

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Property Listing Reviewed By Board With List Takers

Perquimans County Commissioners met in special session here last Monday with county tax listers for the purpose of issuing supplies and giving instructions to the listers in connection with the annual job of listing property for taxes, which will begin January 2.

In addition to the Commissioners attending the meeting were Tax Supervisor Julian C. Powell and List Takers Julian Long, Percy Rogerson, Mrs. Bell Proctor, Carson Spivey and Mrs. Elton Layden. Instructions on the job of listing property, as drawn and recommended by the Institute of Government, were outlined to the list takers and these were supplemented by recommendations by members of the County Board.

R. L. Spivey, chairman of the board, cautioned the list takers to use care in preparing the property list, pointing out the importance of the duties and the necessity for an accurate listing of all property within the county.

Tax listing starts on the second day of January and all property owners must list property for 1959 under penalty of the law. Failure to list property by January 31 is a violation of the law and makes the property owner subject to a penalty for late listing and court action on both.

A schedule setting forth dates and places at which list takers will work during the month will be published in this newspaper during January and property owners are urged to take notice of this schedule and list property accordingly.

As in the past, the list takers will also take the 1958 farm census, and farmers are urged to prepare in advance a list of all land cultivated and crops produced during the year. Having this list ready will save considerable time for both the farmer and list taker.

## Heavy Snowfall Slows Activities

Residents of this area dug out from under a 12 to 14 inch snow fall last Friday morning, following the worst snow storm experienced here in some ten years. The snow which started falling early Thursday morning continued into the night and blanketed the ground with a mantle of white fluff.

County schools were ordered closed Thursday, Friday and Monday and local business houses reported a decrease in activity all day Friday. Highway travel was hazardous with numerous accidents reported to the Highway Patrol. Most of the accidents occurred on Thursday when cars slipped off the icy roads into ditches.

The Highway Department had crews working to clear the main highways and a warming trend in the temperature early Friday morning aided this program. Driving conditions remained dangerous but highways were well cleared by Friday evening, although the highway crews were still busy at the job early this week.

Of the accidents reported to the Highway Patrol, two resulted in serious injuries to individuals. Mrs. Frances McAteer of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, sustained a fractured back, lacerated leg, shock and bruises when a car driven by her husband, Arthur McAteer, Jr., swerved on icy road near Light Nixon Fork at about 8 A. M. Thursday and turned over. Mrs. McAteer was taken to the Chowan Hospital for treatment.

Patrolman B. R. Insoce reported the second accident occurred about 7 P. M. on the Skinner Creek road about three miles from Hertford. A car driven by Hilbert Perry, Negro, of Route two, struck a car driven by Louis Taylor of Route one. Mrs. Frances Taylor was a passenger in the car driven by her husband. She suffered serious lacerations around the head and neck and required treatment at Chowan Hospital.

## County Schools Start Vacation

Perquimans County schools will start their annual Christmas holiday vacation at noon Friday, it was reported by J. T. Biggers, school superintendent, who said this year's holiday will be two full weeks. Classes will resume on regular schedule on Monday, January 5, 1959.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A NATO conference, held in Paris this week, backed the Western stand to remain in Berlin despite insistence by Russia that Berlin be turned over to the East German government. The U. S., Britain and France, earlier had announced intentions to ignore Russian demands regarding Berlin but some commentators believe the situation may develop into "talks" between the East and West over the German reunification problem.

With Congress scheduled to convene soon, members of the two political parties are working toward organization of the legislative body, which will be dominant Democratic in make-up. Splits are apparent within each party and reports from Washington indicate the 86th Congress will, probably, be exceedingly liberal. Among the programs expected to be considered by the next Congress will be a review of law structures, civil rights and a new farm program.

A report from Warsaw, Poland, this week, announced Red China boss, Mao Tze-tung had quit as head of the Chinese government but will retain his post as chief of the Communist Party in China. While the action had been hinted at for several weeks, it is anticipated there will be little change in the Chinese government; the report stated Mao's resignation if not caused by Russia's Khrushchev will be pleasing to the Russian premier due to Chinese advancement under Mao.

While unemployment remains spotty in some sections of the nation, reports from over the country this week indicate Christmas business this year will exceed expectations and will likely result in larger total sales than any previous year in business history. Shoppers, despite adverse weather conditions in many areas, have been crowding stores to make purchases of Christmas gifts.

A break in the deep-freeze, which had gripped this area for the past week, is promised by the weather man. The temperatures, which dropped to record lows during the past week, climbed a little Wednesday and was expected to hit the high 40's by Thursday.

## December Meetings Of PTA Cancelled

Meetings for the Parent-Teacher Association of Hertford and Central Grammar Schools, previously planned for December, have been cancelled because of inclement weather conditions, it was announced Tuesday by the school principals.

E. C. Woodard, principal of Perquimans High School, also announced a Glee Club concert scheduled to be presented Thursday night of this week at the high school had been cancelled because of weather conditions.

## TEENAGE DANCE TO BE HELD SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC. 20th

A Christmas dance, for teenagers, sponsored by the Girls' Letter Club of Perquimans High School, will be held at the bowling alley building in Hertford on Saturday night, December 20, beginning at 8 o'clock. Johnny Broughton's Dixielanders will furnish the music.



GRAND CHAMP BRINGS \$23,125—This year's Grand Champion steer of the International Livestock Show, at Chicago, brought \$25 a pound to co-owners Gregory Wood, 8, on steer's back, and brother Chuck, 17, in white jacket. They're from Spencer, Iowa. Paying the \$23,125 for the Aberdeen-Angus is restaurant man Howard Johnson Jr., at left.

## Burnt Mill Creek Watershed Landowners Accept Proposal For Federal Aid Improvement Plans Completed For Santa's Visit To Hertford On Sat.

Landowners on Burnt Mill Creek watershed met at the Agricultural Building in Hertford last Thursday, December 11, and accepted the proposed plan of improvement submitted by the Soil Conservation Service for their watershed. A request for assistance under the small watershed act (Public Law 566) was submitted to the State Soil Conservation Committee by the landowners in November of this year. Burnt Mill Creek is located on the county line between Perquimans and Chowan counties in the Yeopim community.

The proposed plan of improvement will cost an estimated \$33,635 with the federal government paying 71% of the cost and the landowners 29%. Included in the plan was a complete drainage system for the watershed and a plan for flood prevention.

The survey team listed the type of damages or flooding, 7.5% flood prevention 50%, and drainage 42.5%. R. M. Dailey, Deputy State Conservationist, and L. F. Thompson, civil engineer, of the Soil Conservation Service, presented the plan of improvement and stated that work would be started immediately if the State Soil Conservation Committee approved and the local landowners approve. All landowners present agreed to accept the plan.

The cost to the local landowners will be an estimated \$7,662. Federal Government cost will be an estimated \$23,667. Mr. Dailey told the group that North Carolina has been allocated 26 million dollars under Public Law 566 (watershed act) to be used on such projects as Burnt Mill Creek during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959. He stated that any group of landowners could make application for assistance under this law. Application forms are available at work unit offices of the Soil Conservation Service in each county in the state. He promised that for the present time quick action could be made on applications from groups of landowners. Improvements under the act include flooding, flood prevention, drainage and water management.

## Rites Held Monday For George Eure

George W. Eure, 83, died in Chowan Hospital last Saturday at 3 P. M. He was a native of Gates County and a member of Cool Springs Baptist Church. He is survived by one son, A. J. Eure of Eure; two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Hampton of Hertford and Mrs. Monstear Wiley of Woodville; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

## MASONS TO MEET

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

## Library Announces Holiday Schedule

The Perquimans County Library will close Monday afternoon at 4:30, December 22, for the Christmas holidays and reopen on Saturday morning, December 27, at 10 A. M. on its regular schedule. It will be closed on New Year's Day and the bookmobile will not go on its regular route through Durants Neck and Woodville that day.

Three new books were received in the library this week. American Arts and Skills by the editors of Life Magazine, was presented to the library by the members of the Perquimans County Library Board in memory of T. W. Nixon, father of Mrs. Pat Keegan, librarian. Other new books are The Yearbook of American Churches, and Confederate Wizards of the Saddle, a large book well illustrated with photographs that will interest readers and students of the Civil War period in history.

## Miss Sarah Sutton Weds Ted Chappell

Miss Sarah Sutton of Greenville, daughter of Mrs. Sammie Sutton, Sr., of Hertford and the late Mr. Sutton, was married December 12 to Ted Chappell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Chappell of Belvidere. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. O. Mattox at the Hertford Baptist Church.

## Church To Sponsor Gifts For Needy

"White Christmas" will be observed in First Methodist Church, Hertford, Sunday, December 21, it was announced today. At the church school hour, those attending will bring gifts of food or other necessities, wrapped in white, to their respective class rooms. Others who wish to do so, may bring their white gifts to church at the 11 o'clock hour, when all packages will be placed on the white-draped altar.

## Stores Announce Holiday Schedule

A survey of Hertford stores this week revealed a majority of the local business houses will observe a two-day holiday for Christmas, closing on Thursday and Friday, then reopening for business on Saturday, December 27. The stores will also be closed all day on Thursday, January 1, in observance of New Year's.

## County Club Women Use Skill To Make Christmas Gifts

During the last of November and December several Home Demonstration Club members have made crafts articles which they plan to give as Christmas gifts.

It seems to be an appropriate season of the year to give a gift which was made by the giver for even the smallest hand-made gift expresses the thought, love and time. The women have made many useful and beautiful gifts at two county workshops, says Mrs. Paige Underwood, County Home Economics Agent.

A few of the ladies who were skillful craftsmen and wise Christmas shoppers were Mrs. Ernest Sutton, Durants Neck Club; Mrs. William "Bill" Winslow and Mrs. Archie White, Whiteston Club; Mrs. E. J. Proctor, Sr., Bethel Club; Mrs. Josiah Proctor, Burgess Club; Mrs. Nathan Matthews, Winfall Club, and Mrs. John Danchise, Mrs. Ernest Sutton not only instructed seven other ladies in bottoming walnut stools with oriental sea grass but also made two stools and two brass planters to give as gifts. Mrs. Underwood observed that the women had an enjoyable day at New Hope Community Building working on their stools and fellowship together. Mrs. Fannie Hurdle and Mrs. Ernest Sutton served a delicious lunch to the ladies.

Mrs. William Winslow chose copper and brass planters to make as gifts. Four small copper planters were designed and skillfully tooled by Mrs. Winslow. She also made two valuable and beautiful large brass planters. Mrs. Nathan Matthews has already given one of the brass planters which she made.

Fifteen inch aluminum trays were Mrs. Archie White's specialty. She designed and etched four trays with marigold acid. Mrs. E. J. Proctor, Sr., also chose aluminum trays. She made 20 and 22 inch trays which will be very useful gifts. Mrs. Josiah Proctor made one planter for home use and enjoyed the assembling, designing and tooling so much that she then made two for gifts. Mrs. John Danchise has made several.

## County Recorder Hears Four Cases

Four cases were disposed of during Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court, presided over by Judge Chas. E. Johnson.

A verdict of guilty was returned in the case in which Albert Stangle was charged with operating a truck without a chauffeur's license. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the court costs. Ericsson Blanchard and E. E. Lane submitted to charges of failing to observe a stop sign and each of the defendants was ordered to pay the court costs.

Howard Phillips, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He was given a 60-day sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs of court. At the conclusion of the Phillips case, the Court suggested the District Solicitor be requested to bring action to padlock Skeeter's Inn, in Winfall, as a public nuisance. The place had been operated recently by Phillips and several shooting incidents have taken place there. In the case tried Tuesday Phillips was alleged to have shot Benjamin Roach in the foot with a revolver.

Phillips noted an appeal of the judgment in the case and appeal bond was set at \$200.

## CLASSES PRESENT CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Sunday School classes of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church will present a Christmas program Sunday, December 21, at 7:30 at the church. A pageant, "Two Christmas's" will be the highlight of the evening. The adult and junior choirs will sing Christmas music during the program. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## School Board Fills Committee Posts; Names 2 Teachers

### Publishing Date Early Next Week

Next week's edition of The Perquimans Weekly will be printed on Saturday, December 20, instead of the usual Thursday to provide a holiday vacation for the printers of the paper. All news copy and advertising copy for this issue must be in the office of The Weekly by three o'clock Friday afternoon, December 19 for publication in the issue of December 26. News contributors and advertisers are requested to note the change in printing date and their cooperation will be appreciated.

## Indians Score Win Over Chowan Cage Team In Overtime

The Perquimans Indians edged Chowan High School 35 to 33 in a double overtime basketball game played at Chowan Tuesday night. Nixon tallied the winning points in the second overtime, shooting two foul shots to give Perquimans the decision.

Play during the contest was even, with first one team then the other holding the lead during the regular playing time. Holliswell led the Chowan scoring attack with 14 points while the Perquimans total was divided as follows: Nixon, 9; Colson, 8; Burton, 7; Tucker, 6; and Chesson, 4. The score was tied at the end of the fourth period and neither team scored during the first overtime. Both teams failed on scoring chances in the overtime periods and the Indians sewed up the victory when Nixon sank the two foul shots. Colson was outstanding in the play for Perquimans.

While the Indians won a two point victory, the Perquimans Squaws lost by the same margin. The Chowan girls, led by Leary who scored 13 points, defeated the Squaws 26 to 24, in a low scoring contest. Letitia McGoogan was higher scorer for Perquimans with nine points, Betty Brown hit for six. Sears scored six and Phtisic scored three.

## Sawyer Funeral Conducted Sunday

Dudley Marshall Sawyer, age 47, died last Thursday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock at the home in New Hope as a result of a heart attack. He was a native of Perquimans County and lived in the New Hope section. He was the son of the late Jack and Martha E. Simpson Sawyer and husband of Mrs. Martha Dupree.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Pattie Ann and Brenda Gail, both of the home; one sister, Mrs. Leslie Palmer of Stoney Creek, Va.; one brother, Lee Sawyer of New Hope.

The body was taken from the Twiford Funeral Home to the graveside in the family cemetery near New Hope for funeral services which were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. William E. Pickett, pastor of the New Hope Methodist Church.

The church choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Beyond the Sunset." The casket pall was made of white mums and fern.

Palbearers were S. D. Banks, Elmer Banks, Ervin Turner, Luther Butt, Carson Stallings and G. A. Umphlett. Interment was made in the family cemetery.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Long announce the birth of a son, born Friday, December 12, at the Altemarie Hospital in Elizabeth City.

The Perquimans Board of Education, meeting in special session Friday night at the Hotel Hertford, named Frank McGoogan, Ralph Harrell and Julian Matthews to membership on the District School Committee, filling three vacancies existing on the committee.

Vacancies coming up on the faculty of county schools were filled when the board approved the nomination, made by E. C. Woodard, of Mrs. Anne Nowell as science teacher at Perquimans High School, and Mrs. Ruth E. Winslow, nominated by Miss Thelma Elliott, as a teacher in Hertford Grammar School.

Approval was also voted by the board for the Hertford Jaycees to use the school garage for a New Year's Eve dance.

E. C. Woodard, principal at Perquimans High School, presented a request sponsored by the school administration and faculty, calling for improvement of instruction and changes in the curriculum at the school. The board expressed favorable comments upon the recommendations but tabled action pending further study by the Board of Education.

The superintendent read several letters regarding the electrical installations at Hertford Grammar School and King Street School, following a recent inspection of the schools by Harvey K. Winslow of the State School Insurance Department. The report revealed several changes were required in the installations and the superintendent was authorized to contact the architect for these projects in connection with getting these changes made by the contractors.

The board also voted to hold meetings during February and March with the faculties of the county schools. Arrangements for these meetings are to be concluded by the superintendent.

## Methodist Church To Hold Musical Program Sunday

Ninety voices in the combined choirs of First Methodist Church, Hertford, will present The Music of Christmas Sunday evening, December 21, at 7:30 o'clock in the sanctuary of the church. Under the direction of Miss Carolina Wright, minister of music, the beautiful story of Christmas will be sung by the Cherub, Primary, Junior, Youth and Adult choirs. Organ prelude, postlude, and offertory will include portions of Handel's "Messiah", when Miss Wright will play the "Overture", "Pastorale" and "Hallelujah Chorus" all from this famous musical composition.

The Rev. James A. Auman, minister, will conduct the service and lead the congregation in worship. Some of the special musical numbers to be included in the repertory will be "Gesu Bambino" and "The First Noel" by the Senior Chorus, "A Girls' Chorus" will assist with "The First Noel". The Primary Choir will sing "Once In Royal David's City," "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "There's A Song In The Air". The Junior Choir will do a choral reading of the Bible Story of the First Christmas and sing "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" and "A Polish Carol".

The Chorus will sing "A Star Shone Bright" and "Away In A Manger." The Story of the Wise Men will be told in Choral Reading by the Youth Choir, which will also sing "The Birthday of The King" and "O Holy Night." Miss Rachel Sempler will sing "Come Unto Me" (from The Messiah).

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