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Commencement Slated For PHS Class Of '67 With 53 To Graduate

Plans are being made for commencement exercises to be held at Perquimans County High School on Sunday and Monday nights, June 4-5 at 8 o'clock. Rev. G. E. Argold of the Hertford Assembly of God Church will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Rev. Winford Clifton of the Up River Friends Meeting will give the invocation and the benediction and Rev. Walter A. Henricks of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will read the Scripture lesson and offer the prayer.

Special music will be presented by the High School Glee Club under the direction of Miss Caroline Wright.

There are 53 candidates in line for the presentation of diplomas. The valedictory will be given by Joe Haskett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haskett. The salutatory will be delivered by Lela Mae Long, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman S. Long. Jan White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray White, and Joyce Copeland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Copeland, will present the history of the class of 1967.

The program will begin with the invocation by Grant Chappell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Chappell. The benediction by Phil Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Graham, will

Students Attend Sports Banquet

On May 18 eleven representatives and three adults from Perquimans High School attended the All-Conference Banquet held at Bertie High School. Ray Winslow, Carl Bateman, Tim Riddick, Jan White and Joe Haskett went as All-Conference title winners.

Linda Owens, Tommy Long, Reggie Winslow, Herbert Watson, Donald Perry, Carolyn Morgan and Peggy Copeland represented various sports and the cheerleaders. Also attending were Mr. Byrum, Mr. Carter and Mr. Tice.

Perquimans brought home the baseball championship trophy and will share with Northampton the sportsmanship trophy. Congratulations are in order for the All-Conference winners and the teams themselves, for it takes everyone to win the sportsmanship trophy.

COMMISSIONERS WILL MEET MONDAY

Perquimans County Commissioners will hold their June meeting next Monday, June 5, beginning at 10 o'clock at the Court House.

Persons desiring to confer with the Board are requested to note the time and place of the meeting.

Death Claims A. R. Harris

Alton Ray Harris, 38, died Saturday morning at 5:45 o'clock in Norfolk General Hospital following a long illness. A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of Mrs. Lillie Elliott Harris of Route 1, Hertford, and the late John Trotman Harris and the husband of Mrs. Amy Van Roach Harris.

He was a member of Epworth Methodist Church where he was a former Sunday School teacher, a member of Parkville Ruritan Club and the Life Underwriters Club. He was employed by the Pilot Life Insurance Company.

Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by a son, Mitchell Van Harris; a daughter, Miss Leah Vic Harris, both of the home; five sisters, Mrs. Lillian Phillips, Mrs. Inez Corprew, Mrs. Eleanor Skinner and Mrs. Lorraine Simpson, all of Route 1, Hertford, and Mrs. Virginia Alderson of Norfolk; three brothers, Arthur Harris of Moncain, W. Pa., Clyde Harris of Virginia Beach, Va., and Thomas E. Harris of Route 1, Hertford.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 o'clock in Epworth Methodist Church by Rev. Frank Parham, pastor.

"Be Still My Soul" was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stanton, Mrs. Charles Smith and Miss Janice Ray Stanton. They were accompanied by Mrs. Walter Nowell, organist.

The casket was draped with an American flag. The casket pall was made of white chrysanthemums, white stock, red carnations and fern.

Palbearers were Edward Barber, Jr., Joel Hollowell, Jr., Roy Stallings, Bobby Corprew, Horace Cohoon and George T. Roach, Jr.

Burial was in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Swindell Adds Eley To Staff

Marion S. Swindell announced this week that W. Charles Eley is now associated with his firm, Swindell Funeral Home, as an embalmer and funeral director. Eley, who recently graduated from the Cincinnati College of



W. Charles Eley

Mortuary Science, received his state license last week after passing the state board examinations. He has also passed his National Embalming Board.

Eley, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton T. Eley of Pennsylvania Avenue, is a graduate of Perquimans County High School and attended Chowan College for a year prior to serving his two year apprenticeship under Swindell and attending embalming school for 12 months. While in Cincinnati, he served as chaplain of the Pi Sigma Eta fraternity. He is a member of the Methodist Church and is a member of Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M.

He and Miss Jo Ann Rogers, a member of the Hertford Grammar School faculty, will be married on June 18 in the Williamston Methodist Church.

Legion Parade Slated June 14

"Our Legion Flag Day parade is shaping up and looks as if we will have a good patriotic parade in Hertford on June 14," said C. T. Skinner, Jr., parade chairman. The need for more respect for the American flag, more patriotism by citizens of this country and support of our servicemen are the prime reasons for the Flag Day parade.

Captain William H. Hardcastle, Jr., USN, a Hertford native, will be the parade marshal. Captain Hardcastle, a veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, is a staff officer with the Atlantic Fleet Command in Norfolk, Va.

Units participating in the parade will be the Atlantic Fleet Navy Band, Perquimans County Marching Unit, Perquimans Union School Band, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Junior Legion Auxiliary members and the Perquimans Horse and Pony Club.

World War I veterans of

Post 126 will be special guests and will ride in the parade. Commander Bob Davis of the North Carolina Department of American Legion, as well as other state and local Legion officials, will be on hand for the parade.

The William Paul Stallings Post 126 is participating in a national Legion program, "New Glory For Old Glory," during the first 12 days of June. This program is to encourage citizens to have their American flags cleaned and in good shape to display on June 14, Flag Day. Zack Robertson of Robertson's Cleaners and Mrs. Elizabeth Harrell of Cannon's Cleaners are joining in this Legion program and will dry clean, free of charge, any American flag brought to them during June 1-12. Both Mrs. Harrell and Mr. Robertson, who have been offering this free flag cleaning service for years, are endorsing this Legion program.

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Lt. Phillips Is Decorated

Second Lieut. E. Trafton Phillips, Jr., U. S. Marine Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Phillips, Sr., of Route 1, Hertford, was recently awarded the Navy Commendation Medal at Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, S. C., for service in Vietnam. His citation reads in part:

"For heroic achievement while serving as a port side gunner with Marine Medium Helicopter Sq., 364 in connection with operations against insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Viet Nam.

On March 28, 1966, while participating in an emergency medical evacuation of four wounded Marines during operation Indiana north of Quang Ngai, Phillips displayed exceptional fortitude and professionalism in providing accurate and deadly suppressive fire during his aircraft's first two attempts to land in a hostile zone.

On the third attempt, a landing was made despite continuing heavy enemy fire, and again Phillips effectively suppressed the incoming fire during the time the helicopter was in the zone. His intrepid fighting spirit and valiant effort throughout contributed greatly to the safety of his aircraft and his fellow crewmen during the hazardous mission. By his outstanding professional skill, determination and loyal devotion to duty throughout, Phillips upheld the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

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Jaycees Honor Three



V. N. Darden

The Hertford Jaycees held their annual installation officers banquet and presented awards to Mayor V. N. Darden, Miss Thelma Elliott and to the Teenager of the Year Joe Haskett, here last Wednesday night at the Hertford Grammar School.

Luther Britt installed the new officers for the year: Tom Brown, president; Buddy Tilley, vice president; secretary, Carlton Boyce; treasurer, Frank Mansfield; state director, Ed Nixon, and the board of directors, Welly White, Al Everson and Bobby Heath. Chaplain, Dargan Harrell; editor, Joe Rogerson and parliamentarian, Sidney Harmon.

Welly White was the outgoing president. White was master of ceremonies for the banquet. The call to order was by Joe Rogerson. Invocation was given by Dargan Harrell. The dinner followed.

Introduction of guests was made by President White. The presentation of outstanding community service awards was made by Sidney Harmon, who presented Mayor V. N. Darden with the Outstanding Community Service Award.

In making the award, Mayor Darden's life was reviewed. He came to Hertford in 1910 at the age of 18 to serve as an apprentice clerk in a department store. After three years in Hertford, he became a partner in the store and now is sole owner of Darden's Department Store.

Mayor Darden's public service began when he was elected to the Town Commission in 1937. Shortly afterwards he was appointed Mayor of the Town of Hertford to fill



Miss Thelma Elliott

the unexpired term of Silas Whedbee, then Mayor, who resigned to become Postmaster.

Darden has continually been re-elected Mayor and has served continuously in this capacity for 29 years. Along with his duties as Mayor, he assumed the title of chief of police, fire chief and town manager. He holds a 50-year service certificate with the Fire Department. During his tenure as Mayor he has seen Hertford go from dirt streets and brackish drinking water to a town with all modern utilities.

Mayor Darden points to the construction of the Municipal Building in 1952 and the replacements of two slum areas with new low-rent housing, as two of his most significant achievements. Mayor Darden is known as the man who gets the job done without a lot of fanfare.

Harmon also presented Miss Thelma Elliott with an Outstanding Community Service Award Mrs. Eldon Winslow, sister of Miss Elliott, accepted the award in the absence of Miss Elliott. In making the presentation Harmon said "Miss Elliott is a native of Perquimans County. She graduated from East Carolina College and holds an AB and Masters degree. She returned to Hertford in 1948 to assume the principal's position at the Hertford Grammar School. She has been active in the First Methodist Church as a Sunday School teacher. She is a lifetime member of the PTA. In past president of Delta Kappa Gamma, which is a national honor society for teachers. The PTA recently honored her by presenting a portrait of Miss Elliott to the Hertford Grammar School."

She was a native of Perquimans County but resided in Chowan County for a number of years.

"Miss Mattie" was a retired school teacher. In later years she spent much time for united peace throughout the world.

Surviving are a sister-in-law, Mrs. Gideon Saunders of Route 1, Beldyville and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the Upriver Friends Meeting House with an open meeting for worship in the manner of Friends. George Parker of Woodland was at the head of the meeting. Burial was in Upriver Cemetery.

A request of no flowers was made. Anyone desiring may contribute to the American Bible Society, 440 Park Avenue, S. New York, N. Y. 10016.

Horse Show Plans Made

With the success of their last show behind them, the Perquimans County Horse and Pony Club has planned another show for June 11. The fun will begin at 2:00 P. M., Sunday afternoon in the Club's rink on the Preston Nixon farm 2 miles west of Hertford.

Events to be featured at this show include: Western Pleasure (and under) (Perquimans members), (open); Ring Spear

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Winslow Earns Degree At ACC

WILSON, N. C.—Harry Walton Winslow, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Winslow, 716 Grubb St., Hertford, was among 250 seniors to be graduated from Atlantic Christian College on May 29.

A 1963 graduate of Perquimans County High School, he was awarded the B. S. degree in business administration. He is a member of Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity.

Note to Editor: Winslow's name was placed in the wrong county in a list sent you prior to our commencement. We would be grateful if you would run this release in your next issue.

Faculty Honors Three Local Teachers



Mrs. Annie E. Simons

The faculty of Perquimans County Union School paid tribute to Mrs. Annie E. Simons, Walter R. Privott and King A. Williams in the form of a banquet given at the Holiday Inn in Elizabeth City.

The above named teachers have rendered services

King A. Williams

to the county for the past 28-43 years. Mrs. Simons in elementary education; Mr. Williams in agriculture and Mr. Privott science and football coach.

The principal, J. A. Dempsey, acted as toastmaster. Tribunal speeches were made by Mrs. Pearl Jackson, George N. Reid and Mrs. Mable W. Strowd.

Teaching is a process of becoming that continues throughout life, never completely achieved, never completely denied. This is the challenge and the

Walter R. Privott

fun of being a teacher. There is no ultimate end to the process. These persons fulfilled the challenge.

The affair was climaxed by the presentation of a sterling silver tray to Mrs. Simons, a plaque to Mr. Williams and a golden football to Mr. Privott.

Five Memorial Books Given To Local Library

Five memorial books were given to the Perquimans County Library this week. They are: This is the Holy Land, by Sheen and Morton; and America and Americans, by Steinbeck, both in memory of Mr. Simon Rutenberg; A Guide to Garden Shrubs and Trees, by Taylor in memory of Mrs. Wallace Morgan; The Beat of the Drum, by Supleus; and Understanding Music, by Newman, both in memory

of Tommy Wilder.

The library also has two large print books for readers whose eyesight is not good enough to read average size print. These two are Black Tide, by Lane; an adventure of the sea, and The Case of the Steppdaughter's Secret, by Gardner. Other of these so-called "sight-saver books" have been ordered and will be in the library as soon as they are available from the publishers.

Beginning June 2, the library will operate on its regular summer schedule—open until 5 P. M., on regular afternoons and closed on Saturday afternoons until after Labor Day.

PCHS STUDENT COUNCIL PICNIC

The Student Council of Perquimans County High School had their annual picnic Thursday, May 25, at Sandy Point Beach. The picnic began at 6 P. M. last Thursday.



George Gregory Beck James Sidney Eley

BECK AND ELEY GRADUATE—George Gregory Beck, son of Mrs. Eugenia Gregory Beck, was among 216 graduates receiving diplomas and degrees at Chowan College on Sunday during commencement exercises.

Also from Hertford, James Sidney Eley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton T. Eley, was among the graduates receiving diplomas and degrees at Chowan's commencement exercises held Sunday.

Services Held For Mrs. Carver

Mrs. Melba Butt Carver, 72, mother of Mrs. Annie White of Hertford, died on Saturday in the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. D. Johnson in Conway after a short illness.

A native of Perquimans County, she was the wife of John Carver.

She was a member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Jackson Methodist Church.

Other survivors are another daughter, Mrs. B. H. Boyce of Virginia Beach; a son, J. D. Carver of Jackson, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Monday at 1:00 in the Jackson Methodist Church by the Rev. Everett Jackson. Burial was in the Rountree Cemetery near Whiteston with Jackson Funeral Home in charge.

Pharmacy Here Sets New Hours

Sid Harmon, owner of Harmon's Pharmacy, announced today that beginning next Wednesday, June 7, that Harmon's Pharmacy will begin closing each Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock in observance of the summer holiday schedule with other business places here.

The pharmacy will observe this schedule during the summer months and will go back to its original schedule of open each Wednesday afternoon on Wednesday, September 6, 1967.

Bible Course To Be Taught

Vacation Church School will begin on Monday, June 5, at 7:30, at the First Methodist Church in Hertford. Each morning's session will be held from 9 until 11:30.

Children of kindergarten age through the sixth grade may attend. A child in Nursery I may enroll if his mother is teaching in the school.

Open House will be held on Friday evening, June 2, at 7:30.

TO GRADUATE

Edna Cobb Chappell of Rt. 1, Beldyville, is a candidate for the bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte at commencement exercises Sunday, May 28.