

Red Cross Drive Bogging Down As Goal Is Sighted

Perquimans County's 1958 Red Cross fund drive, which opened on March 10, is showing signs of bogging down just short of its quota, according to reports released this week by Mrs. Keith Haskett, drive chairman.

Mrs. Haskett stated prior to the opening of the campaign for funds each Township was assigned a quota for sharing in operations of the county Red Cross chapter and thus far only two of the Townships, Parkville and Hertford have achieved their 1958 goals. The chairman pointed out unless the entire 1958 county quota of \$1,458 is raised the county faces the possibility that its blood program will be cancelled.

Only individuals, and families of individuals, who have needed blood transfusions and received them through the Red Cross program can acquaint the uninformed with the vital role this program plays in this county. It would be a tragedy for the county to lose the benefit of its blood program because the public fails to give its financial support.

Local officers of the Red Cross chapter, it is reported, have been advised the blood program will be cancelled unless the 1958 fund quota is reached; therefore the officers are calling upon the residents of the county to back this fund drive to help keep the blood program.

According to Mrs. Haskett contributions to the Red Cross fund, through Tuesday, amounted to \$1,247.84. Of the two Townships which had met their goals Parkville with a quota of \$200 had contributed to \$227.57 and Hertford, with a goal of \$500 had contributed \$685.01.

Quotas and contributions from the various areas of the county have been reported as follows:

Township	Quota	Donations
Bethel	\$150.00	\$158.31
Edenton	\$25.00	148.29
Hertford	\$500.00	685.01
New Hope	\$25.00	63.20
Parkville	\$200.00	227.57
Colored Division	\$200.00	106.00

Team captains who have not made complete reports to Mrs. Haskett are urged to see that the canvass is completed and all reports made to the chairman by Saturday, March 29, as the chapter desires to bring this drive to a successful close at that time.

Funeral Services Conducted Sunday For J. M. Matthews

John Moody Matthews, 57, died Saturday at 12:45 A. M. at the home on Route 1 after a lingering illness.

He was a lifelong resident of Perquimans County, living on the Harvey's Point road for the past 33 years.

A son of Whit and Harriette Morgan Matthews, he was the husband of Mrs. Mattie Blanchard Matthews and was co-owner of the Farmer's Feed and Seed Company. He was an active member of the Hertford Methodist Church and at the time of his death was a steward. He was also a member of the Woodmen of the World.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Anne Henry and Mrs. Carolyn Lane, and a son, J. Moody Matthews, Jr., of Hertford; four sisters, Mrs. George Bateman of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Preston Dennis of Parsonburg, Md., Mrs. Roger Parsons of Salisbury, Md., and Mrs. Phillip Jackson of Hertford; three brothers, Thomas Matthews of Driver, Va., Woodrow Matthews of Hyattville, Md., and Jim Matthews of Elizabeth City; five grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hertford Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. James A. Auman.

The casket was covered with a pall of white mums, Easter lilies and red carnations.

Pallbearers were J. F. Hollowell, Sr., D. F. Road, Sr., Julian Matthews, Floyd Matthews, Howard Matthews and Charlie Matthews. Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A Democratic proposal calling for a price freeze on farm crops for one year is meeting with approval of a large number of Republican senators, according to a Washington report which said the President will be asked to forego a veto of the proposal.

Meanwhile the Department of Agriculture has announced some 13,370 North Carolina farmers will be cut from a list of farmers receiving federal payments under conservation programs due to a huge slash in appropriations.

Washington reports point out little change in the recession picture this week. Unemployment is still large in several states, and latest business reports show no change in the economic field. The government is considering a number of programs to give an upswing to the situation, including increased spending for roads and defense and strong indications a tax cut will be ordered about July.

A Senate committee investigating labor unions has issued a report stating some union funds have been misused in recent years and the report recommends a number of laws needed to be enacted to safeguard union workers and the huge funds accumulated through the payment of union dues.

Little headway is being made toward a summit meeting between the West and East. The United States is endeavoring to secure from Russia a definite agenda for such a meeting, but thus far Russia has declined to agree to specific topics for discussion at such a meeting.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. James O. Monds of Tyner announce the birth of a daughter, Angela Nadine, born March 1 at Chowan Hospital. Mrs. Monds is the former Miss Jeanette Chappell of Belvidere.

Mrs. Chas. Johnson Is Worthy Matron Of Eastern Star

New officers for the Hertford Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star were installed at a meeting of the lodge held last Monday night.

Installed as officers during the service were Lucille B. Johnson, worthy matron; W. H. Batchelor, worthy patron; Gloria Jackson, associate worthy matron; Edna Eley, chaplain; Ruby B. White, organist; Lela Winslow, marshal; D. J. Pritchard, treasurer; Mary Ann Robertson, Adah; Katherine Biggers, Ruth; Lena Hourmouzis, Esther; Margaret Bagley, Martha; Mary White, Electa; Myrtle Batchelor, warder and Elizabeth Cherry, sentinel. Four of the officers will be installed at a later date.

Taking part in the service as installing officers were Maude R. Reeves, district deputy worthy matron; Sally Bonner, grand marshal; Ruth Overman, grand organist; Eva Howard, grand chaplain; Dan Reeves, grand warder; Clinto Eley, grand sentinel.

Gifts were presented the outgoing worthy matron, and patron and to the incoming worthy matron, with an appropriate program. Charles Overman of Edenton rendered vocal selections for the occasion.

A number of visitors from Roanoke Island, Edenton and Columbia attended the installation. A social hour was enjoyed at the Hertford Cafe at the close of the meeting.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
Perquimans County schools will be closed Friday and Monday, April 4 and 7, in observance of Easter holidays. It was announced today by J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent.

The public is invited to attend the services to be conducted at Up River Friends Meeting House on Sunday evening.



BUYS FARM BY THE GALLON—Dodgeville, Wis., farmer Merle Drager, 41, left, signs a contract to buy a 310-acre farm from Prof. Henry Bakken, right, University of Wisconsin economist. Terms: 70,000 pounds of milk annually for 30 years, to pay for the farm. In center is Drager's wife, Gale. The Dragers have 10 children.

Varied Docket Of 19 Cases Before Recorder Tuesday

Weather Cancels Baseball Games

Cold and rainy weather caused a cancellation of two baseball games scheduled to be played by the Perquimans Indians during the past week. The opening games of the season, planned for last Friday at Chowan, was cancelled due to cold weather and on Tuesday rain forced the postponement of the game scheduled with Gatesville. This second game was set up for Thursday of this week and on Friday the Indians will travel to Tarboro for the first Albemarle Conference contest of the season.

Legion Units Hold Anniversary Party On Monday Night

The Auxiliary of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion entertained members of the Legion Post Monday at the Municipal Building in Hertford, the occasion being the 40th anniversary of the founding of the American Legion.

Mrs. Thelma Hollowell welcomed the Legionnaires to the annual party and Post Commander W. F. Ainsley gave the response of welcome. Chaplain W. T. Willoughby led in prayer.

The speaker for the birthday party was Past Commander Charles Skinner, Jr., who gave a talk on the history of the American Legion, which was formulated in Paris, France, in 1918, and had its birth in the U. S. in 1919. He pointed out the purpose of organization, being the welfare of widows and orphans of those who died in World War I and for the rehabilitation of returning veterans, many of whom were disabled and jobless. Congress chartered the organization in 1920 and in 1925 some five million dollars were raised to care for war orphans and since that time more than 125 million dollars have been spent on child welfare.

In addition to the above, Mr. Skinner pointed out, the Legion and its Auxiliary has promoted honorable service to the nation, Americanism, junior education, national security, legislation for benefit of veterans everywhere.

Mrs. Hollowell presented to the Legion a beautifully decorated two-tier birthday cake which had the official emblem of the American Legion in blue and gold on the top tier and this was served with nuts and ice cream as refreshments. Tiny silk American flags were given as favors.

Commander Ainsley thanked the Auxiliary for the party and voiced appreciation for the outstanding work being done by the largest patriotic organization in the world—the American Legion Auxiliary.

MASONS TO MEET
The Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

Projects To Cost \$750,000 Offered At Hertford NAF

Parking Violation Deadline Is Tuesday

Hertford Police Department will be using a new courtesy traffic ticket beginning Tuesday, April 1, it was reported today by Mayor V. N. Darden.

Acting on authority of the Town Board, a crack down will be made against motorists who park overtime on the streets of Hertford and then ignore the courtesy parking ticket which requests payment for the overtime parking. Unless payment is made, motorists will be subjected to a minimum penalty of \$1.00 and face citation to Recorder's Court.

Christgau Named Commander VFW

New officers for the Garland H. Ownley Post of the VFW were elected at a meeting of the Post held last Monday night. Named as new Commander for the coming year was Hank Christgau, who will succeed C. C. Banks. Other officers named were Emmett Landing, senior vice commander; Harry Hollowell, junior vice commander; J. Emory White, quartermaster; Jarvis Ward, chaplain, and John Decker, C. C. Banks and Hilton White, trustees.

Installation of the new officers will be conducted at a meeting of the post next month, it was announced by the outgoing Commander, C. C. Banks.

During the business meeting Monday a report was given on the benefit basketball game sponsored by the VFW for the purpose of raising funds to give the Volunteer Firemen of Hertford a dinner. The report showed the event was successful and the dinner will be given at a date to be announced later. Robert Brinn was the winner of the portable TV set offered as a prize by the Post.

Primary Road Improvement Projects Approved Which Will Cost From 40 To 50 Million

The State Highway Commission has released a long list of primary road improvements, major urban projects, bridge work, resurfacing and minor road improvement projects to be undertaken during the next three years, when and if funds become available.

Included in the long-range plans approved by the State Highway Commission at its March 3 meeting in Raleigh are 65 projects which will involve the expenditure of between \$40 and \$50 million.

In releasing the list of projects, Highway Director W. F. Babcock said the list represents approximately one-third to one-half of the highway improvements to be eventually scheduled during the next 36 months. Other projects will be considered by the Commission at its March 27-28 meeting in Wilmington.

Among the major primary road improvements scheduled for construction during this period are the building of a four-lane divided highway along U. S. 17 from the city limits of New Bern southwestward to the Jones county line.

Eleven projects have been included for major bridge work during the next 36 months. These include the construction of a new drawspan for the Currituck Sound Bridge between Point Harbor and Kill Devil Hills carrying traffic on U. S. 158.

In the Elizabeth City area, a traffic study will be made for a possible relocation of U. S. 158 in Elizabeth City, as well as the possible construction of a by-pass or revision of the existing by-pass on U. S. 17 in Elizabeth City. Consideration will be given to the construction of a bypass around Hertford on U. S. 17, as well as a possible relocation of U. S. 13 to bypass the town of Ahoskie.

In announcing the major projects for the next three years, Highway Director W. F. Babcock emphasized the need for long-range planning in selecting for major improvements, those pri-

Construction at the Navy Air Facility, Hertford, is moving toward high gear with an announcement this week the Navy is seeking bids on two more projects at the NAF with costs estimated at \$750,000.

Invitations for bids on these projects were released by Rear Admiral William Sihler, USN, of the Fifth Naval District Public Works office on March 19 calling for all bids to be submitted to the PWO at Norfolk, Va., by 2 P. M., April 22, 1958.

The first bid will be for construction of a one-story public works facility approximately 66 feet by 187 feet of permanent type materials and the building will include plastered ceilings, painting, plumbing, heating, air conditioning, sprinklers, electric work, paving and other related work.

The second bid will be on construction of a two-story ell-shaped boat house and operation building approximately 44 feet by 60 feet and 50 feet by 115 feet. These buildings will also be of permanent type materials.

Letting of these contracts is expected to follow shortly after the consideration of the bids with actual work to begin on the projects within a short time.

Bids for another contract, that of dredging the Perquimans River, adjacent to the facility, will be opened at the Public Works office in Norfolk on April 8, and this contract has been estimated at about \$1,700,000.

Letting of the contracts for the construction of the boat house, operation building and the public works facility is expected to bring into the community a large number of workers, including carpenters, bricklayers and other craftsmen.

Bids for additional construction projects are also expected to be sought by the Navy during the next 60 days.

many highway segments which are considered generally inadequate for present and future traffic volumes and the uses made of the highways.

"This list is not a complete one," said Babcock, "and we will give additional consideration to other long-range plans at the Wilmington meeting. It may be necessary to conduct complete surveys on some of the projects prior to programming them for early construction."

Another Cancer Clinic On April 4

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will be held on Friday afternoon, April 4, with registration beginning at 1 o'clock. A free chest X-ray will be given to anyone wishing it along with the examination of the five areas of the body where cancer is most easily found and cured.

There are no limitations as to sex, race, physical or economic status at the center. However, women should be 35 or more; men should be 40 or over unless referred by a doctor, or unless one of the "Seven Danger Signals" or "Symptoms" are present. Only 30 people can be seen at the Center each month due to limited facilities, so it is suggested that anyone who wishes to be assured of an appointment should write the Cancer Center, Health Department, Elizabeth City, for a priority. Examinees are asked to bring a robe or housecoat with them.

DISTRICT AUXILIARY MEET
Mrs. W. G. Hollowell, president of the William Paul Stallings unit of the American Legion Auxiliary urges all members to attend the First District meeting of the Auxiliary Department of North Carolina which will be held in Belhaven April 1 at 10:30 A. M. at the First Christian Church.

Northeastern Counties Asked To List Hurricane Prevention Projects At Washington May 2

Fifty representatives of counties and towns in the Albemarle and Pamlico Sound areas were advised at a meeting held in Edenton Thursday to submit recommendations for hurricane prevention projects to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at a hearing in Washington, N. C., on May 2. The meeting, called by Lawrence Swain, Dare County Commissioner, in cooperation with the Army Engineer Corps and the North Carolina Hurricane Rehabilitation Program, heard explanations of Congressional Public Bill No. 71 which authorizes federal aid for hurricane prevention measures.

Chairman Swain reviewed the severe damage recent hurricanes have caused in Northeastern Carolina coastal areas and stated that the Washington hearing would provide an opportunity to request federal preventive projects. Col. Roland of the Army Engineer Corps outlined steps to be taken in making hurricane damage surveys and discussed items to be included in the report. The data included should refer only to damage resulting from flooding by hurricane tides. Col. Roland stated that other damage such as soil erosion and beach erosion resulting from normal rains and winds should not be included as Bill No. 71 does not cover this problem.

The reports will be coordinated by the Army Engineer Corps after the hearing and will be submitted to Congressional committees for consideration and action. Col. Harry E. Brown, Director of the State Hurricane Rehabilitation Program, exhibited samples of reports to guide officials in their preparation.

The meeting voted that each county, town or distressed area should undertake its own survey, including statistics on damage, the value of property destroyed, the economic effect on the area, and recommended projects. The reports should be presented in person at the Washington hearing. Mayor A. T. Stewart of Washington was appointed to serve as moderator of the hearing. County and local officials planning to submit reports should notify Mayor Stewart prior to the hearing.

Mayor Ernest P. Kehayes of Edenton and President Gilliam Wood of the Chamber of Commerce were hosts at a luncheon meeting following the meeting.

Health Contest

The annual Health Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Health Association will be held Monday night, March 31 at 8 o'clock in the King Street Elementary School cafeteria.

In previous years the pupils have shown considerable interest in this event in which each contestant writes his or her own speech and earns the right to participate in these finals as a result of classroom eliminations. Awards will be given to the first and second place winners.

Monday night's finalists are: Geneva Harrell, fourth grade; Julia Patton, fifth grade; Evelyn Sharp, fifth grade; Ella Baker, sixth grade; Shirley Lane, sixth grade; Johnetta Lane, seventh grade; Edith Jones, seventh grade.

Admission to this event is free and the public is invited to attend.

Postmasters' Meet At Durants Neck

Postmasters of the First District will hold their annual meeting at Durants Neck on April 5 at the Community Building, it was reported today by S. T. Perry. Judge Chester Morris will be the guest speaker for the occasion. There will also be shown a film of the North Carolina Coastland and dinner will be served at 6 P. M.

Rev. D. A. Moyers Leading Baptist Church Revival

Leading the youth in the Hertford Baptist Church to ways nearer to God during the annual "Youth Revival," March 28-30 is the Rev. D. S. Moyers. "My Old Kentucky Home" is a favorite song of Mr. Moyers as he was reared in Kentucky, although he was born in Tennessee. While attending Carson Baptist College, he was president of the BSU and he was, for two years, evangelistic speaker for the school.

Modestly Mr. Moyers says he is an ex-service man of no renown. Presently serving as pastor of Corinth Baptist Church, he is well known in the Albemarle. To his credit goes the honor of being chaplain of his local C. A. P.

We in the Hertford Baptist Church feel we are very fortunate in having Mr. Moyers for the Youth Revival. Good singing, preaching and moments with God are expected.

The young and old are invited to attend all services. Bring a friend to the inspiring services beginning tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Hertford Baptist Church.

Gulford College Choir To Perform

A special musical program will be presented Sunday, March 30, at 7:30 P. M. at Up River Friends Meeting House when the Gulford College A Cappella Choir appears on its annual Spring tour.

The choir is directed by Carl C. Baimbach, who was born in Kassel, Germany, and educated in Europe and the United States.

The public is invited to attend the services to be conducted at Up River Friends Meeting House on Sunday evening.