



OLD AND THE NEW—Helicopters of Britain's Royal Navy churn the air over an historic backdrop, St. Michael's Mount with its ancient castle off Cornwall.

Bobby Smith Home After Sojourn As Exchange Student

Bobby Smith of Belvidere arrived home this week after being an exchange student to Burma for several months. His experiences in the Asian country have been carried in The Weekly.

Mr. Smith announced that he is available to civic clubs and other organizations as a program speaker and requests individuals and clubs to contact him for dates. He is scheduled to participate in a state-wide tour sponsored by the Agricultural Department of North Carolina State College, and that he will endeavor to schedule engagements to local clubs as he is contacted.

Mr. Smith's final installment of his experiences among the people of Burma follows:

December and January are beautiful months here in Burma. The weather is warm and comfortable and the days are a deep, clear blue. The sky at night is so crowded with stars that God must find it hard indeed to secure a place from which to suspend the moon. The flowers are in a peak of brilliance, and the occasional breezes which slip down from the mountainsides seem to hum a song of happiness and contentment. Even the people seem to wear bigger smiles and to show more enthusiasm as they do their chores of work and life.

Why is December so wonderful? Why are the people so gay and happy? The answer to the Burman is because the golden fields of rice that have stood the test of growth and weather and that are now lifting up their heads for the harvest. The people are ever more thankful this year because the harvest is one of abundance, selling prices appear to be higher and the government has relaxed some of the previous hardfast marketing controls. The old men sit under the shade of palm trees and repeat special prayers for these nets of kindness; the children beat down harder on their studies with a greater hope for the future in their eyes; and the women folk busy themselves planning for more elaborate religious ceremonies. It is an unforgettable feeling to watch these things take place and to realize they are happening because of one single factor—it is the time for the reaping of the great lifeblood of the country—the rice.

I arrived in Mweyogyi village just in time to help my host father, U Aye Maung, and the family harvest their grain for the year. The rice heads are cut in the field by sickles, tied into bundles of from ten to fifteen, and piled on carts which take them to the threshing area. After the bundles are broken and spread upon the threshing floor, oxen are driven over them, using their hoofs to break loose the individual grains. Later the rice straw and empty heads are removed to reveal a floor covered with the loose grains. The grain

Board of Education Reviews Plans For County Schools

Perquimans Board of Education is in special session here Wednesday during which a survey of future plans for county schools was discussed by representatives of the State School Planning Division.

W. L. Latham and G. H. Ferguson outlined to the local board members the results of a survey the division had conducted here but no definite action was taken on the report; however, the board agreed to take the matter under advisement for further study.

The board approved a request of the PTA of Perquimans Union School for installation of flood lights at the school and voted to pay the sum of \$198 toward this installation, with all further costs being paid by the school PTA.

After hearing a report by Board Member D. H. Eure that minor repairs are needed at the Central Grammar School roof, the board voted to have these repairs concluded next summer.

W. H. Matthews reported to the board the athletic field at Perquimans High School needed some dirt for filling and leveling and the superintendent was authorized to have this work done.

Town Of Hertford Bonds Advertised

W. E. Easterling, Jr., secretary of the Local Government Commission, has called for sealed bids on \$100,000 worth of bonds to be issued by the Town of Hertford to be opened in his office on February 23.

This action brings nearer the town project calling for installation of a new water supply and renovation of the town's filtering plant. Funds realized through the sale of these bonds will be used to finance the program.

Mayor V. N. Darden has announced work on the project will get underway within a short time, especially that part of the program of installing a pipe line from the town's new well to the plant site.

Under the terms of the sale of the town bonds, as outlined by the Local Government Commission, the financing will cover a period of 20 years, with five thousand dollars in bonds, with interest, being retired each year.

TO PREACH SUNDAY
Richard Bunch, a ministerial student at Chowan College, will be guest preacher at the Hertford Baptist Church on Sunday, February 7.

Board Considers Tentative Budget Items In Meeting

Perquimans County taxpayers will benefit through a substantial tax rate reduction made possible through the revaluation program now in progress here. This was the opinion of the Board of Commissioners who on Monday considered a number of budget items for the year beginning July 1.

"It's too early yet," said R. L. Spivey, chairman of the board, to say definitely what the rate will be. We first must ascertain the final total valuation figure and this will not be available until mid-March.

However, judging from basic budget requirements under consideration, it appears the Board will be in a position to reduce the tax rate which this year is \$2.25 by at least 90 cents, to a figure somewhere near \$1.30. The reduction depending on the final valuation figures.

Harry Logan, Deputy N. C. Revenue Department, appeared before the board requesting Perquimans County to contribute the sum of eight dollars per month toward rental of office space for the department in Elizabeth. This request was approved for a period of 16 months.

J. T. Biggers, superintendent of county schools, appeared before the Commissioners to advise securing of an electrical inspector for Perquimans schools is still pending; but thus far, it has been impossible to obtain a qualified inspector.

The Commissioners also drew a jury list for the March term of Superior Court, which convenes for civil cases on March 14th.

Drawn for service for this term of court were: Seth Long, Sr., Wilbur Owens, Ambrose Long, Harold Jones, Robert Turner, John Stallings, Z. D. Robertson, Sr., Hugh Harrell, H. P. Lowe, Alton Stallings, William A. Cartwright, Adrian Smith, Jr., Durwood Twine, A. Stephen Perry, L. B. Cobbs, Jr., Harold H. Copeland, J. C. Bacceus, Shelton Hobbs, Kenneth Stallings, Claude Benton, James B. Sawyer, Louis Stallings, Marion Copeland, A. Leigh Wilson, Obed T. Winslow, John Simpson, B. S. Hoskins, Frank B. Skinner, James T. Nixon, Emmett Landing, N. W. Chappell, Craffton Mathews, Shelton White, Alvin Hollowell, William E. Lane, J. Ray Haskett and Hiram Weeks.

James Diver New Rotary President

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club elected a new slate of officers to direct the activities of the club for the year beginning July 1.

Elected as president was James Diver, who will succeed Dr. A. B. Bonner. Eric Haste, Jr., was named as vice president, and directors will be R. S. Monds, W. F. Ainsley and R. L. Hollowell. Dr. Bonner will be an ex officio member of the board of directors. Jack Kanoy was re-elected as club secretary and treasurer.

Hertford PTA To Meet Next Thursday

Hertford Grammar School PTA will meet on Thursday night, February 11, at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the school. The Cub Scouts will be in charge of the devotional, and Girl Scouts, under the leadership of Mrs. G. W. Barbee, will have charge of the program.

One of the PTA objectives is to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church and community. The Scouts' program will give parents an opportunity to witness a portion of this particular objective in action.

Mrs. R. L. Hollowell, president, will preside at the business meeting, which will be followed by a coffee hour.

All members are urged to attend the meeting, and a special invitation is extended to parents who have not yet attended.

Public Meeting

Business and professional men and women of Perquimans County are urged to attend a public meeting to be held tonight (Friday) in the Municipal Building in Hertford beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

The meeting has been called by the local industrial committee for the purpose of organizing a county-wide Chamber of Commerce.

Results of a survey conducted by the committee indicates a public desire for the organization to provide a program of progress for the county and every interested citizen is urged to be present at the meeting.

Cdr. Rufus Brinn Now In Command Of USS Tarawa

Commander Rufus T. Brinn relieved Captain Charles F. Garrison as Commanding Officer of the anti-submarine aircraft carrier USS Tarawa (CVS-40) during change of command ceremonies on board the ship Friday.

The ship which has been the flagship for RADM. R. Y. McElroy, Jr., Commander Carrier Division 18, and has just completed operating with the Anti-Submarine Defense Force in the Atlantic, has just arrived in Philadelphia to commence the arduous task of inactivation. The Tarawa is one of the renowned Essex Class Carriers of World War II fame and is capable of carrying a complement of 3,000 men and 100 aircraft.

Brinn, a native of Hertford, was recently selected for promotion to the rank of captain. Commander Brinn graduated from Duke University with an AB degree and was commissioned in the Navy in 1941. The versatility of the new skipper is illustrated by his varied career which includes flying F2H McDonald Banshee jets and Commanding Officer of the USS Newat.

While serving as Executive Officer of the USS Hopping, he was ordered to heavier-than-air flight training in 1944 and received his wings in June, 1945. Following a tour of duty in the Pacific which included "Operation Crossroads," Brinn reported to NAS Jacksonville, Florida as Executive Officer of Fighter Squadron 12, which was based aboard the USS Philippine Sea.

Commander Brinn studied at McGill University, Montreal, Canada and Naval Schools in Great Britain, and served in Air Intelligence with the Air Force in Washington, D. C. Prior to his duty as Executive Officer of the Tarawa, Commander Brinn saw duty as the head of the Anti-Submarine Warfare and Mining Avionics System Branch of the Bureau of Aeronautics.

Among his service ribbons, Brinn wears the Navy Silver Star and the Order of the Russian Red Star, for service in the Armed Guard "suicide run to Murmansk" in early 1942.

Commander Brinn is married to the former Mary Alice Cahoon, the daughter of Marshall and Mrs. B. Ray Cahoon of Raleigh and Columbia, N. C. The Brinns currently residing in Warwick, Rhode Island, have four children.

Bonner Candidate For Re-election

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner on Monday became the first district candidate when he announced he had filed his notice of candidacy in the primary of 1960 as Democratic Representative in the U. S. Congress for the First District of North Carolina.

Bonner's action earlier this week confirms his announcement some time ago that he was planning to seek re-election to the office.



MISS AMERICA TO WED — Marilyn Van Derbur, Miss America of 1958, smiles over her engagement ring at fiance Gary Nady. She will marry the former Colorado U. football star later this year. He is now head coach of the Parsons College, Iowa, team.

Appraisal Firm To Hear Complaints On Property Values

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

France quelled a rebellion in Algeria this week but trouble flared anew along the border between Israel and Syria, resulting in Nassar moving Arab troops into a number of border positions. French President DeGaulle is credited with a victory in the Algerian revolt but reports from Paris state the problems arising from the incident has weakened the DeGaulle government.

New higher postal rates for parcel post packages are rising by 17.2 percent and will bring into the government treasury some \$8 million dollars. Administration plans for further increases in first class postage is expected to fail in receiving approval by the Congress.

A report has been published that government officials are considering a farm plan whereby participants in programs such as the soil bank will receive payment in surplus commodities rather than cash. President Eisenhower, according to the item, favors such a plan. The idea, the report says, is to get rid of the present surplus by paying it out in lieu of cash.

The State Highway Department has received bids for construction of a bridge across the Alligator River, which when completed is expected to link coastal Tyrrell and Dare counties making travel to the coast more convenient. A low bid for the new bridge was \$2.8 million.

Local Merchant On Clinic Committee

Frank McCabe, president of the N. C. Merchants Association, announces that L. C. Winslow of Hertford has been appointed to the advisory committee for the tenth annual Retailers Activities Clinic to be held at Chapel Hill on February 21-22.

The establishment of parking lots, how to improve downtown parking facilities, and the responsibility of providing parking space will feature discussions at this year's meeting.

The clinic will feature talks by William Barr, Washington, D. C., executive director of the National Parking Association; John T. Church, Henderson, vice president and secretary, Rose stores; J. Ernest Yarborough, executive vice president, Winston-Salem Retail Merchants Association, and representatives of the Kalamazoo, Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives of the Carroll-Phelps Company, which recently concluded a property revaluation project in Perquimans County, will be in Hertford February 15-26 for the purpose of conferring with property owners who desire to register complaints on appraisals placed on property by the firm.

Bob Carroll, partner in the firm who supervised the work here, was in Hertford Tuesday conferring with Tax Supervisor Julian C. Powell and Commissioner R. L. Spivey concerning the hearings which Carroll will conduct. Following the conference Carroll announced he will return for a two weeks period starting February 15 and will be situated in the Court House each day except Saturdays to discuss with property owners any matters pertaining to appraisals placed upon property.

The revaluation of property within Perquimans County, which was carried out under requirement of a law enacted by the legislature last year, and which was the first revaluation the county had had in 30 years, raised property values about four times. For tax assessment purposes the board of commissioners for the county and the Town of Hertford agreed the tax assessments should be set at 50 per cent of the appraised value, thus increasing real property valuation about twice the figure for the current year.

The board of commissioners will meet as a Board of Equalization and Review on Monday, March 14, after which this board will take final action in adopting the new valuation figures.

Mr. Carroll told this reporter any person having any questions concerning appraisal prices placed on his property should come to see him and discuss the matter while he is in Hertford the last two weeks of this month. "Errors," he said, "can and do occur, and if there are errors it is my desire to correct them."

Commissioners for Perquimans County are now studying budget requirements for the fiscal year, in light of the new assessment figures and expect to be in position to make a drastic reduction in the tax rate according to the new property valuation.

Dimes Chairman Says Drive Closing

Eric Haste, Jr., chairman of the Perquimans County March of Dimes fund drive, reported today that contributions now total nearly \$400, and it is the hope of his committee this total will reach \$500 as the drive comes to a close.

Mr. Haste requested individuals who have not yet made a contribution to the March of Dimes to call him at 3461 and he will then call for the contribution.

Non - Suit Motion Granted By Judge In Hertford Case

Rec Committee Planning Active Year For Center

The Perquimans County Recreation Committee met at the County Library Building on Friday at 8:00 P. M., for the purpose of making plans for the coming year.

The Recreation Directors, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nixon, made a report showing enthusiastic use of the building by the younger teen group, and by the High School students for after-game parties.

Committee reports were made on the building of a cook-out area with picnic tables, to be ready for spring use by the community.

A special finance committee was formed to go ahead with the main project for the year, the paving of an all-purpose game court. Estimates were made for the minimum needs for such construction. The committee will meet on Monday, February 8, and soon thereafter the campaign will get under way.

For the special summer program efforts will be made to secure trained recreation personnel for an intensive, one-month program. This might include several new types of events in such a way to demonstrate the value of a community recreation center for many groups of people.

Perquimans High Honor Roll Lists 39 Students

Thirty-nine students at Perquimans High School were listed on the school honor roll for the third grading period which closed last week, it was announced by E. C. Woodard, principal.

Winning scholastic honors were the following students:

8th Grade — Reggie Baker, Charles Woodard, Sidney Ann Blanchard, Gloria Miller, Wayne Chappell, John Stallings, Clark Harris.

9th Grade — Betsy Barbee, Vick Roach, Mike Holloman, Wayne Winslow, Susan Broughton, Janice Stanton, Verna Perry.

10th Grade — Frank Ainsley, Sidney Long, Alton Daniels, Wade Morgan, Pete Cook, Percy Davis, Franklin McGoogan and Brenda Smith.

11th Grade — Hubert Burden, Linda Bass, Dianne Hollowell, Carroll McDonnell, Joyce Owens, Phyllis Hendren.

12th Grade — Pauline Bacceus, Linda Lou Elliott, Clara Small, Clay Stokes, Carl Skinner, Anne Lane, Johnny Winslow, Katherine Sawyer, Arlene Stallings, Carolyn White and Frances Winslow.

Indians - Squaws Lose To Ahsokie

Perquimans High School basketball teams lost another set of conference games Tuesday night when they traveled to Ahsokie for contests there. The Ahsokie girls copped a 46-39 victory from the Squaws while the Ahsokie boys won a 57-31 decision over the Indians.

The girls' contest was a fairly game with the decision in doubt until the final quarter.

In the boys' game Ahsokie gained a two-point margin during the first quarter and added three more points to its lead at halftime when the score was Ahsokie 27, Perquimans 22. Inability on the part of the Indians to hit the basket during the second half permitted Ahsokie to run up a 80-9 margin.

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn granted a motion of non-suit in the huge \$250,000 suit brought against the Town of Hertford by Mrs. Ann Taylor. The motion for non-suit was made at the conclusion of the plaintiff's evidence about 11:30 Thursday morning.

A huge damage suit, in which the plaintiff, Mrs. Ann Taylor, asked for a quarter of a million dollars, began Wednesday in Perquimans Superior Court with the evidence being heard by a 13-man Pasquotank jury.

Emergency Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn is presiding over the term of court, which convened Monday, heard one case and adjourned until Wednesday morning when the Pasquotank jury arrived to hear the Taylor-Town of Hertford case.

Judge Burgwyn ordered a 13-man jury when it became apparent the case might run two or three days due to the large number of witnesses for each side. Members of the jury, which was impaneled about 11 A. M., Wednesday are Dallas Dunbar, Cecil Dunbar, William Sawyer, Tullie Layden, William Tillet, Glen Pritchard, Maywood Saunders, Joseph Brickhouse, C. M. Raper, Joseph Hales, Jr., Floyd Smithson, Raymond Doast and Ralph Myer is the alternate.

Testimony was started in the case shortly before noon and the plaintiff used a total of 11 witnesses prior to the adjournment of court at 5 P. M. Wednesday. The plaintiff indicated she had several more witnesses to be called Thursday morning. Mrs. Taylor is, in her complaint, seeking damages for the wrongful death of her husband, Wayland C. Hollowell, Jr., who died as result of injuries sustained on January 10, 1957 as he was driving a truck on Edenton Road Street, near King Street. A tree fell on his truck causing the injuries.

Court convened Monday morning and with the reading of the calendar a number of cases were continued; one divorce was granted, that to Robert Thatch from Carrie Thatch.

A judgment of non-suit was entered in the cases of H. D. Hurdle vs. J. Van Roach, William Riddick vs. Mary Riddick and Aaron Riddick vs. Addie Riddick. Judgment was also entered in the action of Paul Smith, Sr. vs. N. C. State Highway Commission.

Political Pot Starts Simmering

Announcements by two more candidates for state offices this week have started the political pot to simmer and the tempo is expected to increase as the final political filing deadline draws nearer.

Terry Sanford formally announced his candidacy for the office of Governor Thursday and Addison Hewlett, Jr., on Tuesday, announced he will seek the office of U. S. Senator for North Carolina.

Sanford and John Larkins are now candidates for Governor, while Hewlett is expected to provide opposition to Senator Everett Jordan, also expected to seek re-election.

Locally, no candidate has announced for district or county offices which will be at stake in the primary on May 28. These include State Senate, Representative, Register of Deeds, Judge of Recorder Court, County Treasurer and membership on the Boards of County Commissioners and Education.

Effective this year, nominations of County Commissioners will be by Townships while another law provides for the nomination of five members to the Board of Education, one member coming from each of the five townships of the county.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Broughton of Wilmington, Del., announce the birth of a third child, a third son, born Wednesday, January 27, at Wilmington General Hospital.