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Final Plans Given For Watershed For Burnt Mill Creek

Burnt Mill Creek Watershed landowners met at the Edenton Court House Tuesday night and received the final plans for their watershed from the SCS watershed planning party. L. F. Thompson, SCS watershed planning party leader presented the plan.

All landowners in the watershed were invited to attend by the drainage district commissioners, T. R. Kirby, Stanley Blanchard and Joseph E. Harrell. These plans can be accepted or rejected by the landowners. In other words, the plans must conform to the local people's desires.

This watershed is sponsored by the Burnt Mill Drainage District and the Albemarle Soil Conservation District.

Cost to the local people will be about \$8,000 or 29 per cent while the federal government cost will be about \$23,500 or 71 per cent. Cost-share is based on flooding, flood prevention and drainage.

Two other groups are in the process of forming legal organizations to make application for assistance under the small watershed act (P.L.566). These two groups are Pollock Swamp and Rocky Hock Creek. Pollock Swamp landowners already have a large part of their watershed signed to a legal petition asking that a drainage district be formed so that assistance can be obtained under the watershed act. It is hoped that the other petition will be in very soon so that legal work can be started on forming the drainage district.

The last report from the State Soil Conservation Committee showed that about forty watershed groups in North Carolina have made application for assistance under the watershed act. Other groups are forming legal organizations so that they may apply for federal assistance for flood prevention, drainage and other major watershed problems.

Farmers Home Administration has made its first loans to watershed groups recently. These loans ran as long as 35 years and carried an interest rate of 2.67 per year. Other credit is available to watershed groups, too.

Drainage Problem Solved By Group Near Hickory Cross

A good example of what can be accomplished when a group of farmers join together to get a job done can be seen in the Hickory Cross community of Perquimans County.

Ellis Winslow, Garland Stallings, Lloyd Stallings, Maxey Stallings and Jethro Stallings own adjoining farms in an area they call the "dead-end." These farms have been subject to overflow water after big rains. Their field ditches were in poor condition but they knew that cleaning out the field ditches would not help until they provided an adequate outlet for the water.

The laterals and main outlet ditch were too small and were nearly filled in places with trash and silt. They knew that to get an adequate outlet would necessitate the enlarging and deepening of the main ditch for a little over a mile in length, one lateral a mile in length and another lateral about six-tenths of a mile.

Since it was necessary to go a long distance to obtain an outlet, they knew that it was going to be rather expensive to construct an adequate drainage system on their farms. They felt sure that over a period of a few years increased yields, due to proper drainage, would pay for the drainage. In May, 1958, these five farmers and three other farmers, W. C. Chappell, Doris Hinton, and Harrison Hurdle, who also had land drained together and applied for assistance at the Perquimans

Commissioners To Meet Next Monday

Commissioners for Perquimans County will hold their June meeting next Monday, in the Court House, beginning at 10 A. M. In addition to other matters the board is expected to see a tentative tax rate for the coming fiscal year, and action on the adoption of a tentative budget for the year. Also, the Board is expected to consider letting of a contract for revaluation of real property within the county.

Rock Ridge Edges Perquimans For District Title

Rock Ridge High School of Wilson County knocked the Perquimans Indians out of the elimination playoffs for the State Class A baseball championship last Friday night when the Rock Riders defeated Perquimans 4 to 2 for their second straight win over the Indians.

Rock Ridge collected four runs off seven hits and five walks given by Welly White, Perquimans hurler. The Indians committed a total of five errors.

Perquimans scored two runs off five hits collected off three pitchers used by Rock Ridge. The visitors committed three errors.

Perquimans tallied one run in the third when Winslow singled and went to second on an error. He scored on a single made by Pete Hunter. Jack White added the second run scored by the Indians when he tripled in the fourth on a single by Colson.

Rock Ridge came back strong in the fifth to score two runs, knotting the count, when the team collected three hits. The visitors went ahead in the sixth when they added two more runs off two hits.

White fanned eight Rock Ridge batsmen and walked five. Available to watershed groups, too.

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Rites Held Sunday For H. C. Stokes, Sr. Former Mayor

Funeral services for Henry Clay Stokes, Sr., 82, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the First Methodist Church by the Rev. James A. Auman, pastor. Mr. Stokes had been in failing health for several years and had been a patient at the Albemarle Hospital for one week.

He was a native of Hertford, having resided at 218 North Front Street all his life. He was the husband of the late Ruth Clarke Stokes and the son of the late Henry Clay and Elizabeth Towe Stokes.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. R. M. Riddick, III, of Langley Air Force Base, Virginia; two sons, Henry C. Stokes, Jr., of Hertford and Clarke Stokes of Greenville; one brother, J. R. Stokes of Hertford and eight grandchildren.

Prominent in both civic and church affairs, he served as Town Commissioner, from 1906 to 1912. He was chairman of the Board of County Commissioners from 1912 to 1920, and Hertford's Mayor and Fire Chief from 1921 to 1933. He served on the Board of Education for several years. He was a member of the First Methodist Church and took an active part in its growth and expansion. Being a building contractor, he served as chairman of the Building Committee when the present church education building was constructed. He served as steward, trustee and member of the official board of the church and was an honorary steward at the time of his death.

He entered the field of merchandising in 1891 with the White & Company store, later becoming a partner in the firm. In the 1930's he organized the H. C. Stokes store, which he operated until he retired in 1941. After his retirement he devoted his time to his real estate and farming interests.

Pallbearers were Henry Clay Stokes, Henry Clay Sullivan, Thomas B. Sumner, Dr. T. P. Brinn, V. N. Darden and Trim Wilson. Burial was in the family plot in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Library Announces New Summer Hours

New books in the Perquimans County Library this week are: A second volume of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Album, (a gift from Preston Blanchard), Secret Missions of the Civil War, by Stern; Modern American Career Women, by Clymer, and the May issue of Horizon.

New fiction includes: The Middle Age of Mrs. Elliott, The Long Run, and Blackbeard's Bride. Several new children's books have also been added this week.

Beginning June 1, and continuing until Labor Day the library will observe its summer hours. This means the library will be open each day except Thursday and Sunday, at 10 A. M., closing from 12:30 to 1:30 for lunch and opening again from 1:30 to 5:00 P. M. On Saturdays it will not be open in the afternoon.

The bookmobile will follow its usual five summer routes.

Cub Scouts Tour Norfolk Naval Base

Seventeen Cub Scouts of Hertford went to Norfolk, Va., last Saturday, where they toured the Norfolk Naval Base and Air Station of the USS Randolph. The Scouts were accompanied by Cub Scoutmaster D. F. Reed, Jr., J. L. Tunnell, John Decker and Den Mothers Meadames S. O. Bateman, B. R. Insoce, Ray Haskett, Walter Edwards, John Danchise and J. E. Hobbs.

Cub Scouts enjoying the tour were Jay Dillon, Joe Haskett, John Elton Hurdle, Kent Insoce, Fred Murray, Lee Tunnell, Billy Ward, Shelton Bateman, John Danchise, Billy Decker, Walter Edwards, Donald Hobbs, John Hobbs, Carlton Keaton, Julian Long, J. Donald Perry and Austin Weeks.



The Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a visit to Hertford on June 9 of a mobile exhibit "Atoms for Peace" to give local residents a comprehensive picture of the many ways in which the peaceful atom is playing an important role in our everyday life. The exhibit, arranged in a huge unit as pictured here will be located at the Court House in Hertford on June 9 from 12 noon until 8 P. M.

District Health Officer Releases Information About Meningitis

Because of two recent cases of meningitis in this area, Dr. J. A. Johnson, district health officer, furnished the following article in an attempt to inform the people about this disease:

First a definition of meningitis. This is an acute inflammation of the meninges, which are thin layers of tissues that cover the brain and spinal cord. The organism causing this disease may be a virus such as one which causes influenza or measles, or may be a bacteria such as the germ which causes pneumonia or scarlet fever. Less frequent organisms which may cause the disease are protozoa, yeast and fungi. These organisms usually get into the meninges from some foci elsewhere in the body, such as infected tonsils or sinuses, the mastoid or the middle ear.

When meningitis is mentioned, most people immediately think of the epidemic form, or the meningococcal spinal meningitis. This is the type which usually comes in epidemic form during the winter and spring among densely populated areas. It is spread by droplet spray from the nose and mouth, and usually from an apparently healthy carrier or person who has a mild upper respiratory meningococcal infection, but who has not developed meningitis.

Perquimans Union School Exercises May 31 and June 3

Closing exercises at Perquimans County Union School, Winfall, will get under way next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the Senior Class Chapel, it was announced today by Acting Principal W. R. Privott, who stated the Rev. F. L. Andrews, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hertford, will deliver the sermon.

Graduation exercises will be conducted at 8 o'clock Wednesday night, June 3. A panel discussion will be presented on the topic of "Abundant Living," by the panelists being McCoy Smith, leader, Libby Billups, Brenda Lowder, Florazell Hurdle and Melvin Riddick.

Presentation of diplomas will be by J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools. The graduates are Willie Banks, Libby Billups, Shirley Blanchard, Audrey Bonner, Catherine Bonner, Robert Bragg, Doris Brothers, Thurman Burke, Barbara Cheson, Elmer Copeland, William Daughtrey, Floyd Felton, Naomi Felton, Elsie Gallop, Martha Gramby, Sarah Harrell, Joyce Hawkins, Fredricka Holvey, Edison Hurdle, Florazella Hurdle, Rufus James, Brenda Lowder, Charlie Miller, Gladys Modlin, Willie Moore, Jr., John Norfleet, Mattie Ormand, Willie Parker, Elma Revell, Melvin Riddick, Willie Riddick, Nellie Simpson, Calvin Skinner, William Skinner, Charlie Small, William Smith, Evora Spellman, Katie Sutton, Evelyn Vaughn, Louis Vaughn, Nixon Weeks, Jr., Margaret White, Joyce Whitehurst, Mamie Wilkins, Lewellyn Wills, Yvonne Winslow.

MASONS TO MEET

Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

4-H Club Junior Demonstration Day Held Last Saturday

Twenty 4-H Club members participated in Junior Demonstration Day, May 23, in Perquimans County. Carolyn Faye Rogerson, a Senior 4-H Club member, opened the program by leading the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag, the 4-H Club pledge and "America." She welcomed parents, friends and judges and contestants to the Demonstration Day. The purpose of 4-H demonstrations is to teach others how to use an idea or a product and to train boys and girls.

Judges for the contest were Mrs. Florence Webb, Mrs. Warner Madre, Mrs. Josiah Proctor, Mrs. Claude Williams and Mrs. Charles T. Rogerson.

Assistant Home Economics Agent Ila Grey McIlwain presented the following awards: Dairy Foods Individual — Pat Long; "Milk in Disguise," first place, blue ribbon; Norma Spear, "Milk Drinks," second place, red ribbon; Dairy Foods Team — Phyllis Williams and Marcia Copeland, "A Nutty Treat," first place, blue ribbon; Nancy Matthews and Carolyn Lane, "Milk the Magic Way," second place, red ribbon; Ann Nowell and Ellen Wood, "Chocolate Coconut Cream Pudding," third place, red ribbons; Sandra Stallings and Faye Baker, "Aunt Em's Sugar Cookies," white ribbons; Barbara Harrison and Patsy Elliott, "Baked Alaska," white ribbons.

First place winners of the Fruit and Vegetables Use Demonstration were Phyllis Nixon and Irene Elliott, "Spicy Apple Twists" in the blue ribbon group, second place, blue ribbon group was Margaret Ainsley and Harriette Williams, "A Strawberry Treat You Cannot Beat." Third place and red ribbons went to Evelyn Farkenton and Carolyn Long for "Furter Wagon Wheel Salad," Mary Barbee and Delores Shouse received white ribbons for their demonstration "Pineapple Wise."

Debbie Stokely and Billie Jo Ropland were awarded blue ribbons for their clothing demonstration, "Our Sewing Tool Chest."

Miss McIlwain praised the contestants on the fine work that they had done and encouraged each girl to continue working toward a higher goal.

Harris Funeral Conducted Sunday At Bethel Church

Johnnie T. Harris, 81, of Bethel died at the Albemarle Hospital Saturday at 2:30 A. M. after an illness of three weeks.

The son of Trotman and Mrs. Cary Bass Harris, he was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lilly Elliott Harris; four sons, Arthur and Thomas Harris of Bethel, Clyde Harris of Norfolk, Va., and Ray Harris of Winfall; five daughters, Mrs. E. T. Phelps and Mrs. Lawrence Copeland, both of Bethel; Mrs. Eleanor Skinner of Raleigh; Mrs. William Alderson of Norfolk and Mrs. Lorene Simpson of Hertford; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Bethel Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. Bryant Holman, Jr., pastor. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were T. R. Kirby, W. E. Brabbe, Emmett Long, Julian Long, W. D. Perry, Jr., and R. S. Chappell, Sr.

County Students E. C. C. Graduates

Four Perquimans County students were among the 905 men and women who were awarded degrees at East Carolina College commencement exercises conducted last Sunday.

Receiving degrees from this county were Joanna Parker Willford, Emilie Rebecca White, Eunice Stallings Riddick and Barwell Winslow.

Commencement At Perquimans High On Tuesday Night

231 Shots Given At Polio Clinic

An anti-polio clinic, conducted here Thursday night of last week under the sponsorship of the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce and the County Polio Committee, treated 231 persons, who received second or booster shots against the disease.

D. F. Reed, Jr., chairman of the Jaycee committee in charge of the clinic reported a total of 801 shots were given in the three days the clinic was held last month and last week. He termed the project highly successful and expressed his appreciation to all persons who assisted in the operation of the program.

BPW Club Installs New Officers At Dinner Meeting

The Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club observed its eleventh anniversary Thursday night, May 21, when it met at Hotel Hertford for a special dinner meeting when the officers were installed and the "Club Woman of the Year" award was presented.

Mrs. Betty T. Swindell gave the invocation and welcomed the guests. Mrs. Essie Burbage had charge of the entertainment when stunts with group participation were enjoyed.

Mrs. Roxanna C. Jackson designed a beautiful centerpiece with 11 golden steps surrounded with white lilies. This part of the program was most informative as the members named a club achievement for each step. Mrs. Dora T. Riddick led the group in singing among which was the spiritual "Climbing Dem Golden Stars."

Miss Thelma Elliott read an appropriate poem pertaining to work after which Miss Hulda Wood presented a gift to the Club Woman of the Year, an honor bestowed upon a member by each club member voting and the winner kept secret until the night of the meeting. Mrs. Roxanna C. Jackson was the recipient of this high honor.

Mrs. Alice Towe Owens, the club's first president, installed the following officers for 1959-60 in an impressive ceremony when the Federation Pledge was used most effectively: President, Mrs. Mary Dale S. Lane; first vice president, Mrs. Betty T. Swindell; second vice president, Mrs. Essie Burbage; recording secretary, Mrs. (Continued on Page 6)

County Recorder Hears 19 Cases At Session Tuesday

A varied docket of 19 cases was disposed of during Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court presided over by Judge Chas. E. Johnson.

Costs of court were taxed against William Davis who submitted to charges of parking on a highway.

Doris Frierson, Negro, paid the court costs after submitting to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign.

Benjamin Owens and Louis White each paid the costs of court after submitting to charges of improper passing.

Albert Gore, Jr., was found not guilty on a charge of failing to yield a right of way.

Johnnie Stokely, Negro, was found not guilty on a charge of using an improper muffler.

A fine of \$10 and costs were levied against Barry Perry, Negro, who was found guilty on a charge of failing to give a turn signal.

Vernon Brickhouse, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of assault. Prayer for judgment in

Graduation exercises marking the 34th commencement for Perquimans High School opened Sunday night with the baccalaureate sermon being delivered by the Rev. Bryan Holloman, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church.

The graduating class will hold its Class Night exercises beginning at 8 o'clock next Monday night with commencement to follow Tuesday night.

The commencement program will begin at 8 o'clock with invocation by Jo Davis Towe, addresses will be given by Ray Winslow, valedictorian, Letitia McGooan, salutatorian, and Beverly Tucker, third highest average in the class. John Matthews will present the class gift to the school and benediction will be given by Kathleen Planchard. E. C. Woodard, school principal, will present awards and medals and C. C. Cnappell, Sr., chairman of the Board of Education, will present the seniors with their diplomas.

Members of the graduating class are: Eleanor Ashley, George Ayvace, Donald Baker, Kathleen Blanchard, David Burton, Lois Byrum, Dottie Cartwright, Louise Chappell, Billy Chappell, Wynda Lyne Chappell, Parker Chesson, Howard Copeland, Bonnie Dail, Clarence Dail, Hulda Dail, Jack Dail, Patricia Dillon, Charles Elliott, Hazel Elliott, Mary Alice Godwin, Becky Gregory, Louise Harrell, Jesse Harrell, Pat Harrell, Mary Lee Hart, Vickie Johnson, Patricia Keel, Jo Knight, Jean Lamb, Tommy Lane, Pat Lane, Lawrence Layden, Sherman Long, Letitia McGooan, John Matthews, William Miller, Glenice May, Becky Nixon, Dora Owens, Joseph Proctor, Beverly Rose, Claude Russell, Willie Saunders, Peggy Sawyer, William Smith, Edith Spruill, Bobby Stallings, Brenda Stallings, Gloria Stallings, Ethel Sutton, Victor Sutton, Shirley Tarkenton, Lib Thach, Jo Davis Towe, Beverly Tucker, Dempsey White, Welly White, Faye Williams, J. T. Winslow and Ray Winslow.

Marshals for the closing exercises are Katherine Sawyer, chief, Linda Lou Elliott, Pauline Brecus, Frances Winslow, Ann Lenton, Brenda Smith, Frank Ainsley, Richard Auman and Verna Ann Perry.

The class honor roll lists the following students: Ray Winslow, Letitia McGooan, Beverly Tucker, Ethel Sutton, John Matthews, Kathleen Blanchard, Jo Davis Towe, Dave Burton, Vickie Johnson, Donald Baker, Dottie Cartwright, Lib Thach, Beverly Rose, Edith Spruill, Wynda Chappell, Bonnie Dail and Shirley Tarkenton.

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The case was continued. George Butler entered a plea of guilty to charges of being drunk and possessing non-tax paid liquor. He was given a 30-day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and court costs.

Costs of court were taxed against Herbert Davis, Negro, who pleaded guilty to a charge of following too closely.

Edgar Nix entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving an overloaded truck. He was fined \$25 and costs.

Dallas Gilliam, Negro, failed to appear in court to answer charges of being drunk. He was ordered apprehended and held on a \$50 bond.

Costs of court and fines as indicated were assessed against the following defendants, all of whom submitted to charges of speeding: James Boyd, Negro, \$21; Clinton Kirkman, \$10.25; Giles Emery and Dudley Foster, \$20.25; Walter Armstrong, \$10.25; John Lesnes, \$10.25; Elizabeth