

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Central PTA Given Program Outline At Meeting Monday

A record crowd met in the auditorium of the Perquimans Central Grammar School Monday night for the first meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association. After "America" was sung by the audience, the president, Mrs. Ernest Long, welcomed the new parents and brought greetings to the former members of the association.

The White Hat community, with Mrs. Melvin Eure as chairman, presented a very interesting program which emphasized audience participation in programs. Mrs. Eure conducted a most impressive devotion on the theme of the month, "For the Future We Build Through New Ventures in Partnerships." She read a part of Psalm 119 and Galatians 4 and 5 and made a very timely talk on "Our Children Are Our Future." She said "The future of our land lies in the hands of our children. They are, indeed, children of promise and as parents and teachers we need to deal with them in love and understanding."

Stressing audience participation Mrs. Eure asked the audience to stand and pray together the Lord's Prayer. All of the men in the audience sang "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee." Mrs. Pauline Webb was accompanist for this number.

Thomas Maston, the principal, presented the faculty to the association and introduced the new teachers: Mrs. Julia Stokes in the sixth grade and Miss Janet Glenn in the third grade.

The president, Mrs. Ernest Long, presented the other officers of the association: Vice president, Mrs. Melvin Eure; secretary, Mrs. Ned Nixon; assistant secretary, Mrs. D. B. Elliott; treasurer, George Baker.

Mrs. Long then presented the standing committees for the year. Mrs. Eure called attention to the Congress publications which were displayed in the hall. She announced the participating committees for the October meeting will be the Safety, Health, Citizenship and International Relations Committees under the leadership of Mrs.

## REA Stockholders Select Directors At Annual Meeting

### BPW Club Names Models For Show

Names of models who will participate in the BPW Club fashion show, to be staged at the Hertford Grammar School Thursday night, September 26, were released Wednesday by Mrs. Archie T. Lane, Jr., chairman of the BPW committee staging the event. The list of models was incomplete at the time the paper went to press. The show will start at 7:30 o'clock and tickets may be obtained from any member of the BPW Club or stores sponsoring models in the show.

The models taking part will be Mrs. Henry Stokes, Mrs. Charlie Skinner, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Barbara Divers, Dianne Divers, Margaret Ann Banks, Julie Lane, Lib Thach, Nita Goodman, Joyce Faye Owens, Gloria Stallings, Glennie Myers, Shirley Tarkenton, Thelma Rogerson, Mrs. Talmage Rose, Mrs. J. A. Auman, Anne White, Mark Beers, Kim Rose, Anzie Layton, Carolyn Lewis, Mrs. George Fields, Jr. Angela Baker, Karen Haskett, Thomas Gregory, Brad Fields, Susan Harrell, Charlie Harrell, Pat Long, Nancy Tunnell, Sarah Winslow, Becky Gregory, Judy Reed, Mrs. Edward Barber, Mrs. Jarvis Henry, Mrs. Charles White, Mrs. Henry C. Sullivan, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Robert Holcomb, Mrs. R. S. Monds, Mrs. John Costen, Clay Stokes and Betty Nixon.

Vernon Harrell of the Snow Hill community.

During the business session the minutes were read and approved. The secretary, Mrs. Ned Nixon, read the State President's message. She also read the minutes of the executive committee meeting. The executive committee made the following recommendations: That the library be adopted as a project; that the room representatives serve the children at Thanksgiving and Easter; \$10 be appropriated for Congress publications; the association pay for the bulletins for the officers of the PTA. The executive committee went on record as favoring the organization of a Boy Scout troop which would be sponsored by the association. The association voted to adopt the recommendations of the executive committee.

Mrs. John Hurdle, membership chairman, made a short talk urging every parent to become a member of the PTA. She stated that the drive will be conducted during October.

Mrs. Carl Lewis, magazine chairman, urged each member to subscribe to the PTA magazine, which is the official organ of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

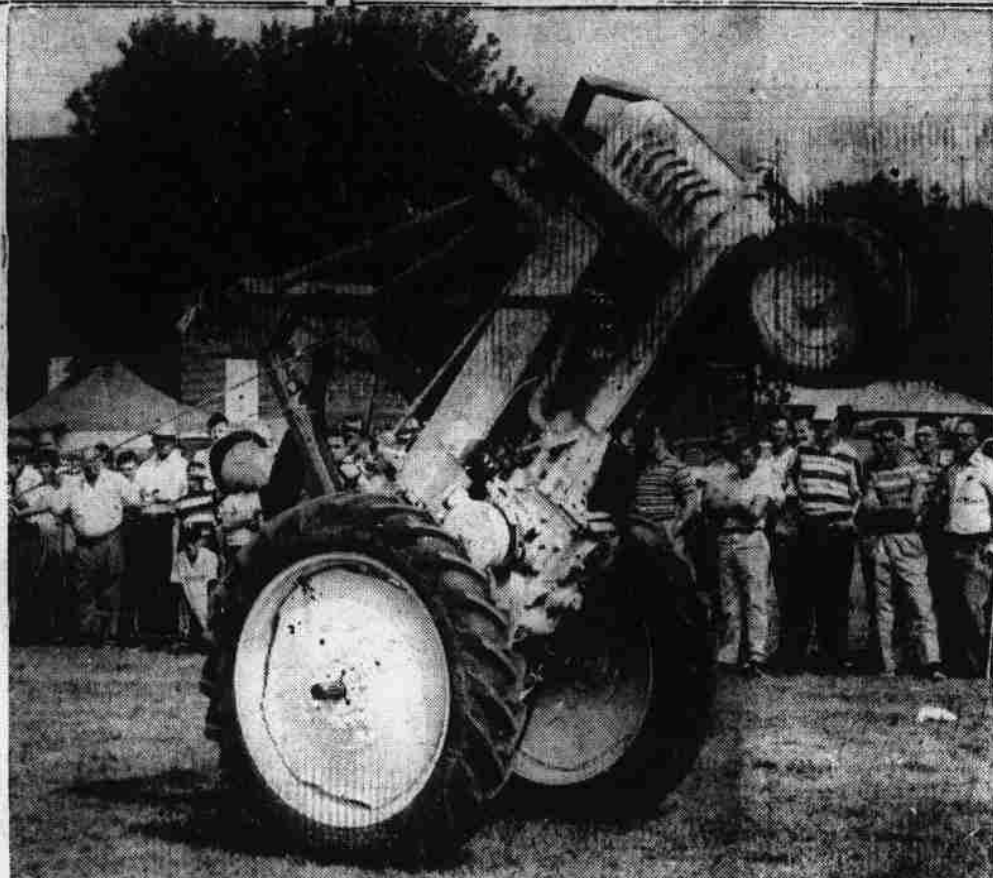
Mrs. Ernest Long made an interesting talk about her stay at the Parent-Teacher Institute which was held at Woman's College June 10-13.

The president recognized J. T. Biggers, who spoke briefly on the opening of school and the fine spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation which prevails.

Mrs. Long presented Gene Trautwein, an executive of the Tidewater Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He made a talk on Scouting. Said Trautwein, "Scouting affords you an opportunity to do things with your son." He stated that there are 17,000 units sponsored by PTA's all over the country.

The president announced that the district meeting will be held in Ahoskie October 15. She urged a large delegation to attend.

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DRIVER'S A DUMMY—From the way this tractor's acting it's easy to see the driver's a dummy. He actually is a straw-stuffed dummy used in a demonstration of the hazards of tractor misuse. The specially equipped tractor toured Ohio with a team of demonstrators. This scene was at the state fair in Columbus.

### THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

West German voters this week gave Chancellor Adenauer a strong vote of confidence on the manner in which he had directed the government, re-electing the 81-year-old leader to a third term. Adenauer's record reveals West Germany has come back from the shambles of World War II to achieve the economic leadership among nations in Europe and he had lined up West Germany in alliance with the western powers against Communism.

Telephone service throughout the nation was hit by a strike this week when phone installers walked out in a dispute over higher wages. Phone companies were using management personnel to maintain service as near to par as possible but it was reported some delay occurred on long distance calls.

Another tropical storm was headed toward Louisiana this week, weather forecasters stated. The storm called Esther is the third this year to threaten the Louisiana area. Hurricane Carrie, which has moved northward in the Atlantic Ocean several hundred miles east of the U. S. coast, is not expected to hit the mainland, although weather officials had not predicted Carrie's movements more than 24 hours in advance.

North Carolina patrolmen confiscated two more automobiles this week under the law which permits this action when the cars are involved in pre-arranged racing. Patrol officials state they intend to work diligently to halt racing on the state highways.

Secretary of Defense Wilson, who has been holding up some \$10 billion in defense contracts for several weeks, is expected to release these funds during the next 30 days, according to a report from Washington. Wilson is scheduled to retire as defense secretary early next month.

### Peanut Production Below 1956 Average

Based on condition reports from growers as of September 1, peanut production is forecast at 274,350,000 pounds—21 per cent below 1956 and 1 per cent below average.

Yield per acre is indicated at 1,550 pounds, compared with 1,750 pounds in 1956 and the 1946-55 average of 1,230 pounds. Prospective yield per acre is considered good; however, one more general rain in the near future is needed to make conditions more favorable for pegging and kernel development. Even with favorable weather during the remainder of the growing season, and during the harvesting season, it is unlikely that yields will equal the near-record set last year.

## Indians Score Win Over Camden; Play Ahoskie Here Fri.

Perquimans High School's football team, fresh from its 27-7 win over a fighting Camden team, will open conference play here Friday night, meeting Ahoskie High School. Ahoskie has played two games thus far, winning over Scotland Neck and losing to Roanoke Rapids. Game time is 8 o'clock.

The Indians have been practicing hard this week to correct a number of errors discovered during the Camden game. While Perquimans won easily from the visitors last Friday night, it was apparent the local squad needed a bit more polish especially on defense.

In the game against Camden backs Tommy and John Matthews displayed some fine running and gave evidence Indian opponents this season will have to build a defense against these two hard running boys. Tommy Tilley, quarterback, also showed the Indians will have a fine passing attack to bolster the running offense.

The Camden game opened with Perquimans kicking off and John Matthews scored a TD shortly after the Indians had gained ball possession on a Camden fumble. Tommy Matthews converted to make the score 7-0.

Camden played its best during the second quarter but thereafter was hampered by the defensive playing of Skip Matthews, John Miller and Colson. Camden evened the count at 7-7 on a 20-yard pass play, then some excellent runs by Mansfield, who scored the TD. The conversion was made in a pass from Seymour to Staples.

Tommy Matthews galloped 50 yards for a score on the first play from scrimmage following the Camden touchdown and John Matthews ran the extra point to put Perquimans ahead 14-7 at half time.

Perquimans threatened midway the third period only to lose the ball on a fumble but came back, picking up first downs with Dan Eure, Tommy Matthews and Donny Bateman carrying. Tommy Matthews then ran 25 yards to score. Try for extra point failed on a line plunge.

Midway the final period Tommy Tilley hit Bevi Tucker with a pass good for 20 yards to reach the Camden 37 and then he threw a strike to Tommy Matthews to reach the 15. A 15-yard penalty moved the ball back to the Camden 30 and on the next play Tommy Matthews sprinted for the final touchdown. Tilley passed to Tucker for the extra point.

Perquimans led first downs 9 to 6 and completed two of five pass attempts for 42 yards. Camden had one of eight passes completed for 20 yards.

### Car-Jeep Wreck Reported Saturday

Two persons were injured Saturday evening about 5:30 o'clock when a car and jeep were involved in a head-on collision on U. S. Highway 17 about 3 miles north of Hertford. Patrolman B. R. Insoce, who investigated the accident, reported Miss Vicki Johnson, accompanied by her sister, Miss Gale Johnson, was headed north in a jeep when William F. Burke, Negro, in a car attempted to pass another vehicle while headed south, striking the Johnson vehicle. The Johnson sisters suffered minor injuries while Burke sustained a shattered left arm. Burke was charged with reckless driving and driving on the left side of a highway.

### Student Council To Sponsor Play

The Student Council at Perquimans High School, during its first meeting last week, voted to sponsor a play and approved plans for improving parking arrangements at the school.

The meeting was presided over by Kay Matthews, president of the Council. Other members are Donald Baker, vice president; Catherine Sawyer, secretary; Dotie Cartwright, treasurer; Parker Chesson, sergeant-at-arms. Home room representatives are: Sarah Dail, Wade Morgan, Jackie Bunch, Carlyle Woodard, Mary Frances Baker, Carroll McDonnell, Willis Williams, Preston Winslow, Carl Skinner, Ethel Sutton, Wynnda Chappell, Gail Pierce and Jimmy Bates.

Committee chairman for the Council are: Jake Myers, elections; Hazel Matthews, traffic; John Matthews, publicity; Jo Ann Cartwright, scrapbook; Ann Lane, calendars; Sonny Matthews, finance; Rachael Spivey, social; Bebbie Tucker, house - grounds; Ray Winslow, citizenship; Glenn White, standards; Iris Wilder, lockers; Jean Edwards, library.

### Mrs. Cherry Resigns Red Cross Position

Perquimans chapter of the American Red Cross is without a chairman following the announcement this week by Mrs. W. C. Cherry that she has resigned the post effective immediately.

In tendering her resignation, Mrs. Cherry thanked her co-workers for the cooperation received while she served as chairman of the county committee and stated she will be pleased to assist future Red Cross officers with fund drives and the blood program.

### Mrs. C. P. Morris Named Chairman Of TB Seals Sale

At the Executive Meeting of the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden Tuberculosis Association, held at the Health Department September 12, Mrs. David Fearing, president, announced that Mrs. C. P. Morris of Hertford, had accepted the chairmanship representing Perquimans County for 1957 Christmas Seals.

Mrs. Morris has been a member of the TB Board for several years, served on TB health committees, and most active in church and civic activities.

Mrs. Fearing said the 1957 Christmas Seal Sale will begin November 15 and the Seals are the only support of the programs of the TB Association. The quota for the three counties will be announced at a later date.

Mrs. Gladys Cropsy, TB secretary, reported that a letter from Dr. Stuart Willis had been received, thanking the TB Association for the \$50.00 sent in for the TB research that is going on in Chapel Hill. Also reported that nine persons had been returned to Wilson Sanatorium for further chest X-ray check up from the three counties.

Mrs. Cropsy reported that 2,283 chest X-rays had been made in cooperation with District Health Department, with films and solutions paid for by Christmas Seal dollars. A total of 405 were made in Perquimans County Health Department, making a total of 2,688 chest X-rays since January, 1957.

### Regional Meeting Of WMU Planned At Baptist Church

The Woman's Missionary Union regional conference of the Elizabeth City Region will be held in the Edenton Baptist Church Thursday and Friday, October 3-4.

The session will convene at 1:30 o'clock on the first day and will close with the meditation period at 12:30 o'clock on the second day. Miss Inabelle Coleman, missionary to Formosa, will be the principal speaker, using as her theme "A Charge To Keep".

A conference led by one of the State personnel is scheduled for every officer of Woman's Missionary Union.

Young People's Counselors who desire the leadership card of accreditation may receive it by attending the full eight hours of conference time.

Dinner will be served at the church Thursday evening, October 3. A registration fee of \$1.00 must be sent to Mrs. Haywood Bunch, 210 South Oakum Street, Edenton, by September 20, in order to make a reservation for this meal.

Reservations for the night of October 3, in a private home must be made also to Mrs. Bunch.

Women who prefer to stay in the hotel or motels will make their own reservations.

### Drop Predicted On Soybean Yield

The current soybean crop is estimated at 7,858,000 bushels—12 per cent below last year's 8,944,000 bushels, according to information released by the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. The September 1 forecast of production is based on condition and probable yield reports from growers.

Yield per acre is estimated at 17.5 bushels compared with 21.5 bushels last year and 15.6 bushels for the 10-year average. Extended dry weather, especially in the commercial producing counties, reduced plant development and caused more than the usual shedding of blooms and young pods.

Although yield prospects are down 1.5 bushels per acre from August 1, there is still time for the crop to respond to additional rainfall.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Virgilus Haymes of Greenville announce the birth of a daughter, Carolyn Bishop, born Friday, September 13. Mrs. Haymes is the former Miss Edwina McMullen.

## County Library In Need Of Funds To Convert Building

The Perquimans County Library finds itself in the peculiar position of having gratefully accepted a \$25,000 building for the use as a library and not having money enough to make the necessary repairs before moving it.

The brick building, once the school lunch room, has been given jointly by the Board of Education and the Town of Hertford for use as a library. But this building needs a heating system, roof repairs, a coat of interior paint which cannot be applied until the falling plaster is patched, and the present library shelves must be moved and cut to fit the new building and some additional shelves must be built.

Under the library set up the State furnishes money for buying books, buying and operating a bookmobile and paying the salary of a certified librarian. But not one cent of this State money can be used to provide or maintain a building to house the library. That, says the state library law, is the obligation of the local government or the community.

The Perquimans County Library operates on a local budget of \$1,600, \$1,100 of which is appropriated by the county and \$500 by the Town of Hertford. This sum barely covers running expenses including the salary of one worker. But because the county at present has a financial burden such as it has never had before the library board feels that it must not ask for an increased library appropriation.

This situation places upon the library board the unexpected obligation of raising approximately

\$2,500 to make the renovations absolutely necessary before the move can be made. So the Board in its meeting on Tuesday decided to put the problem squarely up to the people of the town and county. This appeal to help the library should find a response in every person, young and old, in the county because it is their library; it is to adults and children that the library offers its wealth of reading material for educational and recreational purposes as well as practical reference help. Its book stock of more than 12,000 volumes consist of well chosen books on a wide range of subjects from reference books of many kinds through much of the best on non-fiction, current best sellers both fiction and non-fiction to light romances, westerns and mysteries. The library's collection of books for teen-agers and children is unsurpassed in any other library serving an area of this size. The school libraries are woefully in need of more books and the county library is coming to their aid with loans of 100 or more books at a time on a monthly basis for circulation among the students to meet their reading needs.

The library operates from the main library on Grubb Street, a branch library on King Street, a library station at Belvidere, and bookmobile service on four routes throughout the county with a fifth route to be added soon.

The circulation during the past year totaled 24,675 books lent for periods of two weeks or less to readers in the county.

## Traffic Violators Dominate Docket Of Recorder Court

Sixteen cases, all involving violations of traffic laws, made up the docket of Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here Tuesday with Judge Chas. E. Johnson presiding. All but two of the defendants submitted to charges.

Edgar Barclift, Negro, charged with exceeding a safe speed limit, was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Thomas Lanier entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving on the left side of a highway and he was fined \$25 and costs of court.

Costs of court were taxed against Gilbert Riddick, Eugene Felton, Negro, and Earl Jordan, each of whom submitted to the charge of speeding.

Haywood Ziegler, Jr., Kenneth Spruill, Clarence Rogerson and Vansie Blount, Negro, entered pleas of guilty to charges of failing to observe a stop sign and each paid the costs of court.

James Cayton, charged with speeding, submitted to the charge and paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Albert Roffe submitted to a charge of driving on the left side of a highway and paid a fine of \$10 and court costs.

George Gibbs, Negro, charged with reckless driving and driving on the left side of a road, pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Ben Matulewicz and William Downing, Negro, submitted to charges of driving with insufficient brakes and each paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Ulysses Skinner, Negro, paid a fine of \$25 and costs after pleading guilty to charges of driving without a license.

Forde Whedbee, Negro, submitted to charges of driving without a license and he was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

### ROTARIANS TO MEET

The Hertford Rotary Club will meet Tuesday evening at 6:15.

### Jaycee Clean-Up Campaign Now In Progress Here

Last Saturday a survey team composed of a group of Hertford Jaycees made a thorough house-by-house inspection of the town in an effort to determine what will have been accomplished by Clean-up Month by a comparison of conditions before and after the campaign. The team concluded unanimously that a great deal could be done to improve the town and that a great part of the work could be done by small expenditures. Specific recommendations were recorded.

The Clean-up Campaign will officially begin on September 20 and will continue to October 20. By Friday morning, September 20, all residents of the town will have a check list distributed to them in the form of a hand-bill. The check list is designed to remind the property owner or occupant of places that are often neglected during their normal cleaning and to call attention to conditions that present a hazard to life and property.

It is the hope of the Jaycees that the entire town will become conscious of its opportunity to make Hertford a shining example of what can be done by citizens who are determined to improve their town.

### CLASS REUNION PLANNED FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

All 1953 Perquimans High School graduates are invited to a class reunion, which will be held September 28 in the high school lunch room, beginning at 6:30 P. M., it was announced by Marilyn Baker. The group will have a picnic style supper.

### MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.