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WORST SUSPICIONS CONFIRMED—Harried citizens convinced of the omnipotence of the tax collector will be horrified to know that the girl peering from the mail collection rack, above, is an Internal Revenue Service employe, Margie Spencer, who works for the Internal Revenue department in Indianapolis, Ind., is appearing in a strictly unofficial capacity. She's posing to emphasize attractiveness of Uncle Sam's new mail collection racks and is not scrounging the mails for late tax returns. Citizens perform first steps in mail sorting operations by depositing air and special delivery matter at left; out-of-town first-class mail goes at right and local letters drop on top of Margie's head.

Pupil Assignment Rules Adopted By Educational Board

Rules and regulations pertaining to assignment of pupils to Perquimans County Schools, in compliance with State Statutes enacted by the 1955 General Assembly, were adopted by the Board of Education during a meeting held here last Friday night.

The Board approved the election of teachers for Perquimans Training School and filled three vacancies at Central Grammar School and one vacancy at Perquimans High School.

Teachers for the next term at Perquimans Training School will be R. L. Kingsbury, principal, Miss Vivyan Harris, King A. Williams, Mrs. Johnnie Privott, Mrs. Mable Stroud, Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, W. J. Thompson, Mrs. Lona G. Wilson, Mrs. Cora Washington, Mrs. Ruth Harrison, Mrs. Addie Hoffer, Mrs. Jennie S. Thompson, G. N. Reid, H. E. Daughtrey, Miss Doris Jennings, Mrs. Mary Newby, Mrs. Murry E. James, Mrs. Idonia Rogerson, Mrs. Wealtha Mardre, Mrs. Letitia G. Lessane, Mrs. Edna Zachary, Miss Myrtle Felton, Mrs. A. E. Simons, Mrs. Rosa Newby, Mrs. Harrett Winslow and Mrs. Rosa E. Lowe.

Teachers approved for filling vacancies at the Central Grammar School were Mrs. Mary C. White, first grade; Miss Ruth Boyce, 3rd grade, and Mrs. Helen Winslow, 6th grade.

The election of Mrs. Elizabeth Skipsy as teacher at Perquimans High School was also approved.

The Board of Education voted to comply strictly with the state law with reference to entrance age for first grade pupils. This law sets out that a pupil must be six years of age prior to October 15 to be eligible for admission to school. Children who become six years of age after October 15 must wait until the following school year to enter the first grade.

A schedule of repair work, to be carried out at the various schools in the county, during the coming summer months, was adopted by the board, and the superintendent was instructed to proceed with this schedule.

A tentative budget for the 1956-57 school year, subject to final approval of the Board of County Commissioners, was adopted during the meeting. The budget calls for expenditures totaling \$70,565,000 for the year.

Commissioned In U. S. Marine Corps

Thomas B. Sumner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Sumner, of Hertford, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps, following commencement exercises at Duke University last Monday during which Sumner received a Bachelor of Arts degree as one of the graduates.

County Applies For Funds To Complete Drainage Program

Perquimans County, through the Board of County Commissioners acting to relieve stream drainage conditions resulting from hurricanes which struck this area last fall, has made application to State and Federal Civil Defense Authority for funds totaling \$188,414.00 to carry out a drainage program within the county, which will relieve the condition and expedite the flow of water through creeks and rivers of the county.

A bill appropriating the sum of six million dollars, for this program in some 30 counties in Northeastern North Carolina, has been given approval by the House and is now being considered by the U. S. Senate.

The local program, worked up by the county department of Conservation headed by Soil Conservationist F. A. McGoogan, calls for clearing the creeks, swamps and rivers at 15 locations in Perquimans.

The application sets forth the need to clear the streams of broken logs, trees and other debris which now clogs the drainage system of the county. It is estimated \$170,000 has been expended by farmers and landowners in recent years in attempts to relieve the situation but the hurricanes last fall brought about conditions which makes its imperative for additional work to be carried out, if the drainage system is to be maintained.

The application for aid, submitted by Perquimans County, has the approval and recommendation of the local Soil Conservation Committee, the Perquimans Disaster Committee and the Health Department.

The 15 projects, for which the county is seeking funds to cover the work program are: Bright's Mill Pond, \$30,200; Bagley Swamp, \$7,900; Deep Creek, \$18,800; Bethel Creek, \$15,450; Cowan Cove, \$5,900; Sutton's Creek, \$18,600; Burnt Mill Creek, \$21,350; Bear Swamp, \$35,000; Yeopim Creek, \$8,200; Perquimans River, \$30,000; White's Mill Pond, \$22,000; Skinner's Creek, \$12,850; Muddy Creek, \$6,600; Beech Springs, \$4,000; Low Ground Creek, \$3,200.

Change Made For GI Home Loans

Veterans in rural areas seeking GI home loans who are turned down by local lenders should apply direct to Veterans Administration regional offices rather than to Voluntary Home Mortgage Credit Program (VHMCP) regional committees, VA has announced.

This suggestion is made, VA said, in order to speed up direct VA loan processing and to set up a priority system for veterans who are unable to secure VA-guaranteed GI loans from private lenders through VHMCP.

Previously, veterans seeking GI home loans were being referred direct to VHMCP regional committees so that these committees might be able to assist in securing private GI mortgage financing for World War II and Korean conflict period veterans living in remote areas and small communities.

Veterans applying to VA will be able to register so that a follow-up sent to VHMCP home loan applications may be made and a priority established for the individual veteran.

Should the VHMCP committees be unable to provide regular GI financing for homes from private lenders, the veterans then can apply to VA for a direct government loan.

Loans secured from private lenders through the facilities of VHMCP regional committees will be guaranteed loans bearing the same interest rates as VA direct loans—4 1/2 per cent per annum.

Recently, VA took another important step in speeding up the process of getting mortgage financing for veterans living in rural areas by cutting the time for referring direct loans applications to VHMCP regional committees.

These committees now have 20 working days instead of 45 calendar days, as was the previous procedure, in which to secure loan commitments from private lenders.

Dr. Carter Speaker For Chowan High Graduating Class

Graduation exercises were held at Chowan High School Wednesday night of last week when Dr. E. J. Carter of East Carolina College was the principal speaker.

Dr. Carter, who was introduced by Superintendent W. J. Taylor, emphasized the importance of the graduates in considering not only their vacation, but in choosing a wife and deciding just what type of person each desired to be. To be successful and happy, he recommended serving God in every walk of life.

Jeanette Bunch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bunch, was presented the Rotary cup, while other awards went to the following:

Bus drivers, Joe Privott and Calvin Davis; current events, Joe Hollowell; commercial awards, Barbara Bunch, junior bookkeeping; Emma Lou Harrell, senior typing; Jeanette Bunch, senior bookkeeping; Joe Privott, junior typing; four year activities award, Stuart Hollowell; Mitchener science cup, Wallace Evans; freshman cup, Jerry White; FHA cup, Jean Peele; home economics, Frances Chappell; FFA cup, Wallace Evans; agricultural award, Carroll Peele; citizenship award, high school, Bernie Baker; fifth-sixth-seventh grades, Bobby Chappell; eighth grade, Foye Ober; outstanding history, Bernard Daviss; valedictorian medal, Nellie Lassiter; salutatorian medal, Jeanette Bunch.

Principal R. H. Copeland presented diplomas to the following: Marlene Bass, Jeanette Bunch, Judith Knight, Thelma Lane, Nellie Lassiter, Ruby McClennery; Earlene Parks, David Bateman, Wallace Evans, Stuart Hollowell, Sidney Perry, Carolyn Bunch; Emma Lou Harrell, Carolyn Lane, Vida Lane, Virginia Lassiter, Mary Louise Nixon, Jeanette Privott, Dallas Bunch, Billy Goodwin and James Jordan.

59 Local Students Complete Course In Driver Education

Driver education, including classroom and behind the wheel instruction, was given to 59 high school students in Perquimans County this year. This instruction was given by well qualified teachers, both at Perquimans High School and Perquimans Training School.

Cars for use in the classes were made available through the Hollowell Chevrolet Company and Winslow-Blanco Motor Company of Hertford.

The excellent safety record of county school bus drivers is in part due to the fine training they received in learning to drive the safe and correct way.

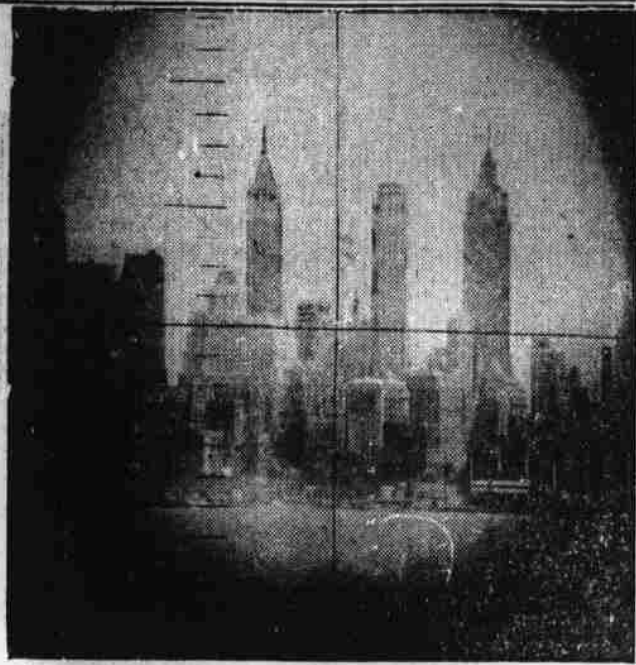
The parents of these 59 students can have their automobile insurance premiums reduced ten per cent by informing the insurance company of the fact that these drivers completed a course in driver education.

Town Board Meets Next Monday Night

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford will hold its regular June meeting next Monday night at the Municipal Building in Hertford.

NO SERVICES SUNDAY

The 11 A. M. preaching services at Holy Trinity Church in Hertford will be cancelled Sunday, June 10 while the rector, the Rev. Paul Shultz, will be holding services at Nags Head. Church school will be conducted as usual. Mr. Shultz also announced work has begun on painting of the church in Hertford.



FRIENDLY PEEK—Skyline of lower Manhattan as seen through a submarine's periscope provides spine-chilling food for thought: What if it were being seen by an enemy submarine commander? The camera took this friendly peek at New York City from control room of the nation's first atomic submarine, USS Nautilus, as she visited New York harbor for the first time. Deedliest sub in the world was surfaced at time picture was taken.

Indians Score Win In League Opener From Chowan Nine

Local Farm Bureau Sending Farmers Gas Tax Blanks

The Perquimans County Farm Bureau is sending Federal gas tax refund applications to all farmers in Perquimans County. This is the project that the National Farm Bureau has been working on for several years with the idea that the gas used for non-highway purposes should be tax free as far as the highway tax is concerned. At the present time the tax refund is 2c per gallon but if the new highway bill is passed that is now pending in Congress there will be an additional 1c per gallon used on the farm.

These applications are very easy to fill out with the only thing necessary being to know the number of gallons used between January, 1956 and June 30, 1956. This application covers a period of six months but hereafter it will cover a period of one year—July 1st to June 30th the following year.

"If our farmers take advantage of this tax refund it will mean much money paid back to the farmers of Perquimans County," stated R. M. Thompson, County Agent.

Eight Cases Heard By Recorder Judge

Eight cases were disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court during the session held here last Tuesday before Judge Chas. E. Johnson, and one case, that of Joe T. White, charged with reckless driving was moved up to Superior Court when the defendant requested a trial by jury.

Four defendants, Joseph Copper-smith, Louis Cunningham, Y. Z. Foss and James Copeland, entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and each paid the costs of court.

William Modlin, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of issuing a worthless check. He was sentenced to jail for 30 days, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs. Modlin was ordered to serve a 30 day sentence, imposed in a previous case after he had failed to comply with the judgment of the court.

A fine of \$100 and costs was taxed against Earle Merrill, who submitted to a charge of driving drunk.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case in which Garland McDonald was charged with assault.

ROTARIANS TO MEET

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

Tentative Budget Of \$300,505 Voted By Commissioners

County Asks Bids From Oil Dealers

Sealed bids for furnishing Perquimans County with fuel oil for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956, will be received by the Board of Commissioners at their meeting on July 2, it was reported following the Board meeting here last Monday. Fuel oil dealers are invited to submit bids for both fuel oil and kerosene to be used by the County from July 1 to June 30, 1957.

The Board also approved a contract with the R. E. Aiken, Jr., Company of Elizabeth City to audit the county books for the year 1955-56.

C. C. Banks was reappointed as County Sheriff for a period of one year.

During the meeting Monday the Board also approved proposals for minor repairs to be made at the Morgan Boarding Home and to the office of the Board of Education.

Rites Held Sunday For Rosser L. Webb

L. Rosser Webb, 81, prominent farmer of New Hope, died at the Albemarle Hospital Friday night at 9:24 o'clock after a long illness.

He was the son of the late John and Susan Rebecca Sutton Webb and a native and lifelong resident of New Hope.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jecola Gregory Webb; three sons, Percy L. T. DeWitt and R. Gregory Webb of Norfolk; five daughters, Miss Susan Rebecca and Miss Mary Webb of Elizabeth City, Mr. Penny W. Neary of Larchmont, N. Y., Mrs. Trixie W. Deese of Virginia Beach and Mrs. Paul R. Malth of Miami, Fla.; two brothers, S. D. and S. G. Banks of Perquimans.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 4 P. M., at the New Hope Methodist Church by the Rev. E. R. Meekins.

Fullbearers were Melvin Colson, Irvin Turner, John Hurdle, Robert Robbins, Fenton Eure and R. L. Spivey. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Forester Reports Five Forest Fires Caused Small Loss

Perquimans County experienced only five forest fires during the 11 months period from July 1, 1955 through May 30, 1956, resulting in losses of only \$39, it was reported Monday to the Board of County Commissioners by Lewis H. Stallings, County Forest Ranger.

In his report Mr. Stallings said the five fires burned 15 acres with estimated damages being \$39, which was considerably below figures for the previous year. Stallings said this good report was due, in part, to favorable weather conditions which existed during the time covered by the report. Organized prevention activities also played a part in keeping forest fires at a minimum.

The report also stated the local forestry division had replaced a tractor, used in fighting fires, during the year and installed a two-way radio on the new machine to increase efficiency in operations.

Mr. Stallings reported a field kitchen has been added to the equipment of the division and can provide fire fighters with hot meals while these men are engaged in fire lines.

He reported necessary maintenance was given to the fire tower and grounds, located on Highway 17, to keep the property in first class condition.

The report expressed appreciation to individuals, private and public agencies for valuable assistance

Higher costs of local government is reflected in the tentative budget adopted for Perquimans County for the 12 month period beginning July 1 at a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held last Monday. In adopting the tentative budget, on which final approval is expected at the July meeting of the Board, the Commissioners set the county tax rate at \$1.65 per hundred dollar valuation, the same as last year.

The proposed budget, published elsewhere in this issue of The Weekly, calls for expenditures totaling \$301,505.00, an increase of \$9,778 over the last fiscal budget.

Income sources, other than ad valorem taxes, will be sufficient for the county to increase the budget by this amount without an increase in the tax rate.

Allocations to the various departments making up the general county fund for salaries, supplies, equipment, and other expenses are as follows: County Commissioners, \$4,225; Tax listing, \$2,600; Sheriff's Department, \$3,800; Elections, \$800; County Accountant, \$2,200; Treasurer, \$700; Court House, grounds and jail, \$5,230; Register of Deeds, \$1,100; Health and Coroner, \$3,295; Farm Agent, \$7,116; Home Agent, \$3,740; District Health Department, \$7,785; Superior Court, \$3,000; Clerk Superior Court, \$1,200; Recorder's Court, \$6,675; Blind, \$1,278; F.S.A., \$300; Conservation, \$1,920; Library, \$4,600; Veterans Officer, \$1,200; total, \$62,764.

Allocations for the Poor Fund call for expenditures amounting to \$2,302.

Expenditures totaling \$40,000 has been allocated for Debt Service from which the county will pay off \$24,000 in bonds and \$18,975.50 in interest during the year and Sheriff's commissions amounting to \$1,906.50.

The county school system will operate on a budget of \$20,565 from which \$29,600 will come from taxation and the remainder will be received from sources other than ad valorem taxation.

The overall welfare budget for the county amounting to \$18,474 will require \$13,600 from ad valorem taxation with the remaining sum being received through State and Federal aid and surplus.

reduced the department during the year in maintaining the fire prevention program.

Cancer Crusade Short Of Quota

An urgent appeal was made Wednesday to everyone in Perquimans who has not already contributed to mail or bring their contribution to Mrs. Elton Hurdle or to Mrs. F. A. McGoogan at the Hertford Banking Company, in order to bring the crusade within the \$1,000 goal.

According to the treasurer's report only \$652.96 has been turned in. However, there are several volunteer workers who have not yet reported. These workers are asked to complete their assigned work as soon as possible and report to Mrs. McGoogan or Mrs. Hurdle.

Mrs. Hurdle praised those already reporting saying they had done a good job, many under hardships at home, but they took the time to join in the fight to conquer cancer.

Let's fight cancer with a check and a checkup!

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.