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## Many County Agents At Kitty Hawk Meet

L. W. Anderson Gives Survey of Perquimans County  
3-DAY SESSION

### Educational Addresses Presented By Farm Representatives

L. W. Anderson returned Monday from a three day conference of farm agents held at Kitty Hawk. County agents from all the districts in eastern North Carolina were present at the gathering, he reported, and evening and educational addresses were made each day by State agricultural representatives from Raleigh. Soil erosion, hog culture, fertilization of crops and many other subjects of direct interest to farmers were discussed in open forum by the State officials and their agents.

Mr. Anderson made the following report of an average week's survey by him in Perquimans:

"We have nearly 600 cotton contracts and about 47 percent of them are for less than five acre base. Practically all of these contracts have had to take a downward adjustment and most of my time has been taken up trying to explain these downward adjustments. A few of the farmers have refused to sign the adjusted contracts. Most of the cotton was planted before we could inform the grower about his adjusted allotments. We received the final payment on the 1934 corn-hog contracts and have delivered most of the checks. Most of the growers are satisfied with their peanut acreage allotments."

Mr. Anderson told of an interesting report on hog vaccination by County Agent N. K. Rowell, of Chowan.

### Hickory Cross School Up For Sale June 8

F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, has posted the sale of the ancient Hickory Cross School in the Belvidere section of the county. The sale is scheduled for public auction on June 8 at noon, and the property will be cried down to the highest bidder.

Hickory Cross School is a small two room structure providing facilities for 40 or 50 scholars. It is one of the oldest country schools in this section.

Sale of the school is part of a general plan of county school amalgamations. None of the school equipment will be disposed of as this will be moved to another school.

### MRS. EARL JACKSON HONORED WITH MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Mrs. Earl Jackson, of Elizabeth City, who before her marriage was Miss Hazel Stallings, of Winfall, was honored Friday evening with a miscellaneous shower given at the home of Mrs. D. L. Baker at Winfall, by Mrs. D. P. Stallings and Mrs. Baker. The winners of interesting contests, Mrs. Joe Commander, of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. W. G. Hollowell, of Winfall, graciously presented their prizes to the bride.

All were asked to join in singing "The Old Oaken Bucket," after which Mrs. Jackson was asked to draw water from the old well. The water turned out to be buckets piled high with gifts. The honoree received many beautiful and useful gifts. The hostesses served home-made candies and salted nuts.

Those remembering the bride were: Mrs. Joe Commander, Mrs. Hal Williams, Miss Margaret Jackson and Mrs. Oscar Jackson, of Elizabeth City; Mrs. V. A. Holdren, Mrs. S. C. Godwin, Mrs. C. O. Fowler, Misses Marie Fowler, Bertha Chappell and Virginia Fowler, of Hertford; Mesdames A. E. Winslow, Jr., A. E. Winslow, Sr., W. G. Hollowell, Evelyn Proctor, Emma Hendrix, Tom White, Jesse Stanton, Walter Umphlett, Adeline Umphlett, Raymond Stanton, Gerland Stanton, Gladys Moore, W. F. Morgan, M. C. Chalk, C. A. Bagley, Joel Hollowell, J. H. Barber, J. V. Roach, D. L. Barber, C. L. Godwin, J. H. Baker, Ralph Proctor, Joe Delaney, Marvin White, and D. P. Stallings; Misses Minnie Shirley Umphlett, Gertrude Baker, Jessie Baker, Helen Morgan, Hazel Pike, Myrtle Umphlett, Dora White, Audrey Umphlett, Gladys Ward, Alma Leggett, Lucille Long, Daisy Proctor, Lucille White, Addie White, Frankie Barber, Alice Simpson, Cecile Godwin, Margaret Stallings, and Mary Ruth Stallings.

## GLEE CLUBS OF SCHOOL RENDER SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM ON TUESDAY

### Pronounced Finest Entertainment In Long Time

From the opening number, a chorus by the Grammar School Glee Club, until the closing chorus by both glee clubs, the entertainment given by the glee clubs of the Perquimans High School and the Hertford Grammar School in the High School auditorium on Tuesday night, was pronounced by those who heard it one of the finest entertainments to have been given recently in Hertford.

The director was Miss Kate M. Blanchard, and those taking part included, in the High School Club: Blanche Moore Berry, Julia Broughton, Elizabeth Caddy, Mary Thad Chappell, Celia Blanche Dail, Mary Field, Eugenia Gregory, Catherine Jessup, Lila Budd Stephens, Anna Penelope Tucker, Ellie Mae White, Dorothy Strange, Zack Toms White, Maude Keaton, Virginia Harris, and Dorothy Mae Hoffer; and in the Grammar School Club: Margaret Broughton, Florence Darden, Nancy Coke Darden, Shirley Elliott, Anne Tullis Felton, Jeannette Perry, Mollie Mac Riddick, Eula White, Ruth Winslow, Frances Newby, Ruth Hollowell, Geneva White, Jane Strange, Ruth Hendricks, Jack Anderson, Fordie Fields, George Feilds, Durwood Reed, Clarke Stokes, and Albert Jones.

### Many Enjoy May Day At Whiteston

Clarkson White, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie White, won first place in the Baby Contest held in connection with the May Day Festival which marked the closing of the Whiteston School on Tuesday of last week. The little boy was presented with a silver dollar.

Lois Winslow, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Winslow, received fifty cents as the prize for winning second place.

Seventeen babies were entered in the contest, and each received a big balloon.

The May Day Festival was attended by three hundred persons, with the entire community well represented and many from other communities present. The day was perfect and the young people, who had been carefully and efficiently coached, acted their parts well. The Maypole dance was particularly lovely, without either of the charming young girls in their long, ruffled organdy frocks, making a singl error.

Judge W. C. Morse, of Elizabeth City, delivered the address of the occasion.

There were five graduates, including Leslie Winslow, Clemma Winslow, Madge Lane, Harrell Lassiter, and Winifred Winslow.

### Last Of Special Sermons On Sunday

The last sermon in the series of seven on the general theme of immortality by the Rev. D. S. Dempsey, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, will be delivered on next Sunday night. The subject of this sermon is "The Second Coming of Christ." The pastor extends a cordial invitation to all to be present on this occasion.

### SURPRISE DINNER HONORING BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

A surprise birthday dinner was given Sunday, May 19, at the home of Mrs. Herbert Eure in honor of Mr. Herbert Eure's birthday by Mrs. Eure and daughters, Mrs. Ben Sitterson, Mrs. Luther Umphlett and Mrs. George Sutton, Jr. Mr. Ben Sitterson and Fannie Eure lighted the 61 candles on the birthday cake. An elegant dinner, followed by a delicious ice course was served. The honoree received many useful gifts, and a delightful time was reported by everyone.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Eure, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Umphlett, Mr. and Mrs. George Sutton, Jr. and son, Lawrence Lee Sutton; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sitterson, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Sawyer, of Cradock, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Umphlett, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Eure, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Eure, Mr. and Mrs. Wat Eure, Mr. J. B. Eure, Miss Evelyn Caddy, Miss Evelyn Eure, Miss Fannie Eure, Annie Maude Miller, Clarine Eure, Marjorie Sitterson, James Umphlett, Ben Sitterson, Jr., Albert Eure, Herbert Eure, Melvin Eure, Bertha Eure, Dannie Eure, and Shirley Jeannette Eure.

## Rehabilitation Of Old Welch Farm Cause Of Much Interest

### H. A. WHITLEY RELATES A TRUTHFUL FISHING STORY

By H. W. THOMAS

A lot of pretty blue fish tales have been coming out of Oregon Inlet of late, but H. A. Whitley, who runs the cash register in the Winslow Hardware Shop, is not sure about them all, and he has a right to be doubtful. As far as that goes fish stories have destroyed more Baptist reputations for veracity than all else in the world, and being a good Baptist himself Mr. Whitley intends to remain one.

For Mr. Whitley's been afishing and has also read the papers. And when he read the beautiful accounts of the stupendous blue fish catches of the United States Senators Bailey, of this Stae, and Robinson, of Arkansas, made down at Oregon Inlet last week, H. A. says he was completely flabbergasted, and intends to explain it all at next week's prayer meeting.

It seems Mr. Whitley seduced Clark Castle and R. M. Riddick, his Hertford Banking Company side

kicks, and Cook Winslow, his sub-boss, to stay away from Sunday School last Sabbath and go after blues with him. He promised a marvelous day, and the quartette had it, but that was about all.

They fished from the strand with heaved out squids, and they spent hard money hiring a fancy scow to take them outside, but they never so much as got a strike. Not a blue fish was in sight and not a blue fish was caught.

And as Mr. Whitley says no one within his ken that immortal and eventful Sunday saw or caught any blue fish. He marvels just a little at the great catches reported for the two Senators who were not only within this ken but so close inside it as to be chatted with.

And Mr. Whitley is a truthful man, a very truthful one, for he reports utter failure as a fisherman, and what other fisherman ever has done that before?

### Singing Class Gives Program On Tuesday

Another chance is given to the Perquimans public to hear the splendid annual concert of the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class.

This class comes to Hertford on Tuesday night of next week and will give their concert in the auditorium of the Hertford Grammar School.

The local Lodge of Masons, as well as others interested, are especially anxious to give the class a good house this year.

Mrs. Sadie T. Hutchinson, who has been the director of the class for sometime, is still in charge of the fourteen boys and girls who compose the class. L. W. Alderman is the traveling manager.

The program is featured with delightful songs and recitations and drills with colorful costumes and splendid music.

### Judge Oakey Wins 4th Place In Shoot

That the Hertford Rifle Club has at least one crack marksman is evidenced by the fact that Walter H. Oakey, Jr., won two prizes in the Middle Atlantic matches held at Camp Simms, near Washington, last week-end.

Mr. Oakey won fourth place in the 200-yard Swiss match, and also in the 200-yard Re-entry Match.

There were 65 participants in the matches, many of them experienced marksmen. It was Mr. Oakey's first attempt at big league rifle shooting, although he is an enthusiastic rifle man.

Mr. Oakey, who is responsible for the organization of the Hertford Rifle Club, attended the tournament chiefly for the purpose of getting ideas for the local club.

### Colored Youth Jailed For Theft Of Auto

Clifton Overton, a colored youth, is in jail awaiting trial on the charge of stealing an automobile.

The automobile, the property of R. T. Brinn, was recovered shortly after it was taken by the youngster on Friday night. Mr. Brinn had parked the car in front of the bank, and upon returning and finding it missing reported the matter to Officer Melvin Owens. Shortly afterwards Mr. Owens recognized the car being driven up the street and when he stepped out to stop the driver the boy left the wheel and ran. He was caught by the officer, however, and placed under arrest.

### Charles Whedbee Rotarian Speaker

Hon. Chas. Whedbee was the speaker at the Hertford Rotary Club on Tuesday night, addressing the Rotarians on the general subject of the work done at the last session of the General Assembly.

Mr. Whedbee was Legislative Adviser to the Governor during this session of the General Assembly, and also served in this capacity at the 1933 session.

So impressed were the members of the Rotary Club with Mr. Whedbee's address, that he was requested by the President to speak further on the same subject in the near future.

### Plan to Divide 560 Acres Into Approximately 10 Farms

#### ERA IN CHARGE

### Project Would Provide Employment For Months

Purchase of the old Welch farm near Woodville for ERA rehabilitation project work has aroused much interest in this section. The farm, comprising about 560 acres, has been more or less disused during late years but under the proposed plan of restoration it will be brought back to life in great shape.

The present acreage is to be divided into approximately ten farms. Six tenant houses of four rooms each, are to be built by ERA labor, and as there are already four houses located on the property all of the new farms will have a home thereon.

The rehabilitation plan, one of the initial moves in the Albemarle, is to be purely experimental. The government is furnishing the houses, mules, implements, seeds, hogs, cattle. Part of any ensuing crop will be credited toward payment for the farm.

At this moment the government has leased the land, there is one large old colonial house thereon said to have been built about 1810, and now occupied by two white families.

Tim Brinn, is the ERA chieftain in charge of the project. He has explained that all the work of rehabilitation will be entirely by ERA labor. So far the tract has not been ditched in 17 or 18 years. This will be a first objective. Besides ditching there will be bridge building and tilling, as well as the erection of the new homes.

Once completed the job will be one of the outstanding undertakings of the local ERA organization, and will mean a large and comprehensive program of employment for many months to come.

Anyone who passes muster can secure possession of one of the new farms. No immediate outlay will be required, installment payments to be made from crops raised.

### Two Local Fishermen Land Strange "Fish"

All fish tales smell fishy and this has a decided fish odor to it. Tom Raper is a man; Edgar Feilds is a boy. They go shing regularly with much gusto and they either bring back a string or a reason why. This time they didn't bring a string but a rabbit. Hence the tale.

Any day will do. Anyhow there was a day. Tom had the fishing line in play and Edgar stood by with a hand net prepared to use it on the ten-pounder he expected, boylike, would be pulled skyward out of the fair Perquimans.

But there was no fish. Instead Edgar says, and Tom affirms, a rabbit, a regular Peter Rabbit, saw the pair in their canoe, or was it a yacht, and jumped overboard and swam merrily out across the broad expanse of river water to meet and greet them.

The sight of the rabbit was too much for Edgar and he plunged overboard, net and all, in his eagerness to prove his eyes had not deceived him.

Undaunted Tom went to the rescue and dragged Edgar aboard. That's right—Edgar had first netted the rabbit and all hands came safely back to shore. Proof of the yarn is found in the fact Edgar has the bunny boxed up at his home. If you don't see it there be skeptical.

### Shooting Match To Be Held Friday

The first big shooting match of the Hertford Rifle Club, which will be open to the general public, will take place on Friday afternoon of this week. The match will begin at 1:00 o'clock and will continue through the afternoon.

Each participant will be allowed 5 sighting shots, and 20 shots for record.

The Rifle Club, of which M. G. Owens is the executive officer, was organized early this year. There are 12 members of the local club, which is affiliated with the National Rifle Association.

Scoring will be governed by the official rules of the National Rifle Association.

A small entrance fee is to be charged on Friday, but it will not be necessary for every one who takes part to have a rifle, as the club rifle may be used.