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New Projects Under Way For Perquimans

Weekly Pay Roll of \$650 Will Be Materially Increased

ALL AT WORK

Added Projects Will Give Jobs to All Unemployed

The sum of six hundred and fifty dollars was paid out for ERA labor in Perquimans last week, and next week the amount is to be increased. Within the next four weeks a large number of men will be put to work on drainage projects and malaria control projects.

At present practically all of the unemployed labor around town is being taken care of, with 42 men working in malaria control, draining and flushing marshes around the town. This work has been going on for the past four weeks. The men are given two days work each week.

Projects which will be begun shortly, according to Corbin Dozier, who has charge of the work, will include one in the Nisanor section of the county, for flood control, from the Swamp Road to Mill Run Swamp. Forty men will be employed here for about two months.

In Bear Swamp the main lateral leading into the drainage canal is to be cleaned out. This will require about 20 men for six or eight weeks. In the Bagley Swamp section, where the largest drainage or flood control project will be undertaken, 50 men will be required to work for six months.

A pond to be drained in the village of Belvidere, for malaria control, will require 20 men for something like six weeks, Mr. Dozier said.

Local Girls Make Good Record At Greensboro

Nancy Coke Darden and Anne Tullis Felton, who took part in the Music Achievement Meet held at Greensboro on Saturday, won second and third places in classification.

These young girls, instead of having had a year's preparation for the test, only had eight weeks under their teacher, Miss Kate M. Blanchard, who accompanied them on the trip and who was much gratified at their splendid showing.

Nancy Coke is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Darden. Anne Tullis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Felton.

New Hope P. T. A. Holds Meeting

The P. T. A. of New Hope school held its regular monthly meeting Friday evening, March 22, at the church.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. S. T. Perry, who in turn conducted the devotional. The program was opened by singing "America." A P. T. A. creed was given by Mrs. W. E. Dail.

Mrs. W. C. Barclift gave an interesting talk on "Success."

Special music was rendered by Mary Belle, Lloyd and Myra Turner and Celia Blanche Dail. Messrs. Hobson and George Turner sang a duet, "Whispering Hope."

At the close of the meeting delicious home-made candy was served.

Dr. and Mrs. Sikes Expected Next Week

Dr. Earl Sikes and Mrs. Sikes, of Hanover, N. H., are expected to arrive in Hertford on Thursday of next week to visit Mrs. Sikes' mother, Mrs. Herbert Newby, and her sister, Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Jr. The couple will also probably visit Dr. Sikes' parents, Rev. T. A. Sikes and Mrs. Sikes, at Ayden.

Mrs. Sikes will remain in the South for some time. Dr. Sikes will return at the close of the spring holidays of Dartmouth College, where he is head of the Department of Economics.

MRS. GAITHER BETTER

Mrs. W. G. Gaither has been quite sick with an attack of bronchitis. She is somewhat improved but is still confined to her bed.

NEW HOPE LADY ILL

Miss Clara White, prominent New Hope lady, is quite sick. Miss White has been confined to her bed for almost four weeks.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF DR. CHARLES WHITE

Practiced Dentistry In Wilmington, Del., Several Years

Funeral services for Dr. Charles Church White, 29, former Winfall resident and member of a prominent Perquimans family, who died at Wilmington, Del., where he had practiced his profession as a dentist for several years, on Friday, were held at the family residence in Winfall on Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. B. P. Robinson, pastor of the Hertford M. E. Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. W. Dimmette, pastor of the Winfall M. E. Church. Burial took place in the family burying ground, near Belvidere.

Music was furnished by the choir of the Winfall M. E. Church. Two selections, "In The Hour of Trial" and "Abide With Me," were sung at the home, and at the grave "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" was sung. The poem, "Crossing the Bar" by Tennyson, was read by Mr. Robinson at the grave.

Active pall-bearers, brothers and brothers-in-law of the deceased, were Elijah White, Howard Baker, L. M. Simpson, J. H. Baker, A. R. Winslow, Jr., and Opal White.

Honorary pallbearers were Cook Winslow, Fred Chalk, Henry Clay Stokes, T. L. Jessup, G. R. Tucker, Dr. Fay Hussey, of Elizabeth City, Ross Bunch, Charles Williford, D. L. Barber, D. R. Trueblood, F. S. Winslow, L. C. Skinner, Julian White and W. G. Hollowell.

The funeral of Dr. White was attended by one of the largest crowds ever in attendance at a funeral here. The young man, who grew up in Winfall, and was well known throughout the entire section, had many friends.

Relatives in Winfall were advised early Friday afternoon of his sudden death, and at that time no particulars were learned as to the cause. An Associated Press dispatch which appeared in the Saturday papers stated that the young man was found dead in bed, a pistol clutched in his hand and a bullet hole in his temple.

No reason was given for the suicide, other than that of ill health. The young man had not been well for some time.

Dr. White was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. White, of Winfall. His death occurred exactly nineteen years after the death of his mother.

Surviving are the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. J. H. Baker, Miss Dona White, Mrs. A. R. Winslow, Jr., Thomas White, Elihu White, and A. White, Jr., all of Winfall; Mrs. L. M. Simpson, of Berkley, Va.; Opal White, of Baltimore, Md.; Elbert White, of Muskogee, Oklahoma; and Joe White, of San Antonio, Texas.

Among the out-of-town people who attended the funeral were: Miss Gertrude McGovern and Mr. Riggins, of Wilmington, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. Opal White and daughter, Sallie Anne, of Baltimore, Md.; Howard Baker, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Simpson, of Berkley, Va.; Miss Maude White, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Daughtry, of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Daughtry and son, George, of Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. Basemore, of Berkley, Va.; Mrs. Mamie White, Miss Mamie White, Miss Margaret Blow, Miss Annie Miller, Mrs. W. D. Miller, Mrs. Jimmie Earnhardt, Mrs. Elbert Baker, Wallace Miller, Jimmy Earnhardt, Jr., Mrs. J. N. Winslow, and Joe Winslow, all of Elizabeth City; Miss Lessie Elliott, of Chapanoke; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith, of Ahokie.

Yeopim Union Meets At Great Hope Church

A meeting of the Yeopim Union will be held at Great Hope Church on Friday and Saturday, sessions to be held both morning and afternoon on each day. Rev. W. F. Cale is on the program to preach the introductory sermon, with Rev. J. T. Byrum, as alternate.

Others on the program include Alphonso Jordan, T. L. Brown, D. S. Dempsey, W. T. C. Briggs, O. J. Murphy, E. L. Wells, B. A. Mitchell, C. R. Holmes and W. J. Berryman.

W. M. MORGAN IMPROVING

W. M. Morgan, Hertford merchant, has been quite sick at his home on Church street for the past week. His condition is somewhat improved.

LOSES VALUABLE HORSE

C. F. Reed lost a valuable horse on Sunday. The horse, one which Mr. Reed purchased this year, died suddenly.

J. M. Newbold, Local Chemist, Completing Analysis Of Soil

Miss Mattie Bert Relfe Bids For Title Of "Miss North Carolina"

Miss Mattie Bert Relfe left Thursday for Winston-Salem to represent Hertford in the finals of the State-wide beauty pageant which will be held there today.

The affair will mark the termination of the movement which began last September for the purpose of choosing "Miss North Carolina" of 1935. There will be approximately 150 towns with contestants in the running for the much coveted title this year.

The several local contests have been sponsored by the high schools of the State. The finals will be sponsored by the Winston-Salem Junior Woman's Club.

Florence Winslow Wins Beauty Contest

The beauty contest which has been going on at Whiteston school for the past four weeks was brought to a close Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Florence Winslow, an attractive little girl in the sixth grade, won the first honor. Barbara Winslow of the third grade was a close second and Joan Winslow of the first grade came third. Other contestants were Madge Lane, Clemma Winslow, Rebecca Dale and Billy White.

This contest aroused much interest in the school and community, and quite a number of relatives and friends of the contestants were present Monday anxiously awaiting the counting of the votes, which were put in a ballot box in sealed envelopes, the contents of which was not made known until after the contest closed.

The purpose of this contest was to raise funds for commencement expenses, a total of \$31 being realized from the contest.

In the spring festival Florence Winslow will be crowned Queen of May. Barbara Winslow will be maid of honor and Joan Winslow will be crown bearer. The other contestants will be the attendants of the queen.

Rotarians Surprise Silas M. Whedbee

Silas M. Whedbee, the newest father in the local Rotary Club, was given a delightful surprise on Tuesday night at the regular meeting and dinner of the club at the Hotel Hertford, when the program was dedicated to him.

A miniature baby in a cradle, about which was attractively placed small spring flowers, formed the cleverly arranged centerpiece.

The program opened with the singing of the old lullaby "Rocky Bye Baby in the Tree Top," sung in chorus. Each member present contributed something to the program, a speech, a bit of rhyme, a witty saying or a clever story. The climax came when the honoree was showered with presents for his little daughter, Mable Martin.

Colored Students Win In Dual Debate

Two students of the Perquimans Training School, an accredited high school for the colored youth of the county, located at Winfall, were victorious in the dual debate held on Friday night at Winfall and Elizabeth City.

The Winfall speakers, Clarice Newby and Ruth Harrell, upheld the affirmative against P. W. Moore; while Molton Zachary and James Lightfoot argued with P. W. Moore's affirmative team in Elizabeth City. Winfall's alternate was James Reid and Mary Felton. Winfall's affirmative won and the negative lost.

Molton Zachary was pronounced to be the best speaker in Elizabeth City and Clarice Newby the best speaker in Winfall. The Perquimans debaters were declared to have produced the best speeches of the evening.

ATTEND FUNERAL IN EDENTON

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Berry and Miss Helen Morgan attended the funeral of their uncle, E. A. Norfleet, held at Edenton on Sunday afternoon, the service being in charge of the Edenton Masonic lodge.

Mr. Norfleet died on Thursday night after a long illness.

Eastern Cotton Oil Co. Received About 2,000 Samples

MUCH INTEREST

Farmers Are Anxious to Know Condition of Their Soil

J. M. Newbold, in charge of the chemical laboratory of the Eastern Cotton Oil Co., with headquarters in Hertford, assisted by his corps of helpers, will shortly finish up the soil analysis for this season which has been carried on in the laboratory since January.

After the crops planted on the lands where the soil has been analyzed and the recommendations made as to the kind and the amount of fertilizer to be used, or during the growing season, Mr. Newbold expects to make an inspection to check up on the results. He will visit the farms on which the recommendations have been carried out to make a first-hand examination. The check-up will even be carried as far as to the tobacco warehouses, in the case of tobacco fertilizer, in order to ascertain whether or not the tobacco grown is of a better grade and whether or not it will actually bring a better price.

It is the first time in the history of the Eastern Cotton Oil Company that these soil analyses have been made, and the first time the service has been available to local farmers.

The Eastern Cotton Oil Company, which, incidentally, had its beginning in Hertford, has even fertilizer plants, distributed over North Carolina and Virginia, and all of the laboratory work is done here under the supervision of Mr. Newbold.

Samples of soil are sent from all sections where the Eastern Cotton Oil Company's fertilizer is sold. Mr. Newbold says that the most distant request for soil analysis was from the state of Ohio.

The routine work is very interesting. A sample of the soil is taken by the salesman from the prospective customer, and the necessary information as to what was grown on the land the previous year, and what kind and how much fertilizer was used, is sent in to the laboratory. With this information before him, the chemist makes the detailed test. The chemist then makes the recommendation, figuring out what kind of fertilizer will be needed for that soil for the particular crop to be grown, and how much per acre will be required, and whether lime is needed on the land, and if so what kind and how much.

It is an interesting piece of work from the chemist's standpoint as well as from the position of the farmer. That the farmers have taken to the idea is evidenced from the number of soil samples analyzed this season, which Mr. Newbold estimates to be around 2,000. Sometimes 40 samples have been analyzed in one day.

Soil experts everywhere are enthusiastic about the soil analysis and the recommendations. Mr. Newbold is no exception. These experiments have been carried on and practical demonstrations made at various experimental stations throughout the country, but as far as can be learned this is the first time that any fertilizer company has furnished this service to the southern farmer. It has been done in the west. Mr. Newbold feels that it is one of the most worthwhile projects ever undertaken from the standpoint of helping the farmer, and he says the service will be of inestimable value to him.

In discussing the matter at length recently Mr. Newbold said that during the summer he expects to make charts which will show all of the elements which each plant draws from the soil. He says that with this information at hand it will be possible to estimate with greater accuracy what elements to add to fertilizers.

Attend Funeral Held At Sanford

Mrs. Ida Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spruill motored to Sanford on Sunday to attend the funeral of Horace Moore, 12, of Brewster, N. Y.

Horace, a native of Sanford, whose father died sometime ago, had recently gone to Brewster to make his home with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moore, former Hertford residents. The boy died on Wednesday from injuries received on Monday when struck by an automobile driven by a hit-and-run driver.

FARMER INCOME INCREASE LARGE

Earnings at Billion Dollars More In 1934 Than In 1933

Farmers of the United States as a whole received close to a billion dollars more cash income in 1934 than in 1933, according to preliminary estimates from several sources, while estimates of their income runs as high as ten billion dollars.

This strong improvement in farmers' income has already been reflected in farm equipment sales, according to figures gathered by Dun and Bradstreet. Sales for 1933 were around \$120,000,000 while sales for 1934 were around \$185,000,000.

The past year was the best in the last decade for the sale of pumps, water tanks, wagon tanks and well drilling equipment. This was manifestly due to the great need for water supply equipment of all kinds in the drought areas.

Need New Equipment
In spite of the great improvement last year, however, practically every farmer is still in need of new equipment. In the past four years sales of farm equipment have averaged around \$250,000,000 a year below the period from 1925 through 1929. This indicates that the farmers are still around one billion dollars behind in their purchases of equipment.

Optimism for the coming year is shown in nearly every statement concerning farm purchases. A survey by "Sales Management" indicates that the greatest improvement for 1935 is to be expected in the East North Central, the West North Central and the South Atlantic states with the Middle Atlantic, the East South Central, the West South Central and the Pacific Coast groups not far behind. Prospects for other sections of the country are good, according to this survey, although not quite up to the expectations for the leaders.

"Case Dismissed"

"Case dismissed," was the quick rejoinder of Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., in Recorder's Court on Wednesday morning, when J. F. Winslow answered "No" to the query of the Judge as to whether or not he had been re-imposed for the over-charge made by the State of North Carolina in the matter of his truck trailer license.

Mr. Winslow had been hauled into court by Traffic Officer G. I. Dail, charged with allowing the trailer of a truck to be used with improper license. The license, according to Mr. Dail, should have been a forty-dollar license, whereas they were a two-dollar license. Mr. Dail testified that the trailer was a factory-made trailer, whereas the license was for a home-made trailer.

Mr. Winslow took the stand and explained that he purchased the license for a home-made trailer, but that he was charged forty dollars for the same. His home-made trailer became unfit for use and he purchased the factory-made vehicle. He said the dealer from whom he purchased the trailer told him the license was adequate and he accordingly transferred the plate to the new trailer.

"And have you received your money back from the State for the over-charge for the license for that first trailer?" asked the Judge. The defendant answered in the negative and it was then the Judge dismissed the case.