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Dean Schaub Speaker At Dedication Of New Agricultural Building

Ceremonies Will Be Held Next Wednesday Afternoon

WAS POSTPONED

Other Prominent Speakers to Take Part on Program

Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, Director of Extension Work in North Carolina, is to be principal speaker at the ceremonies dedicating the new Agricultural Building to the service of the farmers and the farm women of Perquimans County, which will be held on next Wednesday afternoon.

Other speakers will include B. Troy Ferguson, District Farm Agent; Lee Wallace, District Director of the Works Progress Administration, of Williamston, and Mrs. Mamie Whisnant, of State College, specialist on home management.

The building which is located on Dobb street in Hertford, which was erected through the cooperation of the county and the WPA, contains in addition to the quarters for the farm demonstration agent and for the home demonstration agent, an auditorium for holding meetings of farmers and farm women. Already a number of such meetings have been held, a sthe building was completed during the month of November. There is also a laboratory for holding cooking and canning demonstrations where the women gather for special instruction along these lines.

The dedication ceremonies were to have been conducted shortly after the completion of the building, according to L. W. Anderson, farm agent, but due to the fact that all of the speakers could not arrange to come previously, the date was postponed.

Much Of Last Year's Cotton Seed Low In Germinating Power

Much of the seed from last year's cotton crop has a low germinating power, according to tests conducted by the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association.

The certified seed that was tested showed only 75 per cent germination, and only 63 per cent of the uncertified seed germinated.

This means that farmers must be careful in selecting their planting seed if they expect to get a good stand of cotton, said A. D. Stuart, extension seed specialist at State College.

There is still a supply of good seed in the State, he continued, and farmers should make efforts to secure seed that is known to be good and has a high germinating power.

If he wishes to use seed he already has on his farm, Stuart added, the farmer should have it tested, if possible. Otherwise he may run the risk of getting a thin, uneven stand.

The low germination of the seed tested so far is due in part to the late maturity of the 1936 cotton crop in many sections of the State, Stuart pointed out.

When late cotton is harvested, it is often picked and stored while damp he explained, and damp seed cotton deteriorates rapidly in storage, as it has a tendency to generate heat.

Or damp seed stored in bulk after it has been ginned will also generate enough heat to greatly lower its germinating ability. There will be less likelihood of heat damage if the stored seed is placed in sacks which can be turned over frequently so as to give the seed plenty of ventilation, Stuart said.

R. F. Tuttle Assists Filers State Income Tax Returns Mar. 8-10

Deputy Commissioner R. F. Tuttle, of State Department of Revenue, will be at Hertford Hotel, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 8th, 9th and 10th, to assist State Income Tax filers in the preparation of their returns.

Married persons having income of \$1,000 or more, all single persons having income of \$1,000.00 or more, all partnerships, and all corporations, are required to file returns. There is no charge for the service.

Perquimans Couple Celebrate Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller, prominent Perquimans couple, was celebrated on Tuesday at their home near Winfall, when their six children, with their families, were present, in addition to several other close relatives and intimate friends. One grandchild, Miss Katherine Perry, who is a student at East Carolina Teachers College, was absent.

The rooms were decorated for the occasion with a profusion of lovely spring flowers, and in the center of the dining table was a large and beautiful wedding cake which was decorated with miniature bride and groom. A delicious old fashioned wedding dinner was served, which included all the good things Perquimans County country people are famous for, as well as many other delicacies. Many handsome and useful gifts were presented to the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller, both of whom are in their seventy-eighth year, and both of whom are natives of Perquimans, were married on February 23, 1887, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride who was the former Miss Alethia White, in the Bagleys Swamp community, and the couple have spent their lives in practically the same neighborhood.

Mr. Miller, who is an outstanding citizen of Perquimans, having all his life taken an active part in the affairs of the county, has for many years been a member of the Perquimans County Board of Education. The couple have reared a fine family of four sons and two daughters. Those present on Tuesday were their daughter, Mrs. J. E. Perry and Mr. Perry, of Winfall; their daughter, Mrs. H. T. West, and Mrs. West, of Adylen; four sons, Rev. J. H. Miller and Mrs. Miller, of Hookerton; E. L. Miller and B. M. Miller, both of Winfall; and E. W. Miller, of Norfolk. Others present were Mrs. Bettie White, J. N. White, George Winslow, Mrs. Clarence Twine, all of Norfolk, David Miller, Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Lowe and Miss Annie White, all of Winfall.

Higher Quality Lint Means More Income

North Carolina cotton growers could increase their income several million dollars a year by producing higher quality lint, said J. C. Ferguson, extension cotton gin specialist at State College.

During the past five years, he said the annual average crop of 600,000 bales brought a return of approximately \$40,000,000.

Much of the cotton produced in this State, he continued, sold at less than the average price per pound because it was raised from inferior seed, improperly cultivated, and damaged in the ginning process.

Ferguson also said that if growers in each community would arrange to produce a standardized variety of uniform staple length, and would be more careful in harvesting, their cotton would command a higher price.

When buyers can go into a community and buy large quantities of cotton of a fairly uniform grade and staple length, he explained, they are willing to pay more for it.

Cotton harvested while damp is subject to damage in ginning, unless it is thoroughly dried out first, he continued. Cotton filled with trash usually loses one or more grades in quality.

Ginners can help in the production of better staple by using only good equipment and being more careful to operate their gins in the proper manner, Ferguson continued.

Ferguson was recently employed by the State College extension service to work with ginners and others in connection with improving the quality of North Carolina's second most important money crop.

UNEMPLOYED MAY REGISTER MONTHLY AT COURT HOUSE

It is announced that a representative of the North Carolina State Employment Service will be at the Court House in Hertford on the first Thursday of each month for the purpose of registering unemployed.

GONE TO FLORIDA
Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Butler and Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Cox left Sunday for a trip to Florida.

CANNING SCHOOL IN NEW BUILDING NEXT WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Helen B. Zoller of Raleigh Will Have Charge

AT 1:30 O'CLOCK

Profitable For Housewife to Learn Newest Methods

How to can all kinds of vegetables will be demonstrated at the vegetable canning school to be conducted at the Agricultural Building on Wednesday of next week, which is March 10.

Mrs. Helen B. Zoller, home economist from State College, who is an authority on the proper way to can vegetables, as well as on many other kindred subjects, will be in charge of the school, according to Miss Gladys Hamrick, home demonstration agent, and all club women, as well as any others who are interested, are invited to be present.

The school will be conducted in the laboratory of the home demonstration agent's department, promptly at 1:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Zoller is a home economics graduate of Miami University, of Oxford, Ohio, where she specialized in vocational home economics. She has also done special work in foods at Ball State Teachers College, at Muncie, Indiana.

Mrs. Zoller has also taught home economics in rural and city high schools and has served two years as critic teacher at Miami University. All of these positions called for frequent canning demonstrations. Her work as vocational director took her into many homes where she met the problems of canning as they occur to the average home maker.

Miss Hamrick feels that with the time approaching when the farm housewife will wish to be able to can various kinds of vegetables, that it will be profitable for every one to be present to learn about the newest methods of canning vegetables.

Colored Resident Narrowly Escapes Being Electrocutd

Narrowly escaping electrocution last Thursday, Charles Davenport, highly respected colored resident of Hertford, is recovering from his injuries which kept him confined to his bed for a couple of days.

Davenport, who lives on Church street, when not engaged in carpentering, laying concrete walks, or something of the like, is always busy at some odd job, like putting in window lights or mending anything which happens to be broken about the premises of dozens of the white residents of the town.

On Thursday he was taking up a pump, down in Newtown. After taking the pipe from the ground he found that the point had to be cleared, so he took it down to the ditch which leads to the creek at the southern end of Church street, the most convenient spot. Holding the 18 foot length of pipe in his hands, he attempted to set it upright, and it came in contact with the electric wires overhead. Charles was thrown to the ground, and fortunately also was the pipe, falling away from his body. The man lay unconscious until a passer-by saw him, when a physician was summoned. His condition is greatly improved and he is able now to be up, but he received a very severe shock and narrowly escaped death.

Tim Rufus Brinn On Marion Dean's List

Tim Rufus Brinn, who is in his first year at Marion Institute, Marion, Alabama, was one of twenty-three students receiving high academic averages and maintaining satisfactory conduct records the first semester. These twenty-three were named on the Dean's List and were awarded gold stars. To be named on the Dean's List a student must average 85 or better with no grades below 80 for high school and college students. Those taking preparatory courses for entrance to the U. S. Government academies must rank in the upper fifteen per cent of their class.

Cadet Brinn, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Brinn, of Hertford, was among the upper fifteen per cent of his class. He is taking a special preparatory course for entrance to the United States Military Academy at Annapolis.

MANY DESIRE TO PROVIDE COUNTY BOARDING HOMES

Quick Response to Appeal Made In Perquimans Weekly

SPLENDID HOMES

Prospects Bright For Placing All Homeless Children

There have been many applications to the Welfare Department to board homeless children since the notice was given in the Perquimans Weekly last week, when for the first time the local public was acquainted with the plan of the Welfare Department to place homeless children in suitable homes, preferably homes in the country.

Miss Ruth Davenport, Welfare Officer for Perquimans County, said this week that there had been numerous applicants representing splendid homes, and that the prospects were bright for placing all of the children. Applications were received she said, from practically every section of the county.

That there are childless couples in the county who want children and who would be glad to adopt two children, was revealed by the announcement that homeless children were available. If such couples cannot get children of the age or of the sex they particularly desire from the number to be placed immediately in Perquimans, there are plenty of little ones elsewhere who are available for adoption, and the Welfare Department could be of service in helping such couples to get in touch with these children.

One woman who made inquiry as to these homeless children to be placed, said she would prefer taking a very young child, preferably one whose habits were not yet formed, to raise as her own. This matter ought to be easily arranged if the home where the child is wanted meets the requirements of those in charge of the children. There are many fine homes in Perquimans where there are no children. Somewhere there are fine youngsters who might grow to finer manhood or womanhood if they could be placed there.

Durants Neck Club Raising Money For Community House

The Durants Neck Woman's Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. A. Sawyer. Mrs. L. R. Webb, president, presided at the devotional and business sessions.

The club is very much interested in the proposed community house at New Hope and committees were appointed to secure donations to the building fund.

Plans were also made for a subscription bridge party to be held at New Hope school-house Friday night, March 5th. The proceeds of this party will be given the building fund. Anyone wishing to attend this subscription bridge party may secure tickets from Miss Hamrick in Hertford or Mrs. Sawyer at Durants Neck.

Miss Vida Banks gave a very interesting talk on "What a Tall Woman Should Wear" and Mrs. J. H. Gregory gave an interesting talk on "Clothes Appropriate For the Small Woman."

Miss Gladys Hamrick gave a helpful talk on the "Use and Care of a Sewing Machine."

Miss Francis Evans, County Nurse gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on "Health."

An apron-parade was held and Mrs. L. R. Webb won the prize for having the most attractive apron at a small cost.

Mrs. J. H. Gregory, recreation leader, conducted a very amusing contest, and the prize was won by Miss Francis Evans.

The hostesses, assisted by her daughter, Nita, served dainty refreshments. Those present were: Mrs. C. E. Sutton, Mrs. J. H. Foster, Mrs. J. H. Gregory, Mrs. S. T. Perry, Mrs. Rosa Green, Mrs. Eva Squires, Mrs. C. W. Newby, Mrs. D. G. Newby, Mrs. E. A. Turner, Mrs. Mattie Simpson, Mrs. W. K. Barcliff, Mrs. E. M. Perry, Mrs. L. R. Webb, Mrs. S. D. Banks, Mrs. B. S. Banks, Misses Francis Evans, Vida Banks, Maude Simpson, Gladys Hamrick, and Rebecca Webb.

IN NEW BERN
U. S. Deputy Marshall W. G. Wright is in New Bern this week on business connected with his office.

Perquimans County, Too, Can Claim Home Of General Assembly

CANNING EXPERT



MRS. HELEN B. ZOLLER
Mrs. Zoller will present the newest methods of canning vegetables at a canning school to be conducted in the new Agricultural Building on Wednesday, March 10.

50 Young Musicians In Concert Given By Miss Kate Blanchard

Fifty odd young folks will take part in the concert to be given tonight, Friday, at the Grammar School Auditorium when Miss Kate Blanchard's piano pupils and glee club members will participate.

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

Those taking part are as follows: Marie Anderson, Ruth Winslow, Blanche Moore Berry, Julia Broughton, Elizabeth Caddy, Mary Thad Chappell, Celia Blanche Dail, Florence Darden, Nancy Coke Darden, Mary Field, Anne Tullis Felton, Eugenia Gregory, Ruth Hollowell, Maude Keaton Frances Newby, Jeanette Perry, Alice Roberson, Lila Budd Stephens, Dalton Strange, Anna Penelope Tucker, Ellie Mae White, Mary Morris, Peggy Felton, Elizabeth Darden, Pat Edwards, Bettie Lordley, Eloise Keaton, Miriam Nixon, Mary Ruth Sawyer, Marie Stanton, Helen Mae White, Adalia Winslow, Barbara Winslow, Bettie Winslow, Bertha Mae White, Belle Landings, Wallace Cobb Mayes, Eva Brinkley Harris, Mildred Gault, Jimmie Felton, Morris Griffin, Thomas Fleetwood, James S. McNider, Jr., Richard Sawyer, Elihu Winslow, Jack Anderson, Zack White and George Fields.

U. D. C. Meets At Home Mrs. Berry

The Skinner-Jones Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. B. C. Berry, with Mrs. Berry, Mrs. J. C. Blanchard and Mrs. R. H. Willis as joint hostesses.

The house was beautifully decorated with Confederate flags and spring flowers, and the program, which was in charge of Mrs. C. V. Williford, featured the birthdays of George Washington and Sidney Lanier.

An ice course was served. Those present included, in addition to the hostesses, Meedames J. J. Fleetwood, R. T. Clarke, R. B. Cox, C. V. Williford, D. M. Field, Thomas Nixon and Misses Mary Sumner and Kate Blanchard.

Perquimans Boys Chalk Up Win Over Windsor

Frances Newby, a sister of Prue Newby, star basketballer for Perquimans High School for several years, who is a member of the second string basketball team, was high scorer Wednesday night when the subs played with Windsor, winning with a score of 82-5.

The Perquimans boys chalked up another win, also, with a score of 50-18, making 10 victories out of 15 games played this season. Dox Nixon was high scorer for the boys.

BILL JORDAN SICK
W. C. (Bill) Jordan, popular Hertford barber, is quite sick at his home in the Bagley's Swamp community. Mr. Jordan has been absent from his shop for a week.

Session to Be Held In Edenton Revives Historic Interest

CHALLENGED

First Governor, William Drummond, Lived In Little River

Since the General Assembly accepted the invitation to visit Edenton and hold one day's session in the historic old capital, there has been much written in the newspapers of the state, as well as those of Virginia, about the matter. Citizens of various places, it seems, have laid claim to certain first things. There seems to be general revival of historical interest in the Albemarle, and it begins to look as though some of these claims as to first things are to be challenged.

New Bern had something to say. That was once the capital of the state. Elizabeth City, too, claiming that the first assembly was held at Nixonton, says this was the first capital, in Pasquotank.

Perquimans County has made little claim as to her firsts, except with regard to the oldest deed of record in the State. She has always claimed that, and she also claims it was in Hertford the first sermon was preached.

But when one begins to look into the situation it appears that perhaps she is entitled to some further recognition as to this first business. Doubtless the reason she never got it is because she never claimed it. Certainly she never has advertised her claim.

To begin with, the first clearing in North Carolina was made in Durants Neck, in Perquimans. The spot cleared was included in the land which George Durant purchased from the Indian Chief Kilocanen, described in the oldest deed of record in the state. George Durant became, so historians have laid down, the most influential man in the colony. He lived in Durants Neck in the settlement then known as Little River.

The first governor of North Carolina, William Drummond, lived in Little River, too, on a picturesque spot between the river and the sound. This little settlement seems to have been the seat of the government at the time.

That the first assembly was held in Perquimans and not in Pasquotank, has always been claimed by the Perquimans County Historian, Mrs. M. H. Evans, who published the History of Perquimans some years ago. Mrs. Evans claims that this assembly was held at the home of John Hecklefield. If this is true there is no doubt as to the claim of Mrs. Evans. For there is indeed every proof that John Hecklefield lived in Perquimans and not in Pasquotank. There is reference after reference in the old records to John Hecklefield's house in Little River, and in the list of vestrymen appointed for Berkeley Parish which was afterwards Perquimans Precinct and still later Perquimans County, the name of John Hecklefield appears.

Maybe Perquimans should claim something of this first business.

Former Resident Dies In Norfolk Friday

G. E. Twine, 70, a former resident of Perquimans, died at his home in Norfolk on Friday morning, February 19, after a brief illness. Funeral services and burial took place in Norfolk on Saturday.

Surviving Mr. Twine are his wife, Mrs. Claude Twine, and eight children, Mrs. D. C. Forehand, C. E. Twine, Mrs. J. E. Yeatman, Mrs. George Booth, all of Norfolk; Mrs. T. E. Madre and Mrs. A. R. Miller, of Hertford; Mrs. L. R. Jennings, of Camden, and Ephraim Twine, of Atlanta, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO MEET

The executive committee of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church will meet on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. W. Mayes. All members are urged to be present.

MR. AND MRS. TURNER HERE
Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Turner, who lives near Belvidere, were in Hertford on Saturday.