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Public Invited To Attend Open House At New Bank Wed.

Formal opening of Hertford's new \$130,000 banking house will be observed here next Wednesday night, January 15, between the hours of seven and 9:30 o'clock, it was announced today by R. M. Riddick, president of the banking company.

Officials of the bank have been planning for this event for several months and a cordial invitation is issued to the public of Perquimans County, both children and adults to visit and inspect the new bank building next Wednesday night. Special invitations have been mailed to banking officials in North Carolina, Virginia and New York, and a large number of out-of-town visitors are expected to be here for the formal open house next week.

Mr. Riddick stated that refreshments will be served and favors will be provided all persons attending the open house for the new bank.

Two special door prizes, one \$50 savings bond and one \$25 savings bond will also be awarded to two individuals attending the event.

The company's new building, recently completed, was designed by Raymond Fuson, New Bern architect, and was constructed by the P. S. West Construction Company of Greenville and Statesville. The building, of Colonial design, is one of the most modern banking houses in North Carolina and has received high praise from bank patrons and visitors since placed in operation last month.

Hertford Banking Company began operations in 1901 and has shown a constant and steady growth through the years. Present directors of the bank are R. M. Riddick, Jr., Dr. T. P. Brinn, J. W. Ward, V. N. Darden and Chas. E. Johnson.

Lane-Nixon Vows Given At Anderson Methodist Church

Miss Deborah Ann Nixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Nixon, became the bride of Creg Julian Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Lane, at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Anderson Methodist Church. The vows were heard by the Rev. P. M. Porter in a setting of palms lighted candles in tall candelabra with tall baskets of white glads, mums and chrysanthemums, open Bible with mum and satin ribbons streams and potted fern.

Miss Betty Faye Ralph of Corapeake, cousin of the bride, was pianist. Miss Shelby Jean Overton, soloist, sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a ballerina length wedding gown of lace and tulle over satin, styled with an oval scalloped neckline. The very bouffant skirt of lace misty with tulle. Her fingertip veil of illusion was attached to a crown of seed pearls and she carried a white prayer book with a white purple-throated orchid and stephanotis.

Miss Mabel Wrea Mathews was maid of honor. She wore a gown of emerald green velvet styled with basque bodice three-quarter length sleeves. The very bouffant skirt was ballerina length. She carried a bouquet of yellow shasta daisies.

Edward Lee Nixon and Gene Nixon, brothers of the bride, lighted the candles.

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BACK HOME IN OTTAWA—Bill Girard, center, the 22-year-old ex-G.I. made famous by his Japanese manslaughter trial, is back in Ottawa, Ill., with wife, Candy, and brother Louis. Candy is the former Haru Sueyama, 30. Louis also made international news with trans-oceanic phone calls to Bill, advising him during the pre-trial uproar whether the case would be tried by a U.S. court-martial or the Japanese judicial system. Neither Girard, who received a suspended sentence, nor the Army would reveal what sort of service discharge he was given.

Health Conference Planned Next Week At Edenton Armory

"The Community's Role in Health Protection" will be the theme of a District Rural Health Conference to be held in Edenton armory on Wednesday afternoon, January 15, beginning at 1 P. M.

Designed as a public service for the people of Northeastern North Carolina, including Bertie, Perquimans, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck and Dare Counties, the conference is sponsored by the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina in cooperation with the First District Medical Society.

The Edenton conference will be the first in a series of five such conferences scheduled to be held throughout the state sponsored by the State Medical Society during 1958 in cooperation with local medical and civic groups.

Registration begins at 12:30 under the direction of representatives of the Auxiliary to the local Medical Society.

Dr. T. P. Brinn of Hertford, District Councilor for the State Medical Society, will give the opening greetings, followed by a response to be given by W. W. Byrum, an outstanding civic and community leader of Edenton. "Poison" and "Farm Chemicals" will be featured first on the program with a local physician, Dr. Dan Boyette of Ahoskie and Aaron Baxter of Williamston representing one of the larger manufacturers of such chemicals, the Olin Mathison Corporation, discussing the proper use, storage and handling of these substances.

The sanitarians at the District Health Department in Elizabeth City will demonstrate and discuss certain sanitation protections, including water testing and insect-rodent control. Following a brief refreshment intermission, through the courtesy of the Maola Milk Company, the program will resume with two other topics being presented. The first will be a slide.

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Jaycees Planning DSA Dinner Jan. 15

The Hertford Jaycees will hold their annual Distinguished Service Award Banquet on Wednesday, January 15, at 7 P. M. at the Hertford Grammar School lunch room.

This annual award is presented to a man between the ages of 21 and 36 who lives in Perquimans County and has performed outstanding community service.

DSA Chairman Hilton White has made available applications for clubs and individuals to submit their nominations. All entries must be in not later than January 13.

Any person desiring a nomination application for a DSA winner can contact Hilton White.

Hertford Couple To Lead Church Youth On European Tour

The Rev. and Mrs. James A. Auman of Hertford will lead the 1958 Methodist Youth Caravan to Europe. The Rev. Thomas A. Collins of Raleigh, chairman of the Caravan Committee, announced this appointment.

Mr. Auman is at present pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church. He is a native of Seagrave and was graduated from High Point College and Duke Divinity School. He has served pastorates at Sten, Four Oaks and the Camp Ground Methodist Church at Fayetteville, before coming to his present pastorate.

Auman has been active in District Youth work, is district director and is a member of the Conference Commission on Christian Higher Education and the Commission on Christian Vocations. Mrs. Auman has been active in the work of the conference, with emphasis on the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and children's work in Christian Education.

The 1958 Caravan to Europe will be the ninth consecutive one to be sponsored by the North Carolina Conference Boards of Missions and Education. Eight young Tar Heel Methodists will accompany the Aumans. These will be selected from numerous applicants, all of whom must be of college age or older.

The mission visit will consume 10 weeks this summer. The 1958 Caravan plans to visit Methodist churches and youth groups in England, Germany, Austria, Switzerland and will make contact with Methodists in France, Italy and Holland. Extensive work projects will be planned in Austria and Germany in cooperation with local churches. Last year these work projects consisted of construction work on refugee homes for Hungarian refugees in Vienna and Linz, Austria.

Applications are still being accepted through the middle of January, and if there are young persons interested in becoming a part of the Caravan, they may secure information and application blanks from the Rev. Thomas A. Collins, 920 Lake Boone Trail, Raleigh. To be eligible a youth should be a member of the Methodist Church and should be enrolled in college, or have age and work experience comparable to a college education.

Board Of Education In Meeting Monday

Perquimans Board of Education held its regular quarterly meeting in the office of the superintendent of schools last Monday night and handled a number of routine business matters.

Announcements were made that the School Board Association for this district will meet at Poplar Branch on January 29 and the annual dinner meeting of the Perquimans NCEA will be held at Perquimans High School Wednesday night, January 22.

Considerable time was taken by the board members with a discussion on ways and means of improving local schools during this second term of the school year. Particular emphasis was placed on the subject for improvement of science and English classes.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Winslow announce the birth of a daughter, born December 17 at Chowan Hospital. Mrs. Winslow is the former Miss Peggy Ann Sawyer.

Plans For Opening Recreation Center Adopted At Meeting

The Activities Committee of the County Recreation Group met Monday night with representatives of the various high school classes and clubs. Under the leadership of Miss Thelma Elliott, chairman, the following plans were made:

Groups of volunteer teen-agers will paint the interior walls, sand the floor and add some decorative touches. It was hoped this work could be finished by January 18, which was set as a tentative opening date. In the meantime automatic cold-drink and record playing machines will be installed.

Membership cards will be sold for 25 cents per year for fifth, sixth and seventh graders and 50 cents for high school and older young people. Out-of-county memberships will be \$1.00. These memberships may be bought as soon as the center opens but will not be required for admission until sometime in February. Members may bring one guest on his or her card. After three visits a guest must become a member to continue to use the center. A membership committee, appointed by the High School Student Government president, will pass on memberships.

It is planned to have the center open to teen-agers every Saturday night from 7 to 11 o'clock. A separate night, other than Saturday, will be reserved for fifth, sixth and seventh graders about once a month. Definite plans for this age group will be announced later.

Chaperones for the month of January will be furnished by the Hertford Grammar School PTA. Various other organizations will assume this responsibility each month.

Groups or individuals wishing to rent the center for high school or private parties may do so at the rate of \$5.00 per night. They, of course, will furnish their own chaperones. Friday, in general, will be reserved for the use of high school groups after high school games.

Reorganization Of Red Cross Chapter Planned For County

Hertford Rotary Club voted at its meeting Tuesday night to sponsor a movement aimed at the reorganization of the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross after hearing a report the chapter is nearing collapse and is without a directing chairman.

A. W. Hefren, treasurer of the Red Cross, told the Rotarians the Red Cross Chapter is at a low ebb; available funds are fast dwindling to nothing and unless a reorganization is perfected prior to the annual Red Cross fund raising campaign, it is likely the chapter will pass out of existence.

He stated William White has been acting as chairman for several months in addition to serving as chairman of the blood bank program.

Members of the Rotary Club then voted to sponsor a movement to enlist the aid of other civic organizations throughout the county to reviving the chapter and securing a full slate of new officers for the unit.

A committee composed of A. W. Hefren, chairman, Dr. A. B. Bonner, the Rev. Paul Shultz, Henry C. Sullivan and Max Campbell was named to contact civic clubs in Perquimans County requesting attendance at a meeting to be called at a later date, at which time efforts will be made to reorganize the Red Cross chapter.

Failure on the part of the people, the Rotarians were told, to recognize the importance of this project may cost the county its participation in the blood bank program as well as other programs sponsored by the Red Cross.

Board Considering Increase Property Valuation In 1958

TB Seal Sales Short Of Quota

Seeing in the Christmas Seal a message of brighter hope for TB patients, Mrs. C. P. Morris pointed out that the Seal Sale will end soon and urged Perquimans citizens to continue their generosity through their purchase of Seals until the goal of \$1,300 has been realized. So far a total of \$1,000 has been realized and Mrs. Morris said it is the only way the Association has to finance its program of medical research, health education, chest X-rays and services to TB patients, and the search has helped to decrease the death toll, for these are persons now spreading the infection to others. Education and patience is the secret to the control of this disease, said Mrs. Morris.

Indians - Squaws To Play Ahoskie Teams Here Friday

Perquimans High School basketball teams will play host to the Ahoskie cagers in a double-header to be played Friday night at the local gym. Game time for the first contest will be 7 o'clock.

Games scheduled at Tarboro last Tuesday night were cancelled because of weather conditions which made highway travel unsafe. These games will be played at a later date.

Last Friday night the Indians and Squaws lost a couple of conference contests to Williamston High School. The Squaws lost by a 51-44 margin while the Indians lost 42 to 61.

Williamston girls gained a 7-point lead in the first period and held this advantage throughout.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Burwell Winslow of Greenville announce the birth of a daughter, Catherine Perry, born December 18, at Pitt Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Winslow is the former Miss Alvis Perry.

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Modification Of Support Price On Peanuts Reported

Modification of '57 Crop peanut price support for the Virginia-Carolina area to provide loans on peanuts showing damage above 7 per cent was announced today by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

This modification was made because the severe freezes after heavy rain in the first week of December are expected to result in a quantity of damaged peanuts which cannot be handled satisfactorily by the regular commercial trade at time of delivery by farmers. Most of these peanuts likely will have to be crushed for oil and meal. By making price supports available the Department hopes to be able to protect and aid farmers in obtaining the full value of the damaged peanuts for this purpose.

Loan advance prices per pound for peanuts containing not over 10 per cent moisture and 8 to 25 per cent damage will be as follows: 8-9 per cent damage, 6.1 cents; 10-11 per cent damage, 5.7 cents; 12-13 per cent damage, 5.4 cents; 14-15 per cent damage, 5.0 cents; 16-19 per cent damage, 4.6 cents; and 20-25 per cent damage, 3.9 cents.

The loans will be made through the Peanut Growers Cooperative Marketing Association, Franklin, Va. They will be available within a few days when warehouse and contractual arrangements can be completed at receiving points throughout the Virginia-Carolina peanut producing area. Peanuts received with 8 to 25

Revaluation of real property within Perquimans County, under authority granted in a bill passed by the last legislature, was discussed at length during Monday's meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

While no action was taken during the meeting, it appeared the board will, within the next 60 days, act on the matter in an attempt to provide a substantial tax rate reduction for the next fiscal year.

The law passed by the last General Assembly provides the county board may postpone the revaluation of property until either 1958, 1959 or 1960.

From the discussion conducted by the Board during its meeting this week, it appeared, because of financial circumstances faced by the county, a horizontal increase in values will be made rather than a full-scale revaluation.

The Commissioners expressed the opinion that in view of the inflationary trends of recent years it is in order for the board to replace a 25 per cent reduction in property values which were cut in 1933, during the depression. It was pointed out real property is still being assessed at those depression prices while the listing of personal property such as cars, tractors and other farm machinery are being listed at present day values.

Other matters acted upon by the board during the meeting included appointment of Commissioner R. L. Spivey and S. M. Whedbee as a committee to confer with the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce regarding securing of a college for the Elizabeth City area.

County Attorney S. M. Wiledge was authorized to contact the Supreme Court to secure a special term of superior court for Perquimans County during the month of March in order that a number of civil cases might be tried during a special term.

The board also voted approval to an application for a beer license as submitted by Carson Banks.

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Defendant Fined On Liquor Charge By Local Recorder

A 90-day suspended sentence was meted out to Joe Spruill, Hertford Negro, after he had entered a plea of guilty to charges of possessing some 10 to 12 gallons of non-tax paid liquor before Recorder Chas. E. Johnson in Recorder's Court last Tuesday. Spruill was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs and the sentence suspension was also on condition not more than one gallon of tax-paid liquor be found on the Spruill premises during the next two years. The defendant was charged with the liquor violation after officers searched the premises on December 11.

Jesse East entered a plea of guilty to charges of attempted larceny of an automobile, being drunk and destruction of property. The court ordered East to serve 12 months on the roads or pay a fine of \$250 and court costs.

Oley Moore submitted to a charge of driving with improper lights and shooting fireworks. He paid the costs of court.

Bernice Tee White paid a fine of \$25 and court costs after pleading guilty to charges of driving without a license.

Costs of court were taxed against George Johnson, Negro, who submitted to a charge of being drunk on a highway.

Fleetwood Harrell, charged with driving with an expired license, entered a plea of guilty and paid the court costs.

Costs of court were taxed against George Butler, who submitted to a charge of being drunk.

Arthur Jones Negro, entered a plea of guilty to driving with a license and failing to obey a stop sign. He was given a 90-day sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs of court.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

President Eisenhower asked Congress Tuesday for \$3.2 billion to step up the nation's defense program, especially in development of a missile program and conquest of space. The request was made at the convening of Congress on Tuesday. Washington reports indicate that most Congressmen are favorable toward increased spending for defense.

This session of the Congress is expected to explore a lot of possibilities related to improvement of the military, advancement of education and further development of nuclear power. At the same time, this being election year, Congress will devote considerable time to problems affecting the general public.

Governor Hodges announced the appointment this week of W. S. Hunt as head of the State ABC Board. Hunt has been a lieutenant of the Highway Patrol and formerly served in this area as sergeant in charge of the Elizabeth City station.

Schools in many areas of the state were closed Wednesday following the wintry blast which swept most of North Carolina on Tuesday. Rain, sleet and snow hit wide areas and caused hazards for highway driving. Weather forecasters predict below normal temperatures for this section at least through January 15.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nowell, Jr., announce the birth of a second son, Keith Melvin, born Saturday, January 4, at the Albemarle Hospital.