



LONG ODDS—Quintuplets in the world of sheep are expected about once in 20,000 lambings. Mother sheep, left, beat the percentages and came up with five healthy youngsters on the James Risk farm near Roachdale, Ind. Four of the Risk children display the prize family. The children, from left: James, Mike, Sonny and John.

Highway Official Says By-Pass Here Now In Study Stage

Plans for highway construction in this immediate area have not been finalized but a by-pass at Hertford is a definite possibility within the next three years. This was the report made Tuesday by W. F. Babcock, State Director of Highways, who with other highway officials met with members of the County and Town boards.

The highway officials came to Hertford on invitation of the committee which desired to secure some official information regarding possible locations of the proposed by-pass. Rumors to the contrary, Mr. Babcock told the group, the only action taken to date regarding a by-pass was approval of the project by the Highway Commission as a part of a plan to improve Highway 17 as a connecting route for the cities and towns of Eastern North Carolina.

The director advised the group of plans now under study and survey for road projects developed at the request of the Navy for servicing the NAS at Harvey Point but he pointed out these plans are not finalized and the Navy will have to show need before contracts are awarded for all phases of the proposed system.

He pointed out Highway 17 is a very important route but not necessarily from a tourist standpoint, since it does not compete with the main north-south routes for this traffic but it does link the communities along the seacoast.

To date, Mr. Babcock said, only ideas can be talked of concerning a location of the Hertford by-pass, since it will require much work on the part of survey teams to locate the best possible route and determine the estimated final costs of the project.

In this connection he said for the present there might be four possible solutions to the traffic bottleneck which exists in Hertford. The first of these might be a bridge across the Perquimans River from Nixon's Point to Crow Point, at a cost of about \$2,000,000. The second would be a by-pass the town at some point west of the railroad State Highway office.

Accompanying Mr. Babcock to the meeting were W. N. Spruill, First Division Resident Engineer and Bill Ingram of the State Highway office.

Per - Capita Fire Loss Estimated At \$1.30 For Past Year

A per-capita fire loss of \$1.30 was reported for Hertford and Perquimans County for the year 1958 by Fire Chief R. C. Elliott. Credit for this extremely low loss by fire can be given the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department which has an excellent rating as a volunteer company.

The annual fire loss report, released this week by the fire chief, revealed the firm answered a total of 33 calls during the year; 14 of these were in town, 18 in the county and one call was outside the county. Firemen traveled a total of 232 miles reaching all fires. 15 miles for the fires within Hertford, 192 to fires in the county and 25 miles to the fire outside the county.

Estimated loss and damages were reported as follows: County fire losses, \$9,550; town fire losses, \$2,850; out of county loss, \$1,500. The total loss from fires within the county amounted to \$12,400.

Two lives were lost due to fires the fire chief reported. Van Johnson Zachary lost his life in a fire which destroyed the house in which he lived, and Maggie Winslow died from burns received when her clothes caught fire while she was attempting to add fuel to a wood heater.

In releasing his annual report, Fire Chief Elliott expressed the department's appreciation for the cooperation it had received from the public during the past year.



VAST—The "feel" of the vast size of Uncle Sam's newest, largest aircraft carrier is given by this view of the hangar deck during commissioning ceremonies for the USS Independence at the naval shipyard in Brooklyn, N.Y. The 60,000-ton supercarrier, 25 stories high, is the world's largest fighting ship.

Perquimans Cage Teams Score Wins Over Ahoskie High

The Perquimans Indians gained revenge over the Ahoskie high basketball team here Tuesday night, sinking the conference leaders by a score of 61 to 47. Ahoskie held two previous victories over the Indians.

Burton, Tucker and Colson hit in double figures to lead a scorching offensive attack which Ahoskie could not cope with. Tucker canned 19 points, Colson 18 and Burton got 16.

The Indians took a commanding lead at the start of the game and were never seeded by the visitors. Perquimans had a 13-5 lead at the first quarter rest, then was ahead 26 to 19 at half-time. Perquimans avoided a usual second half let-down and outscoring Ahoskie 12 to 11 during the third period and 23 to 17 in the final quarter. Overton with 12 points led the Ahoskie offensive while Odom hit for nine points.

In the preliminary contest the Perquimans Squaws edged out Ahoskie girls 41 to 40 to win their seventh conference game of the season. The victory practically clinched the conference title for the Perquimans girls.

Letitia McGoogan, with 32 points, was high scorer for the Squaws, followed by Phthisis, who scored five, Brown two and Spear two. Monk scored 21 points for the Ahoskie girls.

The Ahoskie girls had a 13-9 lead at the end of the first period and held a three point edge at half time, when the score was 22 to 19. Perquimans hit 15 points to nine for Ahoskie in the third quarter, while Ahoskie was the leader in the final period, getting 12 points to Perquimans seven.

Last Friday night the Indians lost a 48-37 decision to Scotland Neck after playing the host team even during the first half. Scotland Neck hit for 15 points in the third period and added 12 more in the fourth to forge ahead of the Indians, who scored only 16 points during the half.

Two more conference games remain in the Perquimans schedule prior to the conference tourney, which will start the week of February 16. Next Tuesday the Indians and Squaws will play Edenton here and on Friday night of next week the teams will close the season at Plymouth.

Monogram Club Banquet Tonight

The Perquimans Monogram Club will hold its annual banquet Friday night of this week at the school cafeteria. Jack Boone, head coach at East Carolina College will be the guest speaker for the event and the Monogram Club will have a number of special guests at the banquet. The dinner will start at 6:30 o'clock.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bass of Hobberville announce the birth of a daughter, Cindy Marlene, born January 29, at Louise Obst Hospital in Suffolk.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A U. S. military convoy headed for West Berlin was delayed by Soviet army members at a check point in East Germany last Tuesday. Despite protests by the U. S., the Soviets refused to permit the truck convoy to continue its journey into Berlin. American authorities said the action had been started by the Russians to create an incident timed with the visit of Secretary Dulles to Europe aimed by developing a unified policy on Berlin and Germany.

Rep. Addison Hewlett of New Hanover County was named Speaker of the House in the 1959 North Carolina General Assembly at a caucus held in Raleigh Tuesday night. The Legislature formally opened on Wednesday and the rest of this week is expected to be devoted to organization of the Assembly, naming of committees which will study the vast amount of legislation which will be introduced at this session.

Thomas S. Gates, Jr., Secretary of the Navy, has resigned as of June 1, and President Eisenhower named Undersecretary William Franke to succeed Gates. No change in the Navy plans for operation are anticipated due to the change over of the officials.

A number of Virginia schools, closed since last fall due to segregation problems, were reopened this week on integrated basis following court decisions which knocked out Virginia's massive resistance laws. The schools were located in the cities of Norfolk and Arlington. Meanwhile, schools in Little Rock, Ark., remained closed when a federal judge refused permission for them to reopen on a segregated basis.

Search efforts to locate 95 people aboard the Danish motor vessel which struck an iceberg last Friday have proved futile thus far. No trace of the vessel or survivors was apparent to the four planes and two ships which conducted the search.

Patrolman Tripp Speaks To Rotary

Cpl. R. A. Tripp, State Highway Patrolman, was guest speaker at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club held Tuesday evening at the Hotel Hertford. Mr. Tripp appealed to the club members to join in the fight now being waged to reduce highway accidents and deaths. He pointed out the death toll in North Carolina for the month of January was more than double the figure for the same month last year.

Speeding, reckless driving and alcohol contribute to the high accident toll and the patrolman said increased activity on the part of the State Highway Patrol is being made to bring about a reduction in accidents.

At the conclusion of his talk Mr. Tripp showed a film, entitled "alcohol is dynamite," which documented trouble teen-agers can bring upon themselves when they indulge in using alcohol and then attempting to operate a motor vehicle.

Funeral Services Conducted Sunday For H. W. Lynch

Horace William Lynch, 73, prominent funeral director, died Saturday at 12:45 A. M. at the Albemarle Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Newland, and lived for a number of years in Portsmouth, Va. He had operated the Lynch Funeral Home in Hertford since 1940. He was a member of the Hertford Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Pleasant Evans Lynch; one son, Robert Horace Lynch of Elizabeth City; three grandchildren, Robert Horace Lynch, Jr., Hannah Evans Lynch and Pleasant Ann Lynch, all of Elizabeth City.

Funeral services were conducted at the Hertford Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the Rev. James O. Mattox, pastor of the church.

Pallbearers were Ray White, Elijah White, Julian A. White, Julian Powell, A. H. Edwards, Colen Jackson, Julian Broughton, Jack Symons, Thomas Dail and Pete Riddick. Burial was in an Elizabeth City cemetery.

Charges Filed In Shooting Scrape

A shooting scrape which occurred last Saturday night at about 11:30, at Billups dance hall near Whitstone, resulted in Bud Billups, Belvidere Township, N.C., being arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, including bodily injury.

Billups was arrested Sunday morning by Sheriff J. K. White and released later on a bond of \$2,000.

James Eason, Negro, was allegedly shot by Billups and taken to Chowan Hospital for treatment.

Sheriff White reported Billups gave this account of the incident: Billups left his dance hall for about an hour Saturday night, leaving his 15-year-old son in charge. James Eason and his brother, Edward, Billups told the Sheriff, came to the place and took some soft drinks and merchandise, later drawing knives on the boy and a daughter of Billups. On his return to the dance hall Billups was told of the incident and later demanded the Easons to return the merchandise. Billups told the sheriff the Easons then drew knives on him and threatened him, whereupon he went into his house and got a loaded gun and came back to the scene firing at the Easons as they ran from the place.

A hearing for Billups has been set for Recorder's Court on February 17.

Local Officers To Legislature

State Senator J. Emmett Winslow and Representative C. R. Holmes left Tuesday for Raleigh to begin their duties during the 1959 General Assembly. The local officers participated in the caucus Tuesday night which selected the house speaker and Senate President Pro Tem.

Prior to leaving for the legislature both officials stated they had no particular legislation they plan to introduce at this session but that they will be receptive to such matters recommended by the governing boards of the town and county government.

Commissioners To Study Salary Plan For Local Offices

Red Cross Quota

Perquimans County, which has a 10 year record of oversubscribing its annual Red Cross fund quota has been asked to raise \$1,621 for the 1959 fund drive which will be conducted during the month of March. This amount represents a \$163 increase over the quota of last year.

The announcement of the fund quota was released by Dr. A. L. Whitcomb, Regional Fund chairman.

Perquimans High Honor Roll Lists Fifty-one Pupils

Fifty-one students of Perquimans High School were listed on the school's honor roll for the third grading period, which closed Friday of last week. It was announced by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school.

The list of students winning scholastic honors were:

Eighth Grade: Judy Baker, Betsy Barber, Richard Anson, Blake Weston, Vick Roach, Celeste Long, Mike Holloman, Susan Broughton and Verna Perry.

Ninth Grade: Paice Chappell, Frank Aitley, Sidney Long, Alton Daniels, Wade Morgan, Franklin McGoogan, Pete Cook, Brenda Smith, Paula Stoltz, Emily Hurdle, Jimmy White.

Tenth Grade: Hubert Borden, Ann Benton, Kathryn Bonner, Linda Bass, Faye Wood, Frances Winslow, Dianne Hollowell.

Eleventh Grade: Pauline Barcus, Becky Burton, Linda Lou Elliott, Linda Simpler, Betsy Stallings, Carl Skinner, Preston Winslow, Carolyn White, Lena Umphlett, Clay Stokes, Katherine Sawyer, Mary Lee Glenn.

Twelfth Grade: Bonnie Dail, Letitia McGoogan, Beverly Ross, Ethel Sutton, Donald Baker, Beverly Tucker, Ray Winslow, John Mathews, Kathleen Blanchard, Edith Spruill, Jo Davis Towe, Pat Harrell.

4-H Adult Leaders Elect New Officers

The 4-H Adult Leaders met on January 13. A turkey supper was served by Mrs. Clyde Lane, Mrs. Warner Madre, and Mrs. Carroll Williams.

President Claude Williams conducted the meeting which was opened with a devotional given by Pete Cook, a Senior 4-H Club member.

Officers elected for 1959 are as follows: President, Mrs. John N. Winslow; vice president, Clyde Lane; secretary, Mrs. Richard Bryant, and treasurer, Roy Chappell.

The 4-H Development Fund was discussed and a committee appointed as follows: Roy Chappell, Warner Madre and Clyde Lane.

Demonstrations to be used in the local 4-H Clubs were given by Agents Richard Bryant and Dr. Grey McIlwain. They were "The Uninvited Guest," "How to Make Introductions Correctly" and "How to Change a Fuse."