

PLANE CRASH

A Navy jet plane pilot was reported as missing and two mechanics employed at the Perquimans High School garage are in critical condition from a plane crash which occurred here Thursday morning at about 10:30 o'clock.

The plane, a Demon Fighter from Oceana Air Station, crashed into the garage and exploded after having struck a group of trees located about 500 yards southeast of the garage. The plane plowed across a field of the Cox farm into the garage, which was consumed by flames caused by the explosion.

J. Vann Roach and Preston Morgan were critically burned by the flames and were taken to Chowan Hospital for treatment. The plane pilot had not been located up to 12 noon but a Navy report, later, stated he had bailed out of the plane before the crash.

In addition to the loss of the garage, six school buses and six other pieces of equipment which were inside the garage, were destroyed in the fire, which was brought under control by the fire departments from Hertford, Edenton and Elizabeth City.

Varied Docket In Recorder's Court Here Last Tuesday

A dozen cases of a varied nature were cleared from the Perquimans Recorder's Court docket during the session conducted here last Tuesday before Judge Chas. E. Johnson.

Five of the cases, growing out of an affray which took place several weeks ago near the corner of Market and Edenton Road streets were combined for the convenience of the court. Involved were five Negroes, Charlie Outlaw, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$20 and 30 day jail sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs; John Holly was acquitted on a charge of assault; George Forehand was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and received a 30 day sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$35 and costs; Dan Perdue, found guilty of simple assault, was ordered to pay the court costs, and Erwin Jackson, found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, was given a 30 day sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$35 and costs.

Lemuel Boone, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs after being found guilty of a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Jacob Winslow, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs after he had been found guilty on a charge of assaulting O'Boone with a stick.

Ruby Bateman, found guilty on a charge of being drunk on a highway, was given a 7 day jail sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10 and costs.

William Perry submitted to a charge of failing to yield the right-of-way and paid the costs of court.

Joseph Dillard, Negro, submitted to a charge of driving with insufficient brakes and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

George Armstrong, Negro, paid a fine of \$5 and costs after entering a plea of guilty to a charge of driving without a license.

Ed Winslow, Negro, paid a fine of \$2 and costs after submitting to a charge of being drunk.

Rountree Rites Held On Thursday

Percy L. Rountree, 70, died Tuesday at 6 A. M., at his home near Belvidere, after a long illness.

A native of Chowan County, he was a son of Mollie and Mrs. Annie Rountree. He was a member of the Sandy Cross Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Annie Twine and Miss Savannah Rountree of Belvidere and three brothers, I. J. Rountree of Norfolk, Va., N. L. Rountree of Hertford, and C. D. Rountree of Hertford.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 2 P. M., at the Sandy Cross Baptist Church by the Rev. W. V. Brown, pastor. Burial was in the family cemetery.



Thomas B. Sumner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Sumner of Hertford, completed officers basic school February 16 at the Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. The 35-week course included classes in tactics, map reading, weapons, drill and ceremonies, first aid, field sanitation, personnel administration, communications, and other subjects needed by a Marine officer when he takes command of a unit.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Efforts to increase salaries for teachers and other state employees from 9.1 per cent to 15 per cent met with failure in the General Assembly Tuesday when a resolution backing this move was defeated 58 to 53. Reports from Raleigh stated further efforts will be made to providing teachers with increases greater than recommended levels.

President Eisenhower is back in Washington after a vacation in Georgia. He cut short the vacation to be in Washington during the time the United Nations discuss possible sanctions against Israel for maintaining troops in Egypt. Both Israel and Egypt have ignored UN requests aimed at a settlement of the Middle East situation. Strong protests against sanctions for Israel have been voiced by a number of U. S. leaders.

Former President Harry Truman, at odds with the present administration since 1953, turned down an invitation to visit Greece and Turkey for the 10th anniversary of the Truman Doctrine, which supplied aid to these nations in a fight against Communism. Truman gave prior commitments as a reason for declining the invitation to represent the U. S. at the anniversary observance.

New record highs for earnings, spending and savings were reached in the U. S. during 1956, it was reported this week by the Commerce Department. Reports show Americans earned \$325 billion, while expenditures amounted to \$285 billion and savings increased to \$39.9 billion.

District Doctors Give Endorsement To Mental Clinic

A representative group of physicians from the four counties comprising this health district have announced a qualified endorsement for the establishment of a Mental Health Clinic for the district, it was reported this week.

Dr. T. P. Brinn, counselor, First Medical District, released the announcement for publication following agreement reached by the physicians.

The report stated the doctors, expressing the views, heartily endorse the purpose and aims of a district Mental Health Clinic; that they had long felt its need.

The qualification placed upon the endorsement, according to the report, is the availability of competent psychiatrists for the clinic. It is understood this part of the service is not readily available and the physicians are of the opinion without competent psychiatrists the clinic would not be as beneficial nor would it qualify for the amount of expense involved in its operation.

A Mental Health Clinic for this district was first proposed late last year and organizations were set up in Perquimans, Pasquotank, Chowan and Camden counties for the purpose of raising funds to help establish a clinic of this type.

It has been reported the organizations in Camden and Perquimans counties have achieved some success in raising funds for the clinic but little achievement has been made in the other two counties.

Some \$300 has been contributed by Perquimans citizens toward a \$700 quota assigned the county as its portion of funds needed to establish the clinic. Unless all counties raise assigned quotas it is believed the state and federal funds offered for the project will be withdrawn.

Fathers' Night Skit Presented Monday At Central Meeting

The Parent-Teacher Association of Central Grammar School held its regular meeting on Monday night, February 18, in the school auditorium with the president, Mrs. John Hurdle, presiding.

The hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" was used as the opening song. The nominating committee reported that Miss Johnnie White was appointed to fill the unexpired term of the secretary, Mrs. J. Van Roach. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported the offering taken at the "Singspiration" was \$91.09.

The study group chairman, Mrs. Thelma Rogerson, announced that the Belvidere and Whiteston communities would hold a study group meeting jointly at the Whiteston Community Building Thursday, February 21 at 7:30 P. M.

A letter from Miss Beatrice Bland, Educational Consultant, to Mrs. Bertha Lane's fourth grade was read. She expressed her appreciation for their cooperation, complimenting them and the school for the work which is being done.

The President's message was read by the secretary, A Founders' Day offering was taken which was \$17.55. The program chairman, Mrs. Ruby Long, announced that the Whiteston community, with Mrs. Russell Baker as chairman, will have charge of the March meeting. The subject is "Our Investment, Building Better Personalities".

The president then recognized the program chairman, Mrs. Ralph Harrell. The Snow Hill and Newbold communities had charge of the program. The subject was "Character and Spiritual Education." Floyd Matthews conducted the devotion, emphasizing the responsibility of parents and teachers in building our youth. Mrs. Ruby Long and Mrs. Lela Bundy sang "Purer In Heart, O God", accompanied by Mrs. W. G. Hollowell. A skit "What Our Fathers Do On A PTA Night" was given by a group of men. The cast was composed of Floyd Matthews, Ralph Harrell, Mason Sawyer, John Elmer

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Red Cross Chapter To Meet Friday

The Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a meeting here Friday afternoon, February 22, at 3 o'clock in the Municipal Building for the purpose of electing new officers for the coming year.

R. C. Elliott, chairman of the county committee, urges all members and officials of the chapter to be present for this meeting.

Methodist Bishop Will Be Speaker At Lay Rally

Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., resident bishop of the Richmond area of the Methodist Church, of which the North Carolina Conference is a part, will be one of the speakers at the Elizabeth City District Laymen's Rally to be held at Perquimans County High School, Monday night, February 25.

Approximately 700 men from the 87 Methodist Churches in the Elizabeth City District are expected to attend this meeting which is the largest gathering on a district basis ever attempted by the laymen. An annual affair, last year's meeting drew 530 men in attendance. Fred Ritter, Ahsokie, is District Lay Leader, and he has reported that advance sale of tickets for the supper meeting has been most encouraging. Beginning at 5:30 in the evening, supper will be served cafeteria-style, as fast as the men arrive, at the high school cafeteria.

The program of the evening will begin at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium. Besides Bishop Garber, others who will have a part on the program are District Superintendent C. Freeman Heath, Dr. Joseph Martin, president of Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., J. Nelson Gibson, Jr., Gibson, conference lay leader, and district lay leader, Fred Ritter. Lay speakers who will participate in the "No Silent Pulpit" program during the Lenten season will receive their certification from Bishop Garber at Monday night's meeting.

Any men who cannot arrange to attend the supper meeting are urged to attend the 7:30 program in the high school auditorium.

Safety Driving To Be Demonstrated At Perquimans High

Students at Perquimans High School will have front row seats March 5 when some of their classmates learn the facts of life-on-the-highways.

Clyde Lane, local Nationwide Agent, said the event will be in the nature of a test-demonstration, designed to disprove the old notion that a car can be "stopped on a dime."

Two students, a faculty member and a policeman will take turns at the wheel of a specially equipped car—and they'll bring it to an emergency stop while traveling at 20, 30 or 40 miles an hour. Other students will check the results. The car is equipped so that distances can be measured accurately. An emergency signal light is mounted on the hood and three pistols are fastened to the front bumper. Aimed straight at the pavement, the pistols fire bullets of yellow paint which mark points at which the driver (1) sees the signal, (2) slams on the brakes, and (3) stops the car.

The automobile is supplied by Nationwide Insurance. A safety engineer for the firm will ride beside the driver and operate the equipment. Nationwide engineers have staged similar demonstrations before more than 5,000 student groups in eastern United States.



FAR CRY FROM TIMES SQUARE—This elaborate hall, looking like part of a royal palace, is slated to become part of the Moscow subway system. It is the central hall of the Frunzenkaya Station of the city's Frunze line, scheduled to begin operation this year. Artist's sketch and caption material are from an official source.

Perquimans High Participating In Ahsokie Tourney

Perquimans High School closed out its 1957 basketball season at Gatesville last Friday night, losing both games of a double header to the host teams. The Indian Squaws lost by a three point margin 55 to 58 while Gatesville's boys romped to a 67-61 victory over the Perquimans Indians.

Ayscue led the Gatesville girls by scoring a total of 26 points. Williams, canned 29 for Perquimans while Bagley collected 14 and Pierce 12. The Gatesville girls led at halftime 25 to 24.

The Gates County boys outshot the Indians to rack up a six-point win during the second half. Scoring at halftime in the boys' contest was 32 to 29 in favor of Gatesville.

Tommy Matthews led the Indian offense with a total of 18 points, Baker and Miller collected 13 each and White hit for 11. Tucker scored six. High scorer of the game was Gillson of Gatesville with 27 points.

The Indians and Squaws are participating in the Albemarle Conference tourney being played this week in Ahsokie. The drawing of the meet placed Edenton and Ahsokie teams in the top bracket and these two games were played Wednesday night. Plymouth and Perquimans were scheduled to play on Thursday night. The four winning teams will play on Friday night with the girls' game scheduled for 7:30 and the boys' contest starting at 9 o'clock.

Principal E. C. Woodard announced this week the Indians will be entered in the State elimination tournament which gets under way next week providing the team members are in good playing condition, and without injuries.

The Perquimans Jayvee team will be entered in the Jayvee Tourney to be played next week at Edenton. This meet is for junior varsity players in the 9th and 10th grades.

Meetings Planned At Up River Friends

A series of evangelistic meetings will be conducted at Up River Friends Church starting next Sunday and continuing through March 1, it was announced by the pastor, the Rev. Orval Dillon. Special emphasis will be observed each night as follows: Sunday, church membership; Monday, men's night; Tuesday, women's night; Wednesday, youth's night; Thursday, guests' night; Friday, closing.

Victor Murchison, Friends pastor of Winston-Salem will be the guest evangelist and services will start each evening at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Perry, Jr., of Hertford, Route 3, announce the birth of a daughter, Paula Lee, born Sunday, February 17, at Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City. Mrs. Perry is the former Miss Myrtle Gordon Williams.

Local PTA Honors Past Presidents At Reception Thurs.

Legion Contest Here Friday Night

An oratorical contest, sponsored by the First District of the N. C. Department of the American Legion, will be held at the Court House in Hertford Friday night, February 22, at 8 o'clock. W. C. Morse, District Chairman, will preside at the meeting and contestants from Elizabeth City and Edenton Posts of the Legion will compete for the honor of representing the First District at the state contest. Members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post and the public are invited to attend the contest here tonight.

Heart Fund Drive Planned Here On Sunday, Feb. 24th

Preparations are now being completed for the observance of Heart Sunday throughout Perquimans County next Sunday, February 24, when volunteers call upon their neighbors to contribute funds which support the fight against heart disease—the nation's number one killer, it was reported today by Mrs. Keith Haskett who is serving as chairman of the fund drive this year.

This is the second year this community has participated in this worthy cause on a wide scale, and the public is urged to join in by making a contribution which will go to the National Heart Association to be used for research and prevention of heart disease.

The drive will last only the one day—Heart Sunday—when the solicitors will make a house to house canvass of the homes in the community.

Mrs. Haskett said Robert L. Stevenson will serve as treasurer of the campaign and the following will serve as captains for the fund drive:

Mrs. Marion Swindell, Mrs. Lizzie Harrell, Mrs. Lucy Elliott, Mrs. Nathan Sawyer and W. F. Ainsley, W. W. White will direct solicitations in the business section of Hertford.

Each of the team captains will secure solicitors for the various streets and neighborhoods and these volunteers will conduct the house to house canvass.

Rites Held Tuesday For N. S. Hurdle, Sr.

Nathan Shelton Hurdle, Sr., 51, died suddenly at his home, 2 Hertford, home Sunday at 5:45 A. M. after an illness of three days.

A native of Perquimans County he was the son of the late Samuel and Carrie Griffin Hurdle.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sally Twine Hurdle; three sons, Floyd T., of Route 1, Hertford, and Jack R., and Nathan S., Jr., of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Kathleen (Paul) Meador of near Weaverville, and little Miss Belinda K., of the home; a brother, W. O. Ointon, of Route 2, Hertford; Mrs. Deanie (J. D.) Umphlett of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Eunice (E. L.) Jennings of Route 3, Hertford, and Mrs. Eula (O. D.) Ferrell of Route 2, Elizabeth City; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 P. M., at Lynch Funeral Home in Hertford with the Rev. L. Sigsbee Miller, pastor of the Pentecostal Holiness Church of Elizabeth City, officiating. Burial followed in the family cemetery near the home.

Stores To Observe Wednesday Closing

A number of additional Hertford stores will begin observing half-holidays on Wednesday, starting February 27, it was announced here this week following a survey conducted among the merchants.

Several stores announced they plan to close Wednesday afternoon beginning at a later date but the majority of local stores will start observing the custom next Wednesday.

A Founders' Day program, highlighting the founding and growth of the Hertford Grammar School Parent-Teacher Association was presented at a meeting of the organization held Thursday night of last week at Perquimans High School.

Mrs. Clarence Dail, program chairman, presented eight former presidents of the local PTA who gave brief histories of the achievement of PTA during their term of office. Mrs. C. P. Monds, first president of the organization, told of the founding of the PTA at Hertford Grammar School and related the growth of the unit through that first year. Other former presidents taking part on the program and giving short talks were Mrs. V. N. Darden, Mrs. J. O. Felton, Mrs. G. R. Tucker, Mrs. Josiah Elliott, Mrs. Norman Elliott, Mrs. W. C. Cherry and W. F. Ainsley. A number of former PTA presidents were unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting opened with a devotion by the Rev. Philip Quiddy. Mrs. Jack Brinn presided over the business session during which Sargent explained a number of legislative proposals pertaining to school personnel expected to be presented to the General Assembly. The members voted to send telegrams to Rep. C. R. Holmes and Senators Elton Aydtler and William Copeland requesting their support of these measures in the Legislature.

Mrs. Brinn announced two PTA study courses will be conducted this month, the first on February 25 and the second on February 28. The courses will be held in the Hertford Grammar School lunchroom beginning at 8 o'clock each night.

The meeting closed with a reception for the former PTA presidents. This was held in the school lunchroom which was beautifully decorated with flowers and Blue and Gold bunting.

Medical Auxiliary Names Mrs. Brinn As New President

The Chowan-Perquimans Auxiliary to the Medical Society of North Carolina held its quarterly luncheon meeting at the home of Mrs. A. M. Stanton Tuesday, February 12 with Mrs. Roland Vaughan, president, presiding.

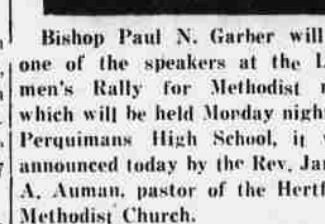
The first order of business was the election of officers to serve for the year 1957-58. Mrs. T. P. Brinn of Hertford was elected president, and Mrs. Edward Bond, secretary, treasurer. Mrs. I. A. Ward of Hertford was elected delegate to the State Convention which will be held in Asheville in May, with Mrs. Roland Vaughan serving as alternate. The outgoing officers are Mrs. Vaughan as president and Mrs. A. M. Stanton, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Vaughan, State Chairman of the Cooper Bed Fund and Mrs. T. P. Brinn, Councilor to the First District Auxiliary, gave interesting reports on their recent visit to the Cooper bed patient at the Eastern N. C. Sanatorium in Weldon. The Auxiliary voted to send a contribution to the American Medical Education Foundation in honor of the Chowan-Perquimans doctors, and to entertain their husbands with a steak supper on Doctors' Day, March 30th.

Store Planning Re-opening March 1

Darden Department Store, successor to Darlen Brothers, is planning for a formal opening on Friday, March 1, it was announced today by V. N. Darden, owner of the store, who stated the business will be closed next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in order that preparations for the re-opening can be complete.

New merchandise, which has been arriving at the store for the past several weeks, will be placed on display for the re-opening, Mr. Darden stated.



Bishop Paul N. Garber will be one of the speakers at the Laymen's Rally for Methodist men which will be held Monday night at Perquimans High School, it was announced today by the Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

HD County Council Making Plans For District Meeting

The regular meeting of the Home Demonstration County Council was held recently at the Agricultural Building with approximately 30 women attending.

The president, Mrs. Colon Jackson, called the meeting to order. An inspiring devotion was given by Mrs. Joe Webb, home agent. Minutes were read and approved, and the roll was called by Mrs. Joe Layden, secretary. Mrs. Clifton Morgan, treasurer, reported a good balance in the treasury at this time.

During the business session, the members discussed having an active program of crafts this year, following the interesting school taught by Currituck County Club members. Motion was made and carried that the Council furnish \$40.00 to purchase equipment to be used by club members. More craft workshops will be held during the year. Also, the group voted to buy gifts for each of the women who came from Currituck County to help hold the first workshop which the women attended and enjoyed so much.

The following committee members for the District meeting were named and accepted. Nominating committee, Mrs. Carroll Williams; Resolutions Committee, Mrs. Tom Riddick; Registration Committee, Mrs. Irvin Long; Courtesy Committee, Mrs. Daton Lane; Time and Place, Mrs. Melvin Eure. The District meeting is to be held at Central School in Pasquotank County, on April 25th at 10:30 o'clock.

Resolutions of the State Executive Board were read by the president and discussed, especially the proposal on the Home Demonstration.

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