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Post Office Dept. Accepts Bids For New Building Here

Indians To Open Basketball Season With Gatesville

The Perquimans High School basketball season opened last Monday with practice for the Perquimans Indians and Squaws. Returning lettermen for the Perquimans Indians are Freddy Colson, Billy Nixon, C. D. White and Tommy Tarkington. These boys will make the nucleus of the 1959-60 team with assistance from new varsity members: Ed Nixon, Jerry Chappell, "Boogie" Nixon, Charles Fowles, Dean Britt, Jack Brinn, Glenn White and Franklin McGoogan. With only two experienced players on the team, Coach Underwood predicts it will take a great deal of practice and determination for the team to win a majority of the scheduled games.

Several points have been practiced during the past two weeks. The fast break has been tried. However, the team has had little success with this due to lack of ball handling and speed.

The weak points being drilled are ball handling and defense. Coach Underwood stated that the team at present is working on a man-to-man defense. However, he is of the opinion that any boy who can play man-to-man can also play a zone defense.

The team's rebounding power will depend upon C. D. White and Billy Nixon, while for "sure-points" the team hopes to depend upon Freddy Colson's favorite jump shots. There are several candidates competing for guard positions.

The season schedule for the Indians was released as follows by E. C. Woodard, school principal:

- Dec. 1—Gatesville there.
- Dec. 4—Griggs here.
- Dec. 8—Weeks here.
- Dec. 11—Columbia here.
- Dec. 15—Crawley here.
- Dec. 17—Elizabeth City here, varsity and JV.
- Dec. 18—Columbia here.
- Jan. 5—Williamston here.
- Jan. 8—Scotland Neck here.
- Jan. 12—Ahoskie here.
- Jan. 15—Creswell here.
- Jan. 19—Edenton here.
- Jan. 22—Plymouth here.
- Jan. 26—Williamston here.
- Jan. 29—Scotland Neck here.
- Feb. 2—Ahoskie here.
- Feb. 5—Creswell here.
- Feb. 9—Edenton here.
- Feb. 12—Plymouth here.

High School PTA Meets December 3

The Perquimans High School PTA will meet on Thursday night, December 3, at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The program topic for this month is "Ability Grouping" and will feature a panel and open discussion of a new trend in education. Participating in the panel will be Mrs. J. W. Dillon, Mrs. James A. Auman, Talmage Rose, Jr., and Silas Whedbee. Mrs. Tommy Masten will serve as moderator.

The eighth grades will share a portion of their summary of a reading unit "Tall Tales and Legends" and will present folk games and folk songs which they have learned during this unit of study. Mrs. H. C. Sullivan will preside at the business meeting, which will be followed by a coffee hour.

Parents who have not had an opportunity to register for membership in the high school PTA will be able to do so at this meeting.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary unit No. 126 will meet Thursday night, December 3, at the home of Mrs. Thomas White at Winslow for the regular monthly meeting and annual Christmas party. All members are urged to attend.

A new Post Office building is now awaiting for Heston Hertford Postmaster, W. V. White, was notified last Friday by W. L. Crawford, Regional Operations Officer, that the Post Office Department had accepted bids for construction of a new building to house the Hertford office. Completion of the building is expected by June 1, 1960.

Successful bidders on the new Hertford Post Office were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Wolfe, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brunson, all of Albemarle.

The new building will be constructed on a site on Grubb Street across from the Municipal building, now owned by Ainsley and Mathews and T. P. Byrum. After completion the building will be leased by the Post Office Department for a period of years, similar to arrangements now used by the government for providing communities with post office buildings.

According to the announcement received here the new building will be air-conditioned and of modern construction containing 3,290 square feet of interior space; 360 square feet of platform space and 8,354 square feet of parking area. The original lease will run for a period of 10 years with the government having the option to renew the lease for an additional 10 years.

Plans for construction of a new Post Office for Hertford have been in the making for a number of months, the Post Office Department secured options for purchase of the land early this year and have renewed these options pending final decisions on the project.

This reporter has been advised that final arrangements for the purchase of the property and the start of the construction is anticipated within the next two weeks. Buildings, now located on the site are to be removed prior to the start of the new construction.

Soil Supervisor Election Called

Election of a member of the Perquimans County Soil Conservation Supervisors Committee of the Albemarle District will be held December 7-12, 1959.

The term of George G. Winslow expires this year in accordance with the rule for staggered membership on the three-man committee. The terms of Joseph W. Nowell, Jr., and John A. Bray will expire in 1960 and 1961 respectively.

Two men have been nominated for the position: George G. Winslow and Belvin Eare. Permission to nominate candidates for the supervisors' post must be signed by 25 registered voters. Ballot boxes will be placed at central spots over the county during the election period. Any registered Perquimans County voter may vote in the election.

The Albemarle Soil Conservation District is composed of Chowan, Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties which compose the Albemarle District. The supervisors in the five District Soil Conservation Board.

Another Cancer Clinic Scheduled

The Northeastern Cancer Clinic will be held on Friday afternoon, December 4, with registration beginning at 1 o'clock. A 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 Deadly Sins" is present.

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LONG DROP—Jack Martin, 17, of Oakwood, Ohio, sits dependent on a curbing after his car dropped from the street above onto busy Rt. 25 in Dayton. He had fallen out of the car when he reached to close a door. He was not injured.

Industrial Group Pushing Plans To Seek New Industry

The Perquimans County Industrial Committee this week began the task of contacting a large number of prospective industries seeking to interest some of these prospects in relocating plants into this area. The committee, in cooperation with the Hervey Foundation, just recently compiled a listing of types of raw material immediately available in this county, and this availability of raw materials, as well as other inducements will be presented to the prospects for their consideration.

The committee has acquired a considerable list of industries which can benefit through the use of these raw materials, found in more abundance in this immediate area than the areas in which the industries are now located.

It is the intention of the local committee, to follow through the presentation of this information with personal contacts, much in the manner of the recent tour of a number of Tar Heels seeking new industry in Europe. Industries which are to be contacted under this plan recently adopted by the local Industrial Committee are now situated over a wide area in several northern and mid-western states.

Meanwhile, the survey team of the county committee is continuing its project to determine if sufficient public support is available to transform the committee into a full-fledged Chamber of Commerce. The survey team reports an additional number of favorable replies but announced it is not yet ready to make a full report on the project.

Final reorganization of the industrial committee which has been discussed for several weeks now awaits definite decisions by the survey team.

Farm Census Will Up Date Statistics

The 1958 Census of Agriculture, now under way in Perquimans County, will bring up to date farm statistics last collected in 1954, when the farm census revealed the following facts: The value of products sold in 1954 by farm operators was \$3,499,999.

The value of all crops sold was \$2,654,601 and included, \$2,323,894 for field crops, \$78,802 for vegetables, \$1,545 for fruits and nuts. No data for horticultural specialties.

The value of all livestock and livestock products sold was \$637,973 and included \$7,069 for dairy products, \$78,920 for poultry and poultry products, and \$551,984 for livestock and livestock products.

The value of forest products sold from the county's farms was \$45,525.

The U. S. announced Monday a Polish official, Col. Pawel Monat had defected from his communist government and sought political asylum in the United States. Monat, a report says, fled the communism system while on a vacation away from Poland last summer.

Bethel Road Plans Stalled Pending Decision By Navy

Town And County Share Beer Taxes

Perquimans County and the Town of Hertford last Saturday received checks in the amount of \$10,358.26 as their share of the state collected tax on the sale of wine and beer during the 1959 fiscal year. Perquimans County's share in the distribution this year amounted to \$7,993.50, up slightly as compared with last year. The Town of Hertford received a total of \$2,364.76, also slightly more than received last year.

Collection of the tax on wine and beer is made by the State, which in turn ascertains the share for each community and distributes the funds.

Maston-Mullen Vows Spoken Sat. In Gates Church

Miss Margaret Mullen of Gates and Thomas Lewis Maston of Elizabeth City were married Saturday night, November the twenty-first in Savages Methodist Church of Gates at eight o'clock with Dr. Ritchie E. Brittle of Suffolk, Va., officiating.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John J. Mullen of Gates and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elwood T. Maston of Nags Head, N. C.

Music was presented by Conrad Plyler of Gatesville and Mrs. Ira Cuthrell of Windsor, N. C.

The bride and bridegroom entered the church together. The bride wore a wedding gown of white Lyon's velvet fashioned with scooped neckline of re-embroidered Alencon lace touched in pearls and sequins, extending down the bodice and long sleeves pointed over the hands. The princess line bouffant skirt rippled into a chapel length train. Her finger tip veil of silk illusion was arranged from a pearl crown. She carried a cascade bouquet of roses and lily of the valley.

Mrs. Brooks Morgan of Sunbury was the bride's only attendant. She wore a floor-length gown of blue velvet with matching velvet headpiece and mits. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and lily of the valley.

Mrs. Cuthrell's gown was of rose velvet with matching headpiece and mits. She wore a corsage of roses.

Lucien Morrisette of Elizabeth City was best man. Ushers were William B. Cartwright of Richmond, Va., brother-in-law of the bridegroom and Ralph W. (Continued on Page 6)

Historical Talk Heard By Rotary

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club were entertained at their meeting Tuesday at the Hotel Hertford by an interesting talk by Capt. N. S. Fulford on the activities of the Perquimans County Historical Society.

"Organized just a little more than a year ago the Historical Society had 150 members and this number has grown to 180; a number of members, according to Capt. Fulford, are former residents or natives of the area, all of whom are vitally interested in the vast history of this county."

The society has tabulated and mapped a number of projects since its founding and is continuing to search out all items of historic value. It has, and is, conducting correspondence with a number of people concerning information of the early days and cataloging all types of historical articles which the society hopes some day to house in a historical building within the county.

Plans for reconstruction of roads in Bethel Township, which were torn up during construction at the Harvey Point base, have been shelved temporarily by the State Highway Commission, pending word from the Navy Department on its designs for the base site.

This was the word given Congressman Herbert C. Bonner by W. F. Babcock, Director of Highways. Mr. Bonner had written the Highway Commission requesting it to place these roads in their original condition for the convenience of the residents of the area.

Following receipt of a letter from Mr. Babcock, which is quoted below, Mr. Bonner advised Mayor V. N. Darden he had written the Secretary of the Navy asking his comment of the letter received from Mr. Babcock.

Replying to Mr. Bonner's request, the Highway Director wrote: "Mr. Broughton has forwarded your letter of November 9 concerning the road leading to Harvey Point to my office. Recently the Highway Commission made funds available to the First Division to put the existing roads back into shape this fall and winter. They deferred action on making funds available for paving until next spring. It was their feeling that the paving should be deferred until the situation at Harvey Point was clarified. It appears that there will be no military installation then a low type of pavement could be used. If it becomes evident that some major installation is to take place at Harvey Point, it would be necessary for us to construct a much heavier type of pavement. In any case, it would probably be impossible to pave it during this working season. Therefore, Bill Sprull was instructed to stabilize the road as best he could with additional funds made available by the Commission and the Commission will make final determination on the paving in the spring of 1960."

The highway, running from Light Nixon Fork to the intersection of the Hertford-Harvey Point road, is by far in worse condition than the other road; complaints on the condition of this highway have been made by the County Commissioners as well as the Hertford Town Board.

Many residents of the area feel, since the main route to the base site has been reopened, there is no reason for delay in reconstruction of this particular road pending a decision by the Navy Department. Whatever plans the Navy may have for the site the type of road serving the community of Bethel can be determined and paving plans projected for immediate action.

Trash Collection Problems Rising

Mayor V. N. Darden this week issued an appeal to the residents of Hertford to lend their cooperation to the town's Street Department in solving some problems arising from the collection of leaves and trash.

Mr. Darden reported placing of leaves and trash into the gutters of the street for collection is creating a traffic hazard and also causing storm sewers to be stopped up, thus hampering the flow of water from the streets during rain storms.

Residents of the town are requested to place leaves and trash for collection at the edge of their yards or between the sidewalks and the curb, from where the matter will be collected by the Street Department.

"Cooperation on the part of the citizens of our town," the Mayor said, "will enable us to do a better job in keeping Hertford clean and this cooperation will be greatly appreciated."

MASONS TO MEET

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

Thirty Four Cases On Court Docket At Session Tuesday

Business was brisk in Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here Tuesday with 34 cases listed on the docket. Four defendants, William Johnson, Archie Belch, George Hulbert and Ollie Owens, failed to appear in answer to court citations and they were ordered held for bonds of \$50 each.

Submitting to charges of speeding, the following defendants paid fines as indicated: Roger Smith \$24, Thomas Caldwell, Negro, \$41, Charlie Welch, Negro, \$25, Luther White \$25, Thurston Honeyblue, Negro, \$25, Jeanette Elmore \$35, James Layden, Jr., \$25, Earl Taylor \$25.

Costs of court were taxed against Charles Fowler, who submitted to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign.

Robert Chappell, Jr., and Leslie Winslow, charged with violation of a muffler law, submitted and each paid the court costs.

Costs of court were paid by William Smith, Negro, and Julius Brown, Negro, on charges of driving on the wrong side of a highway.

James Lamb submitted to a charge of being drunk and paid a fine of \$2 and court costs.

James Trueblood paid the costs of court after submitting to a charge of passing a car in an intersection.

Annie Burton, Negro, paid a fine of \$25 and costs for driving without a license and J. C. Burton, Negro, paid a fine of \$25 and costs for permitting an unlicensed operator to drive his car.

George Butler was ordered to pay a fine of \$5 and court costs after he pleaded guilty to charges of being drunk.

Costs of court were taxed against Roger Drake after he submitted to charges of failing to see his intended movement could be made safely.

Walter Cartwright paid the court costs on a charge of parking a vehicle on a highway without lights.

Thomas Wells paid the court costs on a charge of violating restrictions on his driving license.

Thad Revell, Jr., Negro, submitted to a charge of reckless driving and he paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Luther James, Negro, pleaded guilty to charges of assault with a deadly weapon and inadequate support of his children. He was given a six months sentence, suspended upon payment of costs and the sum of \$25 per week for use of his children.

Load Restriction Placed On Road

A load limit restriction has been placed on a secondary road in Perquimans County, according to Division Engineer W. N. Sprull of the State Highway Commission.

A restriction of 13,000 pounds per axle has been placed on the county road from its intersection with U. S. 17 east of Hertford, south to Durants Neck.

Sprull said the restriction on traffic over this road went into effect on Friday, November 20.

Dick Brewer Named Leader Of Ruritans

Richard Brewer of Hertford was elected governor of the Albemarle District of Ruritan Clubs at a meeting held Monday night at Central High School near Elizabeth City. Sixteen clubs make up the district.

Brewer, auto parts superintendent of the Highway Shops, was elected by acclamation and succeeds Paul Edmonds of Gatesville. He is married and lives in Hertford where he is a deacon in the Baptist Church and active in youth work. He is also active in the Masons.

Each club was called upon to make a report on the year's progress. Many of these big projects were Ruritan Clubs working together on soil testing programs, countywide promotion of farmers' interest, auctions, building fire departments and securing equipment, erection of highway safety markers, presentation of Bibles to graduating seniors, public highway beautification programs, or as the Gatesville Club reporting the only active volunteer cemetery committee.

The evening meal was served in a Thanksgiving setting in the Central cafeteria. John Moore, superintendent of Pasquotank County Schools, gave the invocation. Mrs. Harry Thomas, school teacher, sang accompanied by Mrs. Clarence Morse.

Ruritan National President Fred Betts, III, the speaker of the evening, rallied the Ruritans with challenges to work together to make each rural community a better place in which to live.

County Sales Tax Collections Up

Sale and use tax collections in Perquimans County showed a substantial increase during September, 1959, as compared with August and for the month of September, 1958, according to a report released by the N. C. Merchants Association.

The collections during September increased \$1,563 over collections for August and were \$1,498 ahead of September, 1958. Total sales and use tax collections for the month of September amounted to \$8,533.

MASCOTS SELECTED

The senior class of Perquimans High School has selected Angela Chappell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Chappell, Jr., and Wayne White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. White, as mascots for this year.