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## Education Board Reelects Biggers As Superintendent

Perquimans County Board of Education was reorganized for a two-year term at a meeting of the board held Monday night in the office of the superintendent of schools. S. M. Long, Delvin Eure and George Caddy were sworn in as members of the board, starting new terms of office.

J. T. Biggers was re-elected to the office as superintendent of schools for a term of two years.

J. Edgar Morris, present chairman of the board, was elected to fill the chairmanship during the period.

Prior to its reorganization, the board considered a number of matters including a review of the claim filed with the Navy Department for damages sustained to the school garage and other school property. The board members were also advised on the matter of the sale of the Hertford Grammar School site, which will be offered at public auction on April 27.

No action was taken by the board as to construction of a new garage to replace the one recently destroyed. The board decided to await developments pending a settlement with the Navy.

After a discussion on applications submitted for the job as chief mechanic and assistant mechanic, the

board authorized the chairman and superintendent of schools to interview some of the applicants and to fill the positions.

After interviews with a number of applicants for the positions, it was announced W. O. Elliott had been employed as chief mechanic and Pete Riddick employed as assistant mechanic.

The final matter of business handled during the meeting was the appointment, in compliance with state law, of a district-wide school committee. Five members were appointed to this committee, one from each township of the county. The committee named was R. S. Chappell, Mrs. Elwood Nowell, Mrs. R. S. Monds, John Q. Hurdle and George W. Baker.

Advisory committees for each of the five schools of the county were also named, with the membership as follows: Perquimans High School, Mrs. Henry Sullivan, Mrs. Frank Bray, Carson Spivey; Perquimans Central Grammar School, Mrs. Ned Nixon, Mrs. Russell Baker, Floyd Matthews; Hertford Grammar School, C. T. Eley, I. C. Long, Mrs. Jackson Brinn; Perquimans Union School, Sanford Stallings, Dewey Overton, Odell Hurdle; King Street School, Theodore Felton, George James, Mrs. Helen Felton.

## Hertford Churches To Conduct Good Friday Services

Hertford will observe Good Friday, April 19, with an interdenominational, community-wide service, to be held at the Methodist Church, it was announced today by the ministers of the town. The service will begin at 12 o'clock noon and continue until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the traditional hours observed as those at which time Jesus was crucified from the Cross at Calvary.

The service is planned as a continuous worship, following the thoughts portrayed in the Seven Last Words of Christ. There will be musical interludes between each of the seven sections for the convenience of those who find it possible to attend only part of the service. The choirs of the churches of the town will provide special music and the thoughts relative to the Seven Words will be presented by the Rev. James O. Mattox, pastor of the Baptist Church; the Rev. Paul Schultz, rector of the Episcopal Church, and the Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Most of the merchants of town have indicated that their stores will be closed on Friday, April 19, from 12 o'clock noon until 3 o'clock in order that they may participate in the religious services.

Sunrise services are planned for Easter Day, at the Hertford Cemetery for all the people of this area who wish to attend.



Navy Lt. (jg) Fred O. Purser, son of Mrs. Emmett Winslow of Hertford, N. C., and husband of the former Miss Margaret V. Dorsey of Galax, Va., is presented a letter of commendation by Navy Capt. Henry A. Renken, Commanding Officer of the Atlantic Fleet tactical command ship USS Northampton. He received his commendation March 7 for contributing to the highly successful outcome of his ship's material inspection conducted by the U. S. Naval Board of Inspection and Survey during February. The Northampton, which received one of three letters of special credit to be awarded to ships by the Board during the last two and one-half years, is on a training exercise in the North Atlantic. The ship visited Greenock, Scotland; Oslo, Norway, and Stockholm, Sweden, and will return to her home port of Norfolk, Va., during the first week in April.

## Progress Reported On Establishment Of Teenage Center

Hopes of adult leaders of this community for the establishment of a Teenage Center for youths of Perquimans County are becoming a reality, according to a report released this week by a spokesman for the leaders who have been working toward this goal.

The plans have been developed to stage where an organization of a Recreational Council, composed of representatives of the various civic clubs of the county and other interested persons, is expected to be perfected sometime next week. This Recreational Council, it is expected at a later date, will be converted to a permanent Governing Board, once the center has been established.

A number of civic groups already have appointed members to serve on the organizational committee and a meeting for this purpose will be called sometime next week. These representatives, as well as the public, will be notified as to the date and place of the meeting.

The sponsors of the proposed project, who for the present desire to remain anonymous, report a substantial amount of money has been pledged toward purchase of a site for the project. A drive for additional funds will be conducted following the organization of the Council. The public is invited to make contributions toward the establishment of the center and will be given an opportunity to do so.

The need for a Teenage Center for this community has long been felt by the adult leaders, and it is the hope of the sponsors of this particular project, public response will bring about a successful effort to secure the center.

## Christian Workers School Here Had 109 Enrollment

One hundred nine church school teachers and leaders were enrolled in the Chowan-Perquimans Christian Workers School which was held in the Hertford Methodist Church March 31 to April 2.

In the three nights' study, improved teaching methods, resources for teaching, and personal enrichment were discussed in classes for teachers of children, youth, and adults. A general course on "The Meaning of Methodism" was designed to inform those enrolled concerning the beliefs of the church. Instructors were Mrs. J. C. Goode, Richmond, Va.; the Rev. Jack Crum, Raleigh; the Rev. Wallace Kirby, Fremont, and the Rev. J. H. Lanning, Plymouth.

Gratified at the enthusiastic response to this year's training sessions, the board of managers is already making plans for next year's school. Church school superintendents and pastors of the 11 participating churches met at the Hertford Church Tuesday night of this week to evaluate this year's school and select courses and instructors for next year's school.

## Red Cross Drive Lagging In County

Perquimans County's annual Red Cross fund campaign, scheduled for the month of March, started late and is lagging throughout the county, it was reported by Mrs. W. C. Cherry, fund chairman, who stated she is having a hard time securing solicitors for some of the communities of the county.

Solicitation for Red Cross funds has gotten underway in Hertford, Belvidere and Whiteston, where volunteer workers are contacting their neighbors for contributions, but there is need for workers in other areas of the county.

As yet, no reports have been turned in by the solicitors, according to Mrs. Cherry, but it is estimated only about one-fifth of the quota of \$1,811 has been contributed.

## Joel Hollowell, Jr. Weds Miss Hastings In Camden Church

The marriage of Miss Onetta Marie Hastings to Joel F. Hollowell, Jr., was solemnized Sunday afternoon, March 24, at 3:30 o'clock at Sawyer's Creek Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Clarence R. Hastings of Camden and the late Mr. Hastings. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel F. Hollowell, Sr., of Winfall.

The Rev. A. C. McCall, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony in a setting of white gladioli and calla lilies, palms, ferns and candlelight. Mrs. Ike Harris, sister of the bride, played the wedding music and accompanied C. Horace Lamb, uncle of the bride, who sang "Because" and Mrs. Charles Brown who sang "The Wedding Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her brother Russell Hastings, was lovely in a ballerina length wedding gown of Chantilly lace over

## Pre-School Clinic Schedule Announced

Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer, today announced pre-school clinics will be started in the district April 9 and continue through May 13. Private physicians, he said, will be welcome to work in the clinics, and health nurses will contact them in this connection. The children are urged to be on time so as not to miss the examining physicians.

The clinics in Perquimans County will be as follows: May 6 — King Street School; 9 A. M. May 7 — Perquimans Union School; 9 A. M. May 8 — Hertford Grammar School; 9 A. M. May 13 — Central Grammar School; 9 A. M. All clinics will be conducted at the health center in Hertford.

## HD County Council Makes Plans For National Club Week

Plans for the observance of National Home Demonstration Club Week, which include a tour of new and remodeled homes in the county, and the annual Commissioners' Dinner, were made at the regular meeting of the Home Demonstration County Council which was held on Thursday, March 28 at the Agricultural Building.

Mrs. Colon Jackson, president, presided, and the meeting opened with the group singing "Hail Gladioli Women."

Minutes and roll call were read by the secretary, Mrs. Joseph Layden. Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. George Fields, Jr., in the absence of Mrs. Cliff Morgan, treasurer.

During the business session, Mrs. Jackson announced that the District Meeting will be held on April 25 at Central School beginning at 10:30 A. M. Mrs. M. T. Griffin was appointed chairman of the Home Demonstration Hotel Fund. Mrs. Joseph Layden was named County Publicity Chairman to submit news to the District Chairman. Mrs. Jackson announced that Mrs. J. B. Basnight has been named historian for the District which is an office that replaces fourth vice president.

Plans were made to have a half day tour of new and remodeled homes in the county on May 1st. After the tour, a social hour will be held at the Agricultural Building.

Plans were also made for the annual Commissioners' dinner and Snow Hill-White Hat Club was named chairman of this event. It was decided to also invite the club presidents to the event this year.

Mrs. Ed Harrell, Mrs. William Winslow and Mrs. Willie Lamb were put on a committee to plan a window display to be put into a store window during National Home Demonstration Week.

The meeting closed with the group repeating the Club Collect.

## County Board Hears Day-Long Session At April Meeting

Commissioners for Perquimans County were in a day-long session here last Monday hearing a number of delegations and considering preliminary requests to be included in the 1957-58 budget.

A number of citizens appeared before the Board in connection with property valuation, as it was assessed by the Board of Equalization and Review and these requests were handled with dispatch.

A delegation representing Pasquotank County requested the Board to consider a resolution whereby Perquimans will relinquish any claim to the State Medical Commission for aid in building a hospital within the next four to six years. Herbert Small, spokesman for the delegation, pointed out Pasquotank is now developing plans for construction of a new hospital, and if Perquimans, Camden and Currituck counties will join in the setting up of a district hospital board Pasquotank County will be able to construct a larger unit by requiring a large grant from state funds.

Mr. Small pointed out should Perquimans decide to aid Pasquotank in this project it will not prevent Perquimans County from securing similar state aid at some future date.

The local board took the request under advisement and told the Pasquotank group it will study the matter and take some action within the near future.

On motion adopted the Board ordered Sheriff J. K. White to advertise all property on which 1956 tax

are due Perquimans County. The same to be advertised during the month of June and sold on the first Monday of July.

Max R. Campbell, whose term county accountant expired Monday, was reappointed to the office for a term of two years.

Mrs. Lib Harris and Mrs. W. Pitt, whose terms of office as members of the Library Board had expired, were reappointed to the Board for a term of six years. Frank Skinner was named a delegate to represent Perquimans County at a meeting of the State Water Commission to be held April 8 at the Court House in Washington and R. M. Thompson was named as alternate delegate. The meeting at Plymouth will be conducted to plan for organization of a county committee at a later date.

County Representative C. B. Holmes appeared before the Board and advised two measures, recently passed by the General Assembly, had passed the House and was now before the Senate. These matters had to do with a law prohibiting carnivals to show in Perquimans County and the other dealt with prevention of certain use of loudspeakers. Mr. Holmes told the Commissioners it appeared the Legislature will remain in session for about 60 more days.

Some time was spent in discussion of tentative budget items for the next fiscal year and the Board voted to adopt a budget for the County Welfare Department for 1957-58 at the same figures as last year.

## Perquimans Plays Williamston Nine Here Fri. Afternoon

Coach Ike Perry's Perquimans Indians bounced back from their defeat at the hands of the Tarboro baseball team to score a 2-1 victory over Gatesville in a game played there on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Welly White started on the mound for Perquimans and pitched three innings, giving up only a single hit. He was relieved by Wheeler who did the hurling until the final third of the seventh inning.

Perquimans got off to a good start when Chesson connected for a double. Arnold Winslow picked off a single, sending Chesson home with the first tally of the game.

The other run for Hertford, which proved to be the winning one, came in the fifth inning when shortstop Tommy Matthews got a walk, stole second base, moved to third on a passed ball, and scored as Chesson singled for his second hit of the contest.

Gatesville's lone score was tallied when Lowe, their full seven-inning pitcher, hit a home run. He also gathered a single during the tilt to lead his teammates, Chesson, with two for four, was Hertford's leading hitter. Arnold Winslow and Welly White each got single for the Indians.

In the seventh, Gatesville threatened hard to move up. Two men were on base and Coach Ike Perry instructed Wheeler to give an intentional walk to Lowe. It was when the bases were loaded with two men out in the bottom of the seventh that Chesson was moved to the mound from the outfield. The batter grounded to Tommy Tiley at third who tossed it to Pat Harrell on first for the out ending the game.

On Friday afternoon of this week the Indians will play the Williamston High School team on Memorial Field in Hertford with game time set for two o'clock.

**TOM THUMB WEDDING**  
A Tom Thumb Wedding will be presented by the 1st, second and 3rd grades of the Perquimans County Central School on Friday night, April 12, at 8 o'clock, in the auditorium at the Perquimans High School. The public is invited to attend.

## County Board Hears Financial Report For 9-Month Period

Financial operations for Perquimans County for the first nine months of the current fiscal year, which closed out last Saturday, are running slightly ahead of the budget as adopted by the Board of Commissioners last June, according to a financial report made to the Board, during its meeting this week by Max Campbell, County Accountant.

Income received by the county during the nine months period, exclusively of \$125,000 received from the sale of school bonds, amounted to \$250,413.81 while expenditures were \$220,577.55. Cash balances on hand at the close of the period, not inclusive of school capital outlay, amounted to \$99,140.42. A large payment for debt service, \$29,000, plus interest due on bonds, is scheduled for payment May 1, and this outlay will further reduce the outstanding balances.

Of the \$132,000 levied as 1956 property taxes, \$113,515 has been collected up to this date.

A total of \$50,000 the county has in surplus funds at the beginning of the fiscal year has been transferred to the school capital outlay fund to help pay construction costs on new school projects.

## Deadline Near For Winfall Election

Little interest is being shown on the part of residents of Winfall in the election of town officials, scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, it was reported this week. To date no candidates have filed intention of seeking the offices at stake in the election.

## Fifteen Cases On Recorder's Court Docket Last Tues.

### THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

State officials have hinted this week the financial outlook for North Carolina during the next two years indicates the General Assembly can adopt the proposed huge budget, including pay increases for state employees, without extreme tax increases. The Legislature is now considering requests for pay increases for teachers and other state employees and action is expected on the matter within the next few weeks.

From London this week, word came Prime Minister Macmillan is having trouble inside his Conservative party over agreements reached at the Bermuda conference. The British, it was reported, had Macmillan made agreements with President Eisenhower which will result in weakening British prestige throughout the world. The Prime Minister denied the charges but admitted the U. S. has taken a positive role of leadership in the Middle East.

A bandit gang in Iran killed three Americans during the past week and the aftermath of the murders led to the resignation of the Iran Prime Minister. The Americans were in Iran in connection with aid being furnished that country. Killed were Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Carroll and Brewster Wilson. It was believed the bandits murdered the trio in connection with a ransom plot.

Storms lashed Texas and the Rocky Mountain States area again this week, leaving twelve dead and property damage estimated in millions of dollars. A tornado struck Dallas, Texas Tuesday killing eight persons and causing injury to many others. Other tornadoes struck at wide areas in the state and in Oklahoma. A spring blizzard struck the mountain states area with up to 30 inches of fresh snow. Drifts were reported in some sections from 4 to 10 feet high.

A Navy bomber crashed at Atlantic, Va., Tuesday, killing its crew of 11 men. The plane had taken off from the Naval base at Chesapeake Bay and crashed in the woods about 10 minutes before the town.

## Perquimans Recorder's Court In Session Here On Tuesday

Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here on Tuesday worked with dispatch to dispose of some 15 cases listed on the docket for the term. A number of defendants entered pleas of guilty to charges enabling the court to complete the session within a short time.

Damon Bateman paid a fine of \$10, and costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of following too closely behind another vehicle.

A \$5 fine and court costs were taxed against Kenneth Gardiner, who submitted to a charge of speeding.

John Roberts, charged with driving with insufficient brakes, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Costs of court were assessed against Alvah Cartwright who submitted to a charge of following a vehicle too closely.

A. F. Crowe, Jr., was ordered to pay the court costs on a charge of speeding. Crowe entered a plea of guilty to the charge.

Lester Walker submitted to a charge of driving without a chauffeur's license and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

James Newby, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of violating restrictions on his operator's license. He paid the costs of court.

Claudette Spence, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs after pleading guilty to a charge of following a vehicle too closely.

## Grammar School Site To Be Sold Saturday, April 27

Sale of the Hertford Grammar School site, which is being abandoned by the school authorities, will be held at public auction on Saturday, April 27, according to attorneys for the Board of Education and the Town of Hertford.

The site, which is located between East and West Academy streets, has been surveyed and marked off into 11 lots, ten of which will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

One lot, upon which is situated the present school lunchroom, will not be offered for sale. This lot and building will be reserved and converted into a library to replace the present library building.

Plans of the site are available for inspection by interested individuals, and may be seen at the Court House or by contacting the attorneys, Sitas M. Wheelbee and Chas. E. Johnson.

According to the notice of sale, the 10 lots will be sold first separately and then the lots will be lumped into one site and sold as a whole. Under the terms of the sale the Board of Education will reserve the right of possession of the property until September 1. However, this right may be relinquished prior to that date.

Details of the offer of sale of the property is published elsewhere in this issue of The Weekly.

## NCEA Anniversary Banquet Thursday

Perquimans County unit of the North Carolina Education Association held its banquet commemorating the 100th anniversary of the NCEA at the Perquimans High School cafeteria Thursday night of this week. The banquet started at 7 o'clock.

J. T. Biggers, superintendent of county schools, was the principal speaker for the event. Mrs. Joe Tunnell, president of the Perquimans County Chapter, presided.

All teachers of the county are members of the chapter and most of these were in attendance for the banquet as was a number of special guests, including members of the County Board of Education.

### WCS TO MEET

The spring meeting of the Perquimans County WCS will be at the Methodist Church on April 12, at 8 o'clock.

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