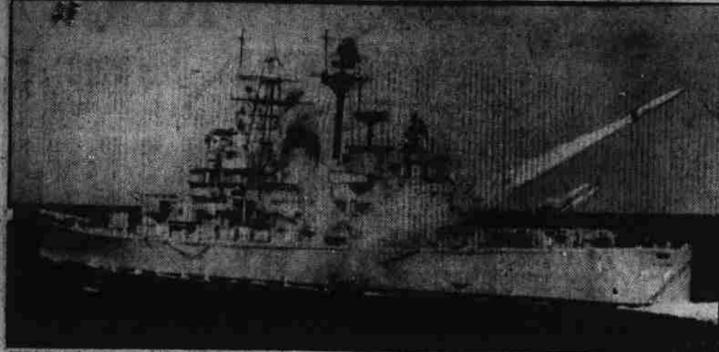


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TERRIER—Bite of the USS Boston is worse than her bark. The world's first guided missile cruiser, she's shown launching a "Terrier" guided missile during Caribbean exercises. Navy spokesmen say she'll join U.S. Sixth Fleet in Mediterranean waters during the latter part of the year.

Four Jail Sentences Handed Out After Trials On Tuesday

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Tornadoes, ripping through mid-western states on Monday and Tuesday, killed 45 persons and injured many others. Michigan reported 20 killed from a storm which struck near Grand Rapids Tuesday. Other states hit by storms included Kentucky, Indiana, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee. Property damages from the tornadoes was estimated as high.

A 53-year-old woman was accused of setting five small fires in the White House where she visited on Tuesday. A Washington report said the fires were quickly extinguished and caused only slight damage. The woman was taken in to custody by the White House guards.

A Norfolk Grand Jury has indicted Miss Minnie Mangum and charged her with embezzling more than \$2,800,000 from a building and loan association where she worked for 28 years. A number of civil suits have been started in Norfolk courts aimed at recovering a large part of the money which officials alleged Miss Mangum gave to friends and relatives.

Early returns in the Wisconsin primary election, held Tuesday, showed Republicans giving President Eisenhower more votes than was cast by Democrats favoring Senator Kefauver as the Democratic presidential nominee. Kefauver was unopposed in the primary in which he sought the Wisconsin delegates to the national convention. John Chapple, a favorite-son candidate, opposed the President in the GOP race.

Quick action is expected on the farm bill when Congress reconvenes this week following an Easter recess. Washington reports state a presidential veto of the bill may follow if the measure calls for rigid support prices.

Board Of Education Names Committee

Appointment of a District School Committee to act on election of principals and teachers for the next school term was made at the April meeting of the Board of Education held Tuesday night in the office of the school superintendent.

Named to this district committee were Edmund S. White, Clinton Eley and E. Q. White.

Additional plans for construction of the King Street School and Hertford Grammar School were considered by the Board, and it was reported tentative arrangements now on file for contracts to be let on this construction about the last week in May.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

The Hertford Chapter of the Eastern Star will hold its regular meeting on Monday, April 9, at 8 o'clock in the lodge room. All members are urged to attend.

Four defendants drew jail sentences following trials in Perquimans Recorder's Court this week before Judge Chas. E. Johnson.

Vasti Privott, Negro, found guilty of charges of driving drunk, was ordered to serve a six months sentence. The sentence was to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$200 and costs and \$400 for the use of Hank Christgau, whose car was damaged by Privott.

Perry Parker, Negro, found guilty of charges of assault with a deadly weapon was given a 90-day sentence, same to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$75 and costs of court.

Bray Lindsey, Negro, was found guilty on charges of larceny. He was sentenced to jail for 60 days, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs of court, and the sum of \$19 to be paid to Emmanuel Miller, Negro.

George Butler, charged with being drunk, entered a plea of guilty. He was given a 30-day sentence, to be suspended upon condition he be of good behavior for 12 months. However, a suspended 90 day sentence previously ordered was revoked and the defendant ordered to serve this sentence.

William Johnson, Negro, paid a fine of \$2 and costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of being drunk on the streets of Hertford.

Six defendants entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and each paid the costs of courts and fines as indicated following their names: Mainhard Moorman, Thomas Davidson, James Johnsey, August Swindell \$2, Rosemary Haines, and George E. Baker \$10.

Junior Class Host To Seniors At Prom Held Last Friday

Under the depths, hid away in Neptune's Court, the Junior Class of Perquimans County High School, entertained the Senior Class at a prom on Friday, March 23, under the direction of Mrs. Joann Stallings, Junior sponsor.

Fish nets were draped across the doorway filled with small artificial fish and beautiful colored pink and blue moss. Waitresses dressed as mermaids greeted the guests and escorted them to a table. The mermaids were Kay Matthews, Jean Keel, Jane Keel, Nancy Lane, Patsey Elliott, Deborah Nixon and Elvira White.

Fish nets were draped around the walls of the gym and fish of assorted colors were hung from the canopy. Pink and blue moss and aqua balloons were entwined in the fish nets. On one side was a huge mural of a mermaid on a rock surrounded by deep sea animals and fish.

Leading atmosphere to the dance floor was a moss covered rock with bubbles shooting from beneath the rock. In one corner was a pirate's den. This consisted of a treasure chest filled with many jewels alongside an old battered and broken sunken ship.

Cafe style tables were arranged around the dance floor and were adorned with white tablecloths and flowers.

State Tax Official Here On April 9-10

J. E. Rogers, Deputy Collector for the State Department of Revenue, will be in Hertford on Monday and Tuesday, April 9 and 10, for the purpose of assisting local residents in filing State income and intangible tax returns.

April 15 is the deadline for filing tax returns with the federal and state departments. For those who have not yet filed their returns and desire assistance in filing out the forms Mr. Rogers will be located at the municipal building next Monday and Tuesday.

Indians Drop Game To Edenton 10-7; Play Ahoskie Friday

The baseball team of Perquimans High School will play the strong Ahoskie outfit here in Hertford on Friday afternoon with game time set for 2 o'clock. Coach Ike Perry said.

Perquimans will be out to cop its first Albemarle Conference game of the season, after losing to the Edenton Aces last Tuesday. The Perquimans-Williamston game, scheduled for last Thursday afternoon was rained out and will be played at a later date.

The Indians, after winning three pre-conference contests, traveled to Edenton last Tuesday and lost by a score of 10-7. Errors proved to be costly for the Perquimans team which was unable to overcome a five-run deficit in the 5th inning.

Ted Chappell, southpaw ace for the Indians, went the route against Edenton giving up seven hits while Edminizer was the winning pitcher for the Aces. He gave up 11 hits to the Indians but had better backing from his teammates in holding down Perquimans' score.

Perquimans gained a 4-3 lead in the second inning but the Aces knotted the count by scoring in the third. Five runs added in the fourth sewed up the verdict for Edenton, although the Indians rallied to score three in the sixth. The Aces made their final run in the sixth inning.

Ruins Of School Sold On Saturday

The ruins of the Hertford Grammar School was sold last Saturday at public auction for the sum of \$25. The sale is subject to approval of the Board of Education and the condition the purchaser post a \$1,000 performance bond guaranteeing removal of the debris. Lester Keel was the successful bidder at the sale. Under the terms of the sale the purchaser has until September 1 to remove the ruins and level the ground.

Report Is Given On Sale Of Seals

A belated report on the sale of Christmas Seals in Perquimans County was released this week by the District TB Association and showed Perquimans County citizens contributed \$1,550.38 to this fund drive.

Total collections for the four-county district amounted to \$10,594.89, less State participation in the amount of \$2,116.96.

CIRCLE TO MEET

The Mary Tove Circle will meet Monday night, April 9, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Martin Tove, with Mrs. Elizabeth Skippy as co-hostess.

Board Of Elections Reports Four More Office Candidates

With only eight days remaining for individuals to file their candidacy for county offices with the Perquimans Board of Elections, R. C. Murray, chairman of the Board reported Tuesday activity in his office had picked up during the past week with four candidates filing intentions to seek office at the Democratic primary to be held May 26.

Noon, Saturday, April 14, is the deadline for filing for local offices at stake in the primary election this year, Mr. Murray said.

Filing as candidates during the past week were Julian C. Powell, who will be seeking re-election to the office of Register of Deeds.

Three members of the Board of County Commissioners, William C. Chappell, R. L. Spivey and Warner Madro also announced they will seek re-election as Commissioners. Each of these officials filed as candidates on last Monday.

Thus far, little interest is being manifested in the coming election. There are no contested races to date, and few indications of any which might develop.

In addition to the above named candidates, those who have filed for office include William Copeland of Murfreesboro and Elton Aydtlett of Elizabeth City, seeking office as State Senators from this district; Chas. E. Johnson, who is seeking re-election as recorder's judge; D. F. Reed, Jr., for county treasurer; George Caddy, Delvin Eure and H. N. Nixon, who seek membership on the Board of Education.

Fire Destroys Barn And Livestock; Loss Estimated \$10,000

Central PTA In Meeting Tuesday

"America, the Beautiful" was sung at the opening of the Perquimans Central PTA held Tuesday night, April 3, in the school auditorium. The Belvidere community had charge of the program, "Healthy Children Are Happy Children," with Mrs. Harold White, leader. Thomas Butt, gave the devotional, selecting verses from both the Old and New Testaments, which in some way related to health. He then led in prayer, "The Nail-Scarred Hand" was beautifully rendered by a quartet consisting of Mrs. Charlie Chappell, Mrs. Quinton Stallings, Mrs. Lassell Chappell and Mrs. Arnold Chappell, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Russell Chappell.

Thomas Maston gave some facts about the medical aspects of tuberculosis found in the film, "The Inside Story," which was shown to the Association. The minutes of the February meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. J. Van Roach and approved as read. It was decided that the next meeting will be held April 30 and that the time will be changed from 7:30 to 8:00 P. M. The program "Arts and Crafts For Fun," will be given by the Woodville community, with Mrs. Graham Wood, leader. For having a 100 per cent membership the local group received the Gold Seal and the president announced that the State Headquarters building will be in Raleigh. A nominating committee, composed of Mrs. Frank Bray, Mrs. Thomas Butt and Mrs. Arvin Hudson, was elected to name officers for next year. Mrs. Atha Tunnell's room won the attendance banner for the month.

The Fire Department was called to the scene out the fire, fanned by high winds, had gained such headway firemen were unable to save the building, but did contain the flames to the one structure.

The huge pile of corn stored in the barn continued to burn through most of the day Wednesday. Firemen remained at the scene for a number of hours as a precaution against the winds spreading these flames to adjacent buildings.

It is believed the fire started near a corn shelling machine which was in operation at the time. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

The Fire Department was also called to Woodville Wednesday morning to extinguish a tree which had caught fire, and which was creating a traffic hazard. No damage resulted from this fire, it was reported.

Local Firm Is Now Incorporated

Virgil B. Sutton has announced that his firm, operating under the name of Culligan Albemarle Water Conditioning Service, has been incorporated under the laws of North Carolina and is now operating in the Albemarle section.

Named Secretary State Association

Charles Harrell, president of the Harrell Gas & Coal Company of Hertford, has been elected secretary to the N. C. L.P. Gas Association, it was reported here this week. Mr. Harrell will assume his duties in the association next September.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Church school will be conducted at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at 9:45 A. M., Sunday, April 8. There will be no service at 11 A. M., due to the absence of the rector, Paul Shufit.

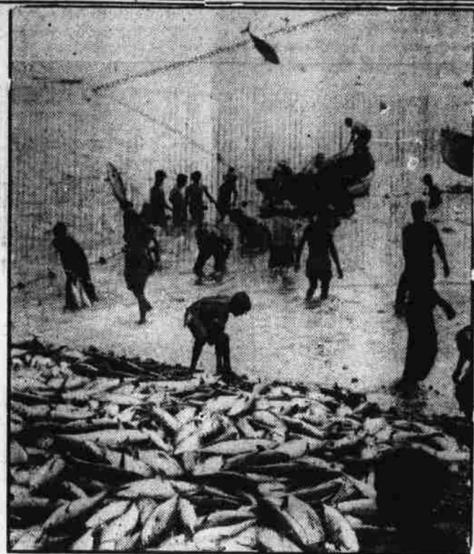
Exchange Student Guest At Rotary Meeting Tuesday

Hertford Rotarians were given a brief sketch of life in Argentina at their meeting Tuesday when Ernesto Ezquer, a Rotary Exchange student now studying at Wake Forest College, was a guest of the local club.

"I am thrilled and am enjoying my stay in the United States," Ernesto said, "but I miss the opportunity to buy 25 cent steak dinners which are available in Argentina." He said living conditions in the U. S. and his native country were similar but one difference is luxuries, such as automobiles, are very costly in Argentina while necessities, such as food are very cheap.

Argentina is located in the southern part of South America and has a population of about 17 million. Almost one-third of the residents live in the capital city of Buenos Aires, and the economy of the nation is chiefly agriculture, although in recent years Argentina has developed considerable industry.

"The government of Argentina," Ernesto said, "is also similar to the United States with both federal and local governments. The Provinces which make up the nation (Continued on Page Five)



HARVEST TIME—The pay's good while it lasts—about \$1,000 an hour. Natives of Pampatar on the Venezuelan island of Margarita net a twice-yearly haul as schools of bonita make their migratory runs past the island. The average catch of about 6,000 fish takes three hours to bring in. Price received for each fish represents approximately 50 cents in American money.

County Board Hears Financial Report At Monday's Meeting

Financial operations for Perquimans County for the first nine months of the fiscal year, which closed last Saturday, are well within the budget adopted by the Board of Commissioners last June, according to a financial report made to the Commissioners during their meeting on Monday by Max Campbell, County Accountant.

Income received by the County during the first nine months of this fiscal year amounted to \$277,500.71, while expenditures totaled \$227,290.84. Bank balances for the various funds of the county on last Saturday amounted to \$111,123.24. According to the report, approximately 80 per cent of the 1955 tax levy has been collected, the amount being \$112,136.13.

The Board, on motion passed, ordered Sheriff J. K. White to advertise all delinquent 1955 taxes for sale during the month of June and to sell the same on the first Monday in July. The order also instructed the sheriff to levy against all unpaid personal property taxes during the same period of time.

A delegation of residents of Parkville Township appeared before the Board and requested Bagley Swamp and Bright's Mill Creek be included in any drainage projects which may be adopted by the County under plans now being considered in cooperation with the Office of Civil Defense.

Mrs. Etta Turner of New Hope was elected to membership on the County Library Board, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. L. J. Winslow.

The Commissioners adopted a resolution verifying the results of the special bond election, held on March 24, and thus paved the way for issuance of bonds in the amount of \$125,000 for assisting in construction of a new school building here.

Bids are being received by the Board for installation of a new heating system in the agriculture building but action on this matter was tabled pending receipt of additional bids.

Limited Supply Of Vaccine Available

The Health Department has received another limited supply of polio vaccine which will be given to children on a first come, first served basis, it was announced by Dr. B. B. McGuire last Friday.

Inoculations will be given at the Hertford Health Center on Tuesdays from 2 to 3 P. M., and on Thursdays from 1 to 5 P. M.

CLASS TO MEET

The Judson Memorial Class of the Hertford Baptist Church will meet Tuesday, April 10, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. T. P. Byrum. All members are urged to attend.

Street Department Taking Down Trees

Employees of Hertford Street Department are busy this week removing a number of trees from the right-of-way along Dobb Street in preparation of a project to be started later on which includes installation of curb and gutters along this thoroughfare. No date has been set for starting this project according to Mayor V. N. Darden.

Story Rites Held Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. Susan Davis Story, age 79, died Friday night at 10:30 o'clock at the home near Parkville after an illness of one week. She was a native and life long resident of Perquimans County and the Parkville community; daughter of the late James and Mary Brothers Davis; wife of the late Thomas C. Story and a member of the Oak Grove Methodist Church.

She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Eva Higgins and Mrs. Robert Russell, both of Parkville, Mrs. Moses White of Elizabeth City, Route 3, Mrs. Archie Barcliff of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. W. S. Chaffin, Jr., of South Mills; four sons, Paton P. Story of Pittsburgh, Pa., Simon Story of Elizabeth City, Route 3, Thomas C. Story, Jr., of Parkville and Gerald Augustus Story of Avenel, N. J.; two sisters, Mrs. Jack Lane of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Annie Ferrell of Parkville; one brother, James D. Davis of Elizabeth City; 40 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

The remains were carried from the Twiford Funeral Home in Hertford to the Oak Grove Methodist Church where funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the Rev. Earl R. Meekins, pastor, assisted by the Rev. D. B. Cruise, pastor of the People's Methodist Church.

A solo, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," was sung by the Rev. Cruise. The church choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" accompanied at the piano by Miss Mildred Ann Lewis. The casket was covered with a pall of red roses, white mums, Easter lilies and fern.

Pallbearers were Hayward Russell, Clinton Russell, Thomas Russell, Ralph Higgins, Barney Higgins and Leslie Spindler. Burial followed in the family plot near Parkville.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Elijah White, master, urges all members to be present.

Red Cross Drive Far Short Of Goal Extended 2 Weeks

Perquimans County's 1956 Red Cross fund raising campaign has netted only \$331 thus far, according to Mrs. Jack Burbage, drive chairman, who announced the roll call has been extended for two weeks to permit solicitors to complete the canvass of the county in an effort to meet the 1956 goal of \$1,400.

An exceedingly large number of solicitors have yet to make reports of contributions collected, and the chapter officials are hopeful the prospects of the county reaching its quota will appear brighter when a majority of these reports are turned over to the chairman.

Although, officially, the Red Cross drive was expected to come to a close the last of March, the local campaign, off to a late start, is being extended to give each solicitor the opportunity to contact all the people within the territory and offering these individuals the privilege of joining the Red Cross and helping the county meet its 1956 goal.

The \$331 in contributions reported to date, according to Mrs. Burbage, has come entirely from the business district of Hertford. She urges all solicitors to make a concentrated effort between now and April 14 to canvass their territory and make reports on membership enrollment.

The campaign committee desires to bring the county drive to a close on April 14 and urges all workers to complete their tasks on or before a week from next Saturday.

County Valuation Of Property About Same As In 1955

Property valuations in Perquimans County for the 1956 tax year are running about the same as were listed last year, according to Julian C. Powell, County Tax Supervisor.

Unofficial figures compiled by Mr. Powell since the closing of the tax listing period on January 31 shows the tentative total valuation for 1956 as being \$7,948,013 as compared to \$7,921,214 for the previous year. This sum does not include corporation property which is listed with the State Board of Assessment.

Property owned by white residents of the county showed an increase of \$36,668 in 1956 over 1955, while valuation of property owned by Negro residents showed a decrease of \$9,869.

The preliminary valuation figures were released by Mr. Powell as follows:

New Hope No. 1	\$1,236,765
Belvidere No. 1	1,084,597
Bethel No. 1	656,423
Parkville No. 1	1,544,284
Hertford No. 1	2,519,077
New Hope No. 2	160,487
Belvidere No. 2	115,980
Bethel No. 2	166,187
Parkville No. 2	183,897
Hertford No. 2	280,316

Final figures on the valuation of county property, including corporation property is expected to exceed, by a small margin, the total of eight million dollars.

Demonstration On Paint Is Scheduled

Choosing the proper shades of paint for a home, either interior or exterior, can be a difficult task in operation "Spring Clean-Up," according to Edgar Morris, manager of Hertford Hardware and Supply Company, who announced to a representative of the Athey Paint Company to conduct demonstrations at the local store next Monday and Tuesday on the mixing of paint colors to give one the shade desired.

William Simpson, representing the Athey Company will be at the local store on Monday and Tuesday for the purpose of providing information on the use of proper paints and mixing of paint shades. The public is invited to visit the store and watch the demonstrations.