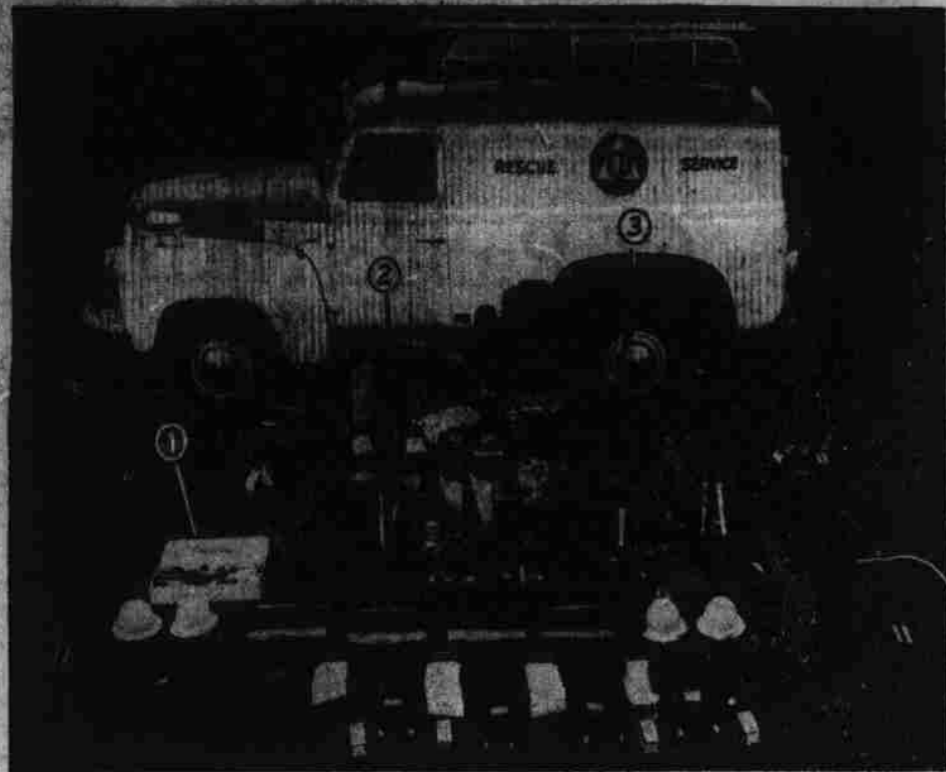


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SMALL RESCUE truck, approved by the Federal Civil Defense Administration for Federal matching funds, has an amazing array of equipment for its four-man crew. Included are: (1) hydraulic jack, along with spreading and pulling equipment; (2) portable inhalator, and (3) portable one-kilowatt generator. Four-wheel-drive truck can traverse rough terrain. (FCDA Photo)

## Nine Cases Heard By Local Recorder At Court Session

Perquimans Recorder's Court, in session here Tuesday with Judge Chas. E. Johnson presiding, disposed of nine cases on the docket and continued the case in which Gibson Brinkle of Chowan County is charged with manslaughter.

W. H. Elliott, Jr., submitted to a charge of speeding and was ordered to pay the costs of court.

William Ray Miller, a school student, charged with speeding, entered a plea of guilty. The court continued prayer for judgment in the case and ordered Miller to submit a written theme of 300 words on the subject of the dangers of reckless driving.

Lee Hines, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs after he was found guilty of charges of failing to dim the lights of his car and failing to heed an official stop sign.

Joe Perry, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault. He was given a 60 day suspended sentence, and ordered to pay the costs of court.

Luther Haynes, Negro, submitted to a charge of being drunk on a highway. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

A fine of \$50 and costs were taxed against Herbert Ward who submitted to a charge of reckless driving.

James Jones, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of driving a truck loaded over the height limit.

Fred Rountree, Negro, paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of driving on the left side of a highway.

Joseph Dillard, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court on a charge of driving with an expired operator's license. The defendant entered a plea of guilty to the charge.

## 4-H Clubs To Hold Barbecue Supper

The 4-H Clubs of Perquimans County are sponsoring a chicken barbecue supper on Friday night, March 22 at the Central Grammar School in Winfall from 5:30 to 7:30 o'clock.

There will be an advance sale of tickets by the 4-H Club members and they can also be purchased at the Perquimans County Agent's office in Hertford. "This advance sale is most important as we need to know how many to expect," states Richard Bryant, assistant county agent.

The proceeds of this supper will be used to help defray the costs of trips taken by the club members in their work this year.

"We are looking forward to seeing a large crowd and we are hoping you will be there, too," adds Miss Nancy Henderson, assistant home agent.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Miller Umphlett of Cody, Wyoming, on March 11, a son, Jonathan Edward. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

## Baptist Sponsor Layman's Revival

Cooperating with other churches in the area in a simultaneous effort, the Laymen of the Hertford Baptist Church will sponsor a Laymen's Revival this week-end. This is a new undertaking in eastern North Carolina, but others elsewhere in the State have long met with great success.

In such a revival the focus is upon Laymen, and its aim is to stimulate more men to serve more in more phases of Christian work.

Outstanding laymen—all successful business men and consecrated Christians—from western North Carolina will lead in these simultaneous revivals. Two of these men will be in Hertford to lead the revival here. They will preach, give personal testimonies and lead in a layman's visitation program. The men of the church will fill the other places of responsibility.

A "kick-off" supper for the men of the church will be held in the lower auditorium, Friday at 6:30. Julian H. Broughton and Lloyd "Pete" Riddick are in charge of the arrangements for this supper.

The services will begin at 7:30 on Friday and will continue through Saturday and Sunday. Special music and other inspirational features have been planned by the choir and other groups of the church.

Pastor Mattox said in his announcement yesterday that though the revival is sponsored by the men, it is most definitely for all friends of the community—both men and women, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to share in this effort that should prove to be enriching and timely.

## Elmer Lassiter Is Named Outstanding Young Farmer Here

The Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce honored Elmer Lassiter at its dinner meeting Wednesday night of last week after Lassiter had been selected as the outstanding young farmer of Perquimans County for 1957.

Lassiter is married to the former Miss Fay Winslow, and they are the parents of a two-and-a-half year old son, Rodney. Their farm is a 75-acre one near the W. S. Winslow store in Whitestown, and is worked almost completely by Lassiter alone. However, there are a few times when some outside labor is needed.

The award winner has been farming alone for some nine years. Prior to that time he worked with his father on the farm of his parents, John and Mattie Lassiter.

Corn, cotton and soy beans are basic crops cultivated by Lassiter, but since he is quite a diversified farmer, some other crops are supplemented. Peanuts, for instance, is a crop that he usually raises in small quantities each year. Live stock, a natural for most tillers of the soil is a feature of the Lassiter farm and more recently poultry has been added in larger quantities.

It is basically his accomplishment in basic crops and his farm program.

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## Town Faces Rental Request For Water Supply Property

Hertford's Town Board was presented with a request, at its meeting Monday night, that the town start paying a rental fee for use of land adjacent to the town plant which is owned by Mrs. J. L. Harris and under management of The Farmers Mart.

After some discussion of the rental rate as proposed by the manager of the property, the Town Board named a committee composed of Mayor V. N. Darden, Commissioner R. L. Hollowell and Town Attorney Chas. E. Johnson to confer with the owners over a rental agreement or a possible purchase of the land.

The land in question is that portion of the old Southern Cotton Oil Company property adjoining the town plant site which the town has been using for a number of years as a water-well field and also for unloading of street material and storage.

The Town holds easement rights on a portion of the land upon which is situated wells for supplying the town with water, but due to expansion of the system in recent years the town has opened up wells on some land for which it holds no easement rights. It is for this part of the land, and that used for a railroad spur and storage space the owner desires rent be paid for future use.

Other matters handled during the Board meeting included approval of renovating the town clerk's office to provide a private office for the clerk.

The Board also considered a proposal for replotting the Hertford Grammar School site, which is to be offered for sale at public auction, and voted to plot the site in such a manner that all lots offered for sale will comply with the requirements of a zoning ordinance now under consideration by the Board.

## Soil Supervisors To Sponsor Annual Poster Contest

The Perquimans County Supervisors of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District are sponsoring a Conservation Poster Contest. Frank B. Skinner, Chairman of the Perquimans County Supervisors, announced that the contest would be for the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades of the Central Grammar School. "The first place winner in each grade will receive a prize of \$5.00 and the second place winner in each grade will receive a prize of \$3.00. This contest began March 1 and will end April 1.

The Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Conservation Poster Contest on a District wide basis. The District includes Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties. The District Contest will be held in Elizabeth City some time in April. The first and second place winners in each grade will enter their posters in the District Contest.

The Supervisors believe that a contest of this type will help the schools to teach students how Conservation Work is done to protect our natural resources. The supervisors also believe that Conservation Education should start with the younger children. With this in mind the District Supervisors at their last meeting voted to designate the month of March as Conservation Month in the schools and to sponsor the Poster Contest as an annual event at this time.

## ASC Officials To Attend Conference

Helene W. Nixon, Ruby A. White and Leonidas L. Lane will leave Sunday for Asheville where they will represent Perquimans County at a State ASC Conference next week.

Governor Luther Hodges will present the opening address of the meeting, and the program calls for various sessions aimed at acquainting the ASC officials with problems of administering the 1957 farm program.

## Zone Hearing

A public hearing for the purpose of hearing complaints and recommendations about a proposed zoning ordinance for the Town of Hertford will be conducted at the Municipal Building in Hertford by the Town Board on Wednesday night, March 20, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Residents of Hertford are urged to attend this meeting and give the Town Board members their views on the proposed law.

## Charles Whedbee Wins Morehead UNC Scholarship

Charles M. Whedbee, an outstanding member of the Senior Class at Perquimans High School, was one of 32 students selected to receive a Morehead Scholarship at the University of North Carolina. The award is worth \$5,000 over a four-year period. The names of the 32 winners were announced Wednesday night of last week at Chapel Hill by John Motley Morehead, who has aided more than 100 students of outstanding ability to secure advanced educational training.

Morehead Scholarships go to outstanding and well-balanced students—scholastically, athletically, with a view to mature character and personality traits. The stipends are granted without regard to financial need. The object is to pick outstanding talent and train that talent for future leadership in the state and nation.

It took several months of careful selection to pick the final 32. Of 14,000 eligible high school seniors in the state, the field was narrowed to 560 students; then to 54. In the final screenings, 32 were named.

The Morehead Scholarships are among the most sought after of any scholarships in the nation.

Charles Whedbee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Silas M. Whedbee of Hertford.

## Prince Hall Masons Will Hold District Meeting Here Tues.

The Masons, and sisters of the Eastern Star Lodge of the seventh, eighth and ninth districts of the Jurisdiction of North Carolina, will hold its annual regional meeting in Hertford Tuesday, March 19, at 8 P. M.

The districts comprised of Pasquotank, Perquimans, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Bertie, Northampton, Nash, Edgecombe and Halifax counties. The meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church, corner of Hyde Park and King Streets in Hertford. An interesting program has been planned for the occasion. Guests will be the Grand Master, Dr. G. D. Carnes, Grand Senior Warden, Solomon Keene, Grand Treasurer, H. N. Dowdy and Superintendent T. H. Brooks of Oxford Orphanage.

Meridian Lodge No. 18, and Ada Chapter No. 35 will be the host lodges. G. Wilson Felton, Matthew Jarmon and Walter Clarke, Deputies of these Districts respectively are asking all Masons and sisters to be present and the public is invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served just across the street from the church in the Temple with worshipful master, C. T. Felton and Mrs. Thelma S. Gilliam, worthy matron of Ada chapter No. 35 in charge.

An offering will be raised for the support of Oxford Orphanage.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Mr. and Mrs. William Lane announce the birth of a son born Friday, March 8, at the Chowan Hospital.

## School Instructors



Two instructors, who will participate in the Chowan-Perquimans Christian Workers School to be conducted at the Methodist Church here March 31 through April 2, will be the Rev. J. H. Lanning, left, and the Rev. Wallace Kirby, right. The Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the church, will serve as dean of the school.



## Pastors To Take Part In Christian Workers School

Two of the instructors in the Chowan-Perquimans Christian Workers School, scheduled for March 31-April 2 in the First Methodist Church, Hertford, are the Rev. J. H. Lanning, Plymouth, who will teach the course for teachers of adult classes, and the Rev. Wallace Kirby, Fremont, who will teach the course for workers with youth.

The Chowan-Perquimans Christian Workers School is planned jointly by the N. C. Conference Board of Education of the Methodist Church and the eleven churches of the two participating counties. Classes will be held each evening, Sunday through Tuesday from 7:30 until 9:30 o'clock, beginning at the 7:30 hour on March 31 with an all-together period in the First Methodist Church sanctuary.

The Rev. J. H. Lanning, who is pastor of the Methodist Church in Plymouth, is a member of the North Carolina Conference Board of Education, and is chairman of the Conference Christian Family Life Committee. He has served as district director of adult work. His course in the school is entitled "Helping Adults Learn."

The Rev. Wallace Kirby, pastor of the Fremont Methodist Church, served as conference director of youth work for nine months and as associate minister at Queen Street Methodist Church in Winston for one summer. In the training school he will teach the course "Teaching Youth," designed for workers with youth in both morning and evening sessions of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Courses will also be offered for workers with children, and a general course on "The Meaning of Methodism" for all other interested persons. Dean of the school will be the Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the Hertford church. Working with him will be the other participating ministers: the Rev. Earl Meekins, the Rev. Earl Richardson and the Rev. P. M. Porter, and the church school superintendents from each of the 11 churches in the Chowan-Perquimans area.

## Legion Units In Anniversary Meet

The Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, and its Auxiliary held a joint meeting here last Thursday night in commemoration of the 38th anniversary of the founding of the American Legion.

Charles Skinner, Commander of the Post, presided and welcomed the members of the Auxiliary. After the usual Legion formal opening of the meeting Tom Willoughby offered prayer. The group then sang "The Star Spangled Banner." During a brief business session the post and the auxiliary were requested to endorse and work for the election of John A. Holmes as State Commander. W. F. Ainsley and Mrs. Madyle Towse were named to represent the units on a committee for a teenage center.

Mrs. H. A. Whitley, vice president of the Auxiliary, was introduced and she expressed the pleasure of the Auxiliary in meeting with the Legion and announced the District Auxiliary meeting will be held in Columbia March 22. She urged all members who can attend this meeting to notify Mrs. C. A. Davenport, president.

Mrs. Helen Skinner, Auxiliary Historian, gave a very interesting history of the local Auxiliary from its organization to the present date. Capt. Charles F. Sumner, Jr., was the speaker for the occasion and he spoke on the founding of the Legion in Paris in 1919. He gave a summary of the work accomplished by the Legion and its aim and purpose. This speech was very informative and enjoyed by all.

At the conclusion of the program the Auxiliary presented a birthday cake to the Legion, which, with blue candles surrounded by red camellias, carried out the red, white and blue colors of the flag. The cake was served with block ice cream and other refreshments by Mesdames J. H. Towse, Oscar Newbold, Martin Towse and C. F. Sumner.

It was announced the Auxiliary will hold its April meeting at the home of Mrs. J. H. Towse.

## Town Board Votes Plan To Renumber Hertford Streets

### Board In Special Meeting On Monday

The Perquimans Board of Commissioners and the Tax Supervisor will meet in the Court House in Hertford next Monday, March 18, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M., as a Board of Equalization and Review to handle matters pertaining to 1957 property valuation in the county.

Individuals desiring to confer with the Board concerning valuation problems on their property are requested to appear before the Commissioners at this special meeting.

## Mrs. Hettie Layden Weds J. P. Sawyer

The marriage of Mrs. Hettie Layden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Nixon, to John Pritchard Sawyer, son of the late John and Clara Weeks Sawyer, took place Sunday, March 10 at the Burgess Baptist Church following the morning worship.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Philip Quilley, pastor of the church.

The bride entered the church with her son, Sidney Layden, Jr., of Ehrhardt, S. C.

She wore a navy blue tulle gown with fitted highline jacket and a pencil skirt with navy and white accessories. She carried a prayer book topped with white orchids and showered with stephanotis.

The best man was Walter Sawyer of Elizabeth City, son of the bridegroom.

The wedding music was presented by the bridegroom's niece, Miss Audrey Sawyer, pianist and Miss Shelby Jean Overton, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" following the ceremony.

The groomsmen were Preston Nixon, brother of the bride, and George Sawyer from Elizabeth City, brother of the bridegroom.

Immediately following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Nixon entertained the families of the couple and out-of-town guests at a buffet luncheon at their home. The guests numbered 75.

Mrs. Sawyer is employed at the J. C. Blanchard & Company store and Mr. Sawyer is employed with the John Deere Implement Company. The couple will make their home in Hertford.

## Senior Class Play Presentation March 9

Members of the senior class of Perquimans County High School have started practice for the annual play which will be presented Friday, March 29, at 8 o'clock. It is a three-act mystery-comedy entitled, "Three Fingers in the Door."

Those in the play are: Mary Ann White, Alice Gray Elliott, Evangeline Saunders, Mable Keel, Atwood Chappell, Charlie Johnson, Margaret Ann Sutton, Iola Jane Winslow, Charles Whedbee and Douglas Coleman. The play is being coached by Mrs. Elizabeth Skipsey.

### A project, sponsored by the Hertford Lions Club, calling for the renumbering of lots and houses of the streets of Hertford was given the approval of the Town Board at its meeting Monday night. A proposed ordinance covering this project has been prepared by the League of Municipalities but, as yet, has not been adopted.

The Board voted to adopt an ordinance calling for the renumbering but propose to work out a method and plan of its own.

The matter was presented to the Board by Charles Harrell and Claude Brinn, representing the Lions Club, and those men pointed out a number of advantages that can be secured through the program.

At the present time Hertford does not have a uniform plan for numbering of houses but under the project the town will be divided into areas with Church and Market streets being the dividing lines. Each block north, east, south and west of these lines will be given similar numbers beginning with 101 and running up to the number of blocks on the street being renumbered.

Mr. Harrell advised the Town Board in the event the project is finally adopted the Lions Club will notify every resident of the town as to the new house number and Boy Scouts will provide house numbers if the house owner desires.

The Board agreed this matter of renumbering of streets will be explained at the public hearing to be conducted at the Municipal Building on March 20 at which time the proposed zoning ordinance will be considered.

The Board also agreed new directional signs will be placed on the present street signs in the town to reveal the division lines on the various streets.

## Durants Neck Club Sponsors Program At H. S. Tonight

A womanless wedding and special music by the Cavalier Quartet will highlight a "night for fun" to be sponsored by the Durants Neck Ruritan Club, in the Perquimans High School auditorium Friday night, March 15, at 7:30 o'clock.

The public is invited to attend the event and proceeds will be used by the club to install rest rooms in the Community House at New Hope.

Taking part in the womanless wedding will be Hazel Jackson as the bride; Garland Baker, the groom; Joshua Sutton, as the preacher; Carson Spivey will be the groom's mother and Buffalo Saunders will be the bride's father. Marvin Caddy will play a part as Elvis Presley.

Special music will be provided by the Cavalier Quartet.

### STEAK FRY

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., and the Hertford Rotary Club will stage a steak fry next Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Municipal plant.