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Tuberculosis Clinic To Be Held During March

Woman's Club as Well As Health Officer Cooperate

DATE LATER

All Children Over Ten Will Be Examined Free

A tuberculosis clinic for the school children of Perquimans County will be held sometime in March, according to an announcement made by Mrs. F. T. Johnson, President of the Hertford Woman's Club, this week. The exact date of the clinic will be announced just as soon as the plans are perfected.

Mrs. Johnson has been working toward this end for months. The Hertford Woman's Club agreed to sponsor the clinic at her suggestion and Mrs. Johnson immediately began to carry out her plans, with the cooperation of Dr. T. P. Brim, County Health Officer.

Health Officer, who made arrangements with the State Board of Health.

A physician from the State Sanitorium will conduct the clinic, assisted by Dr. T. P. Brinn and a nurse.

All children over ten years of age, both white and colored, are to have the examination, without cost, except that in the cases where the reaction to the test is positive there will be a charge of one dollar for the x-ray picture which will be necessary.

Children of all ages, even those below the ten-year limit, were formerly examined in these clinics which are held under the auspices of the Health Department of the State, but since it has been found that only a very small percentage of children under ten contract the disease, none below that age are examined now, with the exception that those children under ten who may be suspected of being tubercular, whose parents request an examination, or when advised by a physician, will be included. This also applies to adults. In fact, any one who has reason to fear that they are affected with tuberculocsis will ze examined in the clinic upon application.

Tuberculosis was once believed to be incurable. However, cures are affected generally now if the patient is treated in the very early stages. But so difficult is it to learn that a patient is tubercular without scientific tests, many die because treatment was not given in time. By making these systematic examinations much can be done toward the work of stamping out entirely this dread disease. In fact, it is said that tuberculosis may be entirely eradicated through this method.

Officers Elected For Rosa Powell Circle

The first meeting of the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs of Perquimans was held on Thursday in the Agricultural Building, with Miss Gladys Hamrick, Home Agent, presiding, and with a very fine attendance, three clubs, Winfall, New Hope and Bethel - Burgess attending one hundred per cent. Other clubs represented were Ballahack, Chapanoke, Whiteston, Hunters Fork and Belvidere.

The program of work for 1937 was arranged by the council, and the various committees named as follows: foods, Mrs. W. E. Dail; conservation, Miss Lena Winslow; clothing, Mrs. C. T. Rogerson; house furnishing, Mrs. David Trueblood; home management, Mrs. John Symons; home beautification, Mrs. Archie Lane; home gardens, Miss Clara White; home poultry, Miss Margaret Boyce; home dairies, Mrs. Jones Perry; parent education, Mrs. M. T. Griffin; health, Mrs. C. E. Sutton; education, Mrs. Emmett Stallings; recreation, Mrs. H. P. White; loan fund, Mrs. H. S. Lane; markets, Mrs. L. C. Winslow; relief, Mrs. W. P. Long; 4-H Club leader, Miss Mannie Mae Coffield.

Those present at the council meeting were Mrs. C. P. Quincy, Mrs. H. S. Lane, Miss Mildred Lewis, Mrs. Willie Miller, Mrs. David Trueblood, Miss Mary Elizabeth White, Mrs. [illegible] Winslow, Miss Lucille Lane, [illegible] E. Webb, Mrs. G. H. Gregory, [illegible] Dail, Mrs. J. M. Flythe, [illegible] Stallings, Miss [illegible], Mrs. L. J. Winslow, [illegible], Mrs. Audrey [illegible], Mrs. J. M. Perry, Mrs. Ray [illegible], Mrs. C. E. Sutton and Miss Mannie Mae Coffield.

Current Will Be Cut Off Saturday Night

The Town of Hertford will be in darkness from twelve o'clock midnight next Saturday night until 6 o'clock on Sunday morning. The current will be cut off during that period, according to a notice given to R. N. Hines, Superintendent of Public Works of Hertford, by the Virginia Electric & Power Company. Repair work to be done on the sub station at Winfall makes this necessary.

Clothing Specialist Stresses Importance Selection Of Fabrics

Miss Willie Hunter, Extension Specialist in Clothing, of Raleigh, conducted the first of the clothing leaders' schools at the Agricultural Building on Monday, when leaders from the various home demonstration clubs of the county were present.

Miss Hunter told her hearers that the textile industry is one of the largest business in the world, that it ranks next to foods in importance for both industry and health, and that economists say that one-sixth of all the income in the United States is spent for textiles, with women spending about 85 per cent of all money spent. Textile fabrics, their use, how produced, how manufactured, how processed, were discussed at length by Miss Hunter, and a lot of useful information as to the selection and the care of fabrics was given out.

The women present were Mrs. C. J. Layden, Miss Margaret Bogue, Mrs. David Trueblood, Mrs. S. L. Bagley, Miss Lena Winslow, Mrs. Myrtle Winslow, Miss Fannie Mae Coffield, Mrs. J. M. Sutton, Mrs. M. T. Griffin, Mrs. Bertha Smith White, Mrs. Sylvia Winslow and Mrs. J. C. Truitt.

Miss Myrtle Pike Is Now Registered Nurse

Among the 299 graduate nurses who were recently granted license to practice nursing in North Carolina was Miss Myrtle Pike, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pike, of Winfall. Miss Pike is a graduate of Perquimans County High School, having graduated with the class of '32. She was graduated from The Watts Hospital Training School for nurses in Durham, N. C., on August 18, 1936. Having satisfactorily passed the state examinations Miss Pike is now entitled to be known as a registered nurse. At the present time she is employed by Dr. Horton Camp as a member of the nursing staff of Camp Hospital, Pittsboro.

Miss Pike, who has many friends in Perquimans, was a general favorite among her schoolmates at Perquimans High, who will be interested to learn of her success.

Missionary Society Holds Special Meet

A special business meeting of Circle No. 3 of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church was held on Monday night at the home of Mrs. J. W. Ward, for the purpose of outlining the work of the circle for the coming year, with Mrs. V. N. Darden, chairman, presiding.

At the close of the business session, the hostess served a dainty sweet course.

Those present were Mesdames Trim Wilson, H. T. Broughton, V. N. Darden, Carlton Cannon, T. L. Jessup, G. R. Tucker, L. N. Hollowell, J. E. White, C. B. Holmes, Guy Newby and Miss Helen Morgan.

The February meeting will be held with Mrs. G. R. Tucker.

Yeopim Union Meets Sandy Cross Jan. 29-30

The Yeopim Union will meet at Sandy Cross Baptist Church in Gates County January 29-39. An interesting program has been arranged including addresses of a timely nature regarding the welfare of Baptist Churches.

According to the committee in charge each person attending is requested to bring his or her own lunch.

MISSIONARY CIRCLE TO MEET

The Senior Missionary Circle of the Hertford Methodist Church will meet on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with Mrs. J. H. Towe, Sr.

SCHOOL BUSSES RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN ROADS

Portions of Regular Routes Are Now Impassable

WEATHER CAUSE

Everything Possible Being Done to Avoid Closing School

The school busses of Perquimans are being restricted by Superintendent F. T. Johnson to paved roads or to dirt roads which are passable, as a result of the unusual weather conditions which have prevailed for several weeks, and parents of school children are requested to cooperate with the school by getting their children transported to points which may be reached by the busses.

Mr. Johnson is doing everything in his power to avoid closing the high school at this time. If it becomes necessary to close the school it will mean delay in closing in the spring, which will work a great hardship on those parents who need their sons to help on the farm at that time.

While many of the dirt roads in the county are in fair condition, or are at least passable, there are roads over which the busses cannot be driven. Mr. Johnson stated on Monday that he had been advised by representatives of the State Highway Commission not to attempt to have the school busses driven over certain of the roads.

The roads in Hogs Neck, in Old Neck, that stretch from Snow Hill to Keatons Corner, as well as roads in Harveys Neck, Road Landing, and other places are in such condition that the busses cannot travel them. It is absolutely impossible, it is said, to travel the roads in Durants Neck.

It is necessary, if the high school is not to be closed at this time, for parents of high school children to make every effort to get their children to the points where they can be picked up by the busses.

Mr. Johnson says that just as soon as the condition of the roads permits the busses will be put back on their regular routes.

Rotarians Plan For Inter-City Meeting Monday At E. City

The Hertford Rotarians will go to Elizabeth City on Monday night to attend the inter-city meeting to be held at the Virginia Dare Hotel. Edenton, Hertford and Elizabeth City clubs will join in one meeting, as is their custom at three month intervals. The last of these inter-city meetings was held in Hertford in October. The next will be held in Edenton.

MRS. CLARKE RETURNS

Mrs. R. T. Clarke has returned from a visit to Richmond and other points in Virginia.

BOY SCOUT TROOP MOST LIKELY BE ORGANIZED HERE

Rev. D. M. Sharp Volunteers to Act as Leader

EXPERIENCED

Hertford Rotary Club Readily Agrees to Be Sponsor

A boy scout troop for Hertford is in the making, with the Rev. D. M. Sharpe, Pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, as leader, and the Rotary Club as sponsor.

For more than a decade Hertford has been without a boy scout troop, because of the lack of leadership. Many times the matter has been discussed and group after group of boys, many of whom have voiced their desire to become scouts, have grown up, without an opportunity to become members of this organization which is recognized everywhere as invaluable to boys, under proper leadership.

But the boys of 1937 are fortunate, in that Mr. Sharpe, who has had considerable experience as a scout leader and who is interested in boys has volunteered his services. Mr. Sharpe appeared before the Rotary Club at their meeting last week and placed the matter before that body and the Rotarians readily agreed to become sponsors.

Only tentative plans have been made as yet, as Mr. Sharpe has not received instructions from headquarters, but the troop will be organized just as soon as practicable, and boys from 12 years old up will have an opportunity to become members.

Due notice will be given in the Perquimans Weekly of the time and place of organization, and any other information which Mr. Sharpe may wish to give to the public, and the interested boys will have an opportunity to become charter members.

Good Attendance Continues At State

In spite of disagreeable weather conditions, the State reports that good crowds have been in attendance at the shows. The regular matinee every day is something new for Hertford, but these afternoon shows are growing in popularity. The fact that the show is stretched an extra half hour for the benefit of the school children and other late comers adds to their appeal.

The full schedule for the week is shown in an advertisement in this issue of the Perquimans Weekly.

MOVE TO HERTFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jones have moved from Elizabeth City to Hertford and are occupying apartments in the residence of Mrs. R. S. Jordan, on Grubb Street. Mr. Jones is the manager of the new State Theatre.

MORE ABOUT SCHOOL BUS SYSTEM

By JOHN T. LANE

I do not favor student drivers for busses in preference to adults and have often remarked that we would not have satisfactory bus service as long as we have student drivers.

As my business during the fall and winter months necessitates my being on the road almost daily, it has been my privilege to observe the operation of the busses of this section, especially in Perquimans County, for the last few years. Not that I wish to criticise the drivers of the busses in question, this year or the past years, for I believe they are as good as can be selected from their number, but I am writing to express my views which are based on my observation, with the hope of a better bus system.

As I come in contact with the busses from time to time in this county and sometimes in other counties, I am convinced that the county superintendents have very little control over the drivers or the students while on the road. Sometimes I have driven behind the busses and noted the speed, many times found busses broken down and the students apparently unconcerned as to whether or not they reached school. Therefore, I believe some one other than one of their number will give better satisfaction. Also I think it is possible to secure competent drivers for $25 to $30 per month or $1.25 to $1.50 per day which is equal to average daily labor.

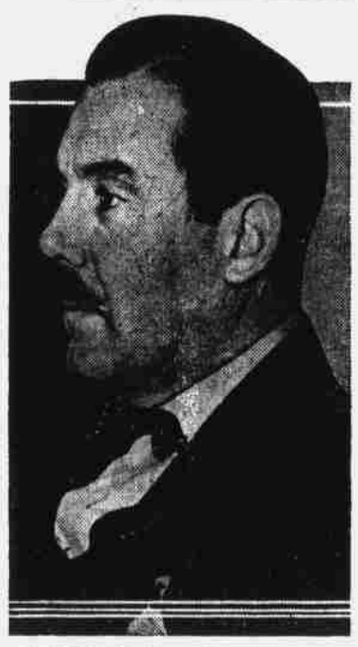
Last but not least, I wish to say that somebody is to blame besides the bus driver for the service my immediate neighborhood is getting. The service has been deplorable for this entire school year. The bus was kept in the shop during the Christmas holidays for repair. When the driver went for it on Saturday before school was to open on the following Monday, he did not even reach home. He struggled with it for a few days and finally it was taken to the shop to be re-conditioned and stayed another week. The driver again took it out last Saturday night and it broke down again before reaching home. It is now standing out beside the highway. Consequently, the students who are supposed to go to school on this bus have not been to school on time a single day since Christmas. They have missed the first period classes every day, sometimes the second, while some days they did not get there at all. I know the roads are bad, but the route of the school bus has not been impassable.

Existing conditions strengthen my conviction that it is a mistake to put schools so far away from those who have to attend them. I believe a poor school that students can reach is better than a good one that they cannot reach.

Monday, January 11, 1937.

Driver Of School Bus Loses Driving License

'Everyman's Fair,' Says Whalen



NEW YORK, (Special).—Grover Whalen, President of the Fair Corporation, announces that official support and foreign participation in the New York World's Fair of 1939 are reaching new "highs", and that here is an already obvious opportunity for every state to display advantageously its accomplishments and future possibilities and to join in making it one hundred percent "Everyman's Fair."

Twenty Examined At Eye Clinic Held Here Wednesday

Sixteen persons were found to be in need of glasses at the clinic held in Hertford on Wednesday. Two colored children were found to be totally blind, one white child had lost the sight of one eye, and a white man also had lost one eye.

There were twenty persons examined at the clinic, which was sponsored by the Hertford Rotary Club, through the Child Welfare Services of the Department of Public Welfare, in cooperation with the State Commission for the Blind, with Dr. C. J. Sawyer, of Windsor, conducting the examinations, assisted by his office nurse, Miss Maude Gregory, and by Miss Frances Evans, Perquimans County Health Nurse.

Glasses were fitted for the sixteen found to be in need of glasses, and in the case of those persons who were unable to pay for them they were supplied by a contribution from the Hertford Rotary Club.

Another of these clinics will be conducted here sometime in March, according to Miss Meta Dowling, Child Welfare Officer.

Woman's Club Will Meet Next Thursday

The Woman's Club will meet on Thursday afternoon, January 28, at 3:30 o'clock, at the Club House. Mrs. Tim Brinn, chairman of the Welfare Department, will have charge of the program and all members are urged to be present.

New Equipment At Local Beauty Parlor

Something new in permanent waving has been introduced at the beauty parlor at Blanchard's. Machineless waving, which is a new method, is said by Miss Sarah Carlyle, the operator at Blanchard's, to be very satisfactory. The new outfit for giving these machineless waves was received this week.

R. R. KEATON LEAVES HOSPITAL

R. R. Keaton returned to his home at Bethel on Tuesday after a month's stay at Duke Hospital, Durham.

While it is said that Mr. Keaton's condition is not greatly improved, he is much more comfortable. The trip was made in an ambulance and he is confined to his bed.

VISITED HIS MOTHER

Shelton White, who is connected with the Resettlement Administration with headquarters at Raleigh, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. R. T. White.

LEFT FOR OHIO

Mrs. A. P. Barbieur and her little son, Jimmie, who recently lived in Tennessee, left for their new home at Millersburg, O., on Monday, after visiting Mrs. Barbieur's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Reed, near Hertford.

James Winslow Arrested For Driving Too Fast

NO SPEEDOMETER

Rate of Speed Necessary To Put Children Home By 8 O'clock

Spurred on by the knowledge that it would certainly be late, well into the night, before he could deliver the last of his charges at their homes in the Belvidere community, where anxious parents waited, parents who had complained at their children reaching home night after night after eight o'clock, James A. Winslow, school bus driver, returning to town for the second load of children, made the mistake of driving too fast.

Corporal G. I. Dail, of the State Highway Patrol, testified in Recorder's Court on Tuesday that the boy failed to stop his bus when entering the highway from a side road, and that he checked the speed of the school bus for three miles, when the speed never fell under 45 miles and at times reached a speed of 52 miles an hour. The officer testified that the boy told him that he knew the lawful rote of speed of a school bus was 35 miles empty and 25 miles loaded. There was only one passenger in the bus, said the officer.

Asked why he was in such a hurry young Winslow stated that he had already delivered one load and that it was then after 5 o'clock and he was hurrying to get back to town for the second load of children whose parents had complained because of the late hour the children got home. It was he said, 10 minutes past 8 when he reached home that night. Also, he said that the speedometer was broken and he did not know he aws driving too fast.

"I do not see how they can expect you boys to keep within the speed limit if there is nothing on your car to indicate your speed," remarked Judge Oakey.

Young Winslow was required to pay the costs of the court and his driver's licence was revoked for thirty days. "This is a hardship on you" said the Judge, "but I don't know what else to do."

"Tell them at school that you cannot drive for thirty days. I hate to punish you, but I am doing it to try to save somebody's life."

The case against Henry Copeland, who plead guilty to the charge of driving with insufficient brakes and an improper muffler, was dismissed upon payment of the court costs.

The case of Benj. Pollak and Harry Applebaum, who were charged with driving with improper license, was continued until next week.

Frank Jordan, colored, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and of indecent exposure, and was sentenced to 6 months on the roads, the road sentence to be suspended upon payment of the court costs and a fine of $10 and good behavior for two years.

The case against W. L. Jessup, charged with driving on the shoulders of a road, was continued until next week.

In the case against T. S. McMullan, Jr., charged with the larceny of a truck, upon motion of counsel for the defendant, a capias nisi sci fa was issued, returnable February 16.

Hobbsville Ruritan Club Plans Fiddlers' Convention Jan. 29

The Ruritan Club of Hobbsville is sponsoring a Fiddlers' Convention which will be held Friday night, January 29, at 7:30 o'clock. Prizes will be offered to the following contestants: Group players, soloists (fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar, harmonica, clog and tap dancers).

Since applicants will necessarily have to be limited and the program planned, any who desire to enter the contest should make application immediately to Gilbert W. Davis, Hobbsville, N. C.

A general invitation is extended both to contestants and the general public to attend the affair.

WINFALL CHILDREN IMPROVE

Nell Baxter Jackson, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jackson, of Winfall, who has been very ill, is convalescing.

Kenneth Ray Barber, whose condition was for a long time very grave, having suffered a severe attack of pneumonia, with complications, is also convalescing.