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County Agent's Office A Veritable Bee-Hive

L. W. Anderson's Added Force Works Over- time

CONTRACTS TYPED

Needed Information Re- ceived For Cotton Planters

The office of L. W. Anderson, county agent, has been for a long time a very busy place, with the office force working at top speed, but last week-end it was really like a bee-hive.

The applications for cotton contracts which had been sent to Raleigh came in and it was necessary that all of the more than 600 contracts be typed before the farmers could be notified of their allotment for the year and sign the contract. The farmers were anxious to get the information, as they want to plant cotton right away. It would have taken something like a week, probably ten days, to get all that work done. That wouldn't do. The farmers couldn't wait that long to plant cotton. So Mr. Anderson took a look around at the available typists and employed them all.

There were seven typewriters going at top speed until late Saturday night. They were going all day Sunday. Early Monday the work was all done and the cards mailed to the farmers notifying them they could call and sign the contracts.

Senior Play Held Tonight At School

The senior play, "Here Comes Charlie," a three-act comedy-drama, will be given tonight in the auditorium of the Perquimans High School, the curtains to rise at 8:00 o'clock.

The play, which is the first of the events preliminary to the commencement exercises, is said to be unusually clever and is well cast. Misses Virginia Tucker and Elizabeth Knowles are the comedies.

The seniors taking part include Bernice White, Claude Brice, Ruth Nowell, Billy Tucker, Jim Rob White, Grace Knowles, Norman Riddick, Mattie Bert Reife, Margaret Elliott and Wrightson Jackson.

The young people are expecting a full house.

Will Jessup Lucky To Escape With Life

That Willie Jessup was not more seriously injured when he fell on the concrete pavement from a swiftly driven automobile on the Hertford-Elizabeth City highway last Friday, seems almost a miracle.

The young man, a son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Jessup, of Hertford, was a passenger in Cooke Winslow's car, with Mr. Winslow at the wheel. The door flew open and in leaning out in an attempt to close it, Mr. Jessup fell out and was carried by the momentum of the car quite some distance down the road.

The accident happened near Elizabeth City and he was taken to a physician for treatment. Painful skin and bruises to his face, hands and body were the extent of his injury.

Cooke Winslow, on the other hand, received quite a few gray hairs, according to his own statement.

Dr. Luther Butler Rotary President

Dr. Luther H. Butler was elected president of the Hertford Rotary Club on Tuesday night when the regular annual election of officers took place at the club meeting. Dr. C. A. Davernport was elected vice president, and Shina M. Wheeler, who has held the office of secretary for the past five years, was re-elected to that office.

The board of directors include A. W. Hayes, F. T. Johnson, C. F. Morris, Charles Weathers and Walter H. Oakley, Jr.

The new officers will take over their duties on July 1st.

DARDEN'S ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Darden entertained at a delightful dinner party on Thursday night at their home.

Dr. P. H. Darden and Mrs. Darden were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Darden.

ATTENTION, FARMERS!

L. W. Anderson, County Agent, announces that the cotton acreage reduction contracts are now ready for signatures and states that it is very important that all farmers who signed applications in the spring come in and sign the contracts now and find out about their acreage.

Funeral Held Friday For Wilson H. Nixon

Funeral services for Wilson Hollowell Nixon, 45, prominent Perquimans County farmer, were held from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, in Hertford, at 2:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon, with the Rev. E. T. Jilison, rector of the church, officiating. Burial followed in the family plot in the churchyard.

pallbearers were: Dr. C. A. Davernport, W. N. Darden, C. F. Sumner, Jr., Walter H. Oakley, Jr., T. E. Sumner, C. F. Morris, A. W. Hayes and Russell M. Jarvis, of Elizabeth City.

Mr. Nixon died suddenly on Thursday morning at 5:30 from a heart attack, having suffered a similar attack a few days previously.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Eula Newbold Nixon; two daughters, Mrs. T. B. Smith, of Edenton, and Miss Eula Nixon, of Hertford; one own sister, Mrs. W. H. Harcastle, of Hertford; and two half-sisters, Miss Charlotte Nixon, of Hertford, and Miss Mattie Nixon, of Baltimore, Md.; and two half brothers, Irving Nixon and Ned Nixon, of Hertford. His step-mother, Mrs. Thomas J. Nixon, Sr., also survives.

Among the out-of-town people present at the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. Walton Nixon and Frank Nixon, of Sunbury; Mrs. Thomas Harmon, of Lexington, S. C.; Frank Nixon, Miss Mary Louise Nixon, Frances Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jarvis, Miss Mary Gaitler, Mrs. S. C. Newbold and Marshall Jones, all of Elizabeth City; Mrs. E. W. Hathaway, Mrs. Sidney McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Vail, of Edenton.

Two Special Sermons Have Been Postponed

Rev. D. S. Dempsey, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, announces that the last two sermons in the series of sermons which he is preaching on Sunday nights, will not be delivered on the dates previously set. This is due to the fact that there will be no service at the church on Sunday night, May 12, as Mr. Dempsey will preach the dedicatory sermon to the graduating class of the Perquimans High School that night, at the school auditorium.

The sermon announced for the 12th will, therefore, be delivered on the 10th, and the other two will follow in order.

Grammar School Exercises Thursday

Commencement exercises of the Hertford grammar school will be held on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Nancy Cook Darden is valedictorian, Florence Darden is salutatorian and Anne Tullis Felton will receive the service medal.

These three students and two others, Ben Koonce and Nellie Butler, the latter two being only a fraction of a point below the valedictorian, ranked between 95 and 94. There was only a fraction of a point's difference between the five.

Little Nan Ward Is Physically Perfect

Nan Ward, of the Bethel community, who will enter the first grade next fall, is without a physical defect.

Of the 22 children of preschool age examined Wednesday by Dr. G. E. Newby, county health officer, who is conducting the pre-school clinic, Nan was the only one without a defect.

The other twenty-eight have minor physical defects, such as teeth which need attention, warts which should be removed, and so forth. Nan, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ward, of O. E.

REPAIRS FROM HERTFORD

R. B. Kelly repaired Saturday from Hertford, and returned to his home in Hertford.

Mr. Kelly's condition is improved.

HIT OR MISS

The following paragraph copied from the "Under the Dome" column of the Raleigh News and Observer will be of interest to local readers:

Chipper Mr. Brown, the gentleman from Perquimans, notified the members of the House of a fish fry at Millburn. "Did you say gentlemen of the House?" asked Mrs. Chas. M. Hutchins, of Yancy, who recently introduced a bill to prohibit legislative parties to which she, as the only lady, is not invited.

"Since he overlooked the lady from Yancy," said Representative R. L. Harris, of Person, "I move that he be escorted to the stand and made to yodel."

At the speaker's order, Mr. Harris and Mr. Lumpkin brought the retiring Tyrolean tuner forward. Mounting the clerk's dais, he yodelled "You-u are invited, oh my Lady, oh, my Lad-y-y." Tom Brown took his bow in a gale of applause and laughter.

Mrs. E. H. Small paid a high compliment to the group of women who are employed in the sewing room at the Community House maintained by the local ERA. Mrs. Small is supervising the work.

"It is the most agreeable group of women I have ever been associated with," remarked Mrs. Small the other day. Not only has she never heard one of them make complaint of anything, she has never heard one of them make an unkind personal remark, she said.

LET'S BE NEIGHBORLY

Let's be neighborly once more, like as we used to be,
Going visiting friendly like, you and me.

Let's be neighborly more, thinking each other's thoughts,
Telling each other our troubles, and helping each other lots.

Let's be neighborly once more, old-fashioned, rather than new,
Telling the good and forgetting the bad there is in both me and you.

Let's be neighborly once more and shake hands once in a while,
And if our hands won't reach so far, let's make believe and smile.

Let's be neighborly once more, and think of each other again,
And hearing good news of each other, let's say it out loud "Amen."

"The fresh thing!" said Mrs. C. P. Morris to herself, as the strange young man in the seat next to the one in which she was sitting, in the Carolina Theatre in Elizabeth City, leaned over and peered directly into her face. The man on the other side of the young fellow sneezed then, and Mrs. Morris realized, as her eyes grew a little more accustomed to the darkened theatre that her son, Rob, and his daddy were her near neighbors. Mrs. Morris had gone to the show with some friends and didn't know the rest of the family had come.

If you want to see a cute boy get a ticket for "Here Comes Charlie" and see Mattie Bert Reife as "Charlie."

All Baggage Of Local People Stolen On Trip

Mrs. R. H. Willis, who left Hertford last week for Greencastle, Ind., to visit her brother, Dr. William S. Blanchard, had the misfortune to lose her traveling bags containing all her new spring and summer clothes. Not only were Mrs. Willis' bags stolen, but all of the baggage belonging to Dr. Blanchard and his wife, with whom Mrs. Willis was making the trip. The bags were stolen from the car while the car was parked on a street of Charlotte during the early evening.

The thief removed the baggage from the car, the doors of which were locked, by cutting a hole in the automobile.

Local Rifle Club Now Member National Body

The Hertford Rifle Club of Hertford has been granted a charter by the National Rifle Association, the national governing body of the sport of rifle shooting, according to an announcement made today at the headquarters of the association in Washington, D. C.

The officers of the new club are J. Edgar Morris, president; F. T. Johnson, vice president; W. H. Oakley, Jr., treasurer, and M. G. Owens, executive officer.

The club is one of about 2,800 active rifle and pistol shooting clubs affiliated with the National Rifle Association.

County Women Desire Employ Home Demonstration Agent

Through Capitol Keyholes

By BESS HINTON SILVER

WATCH DOG — Senator U. L. Spence, of Moore, is the legislative watch-dog of the State Highway fund but as chairman of the Senate roads committee he is keeping busy fighting the diversionists. Senator Spence shyed away from the bill to give the Highway Commission authority to pay Dare County something in return for tolls it now receives from the Roanoke Island bridge. The State would make the bridge toll free and the county would use the annual State payments to retire bonds. Senator Spence feared this might be used as a lever to obligate the State Highway fund to pay other county bonds.

SECRETS — The joint conference committee on the biennial revenue bill decided it would rather work without benefit of publicity and barred newspapermen. The committee members took a pledge not to disclose what happened in the session until their report was made. But an hour after the adjournment newspapermen had little difficulty in learning what action was taken and the public was duly informed. And they talk about women being unable to keep a secret.

GETTING WORSE — Capus M. Waynick, chairman of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, is getting worried about the condition of some of the "permanent" roads in this State. They are going to pieces in a great many places and Waynick fears that the time may come when Federal aid money will be cut off and the State will find itself with a lot of broken down roads and no money to repair them. "I am going to insist on sturdiness rather than mileage in our future road construction," Waynick said, with a view to making what hard-surfaced roads you now have actually "permanent."

PAY BOOST — State Treasurer Chas. M. Johnson is going to get a raise in pay from \$4,500 to \$6,000 annually the first of next year as a result of a bill passed by the General Assembly. That's a nice little lift but the State Treasurer has not had a pay increase in the past 14 years. And the last Legislature dumped all the work of the local government in his lap.

STILL THERE — Although the sound and fury over the Rayburn bill in Congress (which would give the Federal power commission almost plenary authority over all power companies) the measure remains a matter of major legislation and Representatives and Senators are continuing to receive protests from the folks back home. Some people remember that turning the matter of railroad rates over to the Interstate Commerce Commission didn't help North Carolina and they do say the same people and a lot of others fear the result if the Rayburn bill should become law.

STRUCK BLOW — George Ross Pou, Raleigh attorney and son of the late Congressman Edward W. Pou, went to bat in a radio talk against diversion of highway funds. Mr. Pou enumerated the many taxes that go to make the burden already on the motorists of this State and predicted dire things for your road if diversion is increased.

ABSENTEE — This Legislature has turned thumbs down on every move to reform State-wide absentee voting. The hue and cry among the lawmakers is that corruption in absentee voting is greatly exaggerated and that it is a great blessing to many voters who otherwise would be unable to cast their ballots. Nevertheless, there has been more opposition to absentee voting in this Legislature than in any of its predecessors. The trend at present seems to be against this sort of ballot.

WARY — Senator Paul D. Grady, of Johnston, is an admitted candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the primaries next spring, and was selected to preside over the Senate committee of the whole during consideration of the biennial revenue bill. When the roll was called on controversial measures the clerk skipped Senator Grady's name. Newspapers noted this fact and called the clerk "hand." Whereupon, Mr. Clark said he skipped Senator Grady's name "on purpose." The chairman of a committee has a right to vote on all questions.

DOING WELL — Senator Carroll Weathers, of Wake, is quite a young man and a first-termer in the General Assembly but is keeping his feet on the ground. He was quite disturbed about the Justices of the Peace system in the State but his corrective bill didn't get to first base. But later it was Senator Weathers who offered the revenue bill amendment representing a compromise on sales tax food exemptions. It broke the deadlock on the money bill, something unusual for a first-termer to get credit for.

TEAM — The Washington grapevine reports that Congressman Lindsay Warren has been listening to suggestions that he team up with Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby Democratic war-horse in the primaries next spring. Mr. Hoey would be taking care of the gubernatorial votes and Mr. Warren looking after the Senatorial votes, according to the report. The dopest figure it out that Hoey would help Warren in the west where he is weakest and Warren would return the favor in the east. But somehow Raleigh is not convinced that Congressman Warren will give up the certainty of his seniority in the House for the uncertainty of unhorsing Senator Josiah W. Bailey.

SHOWING SIGNS — Legislative observers are of the definite opinion that Representative Tam C. Bowie, the whirlwind from Ashe County, is entertaining ideas of opposing Senator Robert Rice Reynolds in the primaries of 1938. The Ashe man is said to have mentioned the matter behind closed doors on occasions and last week he took an opportunity to publicly praise Speaker Robert Grady Johnson as the all-time champion presiding officer of the House. Mr. Bowie supported Representative W. L. Lumpkin, of Franklin, for the Speakership in January. Speaker Johnson is said to be something of a political heavyweight in the eastern part of the State.

POURED OIL — During the 1933 session of the Legislature the State Department of Conservation and Development was the object of almost constant attack. Then Governor Ehringhaus appointed R. Bruce Etheridge, of Manteo, as director of the department. Now Mr. Etheridge had long been one of the most popular members of the General Assembly and has become one of the best liked individuals in Raleigh. Result: not one word of criticism of the Conservation Department has been heard on the floor of either House this session and bills with departmental endorsement have experienced smooth waters. A good general knows how to pick good lieutenants.

STRANGE — It has been no secret that in the past Representative Tom C. Cooper, of New Hanover, has been no friend of the parole system in general. Yet in this session Mr. Cooper has introduced and fought hard for a bill to revise the entire parole set-up, and taking much authority from the Governor. A lot of people around the Legislature are wondering why this sudden change.

Pre-School Clinics Held In County

The pre-school clinic is being conducted in the county this week, with Dr. G. E. Newby, county health officer, in charge.

The first of the clinics was held at the Hertford grammar school on Wednesday, and on Thursday the physician was at the Winfall school, and also at New Hope.

On Friday morning the clinic will be held at the Belvidere school. Children from the other schools in the county are gathering at the nearest school at which the clinic is conducted.

The pre-school clinic is held annually in order that children who have physical defects may receive treatment for their correction before entering school.

TAKEN BACK TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Janie Elliott, who underwent an operation at a Norfolk hospital in January, and who has been confined to her bed ever since her return, was taken back to the hospital on Wednesday for treatment and possibly for another operation.

Representatives From Townships to Appear Before Commissioners.

AIM OF CLUBS

Economics Association Seeks 100 Per Cent Attendance

Representative women from the various townships will gather in Hertford on Monday and appear in a body before the Board of County Commissioners, to ask for the employment by the county of a home demonstration agent.

At a meeting of the Perquimans County Home Economics Association held at the Community House in Hertford on Saturday this matter, which has for a long time been one of the chief aims of the organization, was particularly stressed and each of the various clubs of the county which make up the association was asked to appear one hundred per cent on Monday.

Mrs. M. T. Griffin, of Bethel, president of the association, presided at the meeting.

Two county home demonstration agents, Miss Eugenia Patterson, of Washington County, and Miss Virginia Edwards, of Currituck County, were present and each made interesting talks.

Miss Patterson gave an outline of present day home demonstration work and its application to the home, and an interesting history of home demonstration work.

Miss Edwards told of the particular work which has been done recently in her own county.

Miss Pensie Ward gave a recitation "The Living Room," and Misses Eloise Keaton and Corrie Lee Ward sang an amusing song, "Watermelon." Mrs. Thomas Nixon, chairman of Better Homes in America, told the women about slip covers and made some demonstrations.

Plants and flower seeds were exchanged by the women and fancy work exhibited.

Club members throughout the county are requested to be present on Monday to appear before the commissioners.

Perquimans High's Class Day May 15

Fenton Butler will deliver the valedictory address at the class day exercises of the Perquimans County High School on Wednesday, May 15.

The exercises will open with the singing of a chorus by the graduating class and this will be followed by the salutatory address by Miss Joyce Harrell.

Miss Lucille Lane will give the class history, which will be followed by a solo by Miss Dorothy Mae Hoffer.

Patricia Stephens will give the class grumbles.

The class prophet, Miss Mattie Bert Reife, follows with the prophecy and Miss Grace Knowles will present the gifts.

There will be more singing by the class before Clayton Thompson, class president, conducts the installation of officers, and then will follow the valedictory address.

Two adorable youngsters, Lois Winslow and L. C. Elliott, are the mascots.

Masons And Friends Enjoy Fish Fry Tuesday

The members of the Perquimans Lodge of Masons and a few of their friends enjoyed a delightful fish fry on Tuesday night.

Those present included T. S. White, Rev. D. S. Dempsey, Crafton Mathews, Lawrence Towe, Julian A. White, Charlie Skinner, Linwood Skinner, T. E. Raper, C. W. Morgan, E. W. Lordley, Claude White, B. C. Berry, J. H. Towe, Simon Rutenberg, Alfred Williams, A. W. Roughton, Charles Johnson, Charles E. Johnson, P. L. Stephens, D. J. Fritchard, D. F. Reed, Mark Gregory, Rev. B. P. Robinson, Sammie Sutton, Jesse Campen, Sr., J. S. Vick, J. A. Perry, Grady Morgan, James S. Moulder, C. R. Holmes, G. C. Buck, Gustav Koch and V. A. Holdren.

BIBLE CLASS ENJOYS BANQUET

The Wesley Bible Class of the Methodist Church, of which Rev. E. P. Robinson is the teacher, enjoyed a delightful banquet given in the Sunday School rooms of the church on Monday night.