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Reversion Clause In Old Deed Gains Ownership Title To Grammar School Property

A "reversion" clause incorporated in a land deed, given in May, 1906, by the Commissioners of the Town of Hertford to the Trustees of the Hertford Graded School has brought about a problem of ownership of the tract of land known as the Hertford Grammar School site, and has temporarily halted the Perquimans Board of Education in proceeding with contracts for construction of two new school projects.

The situation came to light last week when the Board of Education, discussing plans to sell the tract of land to raise money for use toward the new Hertford Grammar School, searched the records to determine its title to the land, and its rights to dispose of the tract.

The "hitch" which developed over plans for the sale was the section of the deed which reads: "Provided, however, that, should the party of the second part (school trustees) fail, for a term of three years from date to erect and maintain upon said property, 'Graded Schools' for the white children of said town, according to the true intent of this instrument and the provisions of the Private Laws of North Carolina, Session 1905 chapter entitled An Act to establish Graded Schools in the town of Hertford and issue bonds. Or should the buildings erected upon said property for such 'Graded Schools' purposes be thereafter

burned, destroyed or in anywise removed and fail, for a term of three years or re-erection or replacement. Or should said 'Graded Schools' themselves be thereafter abandoned or discontinued in service, for a period of three years. Then and in that event, or in any or either of those events, this conveyance to the party of the second part shall be deemed null and void, and the title to said lot of land shall revert to, and said lot itself become again the property of the said town of Hertford."

Upon discovering this situation the Board of Education halted its immediate plans for disposal of the property and instigated steps to attempt to secure title to the property from the present town board of Hertford. Board Chairman J. E. Morris, School Superintendent J. T. Biggers and School Attorney S. M. Whedbee were instructed to confer with the Town Board over the solution to the problem.

The Board of Education in seeking clear title to the property, if same can be legally obtained, desires to make use of it by holding a sale whereby additional funds can be secured for the new building.

Meanwhile, faced with a deficit of \$15,000 needed in order to be in position to sign construction contracts for the new school buildings, the Board of Education halted the negotiations until it can acquire the needed funds.

Perquimans Open Football Season With Churchland

Saturday Deadline For Entering BPW Club Talent Show

The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club and the Perquimans County Home Demonstration Clubs will co-sponsor a beauty contest and a talent contest on Thursday night, September 20, at the Perquimans County High School in Hertford. Francis Nixon of Hertford will serve as master of ceremonies for this event.

The purpose of the beauty contest is to select Miss Perquimans County who will compete for the title of Queen of the International Cup Regatta Festival to be held in Elizabeth City on September 29 and 30.

The local talent contest is open to males and females of the town and county who have talent of any type, and will be judged apart from the beauty contest. The co-sponsors are hoping a large number of contestants will enter.

A rehearsal for those entering the talent contest will be held at Perquimans County High School at 7:00 P. M. on Wednesday, September 19, and a rehearsal for those entering the beauty contest will be held at Perquimans County High School at 8:00 P. M. on Wednesday night, September 20.

The deadline for entries for both the beauty contest and the talent show is Saturday, September 23, 1956.

Zoning Officials Expected Here Soon

Plans by the Hertford Town Board to adopt zoning ordinances for this community will get under way during the next two weeks, it was reported to the Town Board by Mayor V. N. Dandridge, who announced Monday night that representatives of the League of Municipalities will come to Hertford within the next two weeks to start preliminary surveys for zoning ordinances and to discuss the

An air of optimism prevails at Perquimans High School over the prospects for the 1956 football season, which starts Friday, September 14 when the Indians of Perquimans will invade the gridiron at Churchland, Va., for the first contest of the new season.

Some pre-season dopesters have figured out Perquimans and Ahoskie will be the leaders of the Albemarle Conference for 1956, and watching practice sessions at the local school gives one some hope for these predictions.

Coach Ike Perry and his assistant, Ab Williams, have been putting some 45 candidates for the Indian squad through vigorous drills for the past three weeks in preparation for the opening game against Churchland.

Three transfers to the local school bolstered the strength of the Perquimans team, and brightened the prospects for a strong Indian outfit for the coming season.

Local fans, unless they travel with the Indians to out of town games, will have to wait until September 28 for a view of the team on its home field. On Friday, September 21, the Indians will play in Ahoskie and have their first home game on September 28 against Tarboro.

Coach Perry is expected to try out a number of combinations in the game against Churchland but judging from pre-season practices his variety will be built around a starting team composed of Miller and White at end, Hazel Matthews and Johnston at tackles, Betts and Whedbee at guards, Baker at center, and Tilley, Tommy Matthews, Ross and Reynolds as backs.

The Indians will play a 10-game schedule which has been announced as follows:

- September 14—At Churchland.
- September 21—At Ahoskie.
- September 28—Tarboro, here.
- October 5—At Plymouth.
- October 12—Williamston, here.
- October 19—Edenton, here.
- October 26—At Mantos.
- November 2—At Spring Hope.
- November 9—Elizabeth City.
- November 16—Roanoke Rapids.
- November 23—Roanoke Rapids.

Carver-Divers Vows Spoken At Baptist Church

The marriage of Miss Billie Carole Divers, daughter of William Divers, Jr., and the late Mrs. Maude Perry Divers, to Daniel Andrew Carver, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Carver of Belvidere, took place Saturday, September 1, at 4 P. M., at the Hertford Baptist Church.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the pastor of the church, the Rev. J. O. Mattox.

Prior to the ceremony a program of wedding music was presented by Miss Shelby Overton, soloist, and Miss Patricia Biggers, organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a wedding gown of lace and tulle over satin, styled with a basque bodice buttoned up the back to a sheer yoke outlined with sequin-studded lace. Long tulle sleeves ended in wedding peaks over the hands. The lace-paneled skirt extended into a sweeping train.

Her fingertip-length veil of illusion was arranged from a half-hat of tulle trimmed with seed pearls and sequins. She carried a cascade of white bride's roses and Stephanotis.

Miss Sue Perry White, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a floor-length gown of champagne taffeta styled with draped bodice and bouffant skirt with a matching bandeau with circular veil, and carried bronze chrysanthemums.

The bridesmaids were Miss Alice Jean Jackson of Hertford and Miss Jenimitta Redwine of Lexington. They wore gowns of fuchsia, similar to that of the honor attendants, with matching headdress and their flowers were pink chrysanthemums and bettertimes roses.

Arba Carver was his brother's best man, and the groomsmen were Johnnie Winslow, Vivian Baker, Seth Morgan and Stanley Pierce. The mother of the bridegroom wore a teal blue street-length dress with matching accessories. Her flowers were a corsage of pink carnations.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Divers, Sr.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Carver are graduates of Perquimans High School. The bride attended Woman's College, at Greenboro and the bridegroom is a student at Campbell College. They will make their home for the present at Buies Creek.

Hertford Lions Club To Hold Community Fair Starting Mon.

Commencing Monday, September 17 and lasting throughout the week ending Saturday night, September 22, Hertford Lions Club will hold a big Community Fair. The festival grounds will be next to the Hertford Fire Hall.

The Lions Club has contracted with the Virginia Greater Shows of Suffolk, Va., to furnish the Carnival Midway of Shows, Rides and Games. The Virginia Greater Shows has the reputation of being one of the cleanest carnival companies on the road today. They cater strictly to the much desired form of clean carnival entertainment, catering to the entire family.

Among the many rides will be four special rides for the children as well as several rides for the grown-ups.

On Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock a special children's matinee will be held when all shows and rides will be at a special price to all children.

WARDENS TO MEET
The Perquimans Warden's Lodge, No. 1065, A. O. U. W., will meet on Monday, September 18, at 7:30 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Martha Lee Tilley.



GETTING TOUGH—One of the Egyptian co-eds at Cairo University holds a rifle high and leaps over a hedge at the Cairo Teachers' Club. She's one of a group of women taking basic military training, as part of a general program by President Nasser to strengthen Egypt.

Changes To State Constitution Are Approved Locally

Four changes in the State Constitution, submitted to the voters in a special election last Saturday, were given overwhelming approval by Perquimans County voters, and each of the proposed amendments received majority support by voters throughout the State.

Here in Perquimans the voters approved the proposed change in the constitution dealing with school matters by a vote of 1,154 for as to Amendment No. 1 was approved 659 for to 214 against; Amendment No. 2 was approved 666 for to 140 against; Amendment No. 3 was approved 722 for to 128 against.

In addition to providing for changes to the state school laws the vote means the General Assembly will convene next February instead of January, and members of the Legislature will have the authority to vote themselves an increase in pay and expenses. The third amendment provides married women with authority to execute power of attorney conferred upon them by their husband.

The special election vote in Perquimans County, by precincts was unofficially reported as follows: School amendment—Hertford 453 for, 65 against; Bethel, 100 for, 17 against; Parkville, 251 for, 19 against; Belvidere, 136 for, 14 against; Nicanor, 76 for, eight against; New Hope, 138 for, eight against.

Amendment No. 1—Hertford, 335 for, 111 against; Bethel, 56 for, 25 against; Parkville, 119 for, 28 against; Belvidere, 44 for, 22 against; Nicanor, 21 for, nine against; New Hope, 84 for, 19 against.

Amendment No. 2—Hertford, 381 for, 58 against; Bethel, 58 for, 19 against; Parkville, 92 for, 20 against; Belvidere, 33 for, 22 against; Nicanor, 26 for, 6 against; New Hope, 76 for, 15 against.

Amendment No. 3—Hertford, 408 for, 45 against; Bethel, 66 for, 18 against; Parkville, 103 for, 24 against; Belvidere, 33 for, 22 against; Nicanor, 28 for, 5 against; New Hope, 84 for, 14 against.

Cedar Grove Church To Hold Revival

The Rev. J. Herbert Miller, pastor of the Raeford Methodist Church, will be the guest preacher at a series of revival services to be conducted at the Cedar Grove Methodist Church starting Sunday night at 7:45 o'clock. Mr. Miller is a native of Perquimans and former pastor at Cedar Grove. He served several years as superintendent of the Elizabeth City District.

The pastor, the Rev. Earl Meekins, cordially invites everyone to attend the services which will continue through the week.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Melby of Santa Ana, Calif., announce the birth of their fourth child, a son, Fred Thomas, born August 11 in California. Mr. Melby is the father of Mrs. Martha Lee Tilley.

Town Commissioners Seek Public Opinion Concerning Title To School Property

Miss Ruth Tucker Becomes Bride Of John Rufus Martin

On Sunday afternoon, September 9, at 4:30 o'clock in the Hertford Methodist Church, Miss Ruth Garrett Tucker, daughter of Mrs. William Nathan Tucker, and the late Mr. Rufus Martin, son of Turner Lee Martin, Sr., and the late Mrs. Martin of Winston-Salem, were united in marriage.

The Rev. James Auman, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony before a setting of palms, large white chrysanthemums, pom-poms and cathedral candles.

Prior to the ceremony Miss Kate Blanchard, organist, rendered wedding music and accompanied Mrs. Peggy Stephenson of Weldon, who sang "I Love Thee" Mrs. Stephenson sang "O Perfect Love" at the close of the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her brother, Paul M. Tucker, wore a full length wedding gown of ivory embroidered silk, fashioned with a scoop neck outlined with a wide roll type collar, covered buttons extending down the long torso, long sleeves ending in wedding points over the hands, and a circular train. Her fingertip veil was of ivory illusion and fell from a pearl embroidered Juliet cap. She carried a cascade of Fuji chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Ralph Blades of Edenton, was matron of honor and the bride's only attendant. She wore a mint green full length gown of crystalite. Her flowers were a cascade of bronze and champagne chrysanthemums and she wore a headdress of mint green velvet embroidered with pearls and a small face veil.

The bridegroom had as his best man his father, T. L. Martin, Sr.

Ushers were Ralph Blades of Edenton, T. L. Martin, Jr., of Winston-Salem, John Sink of Raleigh and Beverly Tucker of Hertford.

Mrs. Reginald Tucker, Sr., acted as mistress of ceremonies and wore a floor length gown of aqua chiffon. Her flowers were a corsage of yellow chrysanthemums.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the social hall of the church for the wedding guests.

Fines Meted Out To Defendants On Liquor Charges

A varied docket consisting of eight cases was disposed of during last Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court presided over by Judge Chas. E. Johnson.

William White and John H. White, both Negroes, charged with possession of non-tax-paid liquor, were given 60 day road sentences, same to be suspended upon payment of fines of \$50 each and costs of court.

Coy Anderson submitted to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$4 and costs of court.

Ellis Hinton, charged with issuing a worthless check, submitted, and paid the costs of court.

Costs of court were taxed against Melton Boyce who entered a plea of guilty to charges of illegal parking.

Claudia Valentine, Negro, was found guilty of assault and destruction of property. The defendant was ordered to replace the property and pay the costs of court.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case in which James Overton, Negro, was charged with assaulting a female.

The case of Alexander Sutton, Negro, charged with assaulting his wife was dismissed when Judge Johnson found the prosecuting witness in contempt of court and ordered Gonder Sutton to pay the costs of the case or spend one week in jail for bringing frivolous prosecution to the court.

Faced with a request that the Town of Hertford relinquish its right in the Hertford Grammar School site, Town Commissioners are seeking the opinion of residents of Hertford concerning the matter in order that a decision may be reached when the Town Board meets in special session next Monday night.

The opinion being sought by the town board is on the question of whether the residents feel the property should be granted to the school board or retained, in part or whole, by the Town of Hertford. Individuals are asked to contact the Mayor and Commissioners and express their views on the subject.

At a meeting of the town board Monday night representatives of the Board of Education requested the board to give the schools a unit claim title to the land, the title to which is now a clouded issue. Silas M. Whedbee, school attorney, pointed out title remains with the Board of Education so long as it maintains school activities on the site, but the title re-

verts to the town should these activities be halted for a period of three years.

After being advised by its attorney, Chas. E. Johnson, the town board denied the request of the school officials for a quit claim title, the denial being based upon legal procedure involved in the transaction.

In further discussion of the matter the Town Commissioners expressed a desire to think over the situation and get the reaction of the public; however, the opinion was expressed a compromise might be reached whereby both the Board of Education and the Town of Hertford would share in the proceeds through the sale of the entire tract of land, excluding that section containing the Perquimans Library.

Residents of Hertford are asked to give the Mayor and members of the town board their thoughts on the situation in order that these opinions may be considered by the Board when it meets next Monday night.

Large Attendance At Bethel Church Anniversary Event

Bethel Baptist Church in Perquimans County last week celebrated its sesqui-centennial with an impressive morning and afternoon program, approximately 700 members, former members, and interested friends met at the old church for a day of worship, inspiration and fellowship. The morning service and a sermon by the Rev. G. M. Singletary was followed by lunch on the spacious and shady grounds. The afternoon session featured messages by Mrs. Mattie Macon Gardner and the Rev. J. T. Byrum. Special music for the two sessions was furnished by the church choir, the youth choir, and soloists, the Rev. Philip Quidley and Johnnie Phillips.

On display in a Sunday School room were numerous old documents and interesting relics of the church, including the old Bethel record book with the original constitution of the church which states that "In open conference at Yoppin Chapel March 1st 1806 that for the convenience of Church Government a division should take place in Yoppin Church so as for a new Church to be constituted." Thus was organized the Bethel Baptist Church.

Interesting to the people of Perquimans County is the list of charter members of the church. Many descendants of those families are still residents of the county.—Ross, Roberts, Deal, Skinner, Blount, Whidbee, Gilbert, Bemby, White, Coppage, Cotton, Pettijohn, Elder, Bagley, Penrice, Newbold, Thatch, Arrington, Harvey, Long, Bush, Haughton, Bryant, Minor, Proctor, Brinkley, Broughton, Dunford, Hill, Jackson, Lightfoot, Matthias, Collins, Webb and Myers.

The members assembled at Bethel Meeting House on the 22nd day of March 1806.

The first pastor of the church was the Rev. Martin Ross who served his church for 21 years. During his pastorate, churches were organized at both Hertford and Edenton.

Central PTA Meets Next Monday Night

The Parent-Teacher Association of Central Grammar School will hold its first meeting of the new school year next Monday night, September 17, in the school auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock. The executive committee has changed the date of the meeting of the group from the fourth to the third Monday of each month.

Mrs. John Hurda, president of the unit, will have charge of the program Monday night, and she has issued a welcome to all members and friends of the school to attend.

Marketing Cards For 1956 Cotton Now Available

Cotton growers in the county who planted within their 1956 cotton farm allotment should call at the ASC office in Hertford for their Cotton Marketing Card with which to sell their 1956 crop of cotton. Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, advises.

The buyer is required to record the marketing card serial number for each sale of cotton produced in 1956 as evidence that the cotton was not subject to penalty. All cotton which is not identified at the time of the sale as free of penalty must be taken to be excess cotton and subject to the penalty and lien thereon. It is for the farmer's protection, as well as for the protection of the buyer, that cotton marketing cards be used properly.

The records of the cotton produced are important in determining the yield for farms which might be used in connection with many phases of agricultural programs for cotton. For this reason, farmers are urged to keep a copy of each gin bale ticket or sales record of seed cotton for several seasons back since a record of the cotton production for the farm may be requested at some future time in connection with some cotton program. If a producer is growing cotton on more than one farm, he should be sure the gin tickets or seed cotton sales slips show the farm on which the cotton was produced.

Former Resident Given Promotion

H. C. Nixon has been promoted to Assistant Plant Manager of Statesville Division, The Semipole Mills, Statesville, N. C.

W. M. Aiken, Plant Manager, announced that Nixon has already assumed his duties.

Nixon has served as overseer of weaving and prior to his promotion, was overseer of the Preparation Department at Statesville.

Nixon, married to the former Kathleen Doyle, came to The Semipole Mills in 1949 from Ashland Corporation, Jewett City, Conn. He is a Navy veteran of World War II and a graduate of North Carolina State College. He is the son of Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Front Street, Hertford.