

## Governor Reveals School Proposals To Be Presented In Legislative Action

Governor Hodges today has announced that he will present to the Legislature a series of bills which will provide for the preservation of the public schools of the state.

Five bills have been tentatively drawn and these will be presented to the Legislature which will meet in special session July 23 to act upon the proposals.

A preview of the proposed action was made public at press conferences held by Governor Hodges last Friday.

The gist of the school preservation plan would simply provide attendance expense grants, formerly referred to as tuition grants, to citizens who do not want their children to go to school with a member of the opposite race, and allow a local school unit to suspend operation of its schools, upon majority public vote, if the situation is considered intolerable.

If the Legislature approves, the people of North Carolina may vote on these questions, probably in September. The State Supreme Court has been asked whether a general election in September would be lawful.

The Governor maintained the position that after legislators had had opportunity to freely discuss these bills, then the results should immediately be made available to the public.

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Here, briefly, is what the suggested bills would do:

1. Provide for a public vote on the question of amending the State Constitution to permit the General Assembly to provide local option and education expense grants. A local option unit is defined as "any county or city school administrative unit, or any convenient and reasonable territorial subdivision within an administrative unit which includes within its boundaries one or more public schools."

2. Provide for the setting up of machinery for regulating the local option plan, which, of course, would depend upon the people's approval of the constitutional changes. In the preamble to this measure, it is recommended that the Legislature affirm "that schools and the means of education ought forever to be encouraged. The value and importance of our public schools is known and acknowledged by all our people. It is further recognized that our public schools are so intimately related to the customs and feelings of the people of each community that their effective operation is impossible except in conformity with community attitudes. Our people in each community need to have a full and meaningful choice as to whether a public school, which may have some enforced mixing of the races, shall continue to be maintained and supported in that community."

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side territorial subdivision within an administrative unit which includes within its boundaries one or more public schools." The state-wide vote would decide whether permission would be given the General Assembly to authorize upon majority vote of its voters, to suspend or authorize the suspension of the operation of one or more of the public schools in that particular unit. The education expense grant, if such a plan is approved by the Legislature and the people, would be available only for education in a nonsectarian school. Such a grant also would not be available if the child can reasonably be assigned to a school not attended by a child of another race. Strict regulations are provided for the allotment of these expense grants.

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## Wheat Allotment Available At ASC

Farmers on land on which no wheat was seeded for grain for any of the years 1954, 1955 and 1956 may apply for a 1957 wheat acreage allotment, according to L. L. Lane, Chairman of the Perquimans County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. To be considered for an allotment on a farm which had no wheat seeded for grain for any of those years, the farmer must apply in writing to his county ASC committee by August 16, 1956.

## HD Club Women To Hold Workshop At Roanoke Island

Home Demonstration women in the Eastern District are planning a handicraft workshop at Roanoke Island 4-H camp, August 14, 15 and 16. The workshop begins with lunch, 12:00 o'clock, August 14—ends after lunch August 16. The cost for food and lodging will be \$8.50.

Crafts to be taught are as follows: Aluminum—Chasing and embossing; Mrs. John Keetch, Westville. Basketry—Reed; Miss Lola Fritchard, Raleigh, and Mrs. Theilms Smith Washington, Card Weaving—Mrs. Dick Tarbert, Black Mountain. Copper enameling—Earrings and pins; Gus and Maggie Masters, Brevard. Copper Hammered Planters; Mrs. Donald Carrow, Bath. Copper-Tailed Distemper; Burton, Simcox, Knoxville. Pin-up Lamp; Mr. Lyman Dixon, Raleigh. Rug—Braided (reversible); Mrs. Robert Walker, Moyock. Rugs—Braided (not reversible); Mrs. O. W. Charles, Greenville, Tenn. Hooks—Mrs. Estelle White, Halifax. Silk Screening—Majorie Sherin, Smithfield. "Quickie" crafts will be offered so the women can drop by when they have a few minutes to spare. The "quickies" are as follows: Fabric Printing—Mrs. Mary H. Matson, Asheville; Leathercraft Belts—Mrs. Ellen Southerland, Greenville, Tenn.; Plastic covered coat hangers—Miss Anne Benson Priest, Brevard; Spatter Painting—Mrs. Carolyn B. Alligood, Washington; Pine Cones, Treating for colored flames—Mrs. Rita Preston, Washington.

"Any Perquimans Home Demonstration Club women who are interested in attending this handicraft workshop are urged to contact me at the Home Agents' office as soon as possible," stated Mrs. Florence Webb, home agent.

## N. C. Cotton Acreage Is Lowest Since 1871

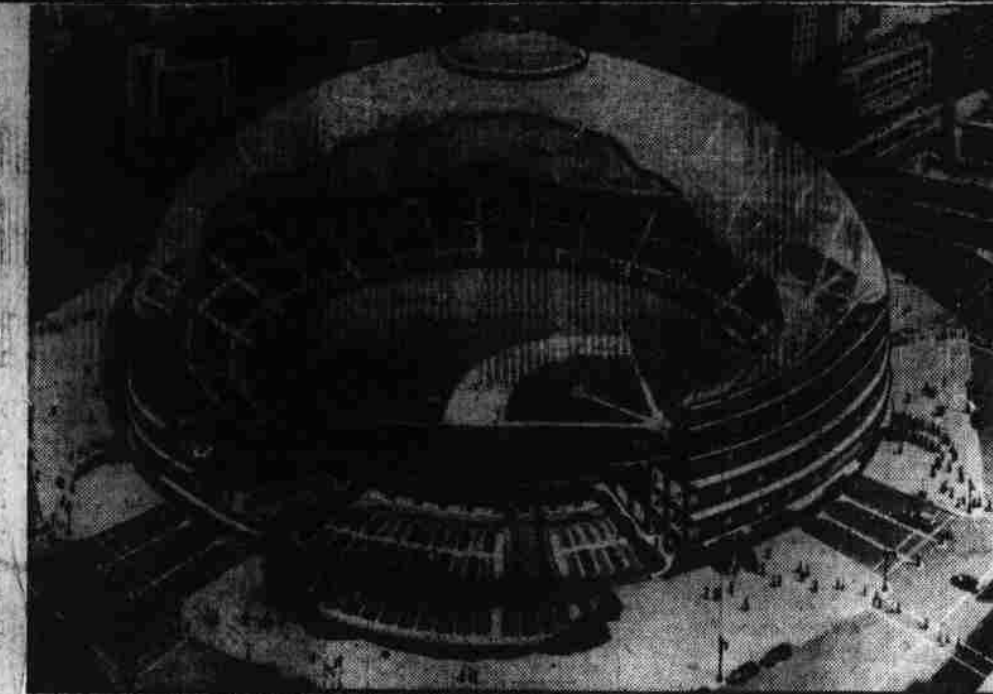
Cotton in cultivation on July 1 in North Carolina is estimated at 465,000 acres, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. Such an acreage is 5.5 per cent below the 492,000 acres in cultivation on July 1 last year, and 33 per cent below the 1945-54 average of 690,000. Assuming 10-year average abandonment of 1.2 per cent would result in 459,000 acres for harvest this year. This would be the smallest acreage of cotton harvested in North Carolina since 1871.

## State Highway Patrol Now At Full Strength

With the induction last week of 25 rookie troopers the State Highway Patrol achieved its full authorized strength of 581 officers and men.

Secretary of State Thad Eure administered the oath of office and directed the new men to "circulate courteously" as they began their law enforcement careers.

Under patrol policy the newcomers will draw full salaries, but will remain on probationary status until a patrol training school is held. Such a school will open in Chapel Hill next week, patrol headquarters said.



THERE'D BE NO RAINCHECKS—The future home games of the Brooklyn Dodgers may be played under a huge plastic dome, if current plans are followed through. Architect Buckminster Fuller claims the huge, cup-shaped roof over the baseball field would be 300 feet high and 750 feet in diameter. The air-conditioned, all-weather sports center would have a seating capacity of more than 50,000, as compared to 32,000 for Ebbets Field. Artist Frank Tinsley envisioned a cut-away view of the finished stadium, above. This artist's conception of the huge sports facility is from July issue of *Mechanix Illustrated*.

## Few Benefits For State Roads Under Federal Program

Since the recent passage of the biggest federal road bill in history, many people in the rural areas think that the Highway Commission now has unlimited funds to make extensive improvements on the primary, secondary and urban roads. Such is not the case, Highway Chairman A. H. Graham said today.

To clear up any misunderstanding by the public about the new road bill, he pointed out that "although a tremendous road program is underway and a large amount of federal funds are available, the bulk of the national road program is specifically earmarked for work on only one road system—the Interstate Highway System."

"Already we have been contacted by individuals and even delegations who want to get their bid in early for a share in the new federal funds. They don't seem to understand that little of the increased federal funds will be available for local and county road improvements."

"I hope people will realize that the new road bill provides no appreciable increase in funds for the primary, secondary and urban roads. The lion's share of the increased federal funds can be used only on the Interstate system. The law measure is so worded that the funds cannot be transferred for work on the other road systems."

It's true that during the first year of the program, the State will receive an additional \$25.5 million for work on the Interstate system in North Carolina. However, only \$3 million more federal funds are available for the primary, secondary and urban links, he added.

With the exception of 1,000 miles the routes for the entire projected 41,000-mile national defense Interstate system have already been designated by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads. North Carolina has only 717 miles of this vital interstate road system. It is on these 717 miles that the majority of the new federal funds can be spent.

In addition to the 717 miles of the Interstate system, North Carolina has some 11,000 miles of primary and urban highways which do not qualify for any of the increased Interstate funds simply because they're not in the designated system. "I'd like to stress that there is no sizeable increase in federal funds for work on the primary, secondary and urban roads," he said.

"If you've got a favorite road project that you'd like to see built now that Congress has passed the big road bill, you might just as well forget it. That sounds harsh, but it's true. Unless your pet project happens to be on the 717-mile Interstate system, chances are that none of the increased funds can be spent toward it," Graham explained.

## Report Reflects Interest In County Library Last Year

Since the Perquimans County Library year closed June 30th, the librarians have been busy taking inventory and compiling records. The reports of the year's work show a circulation of 25,622 which includes circulation of books from the main library, the bookmobile, and both branch libraries. New books added this year number 660, making a total of about 11,000 books now at the library.

A total of 156 new borrowers were registered during the year, bringing to a grand total of 1,501 the number persons in the county who use the library.

New books in the library, added since July 1st include, in non-fiction: *Man Under the Sea*, a discussion of all attempts to explore the depths of the sea; *Bright Tapestry*, a description of the great houses of England and the dramatic events which took place in them; *Masterpieces of Literature*, and the *Book of Health* are each good reference books in its field; *Goodbye to Uncle Tom* is the current book-of-the-month.

New fiction titles include: *The Ninth Wave*, by Burdick; *Kentucky Pride*, by Markey; *Remember the House*, by Rau; *Harvest on the Shore*, by Carstens; and *Surprise Endings*, by Christie. In addition to these, there are several new westerns and light romances.

## School Bonds To Be Sold Next Tuesday

Bids on \$125,000 worth of school bonds, being issued by Perquimans County, will be received at the office of the secretary of the Local Government Commission in Raleigh next Tuesday, it was announced here Monday. Funds raised through the sale of these bonds will be used to aid in the construction of a new school for which plans are now being prepared.

J. T. Biggers, school superintendent, reported this week the architect drawing the school plans has promised completion of the job in time for construction bids to be sought by the middle of August. It is anticipated at least 12 months will be required to complete construction of the building.

## Chappell Consigns Ducros To Show

Clarence Chappell of Belvidere is consigning Ducros to the National Ducroc Congress to be held on July 25, 26 and 27 at Lexington, Kentucky. He has entered a spring boar and a spring gilt for this national show and sale.

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## Sally Ruth Hollowell Weds David Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Hollowell announce the marriage of their daughter, Sally Ruth, to David Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams of Route three, Goldsboro. Mr. Williams is a veteran of World War II and is now in training with the State Highway Patrol, stationed temporarily at Elizabeth City.

The ceremony was performed by the bridegroom's pastor, the Rev. F. T. Jones at the Baptist church in Goldsboro, on Monday, July 16, 1956.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jordan announce the birth of a daughter born last week.

## Variety Of Traffic Cases Disposed Of By Local Recorder

### Army Recruiter Changes Schedule

M/Sgt. Sherman D. Owen, Army recruiter for the Hertford area, has announced the following change to his visits to Hertford. The recruiter will be in Hertford at the post office on Thursdays from 1 P. M. to 3 P. M., effective July 19, 1956. The sergeant has formerly visited in Hertford on Thursdays between 1 P. M., and 2 P. M.

Sgt. Owen also announced that Cpl. Meridain Elderidge, WAC recruiter from Raleigh will be in the Albemarle area on Thursday and Friday, July 19 and 20 for the purpose of interviewing young ladies who might be interested in a service career.

Traffic law violators made up most of the docket in Perquimans Recorder's Court here last Tuesday when a total of 47 cases were heard by Judge Chas. E. Johnson.

A fine of \$100 and costs of court were levied against Harold Hoffer, who entered a plea of guilty to charges of reckless driving within the town of Hertford.

Costs of court were taxed against Joseph Stallings, Edna O'Neill, Walter Luger and Lloyd Osborn, after each had submitted to the charges of speeding.

Two defendants, Gilbert Riddick and William Cartwright, paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of failing to yield the right-of-way.

William Creecy, Negro, was ordered to pay the court costs in a case in which he pleaded guilty to charges of assault.

Willie Proctor was taxed with the court costs on charges of allowing his car to be driven by an unlicensed operator. Lillie Proctor was fined \$25 and costs after pleading guilty to a charge of driving without a license.

David Tinkham submitted to a charge of operating a car without a muffler. He paid the costs of court.

Joseph Elliott was fined \$25 and costs on a charge of allowing an unlicensed operator to drive his car.

Lonnie Boyd, Negro, paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of illegal passing.

David Pike was ordered to pay the costs of court on two counts, being drunk and assault. He entered a plea of guilty to the charges.

Belvid Taylor, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs after pleading guilty to a charge of driving on the left side of a highway.

Jackson Coston, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs on charges of driving without a license. Frank Winslow, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs on a charge of permitting an unlicensed operator to drive his car.

## Jackson Rites Held At Sunbury Tues.

Mrs. Ellen Virginia Jackson, 53, died Monday morning at 3:30 o'clock at the residence in Sunbury after an illness of eight years.

She was a native of Perquimans County, New Hope section, but had been residing in Sunbury for the past 10 years. She was the daughter of E. A. and Caroline Goodman, the wife of Philip Leon Jackson and a member of the Masters Congregational Christian Church.

Besides her husband and parents she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Bill Bright of Moyock, two sons, Gene Jackson of Sunbury and Philip (Pete) Jackson of Hertford; two sisters, Mrs. David Griffin of Columbia, S. C., and Mrs. Walter Saunders of Elizabeth City; two brothers, E. J. and Goodwin of Hertford and James A. Goodman of Creswell, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 4 o'clock in the Masters Congregational Christian Church in Sunbury by the Rev. Stanley Snead, pastor. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

## Federal Officers Capture Huge Stills Of Whiskey Friday

Federal agents seized and destroyed 684 gallons of whiskey at the home of Gaitha Riddick, Negro, of the Belvidere section of Perquimans County last Friday night.

The cache, it was reported by ATU officers, was the largest single amount of illicit liquor captured by authorities during the past 25 years. M. R. Harshaw, of the ATU said he had been an officer for 23 years and this was the largest single amount of spirits taken in this area during that period.

It was estimated the whiskey taken was valued at \$14,000. Officers said they found no still at the place, but it was evident that the Riddick home was a storage point for the whiskey.

Officers had had the place under surveillance for some six months. Armed with a search warrant the ATU men went to the home last Friday. After failing to find any evidence of liquor in one outhouse, they went to a smoke house which was filled with 1,368 two-quart jars containing whiskey. The officer reported it took some time to smash all of the containers.

Riddick was not at home at the time the officers began the search but when he arrived some two hours later he was placed under arrest and taken to Elizabeth City where he was arraigned before the U. S. Commissioner. Bond was set at \$500 for Riddick who will face charges in the Federal Court.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. Hinton Bontress announce the birth of a daughter, Kay White, born July 12, 1956, at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

## Indians Hit Slump Losing 3 Games During Past Week

Three losses during the past week, two to Elizabeth City and one to Colonial, quashed the Perquimans Indians down to third place in the standing of the Albemarle League.

Last Thursday night the Elizabeth City nine, taking advantage of a number of errors on the part of the Indians, won a 9-3 decision. Paul Matthews started the pitching duties for Hertford, but was relieved by Christian. Jim Curtis went the route for the Tars. The Indians blew up in the fourth to allow Elizabeth City seven runs.

Elizabeth City scored nine runs on seven hits while Hertford got three runs on eight hits.

The Indians bowed again to the Tars last Friday night by a score of 24 to 9. Hertford used three pitchers in this contest, starting with Humphreys, who gave way to Billy Winalow and Christian. Morgan started pitching for the Tars but was chased in the second and relieved by Curtis. Elizabeth City broke the game open in the second by scoring 10 runs and added to its total each inning except the fourth and ninth.

Elizabeth City collected his ninth run in the ninth inning. The Indians got eight and Morgan and Curtis. Cliff Tars led the local lineup with two RBI.

## To Make Survey On Mausoleum Project

A preliminary survey is to be made in the Hertford area starting in the next few days for a Community Mausoleum to be constructed in the Oakwood Cemetery, under terms of an agreement reached with town officials at a recent meeting of the Town Board. The mausoleum is being financed by Charles T. Zrakas of Wilson. Mrs. E. K. Lane of Hertford is the local representative for the mausoleum project. They will make a canvas of the entire community, showing pictures and explaining to each one what the mausoleum is and gives to each individual.

This survey is necessary first, because few people understand the important aspects of this type of burial and second, it is necessary because in this type mausoleum only space is included in its construction for those desiring it. After seeing pictures and other explanatory data which gives each person a full knowledge of its many points, then an intelligent decision can be rendered. Those inquiring about or those having the mausoleum explained to them are under no obligation whatever.

Jim Zrakas, who will assist in the survey, stated the cooperation of the public in helping conduct the survey will be appreciated and will aid in hastening the construction of the project. Mr. Zrakas, while in Hertford may be contacted at the Hertford Cafe.

**MAISON TO MEET**  
The Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106 A. F. & A. M. will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Elijah White, master of the lodge, urges that all members of the lodge and other interested persons be present at all times.