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Belvidere Citizens Plead For A School

Delegation Appears Before Board of Education

200 SIGN PETITION

Want Building to Teach Children In Primary Grades

In an effort to secure for their community a school to take care of the children of the primary grades, a dozen or more of the most prominent citizens of Belvidere appeared before the meeting of the Board of Education on Monday, presenting a petition signed by more than 200 persons asking that the Board reconsider the action taken on April 29, when it was announced that no school building would be placed at Belvidere to replace the building destroyed by fire last year, but that this school would be consolidated with six other schools on the north side of the Perquimans River and the new school located at Winfall.

Although the most earnest appeals were made, the patrons basing their pleas on the fact that the present arrangement would deprive them of a building which might be used as a community center, and also on the fact that small children of the primary grades would, in some instances, have to be transported at a great distance, the Board voted to allow the matter to stand as it has been arranged by the State school authorities.

It was pointed out that previous plans had provided that a new building be placed at Belvidere to take the place of the building destroyed by fire, and a new school placed at Winfall, the plans also providing for certain repairs to be made to other schools, and that the failure of the Belvidere and the Whiteston representatives to agree on the location had resulted in an agreement that the matter be left with the State authorities, with a result that it was decided to consolidate the six schools, and to locate the new school at Winfall. While the meeting was in session on Monday F. T. Johnson, Perquimans County Superintendent of Schools, was advised by telephone from Raleigh that the plans for this new building had already been prepared.

Among the delegation from Belvidere at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chappell, Misses Emma and Clara White, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Perry, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, Mrs. H. P. White, L. J. Winslow, J. M. Copeland, and others, most of whom spoke eloquently of the needs of their community and stated the reasons for their requests.

"I believe I am right," said J. M. Copeland, "in saying that we should leave a certain part of our affairs to the State, but that when it comes to our county affairs we should exercise the power that we have. I do not mean to criticize anybody, but it seems to me that Belvidere Township has been wrong enough to Perquimans County, even in my day, to have some consideration in the way of a school." Continuing, Mr. Copeland stated that he did not feel that Belvidere Township had received a square deal and said that the matter was up to the Perquimans County authorities.

Miss Emma White, who stated that she felt she could speak for the entire community at large and say "we feel bereft, and we are; without a school, we don't know what to do." Miss White further stated that in other places, whenever a school building was burned, that building was replaced and asked "Why not replace ours? We are not asking for so much, considering what we have had." Miss White referred to the amount of insurance which was received by the county for the burned building and suggested that this amount be used to help defray the expense of replacing the building to be used for the lower grades.

Others spoke feelingly of what the school had meant in the community. Probably the most impassioned plea of all was made by Timothy Perry, who stressed the situation of the small children of the primary grades who live at a great distance from Winfall, in some instances a distance of 12 or 15 miles. Mr. Perry drew a vivid picture of these little children, some of whom are poorly clad, waiting in the snow or rain for a school bus which may be hours late.

W. E. Dall, who acted as Chairman of the Board of Education, in the absence of the chairman, told the delegation that he personally would be in favor of a school being placed at Belvidere.

Local Postoffice Is Again Rated As Second Class Office

The Hertford postoffice advances from a third class office and becomes a second class office on July 1, and in accordance with the regulations governing a postoffice of this class, the postoffice will be closed at 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoons.

There will be no city delivery on Saturday afternoons and the windows of the postoffice will be closed. Mail will be dispatched as usual.

The postoffice at Hertford was in the second class for a period of several years, dropping back into third class in 1933.

SOLDIERS' BONDS ARRIVE JUNE 17

Veterans Will Have to Abide By Strict Regulations Before Getting Cash

It will be to the advantage of the veterans who will receive government bonds in payment of the soldiers' bonus to be at their home on June 17.

The government bonds in payment of the soldiers' bonus will be mailed from Washington, on the morning of June 15, according to information furnished by Postmaster J. E. Morris, of Hertford, this week.

The bonds will be sent by registered mail and will be delivered by the city carrier in Hertford on June 17. The Postmaster requests that every veteran expecting bonus payments be at home on the 17th, in order to receive and sign for the bonds, as they can be delivered to the addressee only. If the person to whom they are addressed is not at the place to which they are addressed, the bonds will be returned to the Postoffice, where they will remain for thirty days, during which period they may be called for and received at any time.

Veterans wishing to cash bonds will bring them to the Postmaster, who will receive and give a receipt for same, sending the bonds to Raleigh, where government check will be issued in payment. No bond may be cashed without first going through the hands of a postmaster.

Piano Recital At School On Friday

Mrs. R. M. Riddick's piano and rhythm classes will give their annual recital on Friday of this week at the Hertford Grammar School, at 8 o'clock.

The program will be made up of piano numbers, songs and singing games in which both classes take part.

The public is cordially invited.

Vegetables Subject Of Demonstration Clubs

Vegetables will be the study of the Home Demonstration Clubs during the month of June. "Why Eat Vegetables?" will be the subject of study.

Miss Gladys Hamrick, Home Agent, announces club meetings as follows:

Tuesday, June 9—Chapinoke Club meets with Mrs. J. P. Elliott.

Wednesday, June 10—Winfall Club meets at the Community House.

Thursday, June 11—Whiteston Club meets with Mrs. Roy Winslow.

Friday, June 12—Hunters Fork Club meets with Mrs. J. W. Chappell.

Monday, June 15—Ballhack Club meets with Mrs. Archie Lane.

Tuesday, June 16—Beech Spring Club meets at school house.

Wednesday, June 17—New Hope Club meets.

Thursday, June 18—Woodville Club meets at school house.

Friday, June 19—Bethel-Burgess Club meets.

Wednesday, June 24—Belvidere Club meets.

All meetings will be held at 8 o'clock in the afternoon.

at Belvidere to accommodate the primary grades and suggested that the committee appear before the Board of County Commissioners then in session and present their plea. However, the Board of Education later failed to act upon Mr. Dall's suggestion, setting forth that it would be unfair to build a school at Belvidere and not to allow the school buildings to remain in the other communities where the small schools are to be eliminated.

MANY PRESENT AT BACCALAUREATE SERMON SUNDAY

Greatest Asset Is Difficulties, Says Rev. D. M. Sharpe

TRYING TIMES

Speaker Urges Graduates Not to Be In Too Big a Hurry

"Young people, your greatest assets are your difficulties," declared the Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, in the baccalaureate sermon delivered to the graduating class of the Perquimans High School on Sunday night, when a large audience was in attendance upon the first of the graduation exercises.

Mr. Sharpe took for his text the 67th and 68th verses of the 6th Chapter of St. John, "Will he also go away? Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." "Nineteen hundred years ago," he said, "there lived one who sounded the depth of the human soul, and reached higher heights of spiritual life than any other one has ever done. He laid the foundation for a life which is more satisfying than any other. From Him we Christians take our name, and enter into His service."

In reference to present day conditions, he said "We cannot but feel that Christianity has failed to bring to a consummation the prayer of our Lord, 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done.' We are faced with the question 'What are we going to do about conditions in the world, or what am I going to do with my life?'"

"It is well," he said, "that we face the text, the question of Jesus and the answer of Simon Peter. 'Will ye also go away? Lord, to whom shall we go?' Jesus was talking to important people."

"I would have you think of yourselves not as just one of a group, or of a class, but as a person of importance," Mr. Sharpe told his hearers. "It is you who graduate from high school who go to college. You have a great deal to do with the affairs of the world. It is exceedingly important that you use your life in the very best possible way to do the most good in the world."

Referring to the fact that Jesus was coming to a definite crisis in His life at the time these words were spoken, realizing that opposition was rapidly developing against Him, and that when He told His disciples about some of the hard places in His Kingdom, and that some of them turned back and followed Him no more, he said: "You all realize by now that if we are to accomplish anything in the world, we cannot avoid the difficult situations in life. Jesus came to give His best. They turned their backs on Him. This is the experience of every one who would challenge present day conditions. But every man of experience knows that the hardest places in life are the most blessed experiences."

"Men dig diadems out of difficulties," he said. "Milton and Homer, out of blindness, gave us the greatest epics of history, Mozart wrote his great operas when struggling with debt and a fatal disease. Sir Walter Scott stood at the foot of his class. Wellington was the dullard of his class. Webster was slow to learn. Newton never led and of his classes. Adam Clark, the great Bible commentator, was the school dunce. Thirteen years in prison stirred Sir Walter Raleigh to write the History of the World. John Bunyan wrote 'Pilgrim's Progress' in Bedford jail."

"Quoting the Spartan father's words to his son, 'Add one step to your shortened sword,' the speaker told the young people that if the way seems hard step up one step closer to it.

"Don't be in too big a hurry. Stradivarius was once asked how long it takes to make a violin. His reply was 'One thousand years. The timber needs to go through many cold winters and be beaten by sleet and hail, covered with snow, drenched by rain, scorched by the summer's blighting breezes. Out of this sort of endurance comes timber that can be made into a masterpiece.'"

The speaker stressed the point that we have only one life to live. "If you waste one year," he said, "you cannot recall it. If you waste your one life it is gone forever."

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VOTERS PREPARE TO CAST BALLOTS SATURDAY JUNE 6

No Opposition For Register of Deeds and Treasurer

MUCH INTEREST

Contests Calculated to Bring Out Large Vote In County

When the Democratic voters of Perquimans go to the polls on Saturday they will be given an opportunity to vote for a representative, a sheriff, a board of county commissioners and a board of education, on the county ballot. There are five candidates in the field for the two positions of senator from this district. A governor will be nominated on Saturday, as well as the other State officials.

There are three candidates out for the office of representative. They are J. T. Benton, C. R. Holmes and Wallace L. Wood.

For the office of sheriff there are two candidates. J. Emmett Winslow, who has held the office for two terms, is a candidate for renomination. The second candidate for nomination to the office of sheriff is J. P. Elliott, of Chapinoke.

All of the members of the present board of county commissioners are candidates for renomination. They are Earl M. Perry, E. D. Mathews, J. C. Baker, John O. White and Roy S. Chappell. George T. Powell, of Winfall, is also a candidate.

All of the members of the present board of education, which includes T. S. White, W. E. Dall, J. H. Miller, J. H. Baker and Shelton Long, are for renomination, and John T. Lane, of Belvidere, is also a candidate.

J. W. Ward, register of deeds, and Jacob L. White, treasurer, have no opposition.

The candidates for the office of senator, from which two will be nominated, are W. T. Brown, of Hertford; J. J. Hughes, of Elizabeth City; W. I. Halstead, of South Mills; Merrill Evans, of Ahoskie, and Miss Ethel Parker, of Gatesville.

Candidates for the various State offices are as follows:

For United States Senator—David L. Strain, William H. Griffin, Josiah W. Bailey, Richard T. Fountain.

For Governor—Sandy Graham, John Albert McRae, Clyde R. Hoey, Dr. Ralph W. McDonald.

For Lieutenant Governor—Wilkins P. Horton, Paul Grady, George McNeill.

For Secretary of State—M. R. (Mike) Dunnagan, Stacey W. Wade, Thad Eure.

For Auditor—Baxter Durham, Willard L. Dowell, Charles W. Miller, Geo. Ross Pou.

For Treasurer—Charles M. Johnson, Helen Robertson Wohl.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction—Gilbert Craig, Clyde A. Swin, A. B. Alderman.

For Commissioner of Agriculture—William A. Graham, W. Kerr Scott.

Hi Y Club Entertains Members Senior Class

The Hi Y Club of the Perquimans High School entertained in honor of the Hi Y seniors on Tuesday evening, the party being given at the home of Miss Mary Thad Chappell. Games and contests were enjoyed, and dainty refreshments were served. Those present were Blanche Moore Berry, Celia Blanche Dail, Julia Broughton, Lila Budd Stephens, Sara Ward, Hattie Pearl Nowell, Jessamine Bullock, Hilda Hobbs, Mary Wood Koonce, Jean White, Ruth Nachman, Carolyn Lamb, Jeannette Feilds, Prue Newby, Eula Nixon, Elizabeth Knowles, and Winman Spivey, William Hardecastle, David Broughton, James Divers, Hollowell Cox, Nixon, Vivian Mathews, J. T. Lane, Tim Brinn, Dan Sharpe, Roy Reed, and Joe Tucker.

Saw Mill Destroyed By Fire Wednesday

The White-Lassiter saw mill plant was destroyed by fire in the early hours of Wednesday morning. The mill, which was located near the Norfolk Southern Railroad and not far from the Hertford-Edenton Highway, near Hertford, was said to be the only mill in this section of the State which cut oak timber exclusively. The major portion of the output of the mill was exported to foreign countries.

The origin of the fire has not been determined.

School Finals Held On Thursday Night

SENIORS' MASCOTS



Patricia Ann Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harrell, above, and Tommy Sumner, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Sumner, mascots of the graduating class of Perquimans County High School.

Jesse Lee Harris An Appendicitis Victim

Stricken with appendicitis while on a trip to Greensboro, Jesse Lee Harris underwent an operation at Rex Hospital in Raleigh last Monday afternoon.

The young man had driven a party to Greensboro to attend the graduation exercises at Greensboro College. Becoming ill while in Greensboro, he attempted to make the trip home, but his condition was such when he reached Raleigh that it was necessary to see a physician, and it was ascertained that he could not go on, and the operation was performed at 6 o'clock Monday afternoon.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Z. A. Harris, went to Raleigh on Tuesday to be with him. Latest reports are to the effect that his condition is satisfactory.

First Half Holiday Observed Thursday

It was a quiet afternoon on Thursday of this week, when the first of the summer half holidays took place. For the next three months, throughout June, July and August, the following places of business in Hertford will close their doors at 1 o'clock on Thursday: J. C. Blanchard & Co., Davenport & Blanchard, Hertford Banking Co., Carolina Hardware Co., Johnson, White & Co., Central Grocery, D. Pender Grocery Co., H. C. Stokes, Darden Bros., The Perquimans Weekly, Gregory's 5, 10 and 25 Cent Store, Mrs. Jake White, Morgan's Modern Grocery, W. M. Morgan's Furniture Store, Rose's 5, 10 & 25 Cent Store, Simon Rutenberg, Grocery Sales Co., Hertford Hardware & Supply Co., White's Electric Shoe Shop.

Midshipman Nixon On 3-Month Cruise

Midshipman Thomas J. Nixon, III, of Hertford, will leave the Naval Academy at Annapolis on Friday of this week for a three-months cruise on the Battleship Oklahoma. The points of landing will include Portsmouth, Eng., Cherbourg, France, and Gottenberg, Sweden.

Upon the return of his ship, Midshipman Nixon will spend the month of September in Hertford with his mother, Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Jr.

Dr. D. B. Bryan Delivers Graduating Address To Senior Class

ONE ABSENT

Class Night Exercises Wednesday Delights Large Crowd

The finals of the Perquimans County High School, which began on Sunday night, with the Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, delivering the baccalaureate sermon, were concluded on Thursday night, when Dr. D. B. Bryan, of Wake Forest College, delivered the graduation address.

Class night exercises were held on Wednesday night and opened with the salutatory address by Miss Frances Lamb. This was followed by a delightfully entertaining number "Twenty Years Hence," in which the cast of characters were as follows: Governor of North Carolina, John Eure; Mayor of Hertford, Tim Brinn; Commissioner of Lights, Kenneth Hendren; Commissioner of Finance, Rob Morris; Commissioner of Streets, Carlton Barclift; Commissioner of Health and Superintendent of City Schools, Azile Godsey; City Clerk, Henry Stokes; Chief of Police, Elliott Layden; City Librarian, William Dimmette; Editor of The Perquimans Weekly, Dan Sharpe; Captain, Russell Nixon; Inspector of Jails, Roy Reed; Movie Actress, Mary Wood Koonce; Mrs. White, Mabel Spivey; The White Children, Melvin Eure, Belvin Eure, Nan Ward, Mildred B. Trueblood, Juanita Davenport, Tommy Sumner (mascot) and Patsy Harrell (mascot); City Nurse, Sybil Lamb; Madam Fields, Jeannette Feilds; Saleswoman, Marian Raper; Pianist, Lillian Rae Perry; Mrs. Winslow, Esther Ward; Mrs. Chappell, Mary Elizabeth Winslow; Mrs. Lottamoney, Louise Delaney; Novelist, Eula Nixon; United States Inspector of Schools, Fannie Eure; Principal of the Grade School, Prue Newby; Butler, Joe Tucker.

Two beautiful vocal solos were rendered, "The Four Leaf Clover," by Jeannette Feilds, and "The Fairy Bell," by Lillian Rae Perry. This was followed by a chorus by the entire class. Miss Kate M. Blanchard was accompanist.

Miss Nancy Woods, athletic coach for the girls, was presented with a gift from the girls' basketball team, and Carl Rogers, boys' coach, received a gift from the boys' team.

The valedictory address was made by Miss Carolyn Lamb.

Dr. D. B. Bryan, of Wake Forest College, delivered the address to the graduating class on Thursday night, when a class of fifty-four received their diplomas.

One young man, Jesse Lee Harris, who was one of the honor students, was unable to be present at the exercises, having undergone an emergency operation at a Raleigh hospital on Monday of this week.

Superintendent of Education F. T. Johnson presented the class medals, as follows: Mary Wood Koonce, for perfect attendance for the four years of high school; Carolyn Lamb, valedictorian medal; Frances Lamb, salutatorian medal; Clara Winslow, effort medal; and Prue Newby, service medal; Minnie Lee Winslow, a junior, scholarship medal.

A trophy case was presented to the school by the Senior Class. This case will be used to display the trophies won by the school in athletic contests.

Short Session Of Court On Tuesday

Only three cases were tried in Recorder's Court on Tuesday.

The case against Beatrice Welch, colored, charged with simple assault, was dismissed.

Norman Revell, colored, plead guilty to being drunk and disorderly. The case was dismissed upon payment of the court costs.

Fleet Cooper, colored, was charged with assault on a female, but the defendant was found not guilty and the prosecuting witness was given 24 hours in jail.

OFF FOR NAGS HEAD

The following young men will leave Friday to spend a week at Nags Head: Hollowell Cox Nixon, Billy Hardecastle, Tim Brinn, Dan Sharpe, Eldon Winslow, Joe Tucker, Bill Sumner, Bill Small and Carl Rogers. The party will occupy the cottage of Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Jr.