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Rose's Store Opens For Business Saturday

Public Invited to Big Informal Opening Friday

30 EMPLOYED

R. M. Matherson Will Act as Manager of New Store

Rose's 5, 10 and 25 Cent Store opens for business in Hertford on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, following an informal opening to be held Friday, both in the afternoon and evening, when the public is invited to visit the store and observe.

The store, which is located in the Towe Building on Church Street, recently occupied by the Grocery Sales Company, has been entirely made over, with extensive repairs and remodeling. Interior decorators rushed their work to completion this week to prepare for the arrangement of the stock which has been arriving during the past two weeks.

Thirty young girls have been employed for the opening, according to the manager, R. M. Matherson, who is looking forward to the usual rush which accompanies the opening of a Rose Store.

The public is invited to visit the store during the informal opening to be held on Friday, the hours being from 4 to 5 in the afternoon, and from 8 to 9 in the evening. No merchandise may be purchased, however, at this time, as the store will not open for business until Saturday morning.

The store opens at 9 o'clock in the morning and closes at 9 in the evening of this week, but after this week it will fall in line with the other stores of the town and open and close at the regular time.

R. M. Matherson, recently of Asheville, who is a native of Hartsville, Ga., is the manager of the Hertford store. The opening is being taken care of by R. W. Thorne, of Henderson, and L. W. Barnes, of Lumberton, assisted by W. H. Proctor, of Kinston, and W. M. Jones, of Edenton.

The Rose organization is headed by a native North Carolinian, Paul H. Rose, formerly of Seaboard, Northampton County, and the growth of the organization has been almost meteoric in the business world, dating back to the spring of 1915, only twenty-one years ago, when Mr. Rose established his first store at Henderson.

Mr. Rose has seen his organization grow until it is now said to be the largest of its kind in the entire South, with eighty-eight stores, doing an annual business of over four million dollars.

Rose stores are located in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia.

A statement of the founder, Paul H. Rose, is significant and probably explains in a large measure the success of the organization. "It is our earnest desire," said Mr. Rose, "to serve the people of the South with the finest merchandise at the lowest prices quality permits, and our ambition to make every customer a friend and to retain that friendship by service and courtesy that is dependable and genuine."

Misses Felton And Darden Entertain

Misses Anne Tullie Felton and Florence Darden entertained their club on Friday evening at the home of the latter, the guests including Misses Margaret Broughton, Marjorie Buck, Nancy Coke Darden, Eva Anne Tucker, James Divers, Bill Cox, Ben Koonce, Watt Winslow and Zack Harris.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hostesses.

Joint Hostesses To Former Miss Farmer

Mrs. C. T. Phillips, Mrs. Josiah Elliott and Mrs. W. J. Farmer were joint hostesses at a miscellaneous shower given on Wednesday night, at the home of Mrs. Farmer, at Bethel, in honor of Mrs. Geo. David Ward, who before her recent marriage was Miss Mary Wilma Farmer.

Games and contests were played, after which the honoree was presented with a large basket filled with beautiful and useful gifts.

Dainty refreshments were served to a large number of guests, including several from Hertford, as well as a number of Bethel residents.

NEWS of the WEEK

America Loses "Face"

Shanghai, China—Chinese honesty is traditional in Far Eastern banking. Therefore, when careful natives placed their savings in Frank J. Raven's pyramid of finance and investment concerns, it was accepted as a tribute to the quiet-living, church-going American, one of China's "mystery men." Nearly a year ago Raven's card house collapsed; thousands of investors were stripped; an American court sitting in Shanghai has just sentenced him to 5 years in an American prison. Other Americans fear loss of China's faith.

Found At Last!

Moscow, Idaho—Bossy, one of John Pearson's Jersey cows, found what humanity has searched for in vain for centuries—a needle in a haystack. An autopsy to discover cause for Bossy's sudden death located the needle piercing her heart.

Poor Need More Food

London, England—Britain's poor on the dole receive about \$6 for man and wife, small additional allowance for each child. Colin Campbell, head of the National Provincial Bank—one of nation's "big five"—appears as unexpected champion of bigger and better meals for the poor, declaring such course would benefit agriculture and industry by putting an extra billion dollars in circulation annually.

Polo Star Out

New York City—Tommy Hitchcock, Jr., by virtue of his 10 goal handicap, is the only polo player in the world rated as "perfect." He has just announced that his banking business will not permit him to play this Spring in the International Matches in England.

Marine Band Walks Out

Washington, D. C.—Approaching Capt. Taylor Branson, with baton raised ready to lead the U. S. Marine Band, a messenger whispered a few words in his ear. Within a few minutes, the band quickly packed up its instruments, decamped from the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense without playing a tune. Explained Navy leaders: the night before the women had listened to former Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby lambast the Administration as teeming with Communists and "conspirators" against the Constitution, which was an "attack on the Commander-in-Chief" of the country's armed forces.

Funeral Wednesday For Mrs. Jackson

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha A. Jackson, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Rogerson, in Chowan County, on Monday were held at the Hertford M. E. Church on Wednesday afternoon. Burial took place in the family burying ground in the country.

Mrs. Jackson, who was a former resident of Hertford, was the widow of the late John Jackson.

Ace-Deuce Contract Club Has Meeting

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Spivey delightfully entertained the Ace-Deuce Contract Club and a few others at four tables of bridge at their home in New Hope Wednesday evening.

High score prizes were awarded to Miss Laura Wood Goodman and J. A. Sawyer. Winners of low score prizes were Mrs. J. A. Sawyer and Robert Spivey.

The hostess, assisted by Miss Naomi Spivey, served a delicious salad course.

Club members playing were: Mrs. J. A. Sawyer, Mrs. C. B. Goodman, Mrs. J. W. Jackson, Mrs. E. M. Perry, and Miss Rebecca Webb.

Additional guests were Miss Laura Wood Goodman, Mrs. Herman Winslow, Mrs. Laura Robinson, J. A. Sawyer, E. M. Perry, C. B. Goodman, Haywood Umphlett, Carson Spivey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spivey.

Use of post-nasal or tobacco beds is receiving a careful test this season in all parts of the State. It is felt that the moss will aid in the control of blue mold.

COUNTY RECORDS BEING INDEXED IN COURT HOUSE

PWA Grant Made Necessary County Work Possible

LONG SOUGHT

Mrs. P. H. Small Superintending Preliminary Work

Work on the PWA projects of indexing the Perquimans County records in the courthouse got under way this week.

For many years the matter of the poor and incomplete indexing of the county records has been a source of worry for those who have had any experience in looking up records.

County officials have long sought to remedy the situation, but until the recent PWA grant was made of funds for financing an indexing system there was nothing done about the matter.

Mrs. P. H. Small is superintending the preliminary work of four others who are employed and who began work this week. It is believed that considerable time will be consumed in getting the index in shape to be transferred to books later on.

The Board of County Commissioners on Monday appointed J. W. Ward, Register of Deeds, as supervisor of the project, with Charles Whedbee, county attorney, to furnish such instruction and direction from time to time as may be necessary. The project will give employment to several women for a number of weeks.

CHAS. E. JOHNSON NEW PROSECUTOR

Appointed to Fill Out Unexpired Term of Walter G. Edwards, Who Resigned

Charles E. Johnson was appointed Prosecuting Attorney of Perquimans County Recorder's Court by the Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting on Monday, to fill the unexpired term of Walter G. Edwards, who resigned the position.

Mr. Johnson, who is the youngest lawyer in Perquimans, took over his new duties on Tuesday.

There was a very light docket, only two cases being tried. Trim Johnson, colored, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was found not guilty. Johnson, who lives on the Hog Neck Road, was accused of shooting William Overton from ambush on the night of January 12, the shot taking effect in his hand.

There was little evidence to connect Johnson with the shooting and no motive suggested by the evidence, and Johnson was found not guilty.

Schools Open After Four-Day Vacation

After a vacation of four days, the Perquimans County schools opened on Tuesday of this week.

Due to the extreme cold weather and the heavy snow, coupled with a threatened coal shortage for the schools, Superintendent F. T. Johnson decided to close the schools last Tuesday. No school was opened in the County after Tuesday of last week. It was planned at that time that the schools would open on Monday of this week, but weather conditions continued such that Mr. Johnson decided to wait for Tuesday before having the children and teachers return to school.

There was no shortage of fuel so far as Hertford dealers were concerned, as the coal and wood dealers of the town have a sufficient supply to take care of the situation. C. M. Harrell, local coal dealer, as a precaution against running short of coal, did have one truck load of coal sent out from Norfolk last week, but his deliveries by rail have been sufficient to fill the needs of his customers at all times, Mr. Harrell says. There was some delay in making deliveries of wood and coal during the extreme weather as it was impossible to fill orders as fast as they came in.

GROWTH OF TREES

The length of time required for trees to reach merchantable size varies with the kind of tree and the soil to which it is to be put. Pines and cypresses can be grown in from 10 to 30 years. Most kinds of quick-growing trees will be large enough to add to the farm income at the age of 20 to 40 years.

FOUR VICTIMS OF INJURIES DUE TO RECENT SNOWS

Winfall Man Breaks Hip And May Never Be Able to Walk

FALL ON ICE

Mrs. Nixon Returns From Elizabeth City Hospital

Four persons in Perquimans are known to have suffered broken bones resulting from falls during the recent snow, and at least one of this number will probably never walk again.

There is no way of knowing how many minor injuries were received by those whose feet slipped from under them as they walked on icy pavements.

Mrs. W. T. Nixon, of Bagley's Swamp, was critically ill at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City with pneumonia which developed as a result of a broken hip sustained when she slipped on the icy porch of her home. She returned home this week.

Stephen Roach, who lives near Winfall, and who is over seventy years of age, also broke a hip in a fall on Thursday, and it is reported that there is little hope he will ever walk again. Mr. Roach is also at the Albemarle Hospital, in Elizabeth City.

Mark Gregory, Hertford merchant, broke his right arm on Thursday. Mr. Gregory was pulling a sled on which is young daughter was riding when he fell. He was confined to his home for several days following the accident.

A colored woman, Ida Wilder, also suffered a broken arm when she slipped on the porch of her home at Winfall on Sunday.

WELFARE OFFICES IN NEW QUARTERS

Moved Into Gregory Building In Order to Have More Necessary Room

Another change has been made by the local WPA office and the office of the local welfare unit, which occupy the same quarters. The former quarters which housed the ERA headquarters was in the Carolina Bank Building. Last month, with the ERA no longer existent and less office space believed necessary for the housing of the WPA, two offices were rented in the Darden Bros. Building. Later it was found that with the new welfare set-up, not only would it be necessary for the assistant to the Welfare Officer to occupy these offices also, but that it was also necessary to have sufficient space for the storage of such surplus commodities as would be furnished by the WPA for distribution to the needy, and also for the large supply of garments which have been made by the women working on the WPA project, which are to be distributed.

The matter was taken up with the Board of Commissioners on Monday and it was decided to rent three connecting rooms in the Gregory Building, where there will be plenty of room for office space as well as for storage. The change was made this week.

Mid-Term Concert Be Held Friday, Feb. 28

Miss Kate M. Blanchard has announced Friday, February 28, as the date of her mid-term concert. Those taking part in the affair, which promises to be very good this year, will be members of both the Glee Club of the Perquimans High School and that of the Hertford Grammar School, as well as Miss Blanchard's piano pupils.

The public is cordially invited to the concert and there will be no charge.

Missionary Society Has Regular Meet

Mrs. Charles Skinner presided at the regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford M. E. Church which was held at the church on Monday evening.

Mrs. Mark Hathaway and Miss Bertha Chappell had charge of the program, and those taking part were Mesdames E. L. Reed, W. H. Pitt, H. C. Stokes, B. G. Koonce and T. B. Sumner.

Chowan Association Meets Here Sunday

HIT OR MISS

IT IS TO LAUGH

I have always understood that, to those unaccustomed to it, the Southern drawl is something to be amused at. It must be. Though I am not, as it happens, in a position to know. However, it is not hard to imagine how our voices sound in comparison with the crisp, cultured tones of the New Englander, which, by the way, has nothing whatever to do with the nasal twang of the Down Easterner or the brogues common to certain sections other than the South.

But if there is anything funnier under the sun to the ears of a Southerner than the attempts of the Northerner to imitate that Southern drawl I have yet to hear it.

Listening to a radio program recently whereon a Southern girl of 60's and her Confederate soldier sweetheart were talking, I wondered for a while what on earth was wrong with their voices. And gradually it began to dawn upon my consciousness that I was listening to what was supposed to be the Southern drawl. It was presumably a Northerner's interpretation thereof. It sounded about as near like the real thing as I would sound if I attempted to imitate some careful-speaking New Englander and undertook to give the broad sound of a in the proper places. I couldn't get away with it.

The Southern drawl may not be anything to brag about, but after all, it is something which cannot be put on. It has to be the real thing or it just does not ring true.

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man going a lone highway Came in the evening, cold and gray, To chasm, vast and deep and wide. The old man crossed in the twilight dim—

The sullen stream had no fears for him—

But he turned, when safe on the other side, And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,

"You are wasting your strength with building here.

"Your journey will end with the ending day,

"You never again will pass this way.

"You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,

"Why build ye this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old, gray head.

"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,

"There followeth after me today,

"A youth whose feet must pass this way.

"This chasm that has been as naught to me

"To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.

"He, too, must cross in the twilight dim.

"Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

—Selected.

Echoes from Recorder's Court:

Q. What time did you go to his house?

A. I reckon about 4 o'clock.

Q. How long did you stay there?

A. About thirty minutes, I reckon.

Q. When you left there was it dark?

A. Yes, sir, it was dark. It was about 8 o'clock, I reckon.

Mt. Sinai W. M. U. Holds Meeting

The W. M. U. of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. W. Stanton. The president, Mrs. H. D. Hurdle, called the meeting to order, and "Lead On O King Eternal" was sung. After the Scripture reading, prayer was offered by Mrs. B. F. Jordan. A very interesting program was enjoyed.

During the social hour, the Society showered Mrs. George Roach, a recent bride.

The hostess served a salad course to the following: Mrs. T. E. Madre, Mrs. W. F. Madre, Sr., Mrs. E. U. Morgan, Mrs. Clifton Morgan, Mrs. C. A. Bagley, Mrs. B. F. Jordan, Mrs. H. D. Hurdle, Mrs. Robert Stallings, Mrs. Effie Miller, Mrs. George Roach, Mrs. Charlie Umphlett, Mrs. J. W. Stanton, Mrs. Raymond Stanton, Mrs. Garland Stanton, Misses Mamie Stallings, Celesta Godwin, Audrey and Thelma Stanton.

Sunday School Workers Meet In Hertford Baptist Church

STARTS 3 P. M.

Interesting Program Is Arranged By L. W. Holloman

The meeting of the Chowan Sunday School Association will be held in the Hertford Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, the general theme of the meeting being "Preparation in Evangelism." L. W. Holloman, Superintendent, will preside at the meeting and has announced the following program:

3:00 Song.

3:05 Devotional, Text: Luke 4: 18-19, S. S. Davis.

3:15 Solo, Mrs. Charlie Tillett.

3:20 Recognize Standard Schools in January.

3:30 Song.

3:35 March is Home and Foreign Mission Month, G. W. Lassiter. Observe every program during month and take offering.

3:45 Prayer in preparation for Evangelism, Rev. D. S. Dempsey.

3:50 Song.

3:55 Study the Art of Soul-Winning, Mrs. H. G. Sawyer.

4:15 Special Music, Hertford Choir.

4:20 Visitation in Preparation for Soul-Winning by a Superintendent, Norman N. Trueblood.

4:30 Song.

4:35 Teaching With Evangelism in Mind, J. P. Mercer.

4:45 Song.

All Superintendents in the Chowan Sunday School Association are invited to be present.

Much More Water Used In Cold Snap

That three times as much water was pumped for the town during the recent cold period as was pumped during the same period of time in the summer, is attributed to the fact that a number of the water consumers of Hertford leave taps open and allow water to run in order to prevent pipes freezing during the cold weather. It isn't natural to suppose that three times as much water is being used during the cold weather as is used in hot weather, according to Mayor H. G. Winslow, who feels that this is an unnecessary waste.

"The officials of the town are anxious to give the citizens the best possible service," said Mayor Winslow, "and we are asking the cooperation of the citizens to eliminate waste wherever possible."

It was pointed out, also, that while the town is required to keep at all times an adequate water supply, if there is too much waste of water, it might possibly result in the supply becoming so low as to be dangerous in case of fire.

All water consumers are not supplied with meters, as the town has not finished supplying meters to all patrons. Some are on a flat rate. It is highly probable that the consumer who leaves taps open in order to prevent pipes freezing is on a flat rate and does not realize how much waste follows such a procedure.

Mayor Winslow believes it is a good deal more effective and far less wasteful to turn off the water on cold nights than to allow taps to remain open.

Birthday Party In Honor Simon Stallings

In celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday, Miss Mamie Stallings, on Sunday, entertained in honor of her father, Simon Stallings, the guests including, in addition to all Mr. Stallings' children, a number of his grandchildren and a few friends.

Mr. Stallings, who for thirty-five years has served as keeper of the County Home, is hale and hearty at seventy-five.

A most delicious dinner was served and in the afternoon pictures were taken of the family group and of various members of the party.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Stallings, of Winfall; Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Fowler, of Hertford; Mr. and Mrs. Maxey Stallings, of Belvidere; Mrs. B. F. Bray, of Hertford; Mrs. H. I. Esty, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hodges, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Jake Whedbee, of New Hope; and C. A. Ownley, of Elizabeth City.