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Hertford, Perquimans County, North Carolina, Friday, April 19, 1935.

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E. L. Reed Nominated For Office Of Mayor

H. C. Stokes, Former Official, Only Two Votes Behind

111 PRESENT

Heavy Downpour of Rain Causes Small Crowd

E. L. Reed, who has served one term as Mayor of the Town of Hertford, was again nominated for the office at the mass meeting held at the court house on Friday night, receiving only two more votes than his opponent, H. C. Stokes, who held the office for six terms prior to Mr. Reed's election in 1933.

A. W. Hefren and Dr. C. A. Davenport, two of the members of the Board of Commissioners, were also renominated, and W. H. Hardecaste was nominated as the third member. E. Leigh Winslow, who has served for one term as commissioner, and whose work takes him out of the town most of the time, was not a candidate.

There was a heavy downpour of rain, which doubtless kept many citizens from attending the meeting, 111 persons being present. All but one, a non-resident, voted.

Silas M. Whedbee, chairman of the executive committee, presided at the meeting. This committee, composed of Mr. Whedbee, W. T. Elliott and B. C. Berry, was made a permanent committee.

All of the candidates made short talks, in response to a motion carried to the effect that each should explain his position as to the stand he took in reference to town lighting, and as to the purchasing of fire-fighting equipment, and other pertinent questions.

G. E. Newby made a statement as to the present situation of the town, in compliance with a motion to that effect.

The votes polled by the several candidates were as follows: E. L. Reed 56, H. C. Stokes 54, Dr. C. A. Davenport 23, A. W. Hefren 79, W. H. Hardecaste 46, V. N. Darden 24, J. C. Blanchard 22, Z. A. Harris 18, H. G. Winslow 11, Hugh Barclift 11, Chas. Skinner 1, Herman Jenkins 1, Claude Withrow 1.

W. G. Newby Gives Statistics Of Town

In an effort to show to the citizens of the Town of Hertford something of the financial condition of the Town, W. G. Newby, Town Clerk, in response to a motion made at the mass meeting on Friday night, when candidates were nominated for mayor and town commissioners, made a short resume, in which it was shown that the capital fund of the town was \$38,504.22 on December 31, 1931, and that on February 20, 1935, this fund had increased to \$130,371.36. The increase has been reflected, according to Mr. Newby, in the reduction of the current indebtedness by \$18,000.00, and the retirement of street improvement bonds by \$18,000.00.

Replying to the question as to whether the town could reduce the light and water rates without an increase in taxes, Mr. Newby said it would be hard to do so.

The property valuation of the town of Hertford is at present \$1,031,040.00 and the tax rate is \$1.10.

In order to lower the price of lights and water, it would be necessary to raise the tax rate. All of the candidates expressed themselves as being unfavorable to this idea.

The power rates in Hertford is at present 5 cents and 12 cents. There is a minimum water rate of \$1.00 for a thousand gallons.

Sheriff C. A. Boyce Of Chowan Dies Suddenly

Friends in Hertford and Perquimans County were shocked Tuesday to hear of the sudden death of C. A. Boyce, sheriff of Chowan County. Mr. Boyce, apparently in good health, died suddenly as the result of a stroke, while he was making a fire in the living room.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, resulting in one of the largest funerals ever held in Chowan County. Services were held in the Edenton Baptist Church, with Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M., of Edenton, having charge of the burial ceremonies.

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COUNTY WOMEN MEET IN HERTFORD APRIL 27

Agent From Washington County Principal Speaker

JURY LIST

Following is the list of grand jurors who served at this term of the Superior Court:

R. T. Brinn, Foreman; Carroll V. Ward, T. C. Babb, Thad C. Chappell, Henry E. Cartwright, W. D. Stallings, Metador Harrell, Geo. W. Nowell, Harvey Stallings, C. Mercer Winslow, Leigh Stallings, L. Purvis Chappell, Sammie M. Winslow, A. M. Copeland, J. T. Jordan, Julian A. Chappell, Elmer P. Roberson, Maryland Boyce.

Junior-Senior Banquet Very Successful Affair

Henry Stokes, Jr., was toastmaster at the Junior-Senior Banquet, which is the outstanding annual social event of the Perquimans High School, on Thursday night.

Beautifully picturesque was the setting, arranged on the stage of the auditorium, which was converted into an English garden, with walls of rough stone, overhanging which were bouquets of pine and cedar, with flowers interspersed. Stone garden seats, attractive trellises, growing plants and a bird bath added realistic touches to the scene.

Small tables placed on the improvised lawn were attractively arranged, each detail carrying out the idea of a garden and growing things.

"The tallest plants in our garden are the seniors," remarked the toastmaster. The first of the toasts was "To the Seniors," by Frances Lamb, to which Clayton Thompson responded, and following which Julia Fearing and Charles C. McMullan, of Elizabeth City, special guests, entertained with a feature song and dance.

A toast to the school officials was given by Jessie Lee Harris, to which T. S. White, Chairman of the Board of Education, responded.

Superintendent F. T. Johnson responded very graciously with a bit of pleasantry to the toast "To Mr. Johnson," by Adelaide Layden.

E. E. Bundy, of Elizabeth City, who was the superintendent when both the junior and the senior classes entered high school, responded with a few remarks and an amusing stunt to the toast "To Mr. Bundy," by Azelle Godsey.

Mrs. W. E. White gave an interpretation of a small boy's idea of "Homes."

The toast "To the Faculty," by Tim Rufus Babin, was responded to by Miss Nancy Woods.

O. C. Long gave the toast to the school, after which there was a special number by Miss Martha Elizabeth Jordan, Lucius Blanchard and Dozier Sutton.

Miss Louise Delaney gave the toast "To the Future."

Jane Fearing, a tiny tot from Elizabeth City, made a hit with her songs.

Mary Wood Koonce responded to a special invitation with an impromptu dance.

Herbert Nixon introduced separately each member of the cast in the faculty play to be given shortly, with an invitation to all to be present.

Special music was furnished for the banquet and for the dance which followed at the Community House by Pearls' Orchestra, of Edenton.

A delicious three-course dinner was served by members of the Home Economics Class of the school.

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Former Pastor And Wife Are Entertained

Rev. F. M. Shambarger, former pastor of the Hertford M. E. Church, and Mrs. Shambarger, who are visiting in Hertford this week, are being extensively entertained by their old friends.

Mr. Shambarger will preach at the eleven o'clock service on Easter Sunday morning at the Methodist Church.

COURT OFF TO GOOD START ON FIRST DAY

Robert Bragg Found Not Guilty In Manslaughter Charge

Miss Eugenia Patterson, who is the home demonstration agent of Washington County, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Perquimans County Home Economics Association, which will be held at the Community House in Hertford on April 27.

Mrs. M. T. Griffin, who is chairman of the association, will preside, and Mrs. Thomas Nixon, Perquimans County chairman of the Better Homes in America, and Miss Helen Gaither, former home demonstration agent of Perquimans, will be present and each will have a message for the club women of the county.

This organization, which is made up of the various woman's clubs of the county, meets only once each quarter, and the meetings are always interesting. Each club gives reports of whatever work the members have engaged in during the past three months, and there are always many helpful suggestions for housekeepers and homemakers, with exhibits of hand-made articles to beautify the home.

Mrs. Griffin, who was in Hertford last week, says she is very anxious to have a large representation of county women out to hear Miss Patterson at this meeting, and urges the women to attend the meeting, whether they are members of any club or not. All will be welcomed.

A buffet luncheon is served and each woman who attends is asked to bring enough food to serve one person.

The hour of meeting will be announced next week.

School At Winfall Wins Further Honors

More honors for the colored school at Winfall, known as the Winfall Training School, were won last week at the State contest held at the A. & T. College, at Greensboro, when Molton Zachery won first place and captured the silver cup, which the school will keep for a year.

Zachery, who was a member of the Winfall team composed of himself and two others, J. E. Reid and J. Lightfoot, led the entire group with a score of 1,234, while his nearest rival garnered only 1,190 points.

This was the second prize won by Molton Zachery, who also won first place in the oratorical contest and will take part in the National Contest to be held at Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, at Tuscaloosa, Ala., which will be held in August.

The boys were coached by King Williams, principal of the Winfall Training School.

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Plan Attend Wedding Miss Lillian Blanchard

Mrs. J. C. Blanchard, accompanied by her two daughters, Miss Sarah Brown, all three of whom were charged with the larceny of \$100 worth of meat from the smokehouse of Joseph Winslow, Bagley's Swamp farmer, Charlie Brown failed to appear. A capias was issued for Brown and the trial of the other two was begun. After all of the evidence for the prosecution was heard, the defense counsel announced that they would not resist a verdict, whereupon further counsel for both defendants had requested the mercy of the court, the judge sentenced Walter Wright to two years in the state penitentiary, and Miss Sarah Blanchard will be one of the bride's maids.

The bride-elect is a daughter of Mr. Blanchard's brother, Garland S. Ferguson, Jr., of Washington.

HONOR SEVENTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY OF MOTHER

Honoring the 76th birthday of their mother, Mrs. K. E. Newbold, the following of her children, who live out-of-town were with her over the weekend: Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Newbold, of Raleigh; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wright, of Jarvisburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jarvis and their son, Jack, of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Newbold, of Washington, D. C. Mrs. John Waldron, of Washington, D. C., was also a guest of Mrs. Newbold.

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Mr. Shambarger will preach at the eleven o'clock service on Easter Sunday morning at the Methodist Church.

An Easter program will be given at the Hertford Assembly Church on Sunday night, April 21, at 7:30 o'clock. Special vocal selections will be rendered by different divisions of the Sunday School. The public is invited to attend.

Sheriff Uses Belt To Calm Unruly Prisoner

WIN HONORS

Three out of five of Perquimans County's entrants in the District Music Contest held at Elizabeth City last week won first place and the other two won second place.

Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, presided at this term of the court, held for the trial of both criminal and civil cases.

The first case to be taken up was that of Bill Sessions, colored, who pled guilty to assault with a deadly weapon, to wit, a stick of stove wood. Sessions was accused by Henry Whedbee, also colored, of shooting him, the bullet just grazing his forehead, the trouble having occurred at the home of Ellis Hoffer, colored, who lives near New Hope. The accused spent about 90 days in jail before he was released under bond.

After hearing the evidence, the court ordered the defendant to pay the doctor's bill of three dollars, and to pay to the prosecuting witness two dollars, representing the time he lost from work, and the court costs.

The next case called was that of State against C. J. Mansfield, local white man, who was tried for the illegal possession of whiskey and for possessing whiskey for the purpose of sale. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty and the court imposed the same sentence which had been imposed on the defendant in Recorder's Court, from which an appeal was taken, of 60 days on the roads.

Lillie Forehand, colored woman, who was sentenced to 12 months in jail by Judge Walter H. Oakley, Jr., in Recorder's Court recently, and who took an appeal, was found guilty and sentenced to 12 months in jail. A former suspended sentence of three months, which was imposed when Lillie was convicted in Superior Court last year of selling whiskey to a small white boy, was ordered into effect, making 15 months the woman will have to serve.

Trial of the case against Robert Bragg, a 19 year old colored boy who was charged with manslaughter, was taken up on Monday afternoon, the case being given to the jury during the morning session of Tuesday. After some hours deliberation the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty. The case against Bragg grew out of the death of Charlie Dillard, also colored, who was instantly killed when struck by a car driven by Bragg on March 3. Evidence disclosed that the accident occurred sometime early in the night, when the defendant was on his way from his home in Winfall to Belvidere. It was testified to that Bragg was driving at a rate of 40 or 45 miles an hour just before he reached the curve in the road beyond which he was driving. He swerved to the left but could not avoid striking the man, who proved to be Charlie Dillard, of Chowan County, and who was instantly killed. There was evidence that Bragg drove a few hundred yards to a filling station and requested some one to go back with him, stating that he had struck some one. He also asked that a doctor be sent for and the sheriff notified.

The defendant took the stand in his own behalf and stated that he was afraid that was the reason he shot, saying that some of Freeman's friends were rushing him from the back. He claimed that he did not intend to kill Freeman. A very good character was given the accused by a number of prominent men connected with the North Carolina State Highway Commission, and also representatives of the F. D. Kline Construction Co., for whom the man has worked for a number of years.

The defendant took the stand in his own behalf and told his story, which coincided with that told by Wallace Hughes, who witnessed the accident.

When the case against Walter Wright, Claude Lewis and Charlie Brown, all three of whom were charged with the larceny of \$100 worth of meat from the smokehouse of Joseph Winslow, Bagley's Swamp farmer, Charlie Brown failed to appear. A capias was issued for Brown and the trial of the other two was begun. After all of the evidence for the prosecution was heard, the defense counsel announced that they would not resist a verdict, whereupon further counsel for both defendants had requested the mercy of the court, the judge sentenced Walter Wright to two years in the state penitentiary, and Claude Lewis to 18 months on the roads.

Clyde Erwin Will Be Graduation Speaker

Clyde A. Erwin, Superintendent of Education of North Carolina, will make the literary address to the graduating class of the Perquimans High School this year, according to an announcement made by County Superintendent F. T. Johnson this week.

The graduation exercises will be held on Thursday, May 16, in the auditorium of the school.

There are 61 members of the Senior Class.

Easter Cantata At Methodist Church

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Victim, However, Says He Was Treated Well

DRINKING SPREE

Inmates of Jail Secure Quantity of Stored Whiskey

Profane and obscene language, in loud and boisterous tones, coming from the Perquimans County jail on Sunday afternoon was so offensive to the ears of near-by residents and those passing on the street, that Sheriff J. E. Winslow, in an effort to subdue the prisoners who had drunk a lot of liquor they had filched from the cell in which it had been stored, and which was being held as evidence, gave one of the prisoners a licking, striking him once with his open hand, and five times with the prisoner's leather belt.