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## Group Plans To Ask For Resignations Of Local Board Members

A committee of public spirited citizens of Perquimans County told The Perquimans Weekly today, that they were in the process of circulating the following petition in behalf of John T. Biggers, Perquimans County Schools Superintendent:

"It has become increasingly apparent in daily contacts with the citizens of Perquimans County that the overwhelming public sentiment of these citizens dictate that there be a change in the personnel of the Perquimans County School Board.

"It is becoming increasingly apparent also that there can be no close cooperation between certain members of the school board, now a majority, and the superintendent of schools, Mr. John T. Biggers, in the formulation and activation of school plans and functions, these being the proper duties of the county superintendent. He must exercise the authority of such office without the encroachment on such duties by any member of the school board, acting without proper authority, and the intimidation by any member of the school board.

"It is also most undesirable to replace any superintendent of schools of any county so near to the beginning of the school year of 1965-66. The chaos which this would bring about would do great damage to the efficiency of such a school system and interfere with the proper instruction of the pupils of that system. However, we may look at the problems which have been forced upon Perquimans County by the present school board, the major concern of that of the superintendent of schools is that the education of our children should not be hurt. They are the first concern and that is the main fight.

"Since it is believed the above to be true and since it is believed that the overwhelming majority of the sentiment is in favor of the retention of Mr. John Biggers, and since it is believed that the resolution appearing in The Perquimans Weekly and The Daily Advance thoroughly represents the views of the people of Perquimans County, it is hereby suggested that those members of the Perquimans County School Board who have indicated by their actions that they are not able to cooperate with their elected superintendent forthwith submit their resignations that others may be appointed thereby making it possible for the entire school board to function constructively with the superintendent of schools for the benefit of the school children in Perquimans County."

## Bloodmobile To Visit Hertford

The bloodmobile will make its visit here on Monday, September 13, according to Co-Chairmen John Beers and Sidney Harmon.

The mobile unit will be set up in the Hertford Methodist Church from 12 o'clock noon until 6 P. M.

The co-chairmen urge you to make plans to visit the bloodmobile and contribute a pint of life-saving blood. When you donate blood, you don't lose it. Nature will replace your blood volume in just a few hours. During your medical examination, if it is determined that donating blood would be unsafe for you at this time (in any way), you will be thanked for your good intentions and asked to return at the next visit.

The Red Cross Program always protects two people—the person donating blood and the sick or injured person receiving the transfusion. Remember, a healthy person can donate blood five times a year, at two month intervals, with no harmful effects. As usual, following your blood donation, refreshments will be served.

## Agent Seeking Soil Samples

"It is a good time of the year for farmers to get soil samples for the coming year" according to R. M. Thompson, County Extension Chairman. Much of the early corn has been picked and the Soil Bank land probably diked and the soil sampling laboratory in Raleigh is not over-run so that reports can be returned rather rapidly. It is also a good time to put out lime, especially if bulk spreading of lime is being done, because the weather is dry enough for trucks to get in the field. Lime also does not leach in the winter rains and will be readily available in the spring and will be worth more to you in 1966 if it is applied in the fall of 1965.

The fertilizer dealers in Perquimans County—Hertford Livestock and Supply Co., J. F. Hollowell and Son, Albemarle Chemical Company, Hertford Farmers Exchange, Towne-Pike, and W. S. Winslow, and Fred E. Smith have offered assistance in getting these samples taken and if they are left at the Agricultural Building in Hertford, arrangements can be made where postage will not have to be paid in order to get these samples to Raleigh. The Soil sampling cartons are at the Agricultural Building in Hertford, and if you have bought a map through the ASCS Office of your farm, it would be a good idea to number the samples and your fields the same. Then you could keep them in a file so that you would have a permanent record of each field and the fertilizer history of that field. "We would like to suggest that you talk this over with your fertilizer dealer and make arrangements to get your samples at a time that is convenient with both of you, so that you can make all the fertilizer preparations that you need for 1966," further states Mr. Thompson.

## FHA Council Holds Meeting

The Executive Council of the Perquimans County High School FHA held a meeting on August 27 to discuss plans for the coming year. An impromptu discussion was held on what programs would be used at the monthly meetings as well as the setting up of projects they plan to carry out.

The programs for the new year are centered around "Building Blocks for the Future". Special projects include magazine drive, FHA float, Mother-Daughter Banquet, scholarship fund, a luncheon for the school program, and a nursing home project.

Those attending the meeting were: Miss Frances Newby, Betsy Kirby, Delphine White, Sharman Taylor, Debbie Stokely, Linda Harrell, Helen Overton, Aileen Beck and Carolyn White.

## BOARD MEETING

The executive board of the Hertford Grammar School PTA will meet Thursday night, September 9, at 8 o'clock in the Hertford Grammar School library.

Mrs. Dan Berry, president, urges all board members to be present.



**HERTFORD'S LOW RENT HOUSING PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION:** Shown in the above photos are the two low rent housing projects under construction here. The picture to the left shows the project located on King Street, west of Cedarwood Cemetery consisting of nine buildings reaching completion. The other photo is of the project at the lower south end of Church Street. This project is just getting underway.

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## MEETING POSTPONED

The WSCS of the First Methodist Church will hold its September meeting on Monday, September 13 instead of September 6. Members are urged to take note of this change.

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## SECOND CHILD

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Spivey announce the birth of their second child, a son, named Kevin Trotman, born Tuesday, August 10, 1965, at Chowan Hospital. Mrs. Spivey is the former Margaret Copeland of Ryland.



**Punt, Pass, Kick Contest Planned:** Perquimans County area boys from 8 through 12 can pit their football skills against thousands of other boys throughout the nation in the fifth annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition which will culminate with a trip to Washington, D. C., and to an appearance at the National Football League Play-Off Bowl game for the top 12 winners.

## Cpl. Meiggs Gives Statement

Cpl. Lem Meiggs of District 2, Troop A of the State Highway Patrol, said in the coming Labor Day weekend, although the safety message is an old, old story, the tragedy that continues to strike many happy families during a holiday is an old one, too. The tragedy about numerous holiday deaths is that so many of them could have been prevented by simple attention to a few tested rules.

With the assistance of the motorists, Cpl. Meiggs is again reminding the public how they can enjoy a safe trip on the forthcoming Labor Day weekend.

More than 30,000 teenagers in driver-education classes of 780 high schools across the country will drive more safely this Labor Day weekend because of what they've learned from their training.

With schools reopened and the Labor Day weekend, travel will be heavy, and caution and observance of every rule in the book is urged, to protect the driver and passengers and to protect our precious school children.

On Labor Day weekend 1964, Troop A, District II, experienced a total of 11 traffic highway accidents, killing three and injuring six. This is a needless waste of life on our highways, Cpl. Meiggs said. If the motorist had been a little more careful and more alert these tragedies would not have happened.

This year the Highway Patrol will continue its policy over the Labor Day weekend by all its personnel putting forth every effort to curtail the needless loss of life and property damage. An additional 29 troopers have recently graduated from Patrol School and these troopers will be on duty also.

In seeking help, the Highway Patrol has appeared before civic clubs and organizations asking for their help by appealing to their members to set a good example of highway safety. Just as by the use of this newspaper the Patrol is appealing to you as a reader and motorist to practice highway safety.

The Labor Day weekend coming up will mean 78 hours of holiday leisure time for most North Carolinians. Remember one moment of carelessness behind the wheel can make a lifetime of regret. Let's let "our holiday" end on the calendar, not on the highway.

## Many Registered At Conference

More than 250 elementary school teachers, administrators and consultants from 30 Eastern North Carolina counties came to East Carolina College Thursday for a conference on school improvement.

Under the direction of Dr. W. B. Sugg of Raleigh, in charge of the Comprehensive School Improvement Project (CSIP) of the State Department of Public Instruction, the conference was the final of three such programs held on a regional basis across the state this week.

Participants heard an outline of the possibility and purposes of CSIP and a report on the first year of the project's operation (1964-65) when 95 North Carolina elementary schools were involved.

They were also told that the project had been expanded to include 195 schools during the 1965-66 school term. The project, sponsored jointly by the State Department of Public Instruction and the Ford Foundation, involves the first, second and third grades.

Helping with arrangements for the Thursday conference were Dr. Douglas R. Jones, dean of the ECC School of Education and members of his staff.

Staff members of 10 elementary schools in Eastern North Carolina took part in the all-day program. The schools thus represented were Belhaven; Sheep-Harney, Elizabeth City; Elm-hurst, Greenville; Thompson, Jacksonville; Morehead City; Riverview, Murfreesboro; Carver, Pinetops; Hunter, Raleigh; Battle, Rocky Mount, and Lake Forest, Wilmington.

Conference participants included: Perquimans County, Thomas Maston, principal; Mrs. Margaret Maston, supervisor; Mrs. Atha E. Tunnell, teacher Perquimans Central Grammar School.

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## New Teachers Join Faculty

One hundred Perquimans County School teachers attended first county-wide teachers' meetings on Monday, August 30.

Superintendent John T. Biggers greeted the returning teachers and welcomed 19 new teachers who will be in the county for the first time. This is eight more teachers than were employed last year.

The superintendent discussed for information school policies and procedures for the new school term. He outlined briefly new and potential programs designed to strengthen and improve educational opportunities for our children.

On Tuesday 33 school buses were assigned to well-trained boys and girls. This is one more bus than was operated last year. This year, for the first time, all school buses are equipped with fire extinguishers and each driver has been instructed in the proper method for using the extinguishers.

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## ASCS Committee Election Underway; Ballots Due Sept. 10

Bobby S. Heath, manager of Perquimans ASCS County Office, announced today ASC Committee elections are being held by mail in Perquimans County in 1965. Candidates nominated are as follows:

Belvidere—Emerson R. Asbell, Willard F. Baker, Clarence C. Chappell, Jr., Walter Murray Parker, Robert Phthisic, Herman Small, Louis L. Spivey.

Bethel—Lawrence Corpew, Richard Harrell, Colon S. Jackson, Clifton Jones, Emmett B. Long, Warner L. Madre, Jimmy Sawyer.

Hertford—Maurice Weldon Byrum, Grant Dail, Clarence Felton, Johnny Hollowell, Irvin C. Long, Carroll R. Williams, Oras W. Winslow.

New Hope—Clarence Burke, Belvin Eure, Melvin Eure, Robert W. Turner, Guy H. (Tuck) Webb, Jacob Willis, J. Elmer Wood, Jr.

Nicanor—Lester J. Baker, Clyde E. Lane, Jr., Quincy Riddick, Seldon Rountree, Linwood Twine, Lassiter (Shoe) White, Lyndon O. White, Clifford Winslow.

Parkville—George Armstrong, A. Tom Banks, Herbert Jennings, J. Lawrence Perry, Julian R. Mathews, Wallace H. Morgan, W. Raymond Stanton.

Ballots were mailed to all eligible voters on record on August 31, 1965. Eligible voters not receiving ballots may obtain a ballot by visiting the County ASCS Office in Hertford.

September 10, 1965 is the final date for voters to mail or return ballots to the Perquimans County ASCS Office at Hertford.

The Perquimans County ASC Committee will publicly count the ballots on September 15, 1965, at 10:00 A. M. in the Agricultural Building in Hertford. The public is invited to witness the vote counting.

The County ASCS Committee is responsible for settling questions on election procedures, or eligibility to vote or hold office. Such determinations of the County Committee may be appealed to the State Committee.

Farmers voting in the coming community elections have received an envelope containing a ballot and two envelopes. The farmers should vote for five persons listed on the ballot and insert the ballot into the blank envelope. The blank envelope should then be inserted in the envelope addressed to the county ASCS office. He should sign the certification on the back of the envelope and drop in the mail. Please remember that only one ballot can be placed in the return envelope since every voter must sign the certification. If a husband and wife are each eligible to vote, each must return their ballot in separate envelopes.

When the ballots are received in the county ASCS office, the envelope will be checked to be sure the voter is eligible to vote. The blank envelope containing the ballot will then be removed from the larger envelope and placed with all the other ballots. Each ballot will, therefore, lose its identity before its tabulation. The county ASCS committee will publicly open and tabulate all ballots on September 15. At this time, none of the ballots will bear any identification of the person voting. It is necessary that each person voting sign the certification on the envelope in which the ballot is returned. If the certification is not signed the ballot inside will not be tabulated. Any person signing by mark must have his mark witnessed.

## Mrs. Blaine Escapes Injury

Mrs. Teresa Barring Blaine, 65, of Edenton escaped possible serious injury in an accident on the Hertford Causeway Sunday afternoon, when a Ford sedan she was driving went out of control as it came off the Causeway, knocked down several guard posts before striking a telephone pole and overturned in the shallow edge of the Perquimans River.

State Highway Patrolman B. R. Insoce investigated the accident. Mrs. Blaine came out of the wreckage shaken up but not injured. She was charged with reckless driving as a result of the accident.

## Transit Faces Break-In Count

Judge Charles E. Johnson found probable cause in a hearing here Tuesday morning in Perquimans County Recorder's Court in a case in which a transit Vicent A. Shinsky was charged with breaking and entering at the home of Mrs. Joe White, located near Woodville on the Hertford-Elizabeth City highway.

Shinsky who was traveling by bicycle through this county, stopped at Mrs. White's home and pulled the screen door on the back of the home with some force as to pull the eye and hook from the door. The woman called the sheriff and the man was picked up at Oak Point Service Station where he had traveled on and was working on his bicycle. He told the sheriff that he wanted a drink of water at the White home. Bond was set at \$500 and the man was remanded to the Perquimans Jail to await trial in the Superior term of court.

Evaluate Gray Miller, charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants, was fined \$100 and taxed with court costs.

The following were charged with exceeding the speed limit: Eli A. Phelps, Jr., Wm. P. White, George C. Yates, James B. Carter, \$5.25 each plus the court costs; Isaac Whedbee, \$6.25 plus the costs; Charlie Jordan, Willie Lee Jones, \$10.25 each plus the court costs; Donald C. Taylor \$7.25 and costs.

Ellis Hoffer, charged without a valid operator's or chauffeur's license, was fined \$25.00 and court costs.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case charged John Kay Whitehurst with speeding.

Sandra J. Harden, failure to drive same right half of highway, court costs.

Russell P. George, Jr., improper passing, court costs.

Pearline Riddick, drunk on the streets of Winfall and disturbing the peace, \$10 fine and court costs.

Rufus C. Dillard, failure to stop at a duly erected stop sign, court costs.

Blondie H. Overton, improper muffler, was taxed with the costs.

## Talk Scheduled By Missionaries

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thesias, missionaries from the Methodist Conference serving in Korea, were the special guests of the WSCS meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Miller this week.

The missionaries reported to the local group on a little Korean boy that the local WSCS is caring for. The visitors also gave talks and showed films to the group present.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLOSED SEPTEMBER 16-17

The Perquimans County Health Department will be closed September 16-17 for the purpose of attending the North Carolina Association of Public Health being held in Durham. The local department will remain closed until Friday, September 20, when it will be back on schedule.

## Motorists Asked To Drive Safely

Dear Mr. Motorist: The Perquimans Weekly and the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles hopes you will heed the message in these two lines as the autumn driving season begins: Save a life and you'll never regret it. Take a life and you'll never forget it.