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Welfare Conference Stated To Be Held In Hertford On Nov. 12

22 Counties Expected to
Be Represented at
Meeting

ANNUAL AFFAIR

Senator L. L. Gravely
Will Be Principal
Speaker

For the first time a Northeastern District Welfare Conference will be held in Hertford, according to an announcement by Miss Ruth Davenport, Perquimans County Welfare officer. The conference will be held, probably at the high school or a local church on November 12, with county commissioners, welfare boards, county representatives, county auditors, county attorneys, and heads of civic, social and religious organizations from the twenty-two counties of the Northeastern District.

The Honorable E. L. Gravely, Senator, of Rocky Mount, will be the principal speaker, with Mrs. W. T. Bost, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, also speaking.

Invitations are being sent now and county commission boards are especially invited to be present since important questions concerning the social security assistance program will be answered at the conference; the answering to be done by Nathan H. Yelton, director of the division of public assistance, and Miss Lavinia Keys, regional representative of the social security board, Washington, D. C.

A discussion for county commissioners and county welfare boards will be led by J. E. Pope, chairman of the Martin County Board of Commissioners.

The conference is an annual affair and the theme of this year's meeting, according to Miss Davenport, is "A Forward Look in Public Welfare in North Carolina."

The twenty-two counties comprising the Northeastern District, are Bertie, Beaufort, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Green, Hertford, Hyde, Lenoir, Martin, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington and Wilson.

Miss Davenport is secretary, and M. G. Fulham, president of the conference, will preside. Luncheon will be served at the high school, prepared by the department of home economics under the supervision of Mrs. Helen Harrell, director of the department.

Black Widow Spiders Poison Two Women

Mrs. Jack Jones and
Mrs. Walter East
Latest Victims

Mrs. Jack Jones, of Hertford, and Mrs. Walter East, who lives in the country near Hertford, both of whom were bitten by black widow spiders on last Saturday, are still suffering much pain, but the condition of both of the victims is reported satisfactory by their physician, Dr. C. A. Davenport.

No less than five Perquimans County persons have been treated at the Hertford Clinic for black widow spider bites within the past ten days, according to Dr. Davenport.

While both Mrs. Jones and Mrs. East were bitten on Saturday, the accidents did not occur at the same place, though in each instance the victim was bitten while in a peasant field near the present plow.

Two persons were treated by him for these spider bites last fall, according to Dr. Davenport, who says that since then time has come to his attention about about two weeks ago, when Nathan O'Connell, working at the mill of the S. L. O'Connell Company, was bitten. Since that time and within a two-week period the other five persons were bitten.

MANY OUT-OF-TOWN LAWYERS ON HAND FOR COURT SESSION

Among the out-of-town lawyers who attended court in Hertford this week were: Judge W. W. Manning, of Raleigh; P. W. McMullan, John A. Williams, A. Rayner, William J. H. Hall, A. A. Smith, G. J. Smith, J. H. Smith, S. H. Smith, and Martin Smith, of Elizabeth City; and B. H. Lacey, of Edenton.

Over 100 Women Attend Federation Meeting On Friday

Every Club In Perquimans
County Was
Represented

WHITESTON WINS

State Agent Comments
On Importance of
Club Work

More than 200 club women attended the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs meeting at the Agricultural Building Friday, where Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration agent, was the speaker, praising this section of the State and expressing admiration at the beautiful well-kept homes in Hertford and Perquimans County.

"This organization is one of the greatest in the nation," said Miss Current, giving an idea of the size of the demonstration movement and urging interest in its programs. "There are more than sixty thousand club members in North Carolina today, with home agents in 76 of the one hundred counties in this State. Our goal is to have an agent and an assistant in every county."

The organization is only twenty-five years old. All ten of the home demonstration clubs in the Perquimans County Federation were represented at the meeting Friday and each secretary gave a report of the club's work for the year.

Stressing the essentials most needed by a home-maker to be a successful one, Miss Current elaborated on four: enthusiasm, vision, optimism and loyalty. "Starting with the last item and taking the first letter of the other three in order, you have another needed trait," said the state agent, "love, vitally essential to every home-maker."

A high pressure cooker was given to the club doing the year's most outstanding work; the first prize going to the Whiteston club, with Ballhack second, and Belvidere third.

At the beginning of the year each club member kept a record and these records were sent in to the office of the county agent, Miss Gladys Hamrick. From these records was made a record of each club's work.

Miss Mary Teeter, Camden County Home Demonstration Agent, and Mrs. Marie Woodard, Gates County Agent, were the judges.

New Hope P. T. A. Appoints Officers

Mrs. Steve Perry Named
As President of the
Group

The Parent-Teacher Association of the New Hope School met at the school on Friday.

During the business session the following officers were appointed for the school term of 1937-38: President, Mrs. Steve Perry; vice president, Mrs. Neil Spruill; secretary and treasurer, Miss Louise Wilson; membership committee, Mrs. Guy Webb, Mrs. Philip Jackson and Mrs. Edward Layden; finance committee, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. John Lamb and Mrs. Earl Perry; publicity chairman, Miss Louise Wilson.

It was agreed that the P. T. A. would meet every third Friday evening at the school house.

The program included several games and a poem. Prize winners were Mrs. John Lamb and George Turner. Bobbing for apples caused much merriment.

During the social hour candy was served.

Those present were: Mrs. Steve Perry, Mrs. W. W. Spencer, Mrs. Nettie Barclay, Mrs. Mabel Banks, Mrs. Hoyle Jones, Mrs. John Lamb, Mrs. Neil Spruill, Mrs. C. B. Goodman, Mrs. P. L. Jackson, Mrs. William Carter, Mrs. Guy Webb, Mr. and Mrs. George Turner, Mrs. Clifford Banks, Mrs. Berta Hobbs, Mrs. Opa Simpson, Jr., Miss Ruby Small, Miss Maude Simpson, Miss Carolyn Riddick, and Miss Louise Wilson.

ATTEND CONFERENCE
Miss Gladys Hamrick, County Home Demonstration Agent, and L. W. Anderson, County Farm Agent, attended the Northeastern District Welfare Conference in Elizabeth City on Thursday and Friday. At this conference plans were made for the 1938 program.

The Quality of Mercy..."



Drawn for the American Red Cross by Lawrence Wilbur

P. C. H. S. Football Team Easily Trims Columbia 50 To 0

Victory Second Chalked
Up by Local Team
This Season

SCORE EARLY

Dox Dixon, Mac White
And Billy Arnold
Star

Hertford High School's football team won its second game of the season, and the first to be played on home soil Friday afternoon, taking the long end of a 50-0 score against the Columbia High School.

Playing a major part in the victory was the playing of Dox Nixon, who performed like a veteran in running, passing and punting, while Mac White added considerable yardage by sweeping end runs. Billy Arnold, too, demonstrated to the fans present that he is no novice at holding on to passes, quite frequently snagging the ball when it looked as if the play would go for naught.

Columbia threatened to score in the first half when a fumble was recovered near the 20-yard line. However, the entire Hertford line strengthened forming a veritable brick wall for opposing runners, the ball going to Hertford on downs.

Hertford scored after the game was less than a minute old and it was only a matter of seconds before the game was over that Nixon shot a pass to Campen in the end zone for the eighth touchdown of the game.

Hertford boys taking part in the game were Arnold, Byrum, Spivey, Seide, Broughton, Gault, Harris, Nixon, Mac White, Bond, Campen, Carver, C. White and Winslow.

Preliminaries For Junior Order Contest Held On Nov. 11

On November 11th the preliminaries for the Junior Order statewide original oration and essay contest on the subject of America will be held in our local high schools. Each senior high school boy is eligible in the oration, and each senior high school girl in the essay contest. These are to be judged upon composition, memory and delivery by three disinterested judges.

The local winners will represent his and her school in the district contest to be held on November 22nd at some local point in the district, said place to be announced later. The successful contestants will be given a medal.

Program Planned For Armistice Day By Parent-Teachers

Mrs. I. A. Ward, District
President, Principal
Speaker

REFRESHMENTS

Mrs. Broughton Urges
Every Member to Be
Present

Mrs. I. A. Ward, District President of the Parent-Teacher Association, is to be the principal speaker at the November meeting of the P. T. A. of the Hertford Grammar School on Armistice Day, when Mrs. L. C. Winslow will be in charge of the program.

Mrs. H. T. Broughton, president, will preside and as very anxious that every member of the P. T. A. attend this meeting, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting, and a door prize will be presented to the lucky person who draws the number corresponding to the prize number.

The hour of meeting is 3:30.

Lieut. Governor Horton Speaker At Hobbville Celebration On Friday

Lieutenant Governor W. P. Horton will deliver the principal address on the day observed by the Hobbville High School as "Fall Festival Day," Friday, November 5.

The program begins at 11 A. M., in the High School auditorium and the schedule reads as follows: Invocation by the Rev. B. A. Mitchell; address of welcome by Representative Claude Gray; special music; introduction of speaker by the Hon. Hathaway Cross; address by the Lieutenant Governor; announcements by Principal A. G. Greene.

Ball games and other athletic events are scheduled for the afternoon and a turkey dinner and oyster supper will be served.

"Town Criers" Will Meet Friday Night 7:30 At Court House

The board of directors again wish to call attention to the meeting of the "Town Criers" at the courthouse Friday night at 7:30.

The membership roll is increasing by leaps and bounds; about 25 names being added since the last meeting of the directors on October 22, bringing the total to approximately 65 members.

Annual Red Cross Roll Call Begins On November 11

House to House Canvass
For Members Will
Be Made

QUOTA IS \$150

Chairman S. M. Whedbee Plans Complete Solicitation

The Red Cross Roll Call, with Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Jr., again serving as chairman of the roll call committee, will get underway in Hertford on Armistice Day, November 11, beginning with a house to house canvass by local assistants, according to S. M. Whedbee, chairman of the Perquimans County Red Cross unit.

Mrs. H. G. Winslow and Mrs. W. H. Oakey, Jr., will cover Church Street, Mrs. C. P. Morris and Mrs. E. S. Pierce, Market Street, Mrs. W. H. Pitt, Dobb Street, Mrs. Charles Johnson and Mrs. G. I. White, Grubb Street, Mrs. E. W. Lordley, Front Street, and Mrs. Durwood Reed and Mrs. Reginald Tucker, West Hertford, or the section of town west of the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

The Rev. G. H. Coffee, colored Methodist minister, together with the Rev. J. A. Harrell, colored Baptist minister, will have charge of the colored district canvass.

The quota set for Perquimans County this year is one hundred and fifty dollars, the amount to be raised before Thanksgiving Day when the roll call period ends.

Asked how the county would be canvassed, Mr. Whedbee said this week when the assistants in Hertford were named, that workers in other sections of the county would be named shortly and that the county contributions would be handled in the same manner as those in Hertford.

Miss Mary Sumner, principal of the Hertford Grammar School, Junior Roll Call Chairman, will be in charge of all school contributions, to be handled directly from the students by the different teachers.

Half of the quota when raised will be forwarded to the National Red Cross Headquarters and the remainder will be retained in this county for local Red Cross work.

Judge Compliments County's Citizenship

Kindly Remarks Follow
No Excuses For Duty
On Jury

The fact that no member of the grand jury asked to be excused when Superior Court convened here on Monday was commented on very favorably by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, who stated that it was one of the finest evidences that the county has a high quality citizenship. "It is both unusual and extraordinary," he said, "that eighteen gentlemen can be called to the jury box and empaneled without a single one asking to be excused."

The Judge remarked, incidentally, that he recently held court in a county where all but four men out of 42 asked to be excused from serving on the grand jury.

Members of the grand jury included H. D. Elliott, foreman, Horton D. Copeland, Willard Umphlett, J. Herbert Layden, T. D. White, J. W. Lamb, W. W. Copeland, W. G. Hollowell, D. T. Winslow, Edgar Riddick, William Weston, Jack E. Brinn, Warren Cartwright, J. N. Carver, Sammie M. Winslow, W. J. Halsey, Fred S. Winslow, and Miles E. Dail.

Father Ed Passman Dies In New York

Ed Passman, owner of the firm of Passman and Company, hat manufacturers of New York City, while in Hertford Tuesday afternoon, was called suddenly to New York by the death of his father.

Mr. Passman was on a regular visit to Hertford and for many years has been calling at the stores of J. C. Blachard and Company, and Simon's. He numbers many Hertford people among his friends.

Immediately upon receiving the message Mr. Passman left by auto for Rocky Mount, where he boarded a north bound train.

Criminal Docket Is Quickly Disposed Of First Day Of Court

Not a Single Case on
List Reached the
Jury

FRIZZELLE JUDGE

Only Civil Cases Sched-
uled For Trial In
January

Not a single case on the criminal docket of the November Term of Perquimans Superior Court, which convened in Hertford on Monday, reached the jury, the entire docket being disposed of on Monday.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill, presided over this term of the court, which is the first term of Superior Court held here since April, and was for the trial of both criminal and civil actions. The next term will be in January, for the trial of civil cases only.

The grand jury failed to find a true bill in the case of Benjamin Thach, against whom probable cause was found in Recorder's Court on the charge of manslaughter, the charge growing out of the death of Rice Miller, who died as a result of injuries sustained when the car which he was driving was in collision with one driven by Mr. Thach. In the matter of the reckless driving charge against Mr. Thach, which was appealed from Recorder's Court, State Solicitor Herbert S. Leary took a noli pross.

The first case which came up for trial was that of State against LeRoy Nixon and J. F. McDaniel, in which T. J. Bass was the prosecuting witness. This case resulted in a directed verdict of not guilty.

Only one witness was examined in the case of T. S. McMullan, Jr., of Elizabeth City, charged with embezzlement, in which the defense entered a plea of nolo contendere. The testimony of L. N. Hollowell, manager of the Farm Equipment Company, owner of the truck and plow involved and for whom the defendant was working at the time of the alleged offense, disclosed that restitution had been made of the value of the property involved. Prayer for judgment was continued in this case for two years and the defendant was put on probation under the supervision of H. Vincent Leary, the District Probation officer, with the usual provisions. This case was handled under the machinery provided by a recent act of the Legislature.

The case against T. J. Gregory, (Continued on Page Eight)

Grand Jury Report

Following is a report of the grand jury of the November term of Perquimans Superior Court, a copy of which the presiding judge instructed the clerk to be certified to the Board of County Commissioners and also a copy to be placed before the judge holding the next term of criminal court in Perquimans.

We, the Grand Jurors for the above Term, respectfully make the following report:

We have visited the office of the Register of Deeds and found the office well kept and in good condition. We recommend that the vault in this office be enlarged.

We have visited the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court and found the office well kept and in good condition. We have examined the records in this office and find that W. T. Shannonhouse, Trustee, has failed to file an annual report to the Court. The several Justices of the Peace have each filed a written report as required by law. We recommend that the vault in the Clerk's office be enlarged.

We have visited the Sheriff's office and found it well kept and in good condition.

We have visited the jail and recommended that the windows, water works and fixtures, floor, stairway railing and door be repaired and that new blankets for the jail cots be furnished.

We have visited the Prison Farm and found it kept in a very good and sanitary condition.

We have visited the County Home and found it kept neat and clean, but very much in need of painting, both inside and out. We recommend that the buildings be painted as soon as possible and that electric lights be installed.

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