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Commissioners Balk Over Excessive Levy

Say Social Security Cost Can Be Met By Ten-Cent Rate

16 CENTS ASKED

Three-County Health Service Is Finally Turned Down

The tax rate in Perquimans County is not going to be raised to any greater extent than is absolutely necessary, according to Earl M. Perry, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, and his statement appears to be borne out by several specific acts of the Board at their regular meeting on Monday.

The matter of levying an extra tax to take care of the budgetary requirements for carrying out the program for old age and dependent children assistance under the Social Security Act is something the county cannot avoid. The commissioners are faced with the fact that they are required by law to levy an extra tax for this purpose. Whatever amount the county pays in carrying out this program is matched by state funds, the two combined amounts being matched by federal funds. But the matter is not as simple as that. It is not left to the counties, under the present law, to pay how little or how much they should raise for this purpose.

However, when faced with the budget as prepared by the Division of Public Assistance at Raleigh on Monday and asked, through the local Superintendent of Public Welfare, for a case worker to be supplied, half of whose salary of \$1020 the county would be called upon to pay, as well as an annual combined traveling expense for the superintendent and the case worker of \$840, all of which the County must pay, the commissioners balked. "You tell them," instructed Chairman Perry, "that we do not need an extra case worker in this county and we are not willing to pay any part of the expense, and tell them that we can get along with five hundred dollars traveling expense."

Instead of levying an extra 16 cents, which would be necessary for supplying the case worker and additional traveling expense allowance, the opinion was expressed that an extra levy of 10 cents would be sufficient for carrying out the program in this county.

According to the budget prepared by the Division of Public Assistance and made public this week, in which it is shown the amount to be raised by the county for old age assistance, the amount to be raised in each county for aid to dependent children, the number of those in the county eligible to receive old age assistance and dependent children's assistance, that the county's share of old age assistance is \$2,700.00, and the county's share of aid to dependent children is \$1,620.00, that the county levy is .1027 and the county expense levy .0561, and the administrative welfare expense is \$3,780.00, or more than \$7 1/2 per cent of the amount the county must contribute for old age and children's assistance.

The commissioners turned down the proposal of the State Board of Health to create a three-county health center in the counties of Perquimans, Chowan and Gates, with a full-time health officer, a full-time sanitary inspector, three nurses and three clerks, the combined salaries and traveling expenses of whom would cost annually more than \$14,000.00, to provide the county's part of which would necessitate raising the tax rate about 5 cents.

Five representatives of the State Board of Health, including Dr. C. V. Reynolds, Dr. R. E. Fox, Dr. J. C. Knox, Dr. Roy Norton and Miss Cora Benn, were here Friday, when a joint meeting of the county commissioners of the three counties was held in the courthouse. A plan was outlined by which state and federal appropriations aggregating upwards of \$10,000 would be secured annually for the set-up, which would cost \$12,500, not including office space and office furnishings and maintenance, the three counties to contribute

Bishop Kern Urges Help For Louisburg

A letter which will interest all the Methodists of Perquimans County has been received by Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, from Bishop Paul B. Kern, written while aboard ship on the Atlantic.

The letter follows: "After long preparation and under the urge of absolute necessity Louisburg College is out for a brief campaign for a sum sufficient to liquidate its indebtedness and make certain badly needed repairs and improvements. The College has gone along now for several years, meeting its expenses, educating our sons and daughters but struggling under the weight of a terrific debt. That indebtedness has now been compromised. If we can raise a sum amounting to about one third of our obligations we can be free. We cannot be a self respecting institution until we pay debts.

"Under the fine and promising leadership of Brother Earnhardt the old College is taking on new life. The future is bright if the present can be redeemed. We need Louisburg College. About that there can be no debate. But nobody will save it unless the Methodist people of the North Carolina Conference do it.

"I am asking you to give your loyal and devoted energies to this movement. It is well planned, honestly conceived and will be sanely carried out. Let's add to our other victories in North Carolina the saving of Louisburg to its career of educating and training Christian citizens for the Church and the commonwealth of tomorrow. We can do it."

Whedbee Family Holds Reunion On July Fourth

On Sunday, July 4th the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whedbee, of Durants Neck, was the scene of happiness and merriment as relations and friends assembled from far and near to hold a family reunion.

A bountiful dinner of good things was spread on a table in the yard under the trees and good will reigned supreme as all present partook of it.

When the dinner was over some of the party hied away to the "Point" to bathe or wade in the old Albemarle Sound while others remained behind to enjoy sweet fellowship in conversation with those seen only on such occasions.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Whedbee and daughter, Margaret, of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Eva Stallings and son Simon, and daughter, Mary Ruth and Miss Marie Stanton, of Winfall, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Sawyer and son, Cecil, and daughter Katherine Anne, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gimbart and son, Ray, and daughter Lois, Marvin Kent Parker, Mrs. Sallie White Rogerson, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Carson and baby, Rose Jaqueline, and Oscar Ratcliffe of Lynnhaven, Va., Miss Annie Marie Sanders, Malcolm Sanders, Winston Markham, Miss Gladys Meads, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Meades and daughter, Rena Belle, of Weeksville, Meems, Calvin, M. C., Johnny and Vivian Baines and Vernon Gimbert of London Bridge, Va., Miss Fuga Lee Luton of Deep Creek, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Luther Luton and son, Randolph, and daughter, Bonnie Belle, of Moyock, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Earl Winslow and son, Festress, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gregory and son Gerald Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Mercer Winslow and sons, Howard and Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Winslow and daughter Fay, George Carver and little daughter of Belvidere, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Whedbee and sons, J. T. and Vernon Lee, Mrs. J. R. Whedbee and Mrs. C. W. Griffin of Durants Neck, N. C.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM SUNDAY NIGHT

The Hertford Methodist Church will present its annual Church School Day program next Sunday evening, July 11, at 8 o'clock. This service will climax a two weeks' period of intensive study on the part of the children in the Vacation Church School, which has been meeting for two hours each evening. The general theme of the program is the growth of Jesus. It will include songs and recitations by the children, primary and junior department, as well as discussions by the

RARE MONEY NOW IN POSSESSION DR. BLANCHARD

Two Bills Carry Distinct Signature of John Harvey

BOUGHT THEM

Form Beginning of Interesting Collection During Two Years

Proclamation money, issued before the Revolutionary War, bearing the amazingly plain signature of John Harvey, of Perquimans, Moderator of the Assembly in the stirring days preceding the Revolution, occupies first place in the wonderful collection of paper money which Dr. Julian Blanchard has in his possession, and which collection has been gathered within the past two years.

Whether there is more of this money, issued by the Province of North Carolina, than the two bills which Dr. Blanchard owns now in existence, it would be impossible to say. Where these two bits of paper have been laid away throughout the years, it would also be impossible to say. It wasn't chance, however, which led the present proud possessor to get possession of the two little pieces of yellowed paper. More interested, perhaps in unwritten history than any other son of Perquimans, he is always on the alert for any information leading to the uncovering of some hitherto unknown happening of the early days, particularly of those pertaining to his home. It must be first-hand information, however, or there must be a written record to support the claim, or he will have none of it. However, Dr. Blanchard didn't know of the existence of these two bits of paper which he found so interesting until he saw them listed in an advertisement of an auction. He bought them and they form the beginning of a collection which one could spend hours in studying and still go on finding of interest always.

The first of the bills, a bit of paper, oblong in shape, somewhat faded but still in a remarkably fine state of preservation, is five shillings, which is set forth in the upper left-hand corner. In the right-hand corner is the serial number, 17644. "The Province of North Carolina is indebted to the possessor hereof," reads the scrap of paper, "Five Shillings Proc. Money to be paid out of the treasury. Act of Assembly passed December 1771." There are three signatures, John Harvey's, R. Caswell's and Rutherford, whose initials are not plainly decipherable.

The second bill, bearing the same signatures, is in the sum of three pounds.

This John Harvey, of whom Miss Emily Skinner, of Hertford, is the last lineal descendant in Perquimans, was a great grandson of the first John Harvey, who came to Perquimans and settled in Harveys Neck among the very first settlers, at practically the same time that George Durant settled across the river in Durants Neck, the John Harvey who was appointed governor under the proprietary system on February 6, 1679.

Incidentally, this John Harvey was in charge of the affairs of the state during the two-year period when Seth Sothel, who had been appointed governor, was in the hands of pirates who captured him and carried him to Algiers when he was en route to the colony from England to assume his duties. And it would have been better, says one historian, had Sothel never arrived in Carolina.

There was a long line of Harveys, all outstanding in the affairs of the state. Thomas Harvey was deputy governor from 1694 until 1699.

But the John Harvey whose signature is shown on the old paper money, was Moderator of the Assembly during the stirring days preceding the Revolution. He is the "Bold John Harvey," who fearlessly took his stand and stood by it.

His last appearance in public affairs was the last Assembly ever convened under royal authority in North Carolina that of April 8, 1775. His health had long been impaired and history tells us that at this time "He bade farewell to those associates who had given him so many evidences of their esteem and confidence, and who under his guidance, had entered upon that determined action which subsequently led to the independence of the colony."

John Harvey is buried in Perquimans.

NEGRO PRINCIPAL WINS STATEWIDE CLASS CONTEST

K. A. Williams Awarded Wrist Watch as First Prize

1638 ENTERED

Interest Results In Considerable Help to Colored Farmers

K. A. Williams, who for the past nine years has been principal of the Negro school at Winfall, the Perquimans County Training School, and who is also vocational agricultural teacher of this school, was winner in the state-wide Better Attendance Evening Class Contest conducted jointly by the State Department of Public Instruction and the Barrett Agricultural Department Bureau, according to an announcement made by S. B. Simmons, Supervisor of Vocational Agricultural Education in Negro schools.

The Barrett Agricultural Development Bureau gave Professor Williams a beautiful wrist watch for conducting the best evening class program in the state. The other outstanding teachers in the contest were J. J. Lanier of Alamance County, J. L. Bolden of Warren County, and C. S. Finney of Bladen County.

The contest was conducted on a group basis in 76 communities with some 1638 farmers taking part. The ten farmers in each of the four winning centers were given 100 lbs. of Arcadian Nitrate of Soda with which to conduct special fertilizer demonstrations. Just before harvest time, these farmers or farms will be visited by evening class members from other centers to see the results.

The evening school program in Perquimans County is conducted in four local centers, Bay Branch, Chapanoke, Woodville and New Hope. There were 146 farmers enrolled with many others visiting the classes. In each community, the classes have their separate organization. They hold regular meetings once per month and in late winter the evening class schools meet once per week for ten weeks. Over a period of six years twelve members of this evening class group have been leaders in the state-wide 3 to 1' Corn Contest. In 1931 the women who attended these classes canned 2,482 quarts of fruits and vegetables. The interest has grown in this phase of work to the point that they now preserve more than 20,000 quarts of food stuff annually. Aside from providing educational opportunities, this program has been of great value in helping Negro farmers save their farms and has proven to be a source of profitable recreation and entertainment for the adult farmers.

Anderson Is Urging Farmers To Attend Annual Field Day

County Agent L. W. Anderson is endeavoring to interest the Perquimans farmers in the Annual Farmers Field Day, to be held on Thursday of next week, July 15, at Wenona Beach.

A fine program has been arranged, including music by a string band, speeches by Hon. W. Kerr Scott, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, Hon. Dudley Begley, Dr. R. Y. Winters, and others. A number of contests have been arranged, according to Mr. Anderson, who says that there will be interesting exhibits of livestock, crops and farm machinery in which the farmers would be interested.

Wenona Beach is 85 miles from Hertford, about 15 miles south of Plymouth.

The festivities begin at 10 o'clock.

Negroes Are Cleared Of Serious Charge

In Recorder's Court on Tuesday the case against the two Negro youths, Cam Overton Hunter and Willie Hunter, which had been begun the previous Tuesday and was continued at the close of the state's testimony in order that the defense witnesses might be subpoenaed, the charges were dismissed. They had been charged with intimidating a state's witness and with assault with a deadly weapon.

The only other case for trial on Tuesday was that against Willie Martin and Cora Martin, charged with using profanity on the highway, assault and trespass, all of the charges being dismissed.

Prizes Offered For Fish Caught Locally

Hobbs-Blanchard Wedding Saturday Impressive Affair

The wedding of Miss Sarah Ferguson Blanchard, of Hertford and Durham, and Mr. Marcus Edwin Hobbs, of Duke University, was solemnized on Saturday, July 3, at noon, in the Hertford Methodist Church, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives, with the Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the church, performing the ceremony.

The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion, with palms, ferns and white gladioli and phlox, and was lighted by cathedral candles.

Mrs. O. Y. Yarrowborough, of Louisburg, a cousin of the bride, played the wedding music, rendering "Liebestraum," "Traumeri," "D'Amour" and "Toujours L'Amour."

Immediately preceding the entrance of the bridal party Kerr Hobbs, of Goldsboro, a brother of the bridegroom, sang "At Dawning." The Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin," by Wagner, was used as a processional, and Mendelssohn's Wedding March as a recessional.

Miss Mary Towe, of Hertford, a cousin of the bride, lighted the candles. Miss Towe wore a dress of blue mousseline, made with a fitted bodice and full skirt, and a broad-brimmed Leghorn hat with a blue band. Her flowers were a shoulder corsage of pink roses and valley lilies.

Miss Lillian Blanchard, sister of the bride, was the bride's only attendant. She wore a dress of pink mousseline and pink lace, with a broad-brimmed Leghorn hat with a pink band. She carried an arm bouquet of mixed flowers.

The bridegroom had as his best man his father, J. C. Hobbs, of Wilmington. The ushers were W. J. Hobbs, of Washington, D. C.; Frederick Hobbs and Isaac Hobbs, of Wilmington, brothers of the bridegroom, and Edward Weeks, of Hertford.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, by whom she was given in marriage. She was beautiful in a dress of Chantilly lace over white satin. Her veil, of illusion, of finger-tip length, was arranged in cap style, with a wreath of orange blossoms. Her flowers were a shower bouquet of Bride's roses and valley lilies.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blanchard, the parents of the bride, entertained the bridal party and out-of-town guests at a luncheon at their home on Front Street, after which the newly wedded couple left for a motor trip. For traveling the bride wore a suit of sheer blue crepe, with a white blouse and blue accessories.

After July 12 the couple will be at home in the Powe Apartments, on Buchanan Boulevard, Durham.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blanchard, of Hertford, a member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent families. She was graduated from Perquimans High School and also from Randolph Macon Woman's College, where she was a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority. She also received a degree in Library Science at Simmons College, in Boston, Mass., since which time she has been a member of the library staff at Duke University.

The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs, of Wilmington. He is a graduate of the Wilmington High School and received his A. B., M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from Duke University, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He is now a member of the faculty of Duke University.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs, Isaac Hobbs, Frederick Hobbs, Jane Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Sutton and Miss Katherine Schaefer, of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Kerr Hobbs, of Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hobbs and son, William, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ferguson, Jr., G. S. Ferguson, III; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Snow, of Washington, D. C.; Julian Blanchard, of New York City; Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Bostick, Miss Anne Bostick, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Blanchard, Lawrence and Charles Blanchard, of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Christman, of Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. O. Y. Yarrowborough, of Louisburg; Misses Sarah Martin and Cora Martin, of Charlotte; Spence and Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Moore, of Durham; Miss Elizabeth

Fishermen Must, However, Prove Their Claims

NO FISH STORIES

J. G. Roberson and Rev. D. M. Sharpe Put Up Prize Money

Tellers of tall tales, if the subject matter has to do with fish or fishing, can't get away with much around Hertford these days, because everybody knows that if Emmett Winslow, or Horace Jones, or Silas Whedbee, did catch a fish this long that weighed fully so much, and so on, to say nothing of the one that got away, he would most certainly be putting in a bid for some of this prize money that is floating around Hertford.

For not only has J. G. Roberson, the druggist on the corner, offered a five-dollar cash prize to the person who catches the biggest fish this summer in Perquimans waters, but the Rev. D. M. Sharpe, who is an inveterate fisherman, comes forward with a two-dollar-and-a-half prize offer. There are strings to the Parson's offer, however. The fish which takes his prize must not be caught on Sunday. He draws the line at this fishing on Sunday business.

The fish must be caught with hook and line, or with reel and rod. No net must be used. It must be caught in the waters of Perquimans County, not necessarily in Perquimans River, for it is understood there are some other pretty good fishing holes. Yeopim Creek, for instance, is said to be seething with the finny tribe just bustling about and eager to be hooked. There are other creeks where there is good fishing.

The fish must be brought forward and weighed and measured. Already there have been some hefty specimens brought in. Mr. Roberson has weighed and measured several, among them being fish caught respectively by Kermit Kirby, Dan Sharpe, W. E. Lane and Mrs. Herbert Nixon.

Everybody is listening out for other prize offers to be made. Surely they say, the prizes won't stop with these two offers. There are some fishing tackle dealers in town who might decide to stimulate more interest in fishing, and everybody who wants to make some really easy money might as well get out the old fishing pole and prepare to get to work.

The prize offers already made have whetted the desires of the natural fisher folks, but, somehow, a quietus seems to have fallen upon the tellers of tall fish tales.

You've just got to show your fish if you want to have your fish stories believed around this town.

Independent Praises One Hertford's Sons

The following, clipped from the editorial column of the Elizabeth City Daily Independent, concerns one of Hertford's sons who is a credit to the old home town.

A PHILOSOPHICAL DECISION

"The man who turns his back on a promotion may, in some cases, have a finer appreciation of true life values than his friends give him credit for. Cliff Ward, popular assistant manager of the Portsmouth division of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., for several years in charge of the Elizabeth City office, is a case in point.

"Mr. Ward had a splendid record with the Metropolitan, but promotion would have meant uprooting him and his family, subjecting him to removal hither and yon as his company might order him.

"Cliff had been thinking about it a long time. He had built his home in Elizabeth City, married an Elizabeth City girl and is proudly rearing a family. And so he took into his confidence his manager, Kent B. Johnson, of Portsmouth and it was arranged that Mr. Ward shall stay with his family, enjoy his home in Elizabeth City, and still work with the company. And in just selling the better forms of life insurance, without being irked by managerial cares and responsibilities, he probably will be better off financially in the end. And certainly there is no discounting the greater personal and spiritual satisfactions gained.

"Elizabeth City welcomes Cliff Ward's philosophical decision. He is a good citizen."