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FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DAMAGES RESULT OF FIRE AT PENDER STORE SUNDAY

Blaze Started From Overheated Motor; Remodeling Expected to Take Two Weeks

An estimated fifteen thousand dollar loss was sustained in the fire discovered at the Pender Store in Hertford at 5:20 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The blaze was believed caused, it was stated by a company official, by an overheated motor used in operating the refrigeration system at the store.

Dense smoke, which caused much of the damage to the grocery stock of the store, rolled from the windows of the building for more than thirty minutes. Prompt action on the part of the Hertford Fire Department confined the actual fire to the rear of the building, however, it was reported the building was very badly damaged.

The local fire truck was hooked up at the water plug at the rear of the building and threw a heavy stream of water into the blaze. Later, a truck from Harvey Point was brought to Hertford to lend any assistance deemed necessary. The fire blazed for several minutes before being discovered and was finally noticed by employees of the State Theatre who called the fire department.

The building is owned by J. H. Towe, and reports state insurance covered the damage to the building. The store of merchandise carried by the store was fully insured.

Officials of the Pender Company came to Hertford Sunday night to inspect the damage and immediately started plans for re-establishing the store. It was stated that it would take about two weeks for the building to be remodeled and the store reopened.

The company just recently changed the store into a self-service grocery, and had gone to considerable expense in remodeling the store for this change-over.

While the fire, itself, was brought under control quickly by the local firemen, smoke seeped through the walls of the adjoining buildings and some damage was reported from smoke, at the W. M. Morgan Furniture store.

Washington announced Wednesday that a loan of more than a billion dollars has been extended to the French government to aid the reconstruction program of France. The action followed more than 11 weeks of talks between representatives of the two governments. A direct loan of 850 millions was made by the Export-Import Bank and a credit of 720 millions was allowed to permit France to settle its lend-lease debt and purchase military supplies now in France.

Senator Carter Glass, 88, of Virginia died at Washington Tuesday. He was the dean of the Senate in age although outranked by length of service by two other Senators. He was known for his work on banking and money and was called the father of the Federal Reserve System. Ill for many months, Senator Glass was called upon by a group from Virginia to resign his post but this he refused to do. He was one of the most respected Senators in Washington.

The Department of Agriculture this week ordered bakers to cut the size of bread loaves and the weight of rolls, as a measure to aid in America's effort to bring relief to starving millions throughout the world. No reduction in the price of bread and rolls is expected, with the cutting down on the size of the products.

Southern New York and Northern Pennsylvania was hard hit this week by flood waters, which flowed over the banks of rivers in the area. Hard-hit were Williamsport, Pa., and Elmira, New York, large cities, where water was reported six feet deep in many places.

Leads Ticket



CHAS. H. JENKINS
Leading the ticket in the Democratic Primary election Saturday, Charles H. Jenkins was re-elected one of the two State Senators from the First District. Lorimer Midgett of Elizabeth City outdistanced Webb Williams, also of Elizabeth City, for the other seat.

Rotary Club Wants Continuation Local Health Department

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club went on record, at their meeting Tuesday night, as favoring the continuation of the Perquimans County Health Department. The club was informed there was some possibility that the Health Department appropriation, already voted off by the Board for the Town of Hertford, would not be approved by the County Commissioners, when the next fiscal budget was voted on.

A committee composed of J. W. Ward, as chairman, V. N. Darden, Dr. C. A. Davenport, Dr. A. B. Bonner and F. T. Johnson was named by W. H. Harcastle, president of the Rotary Club, to meet with the Board of Health for the purpose of pleading for the continuance of the Health Department.

Since its foundation here, the local Health Department has been a part of the Perquimans-Pasquotank-Camden unit, and has been financed jointly by the Town of Hertford, Perquimans County and State funds. The Town Board notified the State Board two months ago of its intentions of withdrawing the financial support paid by the town. It has been reported the costs to local government during the past year, for the department, amounted to approximately \$3,600, with an increase in costs expected for the next year.

Albemarle League Opens Next Week; Local Team Ready

Baseball will take the spotlight here next week when the revived Albemarle League begins play in Hertford, Edenton, Elizabeth City and Colerain. Each town will have two games each week during the season. The home games for Hertford will be played on Tuesday and Friday nights on Memorial Field if weather conditions permit.

The schedule for the league had not been announced up to Wednesday but it is reported that each team will play four league games each week and the schedule of games will be announced within a day or two.

The Hertford team, managed by J. W. Hampton, E. A. Goodman and Edgar Morris, is ready for play, with the exception of hiring three players, according to league rules. The local team is expecting to hire some pitchers and possibly a utility player. The other positions on the team will be filled by local players. Most promising of the local talent is Stokes, Cone, Kimbrell, Young, Wood, Goodman, Davis and Reeves.

The Hertford team will play three exhibition games this week, prior to the league opening next week. The team played Colerain Wednesday night, Edenton on Thursday and will meet the Elizabeth City team in a game here tonight at 8 o'clock.

Five Seniors Given Diplomas At H. S. Commencement

Honor Students Win Recognition; 85 Are Promoted

Exercises of the 21st commencement was held at the Perquimans High School Tuesday night with five seniors being awarded diplomas for completion of the required course of study at the high school. This small number of graduates was due to the fact that what would have been the graduation class this year will advance into the 12th grade next year and receive diplomas upon completion of next year's study.

The five receiving diplomas were Charlotte Duling, Elizabeth Lane, Ruth Tadlock, Dan Berry and Calvin Colson.

Robert Lee Humber, of Greenville, delivered the commencement address. He emphasized the significance that education had played, during the centuries, in the advancement of mankind in achieving freedom of government, religion, economics and science. He told the audience, briefly, of a plan for world federation as a means for outlawing war, and recounted how this plan originated with our forefathers when they founded the United States of America.

Following the address of Mr. Humber, F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools, awarded the diplomas to the five seniors and promotion certificates to 85 eighth grade students, who will move into the high school grades next year.

Special awards to honor students and those achieving recognition for extra curricula activities were made by E. C. Woodard, principal. Medals for scholarship were awarded to Mary Lou Perry, Clark White, Reginald Tucker, and Molly Oakey. Medals for outstanding students for activities and other than athletics were won by Betty Ruth Chappell and Thomas Butt; Colon Jackson and Romona Divers won medals for dramatics and Ella Cartwright and Norman Elliott, members of the eighth grade received medals for best citizenship. Dan Berry and Mary Ruth Wood were awarded medals for outstanding athletic achievements for the year, and Dolan Winslow won an award offered by William Chappell for highest grades made in the agriculture classes for the year.

Poppy Day Sales Successful Here

Mrs. Kelly White, chairman of the Legion Auxiliary Poppy Day sales here last Saturday, stated Monday the sales made were very gratifying and expressed the committee's appreciation to all who aided, either by selling or buying the small flowers.

Prizes awarded for the best posters made by children at the Hertford Grammar School were won by Tommy Jones, whose poster won first place, and Corbin Dozier, Fred Mathews, Jr., Donald Hopkins and J. Duling.

Prizes for the most poppy sales were won by Mary Beth Perry and Juanita Elliott. Others assisting in the sales were Juanita Elliott, Mary Ann Harris, Janice Sumner, Billy Skinner, Mary Winslow, Marguerite Butler, Susan Towe, Alice Nixon, Margaret Ann Banks, Frances Sutton, Evelyn Elliott, Anne Myres, Shirley East and Frances Wheeler.

Varied Docket In Recorder's Court

A varied docket of nine cases was disposed of by the Perquimans County Recorder's Court in session here Tuesday morning.

Isaac Ayres, Negro, was assessed the costs of court after pleading guilty to driving without a license.

Shelton Bagley was given a 30 day suspended sentence and fined \$15 and court costs on a charge of assaulting a female.

Leon Clifton entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving without a license and paid the court costs.

Raymond Bateman was given a 30 day suspended sentence and ordered to pay a fine of \$15 and costs of court on a charge of assault and battery.

George Frierson, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court on a charge of driving with insufficient brakes.

The State took a nol pro in the case charging Thad Hodges with reckless driving and Leon Blanchard with driving without a license.

Legion Memorial Services Sunday At Baptist Church

Post Elects Officers and Delegates to the State Convention

The Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion will hold its annual Memorial Services on Sunday evening, June 2, at the Hertford Baptist Church with the Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor of the church and newly elected chaplain of the Post as the principal speaker. The Memorial services will be held at eight o'clock and the public is invited to attend. All veterans are requested to meet in front of the church at 7:45 o'clock in order that they may attend enmasse.

The Rev. J. D. Cranford, J. R. Futrell, F. T. Johnson and G. C. Buck compose the Legion committee in charge of the program.

At a meeting of the Post, held last Friday night, officers for the Post were elected for the ensuing year and delegates and alternates were selected to attend the State convention to be held in Winston-Salem on June 16, 17 and 18. The delegates named were B. C. Berry, S. G. Chappell, Roulac Webb and W. E. Ainsley; alternates were the Rev. J. D. Cranford, Harry V. Chappell, Walter H. Oakey, Jr., and Clarence Phillips.

The officers elected were: Commander, R. R. White, Vice Commanders, W. G. Hollowell, Clarence Phillips and Walter H. Oakey, Jr., Adjutant, W. E. Ainsley, Assistant Adjutant, B. C. Berry, Finance Officer, V. N. Darden, Service Officer, F. T. Johnson, Assistant Service Officer, Cedric Jordan, Jr., Guardianship Officer, Shelton G. Chappell, Sergeants-at-arms, Wayland Butler and Ray White, Chaplain, the Rev. C. W. Duling, Historian, Roulac Webb, Athletic Officer, Melvin G. Owens, Child Welfare Officer, Dr. T. P. Brinn, Americanism Officer, Harry V. Chappell, National Defense Officer, C. F. Sumner, Jr., Graves Registration Officer, J. A. Perry, Employment Officer, Charles E. White, Boy Scout Officer, James M. Divers, Membership Chairman, W. G. Hollowell, Publicity Officer, Jack Winslow, Fraternal Contest Officer, G. C. Buck, Chairman, Sons of Legion, J. R. Futrell.

The newly elected officers will be installed Friday night, June 7, at a joint installation of the officers of the Legion Auxiliary and the Legion Post to be held at the Agriculture Building in Hertford at 8 P. M. Commander V. N. Darden has stated efforts will be made to secure District Commander John A. Holmes of Edenton to act as installing officer.

Grammar Schools Have Four Vacancies

Four vacancies exist among the teaching staffs of the County grammar schools according to F. T. Johnson, County Superintendent, who announced today the resignations of Mrs. R. S. Monds and Mrs. Julian A. White from the faculty at the Hertford Grammar School and G. H. Baker, as principal of the Central Grammar School. Mrs. W. E. Dail, upon her request, was retired from the staff at New Hope.

Mr. Baker, who served as principal at Central for the past two years, has informed local school officials that he will accept the position as principal of the Columbia High School. This is presumed to be his reason for leaving the local system.

No action has been taken as yet by the local school board in filling the vacancies. Mr. Johnson added that one additional teacher has been allotted the Perquimans High School for next year to assist with the extra work with the 12th grade.

Wildlife Club To Meet Here June 6

W. H. Oakey, Jr., president of the Perquimans County Wildlife Club, announced today that the regular quarterly meeting of the Perquimans Club would be held at the Court House in Hertford at 8 o'clock Thursday night, June 6. All members are urged to attend.

Ross O. Stevens, executive secretary of the State Wildlife organization, will attend and speak on the work, progress and coming program of the club.

Membership in the Perquimans Club is growing and the officials are hopeful that even more sportsmen of the county will join in the months ahead.

BONNER RENOMINATED FOR CONGRESS BY DECISIVE MAJORITY IN PRIMARY VOTING

Strong Man



HERBERT C. BONNER
Despite strong opposition, Herbert C. Bonner in Saturday's Democratic Primary election, again proved his strength and popularity in the First District by defeating Robert Lee Humber more than two to one. Mr. Bonner lead the vote in every county in the district except Gates, where Humber's majority was only 47 votes.

Food Collection Drive Reaches Half Way Mark; Extended

Figures released this week by A. Houston Edwards, chairman of the Perquimans County committee in charge of the Emergency Food Collection drive, shows this county has reached only about half of its goal in aiding the starving people of the world.

The county quota of \$155 and a huge stock pile of canned items was set by the local committee in what it believed to be a fair goal for this county. Mr. Edwards stated Wednesday that reports made up to that time amounted to \$788.56. The canvassing in this county is being made by churches, clubs and other organizations and those reporting to date are: Hertford PTA, \$10; Whiteville Grove Sunday School, \$14; Bagley Swamp Church, \$20; Piney Woods Church, \$46.50; Bethlehem, \$4.05; 4-H Clubs, \$13.79; Anderson's Church, \$7.76; Bethany Church, \$14; Berea Church, \$15; Cedar Grove Church, \$51; Oak Grove Church, \$100; Woodland Methodist Church, \$41.30; New Hope Sunday School, \$91.94; Woodville Baptist Church, \$26.05; Up River Church, \$50; Epsworth Church, \$21.15; Lions Club, \$100; Hertford Grammar School, \$97.11; Perquimans High School, \$50; Colored Schools of Perquimans, \$15.41.

The chairman stated that the drive here is being extended for several days to give churches and clubs that have not had the opportunity to make collections to do so and report to the committee. He stated that he believed that the county would report its full quota, but added that every person should have a part in the drive and in the event any person was not solicited he or she could make a contribution directly at his office at the Farm Security Administration.

Woodville Road Contract Is Let

The State Highway Commission announced late last week that a contract for the hard-surfacing of 3.3 miles of the Woodville-New Hope road had been let at a meeting of the commission.

The successful bid submitted for the project was slightly more than twenty thousand dollars, but no information was given as to when the work on the project would start.

4-H Club Program Conducted Sunday

Members of the Perquimans County 4-H Clubs conducted their annual vesper services at the Court House last Sunday afternoon. Due to rain, the services were held in the Court room.

Taking part in the program were Horace Layden, president of the County Council; Steve Perry, Catherine Goodwin, Tommie Jones, Kay White Stanton, Peggy Cooke, Ethel Frances Elliott and members of the Perquimans High School Band.

Incumbent Given 156 Votes Edge In Perquimans; Jenkins and Midgett Win

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner was renominated to represent the First Congressional District by a decisive majority in the Democratic Primary election held last Saturday. The vote throughout the district gave Mr. Bonner an approximate 2 to 1 victory. He polled 20,520 votes to his opponent's, Robert Lee Humber, 9,788. The Congressman carried all of the counties of the district except Gates County.

Here in Perquimans the totals were Bonner 521, Humber 365. All of the local precincts except Nicamor gave a majority to Bonner. The voting by precincts was: Hertford: Bonner 270, Humber 205; Parkville, Bonner 79, Humber 73; Bethel, Bonner 66, Humber 26; New Hope, Bonner 60, Humber 14; Belvidere, Bonner 52, Humber 28; Nicamor, Humber 19, Bonner 14.

Bonner's most impressive vote was rolled up in his home county of Beaufort, which cast a huge majority for the Congressman. He polled 3,020 votes more than Humber.

The voting in Perquimans, as well as several other counties, was the lightest in years, but this bore out the predictions made prior to the election, when observers foresaw a small vote. An almost normal vote was cast in the Town of Hertford, but with a splendid day for work in the fields only a minority of the voters in the rural areas took time to cast ballots. A total of 886 votes were counted in the Perquimans election. Fifty eight per cent of these were for Bonner and 42 per cent for Humber.

In the only other contest voted on in this county Charles Jenkins and Lorimer Midgett won the nominations to represent the First District as State Senators. Jenkins was high man here with 575 votes, Midgett got 465 and Webb Williams received 343. Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Midgett were the two high candidates for the district.

Interest Shown For VFW Post In County; Meeting On June 5th

A meeting of Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held in the Agriculture Building at Hertford on Wednesday night, June 5, at eight o'clock for the purpose of organizing a VFW post for Perquimans County, it was announced today by J. C. Tatka, deputy chief of staff for the VFW.

Mr. Tatka has been in Hertford on several occasions surveying the interest of veterans who have served overseas and he stated sufficient interest has been shown for a VFW post here for concrete action to be taken for the establishment of a post.

All Perquimans County veterans who have had overseas service in any war are eligible for membership in the organization and information regarding the VFW will be supplied all veterans who attend the meeting next week.

It has been estimated that more than two hundred veterans of World War II from this county are now eligible for membership and an effort will be made to have all of these veterans at the meeting.

Byrum Rites Held Last Saturday P. M.

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday afternoon at the Lynch Funeral Home for James Wesley Byrum, 72, who died at his home on Grubb street, May 23, at 10:30 A. M. The Rev. Charles W. Duling, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church officiated.

The church choir sang In The Garden and No Night There. The casket pall consisted of white carnations, white snap dragons, easter lilies and pink roses.

Active pall bearers were C. P. Morris, Julian A. White, J. F. Elliott, Will Elliott, C. R. Holmes and Tom Willoughby. Members of the Men's Bible Class of the Baptist Church were honorary pall bearers.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Bertha Byrum, three sons, Edward Andrew, William Percy and James Wesley Byrum; one daughter, Miss Doris Byrum; a sister, Mrs. Sylvanus Halsey of Sedley, Va., and one grandson.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES