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## Property Loss At School Garage Is Estimated \$25,000

Preliminary plans for the rebuilding of the Perquimans County School garage, which was destroyed Thursday of last week by a Navy jet fighter plane, are being formulated by the local Board of Education and will be considered in detail at a special meeting of the Board to be held next Monday night in the office of superintendent of schools.

School officials are now in the process of compiling an inventory of property lost in the accident in preparing for filing claims against the Navy for recovery of monetary value.

The officials conferred here on Tuesday with Richard C. Hall, an investigator representing the Navy Department, at which time Mr. Hall advised the Board of Education on procedure for filing of the claims. In answer to a question Mr. Hall estimated settlement of the claims will take from one to four months.

A tentative inventory of school property destroyed and lost as a result of the accident revealed the approximate value of the property to be in the neighborhood of \$35,000.

This does not include a large amount of electrical equipment which was stored in the garage by contractors for the two school buildings now under construction here. Separate claims for these losses will have to be filed by the contractor-owners.

It is estimated the burned garage will require \$10,000 for replacement while other property stored in the garage has been valued at \$9,500; office equipment at \$661; stock room equipment, \$4,635; mechanic's tools, \$500; and \$14,350 was the loss estimated for the

## Methodist Laymen Hear Bishop Garber At Rally Monday

The largest group of Methodist laymen and their pastors ever assembled for any one meeting in the Elizabeth City District gathered at Perquimans County High School in Hertford Monday night, February 25 in a giant rally. Led by District Superintendent C. Freeman Heath of Elizabeth City and District Lay Leader Fred Ritter of Ahoskie, a near capacity crowd filled the high school auditorium for the 7:30 program which brought to the laymen of the district outstanding Methodist leaders to discuss one of the 1956-60 quadrennium goals of Christian Higher Education.

Prior to the platform hour, more than 500 men enjoyed a barbecue dinner served in the high school cafeteria by E. A. Goodman, a Hertford layman, owner of Chub's Barbecue.

Bishop Paul N. Garber of Richmond, Va., in one of the keynote addresses of the evening, expressed his gratitude for the progress which eastern North Carolina Methodism has already made in setting up new congregations, in increasing its per capita giving and in showing a gain in membership. Looking to the future, he said: "Progress in population gain is more in eastern North Carolina than in any other section of our state. Our young people are going to college in greater numbers than ever before. The Methodist Church must make provisions for colleges for the training of these young people."

Statements regarding the urgency of the church-wide emphasis on Christian Higher Education were made by Dr. Cecil Robbins, president of Louisburg College and Dr. W. E. Clark of Nashville, Tenn., a member of the General Commission on Higher Education of the Methodist Church. Both men were introduced by Conference Lay Leader J. Nelson Gibson of Gibson, who this year succeeded Jasper Smith of Bethel as leader of the lay program in the North Carolina conference. Mr. Smith was present and recognized.

Chief address of the evening was made by Dr. B. Joseph Martin, president of Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia. Challenging the men to accept their mission and responsibility as an adult church, Dr. Martin said: "With all our tolerance, our generosity, our ecumenicity, let us remember that God is not going to be left without a witness in the world. Our church must assume its responsibility to its youth. To do less is for us to fail in a crucial moment of church history."

Fifty men of the Hertford Methodist Church were in attendance and served as hosts for the occasion, led by their local lay leader, Talmage Rose, Jr., who was in charge of local arrangements.

## Winslow Funeral Held Thursday P. M.

Mrs. Esther James White Winslow, 73, died Wednesday at 7 o'clock in the Albemarle Hospital after an illness of two days.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Perquimans County and daughter of the late James Frank and Emma White Winslow. She was a member of Up River Friends Church.

Surviving are her husband, J. Luther Winslow; three sons, Floyd E., Alvin and Jasper Winslow of Hertford; four daughters, Mrs. Towell Martin of Denton, Md., Mrs. Crafton Winslow of Hertford, Route 2, and Mrs. Walter Nowell of Winfall and Miss Sylvia Winslow of Washington, D. C.; four brothers, Ralph White of Belvidere, Berry Lee White of Woodland, Hersh White of Winston-Salem and Archie White of Belvidere; two sisters, Miss Pearl White of Richland and Mrs. Claud Walker of Burlington; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The body was taken from the Lynch Funeral Home to the Up River Friends Church for services Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by the Rev. Orval Dillon, pastor. Burial was in the church cemetery.



**PLOWING IN THE PARKING LOT**—This striking contrast between the ultramodern apartment house and the age-old plowman behind his horses presents itself in West Berlin, Germany. The "city farmer" is actually a gardener who took advantage of the warm weather to turn up the soil for spring planting in the apartment house yard.

## Board Calls Public Hearing To Study Zoning Ordinance

A proposed zoning ordinance for the Town of Hertford will be considered for adoption at a public hearing to be conducted in the Municipal Building here on the night of Wednesday, March 20, it was reported today by R. C. Elliott, Town Clerk, who stated the Town Board will meet that night in special session to hold a public hearing on the ordinance in its proposed form.

The provisions of the zoning ordinance were explained at a public hearing held here on February 4 when Leigh Wilson, representative of the League of Municipalities, acted as moderator and gave details of the ordinance as it is now proposed.

A large number of Hertford citizens were present for this first hearing, and the Town Board is hopeful even more residents will turn out to attend the next hearing.

The purpose of the hearing on March 20 will be to give the members of the Town Board the opportunity to study and make any proposed changes in the ordinance as it is now proposed, prior to considering it for adoption at the regular meeting of the Board during April.

It is anticipated some changes in the ordinance will be proposed by both members of the Town Board and possibly some residents of the town. Town Commissioners will be anxious to hear recommendations and complaints on the proposed ordinance at the meeting on March 20. This hearing will start at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Under the ordinance proposed for Hertford, the town will be divided into four zone areas; two for residences, a business and industrial area. The basic differences in the two residential areas is determined by the number of square feet in a building lot located in an area. At the present time the proposed ordinance calls for one residential area to be restricted to lots of 8,000 square feet and the other area calls for lots of 6,000 square feet.

Mr. Wilson pointed out the zoning ordinance applies only after the law is adopted by the Board of Town Commissioners.

The regulations pertaining to residential areas places certain restrictions on construction, requiring minimum front and side yards for each house. The law will also regulate the height for new buildings.

Residential areas will be restricted to homes but it will be permissible for schools, hospitals, private clubs and apartment houses, to be situated in these areas.

The business area will be restricted to retail and wholesale business houses, but may contain homes but no industrial buildings. The industrial zone will be the area for industrial buildings.

## New Chairman

Mrs. W. C. Cherry was elected chairman of the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross, at a meeting of the local committee, held last Friday afternoon at the Municipal Building. Mrs. Cherry will succeed R. C. Elliott as head of the county committee.

Selection of other officials of the county chapter was postponed pending a special meeting to be held by the new chairman for this purpose.

During the meeting Friday, Mr. Elliott announced the annual Red Cross fund drive will be conducted during the month of March and that Perquimans County had been assigned a quota of \$1,811 for this campaign.

## Aces Top Indians To Win Conference Cage Tournament

A red-hot Johnny Kramer sparked his Edenton basketball team to a 61-50 victory over the Perquimans Indians last Friday night to give Edenton the championship title in the Albemarle Conference tournament held at Ahoskie.

The final game was hard-fought throughout but the inability of the Indians to stop Kramer made the difference in the outcome. Perquimans lost Tommy Matthews and Johnny Miller by the foul route and this hampered the Indians during the fourth period.

The teams were tied at 13-all at the close of the first quarter. Edenton canned 19 points in the second period while Perquimans scored 13. The Aces increased their lead in the third period hitting 15 points while Perquimans tallied 11. In the final period Edenton outscored Perquimans 14-13. Kramer scored 31 of his team's 61 points while Copeland got 11.

Matthews was high scorer for the Indians with 16. White had 12, Miller 5, Tucker 7, Baker 5, Whedbee 3 and W. N. Matthews 2.

The Indians won the right to meet Edenton in the finals of the tourney by scoring a 59-48 victory over the Plymouth boys in a game played Thursday night.

The Ashokie girls won their division title by defeating the Plymouth girls by a score of 74 to 40. The Perquimans Squaws lost in the opening round of the meet to the Plymouth girls.

A new, modern office building is now nearing completion at the J. F. Holfowell & Son place in Winfall. When completed the new office will handle all business activity of the firm. Scales for the use of weighing livestock and farm commodities are also being installed and these are expected to expedite the services offered by the firm.

## Navy Officials Conducting Investigation As To Cause Of Plane Crash Last Week

### Note Of Thanks For Disaster Assistance

The Perquimans County Board of Education wishes to take this opportunity to extend expressions of appreciation to the Fire Departments of Hertford, Edenton and Elizabeth City; to the Police Department; and to everyone who so willingly helped during the disaster which occurred at the Perquimans County High School last week.

### Funeral Services Held Saturday For Crash Victim

Funeral services for J. Van Roach, 55 who died Thursday night in the Chowan Hospital from burns were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Winfall Methodist Church by the Rev. Earl Meekins.

Mr. Roach was a victim of the plane crash which occurred here on Thursday of last week when a Navy jet fighter plunged into the Perquimans County High School garage causing its destruction.

Roach was the son of the late John and Susan Roach and the husband of Mrs. Audrey Roach, who survives as do one daughter, Mrs. Ray Harris; one son, Vick Roach; one brother, George Roach; two sisters, Mrs. Sallie Hare of Edenton and Miss Beulah Roach of Norfolk, Va., and one grandchild.

### Funeral For Mrs. Minnie S. Winslow Held On Wednesday

Mrs. Minnie Smith Winslow, 80, died Monday, at 4:20 P. M., at her home on Route 2.

She was a native of Perquimans County, daughter of Josiah and Penelope Trueblood Smith and member of the Bagley Swamp Pilgrim Church.

Survivors are her husband, Allen Jay Winslow; three sons, Josiah Winslow and Dennis Winslow of Hertford and Clarence Winslow of Manchester, Conn.; four daughters, Mrs. Ruth Rountree and Mrs. Virginia White of Belvidere and Miss Clara B. Winslow and Miss Minnie Lee Winslow of Hertford; three brothers, L. A. Smith and R. G. Smith of Hertford and W. Ray J. Smith of Kernersville, Ky.; a sister Mrs. Beatrice Hollowell of Hertford, eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The body was taken from the Lynch Funeral Home in Hertford to the Bagley Swamp Pilgrim Church Wednesday at 2 P. M., when services were conducted by the Rev. C. S. Saunders, pastor.

Burial followed in the family cemetery.

Legion Units To Hold Joint Meeting

The Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion and its Auxiliary will hold a joint meeting on Thursday night, March 7, at the Municipal Building in Hertford for the purpose of observing the anniversary of the organization of the American Legion. All members of the Legion and the Auxiliary are urged to be present for the event.

Memorial Field at Perquimans High School, and the land adjacent, was a bee-hive of activity last week-end when Navy officials, headed by Comdr. J. L. Carter, USN, of the Fleet Air Service, came here to conduct an investigation of a plane crash, which occurred at the school Thursday of last week, causing the death of the pilot, Ensign W. W. Bell of Oceana Air Station, and J. Van Roach, chief mechanic for Perquimans County Schools.

Severely injured in the air tragedy was Preston Morgan, school mechanic, who is a patient at Chowan Hospital suffering burns over 35 per cent of his body, received when the plane exploded inside the garage.

Bell's body was found about 8 o'clock Thursday night by Calvin Bundy who resides on the farm of Leigh Winslow, located about three miles east of Hertford on Route three. The Navy reported that, although the pilot was wearing the parachute harness, there was no chute in the vicinity, and one found five miles away is presumed to have been Bell's. Naval officials believe Bell was ejected successfully from the plane but the chute canopy apparently ripped loose letting the pilot fall.

The plane was traveling at an undetermined speed and in a flat glide when it approached the Perquimans High School. Searing off tree-tops some 400 yards from the garage, the plane struck the earth in a field on the Cox farm and then bounced, about head-high, into the southeast corner of the garage, striking a car owned by W. R. Privott and a pickup truck owned by the State school system, which were in the line of travel.

A witness, Arthur Perry, reported the plane appeared to be a fire before it struck the garage and exploded. Perry was the first to reach the crash site and emerged from the burning building, clothes on fire. He rendered first aid awaiting arrival of an ambulance which carried him to Chowan Hospital.

The scene was secured by Navy personnel about mid-afternoon on Thursday and was off-limits to civilians. (Continued on Page Eight)

## Perquimans High Memorial Service Held Last Friday

A special memorial and thanksgiving service was conducted at Perquimans High School last Friday morning when the school body was joined by ministers of Hertford and Perquimans County and a large number of citizens during the chapel period. Memorial services were held by J. Van Roach and Ensign W. W. Bell, who lost their lives in the air tragedy which occurred the day before and prayers of thanksgiving were offered that the disaster did not destroy or injure the school or its students.

Principal E. C. Woodard presided over the services which opened with the Rev. Philip leading in the singing of the Doxology and Sweet Hour of Prayer. The Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of Hertford Methodist Church, spoke briefly praising Mr. Roach and Preston Morgan for the splendid work they did in providing safe transportation for the school students.

Other ministers taking part in the program were the Rev. Paul Shultz, rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, the Rev. Earl Meekins of Winfall Methodist Church, the Rev. Orval Dillon of Up River Friends Church, the Rev. J. O. Mattox of the Hertford Baptist Church, Dr. Harold White, Presbyterian Church pastor who teaches English in the school, all of whom offered special prayers.

George Caddy, representing the board of education and Miss Thelma Elliott, principal of the grammar school, spoke briefly. Edgar Fields, president of the Student Council, led in a prayer for those killed and injured and in thanksgiving for those not harmed.

Twelve students and several parents also offered prayer in the period that followed.

## Junior Miller Dies After Short Illness

Junior Benton Miller, 49, died Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock at Albemarle Hospital following an illness of one week.

He was a native and lifelong resident of Perquimans County, son of the late David and Mamie Stallings Miller. He was a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and the Ruritan Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Hazel Miller; two sons, H. B. Miller of Hertford, Route 2 and Ben Miller of Norfolk; one daughter, Miss Joyce Miller of Winfall; one sister, Mrs. H. H. Stallings of Hertford, Route 2; four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church by the Rev. L. C. Chandler. Burial will follow in Harrell's Cemetery near New Hope.

## County Board To Meet Next Monday

Two meetings are scheduled for the Board of County Commissioners for the month of March. The Board will conduct its regular March meeting next Monday, beginning at 10 A. M. On Monday, March 18, the Commissioners will sit as a Board of Equalization and Review for the purpose of adjusting any complaints arising over property valuation. This latter meeting will begin at 10 A. M., and the Board will remain in session until all matters pertaining to valuation have been completed.

## Recorder's Court Disposed Of Varied Docket Here Tues.

Felony charges against four defendants, Linwood and Ernest Lamb and Russell and Jesse East, were reduced in Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday when Judge Chas. E. Johnson took jurisdiction after the state had presented evidence against the youths on the theft of machinery from the Dewey Perry, Jr., small mill located on Highway 17, south of Hertford. Following reduction of the charges, the youths entered pleas of guilty to charges of larceny. Linwood Lamb and Russell East were ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs each and Ernest Lamb and Jesse East each were ordered to pay the costs of court.

Other cases heard during the session Tuesday included the one in which James Dillard, Luther James, James Harris and William Banks submitted to the charge of possessing non-tax-paid liquor and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Grandy Whittem, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of non-support. He was ordered by the court to pay the sum of \$10 per week for the support of his children.

A fine of \$10 and costs were taxed against William G. White, Negro, who submitted to a charge of driving with insufficient brakes. James Griffin paid the costs of court after submitting to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign.

John Wood was found guilty on a charge of speeding. He was fined \$25 and costs of court.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case in which George Wilder, Negro, pleaded guilty to a charge of non-support. Wilder paid the costs of court.

Daniel Welch, Negro, was taxed with the court costs after pleading guilty to a charge of assault.

Graham Overton, Negro, paid the costs of court after submitting to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign.

Frankie Ledwith paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Possibilities that the UN will vote sanctions against Israel appeared remote this week, although certain Arab nations are pressing for this action on the continued refusal of Israel to withdraw its troops from the Gaza strip. Announcements from the UN indicate the U. S., France and Britain are opposed to voting sanctions and efforts are being made to settle the Mid-East trouble without this action.

Taxes and spending hold the spotlight in the General Assembly this week as committees study proposals for enacting laws calling for a new tax structure for the state, and proposals for increases in pay for teachers and other state employees. It appears most representatives favor the pay increase but the big decision to be made on the proposal concerns the total percentage of the increase in pay.

North Carolina's literacy test for voting applicants has been challenged by a Negro woman of Northampton County in a suit filed in a U. S. District Court. Some state sources see the action being fought through U. S. courts until a final decision is reached in the Supreme Court.

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

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