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## Commissioners Will Set Tax Rate Monday

Special Meeting Called For This Specific Purpose

EXPECT RAISE

In Quandary Over Social Security Demands For County

There will be a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on next Monday, for the purpose of fixing the tax rate.

The current rate in Perquimans is \$1.60, and if it is possible the commissioners will not increase the rate more than 10 cents.

The new Social Security legislation makes it mandatory upon the county that a special levy be made to provide the county's share of funds necessary for old age and dependent children assistance. The commissioners intimated at their meeting on the first Monday in this month that they would attempt to cut down the amount allotted as the county's share of the administrative expenses of the Welfare Department by the state authorities, expressing the opinion that it is unnecessary in this county to have a case worker in addition to the Superintendent of Public Welfare, whom they believe to be fully capable of handling the situation in Perquimans. If they can do this it will not be necessary to levy more than 10 cents for this purpose. If they cannot it may be necessary to increase the rate 16 cents.

The County Welfare Board has been notified by Nathan H. Yelton, who is Director of the Division of Public Assistance and Secretary to the Board of Allotments and Appeal of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, that "it is mandatory, that the budget for administrative expenses of the County Welfare Departments shall be sufficient to provide a staff that is adequate and qualified to properly administer the public assistance program."

Who shall pass upon the question of whether or not a staff is "adequate and qualified to properly administer the public assistance program," does not appear. However, if it is left to the Board of County Commissioners in Perquimans to decide in this county, it is pretty safe to say they will consider the present set-up adequate in every way. The letter from Mr. Yelton further states that "The State Board does not tell the County Commissioners what salaries they shall pay any member of the Welfare Department staff, except that the salaries of the case work supervisors, case workers and case aides must be within the salary range fixed by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare for those who have the necessary qualifications. Salaries, travel and other expenses shown in notices sent to the County Commissioners are taken from estimates furnished by the County Boards of Welfare, according to law, but the State Board has found it necessary to increase or decrease the number of workers in a number of instances."

The Welfare Department of Perquimans consists at present of Miss Ruth Davenport, a specially trained and well qualified Superintendent of Public Welfare, and a stenographer-clerk, Miss Grace Knowles. The idea of the commissioners is to maintain this set-up, but not to add to the department a case worker as was recommended by the State Board.

## Archie Lane Breaks Arm In See-Saw Fall

Archie T., the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Lane, of the Ballhack community, had the misfortune to break his right arm on Tuesday when he fell from a see-saw in the yard of his home.

Archie T.'s daddy had only just completed the construction of the see-saw when the accident occurred. The youngster was brought to the Hertford Clinic, where Dr. C. A. Davenport, after making an X-ray examination, set the injured limb.

## ENTERTAINS AT LUNCHEON

Mrs. W. H. Pitt entertained at a beautifully appointed luncheon at her home on Dobb street on Tuesday. The guests included Mrs. E. S. Douglas, of Clearwater, Fla.; Mrs. J. Christian, of Charlotte; Mrs. Doreen Ward, Mrs. Charles T. Skinner, Mrs. J. E. Morris, Miss Elizabeth Knowles and Miss Mary Sumner.

## MUCH REGRET AT RESIGNATION OF BAPTIST PASTOR

Rev. D. S. Dempsey Accepts Call In Portsmouth, Va.

VERY POPULAR

Won Many Friends During Three Years In Hertford

The news of the resignation of the Rev. D. S. Dempsey as pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church has been received with expressions of genuine regret in Hertford.

Mr. Dempsey, whose resignation takes effect on the first of August, leaves to accept the pastorate of the Jackson Memorial Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Va.

The minister came to Hertford three years ago from Lexington, Ky. He has identified himself with the interests of the town and has been a very useful and helpful citizen.

During their stay in Hertford both Mr. Dempsey and his very charming wife have been exceedingly popular, not only among the people of his own church, but among the people of the community generally.

## J. W. Darden Dies After Brief Illness

J. W. Darden died at his home on Front street in Hertford, at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, following an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, with the Rev. E. P. Minor, Rector of the Glebe Episcopal Church, Driver, Va., officiating assisted by the Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church and the Rev. A. A. Butler, pastor of the Great Hope Baptist Church. Burial took place in Cedar Wood Cemetery in Hertford.

Mr. Darden, who was 80 years of age, was a native of Driver, Va., but had lived in Hertford for more than twenty years, and for a number of years has been connected with the mercantile firm of Darden Bros.

On December 28, 1886, he married Miss Essie Stokes, of Hertford, and last December, the Golden Wedding anniversary was celebrated.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Essie Darden; three children, D. S. Darden and V. N. Darden, of Hertford, and Mrs. H. C. O'Sullivan, of Norfolk, a brother, A. G. Darden, of Driver, Va., three grandchildren, Nancy Coke Darden, Elizabeth Darden and Florence Darden, all of Hertford, several nieces and nephews, including Mrs. C. P. Quincy, of Chapanoke, J. W. Daughtry, of Newport News, Va., C. H. Daughtry, of Meadsville, Pa., Forest Towe, of Charlottesville, Va., Garland Towe, of Elizabeth City, Durwood Towe, of Washington, D. C., Edward Towe, of Wilson, and Mrs. Moore Williams, of Driver, Va.

Mr. Darden had many friends throughout the county, as well as in the entire section.

Possessed of an unusually pleasant personality, he always had a smile and a word of happy greeting for those he met, and only until very recently did the incursions of the years begin to show their trace. He had been ill for several weeks and for several days before he passed away the end was known to be near.

A large crowd attended the funeral, many coming from various points in Virginia.

## Winfall Club Meets With Mrs. Stallings

The Winfall Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. D. P. Stallings with Mrs. Stallings and Mrs. D. R. Trueblood as hostesses.

After an interesting program the hostesses served delicious ice cream and cake.

Those present were Mesdames J. L. Lewis, Clyde Layden, Alvin Winslow, George Scott, David Trueblood, J. V. Koch, Edna Miller, E. N. Miller, Kenneth Miller, Eva Stallings, D. L. Baker, Misses Gladys Beunick, Cassie Godwin, Mary Elizabeth White, Sarah Carlisle, Frances Rogerson and Mary Ruth Stallings.

## MRS. ROOSEVELT LIKES FAIR "SAMPLE"



NEW YORK (Special).—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, like more than 200,000 others persons from all over the world, has already sampled the New York World's Fair of 1939 by visiting the exhibit the Fair Corporation maintains for the public on the Fifth Avenue floor of the Empire State building.

"I am much interested in this Fair," said Mrs. Roosevelt, after she had seen the ingeniously illuminated models and animated displays that promise so many wonders for the Nation's Fair. "It seems to me that there is opportunity here to do a remarkable piece of work from the educational standpoint. The conception of the whole Fair as outlined to me sounds very provocative of thought." The theme of the Fair is "Building the World of Tomorrow."

## Increase In Value Taxable Property

### Little Nancy Zachery Sets Mark to Shoot At In Fishing Contest

Nancy Zachery is eight years old and weighs 65 pounds, probably the youngest and the smallest fisherman competing for the prize of five dollars which J. G. Roberson, Hertford druggist, is offering to the person who catches, with reel and rod or hook and line, the largest fish in the waters of Perquimans River this summer, but for the present Nancy holds the record.

The little girl caught a carp weighing 15 pounds and 10 ounces and measuring 34 inches on Monday afternoon and, what is more she stood on the river shore within the town limits and caught the big fish.

She was fishing with her father, Dr. John Zachery, each using a reel and rod, when Nancy cast out some distance from shore and hooked the big fish. She got him safe to the water's edge but her Daddy had to lend a hand in landing the big catch.

While there are a number of these big fish caught each summer around Hertford, this one is a pretty big fellow and the opinion is expressed generally that Nancy will probably be the prize winner. However, it must be remembered that the carp will grow as the summer lengthens. Some specimens of this variety of fish are said to attain to the weight of 40 pounds sometimes.

Nancy expects to continue the sport and it is probable she will take another one of these big fellows from the water before the summer is gone.

Meantime there is a lot of interest in fishing; the regular fishermen are following their usual custom of going fishing whenever the opportunity occurs, and some who haven't cared for the sport heretofore are beginning to look around for bait.

### CELEBRATES 74th BIRTHDAY

Mrs. E. Q. Skinner celebrated her seventy-fourth birthday on Sunday at her home on Grubb street, in Hertford, when all of her children were present.

They include Mrs. Arthur White and Mrs. W. C. Wozelka, of Edenton; Mrs. John Chalk, Mrs. A. W. Heffran, Charles T. Skinner and A. L. Skinner of Hertford; Mrs. B. A. Banks, of Norfolk; Mrs. Owen Morgan, of Raleigh; Mrs. O. F. Young, of Asheville.

### No Revaluation But Tax Books Show Considerable Gain

Though Perquimans County made no revaluation of property this year, the taxable property, including real and personal property, not including foreign corporations, amounts to \$5,488,841, according to figures compiled by J. W. Ward, Register of Deeds, this week, and which will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners when they meet to fix the tax rate on Monday of next week, representing an increase of \$197,584 over 1936. The total real estate valuation in the county is \$4,452,701 and the personal property is \$1,036,140.

The increase in personal taxable property over last year in the entire county was \$185,594.

The increase in real estate is \$11,990.

The increase in personal property over last year by townships is as follows: Belvidere, \$26,108; Bethel, \$14,250; Hertford, \$65,118; New Hope, \$18,775; Parkville, \$61,171.

The increase in Parkville Township, taking into consideration the population is greater than in any other township.

### Church Group Meets With Mrs. Farmer

The Ladies' Council of Bethlehem Christian Church met with Mrs. T. M. Farmer Wednesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. R. A. Perry, in charge. The Scripture lesson was the second chapter of Mark. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in concert.

After the business session was over an interesting program was rendered by the leader, Mrs. E. Y. Berry, the subject being "Labor Problems," with several readings on the subject. At the close of the meeting the hostess served delicious cakes and lemonade. The following were present: Mesdames Willie Lane, E. Y. Berry, Stephen Elliott, S. I. Cullipher, E. A. Perry, W. N. White, W. A. Russell, Louis Eaves, J. Ed Lane, Reuben Stallings, B. A. Berry and T. M. Farmer.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Stephen Elliott on Wednesday afternoon, August 4, at 8:30 o'clock.

## Charges Against L. F. Congleton Dismissed

### PUBLIC LIBRARY RAPIDLY GAINS IN POPULARITY

Children Especially Are Taking Advantage of Loaning Books

BOOK LIST

### Mrs. Brooks Whedbee Selected Permanent Librarian

The Hertford Public Library is off to a good start, with books being loaned every day, particularly to children. The young folks appear to have been the first to see the advantage of a library and many of them are reading books and coming back frequently for others.

Mrs. Brooks Whedbee will be installed on Monday as permanent librarian.

The library is a project of the Hertford Woman's Club under the leadership of Mrs. F. T. Johnson, who has persistently worked at the idea of opening a library in Hertford since she first took over the presidency of the Woman's Club, three years ago.

The librarian is furnished by the Works Progress Administration and books have been donated from various quarters, with 80 volumes being loaned by the State Library Commission for the summer.

There is to be inaugurated at the library at once a story-telling hour for children, when Mrs. Whedbee will entertain the youngsters for a given period each afternoon. A definite announcement of the time of this story-telling hour will be made later.

The club women and others interested in the library are anxious to get across to the people of Hertford that this is a public library and that the people of the town are invited to avail themselves of the opportunity it affords of reading good books without cost.

At the same time the women are very anxious to add more books to those on hand. These are but a small beginning of what they expect to have, but every one is asked to cooperate. Any one who has a book which they will donate to the library may get in touch with Mrs. Whedbee, or send the book to the library. All contributions will be gratefully received.

Following is a list of the most recent additions to the library. In addition to these there are many children's books.

"Lone Hand," by Ames; "Disraeli; Maurois," by Beaconsfield; "No Second Spring," by Beith; "Emerald of Catherine the Great," Belloc; "Mercy of Allah," Belloc; "Little Clown Lost," Benefield; "Return of the Tide," Bird; "Mary Cary," Boshier; "Geese Fly South," Bourn; "John Dawn," Coffin; "My Normandy," Dennis; "Charles Dickens," Dickens; "Tomorrow Never Comes," Duffus; "Little Know England," Eberlein; "Broad Highway," Farnol; "Brazilian Adventure," Fleming; "Royal Americans," Foote; "A Passage to India," Forster; "One More River," Galsworthy; "Harness," Gibbs; "Sheltered Life," Glasgow; "Lady of Goddey's," Hale; "Rebellious Puritan," Hawthorne; "Through Teakwood Windows," Higginbottom; "Home of Great Paintings," Hurll; "Golden Isles of Georgia," Lovell; "Gallant Little Wales," Marks; "Aerial Odyssey," Powell; "Man in Lower Ten," Rhinehart.

### Girls' Circle Hostess To Missionary Groups

The Girls' Circle was hostess on Tuesday night to the three groups of the Missionary Society at the Winfall Church. They also had charge of a very interesting program with little Betty Lou Trueblood leading the devotional. She repeated the 23rd Psalm, followed by a prayer. Others on the program included Joan Trueblood, Mary Belle Delaney and Gwendolyn Fox. After the business session, Mrs. E. N. Miller gave the spiritual life.

Delicious ice cream and cake were served.

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Trial Committee Says Charges Are Not Well Founded

GOOD CHARACTER

Council of Bar Will Act Upon Report at Meeting Friday

Luther F. Congleton, former Hertford attorney, was completely exonerated of all the charges made against him and referred to in the hearing held in the courthouse in Hertford on June 5 before a trial committee composed of Albion Dunn, Dickson McLean and B. H. Perry, the report of the committee setting forth as one of the findings of fact that Mr. Congleton "bears an excellent reputation both in Washington, North Carolina, where he formerly practiced, and in Hertford, North Carolina, where he was practicing law at the time he received the several claims hereinbefore recited," and recommended that the charges against Mr. Congleton be dismissed.

The report of the committee, which will be acted upon by the Council of the Bar at a meeting to be held on Friday of this week, sets forth in detail the findings in reference to the several instances complained of, i. e., allegations that the attorney had failed to account to a certain forwarding company for certain accounts placed in his hands for collection, which accounts it was alleged he had collected.

After describing each transaction, the committee reported: "That respondent in handling said claims acted diligently and faithfully in behalf of his client and did nothing in respect thereto that in anywise unfits him for the practice of law."

The conclusions of the committee are summed up as follows: "From the foregoing findings of fact, the committee concludes: 1, that the alleged charges against the respondent are not well founded; 2, that the respondent has duly accounted for all moneys that he received on account of the several claims sent to him for collection; 3, that he has served his client in every instance diligently and faithfully. Upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusion, the committee recommends that the charges against the respondent be dismissed."

Mr. Congleton, a native of Wilmington, practiced law in Hertford for several years, returning to his native city about two years ago.

At the hearing held on June 4 Mr. Congleton's attorney, Aaron Goldberg, of Wilmington, introduced a number of affidavits from prominent citizens of the City of Wilmington testifying to the good character of Mr. Congleton. A number of prominent citizens of Perquimans County, put on the stand as character witnesses, all testified to the good character of the respondent.

### Burgess Experiences Rain And Hail Storm

The Burgess section of Perquimans County was visited by a very severe wind, rain and hail storm on Sunday afternoon. The rain, according to the residents of that section of the county, was the heaviest which has fallen during the entire summer. The sudden down-pour was accompanied by wind and hail. The heavy rain lasted about two hours, leaving the fields flooded several inches above the tops of the rows and standing in the roads to such a depth that traffic was impeded for some time, with many bridges floated away.

The wind did a great deal of damage to the corn crop in some places, some of the corn being blown flat on the ground. Such light structures as garages, chicken houses and the like in the neighborhood, were razed. Many trees were blown up by the roots.

While only a few of the farmers were affected by the hail to any great extent, it was disastrous in many places. Those known to have had their crops greatly damaged by hail were S. P. Mathews, Horace Boyce and Winston Lane. In corn fields where the hail fell the stalks were stripped bare of the foliage.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Elliott, at their home in Hertford, on Friday, July 9, 1937, a daughter, Anna Smith.