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Senator Scott To Speak At Dinner On Next Monday Night

The Hertford Lions Club will sponsor a dinner to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Perquimans County American Star Farmer award.

Headlining the program for the evening will be Senator W. Kerr Scott, well known for his wide interest in the field of agriculture. County Agent R. M. Thompson, past president of the Lions Club, will act as toastmaster for the occasion and statements will be given by Joe Tunnell and G. C. Buck, former agriculture teachers of the youth who won the highest FFA honors recently at Anson City. Tunnell and Buck will outline Clarence's accomplishments and the significance of the American Star Farmer award.

Senator Scott will deliver the principal address following the dinner.

In planning this event, the local Lions Club is offering an opportunity for everyone interested in the Future Farmers of America and in Perquimans County, to join with them in showing appreciation of outstanding accomplishment by honoring one of our county boys. It is the hope of the Lions Club that a large number of citizens from the Albemarle area will attend. Tickets for the dinner are now on sale and can be secured from any members of the Hertford Lions Club.

Center Committee Holds Plan Session

The rules committee of the Perquimans Youth Center met Monday night for the purpose of discussing regulations to be adopted for the operation of the center which is expected to be opened to the youth of the county within the next week or two.

The committee, it was reported by Miss Thelma Elliott, is making progress on adoption of the regulations but the complete plan has not been formulated.

A date and schedule for the opening of the center will be announced by the Recreational Committee within a short time.

R. C. Baker Elected Master Of Masons

Perquimans Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., elected Russell C. Baker as master of the lodge for the year 1958 at an election of officers held last Tuesday night. He will succeed John Decker as head of the lodge.

Other officers elected were Cecil E. Winslow, senior warden; Jack Symons, junior warden; James S. McNider, secretary and John Decker, treasurer. The new officers will be installed by the lodge at the first meeting in January.

Recorder's Court Had Light Docket At Session Tuesday

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A preview of the federal budget proposal for next year was given out to a congressional gathering in Washington Tuesday. It revealed the administration will request 2 1/2 billion dollars be added for defense and foreign aid spending for the year beginning next July. Most of this will go toward defense as the nation expands missile research and production.

Admiral Stevenson, consultant with the State Department during the past two weeks, has announced he declined an invitation to attend the NATO meeting in Paris this month since he would have no authority as a member of the U. S. delegation. Stevenson, who has studied U. S. proposals to be made at this meeting, stated he endorsed much of the program but not all of it.

Reports that Ezra Benson planned to resign as Secretary of Agriculture were scotched from Washington Tuesday when Mr. Benson issued a statement he intends to stick on the job until his farm policy regardless of political criticism.

Post Office Plans For Holiday Rush

Preparations are being made for the annual rush of holiday business at the Hertford Post Office. It was reported by W. W. White, Postmaster, who resubstituted patrons of the local office it will be wise to get Christmas mailings early to insure prompt delivery by Christmas. The Post Office Department has advised the mailing of out-of-town mail by December 10 and town mail no later than December 15.

Christmas Lights Turned On Tuesday

Town employees completed installing Christmas lights and decorations on the streets in the downtown area early this week and the lights were turned on Tuesday night. During this holiday season Mayor Thompson stated the decorations will be in place for the entire season.



GOOD DEAL AFTER ALL—Many New Yorkers have chuckled through the years at the thought that they bought Manhattan island from the Indians for only \$24. But Ben Red Hill, center, an Arizona Indian in town to do tribal dance exhibitions with friends Red Deer, left, and Charles K. Luke, bears no grudge. After struggling with these glass doors in a cafeteria, the Indians will be happy to leave New York to the cliff dwellers.

Farmers Advised To Establish Own 'Soil Bank Base'

Farmers who intend to participate in the 1958 acreage reserve program for spring-planted crops can save themselves time and trouble by having a Soil Bank "base" established for their farms as soon as possible, Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC office manager, pointed out today.

Before an acreage reserve agreement can be signed for any of these crops, a Soil Bank "base" must be established for the participating farm. Farmers who have not already done so should furnish their County ASC Committee with their farm's production history for Soil Bank base crops for 1956 and 1957. Soil Bank base crops, in general, include all crops produced for harvest on a farm, except hay crops. In addition to the six "basic" crops—wheat, corn, cotton, rice, tobacco, and peanuts—they include, among others, such crops as the grains, annual grasses cut for seed, oil seeds, cowpeas, potatoes, commercial vegetables and field and canning peas and beans. The farm Soil Bank "base" is established by the County ASC Committee on the basis of the average acreage of land devoted to these crops during the two years 1956 and 1957.

Indians Place Two On All-Star Team

Two members of the Perquimans High School football team, Hazel Matthews and Tommy Matthews, were selected as members of the Albemarle Conference All-Star team for 1957 by the coaches of the league. Edenton, conference champions, had four players selected for honors while Perquimans, Williamston and Ahoskie placed two and Tarboro placed one.

The mythical team includes Bill Hull of Tarboro and Overton of Edenton, ends; Fletcher of Edenton and Hertford's Hazel Matthews, tackles; Williamston's Abe Corey and Ahoskie's Clayton Piland, guards; Small of Edenton, center, and backs; Shelton Chesson of Williamston, Jan Hackett of Ahoskie, Tommy Matthews of Hertford and Edenton's Bruce White.

Honorable mention went to the following: Ends, Miller of Hertford and Roberson of Williamston; tackles, Ross of Ahoskie and Stalls of Williamston; guards, Strawbridge of Williamston, and Sid White of Edenton; center, Asbell of Ahoskie; backs, Billy Throver of Williamston, Williams of Ahoskie, Dan Eure of Hertford, Owens of Tarboro, and Bobby Ashley of Edenton.

Skinner Reunited

The Skinner family had a family reunion Thanksgiving Day when they all met for dinner at the Hotel Hertford. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young, Mrs. Owen Morgan of Asheville, Linwood Skinner of Sanford, Fla., Mrs. Kate Wozelka of Edenton, Mrs. Annie Chalk, Miss Louise Chalk, Mrs. Pearl S. Banks, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hertford, and Mrs. C. A. Skinner and Charles Skinner, all of Hertford.

Motorists Given Official View On Car Insurance Law

North Carolina has a much more difficult job than did New York when it launched its own "Compulsory Automobile Liability Insurance Law" earlier this year, according to figures available.

"Which is still another reason why we need the cooperation of press, radio, television and all public-spirited organizations to get our law off to a smooth start," declared Motor Vehicle Commissioner Edward Scheidt who is the official "saddled" with what many believe to be one of the toughest jobs in automobile history.

Scheidt hastened to add that the words "compulsory insurance" appears in neither the North Carolina nor the New York law. Both allow motorists to give proof of financial responsibility in some other manner—such as the posting of \$11,000 in cash or a \$15,000 bond. And operators of large fleets come under another law. "But to almost all of us the new law means compulsory insurance and there is no need to further complicate the issue with discussions of the few exceptions," he said.

"In other words, ninety-nine per cent of us who drive family cars, or who use automobiles and trucks in our business, must have a liability policy before we can buy our tags. There is no other practical way out of it and neither the Governor, nor the Department nor the highway patrol can make an exception in any case."

"But why is it said that the business of explaining this law to North Carolina motorists will be some three times as hard as was the same job in New York a few months ago?" the Commissioner was asked.

"It is a matter of simple arithmetic," answered Scheidt. "Before the New York law went into effect, already ninety per cent of New York cars carried liability insurance. So only one owner in ten had to be persuaded to get his insurance in time to buy his license plate. But the best estimates are that only sixty-five per cent of North Carolina car owners have been carrying liability insurance. So we must put our message across to thirty-five per cent of our own car owners—which is more than one out of every three. That is quite a job."

"Though the rates of automobile liability insurance depend upon such things as the driver's record, his age, his occupation, his place of residence and the number and ages of others who may drive his car, insurance people who have studied the problem are afraid that many of the thirty-five per cent are going to suffer quite a jolt. Whereas this year these people had to put out only \$10.00 before buying their tags and legally operating their cars, the average next year is going to be well over \$40.00 to buy both the insurance and the license tag. In the case of some companies, the premium can be split into two six months payments, but the difference in initial outlay will cause considerable complaint, it is feared.

Seals Chairman Appeals To Public For Contributions

What has happened to the Christmas Seal letters—Are they lost, or just put aside? The Seals this year could well adorn your Christmas packages and letters—use them—they mean so much to your Tuberculosis Association, said Mrs. C. P. Morris, Chairman of Perquimans Christmas Seals. So far only 306 letters out of 1,488 mailed to Perquimans citizens have been returned, and the sum of \$398 has been realized.

Mrs. Morris said, the sale of the Christmas Seals has been carried on these many years, and until one understands the many, many things that can be accomplished with the monies that are derived from these tiny Seals, many people are prone to lay them aside not realizing one of the most important programs is that of the TB Health Education.

Even in the 1st and 2nd grades in Perquimans County, pupils are taught to know the Christmas Seal by the color charts, a replica of the 1957 Seal that were distributed throughout Perquimans County. Each child was given a book mark and posters are displayed throughout the schools. Mrs. Morris said, Mrs. Silas Whidbee, of the Hertford Library, would place the colorful book marks in books leaving the library during Christmas. Mrs. Morris also said, this year three schools in Perquimans County will conduct Health Programs in the spring sponsored by the Tuberculosis Association, and that several PTA's had films on Tuberculosis. The science and biology classes in Perquimans High had been shown "The Inside Story," a film on Tuberculosis. The key to Tuberculosis control is education, said Mrs. Morris.

Attend State 4-H Meeting In Raleigh

A State 4-H Recognition Day program honoring winners in some 40 projects and activities, was held at the N. C. State College Union, Friday, November 29. Lois Violet Winslow, State Citizenship Winner, Mrs. Louis Winslow of Belvidere, and Mrs. Paige Underwood, assistant home agent, attended the luncheon and recognition program. Lois Violet Winslow led the group in the 4-H Club Pledge. Several other 4-H winners had parts on the program and brief remarks were made by David S. Weaver, Director of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, and Dr. D. W. Colvard, Dean of State College School of Agriculture.

Recognition of State winners was made by L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club Leader and certificates and awards were given by various specialists.

It was stated by the State Achievement winner "Everyone is a winner in 4-H. But when you lose, take it in high and good spirit and when you win, be a winner with humility." All of the winners appeared as if they were taking his advice.

Junior Class To Present Play Dec. 13

The Junior Class of Perquimans High School will present its annual play, "The Ghost Business," a mystery-comedy, on Friday, December 13, in the auditorium of the school. Curtain time is 8 o'clock.

Taking part in the play will be Shirley Tarkington, Lib Thach, Beckie Nixon, Carolyn Lewis, Ethel Sutton, Donald Baker, Joseph Proctor, Ray Winslow, Buddy Arson and Thomas Spivey. The public is invited to attend.

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Vote December 10 On Cotton Quotas

How farmers vote in the cotton marketing quota referendum to be held throughout the nation's cotton-growing area or December 10 will determine whether quota penalties will apply and also the level of price support for 1958 crop cotton. The referendum, therefore, is of vital concern to every cotton grower, says Leonidas L. Lang, chairman of the Perquimans County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

The marketing quota program will be in operation for next year's crop, the chairman explains, if at least two-thirds of the votes cast in the referendum are in favor of the program. In that case, price support will be available to growers who comply with their farm allotments for the 1958 crop of cotton at a level between 75 and 90 per cent of parity, and quota penalties will apply on any "excess" cotton. If more than one-third of the votes are against quotas, there would be no quota penalties and the price support level to eligible growers would drop to 50 per cent of parity.

Chairman Lang explains that, even though quotas are disapproved, acreage allotments will remain in effect as a means of determining eligibility for price support.

The referendum will be held between the hours of 8 A. M. and 7 P. M. on Tuesday, December 10, at the following polling places: Belvidere, L. L. Chappell's Store; Nancoro, Winks Winslow's Store; Bethel, J. L. Curtis' Store; Hertford, Agricultural Building; New Hope, S. T. Perry's Store, and Parkville, Fred Winslow's Store.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. J. Crawford Wilson announce the birth of a son, Crawford II, on Tuesday, November 26, at the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City. Mrs. Wilson is the former Miss Jean Harris of Weeksville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Harris.

County Board Acts To Reduce Costs On Hospitalization

Hertford PTA Meets Next Thursday P. M.

The PTA of Hertford Grammar School will hold its December meeting next Thursday night in the auditorium at the school, beginning at 8 o'clock. A Christmas program will be presented by members of the 7th grade. Mrs. R. S. Monds, president of the PTA requests all members attending the meeting to bring a construction brick, which will be used in decorating the school grounds.

Jurors Selected For Service At Jan. Court Term

A jury list composed of 36 county residents was drawn from the jury box during the meeting of the Board of Commissioners last Monday for service at the civil court term scheduled to convene here on January 27.

The Commissioners voted to request cancellation of a special term of court during the first week in February and decided to request a new date for this term if circumstances deemed a second week of civil court was needed by the county.

Drawn for jury service next month were Garland Baker, Robert Russell, Melvin Forehand, Joseph A. Winslow, Ellis Winslow, Elsberry Whedbee, Jr., Linford Stallings, Max Griffin, John Symons, Jr., George Carver, Gordon Winslow, Melvin G. Owens, F. H. Weaver, Philo Sawyer, Rufus Proctor, M. C. Boyce, Julian B. White, Kader S. White.

N. J. Spiff, E. J. Proctor, Jr., W. D. Perry, Sr., George G. Winslow, Woodrow Daughtry, Roland Bateman, Josiah Smith, John D. Lane, Willie Pierce, Sr., Archie B. White, Aaron Saunders, Charlie Chappell, Fred E. Smith, C. E. Felton, Charlie Felton, J. H. Coburn, F. A. McGoggin and Thomas G. Swayne.

Indians Open Cage Season With Win Over Weeksville

Perquimans High School opened its 1957-58 basketball season here Tuesday night, playing the girls' and boys' teams from Weeksville.

In the preliminary game the Weeksville girls scored a 43 to 38 victory over the Perquimans Squaws after having trailed the local girls by a three-point margin at half time. The teams were evenly matched and the outcome was in doubt until the last three minutes when Weeksville tallied five points while holding Perquimans scoreless.

Bright was high scorer for Weeksville with 13 points while scoring for Perquimans were Elliott with 16, Bagley 14 and Pierce 8. Tarkington and Thach played well on the defense for the local girls.

Coach Ike Perry's Indians edged the Weeksville boys by a four-point margin, 34 to 30. Weeksville opened the scoring but Burton tied it up at 2-2, then the Indians moved into a 14-9 lead but Weeksville came back to tie it up at half time when the score was 20-20. During the third period each team hit for eight points, then the Indians moved ahead to stay during the final quarter.

Parker with 11 points was high scorer for the Indians, followed by Murton, who counted for 10. White Matthews collected six points. Tucker scored four and...

Commissioners for Perquimans County held their December meeting last Monday in the Court House during which a number of fiscal matters were acted upon by the Board.

In an effort to hold down the mounting costs of governmental operations, the Board adopted a regulation restricting the superintendent of Public Welfare from obligating the county for more than 10 days of hospitalization of any individual admitted to a hospital through the approval of the welfare department.

R. M. Thompson, County Agent, reported to the Board that Mrs. George Fields, Jr., has resigned as secretary in the local extension service office, effective December 31 and that she will be succeeded by Mrs. D. A. Carver.

Mr. Thompson also advised the Commissioners that federal restrictions placed upon the sale of virus will prevent the local extension office from providing these supplies to farmers, as has been the custom for the past several years.

Commissioner R. L. Spivey reported to the Board on the organization of the executive committee for the district mental health clinic and stated this clinic, expected to be placed in operation some time after the first of next year, will be located in Elizabeth City.

Preparing for the tax listing job, which begins January 1, for the listing of property for 1958 taxes, the Board named list takers for the five townships of the county. Listers for next year will be Percy Rogerson, Hertford Township; Julian Long, Bethel; Mrs. T. C. Perry, Belvidere; Mrs. Bell Proctor, Parkville, and Conson Spivey, New Hope. A special meeting of the Commissioners and list takers will be held on Monday, December 16, at which time instructions and supplies will be issued to the list takers.

J. C. Morgan reported to the Board on the sale of timber located on the County Home property, advising that the county has received \$9,756.10 from the sale of the timber and have \$1,205 due from the sale during the past week, making total receipts amounting to \$10,781.50.

Car License Cards In Mail This Month

Renewal cards for 1958 automobile license tags applications will be mailed this year between December 15 and 23, according to word received here this week.

Car owners should be sure not to get their renewal cards mixed up with Christmas cards and mail and to be sure that they placed their Form S-1 certificate of liability insurance with the renewal card. It was pointed out that this year proof of financial responsibility must be given at the time license plates are purchased. Licensees must take the form of a bond or proof of automobile liability insurance.

An additional charge...