth scoring with 23 points while scoring for Perquimans were Stokes with 10 points and Russell 15.

The girls battled on even terms during the first half which ended with Perquimans holding a 22-21 lead. The Squares faltered during the third period, allowing Plymouth to gain a five point advantage which the local girls were unable to overcome.

The local teams divided honors with Plymouth last Friday night when the Indian Squares won an easy victory by a score of 35-20 over the Indian girls. 20 Feb. Stokes pumped in 23 points for Perquimans while Russell scored 14 and Latham hit for 11. Braggman scored 24 points for Edenton.

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