

Town Clerk W. G. Newby Gives Interesting Town Data

W. G. Newby, town clerk of Hertford, herewith presents interesting information relative to the town's financial situation. His letter follows:

From time to time a public servant should give out information that he thinks will interest the citizens whom he serves. Frequently I am asked when light rates will be reduced and for the information of all I will here give a brief resume of the financial status of this town:

The Town of Hertford at the present time has outstanding a total indebtedness of bonds as follows:

\$50,000 five per cent light and water bonds issued June, 1915, and falling due \$10,000 in 1945 and each five years thereafter until paid; \$100,000 six per cent W. and L. bonds issued in January, 1920, and due \$1,000 in January, 1935, and \$2,000 annually 1936 to 1940, \$4,000 annually 1941 to 1951, \$5,000 annually 1952 to 1960.

The street bonds issued in January, 1920, in the sum of \$75,000, have been reduced to \$18,000, thus leaving the present indebtedness of \$168,000 for bonds and one note outstanding for \$800 makes the total indebtedness of \$168,800.

Let's now see just what has been paid on these bonds in the way of interest:

On the \$50,000 issue we have paid \$47,500 interest; on the \$100,000 issue we have paid \$84,000 interest; on the \$75,000 issue we have paid \$47,320 interest; on principal, \$57,000; total amount paid out, \$237,820.

I will now endeavor to point out our position with reference to the tax rate of this town, which is necessarily linked with the light and water rates:

In a recent survey by C. E. Rightor, of Atlantic City, it was shown that the rate in 217 cities of 30,000 population and over was \$34.56; I further give you the tax rates of several municipalities in North Carolina and also the tax rate of Norfolk as the latter city has been pointed out many times as a model:

Plymouth, \$1.80; Williamston, \$2.70; Weldon, \$1.80; Windsor, \$2.35; Edenton, \$1.00; Lumberton, \$1.40; Charlotte, 1.31½; New Bern, \$1.03; Hertford, \$1.10; Norfolk, \$2.80.

The cities with the small rate own their utility plants and no doubt the lower rate is a dividend handed back to its citizens in the way of reduced taxes, of course Windsor being the exception.

For a comparison if the Town of Hertford had a tax rate as any one of the cities with 30,000 population or like the city of Norfolk or Town of Williamston, we could reduce rates 50 per cent and then have more money than we have now at the end of each year, but just here let's look at the picture from another angle.

Mr. A's tax now in the Town of Hertford is \$155.50 and under a rate within the higher brackets above his tax would be \$37.41, and I could run through the entire tax levy and the result would be the same.

During the past calendar year the town paid for \$409,400 K.W. hours distributed as follows: 118,571 for commercial lights; 87,904 for power; \$1,500 for streets; 161,580 for ice and pumping; lost by transmission, 14,845.

This report was gotten out for the new Utility Commission at Raleigh and after painstaking work we ascertained that now the town was receiving just a little net over 7 cents per K.W.

Again while, as we understand, that most other towns make a charge for street lighting, we have no charge set up in our budget for this item which would amount to approximately \$1,500, which is a direct saving.

While the items here may seem

large to many for the future, yet upon the whole I believe compared with other towns we are in very good position and with the elimination of the street debt by 1937 and with the reduction of interest per year amounting to \$3,420 and principal \$57,000, we believe the citizens of this town may look forward at least for a very happy environment for the children of the coming generation. As our forefathers planted the beautiful shade trees to give rest to the weary, so we have in our generation planted well to give cheap lights and reduced taxes for those who shall come after us.

The debt service of the town for 1935 amounts to:

Interest	\$ 9,220.00
Principal	6,000.00
Total	\$15,220.00

Respectfully,
W. G. NEWBY,
Clerk Town of Hertford.

BETHEL NEWS

Misses Addie Mae and Pencie Ward spent Wednesday with Mrs. Tommy Matthews, at Burgess.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gatling, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Broughton.

Miss Lucile Long, a member of the Winfall school faculty, spent the week-end in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Long.

Mr. J. H. Mansfield and children called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davenport, of Yeopim, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Parrish, of Great Hope, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ward.

Mr. Wilford Gatling, of Suffolk, Va., spent Thursday with his mother, Mrs. Tom Broughton.

Miss Lillian Ray Perry, of Beech Spring, spent Thursday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thach, of Yeopim Station, visited her father, Mr. J. H. Mansfield, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Joe Phillips, of Camden, was in the village visiting Saturday.

Ladies' Council Has Party

The Ladies' Council of the Christian Church gave a tacky party last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Riddick. A prize was given to the tackiest girl and the tackiest man. Many games and string music was enjoyed, after which popcorn, gingerbread and lemonade was served.

Those present were W. N. White, Leroy and Dorothy White Rosa Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Winslow, Edgar Riddick, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lane, Roscoe Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lane and child, Edna Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Berry, Dan Berry, Edgar Young Berry, Sallie Sue Skinner, Mrs. B. A. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Stallings, William Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Eaves and child, Alma Lee, Adelaide Eaves, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Phillips and child, Crafton, Ralph Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Umphlett, Virchia Umphlett, Virginia Umphlett, Belvin Russell, Mrs. Clifton Morgan and child, Clifton, Jr., Dewey Umphlett, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Harrell and child, Juanita, Mrs. W. M. Harrell, Eva Mae Harrell, Sadie Vivian Harrell, Mrs. Sallie Cullipher, Velma Overton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Manding Harrel land child, Manding Berry, Mrs. R. A. Perry, J. B. Perry, Doris Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie White, Charles White, Willie Orton Elliott, Norman Riddick, Thelma Riddick, Molly Mack, Janice, Junior and Dan Riddick, Raymond White, Mrs. J. W. White, Luther Barrington, Thomas Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Gatling from Norfolk, Gilmore Rountree, Woodrow Rountree and Raymond Rountree from Corapeake.

BELVIDERE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Tarboro spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith.

Edgar Layden of Elizabeth City visited his mother, Mrs. Sarah Layden, Sunday afternoon.

W. L. White spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White, of Whiteston.

Miss Vivian Maude Chappell is visiting Miss Edna Layden of Hertford.

Mrs. Paul Whedbee of Washington, D. C., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith, this week.

Miss Anna Forbes spent Tuesday in Norfolk, Va.

A large number from this community attended the Friends' Quarterly Meeting at Whiteston Sunday.

Miscellaneous Shower

A miscellaneous shower was given on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Corbitt, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Elliott of Hertford Route 4, who were recently married. Many interesting games and contests were enjoyed. The bride and groom were the recipients of many nice and useful gifts. Ice cream and cake were served by the hostess.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Elliott, Mrs. Charles Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Corporew, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Corporew, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Corporew, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Chappell and daughter Blanche, Mrs. Dallas Layden, Mrs. Maude Chappell, Mrs. J. A. Chappell, Mrs. W. T. Smith, Mrs. T. C. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Layden, Mrs. Fannie Corporew, Miss Myrtle Corporew, Dick Layden, Tom Corporew, William Corporew, Charles Elliott, Miss Syble Byrum, Miss Anna Forbes, Miss Pearl Proctor, Shirley Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Nixon, Miss Mary Elizabeth Layden, Miss Thelma Chappell, Miss Edna Layden, Bob Layden, Miss Marjorie Perry, Miss Mary Louise Chappell, Miss Dixie Chappell, Preston Nixon, Miss Margaret Elliott, Jourdia Byrum, Gilbert Byrum, Joseph

Proctor, Miss Hilda Corporew, Miss Edith Corporew, Miss Louise Mansfield, John Corporew, William Pierce, Clifton Corporew, Russell Nixon, Miss Blanche Chappell, Miss Marjorie White, Miss Evelyn White, Miss Dorothy White, Miss Fannie Maude Corbitt, James Corbitt and Mr. and Mrs. James Corbitt.

CLAUDE BRINN WILL VISIT OLD HOME THIS SUMMER

Claude Brinn, of Istanbul, Turkey, is expected to visit Perquimans, his native home, this summer.

Mr. Brinn, who is a brother of Rosser and Tim Brinn, of Hertford, has lived in the Far East for more than twenty years, having left home in 1914. He holds a responsible position with the British-American Tobacco Co. He has visited his home only at rare intervals during the past twenty years. The last time he was here was in the year 1927. Relatives and friends are looking forward with much pleasure to seeing Mr. Brinn this summer.

DR. WHEDBEE ENTERTAINED IN HONOR OF BIRTHDAY

Dr. James P. Whedbee, of Suffolk, Va., spent Friday in Hertford. He was entertained at dinner in honor of his seventy-eighth birthday, by his sisters, Mrs. E. McM. Newby and Miss Pattie Whedbee. Another sister of Dr. Whedbee, Mrs. Herbert Newby, was also a guest at the birthday dinner.

MRS. WHITE IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. J. Oliver White, who was taken to a Norfolk Hospital last week, will remain in the hospital some time for treatment before undergoing an operation. Mrs. White has been very sick for several weeks.

DR. COX OUT AGAIN

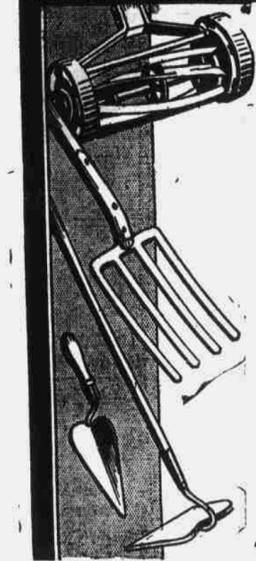
Dr. T. A. Cox, who has been sick with an attack of flu, followed by arthritis, is improving and able to be out again. Mrs. Cox has been confined to her bed for the past week with flu.

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