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Perquimans Clubs To Conduct Farm Festival August 26

Plans for reactivation of farmers' day in Perquimans County are moving ahead rapidly according to the Home Demonstration Club committee which announced today the service will sponsor a County Farm Festival on Wednesday, August 26.

Speaking of the plans for the event Mrs. Gilliam Underwood, County Home Agent said:

"There will be many changes made in what we will have this year as compared to what was held in years past. For example the exhibits will be brought in on Tuesday, August 25, judged on Tuesday night and left in the exhibit booths until Thursday, August 27 so that people will have an opportunity to see the different exhibits for two nights and one day. The prize money awarded this year will be 75c for first prize, 50c for second prize, and 25c for third prize. Many other changes and ideas are being discussed and if you have any suggestions please contact any of the Home Demonstration Clubs and they will be glad to pass the suggestions on to the committee that will be holding this function."

"It is the belief of the overall committee that this day can be made fair entertainment for the people in Perquimans County and be of great benefit to the whole county. Now is the time to start looking for exhibits to display as the success of the event depends largely on the skill and ingenuity of the people that are exhibiting different products. Be sure and mark your calendar for Wednesday, August 26, as it is the day that we would like for you to spend at the Farm Festival."

Miss Phoebe Hurt Becomes Bride Of Belmont Perry

Miss Phoebe Earline Hurt and Jesse Belmont Perry were united in marriage in the Pine Chapel Baptist Church, Hatteras, Va., last Saturday. The Rev. Lawrence Gill officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Hurt of Hampton, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Perry of Hertford.

The vows were spoken before an altar of white summer flowers and palms and cathedral candles.

Mrs. Robert Ross played the wedding music accompanying Mrs. Kenneth Martin, soloist.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown, made by her mother, of white Chantilly rosepoint lace over taffeta, fashioned with a scalloped sabbina neckline and long sleeves ending in wedding points over the hands. Chiffon and lace ruffles fell softly from the waistline to form a chapel train. Veil of French silk illusion fell from a Swedish crown of seed pearls, iridescents and lace.

She carried a lace covered Bible topped with a white orchid and ribbon streamers and wore a gold cross, a gift of the bridegroom, as her only jewelry.

Mrs. Paul Smith of Bristol, Tenn., was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Misses Dorothy Hixson, Jo Allen, Betty Wor-

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AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF THE U.S. Army's new AN/TSC-16 air-ground transportable communications system which is geared to brush-fire combat operations. The system gives U.S. Army combat commanders a communication capability previously possible only in large fixed installations.

Uncertain Future

Governmental red tape apparently has entangled the Harvey Point NAS project to the point that its future is uncertain according to Richard M. Mansfield, ace military writer for the Norfolk Virginian Pilot.

According to Mr. Mansfield the seaplane program is unresolved at the Pentagon in Washington but the Fifth Naval District is prepared to proceed with plans for completion of the Hertford base. He reports the Navy will neither confirm nor deny it is ready to shelve the seaplane program.

The Fifth Naval District offices in Norfolk have on its planning boards some \$4 million in construction for the base for the year starting July 1, with orders to proceed with these plans.

Cmdr. D. F. Dalton, resident officer in charge of construction at NAS Harvey Point, has informed this newspaper his department is presently awaiting release of funds which will permit issuing of invitations for bids on the new construction.

Society Advised Of Scholarships Provided By Trust

Thomas Gregory Skinner, a Biographical Sketch, was the subject of a talk by Silas M. Whedbee at the meeting of the Perquimans County Historical Society Monday night in the Perquimans County Library.

One of Perquimans County's most illustrious and influential citizens, T. G. Skinner, educated at Belvidere Academy, Horner's Military School and the University of North Carolina, served as a lieutenant in the Confederate Army, returned to Perquimans County to practice law, served three terms in Congress and one term as State Senator. He was an outstanding lawyer, an extensive landowner and was always keenly interested in the welfare of his fellow citizens. The speaker read two tributes to Mr. Skinner, one written by his old friend, the late Tom McMullan of Hertford, the other by the local historian, the late Col. Creevy of Elizabeth City.

In conclusion, Whedbee stated that to perpetuate the memory of T. G. Skinner and his devotion to the people of Perquimans, his widow, children and grandchildren recently set up a trust fund of two hundred thousand dollars to be known as the Thomas Skinner Trust Fund. Seventy per cent of the income from this fund is to establish scholarships for the education of Perquimans County students or the children and grandchildren of Perquimans County natives. Awards are to be based upon merit and need. Twenty per cent is to go to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hertford, five per cent to the Perquimans County Library for the purchase of books and the remaining five per cent back into the corpus of the trust fund.

In the business session of the meeting Stephen Perry of Durants Neck was elected president of the Historical Society. He succeeds Capt. Nat Fulford, under whose leadership the society was organized in 1958.

Carol Berry succeeds Perry as vice president, and George Jackson was elected to the board of directors to succeed Berry. Other officers were re-elected: Mrs. C. R. Holmes secretary and curator; Mrs. Julian Powell, recording secretary and C. P. Morris, treasurer.

Captain Fulford before turning over the gavel to the new president, expressed his appreciation to the members for their cooperation in the work of the society. He stated that because of his health and other duties, he felt he had to relinquish the office of president, but that he would continue to work as a member of the Perquimans County Historical Society to preserve the county's rich heritage.

Local Scouts In Order Of Arrow

Three members of Scout Troop 155, Charles Woodard, Richard Auman and Charles Eley, spent the week-end at Camp Fenton, Va., and while there were initiated into the Order of Arrow.

At Long Last

There is good news for the residents of Bethel Township, who for months have been inconvenienced by a detour into Hertford due to construction of a new bridge across Raccoon Creek.

An inspector for the State Highway Commission at noon Wednesday informed this reporter construction work on the project will be completed, weather permitting, by Thursday night and the highway will be open to traffic Friday morning. In the event weather postpones this schedule the route will open the early part of next week.

Residents of the Township, just this week, presented a petition to the Board of County Commissioners seeking some act on expediting the reopening of the highway. However, Board Chairman R. L. Spivey pointed out since the project was under control of the State Highway Commission the commissioners were powerless to act upon the petition.

Beverly Tucker In Speech Tourney

Beverly Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Tucker and winner of the Baptist Training Union young people's better speakers tournament in Region 1, will go to Hendersonville Thursday to compete in the state finals.

Speaking on the subject "God and My Vocation," Beverly will be competing against the winners of the other nine regions in North Carolina. The winner of this tournament will be North Carolina's entry in the Southern Baptist Convention finals to be held at Ridgecrest in July.

Beverly is a recent honor graduate of Perquimans High School. He is an active member of the Hertford Baptist Church. He plans to enter the University of North Carolina this fall to begin studies in the field of medicine. His speech is an inspiring account of how he plans to incorporate his Christian convictions into his medical career in an attempt to do more than just help mankind with physical ailments, but try to be of some assistance with the spiritual problems as well.

Accompanying Beverly to Hendersonville will be his pastor, the Rev. James O. Mattox, and Dick Brewer, director of the Young Peoples Training Union Department of the Hertford Baptist Church.

District Clinic Faces Cut Back Of Federal Funds

The advisory board of the Mental Health Clinic, in a meeting Thursday night, decided to continue the operation of the clinic despite the fact that funds will not be available to meet a proposed budget of \$34,125.

The mental health clinic was started here January 30, 1958, on the operational plan of receiving a two-thirds appropriation from federal and state sources combined, or \$20,000, and one-third, or \$10,000, from the four county district of Pasquotank, Camden, Chowan and Perquimans. The State Mental Health Department has been operating with a deficit, so cutbacks have been ordered all over the state. Last Friday the mental health section of the State Department of Health notified the local board that it could guarantee only \$11,000 for the 1959-1960 program although it is possible that additional monies may be available later. The local board will ask for \$15,000 and membership is definitely will operate the local clinic as long as it can.

On the one-third basis the local district contributions may be cut to about \$4,000, however there are some hopes that last year's figure of \$9,000 again will be available since Perquimans County Commissioners have set up the same proportional amount as last year, or \$1,500. Camden's figure was \$1,000; Chowan, \$2,250; and \$4,000 came from the Pasquotank United Fund, plus office space provided in the Welfare Building by the Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners. Federal and state funds last year amounted to \$18,000.

The meeting in the Mental Health Center Thursday night was attended by the staff, Dr. Hoggard, Ray Hollowell of Camden, Judge Fentress Horner, Dr. J. A. Johnson, district health officer; Mrs. Charlotte Fearing, M. R. Harshaw, and R. L. Spivey, Mrs. John Q. Hurdle and Dr. T. P. Brinn of Hertford, Chairman Maston, Dr. E. Bond of Edenton and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Twiddy of Edenton were present.

Ten Cases Heard By Recorder At Session Tuesday

Ten cases were disposed of during Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court, presided over by Judge Chas. E. Johnson, and two defendants Willie Jones and Johnnie Johnson, Negroes, failed to appear in court to answer to charges. They were ordered apprehended and held for bonds of \$50 each.

Henry Riddle III pleaded guilty to charges of speeding and paid a fine of \$16.25 and costs of court.

Fines of \$25 and costs of court were levied against Will Langley and Mary Skinner, Negro, after each had submitted to charges of driving without a license.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case in which Nora Taylor, Negro, was charged with permitting use of her car by an unlicensed operator.

Costs of court were paid by William Nixon, Jr., and Harry Persinger after each had submitted to charges of using improper mufflers.

James Hunter, Negro, was found guilty on charges of passing on a curve and driving on the left side of a highway. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

Officers Seek Man For Brutal Beating Of County Woman

Morris-Mayo Vows Spoken Saturday Plymouth Church

Miss Ann Lee Mayo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jesse Mayo, and John Edgar Morris, son of Mrs. John Edgar Morris of Hertford and the late Mr. Morris, were united in marriage in a Saturday afternoon ceremony in the Plymouth Methodist Church. The Rev. A. D. Byrd, assisted by the Rev. W. M. Howard, Jr., of Greenville, officiated.

A program of nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Robert W. Johnston, organist, and Miss Jane DuLaney of Edenton, soloist.

The bride, escorted to the altar by her brother, William Lynn Mayo, was given in marriage by her father. She wore a floor-length gown of white hand clipped Chantilly lace over taffeta fashioned with a bosque bodice accented by a sabbina neckline forming cap sleeves and dipping to a "V" in the back. The bouffant skirt with pleated nylon tulle insets fell into a slight rain. Her double tinted fingertip veil of silk illusion was attached to a bandeau of net and seed pearl leaves, and she carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley.

Miss Ann Lassiter was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Mrs. George R. Clarke, Jr., of Pulaski, Va., sister of the bridegroom; Miss Brenda Armstrong of Charlotte, niece of the bride; Miss Neel Dupree of Lawrenceville, Va., and Miss Mairied Morris of Raleigh. The attendants wore sabbina length dresses of romance blue silk organza fashioned with portrait necklines forming short puff sleeves and old-fashioned picture hats trimmed in matching velvet ribbon. They carried sprays of white daisies.

Honorary bridesmaids were Miss Sue Lassiter, Miss Jane Midyette of Fairfield, and Miss

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State Legislature Enacts Point Plan For N. C. Motorists

North Carolina motorists will be operating under a new "point system" aimed at weeding out habitual traffic violators under a law enacted by the Legislature during its final week in Raleigh.

The law, backed by the Department of Motor Vehicles provides that a driver can lose his license for a period of 60 days if he accumulates a total of 12 bad points within a period of two years. The law spells out the violations which are marked against a vehicle operator upon conviction in court.

Various violations carry different numbers of points, but when an operator's total reaches 12, within the time period, the license can be revoked for the given period.

When a driver who has lost his license under the law gets it back he can only accrue eight more points in the next two-year period before losing it again, this time for six months.

Officials of the Motor Vehicle Department expressed satisfaction concerning enactment of the law, claimed to be a safety measure aimed at ridding the highways of habitually bad drivers.

This law replaces recent authority under which the Motor Vehicle Department revoked licenses after repeated offense.

The Supreme Court had ruled the action was unconstitutional.

Local law enforcement officers, headed by Sheriff J. K. White and SBI Agent John B. Edwards, are conducting a search for an unidentified Negro man who broke into the home of Mrs. Mannie Cartwright, 56, of Route 3, Hertford, at about 9 o'clock Tuesday night, brutally beat her and robbed her of \$90 contained in a brown purse.

Mrs. Cartwright was beaten around the head severely with what she reported to be a screwdriver. More than 50 stitches were required to close the wounds she suffered at the hands of the assailant. She was taken to Albemarle Hospital for treatment of the wounds and loss of blood.

Sheriff White stated the man broke into the home by removing a screen from a bedroom window. Mrs. Cartwright told the sheriff the man, after beating and robbing her, left her home by the back door and shortly thereafter she attempted to leave the home to go to Vernon Harrell's for help. The man was in the yard and threatened her unless she returned to the house. She re-entered her home and locked herself in the bathroom until about 5 o'clock Wednesday morning when she went to the Harrell home, from where the call was made for Sheriff White.

Sheriff White reported he and other officers are seeking a man believed to be between 35 and 38 years of age, weighing 160 to 170 pounds and about 5 feet 11 inches tall. Residents of the area near the Cartwright home informed the sheriff they had seen a stranger in the neighborhood for a couple of days. This man was reported dressed in a pair of blue dungarees and a blue shirt, although the man who broke into the home was not wearing a shirt at that time.

Sheriff White and SBI Agent Edwards started an intensive search and investigation of the crime immediately after they were notified and were continuing at the task up to press time of this newspaper.

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Five County Bills Enacted Into Law By Legislative Body

Five bills pertaining strictly to Perquimans County were ratified during the 1959 session of the Legislature, two of which will affect the make-up of two local boards.

The Legislature enacted laws which provide that prisoners in the county jail pay for meals served during their stay in jail upon conviction of charged offenses. It also ratified a bill providing for a Peace Officers' Relief Association.

On June 17 bills were ratified which provide that candidates for the Board of County Commissioners shall be nominated by the residents of the Township in which the candidate lives. Election of the board will be by the county as a whole.

Also ratified was a bill which calls for the board of education to be made up of five members, one from each of the five townships of the county. Candidates for the board of education shall be nominated by the county as a whole and not by townships as is the case in the election of county commissioners.

The latter two laws become effective in 1961.

Holmes Boosted For State Board

Perquimans County Representative C. R. Holmes, according to a report from Raleigh on Wednesday, is being boosted for appointment by Governor Hodges to membership on the State Dillies Commission.

The Raleigh announcement said 29 members of the 1959 General Assembly had signed a petition asking Governor Hodges to select Holmes as one of the two men to be named to the board.

MASONS TO MEET Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 155, A. F. & M., will meet in Raleigh on October 3. Some 100 members are expected to participate in the annual convention.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Secretary of State Christian Herter, in a report to the American people on the foreign ministers' conference in Geneva, stated Russia turned down the West's proposals for negotiations and little progress was made toward settlement of the German problem on reunification. He pointed out Russia continues its demands the Allies leave Berlin but added the West is obligated to stand by the people of West Berlin, who have expressed the desire to live in freedom.

Congress, running behind schedule on several important legislative matters, is expected to work swiftly in the coming weeks in acting on such items as public housing, farm program, defense measures. However, Senate leader Lyndon Johnson stated this week he anticipates the Congress will reduce pressure for public spending to bring proposals into line with administration for balancing the budget.

Governor and Mrs. Hodges left Raleigh Sunday for Washington, where they joined a group, including nine Governors, who will spend three weeks touring Russia. Gov. Hodges took with him a number of pamphlets and papers on what the Russians some idea on what North Carolina is doing in various fields.

North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, in annual conference this week at Wilmington, have adopted a plan to conduct the most gigantic evangelism campaign in their history at Reynolds Coliseum.

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