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Perquimans Farmers Welcome Payments For Soil Conservation

Over \$19,000 Received This Week From Government

AT GOOD TIME

Recipients Surprised at Receiving More Than Was Expected

More than nineteen thousand dollars has been paid to Perquimans County farmers within the past week representing soil-conserving payments, in most cases the payments being much in excess of what was expected.

Coming at a time of the year when Perquimans farmers usually have little income, as most of the money crops have long since been disposed of, and in many cases the money spent, this ready cash is a windfall.

There were 511 applications for soil conserving payments submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture through the office of the County Agent, according to L. W. Anderson, agent, who stated that payments have been received as yet on only 316 of these. Others will be received in due time. The total amount received up to the present is \$19,024.22, represented by 547 checks.

Most of the Perquimans farmers receiving checks were surprised at the amount they received for co-operation in the soil-conserving program, according to Mr. Anderson, who says that each producer might have received even larger payments if they had not failed to take advantage of the soil-building plans, and that many others might have received payments for soil-conserving if they had not failed to make out a work sheet last year.

The payments which Perquimans farmers are receiving now represent compliance with soil-conserving plans for planting soy beans, which is the principal soil-conserving crop of Perquimans, and other soil-conserving crops, instead of cotton, peanuts and corn.

Not all of the farmers who might have shared in these payments did so, according to Mr. Anderson. Many farmers actually complied but, because they failed to make out a work sheet last year, they could not make application for the payments to which they were otherwise entitled.

Others over-planted their peanut and cotton bases and so were not eligible for the benefits. At least 200 farmers in Perquimans failed to make out work sheets last year, though they were urged to do so and were told that by doing so they did not obligate themselves in any way but placed themselves in line to receive whatever benefit to which they were entitled.

There are signs of more general cooperation this year, according to Mr. Anderson, who says that most producers are realizing their error and are signing work sheets this year.

A better balanced system of farming, which will be more profitable for the farmer and safer for the nation, is the aim of the 1937 Agricultural Conservation Program.

Destruction of soil by erosion and loss of fertility through over-cropping have made millions of acres of the Nation's agricultural land unsuitable for farming. Waste of soil has been so extensive that conservation has become a national problem. The need is to conserve the land upon which the Nation must depend for the bulk of its food and fiber. These are the reasons why the AAA conservation program operates, through a system of payments enabling farmers to conserve soil on the individual farms of the country, and why the Federal Government makes funds available for this purpose.

MARY WOOD EGNON WILL TAKE PART IN BIG PAGEANT

In connection with the education program commemorating the centennial of public education in North Carolina, which will be presented in Durham in April, a number of students at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina will form a Greek chorus. The chorus is directed by Miss Lillian...

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RECORDER'S COURT

Two men will probably be tried for capital crimes at the April Term of Perquimans Superior Court, which convenes on April 12. Shadrach Boone, Hertford Negro, was ordered held for the grand jury on Tuesday when a hearing for probable cause was held in Recorder's Court before Walter H. Oakey, Jr.

James White, who killed Hattie Simpson with an axe in January, has been held in jail ever since, awaiting trial for murder.

Shadrach Boone, who is about twenty-five years old, is charged with carnal knowledge of a twelve-year-old Negro girl. Boone, who left town shortly after the crime is alleged to have been committed on Monday, was brought back to Hertford from Elizabeth City on Tuesday morning. After a hearing, when all spectators were ordered from the court room, Boone was ordered held in jail without bond.

Percy Sharpe, Negro, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the costs and upon good behavior for one year.

All other cases tried involved traffic violations, the prosecuting witness in each case being Patrolman Clyde Gibson, who picked up the violators while checking equipment last week.

Mitchel Zachery was taxed with the costs upon conviction of driving with insufficient brakes.

F. T. Spruill, convicted of driving with insufficient brakes, and no horn was fined ten dollars.

L. C. Harrell, convicted of driving with insufficient brakes, was fined ten dollars.

The case against Luther Perry, charged with driving with insufficient brakes, was dismissed.

Ed Garrett, charged with driving with insufficient brakes, was convicted and was required to pay the costs.

Stephen Vaughan, who pled guilty to driving with insufficient brakes, was fined ten dollars.

In his testimony regarding the condition of brakes Officer Gibson told how he had tested the brakes. Driving at 20 miles an hour it took one car 100 feet to stop when brakes were applied. Another required 95 feet to stop. In one case it required 110 or 115 feet to stop.

In one case it was testified the defendant was driving at 40 or 50 miles an hour, though in most cases they were driving slow and cautiously.

"The next time you find a man going at that rate of speed," Judge Oakey said, after it had been shown a man drove a car with insufficient brakes at 40 or 50 miles an hour, "I wish you would check to find out how long it would take to stop at the rate he was driving. Such a test might impress them of the danger of such speed." If they are not going fast," he continued, "they are not apt to kill anybody. For that reason I am lenient on the drivers who are not going fast."

Tim Brinn Again Makes Dean's List

Cadet Rufus T. Brinn, Jr., of Hertford, was named on the Dean's List for the month of February at Marine Institute. Cadet Brinn is an outstanding student in a very outstanding student body, having been named on the list twice this year.

Rev. J. O. Long Guest Speaker At Rotary

Rev. J. O. Long, of Weldon, who is conducting the revival services at the Hertford Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the Hertford Rotary Club on Tuesday night.

The Rotarians expect to enjoy an oyster roast on next Tuesday night at the regular hour of meeting.

ATLANTA PREACHER TO BE AT BETHLEHEM CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. E. V. Cook of Atlanta, who is holding a series of meetings at the First Christian Church in...

NEWBY PRAISED FOR EFFICIENCY AS TOWN CLERK

Received Letter From Local Government Commission

VERY ACCURATE

Wishes Men Like Him Would Be In Charge In All Towns

W. G. Newby, Hertford's Town Clerk, is very proud of a compliment paid him in a recent letter from Charles M. Johnson, of Raleigh, Director of Local Government, in which the State official commends Mr. Newby for the manner in which he has handled the finances of the Town of Hertford and expresses the wish that there were men like him in charge of all towns in the State.

Mr. Newby, as Clerk, makes his reports of town affairs to Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson, as head of the Local Government Commission of the State of North Carolina, is, of course, in close touch with government affairs of all the towns and cities of the State and is thoroughly familiar with the manner in which the finances are handled.

Mr. Johnson's letter to Mr. Newby, dated March 19, at Raleigh, reads as follows:

Dear Mr. Newby: I am in receipt of your letter of March 4 enclosing my report which closes your default which I was very glad to receive.

You came into office in December 1931, I believe, which were the dark days, as you well know, and which made handling finances of a town an extremely difficult job. You have handled the Town of Hertford in a very fine manner and I always believe in giving praise where praise is due. You are entitled to it and I therefore take great pleasure in commending you for the way that you have handled your situation. I wish we had men like you in charge of all the towns in the State.

With kind personal regards, I am, Yours very truly, CHARLES M. JOHNSON, Director of Local Government.

Perquimans Youth Victim Of Holdup

Victim of a hold-up by a man with whom he caught a ride last Thursday night, Walton Whitehead, Perquimans County youth, was fortunate in having on his person only 96 cents.

Young Whitehead is a member of the OCC camp at Swan Quarter. He decided to visit his mother, Mrs. Bertha Whitehead, at Chapanoke, on Thursday night, and believed himself fortunate when a couple of men picked him up at Washington, and told him they were going to Elizabeth City. This would take him within walking distance of his mother's home. All went well until the trio were about three miles out of Windsor, when Mr. Whitehead was asked if he had money enough to buy drinks. Answering in the affirmative, he felt a gun shoved against his side. He was relieved of all his money, 96 cents, and told to get out, which he lost no time in doing, and the car disappeared in the dark.

Young Whitehead walked to the nearest gas station and shortly afterwards caught a ride on a truck which took him home.

Gypsies "Bless" Aunt Katie's Money, But Now It's All Gone

The Gypsies blessed Aunt Katie's money, all right, just as they promised to do to make Aunt Katie lucky, but best if Aunt Katie could find the money after they blessed it. Aunt Katie, otherwise Katie Sutton, a well known colored woman of the Bethel neighborhood, has been sick. Aunt Katie has had a pain in her side at times, along with other distressing symptoms, and when the band of Gypsies in two automobiles with Georgia license plates visited Aunt Katie last Saturday they told her she had been sick, just like she had been, and they even showed her the exact place in her side where the pain was. One of the women put her finger right on the spot. So convincing were they about what they knew that Aunt Katie was constrained to believe everything they told her, even that if they blessed her money it would bring her good luck.

So Aunt Katie handed over her pocketbook to be blessed. And, just

as they told her to do, did not take it out from its hiding place "between the bed and mat" for some time.

Imagine Aunt Katie's dismay when she did take out the purse and look inside to discover that the money was all gone and in its place were some metal washers wrapped in dirty rags.

Then Aunt Katie knew it was all a dirty trick.

Sheriff J. E. Winslow was notified and later on when two cars with Georgia license plates carrying a band of Gypsies were located in Pasquotank the cooperation of the Pasquotank officers was sought with the result that the Gypsy women were carried to Aunt Katie for identification. But, unfortunately for Aunt Katie, best if she could identify them.

Aunt Katie's money, \$43.35, hard-earned savings, is gone, as probably is the blessing.

HERTFORD GAINS 2 FIRST HONORS IN MUSIC CONTEST

Pat Edwards and Zack White Win In Respective Groups

AT SCHOOL

Will Represent Hertford In State Contest At Greensboro

Two young Hertford musicians, Pat Edwards and Zack Toms White, won first places in the District Music Contest held in Hertford on Saturday and these two will compete at the State Contest to be held at Greensboro in April.

Little Miss Edwards was the winner in voice and young Mr. White in piano. Other winners were Julia Burton and Jennie Ruth McAlilly, of Edenton, in Piano; Joseph Ward, of Robersonville, clarinet.

Mrs. R. M. Riddick, of Hertford, Junior Counsellor of the Northeastern District of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs, presided at the contest, and the judges were Mrs. J. W. Foreman, Mrs. H. D. Walker and Miss Estelle McClees, of Elizabeth City.

The affair which was one of great importance to those interested in music, was held in the auditorium of the Hertford Grammar School, and was attended not only by the contestants but by a number of interested spectators.

Mrs. Riddick reports that all of the contestants, representing Hertford, Edenton, Robersonville and Conway, showed a high degree of skill and were a credit to their teachers.

The Edenton contestants, with Mrs. Leon Lewis as Counsellor, were Catherine Reaves, Jennie Ruth McAlilly, Julia Burton; Hertford, with Miss Kate Blanchard as counsellor, Zack Toms White, Anne Tullis Felton, Pat Edwards and Dalton Strange; Robersonville, with Mrs. J. E. Aiken and Mrs. Selma Meadows as counsellors, Charles Wilson, Louise Wilson, Joseph Ward, Conway, with Mrs. J. A. Fleetwood, counsellor, Eloise Taylor, Elizabeth Vick, Elizabeth Piland, Crafford Hedspath and Kathleen White.

MISS BLANCHE EVERETT WINS \$60 PRIZE AT STATE THEATRE

There was a ring of sincerity in the round of hearty applause when the name of Blanche Everett was announced as the winner of the sixty-dollar prize at the State Theatre on Wednesday night.

Miss Everett, who has many friends, is a member of the sales force of Roberson's Drug Store.

The theatre was filled to capacity.

MEN'S MEETING IN HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH ON APRIL 4

The Chowan Baptist Association will hold a meeting for men at the Hertford Baptist Church on April 4 at 1:45 o'clock.

Further announcement will be made in this newspaper next week.

MRS. JACKSON RETURNS HOME

Mrs. D. M. Jackson, who has been a patient at the Norfolk General Hospital, returned to her home in Hertford on Tuesday, accompanied by her infant daughter, Alice Jean.

Woman's Club Urges Citizens To Cooperate In "Clean-Up Week"

NEW FARM CROP BASE IN 1937

By L. W. ANDERSON
In an article appearing in this paper last week, I discussed Cotton, Peanut, and General Soil Depleting Bases and the payment offered for diverting a certain percentage of these bases to soil conserving or soil building crops.

In the 1937 program, each farm will be assigned a Soil Conserving Base and each farmer will be notified in a few days the amount of his Soil Conserving Base acres.

Whatever your Soil Conserving Base is, you will be required to plant that many acres in Soil Conserving Crops. In addition, you will be required to plant as many acres in Soil Conserving Crops as are diverted from your Cotton, Peanut, and General Soil Depleting Bases.

A number of farmers in this county failed to comply with the 1936 program and hence received no benefit payment, or received a smaller benefit payment than they might have.

The principal Soil Conserving Crop grown in Perquimans County is Soybeans, commonly called Stock-peas. There are a number of other crops grown in the county that are also classed as Soil Conserving Crops, including Cowpeas, Corn field peas, all kinds of clover, Velvet beans, Vetch, Lespedeza, peanuts when pastured, annual grasses such as Sudan Grass, Millet, etc., not harvested for hay or seed. Perennial Grasses or mixtures planted for pastures, small grains when not harvested for seed or hay, such as Rye, Oats, Wheat, Sweet Sorghum, etc. Any of these crops will be classed as Soil Conserving and should be counted as a part of the soil conserving acreage required on your farm.

Soybeans or Stock-peas, when planted alone will be counted as Soil Conserving acreage. Soybeans planted with corn, either "hill of corn and hill of soybeans" or "row of corn and row of soybeans" or soybeans broadcast in corn at the usual rate per acre will be counted as all corn acres and 1-2 soybeans acres.

Example: Suppose your farm has a Soil Conserving Base of 25 acres. Then it would be necessary for you to plant at least 25 acres of Soil Conserving Crops before you could collect your benefit payment for diverting a part of your Cotton, Peanut or General Soil Depleting Crops. If you had 50 acres of corn on your farm, you could broadcast the whole 50 acres in soybeans when you killed your corn and this would be counted 50 acres of General Soil Depleting Crops and 25 acres of Soil Conserving Crops.

Also, you must have as many acres of Soil Conserving Crops as you divert from Cotton, Peanuts, and General Soil Depleting Crops. Suppose you have a Cotton Base of ten acres and want to collect the maximum payment for this base, you could plant 6 1-2 acres and divert 35 per cent of your base of 3 1-2 acres. Then you must plant 3 1-2 acres of Soil Conserving Crops in addition to your Soil Conserving Crop Base of 25 acres, or a total of 28 1-2. Suppose you have a Peanut Base of 10 acres and wish to collect the maximum payment of 15 per cent of the base. Then you could plant 8 1-2 acres of Peanuts and divert 1 1-2 acres. Then you would be required to plant an additional 1 1-2 acres in Soil Conserving Crops, which added to your 28 1-2 acres mentioned above would make a total of 30 acres of Soil Conserving Crops required in 1937.

Suppose you have General Soil Depleting Base of 20 acres; you cannot collect a payment for diverting a part of this base unless you have been producing a surplus of General Soil Depleting Crops and selling all or a part of this surplus, directly or indirectly. Under these conditions you may divert as much as 15 per cent of your Base, or divert 3 acres and you could plant 17 acres of General Soil Depleting Crops. If you divert these 3 acres, then you must plant an additional 3 acres of Soil Conserving Crops, or a total of 30 acres of Soil Conserving Crops on your farm in 1937.

Next week, an article will appear in this paper discussing the Soil Building Allowance, Soil Building Payments and how to earn these payments.

Individual Effort Asked To Beautify and Improve Town

HELD IN APRIL

C. R. Holmes Addresses Local Club on Civic Needs

Mrs. R. T. White chairman of the Civics Department, had charge of the program at the meeting of the Hertford Woman's Club on Thursday afternoon, when the newly elected president, Mrs. R. T. Clarke presided.

A special feature of the program was an address on the subject of Civic Needs by C. R. Holmes, local attorney. There were two delightful musical numbers by Anne Tullis Felton and Zack Toms White and Mrs. W. E. White read the poem "Trees," by Joyce Kilmer.

Mrs. White, the Civics Department chairman, who is making special a very special effort to get the cooperation of individuals, business houses and organizations in beautifying and improving the town, in a few brief remarks stressed the importance of individual effort, in residents of the town planting shrubbery, cleaning premises and otherwise making attractive their homes. She called attention, also, to the recent improvements made by the improved streets, the resurfacing of several of the streets, and of other improvements.

A special appeal was made to have all citizens cooperate in "Clean-Up Week," which is to be observed early in April.

Blind Man Opens Shop To Do Cane Work

Howard Goodwin, the young blind man who does such good work of making cane bottoms and backs for chairs, has opened up a shop at 51 Edenton Road, next door to T. R. Winslow's store, and is prepared to do all kinds of cane work, including the heavy, closely woven bottoms and backs for porch chairs as well as the pretty, open work, in different size mesh.

Two chairs recently done by Mr. Goodwin are on exhibit at the courthouse and may be seen by applying to J. W. Ward, register of Deeds. Mr. Goodwin has placed these chairs with Mr. Ward so that the work may be inspected by any one who is interested. The work is beautifully done and the bottoms are strong and stout. These are regular porch chairs.

Mr. Goodwin learned to do this work while a student at the State Institution for the Blind at Raleigh.

Irish Music Program Be Given April 2nd

The program of Irish music which was scheduled to be given on March 19 by the piano and rhythm pupils of Mrs. R. M. Riddick will be given instead on Friday evening April 2, at 8 o'clock.

The class will be assisted in the program by Misses Mary Sumner, Shirley Elliott, Lizzie Lee Hoffer and Mrs. D. S. Dempsey.

ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Dennis Godwin entertained her bridge club at her home near Burgess, Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. B. Basnight made the highest score.

Those present were Mrs. C. B. Parker, Mrs. Dennis Godwin, Miss Clara Spruill, Mrs. Carl Godwin, Mrs. Winston Lane, Mrs. N. C. Spivey, Mrs. Charlie White, Mrs. J. B. Basnight Mrs. Charlie Umphlett, and Mrs. Sue Godwin. The hostess served a delicious sweet course.

LADIES' COUNCIL BETHLEHEM CHURCH MEETS ON APRIL 9

The Ladies' Council of Bethlehem Christian Church will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Louis Eaves April 9, at 2:30 P. M.

All members are urged to attend.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Alberto H. Ros announce the birth of a son, Curtis Alberto, at their home in Clenfours, Cuba, on March 14. Mrs. Ros is the former Miss Elizabeth Wilson of Chapanoke.