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## Red Cross Total Is \$440 - More Needed

Splendid Response By Everyone For Flood Sufferers

DRIVE CONTINUES

Ten Barrels of Clothing And Blankets Go West

More than seven times over what it was originally asked to raise for the Ohio and Mississippi valley flood sufferers has been the latest local Red Cross response, bulwarked, as it is, upon the splendid generosity of a Perquimans citizenry which has never failed when suffering or devastation has been at stake.

Chairman S. N. Whedbee, of the local Red Cross Chapter, who was appealed to at the outset to raise a quota of \$60, which was later doubled, then quintupled, reported last night that he either had in hand or had transmitted to Washington, a total of \$440, and that in addition ten barrels of such needed protective clothing had been sent forward to the flood sufferers.

But Mr. Whedbee declared that future flood needs were urgent and growing every day, and that there should be no lessening in the drive to raise additional funds. He is especially anxious, he stated, to see the Hertford quota be raised ten times over, and even more if possible, and to that end has asked all the workers to direct their every effort.

A further list of those who have made contributions since last week's issue of the Perquimans Weekly was furnished last night by Mr. Whedbee and shown in an adjoining column.

Rev. E. T. Jilison, who has been collecting everything he could in the way of warm clothing and blankets and who got off a box of such garments last week, has been instrumental largely in seeing that 10 barrels of such clothing has been shipped this week after being collected at Darden Brothers store.

More contributions of this sort are needed and a renewed effort, Mr. Whedbee said, would be made in this direction.

Mr. Whedbee expressly stressed through much repetition the continuing urgency of need for a still further enlarged money total by the local chapter, stating that while the response has been magnificent so far he hopes it will be even more so.

"This is no time for comparisons," said Mr. Whedbee, "and while Perquimans has already made a record for splendid generosity it should not stop with that record. When there is a need so great as at present the hearts of everyone must be responsive, and all of us must 'give until it hurts' as was done in war days."

Nationally the response of chapters everywhere to the flood appeal has been excellent, Mr. Whedbee has heard. Up to last Sunday more than \$2,000,000 had been so received, but inasmuch as national Red Cross Chairman, Admiral Cary T. Grayson, has given the organization's check for \$10,000,000 to further the rescue work, it can be seen that the campaign is just under way instead of finished.

Nearly a million people have been affected by the crisis of which nearly three-fourths are in the care of the Red Cross. And with the towering, surging waters of the Mississippi now roaring their way toward New Orleans, carrying destruction in their wake, this total of victims bids likely to be greatly increased.

In a letter received yesterday from James I. Floor, vice chairman in charge of Red Cross Domestic Operations, Mr. Whedbee was informed that wherever great interest has been shown through the receipt of donations of clothing and food. Mr. Floor states that no campaign along this line is urged but that such donations should be accepted especially new, clean and serviceable clothing and canned or packaged foodstuffs. Great care, he has written, should be exercised in the acceptance of all donations of this kind.

## Another Dance At Walker's Feb. 11

A very delightful dance was given by Morgan Walker on the second floor of his store which has been remodeled and decorated very attractively. Quite a few attended the first dance given at the new place. Another dance will be given on Friday February 11.

## Winfall Peanut Co. Soon Ready Begin Operations Again

The Winfall Peanut Company, which is a young Perquimans industry, engaged in shelling peanuts for seed purposes, will shortly begin operations, according to the manager, J. H. Baker.

The Winfall Peanut Company began operations in 1935 on a very small scale, shelling only 700 bags that year. Last year they shelled 1,441 bags, more than doubling the amount shelled the first year. These 1,441 bags represented peanuts belonging to 228 farmers, Mr. Baker says, in seven counties.

## Miss Francis Evans Month Club Speaker

At the meetings of the home demonstration clubs in February a feature of the program will be a talk by Miss Francis Evans, Health Nurse of Perquimans, and Miss Gladys Hamrick, Home Demonstration Agent, has arranged the date of each meeting at a convenient time for Miss Evans to be present.

The regular program will be carried out as usual, with the clubs studying the care and use of the sewing machine, among other interesting details in connection with sewing. Miss Evans' talk which is an extra feature will be along health lines which will be interesting and helpful to the club women.

The time and place of each meeting is as follows: Tuesday, February 9, the Chapanoke club will meet with Miss Lillian Bright.

On Wednesday, the 10, the Winfall club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. L. Bagley.

The Hunters Fork club will meet with Mrs. Elmer Lamb on Thursday, the 11.

The Ballhack Club will meet on Monday, the 15, with Mrs. Archie Lane.

The Beech Spring Club meets on Tuesday, the 16, at the school house.

The Durants Neck Club meets on Wednesday, the 17, with Mrs. J. A. Sawyer.

The Whiteston Club meets on Thursday, the 18, the place of meeting to be announced later.

The White Hat Club meets on Tuesday, the 23, at the school house.

The Belvidere School meets on Wednesday, the 24, with Mrs. Sylvia Winslow.

The Helen Gaither Club meets on Thursday, the 25, with Mrs. Claude Perry.

The Bethel-Burgess Club meets on Friday, the 26, at the school house.

The Snow Hill Club meets on Tuesday, March 2, at the Snow Hill School Class.

## Hertford Doctors In New Building

Drs. C. A. Davenport and T. P. Brinn have moved into their newly constructed medical building, which Hertford is already viewing with considerable pride. They will have adjoining offices there with a sort of co-operative emergency hospital equipment as well as a room for convalescents with several beds.

The new building is a brick structure, modernly designed and constructed throughout, and is heated and cooled by one of the new air condition systems. A large and spacious reception room will greet callers upon entrance, and two up-to-date operating rooms, and X-Ray room with the latest apparatus installed, and still another special room for accident cases, make up some of the interior features that have already attracted much attention.

Dr. Davenport, a graduate of Duke University and the University where he served on the staff of the University Hospital, came to Hertford in 1926, and has since made his home there. He has been active in civic affairs and is a member of the town board and of the Hertford Rotary Club.

Dr. Brinn, a native of Perquimans and a graduate of the Hertford High School, attended through matriculation, also, at the University of North Carolina and the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brinn, of Hertford.

## DUNN VISITORS

Mrs. Charles Broughton and her son, Edward of Dunn, were recent visitors of relatives in Hertford.

## French Emissary of Good Will to U. S.



Miss Madeleine de Charpin of Paris attending to Grover Whalen message of greeting from the French nation to the people of the United States and wishes for the success of the New York World's Fair of which Mr. Whalen is President. Miss Charpin also extended a cordial invitation to Mr. Whalen and his countrymen to attend the Paris 1937 International Exposition which opens in May. She was selected recently as Queen of Queens of France at the historical festival of St. Catherine. Her title dates back 500 years.

## EXEMPTION FOR HOME OWNERS IS IN BIG AMOUNT

County Commissioners Asked to Approve Pending Act

\$40,000 AT ISSUE

1,437 Owners Would Benefit By \$250 Tax Cuts

Pending legislation before the General Assembly presaged upon the fact that home owners should be given a tax exemption of \$250 on such privately possessed property, got the Perquimans County Commissioners very much interested on Monday, and they didn't know whether to approve or disapprove of its enactment.

But they did do some digging into their records and found there were just exactly 1,437 home owners in Perquimans and that if they were relieved, sympathetically or otherwise, of \$250 each on the tax tables the county would be giving away something likely \$40,000 in such exemptions.

It was this disclosure that disturbed the commissioners and they talked about it for quite awhile and will some more if the proposed legislation comes anywhere near a focus.

The question came up through the receipt of a letter from the "State Association of County Commissions," signed J. L. Skinner, of Raleigh, its secretary.

Mr. Skinner wrote that the whole subject was of paramount importance to every county, that the association stood solidly behind such legislation and he wanted all the facts he could secure to back him up in what he was planning to do.

Especially did Mr. Skinner want detailed information as to the number of home owners in Perquimans, and it was to comply that the commissioners reached the 1437 total together with the startling fact the county would be cut \$40,000 in its assessments if the proposed law became a reality.

## Railroad Danger Signals Operating

The new danger signs that have been erected at the railroad crossing on Grubb street may save many lives.

As the lights are now in operation the driver of a car can tell when a train is approaching by the continuous blinking of danger lights that stop only after the train has passed. The lights are plainly visible day or night.

Only a few months ago a car was struck by a train and dragged many feet and only by a miracle did the driver escape unharmed.

The danger signals may be a great help to many people.

## SCHOOLS RESUME CLASSES MONDAY BUSES CHECKED

Recent Fair Weather Makes Reopening Possible

CLOSED NINE DAYS

Highways In County Have Become More Passable

Clear, cold weather the last few days made it possible yesterday for County School Superintendent F. T. Johnson to announce that sessions would be resumed for a certainty next Monday in those schools which have had to remain closed because of climatic and road conditions.

This especially applies to the Perquimans County High School which has been closed since January 26, and which Mr. Johnson fully expected would resume studies last Monday. Rain over the last week-end, however, made this opening date inadvisable and another week of grace was given students. But their period of rest is over and they can prepare themselves for reattendance next Monday morning.

In connection with the reopening Mr. Johnson, also, said, that repair work on the county school trucks had progressed well and that the vehicles would all be in shape for operation next week.

The terrible condition of county roads which interfered with school attendance and resulted finally in the closing edict, was made a matter of discussion before the county commissioners on Monday. It is hoped, however, that the backbone of inclemency has been broken and that conditions, which have already started to clear up, will be more favorable hereafter.

## Perquimans Native Safe In Cincinnati

J. E. Eaves, of the Bethel community, was reassured on Friday to receive a telegram from his daughter, Mrs. H. D. Propater, who lives in Cincinnati, Ohio, informing him that she and her family were safe from the flood waters.

Mrs. Propater, who is a native of Perquimans, has lived in the city of Cincinnati for a number of years.

## Rev. M. L. Ambrose New Berea Pastor

Those from Berea Christian Church who attended the Roanoke district convention held at Zion Chapel were Mrs. Fenton Harrell, Mrs. Joe P. Perry and Joshua Sutton.

A liberal contribution was made for the relief of the flood sufferers, the offering amounting to \$40.

A new pastor, the Rev. Martin L. Ambrose, of Roper, will serve Berea Church this year.

## County Disinclined To Quit Road Claim

Blanchard's Oldest Firm In State To Be In Same Family

The last issue of the State, the North Carolina magazine edited by Carl Goerch, which carries so many items of general interest to North Carolinians, gave the name of the firm of J. C. Blanchard as the oldest one in North Carolina, so far as Mr. Goerch knows which has always been in one family.

A previous issue of the State had set forth that the Briggs Hardware Company, in Raleigh, which was 71 years old, as the oldest one Mr. Goerch knew.

Another business in Raleigh 101 years old, was reported in last week's issue, with J. C. Blanchard & Co., topping the list at 105.

J. C. Blanchard & Co., celebrated their one hundredth anniversary in 1932 with a series of big sales events and a county fair. At that time they issued a very attractive booklet, which gave a lot of interesting information in connection with the establishment of the business in 1832 by the grandfather of the present head, J. C. Blanchard.

## Commissioners Hear Troubles About Roads

In addition to approving the Halsey proposal for a \$25,000,000 highway improvement in North Carolina the county commissioners on Monday got into the road question in a lot of other ways. Several husbandmen were present to complain about the mud situation and ask that the state be urged to take over several outlying roads.

A delegation of 30 citizens from up in the northeast section of the county were especially insistent that a road connecting with Highway No. 30 be taken over and safe guarded.

The Commissioners got the delegation to remark this proposed road was through the Dismal Swamp section and might well be given later consideration.

Another delegation sought help with regard to two small bridges on the Cranie Island Road in Belvidere Township, and these the commissioners agreed to do something about.

Still others asked that proper drainage about a bridge on U. S. 17 in the Chapanoke section, be engaged in. This is a brick road and there has been much trouble with a drain pipe. The Commissioners agreed to fix it up.

## More Contributors To Red Cross Fund

- Kate Crawford
- Mrs. W. M. Madrew
- Winfall School
- Mr. and Mrs. Dick Potter
- Mrs. Crayton Stephens
- Mr. W. M. Morgan
- F. S. Stallings
- Miss Mannie Stallings
- Mr. and Mrs. Norman Trueblood
- Clark Stokes
- Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wright
- Miss Alice Babb
- Miss Blanch Everett
- J. R. Smith
- Mrs. C. F. Sumner
- Claud Williams
- Mrs. W. H. Matthews
- Margaret Cox
- Hertford Colored Baptist Church
- Hertford Colored Baptist Sunday School
- J. Oliver White
- New Hope Methodist Sunday School
- Bera Christian Church
- D. S. Dempsey
- Anderson's Church
- Carlton Cannon
- Perquimans High School, Students and Teachers
- Belvidere School
- Mrs. Alice Overman
- Mr. and Mrs. Corp Reed
- W. F. Madre, Jr.
- Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sumner
- Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Anderson
- Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stokes
- William C. Chappell
- Dr. E. S. White
- Miss Emma White
- Miss Margaret White
- Miss Lucy White
- L. I. Berry
- J. R. Carrol
- T. B. Brickhouse

G. C. STUDENTS AT P. C. H. S.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10  
Several students from G. C. College of Greensboro, will present talks and interesting information at the Perquimans County High School, February 10 at 2:30 o'clock.  
The public is cordially invited to attend.

## May Carry on Fight For Return of Huge Amount

\$586,000 SPENT

## Whedbee Views Report As Discouraging But Not Final

Perquimans County refuses to accept the recent report of the special commission delegated to consider the road refund claims of 81 counties in the state, and is determined to press further its claim of \$586,000 for such a refund.

County Attorney Charles H. Whedbee would not say yesterday just what procedure Perquimans would now engage in to bring its claim nearer a successful consummation, but he did take the position the claim was still very much alive, and that the commission's report "passing the buck" back to the State Highway Commission, while disheartening in a way was in no sense discouraging.

It was explained that Perquimans large claim was for all hard surfacing of roads and construction of road bridges before the state took over these avenues of travel, and that the claim did in no sense come under the category of the special commission's comment "few, if any, have merit which extends to the whole amount of the claim."

By a vote of 7 to 2, Chairman Carl Bailey, of Plymouth, and William B. Chappell, of Wilmington, dissenting, the special commission recommended to the Governor and General Assembly on Monday that the Highway Commission be fully empowered, as it has always been, to pass upon all the county claims, totaling around \$53,000,000, and to make no cash refunds "only when the exigencies of a particular situation demand." Especially, the report stated, no preferential payments should be made.

The commission also recommended that the Highway Commission "be charged with the further responsibility of continuously seeking in its program of maintenance and construction to gradually eliminate and adjust all inequities as may exist."

## County Will Aid Tubercular Clinic

Plans underway in Perquimans to establish a tubercular clinic received the endorsement of the county commissioners on Monday when they agreed to advance \$50 for the establishment of the clinic.

The Womens Club of Hertford is behind the movement and has compiled much information to show that the clinic is needed both as a preventative and as a possible cure.

Information in support of what the Hertford women are hoping to accomplish was submitted to the commissioners on Monday and they lost no time in heartily endorsing the movement.

Just when the clinic will get under way was not disclosed but it is in line with a state wide effort to combat the "Great White Plague" in every county of North Carolina.

## Inmate County Home Agrees To Sell Land

To raise funds which will be helpful toward supporting Ada White, an aged inmate of the county home, the Perquimans County Commissioners on Monday, agreed, with Mrs. White's consent and at her suggestion, to sell a piece of farm land which she possesses, and in which she has a lively equity.

It was decided to formally advertise the land for sale and it is believed the resultant receipt from this will be sufficient to be of much service to Mrs. White and at the same time help her to share her living burden with the county.

## Considerable Interest In 4-H Club Work

The 4-H Clubs, which Miss Gladys Hamrick, Home Demonstration Agent organized some weeks ago, are taking active interest in the work, under the leadership of Miss Fannie Mae Coffield, who reports that the girls this month are making sewing boxes, which are very attractive as well as useful.

There are three of these clubs in Perquimans, with approximately 20 present at the last meeting of each.