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Profit In Electricity Despite A Reduction

Increased Consumption Offsets Drop of Three Cents Per K. W.

BOOKS AUDITED

Records Kept By W. G. Newby In Excellent Shape

There has been a reduction in the price of electric current in the Town of Hertford in the past four years of from 15 cents per kilowatt to a graduated scale of from 12 cents down, and in spite of this reduction, according to James M. Williams, of the firm of Williams & Wall, of Raleigh, who has recently completed the annual audit of the town books, this department, because of increased consumption and because of economy of operation has continued to show a profit.

However, Mr. Williams made the statement to the Board of Commissioners, while making his report on Monday night, that, although the profit for this year, after paying the bonded debt maturities and interest of this particular fund, an increase in the tax rate is going to be inevitable.

Mr. Williams called attention to the fact that the property valuation of the town during the past four years has been reduced approximately one fourth, without any increase in the tax rate. During these four years the bonded indebtedness has been reduced by approximately \$25,000.00.

It was also stated that the bonded indebtedness of the town will begin from now on to mature at a faster rate than formerly, which will, of course, call for more revenue, and that an increase in the tax rate will be inevitable to compensate for the reduction in property values.

W. G. Newby, Town Clerk, also called attention to the fact that one source of revenue had been cut almost in half. Ice, which formerly sold at \$8.00 per ton, now brings only \$4.50, according to Mr. Newby.

Mr. Williams reported that the records of the town office as kept by Mr. Newby are in fine shape, with everything properly accounted for.

A summary of the auditor's report appears elsewhere in this newspaper. The tax rate for the coming year will continue at 1.10, but in all probability another year will see either an increase in the rate or a revaluation of the town property.

Two Defendants Up In Recorder's Court

Clarence Burnette, colored, convicted of possessing liquor for the purpose of sale in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, was sentenced to three months on the roads. He appealed to the Superior Court and appeal bond was set at \$200.00.

Abraham Hudgins, colored, convicted of the charge of being drunk and disorderly and also of resisting an officer, was fined ten dollars and sentenced to the roads for sixty days, the road sentence to be suspended upon payment of the fine and the court costs, and upon an open apology to officer J. T. Britt, and good behavior for one year.

Former Belvidere Teacher To Wed

The engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Josephine Futrell, of Rich Square, to John Thomas Weaver, of Pinetops, has been announced.

Miss Futrell, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Linwood Futrell, of Rich Square, formerly taught in the Belvidere School in this county and has many friends in that section.

The wedding will take place in this month.

Blanchard's Closed Hour During Funeral

The store of J. C. Blanchard & Company was closed for the hour of the funeral of Seymour Chappell on Monday afternoon. Mrs. D. M. Jackson, a daughter of Mr. Chappell, has for many years been employed as cashier in the store.

Miss Dorothy Elliott, in substituting in Mrs. Jackson's place during her vacation, which began a few days prior to Mr. Chappell's death.

Reduces Winfall Rate For Current

A reduction has been made by the Board of Town Commissioners of the Town of Hertford in the price charged Winfall residents for electric current. Winfall formerly paid 12 cents and 5 cents per kilowatt. It was decided at the meeting of the commissioners on Monday night, to reduce this rate to 9 cents and 4 cents.

Local Relatives Go To Ahsokie Funeral

E. C. Hobbs, of Ahsokie, who was drowned at Tuscarora Beach on Sunday afternoon, was the husband of a niece of Mrs. T. C. Blanchard, of Hertford. Mrs. Blanchard was advised by telegram of Mr. Hobbs' death on Monday morning.

Mrs. Blanchard and her daughter, Miss Kate M. Blanchard, attended the funeral services held on Tuesday afternoon at the home in Ahsokie.

Surviving Mr. Hobbs are his wife, Mrs. Maggie Matthews Hobbs, two sons, E. C., Jr., and James Hobbs, of Washington, D. C., three brothers, Ike and Mills Hobbs of Roanoke, Va., and Caldwell Hobbs, of Suffolk, Va., and three sisters, Mrs. Alice Hobbs, of Gatesville, Mrs. H. G. Hobbs, of Hobbsville, and Mrs. Glover Wagoner, of Akron, Ohio.

HIT OR MISS

Deputy Sheriff L. L. Winslow didn't find that dog he was looking for on Monday. It had been reported to the Deputy that the owner of the dog had failed to have the animal vaccinated according to law during the recent campaign. It is the Sheriff's duty to make a canvass and ascertain whether there are dogs in the county which the owner has failed to have treated for the prevention of rabies.

Mr. Winslow ran across evidence of a law violation of so much greater importance that he forgot all about the dog. There were no signs of operation in evidence, but a big still with all the paraphernalia loomed up right before the deputy's eyes.

He came back to town and reported the matter to his superior officer, Sheriff J. E. Winslow. When the Sheriff went out to bring in the still it was in process of operation and right then the fun began. The men at the still disappeared in the woods when the officers drove in sight and left everything, even the trousers of one of the operators.

Wanted: A few more good snake stories. They seem to be a little scarce this summer.

And that reminds me of a really good snake story. A man out in Scottsboro, Ala., who runs a weekly newspaper, writes a column entitled "Inside Stuff", which the writer claims consists mostly of hokum and is not meant to be taken seriously. Sometime ago, after having reported a number of local snake stories, he faked a story about a letter he had received from John Blitts, who reported that he killed a four-eyed rattlesnake seven feet long with 27 rattles, on his warm cook stove.

Now, it doesn't look like anybody would believe that one, but they did. Reporters in a nearby town wrote the story and mailed it out to distant papers. The story caused a lot of kidding, however, and to carry the fun on the writer faked another story to the effect that the stuffed skin had been accepted by a museum. That he says, really set off the fun, because the neighboring correspondents again copied the story. Inquiries from naturalists began to arrive. They wanted to hunt the mate of the four-eyed rattler and catch it alive.

The Editor, whose name is F. W. Campbell, is quoted as saying, "If I see a few more dispatches about it and hear it discussed a bit more, I'll be believing it myself."

Mr. Campbell says he faked the name Blitts from the sentence "Biggest Lie Ever Told in This State."

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LOCAL SHOOTERS IN OHIO CONTEST

W. H. Oakey, Jr., and M. G. Owens Secure Place on Team

Hertford boasts two of the twelve North Carolinians represented on the North Carolina Civilian Team which will take part in the National Rifle and Pistol Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, in September.

Walter H. Oakey, Jr., Judge of Recorder's Court of Perquimans County, and M. G. Owens, special Night Police Officer of Hertford, went to Fort Bragg on the 11th to participate in the elimination contest there, both winning a place on the team composed of twelve men.

The National Contest, which is conducted by the War Department and is participated in by numerous civilian and official teams from every state in the Union, will begin on September 1 and continue through September 19. This is the first of these National meets to be held since 1931.

Both Mr. Oakey and Mr. Owens are members of the Hertford Rifle Club, and both are unusually fine shots.

Mike Newbold Must Find 'Lost' Revolver

If Mike Newbold cannot find the pistol he says he threw away after the thing accidentally went off in his hand and inflicted a flesh wound in the arm of his friend, Curly Thach, it is going to be just too bad. If he does find it and bring it to Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., in Recorder's Court next Tuesday, the judgment of Judge Oakey is going to be materially changed.

Mike Newbold, nineteen-year-old colored youth, was charged in court on Tuesday with carrying a concealed weapon, with being off his premises on Sunday with a weapon, with assault with a deadly weapon, and with disturbing a religious service, and all because as he alleges he picked up an old pistol beside the woods path on his way to church at Sanders Grove last Sunday and when he reached the church ground he started to exhibit his find to his friend, Curley, and the thing went off, bang! just like that. The bullet went right through Curley's arm.

A couple of the deacons reported the matter to the deputy sheriff and Mike was arrested.

In court he was rather inarticulate. "I was scared so bad" was the longest speech he made, and this was in answer to a question as to why he threw the gun away.

There was no evidence that he meant to shoot Curley and Curley himself appeared to believe it was all an accident.

But the judge wants that gun brought into court. It went off once. It might do so again. At any rate, it is a dangerous firearm to be in the possession of a careless fellow.

Aid Society Meets With Mrs. Perry

The Ladies Aid of Bethlehem Church held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Reuben Perry, Friday afternoon. Mrs. E. Y. Berry led the program on the subject "Worshipping God Out of Doors." The hostess served a delicious ice course.

Those present were: Mrs. S. I. Cullipher, Mrs. E. Y. Berry, Mrs. Carlton Cannon, Mrs. R. A. Perry, Mrs. Joshua Perry, Mrs. W. A. Russell, Mrs. Reuben Stallings, Mrs. W. M. Harrell, Sr., and Mrs. T. T. Harrell.

J. A. Riddick Buys Hickory Cross School

The old Hickory Cross School House, in Belvidere Township, will probably be turned into a barn. The building, which was recently advertised for sale by the Board of Education of Perquimans County, is one of the one-room school houses discarded by the consolidation of county schools. At the sale held on Saturday the building and the acre of ground were purchased by J. A. Riddick at the price of fifty-one dollars.

While the sale cannot be confirmed until after the lapse of twenty days, during which time the bid may be raised by any one interested in purchasing the property, the probability is that Mr. Riddick will be the purchaser. Nobody else bid on the property on Saturday.

Mr. Riddick will probably use the old schoolhouse for a barn if he acquires the property.

Two more pure bred Guernsey heifers have been placed with 4-H club members of Polk County this month.

COUNTY OFFICERS CAPTURE STILL

Operators Near Burgess Surprised by Sheriff And Deputies

Surprised by Perquimans County officers on Tuesday afternoon, the operator of a big liquor still near Burgess fled, leaving not only all the elaborate equipment, supplies and produce, but his trousers, as well.

Sheriff J. E. Winslow and his deputies, who went down in the Burgess neighborhood on Tuesday to investigate the plant which Deputy Sheriff L. L. Winslow had accidentally run across on Monday, surprised the men at work. There were three men, two whites and a negro, none of whom were identified. They made off when the officers appeared, one of the men clad only in underwear and a white cap. His trousers were found at the still.

The officers confiscated the equipment, including the big still with a capacity of 500 gallons of liquor in 24 hours, boilers, etc., and a ton of coal, and destroyed 9,000 gallons of mash and 200 gallons of whiskey.

Deputy Sheriff L. L. Winslow ran across the plant on Monday, while hunting for a dog which it was reported its owner had failed to present for vaccination during the recent campaign of vaccinating dogs for the prevention of rabies.

The deputy failed to find the dog.

Group Enjoying House Party At Nags Head

A group of young people from Hertford and various other points are at Nags Head this week on a house party chaperoned by Mrs. Herman Winslow.

Those from Hertford include Misses Elizabeth Stephens, Ruth Elliott, Jessie Lee Banks and Patricia Stephens; Henry Stokes, Claude Brinn, Grady Spivey, Carl Britt, Lawrence Towe, Creighton Stephens and William White. Others in the party are Miss Odell Parker, of Suffolk, Va., Misses Evelyn Spruill and Julia Belle Cozzens, of Edenton, and Miss Virginia Newberne, of Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Bettie Chappell Buried On Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Bettie Chappell, who died in a Raleigh Hospital on Saturday, were conducted at Hunters Fork Church on Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. Mrs. Elizabeth White, Pastor of the Up River Friends Church, conducting the services. Burial took place in the family burying ground near Belvidere.

Surviving are her husband, Richard Chappell, and the following children: Fleetwood Chappell, Herbert Chappell, Rome Chappell, and Mrs. Claude Dail, all of Belvidere, and Mrs. Wayland Perry, of Edenton.

Winfall Colored Boy Wins Judging Honors

Molton Zachary, colored youth of Winfall, who was graduated from the Perquimans Training School at Winfall this year, was one of four to represent the State of North Carolina at the National Crop and Animal Judging Contest held at Tuskegee, Ala., last week, the North Carolina team winning the prize of a silver loving cup as award for first place in the sectional contest, representing the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey and West Virginia.

The North Carolina team also won third place in the national contest, and was awarded a silver platter.

Two other prizes, four dollars in cash and a bag of seed Irish potatoes, were also won by the team.

K. A. Williams, Principal and Teacher of Agriculture of the Winfall Training School, who helped coach the North Carolina team at Greensboro, reports that Zachary showed the characteristics of a good judge; his team mates trailing him 80 points.

The silver cup won as first prize measures 12 inches in height and is inscribed as follows: "The National Benefit Life Insurance Company, Washington, D. C. Award to High Scoring Team Sectional Crop and Animal Judging Contest."

Molton Zachary, who won many honors during his high school course, will enter the Agricultural & Technical College at Greensboro, this fall.

Zachary's record in the contest ranks him as the State's high man, the sectional high man and the nation's fourth high man, in the judging contest.

Rotarian Addresses Local Club Tuesday

Local Women Bag Good Catch Of Fish

Three Hertford women went fishing at Ocean View last week and in two hours caught 104 croakers and a clam.

Mrs. W. P. O'Donnell's hook got caught in a clump of clams and when she finally succeeded in extricating it a clam was attached to the hook.

In the party with Mrs. O'Donnell were Mrs. J. S. Vick and Mrs. E. S. Pierce.

Local Man Narrowly Escapes Drowning

T. B. Sumner, prominent Hertford resident, narrowly escaped drowning at Nags Head on Sunday, according to a report received in Hertford on Monday.

Mr. Sumner's family is spending the summer at Nags Head, and visiting them are several relatives, including Mrs. Sumner's niece, Miss Katherine Jessup. On Sunday, according to those who were at the beach, the undertow in the surf was unusually strong. Miss Katherine Jessup while bathing was caught by undertow and called for help and Mr. Sumner swam to her rescue. He also was caught by the current and it was only after heroic effort on the part of E. G. McMullan, his brother-in-law, that he was saved. He was so nearly drowned that it was necessary to render first aid, including artificial respiration, which fortunately Mr. McMullan is qualified to administer.

Much gratification was expressed when it became known in Hertford that Mr. Sumner had escaped serious injury.

Moses Boyce Salls First Sweet Potatoes

The first sweet potatoes to be marketed in Hertford by a local grower appeared on Saturday.

Moses Boyce, a Beach Spring farmer, who brought in the first potatoes, grew the potatoes to marketable size in exactly seven weeks. This is believed to be a record.

August 10 is early for Perquimans grown sweet potatoes, and sweet potatoes ready for market in exactly seven weeks after the plants were set out is the quickest grown crop reported.

C. C. Simpson Leaves Hertford Banking Co.

C. C. Simpson, who has for a number of years been employed as bookkeeper at the Hertford Banking Co., has accepted a similar position with the Guaranty Bank and Trust Co., at Greenville. Mr. Simpson left Wednesday to take over his new position.

Miss Joselyn Whedbee has accepted the position made vacant in the Hertford bank and has already taken over her duties.

English College Boys Visiting Miss Fowler

Miss Frances Fowler has as guests John Hampshire and Tommy Richardson, of Wakefield, Yorkshire, England.

The two young men, both of whom are students at the University of Leeds, are making a tour in America. In company with Miss Fowler they spent the week-end at Nags Head as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whedbee.

Newlyweds Return From Wedding Trip

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carr, who were married on Tuesday of last week, have returned from their wedding trip and are living in apartments at Mrs. C. C. Winslow's. Mr. Carr is the Superintendent in charge of the construction work being done on the causeway. Mrs. Carr is the former Miss Valdera Scott, of Richmond, Va.

Accident Victim Is Now Improving

The condition of Joe Zabawa is reported as improving. Mr. Zabawa, crane operator for the F. D. Cline Co., in Hertford during the recent paving operations, was injured in an automobile accident near Gatesville on Friday night. He is still a patient in the Albemarle Hospital where he was taken immediately after the accident.

Cleveland Thayer Gives True Glimpse of Rotary

MUST FILL PLACE

District Governor Emphasizes Activity Among Youth

"It was in that place that I first learned of this delightful relationship between men which is called Rotary," said Cleveland Thayer, District Governor of Rotary International, in his address before the Hertford Rotary Club on Tuesday night, in speaking of a place where he had recently visited.

In his message Mr. Thayer succeeded in imparting to his hearers a glimpse of the vision of the true meaning of Rotary as he has accepted it.

"There has been a great evolution in Rotary and Rotary programs in ten years," said the speaker, who stated that he recently returned to the club where he first held membership an absence of ten years.

The speaker stressed the importance of the individual responsibility and the individual effort.

It is absolutely inevitable that you impart something to those who lives you touch," he pointed out, laying special emphasis upon the fact that each Rotarian, under his own specific classification, fills a part no other can fill.

"You may think that you are a very insignificant part of the great organization of Rotary International," he said, "that you as an individual would not be noticed at all if you failed to take your part. You may feel that it would pass unnoticed even if your club should fail to assume its rightful place, but this is not true, because each one of you has a certain place in the organization."

In reference to the special work which individual Rotarians may assume in the community, the speaker referred to the Boy Scout work, with special reference to the lasting effect of scouting on the life of a boy. "Youth Service," he said "is a new activity, and Rotary International has appointed a special committee on Youth Service."

"If you do not more than help one boy or girl, find themselves," he said, "place themselves, solve their problems, you have done a great piece of work."

He touched briefly upon other objectives, referring especially to adult literacy, and also stressed the importance of the work to help the underprivileged child.

In closing the speaker quoted the words of another who referred to a man who gave up a position in which he was making a great deal of money to take up the kind of life in the country that he loved: "He does not have all that money can buy, but he has just about everything that money cannot buy. He has appreciation for good literature and grand music and for the beauty of the majestic hills. He is loved by those in his family circle, he is respected by his neighbors, and he has a host of real, sincere friends."

"I think," continued the speaker, "that if we assume our individual responsibilities of Rotary to those things that we feel are the proper things, that our consciences tell us are real things in connection with Rotary International, we will accumulate some of those fine things, too."

Divers-Perry Marriage Announced Last Week

Announcement was made last week of the marriage of Miss Maude Perry and Mr. William M. Divers, Jr., the ceremony having taken place in Suffolk, Va., on January 27 of this year, with the Rev. Herbert N. Tucker performing the ceremony.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mrs. A. A. Perry, of New Hope. The bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Divers, of Hertford. Both young people are very popular with a wide circle of friends.

Five Brinn Brothers Have Family Reunion

The five Brinn boys, Joe and Frank, of Sanford; Claude, of Istanbul, Turkey; Rosser and Tim, of Hertford, holding a family reunion in Hertford this week, went on a fishing trip to Ocean View on Monday. A good catch was reported.