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## High School Finals Begin Sunday Night

Clyde Erwin Will Make  
Graduation Address  
Thursday

57 GRADUATES

Churches Close Sunday  
Night For Baccalaureate Sermon

The finals of the Perquimans High School will begin on Sunday night, when the Rev. D. S. Dempsey, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon. The service will be held at 8:15 o'clock in the auditorium of the school. There will be special music and a large audience is expected.

There will be no evening service at any of the Hertford churches.

Wednesday night is class night, and the exercises will begin at 8:05 o'clock.

The graduation exercises will be held on Thursday night, and will begin at 8:05.

Clyde A. Erwin, superintendent of education of the State of North Carolina, will be the speaker on this occasion.

This is Mr. Erwin's first public appearance in Hertford.

The list of graduates follows:

Jessie Baker, Ruby Cartwright, Orrene Chappell, Sara Mae Chappell, Alma Congleton, Beulah Mae Dale, Mary Frances Dail, Mildred Eason, Margaret Elliott, Mary Wilma Farmer, Mary Alice Felton, Kathryn Eshetwood, Lucy Grant Flythe, Shirley Goodman, Joyce Harrell, Nell Hobbs, Dorothy Mae Heffer, Lucy Hunter, Louise Kirby, Grace Knowles, Lucille Lane, Ruth Adelaide Nowell, Frances Perrow, Mattie Bert Relfe, Viola Rogerson, Alice Stallings, Catherine Stallings, Peanie Stallings, Thelma Stanto, Patricia Stephens, Nellie Mae Ward, Leah Whedbee, Bernice White, Leone Williams, Mary Elizabeth Winslow, Onella Winslow, Claud Brim, Carl Britt, Fenton Butler, Clyde Harris, Wrightson Jackson, Ashby Jordan, Russell Nixon, Walter Nixon, Edward Parker, Thomas Phillips, Norman Riddick, Vick Stallings, Eugene Smith, Clayton Thompson, Billy Tucker, Wallace Weston, James Robert White, Robert Wilder, Floyd Winslow, Oras Winslow, Elliott Layden.

## Local Preachers On Program At Meeting

Rev. B. P. Robinson, pastor of the Hertford M. E. Church, Rev. J. W. Dimmette, of the Perquimans Circuit, and Rev. M. O. Stephenson, of Tyner, attended the District Conference of the Elizabeth City District of the M. E. Church held at Kittell's Church, in Gates County, this week.

Mr. Robinson made the address on Thursday afternoon, his subject being "Linking the Church School and the Preaching Service."

Mr. Dimmette was also on the program for that session.

The Elizabeth City District is composed of fourteen counties, with 24 pastoral charges. A large number of delegates from all over the district were present, with most of the pastors of the district, several hundred persons in all being present.

## Mrs. W. G. Gaither Taken To Hospital

Mrs. W. G. Gaither was taken in an ambulance to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City on Tuesday after being stricken with an attack of appendicitis.

Mrs. Gaither has been in failing health for a long time, but was able to be out last week. On Sunday she was not so well and was quite sick on Monday. On Tuesday it was decided best to remove her to the hospital. Her condition on Wednesday morning was somewhat improved and it is hoped that she will not have to undergo an operation at this time.

## F. T. Johnson Heads Schoolmasters Club

F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Education for Perquimans County, has been elected chairman of the Albemarle Schoolmasters' Club, an association of school heads representing the counties on this side of the Sound.

The quarterly meeting of the club was held on Friday night, at Manteo. Mr. Johnson was elected chairman, with A. B. Carroll, Jr., principal of the Newland school of Pasquotank County, as vice-chairman, and Joe J. Brothers, Jr., principal of the Shiloh School, in Camden County, as secretary-treasurer.

## Service Officer To Assist Veterans

World War veterans who wish any assistance in connection with their compensation claims, are notified that Jack P. Lang, of Raleigh, Assistant State Service Officer, will be in Hertford on Wednesday, May 15, for the purpose of rendering such assistance. Veterans may see Mr. Lang at the courthouse on that day.

## Nicanor Residents Figure In Wreck

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Turner of Nicanor are in the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City as a result of serious injuries sustained in an automobile accident which occurred near Nicanor on Tuesday afternoon. Four other occupants of the car who suffered minor injuries were treated by a Hertford physician at his office.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner, together with Mrs. Elwin Stallings, Miss Grace Riddick, and two small children of Mrs. Stallings, Doris and Frances, were injured when the car in which they were riding, with Mr. Turner at the wheel, was driven into a deep hole on the new road which is in course of construction. A truck which was trailing the car struck the car after it went into the hole, which is said to have been three or four feet deep.

The injured persons were brought to Hertford, Mr. and Mrs. Turner being carried on to the hospital, while the others received treatment in a local physician's office.

It was reported that workmen who were working about the hole in the concrete had taken refuge from a hard shower of rain under a nearby tree, leaving the hole unguarded, and that Mr. Turner was unaware of the obstruction.

Mr. Turner is said to be in a very serious condition.

## Economics Classes Entertain Mothers

Entertaining their mothers at dinners which they have prepared and arranged has been a feature of one of the home economics classes of the Perquimans High School for the past two weeks, small dinner parties when four girls invite their mothers having been held at intervals throughout the period.

The girls, who have been trained by Miss Maude Frigden, do the shopping for the meal as well as prepare the food and serve it.

The girls who have entertained their mothers include Bess Lanester, Hazel Mathews, Hazel Madrey, Irene Chappell, Florence Hurdle, Mary Smith, Evelyn White, Aloys Winslow, Esther Perry, Madie Lane, Dorothy Mae Ward, Dorothy Mae Hoffer, Nellie Mae Ward, Thelma Dail, Catherine Bogue, Katherine Fleetwood, Mary Alice Felton, Sybil Lamb, Frances Copeland, and Adelaide Layden.

## Friend's Death Robs Joy From Visit

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Johnson, who spent the week-end at Manteo, their former home, had a very sad experience during their visit. They had been invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Daniels for lunch on Sunday, and shortly before the hour for them to go to the home the aged mother of Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Minnie Miller, died suddenly. Mrs. Miller suffered a sudden heart attack and died before medical aid could be had.

## George Congleton Honored At Camp

George Congleton, who recently became a member of the CC Camp at Maysville, was appointed this week Educational Director of the camp.

That George Congleton should be singled out for this honor is not surprising in the light of his former achievements. George, who is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Congleton, of Hertford, and who is known as one of the finest young men of the community, was valedictorian of the class of 1933 of Perquimans High School, and during 1934 while at Wake Forest College he led his class of 101 students.

PROGRAM AT ASSEMBLY  
A special Mother's Day program will be given at the Hertford Assembly Church on Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock. The public is invited.

## BELVIDERE ACADEMY, SEAT OF LEARNING, BURNED THURSDAY

History of School Recovered From Metal Box In Cornerstone

FOUNDED IN 1833

Many Prominent People Of Section Were Once Students

From the smouldering ruins of the old Belvidere Academy which went up in flames on Thursday, last week, secured in its metal box in the cornerstone of the new building erected in 1903 to take the place of the original building, was taken a record of the origin, and a resume of the life of the institution up to that time, together with a list of the teachers who had taught there since its organization in 1833, and a list of the names of the pupils enrolled in the school in 1903.

Belvidere Academy was for generations the seat of learning for this entire section, and boys and girls were sent from far and near to this school. Never during its existence a large school, yet it numbered among its students boys and girls who became men and women of prominence.

Former Congressman T. G. Skinner, of Hertford, who died a quarter of a century ago, was a student of Belvidere Academy. At least two Superior Court judges of North Carolina, Hon. Jonathan Albertson and Hon. Geo. W. Ward, were once students there, so was also the late Dr. Richard Dillard, of Edenton. More recent students included Dr. Mathew White Perry, now a prominent surgeon of Washington, D. C.; and Dr. Archie Riddick, also of Washington, D. C., who is a noted diagnostician.

While most of the books and records in the building were saved from the flames, a portrait of Miss Mary Jane White, beloved teacher who taught for twenty-five years in the school, was burned.

The history contained in the cornerstone recites that, at a Quarterly Meeting of the Society of Friends held at Little River, Perquimans County on August 31, 1833, it was proposed to establish a school somewhere within the limits of this quarter to be under its direction, and the following committee was named: David White, Miles White, John White of Samuel, Josiah Nicholson, Joseph Elliott, Jesse Munden, Benjamin Copeland, Caleb White, Josiah Parker, Jesse Jessup, William Wilson, Exum Outland and Phineas Evans, "to take the subject into consideration and if they think best select a place and employ a teacher or teachers and put the school in operation and report their care."

Piney Woods Meeting House was used temporarily as a school, awaiting the erection of the school building. The first teacher, Elihu Anthony, "a worthy young man," of New York, was secured as the principal teacher at a salary of \$340.00 a year.

A lot of land, containing two or three acres, was purchased, at the price of \$30.00, and plans were made for the immediate erection of a house "two stories high, 40 feet long and 20 feet wide, with a partition near the middle, chimney at each end."

Elihu Anthony began teaching in the Piney Woods Meeting House on September 22, 1833, with an enrollment of 30 students. It must have been a great blow to those interested in the school that this young man "in a very short time sickened with fever and died." His death occurred on Nov. 11, 1833, and he was buried in the Newby Burying Ground at Newby's Bridge.

Two years afterwards, November 30, 1835, with the new building completed, the school opened with Edward S. Grifford, of Massachusetts, as teacher, and with an enrollment of 30 pupils.

In August, 1836, the committee proposed to the Quarterly Meeting that the building be extended so as to establish a boarding school "for all scholars who are to be boarded from home, there being a difficulty to obtain board in the neighborhood, and also that others besides Friends might have the privilege of putting in their children to board at the premises by conforming strictly to the rules of the school." It was thought that \$1200 would be required to accommodate 40 boarders besides the teachers and superintendents.

The committee was instructed to employ a superintendent and rent a house convenient in the neighborhood, furnish it in order to accommodate the teacher and such children as may wish to board from home, but a report was made that, owing to the difficulty of having a boarding house (Continued on Page Four)

## County Women Fail In Effort To Get Demonstration Agents

Through Capitol Keyholes

By BESS HINTON SILVER

COMING SOON—By the time you read this Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham may have announced his candidacy for Governor in the Democratic primaries next spring. If not it will be forthcoming within the next few days. The second high man in the State government has not tried to keep it a secret that he will run but has withheld announcement until his duties as presiding officer of the State Senate are completed.

HOEY—The opinion that Clyde R. Hoey, Shelby Democratic wheelhorse, has been strengthened in Raleigh since the withdrawal of Congressman R. L. Doughton, who decided he was needed as chairman of the National House Ways and Means Committee. Hoey also is withholding formal announcement until after the legislature adjourns at which time he will tell the State of his intentions. From a neutral position it's pretty hard to figure out just what the Shelby orator will do. No doubt he wants to run but is a man who detests getting into a political dog-fight to gain an office.

HUMANE—A man is just as dead when you kill him with lethal gas as if you electrocute him but social leaders say that passage of the Peterson bill to substitute gas for electrocution in capital punishment is a great stride in the right direction. Persons who have seen the gas executions say the prisoner displays no sign of pain and that much of the gruesomeness of electrocutions is

missing. Capital punishment opponents hail this State's departure in the method of legal killing as a move toward its abolition. The Peterson bill provides that persons sentenced to death after July 1 be put to death by gas. Those sentenced before that date will be electrocuted.

GRABBED IT—The General Assembly voted to apply the sales tax to gasoline and instead of requiring you to pay the three per cent levy it will be taken from the tax of six cents per gallon you now pay. That means that another \$800,000 of the money you are paying for roads will be used each year for other purposes. Already the State has been taking a million dollars a year out of the gasoline fund. Friends of good roads fear that there will be movements at the next legislative session to take your gasoline taxes to pay county bonds.

HOWL—North Carolina Representatives in Congress are still reported to be receiving violent protests against the Rayburn bill which would give the Federal Power Commission unprecedented powers in regulating and setting the rates of all power companies. Around Raleigh it is said that the State Utilities Commission would have little authority over power rates if the Rayburn bill should become law. Opponents of the measure point out that the State Commission has lowered power rates while (Continued on Page Three)

## Mother's Day Observed At Baptist Church

Next Sunday, National Mother's Day, will be observed at the Hertford Baptist Church with a special program at the 11 o'clock morning service. Special music will be rendered and the message will be in keeping with the day.

Rev. D. S. Dempsey has requested that the day also be made a family day, with every member of the family sitting together, unless prevented by the part that various members take in the service.

Because of the high school commencement sermon at the high school auditorium on Sunday evening, there will be no service at this church. The sermon announced for May 12 will be delivered on the following Sunday, and the one announced for May 19 will be delivered on May 26.

## Senior Play Draws Full House Friday

"Here Comes Charlie," the senior play, went over in a big way when the show was given, with a full house, on Friday night.

Mattie Bert Relfe and Billy Tucker, who took the leadings parts, were both particularly fine.

The others, who included Bernice White, Claude Brynn, Ruth Nowell, Jim Bob White, Grace Knowles, Norman Riddick, Margaret Elliott and Wrightson Jackson, were splendid in their separate roles, and all who attended were more than pleased with the performance.

## Contract Awarded To Widen Church Street

That the work of widening Church Street will shortly be begun is probable. It was announced on Wednesday of this week that F. D. Cline, of Raleigh, had submitted the low bid for the paving on Route 342, in the Town of Hertford.

This is the same concern which has had the two paving jobs in the upper section of the county, one of which is unfinished.

The bid as announced was for \$30,393.25.

## Belvidere Exercises In Perquimans High

The commencement exercises of the Belvidere School will be held in the auditorium of the Perquimans High School on Thursday night of next week.

Since the burning of the Belvidere school on last Thursday, the various classes have been distributed about the neighborhood, with the teachers taking the pupils into their homes, or in vacant houses. One teacher has been conducting her classes on the lawn of her home.

Fortunately, there was less than ten more days of school when the fire occurred.

## Whiteston Exercises Take Place Tuesday

The commencement exercises of the Whiteston school will take place on Tuesday, May 14, and will be preceded by a lovely spring festival.

This part of the program will be held at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, and the crowning of the May Queen will be the initial feature.

Florence Winslow will be queen of the May, with Barbara Winslow as maid of honor. The crown bearer is Joan Winslow and the herald Elmer Lassiter. Attendants of the queen are Clemma Winslow, Madge Lane, Rebecca Dale and Billy White.

There will be choruses by the school and a duet, "Sunbonnet Sally and Overall Joe," by Lelia Winslow and Carlton Rountree.

Winslow Rountree, Leslie Winslow, Winifred Winslow and Clarence Winslow will take part in a vaudeville sketch, "Oh, There Ain't No Flies on Us."

This part of the program will close with the Maypole song and dance, and Leslie Winslow will open the second part of the program with "Greetings." Judge W. C. Morse, Jr., will deliver the address and Superintendent of Education F. T. Johnson will present the diplomas.

The valedictory address will be made by Madge Lane.

After the lunch period there will be a baby contest with prizes.

A baseball game between Whiteston and Newland will be played at 4 o'clock.

## Interest Subsidies In Chain Letter Racket

Hertford was probably left entirely out of profits in the chain letter racket. It was reported that various persons in other places had received big gains from the chain letters. The craze struck Hertford during the week-end and a lot of dimes, as well as a dollar here and there, were sent out in the hope of getting back big returns.

Interest subsidized quickly, however, when it was learned that the Post-office Department had ruled that the chain letter racket was illegal.

So far as can be learned, nobody got back any money in Hertford.

## Hertford Has Perfect Fire Record In 1934

Hertford was one of 19 protected towns in the State of North Carolina to have a perfect fire record during the year 1934, according to the Bulletin issued by the North Carolina Insurance Department.

Other towns in the list were Andrews, Beaufort, Black Mountain, China Grove, Clayton, Edenton, Elkin, Graham, Jacksonville, La Grange, Leaksville, Lillington, Littleton, Marshall, Murphy, Old Fort, Troya and Weldon.

## Representative Delegation Appeals to Commissioners

NOT FIRST TIME

FERA to Furnish Home  
Maker For Relief  
Families

There will be no home demonstration agent for the women of Perquimans County, except the one to be furnished by the FERA whose work will be confined to those families on the relief rolls of the county.

The women came in big numbers on Monday to appeal to the Board of Commissioners to employ a home demonstration agent. They were highly representative women of the county, headed by Mrs. M. T. Griffin of Bethel, president of the Perquimans County Home Economics Association, and including a number of other prominent women of the various sections of the county.

It was not the first time the commissioners had been appealed to by the women to employ a home demonstration agent. They have appeared several times before.

They were given a very courteous hearing but quite definitely told that there was little hope of the immediate employment of a home demonstration agent. They left the court house very much discouraged, only to be told on the outside that the Federal Emergency Relief Administration was arranging to furnish a home demonstration agent for the county, to be paid for from relief funds. The women went home jubilant.

It is probable that many of them yet have not heard that this is an error, in so far as any benefits which they will receive from the system is concerned. It is true that there is employed in the FERA district of which Perquimans County is a unit a woman known as a home maker, who will supervise and direct the activities of a similar agent to be placed in each county, and who will have several junior home makers under her as assistants, but, according to Miss Frances Capel, who is the district supervisor of these activities, the work will be strictly confined to those families on relief rolls.

## 11 Students Average 90 On Four Years' Work

Fenton Butler is the valedictorian of the graduating class of the Perquimans High School this year; Joyce Harrell is salutatorian. Mattie Bert Relfe, who is third highest, is the prophet; Grace Knowles, who is fourth, is giftingian; Lucille Lane, who is fifth, is historian, and Patricia Stephens, who is sixth, is the grumbler.

All six of these young people, together with five others, Alma Congleton, Clayton Thompson, Peanie Stallings, Frances Perrow and Beulah Mae Dale, were exempted from final examinations, having averaged as high as 90 on all their work during the entire four years of high school and having made not lower than 85 during the last quarter.

## Mayor Reed Thanks Voters For Support

To the Voters of Hertford:  
In the recent election of town officers you have by your very generous support indicated your willingness to tolerate me as your mayor for another term of office, for which I am very grateful. I wish to assure you that, with few exceptions, my association with every department of the town work and with the public in general during the past two years has been most pleasant, and I feel confident, with a continuance of your cooperation and from the fact that I am by experience more familiar with administering the affairs of the town, I can and will serve you better the ensuing two years than I have in the past.

Again thanking you for your support,

E. L. REED.

## All City Officials Returned To Office

E. L. Reed, who has served one term as Mayor of Hertford, was re-elected to that office on Tuesday. The three commissioners nominated at the mass meeting held in April, Dr. C. A. Davenport, A. W. Hefren, and W. H. Hardcastle, were also elected.