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## Supt. Biggers Ready For Opening Of New County School Term

John T. Biggers, Perquimans County School Superintendent, announced here today that 2,450 students entering school on the opening day, Wednesday, September 1, will find everything in readiness for the new school term 1965-66.

According to Supt. Biggers, the following teachers were approved for the school year 1965-66:

Maryann Robertson Bunch, Esther Holley, Marylene Jones, Evelyn Battle, Betty Jean Sawyer, Lillian James, Ruby M. McCoy, Gladys Marie Felton and Ernest W. Coles.

Resignations of Bettie C. Johnson, Thomas E. Dolden and Judson Briley have been accepted.

The Perquimans County Board of Education met in special session Monday and upon a motion seconded to grant the request for reassignment of the following students: Flora Ann Jennings and Frances Dunlap to Perquimans High School; Melvin Felton and Julie Harvey to Perquimans Union School and Ethel Flythe to King Street School. Upon request the following students were assigned to Hertford Grammar School: David Brillanet, Randy Simmeron, Barbara Ford, Randall Harrell, Ann Read, Elizabeth Read, Noah Bunch, Faye Bunch, Janet Bunch, Debbie Cherrix, Loretta Lawson and two children from the Stalego family.

Marion Riddick was employed as attendance counselor for 1965-66.

All fees charged pupils at the schools will remain the same as last year except no supplementary book fee will be charged.

A contract submitted to the board by Fenton Hurdle to furnish milk to all school lunchrooms at a cost of .07 per one-half pint was approved.

A 5% increase in salary schedule for janitors and maids with a few adjustments was approved by the board.

Bus drivers for all school buses were approved as submitted by the principals and approved by the superintendent.

Supt. Biggers reviewed for information of board members the work that has been done in preparing for the opening of school September 1. He stated that every school was in good condition and ready for the children. Planning conference was held by Supt. Biggers on Friday, August 20, with all principals and supervisors. All principals are in their offices now and anyone may call on them for information concerning their school.

The driver education program was completed last week. This program gave training instruction to 130 boys and girls. They spent 30 hours of actual driving and 12 hours observing. The three instructors drove more than 13,000 miles in this program.

Supt. Biggers in announcing the completion of the driver training program, thanked the automobile dealers of Perquimans County for their part in providing cars. A Ford was furnished by Towe Motor Company and a Chevrolet by the Hollowell Chevrolet Company.

On Friday, August 20, the superintendent had a meeting of all principals and supervisors in his office for the purpose of planning details necessary for a successful opening of schools.

There will be a meeting of all teachers in the county

**Meeting Slated By Cancer Group**

The Perquimans County unit of the American Cancer Society will hold its quarterly meeting on Monday, August 30 at 7:30 in the Municipal Building.

Dr. R. L. Poston, program chairman, will have an interesting film to be shown and invite the general public to attend this meeting.

## Police Cruisers Have Blue Lights

The Hertford Police Department has equipped the local patrol cars with new lights; they are blue. When you see a car displaying them you will know that they are law enforcement officers, and that the blue lights mean for you to stop.

The new lights were recently installed as part of a program designed to more readily identify police vehicles and distinguish them from other emergency vehicles which will continue the use of the red flashing lights.

The use of blue lights on the law enforcement cars was enacted by the last legislature after recommendations from law enforcement associations and others concerned, including traffic safety organizations who felt that some means of more readily identifying police cars was necessary.



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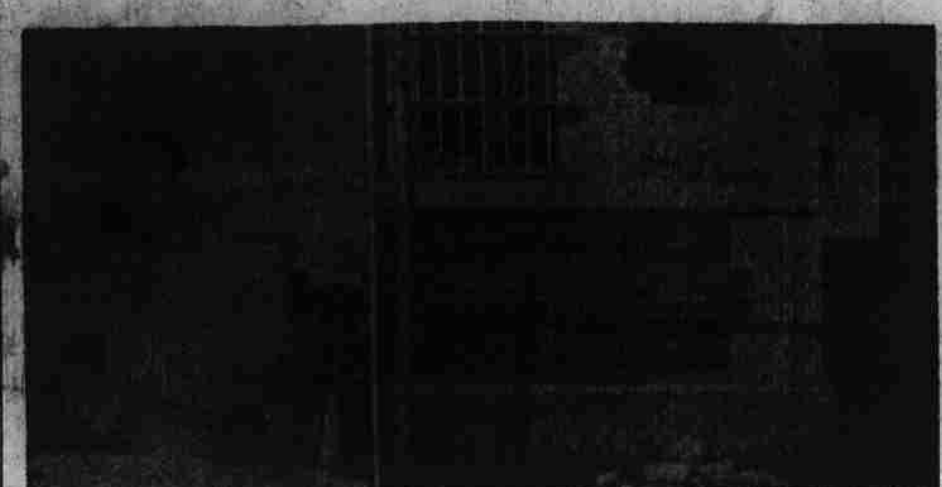
## Market Hogs Are In Demand

1965 has been a profitable year for those farmers that have had market hogs to sell. Top hogs have been selling for about 20 cents for several weeks and have been as high as 25c per lb. Even with the prices like this there are still unprofitable breeding stock kept on many farms. The prospects for good prices in 1966 appear very good and with the present price as high as it is, there is a wonderful opportunity for hog producers to cull out the sows and boars that have not proven to be good breeding stock. This includes old sows that do not have many pigs or boars, where pigs do not grow as fast as they should or do not have the type that the market desires. There are many times where the money from an old sow will replace a bred gilt in your herd.

There are a couple of sales coming up in the next few weeks in Perquimans County. On Friday, September 3 at 1:00 on the farm of C. C. Chappell & Son in Belvidere, they are offering for sale 25 boars, 50 open gilts, and 25 gilts of the Duroc breed. On Tuesday, September 7, at 1:00 P. M., at their farm, they are offering for sale Black Poland China Gilts and Boars. This will give producers in the Albemarle Area a wonderful opportunity to get new breeding stock on the farm.

"If you have not done so, we would suggest that you look through your herd and decide if you are interested in culling or replacing," states Mr. R. M. Thompson, County Extension Chairman.

Catalogs for these sales are available by contacting Clarence Chappell, Jr., Rt. 3, Belvidere, N. C.



The above photo of the Perquimans County Jail was taken last Saturday morning when it was found that Link O'Neal, being held in the jail for murder of his wife, had removed bricks from his cell and escaped. O'Neal is shown following his arrest and return to the jail. He left Wednesday for a 90-day road stretch meted out Tuesday for breaking jail.

## Jack Williams Award Winner

Jack Williams, Elizabeth City studio photographer, today won eight convention ribbon awards, including a blue ribbon award, thereby earning a certificate of credit toward the Degree of Fellow of Photography from the Virginia Professional Photographers' Association. All of Williams' studies won ribbons in competition with 393 entries and are on display at the VPPA convention salon. They were judged by a panel of master photographers from the national association of Professional Photographers of America.

Williams won a blue ribbon for his outstanding black and white Madonna bridal portrait of Mrs. Grace Townson Grasty of Charlotte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Townson, Jr., of Edenton.

Williams also won second place red ribbons in "direct-color pictorial" photography, featuring a Carolina swamp stream near Hertford; "direct-color illustrative," featuring an antique fighter aircraft; and in "direct-color of women," featuring an outdoor portrait of Mrs. Marge Hall of Elizabeth City.

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## Trueblood Child Dies Tuesday

Ricky Wayne Trueblood, Jr., infant son of Ricky Wayne and Mrs. Doris Lowe Trueblood of Winfall, died Tuesday morning in Albemarle Hospital.

Surviving besides his parents are his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lowe of Gatesville; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Trueblood of Winfall and his paternal great grandmother, Mrs. Annie Hurdle.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at 10:30 in Cedarwood Cemetery by Rev. Frank Parham, pastor of the Epworth Methodist Church.

The casket pall was made of pink roses, white carnations and fern.

## Riddick Reports Sale Of Bonds

Cash sales of U. S. Savings Bonds in Perquimans County amounted to \$2,138 in July. For the first seven months of this year E and H Bonds' total totaled \$25,493, which represents 43.9 per cent of the county's bond quota for this year, according to a report received today from R. M. Riddick, Perquimans County volunteer bond chairman.

State-wide, bond sales for July were \$4,046,178. Cumulative sales for the year totaled \$30,323,518. This is 57.1 per cent of the state's annual quota of \$53,000,000.

Percentage-wise, sales in the state were off 5 per cent in July and for January through July showed a decline of less than 2 per cent.

## Link O'Neal Is Captured

Link O'Neal, 35-year-old man being held in the Perquimans County jail, charged with the murder of his wife, was given a 90-day road sentence in Perquimans County Recorder's Court here Tuesday by Judge Charles E. Johnson.

O'Neal broke out of his cell in the Perquimans jail sometime Friday night. He removed the bricks from the wall and escaped. He was picked up in Elizabeth City Monday morning by Police Chief W. C. Owens and Officer George Boyce.

He was tried Tuesday morning on charges of breaking out of jail, destroying county property, removing mortar and bricks from the side of the jail building.

Probable cause was found in the case charging Arthur Lee Jones, 18, with breaking, entering and larceny at the home of Jake L. White, Jr., on Route 1, Hertford.

The remainder of the docket consisted of traffic violations; Robert R. Morgan, charged with reckless driving, was fined \$25 and court costs.

Milton J. Walker, charged without a valid operator's license, was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Willie C. Hughes, charged with speeding, was fined \$25.25 and costs; Jerry T. Daugherty, speeding, \$10.25 and costs; John L. Fayton, speeding, \$10 and costs; Rhonda Lee Dewitt, speeding, \$10.25 fine and costs.

Braxton Y. Godfrey, Jr., driving faster than reasonable and prudent under existing conditions, \$5.25 fine, plus the court costs.

Richard O. Bell, failing to drive same on right half of roadway, court costs.

Ernest W. Larkin, III, improper passing, costs of court.

Elisha D. Russell, without having a valid license, \$25 fine and court costs.

Jeremiah Peele, improper passing, court costs.

Robert R. Boyce, improper muffler, court costs.

William R. Ashley, Jr., failing to give proper turn signal before turning, court costs.

Mitchell D. Edwards, without a valid chauffeur's license, court costs.

Gene O. Yohn, failure to drive same right side of highway, court costs.

Charlie L. Welch, failure to stop at a duly erected stop sign, court costs.

## Secondary Roads Funds Announced

Perquimans County shared in the \$16 million secondary road funds with \$54,700 allotted. The number of unpaved miles of roads in Perquimans as of January 1, 1965, was 98.3. The county allocation being \$54,700 for the fiscal year 1965-66.

The money was allotted on the basis of number of miles of secondary roads in the state which was divided into the money available.

## A Look Backward

**As Found In The Perquimans Weekly Files of Yesteryear**

**AUGUST 1938**

**Birthday Dinner:** Mrs. G. W. Fields entertained a number of young friends of her son George at a birthday dinner on Monday evening. Those invited were: Miss Ruth Nachman, Virginia White, Grace Knowles, Mary Thad Chappell, Alice Roberson, Lila Budd Stephens, Margaret Broughton, Marguerite Ward, Ruth Hollowell, Mae Wood Pierce, Hatie Pearl Nowell, Frances Newby, Anna Penelope Tucker, Ruth Winslow, Genevieve White, Anne Tullis Felton, Julia Broughton, Ellie MaWhite, Katherine Jessup, Nancy Darden, Blanche Moore Berry, Marie Anderson, Katherine Leigh, Mary Morris, Annie Miller of Elizabeth City, Dorothy Hollowell of Hobbsville, Julia Campen of Ahoskie, and Bill Cox, William White, MacMullan White, Hollowell Nixon, Tim Brinn, William Hardcastle, Billy Umphlett, Fred Campen, Charles Clark Paul Tucker, Jarvis Ward Herman Ward, Clarke Stokes Zach Harris, Watt Winslow James Divers, Darius Elliott, Frank Jessup, Charles Harrell, David Broughton Harrell Johnson, Durwood Reed, Zach White, Buddy Cannon, James Robert White Ben Koonce and Haywood Divers.

**Miss Edith Everett Chosen To Represent Perquimans in Beauty Queen Pageant:** Miss Edith Everett has been chosen "Miss Perquimans" to represent this county in the celebration of the opening of the Albemarle Sound Bridge on August 25.

**Arthur Elliott, 53, Dies in Yeopim Section:** Burial services for Arthur Elliott, 53-year-old man of the Yeopim section, who died at his home early Monday were conducted Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

**Hertford Streets Flooded During Storm Tuesday:** A 60-minute downpour Tuesday afternoon, preceded by high winds and accompanied by twilight darkness, sluiced streets and overworked gutters. Unable to handle the torrent, storm sewers carried away all the water they could and left the excess to completely cover sections of Market, Church and Grubb Streets.

**Lindsey Warren Notified President Favors Project Fave Streets-Sidewalks:** The WPA notified Representative Lindsey Warren at his home in Washington, N. C., Monday that street and sidewalk projects had been approved by the Comptroller General. According to Fred Chalk, head of the WPA in Perquimans County, the approval will mean that work can begin in September on the laying of approximately four miles of sidewalk in Hertford.

**Southern Cotton Oil Leading Business in Perquimans County:** The local plant of the huge Southern Cotton Oil Company is operating 24 hours a day for the next few weeks clearing away 23 hundred tons of last year's soy bean harvest to make room for cotton seed. During each

**WOODLAND REVIVAL**

Revival services will be held at Woodland Methodist Church beginning August 29 through September 3 at 8 o'clock.

The visiting evangelist will be Rev. Jimmie Jones pastor of the Methodist Church at Jacksonville, N. C. Special music will be presented each evening from visiting choirs. An invitation is extended to the public by the pastor, Rev. Claude Wil-

**MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED**

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Chappell announce the marriage of their daughter Leslie Marie to Donald Edward Sawyer, son of Mrs. Estelle Collins of Tyner. A September 4 wedding is planned.

## New Library Dedication Set

The new library building at Mills Home in Thomasville, N. C., will be opened to the public, August 22, and dedicated at a later date. The new building was erected from the estate of the late Mrs. Margaret "Madge" Gregory Sadler, a native of Hertford and sister of M. J. Gregory, prominent local businessman who died suddenly at 6 A. M., Tuesday of this week. Mrs. Sadler died in the summer of 1960.

Margaret (Madge) Gregory Sadler was born in 1887 and grew up in the town of Hertford. The family attended regularly the services of the Hertford Baptist Church, where Madge Gregory received a lasting impression made by the one-month offering for the orphanage.

After graduation from Meredith College, she taught school in a rural community near Royston, Ga. A well-grown youth, with determination and pluck, by the name of Leland Sadler, was one of Miss Gregory's pupils. He fell in love with his teacher and persuaded her to marry him.

Leland Sadler was a shrewd businessman and made money that came into his hands yield a good income. He built several oil stations and became a distributor for the Pure Oil Company in Anderson, Ga. When he died in 1954, he left his affairs in good order. The will stipulated that \$40,000 in cash should go to an adopted daughter, Dorothy, and the remainder of his estate to his widow.

This, Mrs. Sadler was surprised to find, indicated that he had been wealthy. That, however, did not alter the frugal manner in which she and her husband had lived; but it did cause her to consider what ought to be done with a bequest probably as large as that given in cash to their daughter.

She reasoned that half of the estate belonged to her, as she had lived with her husband through the years as his partner, and told her lawyer that she wanted to give her half "to a charitable cause back in my home state of North Carolina." Her attorney suggested that he would prepare the will accordingly, but suggested that she name a particular cause. At that point memories of her childhood crowded back, and she said, "When I was a little girl in Sunday School back in Hertford, we used to take up an offering once each month for the Baptist Orphanage. I want to give my money to the orphanage."

The wise attorney suggested that she visit the Children's Homes to see for herself if this was what she wanted. In the spring of 1959 a car unannounced drove slowly through the grounds of Mills Home and a little lady peered out eagerly to see the grounds and buildings. The car stopped at the home of the General Manager, Dr. W. R. Wagoner. Without telling those with her what she planned, she asked them to wait a few minutes and walked up to the door. Dr. Wagoner received her courteously and Mrs. Sadler told him why she had come.

When she got back in Anderson she told her attorney, "I was pleased with everything I saw and with the way they are doing things there. I am ready to sign my will. A little over a year after that, in 1960, Mrs. Sadler died. The settling of the estate brought an amount sufficient to erect a building at Mills Home. The trustees rightly felt it could be used to put up a larger library, and today one of the

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**AUXILIARY MEETING NEXT THURSDAY NIGHT**

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet next Thursday night, September 2, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Noah P. Gregory with Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Vera Batten as joint hostesses.

**MASONS MEET TUESDAY**

Perquimans Lodge No. 106, A. F. & M., will meet Tuesday night in the lodge room in the Perquimans County Court House at 8 o'clock.

## Eddie Williams Is Back Home Safely Following Bike Ride



## M. J. Gregory Taken In Death

Mark Judson Gregory, 72, prominent retired merchant of Hertford, died suddenly Tuesday morning at 6:30 at his home, 127 West Grubb Street. A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of Mark Doctrine and Mrs. Mary Fleetwood Gregory. Before his retirement, he was associated with Gregory's 5 and 10 Cent Store.

The above photo of M. J. "Mark" Gregory was taken when he received his nomination for a seat on the Hertford Town Council in April of 1939. Mr. Gregory served on the Hertford Town Board until April, 1951.

He was a member of the Hertford Baptist Church, where he was permanent deacon and for many years served as chairman of the Board of Deacons, was a trustee and a member of the Brotherhood. He attended Mars Hill College.

Surviving is his wife, Mrs. Pencie Hunter Gregory; two daughters, Mrs. Willie Ainsley and Mrs. Eugenia Beck, and four grandchildren, all of Hertford.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at 4:30 in Cedarwood Cemetery by Rev. Norman Harris, pastor of Hertford Baptist Church.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that anyone desiring may make a contribution to the Heart Fund.

The casket pall was made of white chrysanthemums, white stock, white carnations, baby's breath and fern.

Pallbearers were T. P. Byrum, Clinton Eley, Carroll Williams, Jake Chesson, Jim Bass and Dick Brewer.

Honorary pallbearers were James Sawyer, Zack Phillips, James Copeland, Noah Gregory, Tom Madre, John Biggers, Thomas Dail, Carroll Holmes, Warner Madre, Dan Berry, D. J. Pritchard, Luther Sitterson, John Ward and G. C. Buck.

**Nurses Training Is Completed**

Miss Judy Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Reed, Jr., received her certificate upon finishing her nursing course last Friday night in the College of the Albemarle School of Practical Nursing.

The exercises were held in the College of the Albemarle's new school gymnasium with a reception afterwards in the foyer of the gymnasium.

Eddie Williams, handsome 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, who reside at the old Walters home just over the Walters Creek bridge, is back home all safe and sound. However, his transportation (a brand new bright red English bike) has been locked up for the time being by his parents.

Last Friday evening late, or about 5 o'clock, Eddie decided to ride his bike to his grandfather's home near Belvidere. Without a word to anyone, Eddie rode down U. S. 17, turned left in front of the Kelly White home and proceeded to Belvidere via of Chapel Hill. He stopped at a service station, bought himself something to eat and traveled on, reaching the home of his grandfather, Benford Copeland, about 7 o'clock. On the way and pretty close to his destination, his grandfather passed Eddie but didn't recognize him, not expecting to see him riding his bike that far from home, as there was another little boy in the neighborhood who rode his bike along the road occasionally.

So Mr. Copeland went on to the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, Eddie's parents. Eddie went on to bed in the home of his grandfather and slept in granddad's bed. Mr. Copeland slept in Eddie's bed. Neither knowing the whereabouts of the other, Eddie thought, though, when his grandfather passed him, that he would be right back home in Belvidere.

Back at the Williams' home in Hertford the Police Department had been alerted that Eddie was missing. The Police Department, Fire Department and folks from all over the town and county began searching for Eddie in the rain. Every street was walked, all the roads, the new road to the new bridge and the new bridge, the sand pits and from all reports every bush and ditch in the county was looked into.

The Fire Department got out the grappling hooks and began searching the river. Eddie loves to fish and is a familiar sight on the lawn of the Williams home, fishing at the edge with the company of two handsome bird dogs.

It rained, stormed and the searching continued until the wee hours, then ceased to begin again at 5 o'clock. However, Eddie woke up about 5 A. M., crawled out of bed and back on his bike and was touring back home, when he was met by some Hertford people who were leaving on a trip and who knew the boy was missing, so they stopped at the nearest phone and called the Williams home and Eddie was picked up and taken home.

(Editor's Note: We know that Eddie should have told his parents where he was going, or ask their permission — however, this must have slipped this bright boy's mind. Had we known that Eddie was missing, we would have been among the other distressed folks in town, as Eddie is one of my fishing pals. We didn't know until next morning when he was back home all safe and sound. We are extremely happy that this story can be written with a happy ending — and here and now, we remind you children to please, please get permission from your parents before you go any place — it's a good old world but has some mean people in it and that's where the danger lurks. You just may be the victim of one of these people, or any number of things that could happen to you away from home and away from the loving protection of your parents.)

**BETHANY REVIVAL**

The revival at Bethany Methodist Church at Belvidere begins Sunday night, August 29, at 7:30 and will continue through Friday night, September 3. Rev. Bobby Lamb of Riverdale Methodist Church, Elizabeth City, will be the guest speaker. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 7**

Perquimans County Commissioners voted at their August meeting to hold September meeting on Tuesday after Labor Day September 7, beginning at 10 o'clock in the Court House.

Persons desiring to confer with the Board are requested to note the time and place of the meeting.

**ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND**

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