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JUDGE WALTER OAKLEY WOMAN'S CLUB SPEAKER

Scores Practice of Cutting Down Christmas Evergreens

A real Christmas sermon was the short address made by Judge Walter H. Oakley, Jr., at the meeting of the Woman's Club on Tuesday afternoon.

Judge Oakley expressed pleasure at the signs of the conservation of evergreen trees in Hertford, where the women have taken steps to prevent as far as possible the waste of cutting down beautiful young trees. "Ever since I was a child," he said, "I have hated to see these beautiful trees cut down, and can remember how the dead Christmas tree looked a week or two after Christmas."

Judge Oakley said he had an impression, anyhow, that the evergreens used at Christmas were an emblem of the ever living spirit of Jesus Christ, and that it seemed wrong, even sacrilegious, to cut down and kill these evergreens, which only stay green so long as their roots remain in the soil which nourishes them.

The spirit of Christmas was the theme on which Judge Oakley spoke. He said it seemed to him that this has been terribly abused. He paid his respects to those who give Christmas gifts to those from whom they receive gifts, often things which are not appreciated and which are useless, when the money thus thrown away might be used to help some one in need. "Wouldn't it be better," he asked, "to say to your friend, 'Merry Christmas. I am not giving you anything, but I have taken the money I would have spent for your gift and given it to some one who needs it?'"

Even those, he said, who say they only give to the folks at home often give too much. He said there is danger in leading our children, by giving them too lavishly, into the very idea which we are trying to avoid. That we might teach them, by not giving them too much, that it is better to give than to receive.

In closing, Mr. Oakley told his hearers that he thought it a good idea to get into the habit, as Christmas draws near, of reading certain Christmas stories which help us to get the real spirit of Christmas, mentioning specifically Dickens' "Christmas Carol" and Van Dyke's "The Story of the Other Wise Man."

Decorations Feature Woman's Club Meet

There were a number of most attractive Christmas decorations, including centerpieces for the Christmas dinner table, wreaths and other decorations, on display at the meeting of the Hertford Woman's Club held on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. C. P. Morris furnished an unusually colorful arrangement of native evergreens, including pine, cedar, wild laurel and bay leaves, interspersed with bright red Christmas berries.

Mrs. Thomas Nixon showed a "sugar plum tree," a most cunningly contrived "tree" which was really a branch from an orange tree, arranged in a flower pot, and on which there were stuck in profusion tiny gum drops of every color.

A similar arrangement with the sugar plums consisting of bright red cranberries, was shown by Miss Mae Wood Winslow, who also displayed a beautiful wreath of cedar and holly about a bright red electric light.

Mrs. G. E. Newby, Jr., arranged a centerpiece consisting of an artistically arranged bowl of fruits, with lighted candles.

The center piece arranged by Mrs. Clyde McCallum, of a silver bowl of Christmas goodies, with lighted candles, and that of Miss Kate Blanchard's were also very beautiful.

Miss Blanchard also displayed a most unique table decoration of a winter scene by a lake, with lovely little trees laden with snow, and with figures of wild life. The lake was represented by a mirror base.

Mrs. E. McM. Newby showed a lovely artificial green plant in which a bright red light glowed.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET HELD AT HIGH SCHOOL

The father and son banquet given by the Vocational Agriculture Club at the Perquimans High School, was held on Friday night of last week.

ROYALTY ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be a royalty announcement at the meeting of the Royalty Club on Tuesday, December 25, 1934.

Our Christmas Gift

IF IT were possible, your Home Town Newspaper would like to give as a Christmas gift to every person in this community that which he or she desires. But since that can not be done, we wish to offer you as our Christmas gift, not only for this happiest day in the year, but for all the days to come during the next year these things:

News . . .

All the news of the territory in which it circulates; clean news, constructive news, hopeful, wholesome news, news that is appealing to the young as well as to the old, news that will bring happiness to every household.

Principles and Ideals . . .

These intangibles, expressed in an editorial policy which has the courage of its convictions, which is fearless in the expression of righteousness and in the espousal of justice, and which seeks to offer intelligent and helpful comment on the items of news which have an important bearing on public opinion or public morals.

Leadership and Service . . .

These qualities expressed in devotion to the good of the community, which makes it a community adviser, a civic booster, the big brother of the neighborhood, who works unceasingly to make this community a better place in which to live, who helps to protect its people from imposition, from fraud, from danger, an ally of the strong, and a defender of the weak.

All these, the principles upon which the best type of newspaper is founded, we offer to you as our Christmas gift and with it goes the heartiest holiday greetings from

MATTIE LISTER WHITE,
Editor.

E. W. Lordley Named District FERA Head

HIT OR MISS

(A Misplaced Personal Item)—Santa Claus, who is expected to visit the homes of a number of the citizens of Perquimans County where there are little children on Christmas eve, will return to his home at the North Pole early Wednesday morning.

Congratulations to Mrs. T. C. Blanchard, who celebrated her 77th birthday on Tuesday, and who when called over the telephone that morning was beating biscuits to go in a Christmas box. May she have many more happy and useful birthdays.

Speaking of cutting down trees unnecessarily, why cut down all of the beautiful young growth of trees, whether they are good for fire wood or not?

The Perquimans County Emergency Relief organization has some men at work cutting down trees on the county-owned property just west of the Perquimans River bridge, to be used as fire wood in the relief work.

If these trees are needed to furnish fuel for the poor, far be it from me to say don't cut them down.

However, to cut down the young growth which certainly is not large enough to use for wood, just to "clean it up" seems to me to be a shame.

E. W. Lordley, relief administrator, when appealed to as to why these beautiful young trees were to be destroyed, said that the county commissioners had ordered the place "cleaned up," everything to be cut down.

If it is necessary to clean it up, if the cleaning up is done as any good purpose, there is no criticism, but if these pretty young trees, which form such a glorious picture as seen from the bridge and from Church street, especially in the fall when the black gums and maples are turning to scarlet and gold and brown, are being sacrificed to no purpose, I say it is a shame and should not be done.

Much of the beauty of this spot has already been destroyed, but some of it can still be saved.

Local Relief Force Will Continue In Some Capacity

E. W. Lordley, former Administrator for the Perquimans County Emergency Relief Administration, has been appointed District Administrator in charge of the recently formed six-county district of the relief organization.

Mr. Lordley will still live in Hertford, although the offices of the organization are located in Elizabeth City.

Under the tentative plans, Mr. Lordley said, all of the force now employed in the local office will continue with the Emergency Relief in some capacity.

The organization of the new set-up has not yet been completed, and it has not yet been announced who will be in charge of the Hertford office of the Relief Organization, which will continue to use the same quarters heretofore occupied.

Mr. Lordley is very busy at present, arranging for the opening of the District office, which will be opened as soon as furniture can be secured.

Womanless Wedding Repeated At School

County superintendent F. T. Johnson became the blushing bride of Julian Thach in a colorful ceremony known as "The Womanless Wedding" at the High School on Friday afternoon.

James Boyce and William E. White, wearing charming evening gowns, which displayed their boney arms to great advantage, were soloists.

The wedding music was played by Zack White.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Rice Miller.

The groom had as his best man Robert Morris.

Two Local Women Hurt In Automobile Accident

Mrs. T. S. White and Mrs. G. E. Newby are both confined to their beds at their respective homes in Hertford, suffering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident which occurred three miles north of Sligo on the highway between Norfolk and Elizabeth City, on Tuesday night.

Mrs. White suffered a severe cut on her head, necessitating the taking of three stitches, and Mrs. Newby, who suffered very severe and painful bruises, was reported as being very uncomfortable on Wednesday.

Mrs. Newby and Mrs. White were riding on the rear seat of a car driven by Mrs. Newby's son-in-law, W. C. Archie, of Wake Forest, with Mrs. Archie on the front seat. Neither Mr. Archie nor his wife were hurt.

The accident occurred when Mr. Archie was obliged to ditch his car to avoid being struck by a car driven by a Mr. Garner, of Norfolk, Va., whose car skidded.

WILMINGTON MINISTER TO PREACH IN LOCAL CHURCH

Rev. L. R. O'Brian, of Wilmington, has accepted an invitation to preach at the Hertford Baptist Church, which is at present without a pastor, on Sunday.

The public is cordially invited to hear Mr. O'Brian, who is said to be a splendid preacher.

MRS. BUTLER IMPROVING

The condition of Mrs. A. A. Butler, who suffered painful injuries from a fall on Thursday night of last week, is improving.

Mrs. Butler slipped on the icy steps at the home of Mrs. L. W. Newby, who has been calling, and she was confined to her bed for a week following the fall, but her injuries are believed to be of a minor nature.

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Mrs. E. McM. Newby and Mrs. Delwyn

About Hundred Men On Relief Payroll

Approximately a hundred men are employed this week on Emergency Relief projects in Perquimans County, with a pay roll of about seven hundred dollars.

The new wage schedule, reducing the pay of unskilled labor from 30 cents to 20 cents per hour not having gone into effect as yet, the men are being paid 30 cents an hour, making from 8 to 30 hours per week, according to the relief requirement.

Projects on which men are working include the cutting down of trees to be used for fire wood on the county-owned property on the point just west of the Perquimans River Bridge. This entire strip of land is to be cleared.

Other projects include two drainage projects, one at New Hope, where the swamp in the rear of the New Hope M. E. Church, is being drained, and a drainage project at Belviders, and the rebuilding of the turnpike road leading from Nicanor to the Acorn Hill Road.

A work project for women, in which seven or eight women are to be employed, was begun on Tuesday morning. This project is the making of sheets, pillow cases and towels for emergency relief work, and is in charge of Mrs. T. W. Perry. The work is being carried on at the Community House.

Material for this work is furnished by the Federal Surplus Relief Corporation, and enough material for 2,000 towels and from fifteen to two thousand yards of sheeting has already been sent here for the Perquimans relief work.

Glee Club Planning To Sing Christmas Carols

The Perquimans High School Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Kate M. Blanchard, will sing Christmas carols in the open air on Christmas eve. The young people will visit outside the homes of various churches in the town and sing a number of Christmas songs.

Tim Thach Released On Stealing Charge

Somebody stole Linford White's chickens last Saturday night, but they didn't prove it on Tim Thach, who was accused and tried in Recorder's Court on Tuesday morning.

Tim said, while on the stand, "I never have stole nothing yet," adding as an after-thought "I have took a few things."

Six chickens were missing from White's chicken house Sunday morning. A chicken which he recognized as one of the missing fowls was picked up later in somebody's yard near the House of Prayer, in the rear of which one Johnson testified he saw some chickens in a bag. Johnson said that he saw a chicken back there which he said was one that Tim had in the bag, but he couldn't explain how he knew it was one of the chickens he heard squawking when they were shut up in the bag.

Tim was arrested on Monday and placed in jail, but there wasn't sufficient evidence against him to convict him at the trial, and he had witnesses to testify that they carried him home and put him to bed when he was in a state of intoxication.

"They didn't get you this time, Tim; they didn't quite prove it on you," said Judge Walter H. Oakley, Jr., in dismissing the case. But the Judge issued a timely warning to Tim, who has spent 60 days on the roads. "You had better let chickens alone," said his Honor.

Hot Lunches Served At Grammar School

Hot lunches are now being served by the Emergency Relief organization to children of the Hertford Grammar School, and to the children of the colored school, the work having begun this week.

The Belviders school is also being furnished this hot lunch, and the work will begin immediately at the New Hope school. In fact, all of the schools in the county which have the facilities for preparing and serving the hot lunch to the underprivileged will be provided with the materials.

Will Work On Peanut Reduction After Jan.

The campaign for the reduction of the peanut acreage will begin in Perquimans County shortly after January 1st, according to an announcement made by L. W. Anderson, County Agent, this week.

Farmers who agree to plant ten per cent less in peanuts in 1935 than they did in 1934 or which they planted in 1933, or to plant only the average planned to peanuts on his farm for the years 1933 and 1934, and who sign a contract to that effect, will be paid by the government eight dollars per ton on all the peanuts that they produced in 1934.

The checks in payment for the 1934 crop of peanuts will not be given, however, until after the 1935 crop of peanuts is up and the acreage has been measured by government agents, according to Mr. Anderson.

HOLY COMMUNION OBSERVED ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

There will be the celebration of the Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Christmas morning at 10 o'clock, to which service the public is cordially invited.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA TO BE RENDERED BY JUNIOR CHOIR

A Christmas cantata, "The Festival of the Nativity," by Baines, will be rendered by the Junior Choir of the Hertford M. E. Church on next Sunday night, under the direction of Miss Kate M. Blanchard, organist. The public is cordially invited.

MR. ARCHIE TO SING HERE

William C. Archie, of Wake Forest, will sing a solo at the Christmas service of the Hertford M. E. Church to be held on next Sunday morning.