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Founder's Program Observed At PTA Meeting on Monday

The PTA of Perquimans Central Grammar School held its monthly meeting Monday night, February 27, in the school auditorium.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. John Hurdle, after which the association sang "Faith of Our Fathers". White Hat and Snow Hill communities had charge of the program with Mrs. Ernest Long as chairman. "Through The Years" was the theme of the Founders' Day program since this month marks the fifty-ninth anniversary of the Parent-Teacher Association. Arvin Hudson gave the devotional using a portion of the 5th chapter of Matthew as the Scripture reading, followed by prayer. "Bless This House" was beautifully rendered by Mrs. Melvin Eure.

The program centered around the founding of the National Association and of the past presidents of the local organization. Mrs. Eddie Harrell gave the history of the association, going back to 1897, when Alice Burney and Phoebe Hurst formulated ideals and principles which have survived and grown, promoting the welfare of youth. "The child is the hope of the future; in him rest the solutions of the State and the Society..." was stated by Mrs. Burney and the parents and teachers carrying out these words are striving to make the child better adapted for his place in the world.

The past presidents were recognized as Mrs. Long gave a review of the life of the Perquimans Central PTA which began in 1939 and is now nineteen years old. The story of the local PTA's life was very interesting, noting the progress from the time of the first president until now and the struggles and the ways of earning money to make the projects a success. The past presidents attending the meeting, in order they served were:

Beauty Contest To Top Observance Of Local 4-H Week

During National 4-H Club Week, Perquimans County 4-H Clubs will hold their annual 4-H Beauty Contest. This beauty contest will be held on Friday night, March 9, at 8 o'clock in the Perquimans High School auditorium. This contest has become one of the outstanding 4-H events of the year and much interest has been shown in it.

National 4-H Club Week will be during the period of March 3-11. At this time North Carolina's 149,921 4-H members, their parents, leaders, and friends will join with two million other 4-H members throughout the nation in the observance of National 4-H Club week, a period set aside to bring to the attention of the public the significance of 4-H Club work and its program of varied opportunities for farm boys and girls.

The chief objectives for the observance of National 4-H Club Week are to provide members a special occasion for evaluating past achievements and making plans for future activities on their farms, and in their homes and communities; to inform the public, including parents of the value of 4-H training; to interest other young people in enrolling in local clubs; to recognize support of local citizens; and to enlist more public spirited citizens to volunteer for this service.

Here in North Carolina special emphasis will be on providing opportunities for a larger number of boys and girls to participate in the program and on the expansion of the local leader program. Perquimans County has recently organized a 4-H Leader group. This group is made up of parents of 4-H Club members and other interested persons, who will encourage farm boys and girls who are not already enrolled in 4-H Clubs to join, and will help those who are already members with their project work.

The economic objective of 4-H is developed through better practices in agriculture and homemaking by thrift, money management, and wise spending. Through the encouragement of good food, health, and clothing habits, improved sanitation, more adequate housing, physical training, and recommended medical examination, the 4-H program serves to improve the physical condition of 4-H club members.

The teaching of proper ideals and attitudes for wholesome relationships in the home, neighborhood, and communities, through family living, club meetings, 4-H camp, achievement days, picnics, and community organization activity serves to develop the social objective of 4-H.

Four-H Sunday programs, vesper services, the development of charitable attitudes and a greater appreciation for the finer things of life serve to emphasize and develop the spiritual growth and development objective of the 4-H program. Coupled with the other three objectives, 4-H serves "to train youth in the art of living."

The Hertford Jaycees will participate in the annual project of the North Carolina Jaycees to obtain wills from people that wish to donate their eyes, at the time of death, to the North Carolina Eye Bank for Restoring Sight, Inc. This is a non-profit organization that obtains eyes to help restore sight to blind people and others with eye diseases.

People that wish to will their eyes make a will to this effect so that their eyes may be preserved at the time of death and sent to the eye bank.

The North Carolina Jaycees obtained over 800 wills for eyes last year. The annual drive will be held from March 5 to 11th. Any person wishing to donate their eyes that others may see can contact C. T. Skinner, Jr., of the Hertford Jaycees, or Dr. W. T. Kohn, O.D. of Chapel Hill, N. C.

The St. Catherine Auxiliary will meet Monday night, March 5, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. B. Bonner.

Mrs. John Symons, Mrs. Dempsey Winslow, two years; Mrs. L. C. Winslow, two years; Mrs. A. R. Cook, two years; Mrs. Howard Hunter, Mrs. Frank Bray, three years; Mrs. Eddie Harrell, two years; Mrs. M. D. Lane, Mrs. Wendell Matthews, two years; and the present president, Mrs. John Hurdle. Not present were the late Mrs. W. F. Morgan, the first president and the Rev. Carl Yow who is living in Virginia and could not attend.

In the absence of the secretary Miss Lelia L. Winslow read the minutes of the January meeting and the president's message.

A Founders' Day offering was then taken and copies of the treasurer's report given to each person.

During the business session, the question was raised by the President, if the group wanted the State Headquarters Building in Raleigh or Gibsonville. Raleigh was the unanimous choice.

The principal, Thomas Maston, read a letter from Frances Walker concerning the School Construction Bill, which has to do with working and voting for additional classroom space.

The program chairman, Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Jr., announced that the Belvidere Community has charge of the March meeting, the theme being "Healthy Children are Happy Children" with Mrs. Harold White, leader.

The president of the Hertford Grammar PTA was recognized. J. T. Biggers urged the people to go to the polls and vote for the bond issue on March 27.

The hospitality chairman announced that Mrs. Elijah White's room had won the attendance banner.

Refreshments, consisting of punch, mints, salted nuts, and cup cakes were served to the members present.

Probable Cause Is Found Against Two Court Defendants

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

In a radio-TV announcement to the nation Wednesday night, President Eisenhower said he will be available as a candidate for re-election for a second term. His plans were revealed earlier at a press conference held in Washington Wednesday morning. The President said he never would have decided to seek election unless he thought he would live out the next five years.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, testifying before a Congressional committee, reported policies of the United States may be forcing Russia to change its basic concepts on governmental procedure within the country. Dulles pointed out the Reds are changing tactics in face of world unity. The remarks brought sharp criticism from Democratic senators who stated the views were too optimistic.

Governor Hodges met in Washington this week with North Carolina members of Congress seeking their pledge to support the governor's plea of \$20 million in federal aid to repair damages along the state coast, resulting from hurricanes of the past two years. The Congressmen agreed with the proposal and pledged to work toward additional appropriations for the program.

Tornadoes and windstorms of hurricane force, struck wide areas of the U. S. last week-end, causing damages estimated in millions of dollars. Texas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Maryland and Washington, D. C., reported severe storms.

A verdict of probable cause was returned by Judge Chas. E. Johnson in Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday following hearings in two cases connected with the theft of a power saw, which occurred last September at the home of John D. Lane. Garland McDonald was bound over for trial at the April term of Superior Court on a charge of larceny of the saw and Ernest Roach, Negro, is charged with receiving the saw as stolen goods. He will also be given a hearing in Superior Court.

Costs of court were taxed against Gordon Walker who entered a plea of guilty of operating a truck which exceeded the legal limit as to height.

A fine of \$50 and costs were assessed against Lawrence Green who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding. A similar judgment was ordered against Douglas Coleman, who also entered a plea of guilty to the charge of speeding but Judge Johnson ordered the fine reduced to \$25 providing Coleman immediately surrendered his operator's license.

Ruby Bateman, charged with being drunk, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$2 and costs of court.

Ralph White, Negro, was sentenced to serve a 30 day road sentence for failure to comply with a judgment in a case in which he was ordered to pay for support of his family.

Anthony Dana and Laden Gerald, each charged with speeding, entered pleas of guilty and each paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

AUXILIARY TO MEET
The St. Catherine Auxiliary will meet Monday night, March 5, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. B. Bonner.

Walled City of Jerusalem



THE DAMASCUS GATE: This is one of eight means of access to the Arab city of Jerusalem and its Holy Place in the Kingdom of Jordan, one of the Bible Lands. Within these ancient, hallowed walls are the church of the Holy Sepulchre, the most sacred shrine in Christendom; the Via Dolorosa or way of the Cross, along which Jesus is believed to have walked to Calvary; and the Dome of the Rock, one of the principal shrines of Islam. Outside the walls in the modern section of the city are the Garden of Gethsemane, where Christ passed the night of agony before His Crucifixion, the Mount of Olives, and the Garden Tomb.

New Wage Hour Law Now In Effect

At least 170,000 North Carolina workers received pay increases as of Thursday, March 1, when the legal minimum wage under the Federal Wage and Hour Law was boosted from 75 cents to \$1.00 an hour.

State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane conservatively estimated that not less than 28 per cent, and perhaps more, of the 600,000 workers covered by the Wage-Hour Law in North Carolina received direct pay increases as a result of the \$1.00 minimum.

Some 35,100 textile workers—or about 15 per cent of the 234,000 employees in the State's huge textile industry—received increases, Commissioner Crane said. A large proportion of the textile workers affected are employed in seamless hosiery and cotton yarn and thread mills.

Next largest group of workers to be affected, said Crane, is employed in the lumber industry. About 22,080 workers in sawmills and planing mills—or 80 per cent of the total of 27,600 workers employed in those operations—received increases.

Some 16,200 furniture workers received pay hikes. The Tar Heel household furniture industry employs currently about 33,100 workers, of whom 49 per cent are affected by the \$1.00 minimum.

In the seasonal tobacco stemmy and redrying industry, as many as 28,500 workers benefited from the new minimum wage, said Crane. Employment in the industry varies from a low of around 6,000 to a high of 30,000 at the peak of tobacco processing operations. From 90 to 95 per cent of these seasonal workers benefited, he stated.

About 17,600 workers in the apparel industry received wage increases. The industry in January employed 23,300 workers. About 76 per cent of them have been earning less than \$1.00 an hour.

In the food products industry, 13,500 workers—or 60 per cent of the 22,500 workers employed—benefited.

Other sizeable groups affected by the \$1.00 minimum include 8,000, or 20 per cent of the more than 40,000 workers employed in wholesale trade; about 4,730, or 61 per cent of the 7,800 workers employed in the stone, clay and glass products industry; 3,860, or 15 per cent of the 27,600 workers employed in the State's transportation (except railroad) industry; 2,620, or 20 per cent of the 13,100 employees of insurance companies; 2,360, or 24 per cent of the 9,800 employees of telephone, telegraph and other communications industries; 2,050, or 35 per cent of a segment of covered workers in the construction industry; 1,590, or 42 per cent of the 3,800 workers employed in mining; 1,400, or 40 per cent of the approximately 3,500 workers employed in the State's fertilizer industry at the peak of seasonal operations; 1,350, or 90 per cent of the 1,500 workers employed in cottonseed oil manufacturing; 1,370, or 32 per cent of the 4,425 workers employed by loan companies and miscellaneous financial agencies; and 1,010, or 18 per cent of the 7,740 employees of banks.

Labor Department studies indicate that the impact of the \$1.00 minimum wage will be about twice as heavy in Eastern North Carolina as in the State as a whole, Commissioner Crane said. As high a proportion as 60 per cent of the covered workers in the eastern part of the State will receive direct pay increases under the new minimum.

Commissioner Crane emphasized that the \$1.00 hourly minimum wage applies only to those workers who have previously been covered by the 75-cent minimum. Only those workers engaged in interstate commerce or the production of goods for interstate commerce are protected by the Federal Wage and Hour Law, he said.

The new minimum does not apply to workers in retail stores and local service industries. It does not cover workers in restaurants, hotels, theatres, barbershops, beauty parlors, grocery stores, drug stores or filling stations. Nor does it apply to farm workers or domestic workers.

Miss Joan Madre Becomes Bride Of G. D. Trueblood, Jr.

In a candlelight ceremony on Sunday afternoon, February 26, at 3:30 o'clock in the Hertford Baptist Church, Miss Joan Corinne Madre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warner L. Madre, became the bride of George David Trueblood, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Trueblood of Winfall.

The Rev. James O. Mattox officiated at the double ring ceremony. Nuptial music was presented by Miss Jean Strole of Meredith College, organist, and Miss Jeanne Madre of Weaverville, cousin of the bride, soloist, who sang "O Perfect Love" and "The Lord's Prayer."

Given in marriage by her father the bride wore a gown of white chantilly lace and bridal satin. The lace bodice was embroidered with iridescent sequins and seed pearls styled with a scalloped scoop neckline and fitted sleeves ending in points over the hands. The floor length skirt of satin was made graceful by the sleek line of the princess style of the gown. Her finger tip veil of imported silk illusion was formed in two tiers and attached to a cap of lace over satin outlined with seed pearls and embroidered with sequins. She carried a bouquet of long stemmed white roses tied with white satin ribbon.

Miss Ann Burke Chappell was maid of honor. She wore a floor length gown of Nile green net over taffeta. The bodice featured a long slim waist with the top of tiny ruffles and a bolera of matching taffeta. The bouffant skirt was designed with an encircling drape of net. Her headress was of matching net and she carried an old-fashioned nosegay of small yellow chrysanthemums.

Miss Mary Dow Chappell and Miss Patricia Pugh, cousin of the bride, were bridesmaids.

Corn Allotment Notices Mailed Local Producers

Notices of the 1956 Corn Farm Allotments have been mailed to corn producers in Perquimans County, Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, said today. The 1956 county corn allotment is 16,058 acres which is a reduction of 2,715 acres from the 1955 corn allotment for the county.

The percentage of parity support level for corn in 1956 will be 6 per cent lower than the 1955 level, or 81 per cent. Tilman R. Walker, Chairman of the ASC State Committee reported that applying this 81 per cent support level to the January 15 corn parity price of \$1.73 a bushel gives a minimum national support level of \$1.40 a bushel. He explained that this \$1.40 national minimum, according to the law, cannot be reduced, but may be increased if a combination of the corn parity price as of October 1, 1956 and corn supplies as of that date call for a higher support price.

The minimum national support level for 1955 was \$1.58 a bushel, and that same price prevailed as the actual national average support level last year. Last year, the support level in all commercial counties in this state was 16 cents a bushel higher than the national average. Applying that same 16 cent difference, Walker says, would provide a good estimate of the support level in this state of \$1.56 a bushel in the commercial corn counties.

The price support program will be carried out this year through Commodity Credit Corporation Loans and Purchase Agreements. To be eligible for corn price support in the commercial producing area, producers must be in compliance with corn acreage allotments. Ear or shelled corn to be eligible for support must grade number 3 or better. The corn must be in adequate storage, and must meet moisture requirements.

Farmers desiring additional information about the corn allotment for price support should contact the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office, Miss Nixon said.

Local Farm Bureau Elects Officers

The Perquimans County Farm Bureau Board of Directors met and elected the following officers for 1956: President, George Winslow; vice president, Joe Nowell; secretary and treasurer, Clarence Chappell, Jr. Bill Little, Field Representative for the N. C. Farm Bureau, met with the Board of Directors and discussed the prospective legislation action and the Farm Bureau Insurance program.

The County Farm Bureau also went on record asking its Congressman and Senators to oppose the bill outlawing type legislation. This was the bill that was drawn up affecting peanut growers to a large extent as it would prohibit the increase in Virginia type peanuts without increasing the Bunch and Spanish peanuts.

County Board To Meet Next Monday

Two meetings are scheduled for the Board of County Commissioners for the month of March. The Board will conduct its regular March meeting next Monday, beginning at 10 A. M. On Monday, March 19, the Commissioners will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review for the purpose of adjusting any complaints arising over property valuation. This latter meeting will begin at 10 A. M., and the Board will remain in session until all matters pertaining to valuation have been completed.

Father-Son Banquet Scheduled Friday

The Perquimans Chapter of the Future Farmers of America will hold its annual father and son banquet at Perquimans High School at 7 o'clock Friday, March 2.

Tickets Available For Benefit Game Next Tuesday Nite

Passes Committee

The Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives on Tuesday approved a Defense Department request for \$6 million to reactivate Harvey Point. The proposed appropriation must be approved by Congress as a whole before funds become available, but it is anticipated that this authorization will be forthcoming.

Announcement has been made that the Navy Department will seek additional funds for construction of a seaplane base at Harvey Point, with a total outlay of some \$8 million dollars.

Heart Fund Drive Reported As \$217

The result of Hertford's first all-out Heart Fund Drive, though encouraging, fell well below anticipated results. This perhaps is explained by the fact that so many families were not at home when the volunteer workers called.

The total results as of Tuesday were \$217.59. Rev. James O. Mattox, fund chairman, urged that those families who were not at home when the worker called last Sunday to use the self-addressed envelope that was left in the door to mail in their contributions. If for some reason an envelope was not left, then the contributions may be sent to Tommy Byrum, treasurer or to H-E-A-R-T care of the local post office.

Rev. Mattox stated that it was not too late to join the battle against diseases of the heart and circulation, and the heart, we help may be due any day!

Calendar Released For Special Term Of Superior Court

Arrangements are being completed for holding a special term of Superior Court here on March 12, to make up for the term cancelled last Monday. Judge J. Paul Fritzel is scheduled to preside over the term.

A calendar, consisting of 18 civil cases, has been completed and released by W. H. Pitt, clerk of court. The cases calendared for trial are:

R. B. Thach vs. Washington Lumber Company.
Sanford Stallings vs. Alton Winslow.
Jack Sawyer vs. Robert Ivey.
Amy Thompson vs. Milton Dail, Jr.

National Cash Register Co. vs. J. M. Spruill.
Washington Lumber Company vs. Ed Lee Jennings.
Mariah Jordan vs. N. E. Chappell.

Dorothy Lightfoot vs. William Russell.
Dianna Lightfoot vs. William Russell, Howard Lightfoot vs. William Russell.
George Riddle vs. Theo. Hulse.
Richard McDonough vs. Noah Felton, Jr.

James Hayden vs. Noah Felton, Jr.
Ethel Hayden vs. Noah Felton, Jr.
Ethel McDonough vs. Noah Felton, Jr.
George McDonough vs. Noah Felton, Jr.

Seth E. Perry vs. Ruby Tant.
H. D. Hurdle vs. J. Van Roach.
Jurors drawn for service at this term of court include: Francis B. Nixon, Claude Simpson, H. B. Matthews, Lloyd Owens, Paul L. White, Frank Elliott, Herbert Nixon, Earl Russell, Wm. Elsberry Lane, Mrs. Katherine Elliott, Rudy Turner, Clarence S. Chappell, Archie R. Chappell, Clifton C. Pierce, George Byrum, Jr., James O. Copeland, Charles M. Willford, Raymond Stanton, Jack Sawyer, Spurgeon Lane, Joseph Meade, Louis R. Stallings, Mrs. W. G. Hollowell, J. Clifton Morgan, Walter Humphlett, J. B. Eure, W. D. Perry, Sr., Dennis Winslow, Robert L. Hollowell, George Fields, John A. Riddick, C. T. Rogerson, Jr., Irvin Trueblood, Edwin S. White, Ira Stallings, Charlie F. Baker, Vernon L. Perry, Mrs. Clara C. Winslow, Carson L. Stallings, John T. Biggers, Seth Long, Jr., and Marvin D. White.

Tax Officials To Assist With Forms
Announcement has been made that representatives of the State Department of Revenue will come to Hertford soon to assist taxpayers in making returns for reporting tax on 1955 incomes and intangible property.

Joe E. Rogers, Deputy Collector for the State Department will be at the Municipal building on March 5, 6, 26, 27, 28 and April 9 and 10 for the purpose of aiding taxpayers desiring assistance.

Individuals must file a state income tax return if they are single and earned as much as \$1,000 during 1955, or if married and earned at least \$2,000.

Forms must be filed with the State Revenue Department on 1955 incomes by April 15th.

John Deere Day Wednesday, Mar. 7
Sponsored by J. C. Blanchard & Company, John Deere Day will be observed Wednesday, March 7, at the State Theatre in Hertford. The show will be free to all farmers and their families, but admission will be by ticket only, which can be secured at the Blanchard store.

Featuring the entertainment will be a motion picture "Tim's Choice," plus a number of short subjects, including "oddities in farming."