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Winfall Contestant Takes Lead In Campaign

Wishes Of Citizens Sought Relative To Cutting Trees

Matter Brought Before County Commissioners Monday

WORK STOPPED

Present Reports Show Opposition To Project

Whether or not any more trees are to be cut from the county-owned property West of the Perquimans River Bridge rests with the people of Hertford. Everybody may have a voice in the matter.

At the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday the matter was brought to the attention of the Board by Charles E. Johnson, of the ERA office, and the Commissioners turned the matter over to Mrs. Mattie Lister White, Editor of The Perquimans Weekly, with the request that she find out from the people of the town what the wishes of the people were with respect to further work on the project of the ERA of cutting down the trees on this property, and that she report her findings to Mr. Johnson.

Mrs. White immediately got in touch with Miss Mae Wood Winslow, president of the Hertford Woman's Club, and a survey was begun with a view to finding out what the people want.

The property, which is marsh land, and on which grows luxuriantly native cypress, black gum, bay, myrtle and probably other shrubs, with some maple, is an extension of the Causeway.

To many of the people of Hertford this point of densely wooded marsh land is a thing of great beauty. Particularly in the spring and fall, when the undergrowth takes on its gorgeously rich colors, and when the trees are mirrored in the river below, does it appear wonderfully beautiful. To those who view it from this angle, the idea of cutting down the trees and shrubs to improve the natural beauty, seems something like attempting to gild the lily.

Others consider that the place will be greatly improved by cutting down some of the trees and leaving the larger ones, and clearing out the undergrowth so that the river may be seen on the other side of the point. Many think this undergrowth is too dense and that it would be prettier to be able to look through the trees.

From the survey made up to the present, the majority of those who have expressed an opinion are against further cutting on this property.

A good sized area of the place has already been cut, but the point has been left untouched.

The Commissioners made the proposition Monday that all of the native undergrowth be cut and that dogwood and other flowering trees be planted. This idea, however, was impractical, as dogwood does not grow on marshy land but on the highlands.

The matter rests with the people of Hertford. The ERA office is very anxious to get the report of the people as to what they want.

Old Age Pension Bill Be Discussed Friday

The Townsend Plan Old Age Pension will be discussed at a meeting to be held in the Court House in Hertford on next Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock, when W. B. Fisher, State Organizer of the Townsend Plan, will speak.

In a notice sent to this newspaper by Mr. Fisher this week, it is stated that this bill has already been presented to Congress and that it provides that the government pay all citizens, men or women, over 65 years of age, \$500 per month the remainder of their natural lives when two conditions, to-wit: 1st, if any, be given up in favor of the unemployed, and, that the entire \$500 be spent within 90 days after its receipt each month.

Everybody is urged to attend.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Fisher, at their home in Hertford, on Sunday, February 3, a son, John William Fisher.

WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Mrs. F. T. Johnson, chairman of the Department of American Citizenship, was in charge of the program of the Woman's Club meeting, held on Thursday afternoon at the Community House. Those taking part included Mrs. H. T. Broughton, Mrs. V. N. Darden and Mrs. W. E. White.

Mrs. Johnson made a short but informative talk, giving some interesting information with reference to certain conditions in North Carolina with respect to proposed legislation in which the club women of the State are interested. Touching upon labor conditions, with particular regard to the proposed amendment to the Child Labor Law, it was brought out that as the present law stands North Carolina has the longest work day of any state in the United States, or of any country where any legislative measures are taken with respect to controlling the working hours.

Miss Mae Wood Winslow, president, who presided at the business session, read to the club a most interesting letter from Mrs. R. H. Latham, State President of Women's Clubs, in the January issue of the North Carolina Clubwoman, in which was given a vivid description of a southern trip which the writer recently took, and in which she called attention to the fact that this issue of the club periodical stressed the subject of books and libraries.

In reading further extracts from the publication, it was brought out that North Carolina is way down low in the scale of states which have public libraries. The average per capita expenditure for public libraries in the United States is 33 cents, while in the Southern States it ranges from 2 cents to 18 cents.

In a survey made in 1925 it was found that North Carolina stood 43rd in the list of states as to the reading habits of its people, only one third of the North Carolina families taking a daily newspaper. The number of books per inhabitant in the public libraries of the State was the lowest in the Union. While Massachusetts had two volumes per person in public libraries, North Carolina had eleven persons per volume. It was pointed out that this was about the time that North Carolina was boasting that there were enough automobiles in the State to take all the people in the State to ride at one time.

It was pointed out that the situation has improved to the extent that there are now only five persons to each book in the public libraries, and the facetious suggestion was made by one writer that by the time communism catches us and we have to divide everything, we may have reached such a high plane of civilization and culture that we will have a book apiece!

A committee was appointed, composed of Mrs. C. P. Morris, Mrs. R. T. Brian, Mrs. R. T. White and Mrs. G. E. Newby to interview the ERA officials with a view to finding out if that body will furnish the labor necessary to make some very necessary improvements on the Community Home, the Club providing the funds for materials.

A committee to nominate new officers for the next two years was named, this committee being composed of Mrs. J. E. White, Mrs. T. R. Winslow and Mrs. W. E. White.

Those present at the meeting included Messdames H. T. Broughton, R. T. White, J. F. Elliott, F. T. Johnson, T. E. Winslow, C. A. Withrow, G. E. Newby, E. McM. Newby, W. E. White, J. E. White, The Edna, R. H. Willis, and V. N. Darden, Misses Mae Wood Winslow and Kate M. Blanchard.

Unique Entertainment At Grammar School

"Brides of Yesterday and Today" is the title of the entertainment to be given at the Grammar School auditorium on Tuesday night of next week by the ladies of the Della Shambarger Missionary Society of the Hertford Methodist Church.

Lovely old wedding dresses will be worn in the entertainment, some of them more than fifty years old, as well as modern bridal costumes.

Who Would Destroy Community House?

What possible motive could any one have for burning the Community House?

This question is being asked on every hand, but so far no plausible motive has been advanced. The few conjectures made have been rather vague and far-fetched.

That the building was set on fire on two occasions is hardly to be disputed. The first occasion was on Tuesday night of last week. J. S. McNider, who was driving West on Grubb Street, saw the fire and got out of his car to investigate. He reached the scene just behind Mr. Goodwin, the janitor at the Grammar School Building, who had seen the blaze and succeeded in putting out the fire. No damage had been done, the fire being confined to a small pile of trash and leaves just under the edge of the East side of the house, by the little side porch. Mr. McNider at that time, realizing that the fire was of incendiary origin, reported the matter to Mr. Johnson, the Superintendent of Education, telling him that he might expect a repetition of the matter. It came two nights later, around 7:00 o'clock, probably half an hour later than the first fire. This time the alarm was turned in and the local fire department responded promptly, extinguishing the blaze before any great damage was done.

The fire had begun in the same spot as the first one started two nights before. It did not burn through the floor, no blaze ever reaching the interior of the building.

The Community House is maintained and kept in repair by the women of the Hertford Woman's Club, to whom it was turned over by the Town after it was no longer needed as a school room, its original purpose. The building has been furnished by the women, and has been repaired and improved from time to time. It has been used for club meetings and as a community house.

The kitchen has for some years been used during the school months for preparing and serving hot lunches for under privileged school children. Recently a part of the building has been used for a sewing room, where ERA labor is employed.

Relief Money Turned Over To ERA Office

The report of Charles Johnson, representing the local Emergency Relief organization, to the Board of County Commissioners on Monday met with the approval of that body when it was disclosed that only \$102.54 of the amount of \$268.00 which had been turned over to the ERA office to take care of the unemployables on the relief rolls for the month of January had been spent, leaving the amount of \$105.46 still in hand.

The recent ruling of the FERA that the unemployables on the relief rolls must be taken care of by the county resulted in the county turning over to the relief office the funds necessary for this work.

When the work is handled in this way, through the ERA office, there is a great saving to the county, as the money given to this class of needy persons is supplemented by the surplus commodities, including canned beef, potatoes, rice and other staples, which the ERA has on hand. The arrangement also obviously works greatly to the advantage of the needy.

HERE'S HOW THEY STAND

Mrs. J. L. Nixon, Winfall	215,000
Miss Ann Barefoot, Hertford	205,000
Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Chapinoko	190,000
Mrs. C. F. Reed, R. F. D. Hertford	185,000
Miss William Spivey, Hobbysville	170,000
Mrs. Charles Skinner, Hertford	165,000
Mrs. Roy Parks, Ryland	165,000
Mr. Edgar Fields, Hertford	135,000
Miss Vida Banks, New Hope	125,000
Miss Johnnie White, Whiteston	115,000
Miss Ruby Gray, Gum Mill	115,000
Mr. Jesse Lane, Hertford	25,000
Miss Lillie Woods, Woodville	5,000
Mrs. Payton Lane, Center Hill	5,000
Mrs. Noah Felton, Beach Springs	5,000

Two Injured In Auto Accident

Raymond Winslow and Russell Winslow Cut and Bruised When Car Crashes Into Rear of Bus

Raymond Winslow and Russell Winslow, both of Hertford, were injured in an automobile accident on Wednesday night, when the car in which they were riding crashed into the rear of a bus of the Coastal Coach Line, which was parked on the highway.

Raymond Winslow suffered a slight concussion and possibly a fracture of the skull. He also received a cut over one eye and one leg was cut.

Russell Winslow, who is said not to be so severely injured, also received an injury to his head and severe bruises.

The accident occurred on the Hertford-Elizabeth City highway, four miles from Hertford, at about 6:00 o'clock in the evening. The car in which the young men were riding, a Chevrolet coach, belonging to C. C. Winslow, was badly wrecked.

Russell Winslow, who was driving, said that he was blinded by the lights of another car which he was meeting.

Russell Winslow is a son of T. R. Winslow, Hertford merchant. Raymond Winslow is a brother of C. C. Winslow and is associated with him in the cleaning and pressing business in Hertford.

Winfall Ladies Seek New School Building

Mrs. W. G. Hollowell and Mrs. David Trueblood, of Winfall, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners, at their meeting on Monday, with a request that the Board take up further the matter of building a new school house at Winfall.

The ladies were told that at present it was not possible to do anything about the matter as every effort had been made last summer to get a new school building for Winfall and there were no funds available, but that there was some possibility that some federal funds might be borrowed for the purpose later on.

Mrs. Hollowell, who acted as spokesman, told the Board that the present school building was dangerous, and referred to the fact that a long splinter from the rough floor of the building was recently stuck through the shoe and into the foot of one of the little girl students at Winfall.

Contract Let For Road In Upper End County

The contract has been let by the State Highway Commission for the building of 7.01 miles of road between Baker's Store and Trotville, located partially in Perquimans and partially in Gates County, at a cost of \$88,817.30.

F. D. Kline, of Raleigh, the firm which is building the Whiteson-Belvidere Road, which is near completion, got the contract for this new highway link.

LINWOOD SKINNER REPORTED IMPROVING AFTER OPERATION

Linwood Skinner, prominent salesman of J. C. Blanchard & Co.'s store, underwent an operation at a Norfolk Hospital on Saturday of last week. Mr. Skinner's condition is reported as satisfactory and he is expected to return home within the next two weeks.

Mrs. J. L. Nixon Has Edge of 10,000 Votes

Recorder's Court Has Full Docket Tuesday

There was a full docket in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, most of the cases being very trivial and somewhat tedious.

Raleigh White, who lives on Edenton Road, in Hertford, was tried for assault upon Mrs. James Miller. There was evidence to show that the Miller family and the White family occupy one house, and that David Rogerson has been boarding with the Millers. A dispute arose on Saturday afternoon between Mrs. Miller and Mr. White and David Rogerson. Mrs. Miller swore out a warrant for Mr. White, accusing him of striking her in the face with his fist.

Mr. White took the stand and admitted that he struck Mrs. Miller, claiming that he only hit her lightly, however, and swore that Mrs. Miller first struck him on the head with a stick of stove wood.

David Rogerson's testimony was substantially the same as Mr. White's. The defendant was found guilty and the case dismissed upon payment of the court costs.

P. H. Small plead guilty to the charge of being drunk and disorderly, the case being dismissed upon payment of the court costs.

J. E. Bateman, a white youth from Woodville, plead guilty to the charge of the larceny of 14 bushels of soy beans from T. S. White. It developed that Bateman believed he was taking the property of his uncle, J. E. Bateman, upon whose farm the beans were grown and in whose barn they were stored. The beans were sold by young Bateman to Towe & Quincy where they were traced after they were missed by Mr. White.

The young man was given a road sentence of 60 days, the road sentence to be suspended upon payment of a \$25 fine, the court costs, and the sum of \$14.65, the value of the stolen beans.

Clarence Burnette and his wife, Vera, colored, had a family row on Saturday and each rushed down and had the other arrested, charging assault with a deadly weapon, and some very formidable weapons were exhibited in court, one of them a brush hork.

Clarence was admitted to bail upon his arrest, but Vera had to stay in jail. It came out in court that her husband had tried to get her out of jail but she was mad and wouldn't be taken out. She admitted that she had a quick temper. She went on the stand and testified that they had a fight. She said she just got mad.

Clarence said his wife would get mad and say and do anything and then she would get over it and be all right. Clarence was found not guilty but Vera drew ten days in jail for her conviction.

Ira Jones and Leroy Parsons were tried for assault with a deadly weapon, to wit, a pop bottle.

Ira had only been back off the roads for 28 days when he got into trouble. He was drinking, they say. He said, however, that he wasn't really drunk. There was evidence that he asked Leroy Parsons to loan him a dime. Leroy told him he didn't have the dime but offered to lend him a dollar. That seemed to have been the extent of the provocation. Ira struck Parsons, and then walked off, and came back with a pop bottle and threw it at Parsons. Parsons ducked and Sam Felton was hit. It was then that Parsons picked up the bottle and hit Ira over the head with it. "Well, you ought to have busted it over his head," said Judge Oakley. "You ought to hit a man who wouldn't hit you after you had offered to lend him a dollar. Thirty days in jail for Ira."

Lasselle Winslow, colored, was found guilty of possessing liquor, and was given 60 days in jail.

Valentine Party

A Valentine Bridge Party will be given on Thursday night of next week by the ladies of St. Catherine's Auxiliary, of the Episcopal Church, to which everybody is invited. The party will be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Davenport.

Refreshments obtained from members of the church at the small price of twenty-five cents.

Race Becoming Interesting As Votes Pile Up

STILL CAN ENTER

Virgin Territory Is Yet To Be Canvassed For Votes

The Perquimans Weekly contestants are starting off closely in a neck-and-neck race; there is still time for entries from all districts; effort is now the only essential to real success in this mammoth prize distribution—be a real hustler and win \$400.00.

It is evident from the few entries that the public does not understand the possibilities of this campaign. With just a little effort a new contestant can easily jump into first place. Always in a campaign there are weird stories concerning contestants and their relative standing. Just figure this out for yourself, you have as many friends as the next one, so why not make the start TODAY. A determination to win the biggest prize will make it easy for you to lead the field. Call at The Perquimans Weekly office today and ask for information.

The names of the candidates who have entered the big prize campaign and the number of votes cast for each up to Wednesday evening are published today.

It is puzzling to the management why more do not take advantage of The Perquimans Weekly big giving campaign. The Perquimans Weekly has been commended on all sides for its generosity but comparatively few people have entered. More active candidates are wanted and friends should urge their choice for candidates who have not entered to do so at once.

Nomination Still Open

There may be some who would like to enter but who are of the opinion that it is too late; that those already entered have too big a lead. Glance at the vote schedule. Just one or two good subscriptions will give you enough votes to lead the procession. There is plenty of time and room for new leaders to be developed. There are many districts in which no one is working and no place but that there are numerous opportunities for new contestants to get a few subscriptions necessary to put them in the lead. Read the notice appearing in the paper "How To Jump Into First Place."

Valuable Rewards

Think of the value in hard cash represented in the mammoth list of gifts to be given away absolutely free.

Several cash prizes and hundreds of dollars in commissions is certainly substantial pay for your old moments of spare time during the next few weeks.

Someone is going to get \$400.00. Someone else is going to have added \$100.00 to their account at the bank, and others are going to be richer by many dollars, while others will receive large commissions, and just for using their spare time. Will you make up your mind now to be one of the above someones? Clip the coupon and mail or bring it to The Perquimans Weekly office today. That starts you in line for any one of the prizes you may make up your mind to win.

Who Will Lead Next Week?

While several of the more aggressive candidates have started in the race with a good number of votes to their credit, the leaders of today do not necessarily mean that they will be leaders next week. Just a few good subscriptions and still fewer of the longer period variety can make a new leader.

Don't Get Discouraged

The contest is now just in its infancy and there is not a single candidate among those listed or new ones for that matter, who could not, if proper efforts were put forth, secure enough votes to lead the field in just a few days.

Don't fail to state your opinion on the causeway tree-cutting!