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POOR REVERTED TO COUNTY'S LIST FOR SUPPORT AID

Includes Unemployables Formerly on ERA Relief Roll

PATHTIC CASES

Unfortunates Will Receive Average \$2.83 Per Month

The County will pay this month to the unemployable persons formerly on the direct relief rolls of the Emergency Relief Administration half of the sums they have been receiving, according to an order made by the Chairman on Monday, or an average amount of \$2.83 per person per month.

The list turned over to the County on Monday by Charles E. Johnson, of the local ERA office, includes 45 names, mostly of old persons, all incapable of work. Two of these have died during the month, leaving 43 for the County to provide for.

These unemployables have been receiving from the ERA monthly sums ranging in amounts of from two to ten dollars, which means that some of these old persons will receive only a dollar a month now, and that in no case but one will any one be paid more than four dollars. One man was receiving ten dollars per month. He will now get five.

On this list are a number of pathetic cases of helpless old persons. There is an old colored man who is almost totally blind. His wife who is also very old, is mentally afflicted. This old couple live alone.

There is another old man, eighty-four, whose wife is eighty, both are feeble. The boy who was their only help died this summer.

In addition to this list of 43, several other old persons applied for aid to the commissioners on Monday. Three were placed on the rolls. Some were turned away and told to try to get along until cold weather, when the county will help them.

When the Emergency Relief Administration relieved the county of the burden of caring for the "outside poor" in the fall of 1932, there were on the list 24 persons, who were being paid by the county monthly sums ranging from \$1.33 to \$15.00. Only one on the list received \$15.00. One other received \$10.00. Most of them were paid sums of four or five dollars per month. The average amount which the ERA paid last month per person was \$5.66. Cut in half, this amounts to \$2.83 per person per month, as against \$4.80 which the county was averaging in 1932.

Perquimans County provided \$1504.00 for the outside poor fund during the last fiscal year, turning the amount over to the ERA for the purpose. This amount was largely supplemented by ERA funds.

E. F. Mann Manager Of Blanchard Store

E. F. Mann, of Salisbury, has accepted the position of Store Manager with the firm of J. C. Blanchard & Co., and took over his new duties on Monday.

Mr. Mann, who is a native of Virginia, has had wide experience in the management of retail stores in North Carolina and comes to Blanchard's highly recommended.

The Mann family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Mann and one young son. They are at present making their home at the boarding house of Mrs. J. E. White.

Blanchard's is the oldest mercantile firm in existence in this section having celebrated, with a very elaborate sales event and special county-wide exhibition, the one hundredth anniversary of the business in 1932. In addition to the store, which carries a full line of general merchandise, including dry goods, clothing, ladies ready-to-wear, notions, groceries and hardware the firm deals extensively in farm produce.

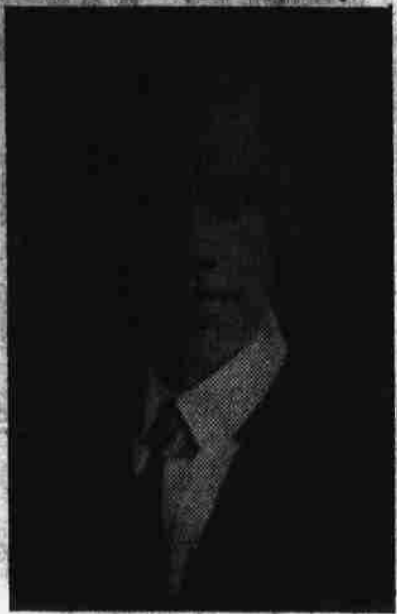
J. C. Blanchard the present head of the business is a grandson of the founder of the business.

Rev. B. W. Gaither Visits Mother Here

Rev. B. W. Gaither, of Dalhart, Tex., was a recent guest of his mother, Mrs. W. G. Gaither, in Hertford.

Mr. Gaither, a native Hertford boy who was for a number of years a missionary to Alaska from the Protestant Episcopal Church, has for the past five years been Rector of Grace Church, at Hopkinsville, Ky. He has recently moved to Texas, where he is engaged in missionary work.

TOWN FATHERS



A. W. HEFREN



DR. C. A. DAVENPORT



W. H. HARDCASTLE

The three gentlemen shown in the group above represents the Board of Town Commissioners of Hertford. Left to right, they are A. W. Hefren, Dr. C. A. Davenport and W. H. Hardcastle.

Each member of the Board is an outstanding citizen, each prominent in his line, and all possessing the confidence of the people.

Mr. Hefren, who has served for 13

years on the Board, is office manager of Major & Loomis Co. He is also President of the Hertford Building & Loan Association. Mr. Hefren is a native of the State of Pennsylvania, having lived in Hertford for the past twenty-five years.

Dr. Davenport, who is serving his second term on the Board is a prominent physician. The Doctor is the only native North Carolinian on the

Board, hailing from Mackeys. He has been practicing medicine in Hertford for the past eight years.

W. H. Hardcastle is Assistant Cashier of the Hertford Banking Company and Secretary of the Hertford Building & Loan Association. Mr. Hardcastle has held his position at the bank for the past 15 years, coming to Hertford from his native State of Maryland.

Oil Mill Expected To Be Ready To Operate During December

Contract Let For Rebuilding Plant Which Was Destroyed By Fire In January, 1934; Personnel Named

That the oil mill will be ready to begin operation in December was stated this week as the opinion of H. E. King, Mechanical Engineer for the Southern Cotton Oil Co., who is taking the preliminary steps toward the actual rebuilding of the old Eastern Cotton Oil Company's plant here. The contract will probably be let this week, according to Mr. King, and the construction work will begin at once.

The main oil mill building which was wrecked by a boiler explosion in January of 1934 will be reconstructed much along the same lines of the old mill. Modern machinery will replace the obsolete machinery and that damaged by the explosion.

The mill will be entirely electric driven, instead of partly electric and

partly steam driven, as was the old mill.

Mr. King stated that his company expects to establish the business here on a big scale, hoping to make a better mill than ever.

The same kind of business in every particular will be run, with an oil mill, ginny and fertilizer plant in operation. The company will buy cotton and cotton seed and sell cotton, and cotton seed products, and manufacture and sell fertilizer, just as the old Eastern Cotton Oil Company did.

In fact, according to J. A. White, they expect to begin to buy cotton next week.

C. P. Morris will continue as Manager of the business, with J. A. White as cashier and J. R. Elliott as superintendent.

OLDEST RESIDENT AT COUNTY HOME

Tom Williams, Though Blind, Is Hale And Hearty; Remains Loyal to Old Church

Probably the oldest resident of Perquimans County is Tom Williams, colored, who for the past six years has lived at the County Home. Tom is hale and hearty, able to get about and would be able to help himself but for the fact that he is stone blind. It was when he became blind that he went to live at the County home.

Simon Stallings, the kindly keeper of the Home, says Tom is a good man, and that he has a great many friends among the white people in the community where he formerly lived, as well as among his own race.

Every summer Mr. Stallings carries Tom down to Bethel, his former home, where he visits for a week during the revival meeting at his church. Tom thinks a lot of his church. The present building is a large frame building, modern and attractive.

The first church Tom remembers at this place was what Tom describes as a bush shelter. That was away back in the early days of Tom's life. This was replaced by a log house, in which the colored people of Bethel worshipped for a long time. Later a frame building was erected, and within the past few years the present church was built. Tom helped to build them all.

C. W. Morgan Patient In Norfolk Hospital

C. W. Morgan, prominent Hertford resident, is a patient in the Protestant Hospital in Norfolk, where he was taken last Friday.

Mr. Morgan has been in ill health for some time, his condition growing worse recently. While he will have to undergo an operation, his condition is such that he will be given treatment for some time before the operation is performed.

Mrs. Morgan is staying in Norfolk to be near her husband while he is in the hospital.

Perquimans Boy Makes Good In Dare County

In a recent issue of the Dare County Times there appeared an interesting article concerning a Perquimans boy, Carson W. Davis, who has made good in Dare.

Mr. Davis, a prominent Manteo merchant, who instituted the first exclusive clothing store in Dare County, is a native of Winfall and is a brother of Mrs. J. H. Towe, Sr., of Hertford.

After outlining something of the early history of Mr. Davis' business career covering a period of some thirty years or more in Dare, the writer has this to say:

"Of course, it is no accident or stroke of luck that brought about this success. It was hard work and strict attention to business. Carson W. Davis has never been known to get mixed up in politics, religion or community squabbles."

In closing, the writer further says: "He is very conservative and not inclined to boast about his business, but his was the first business place in the county to install modern glass cases and fixtures, electric lights, and initiate window displays. He knew how to keep his help interested and some of his force have been with him for fifteen or twenty years. He made himself popular with the trade, made money and prospered."

Road Delegation Goes To Raleigh Today

A large delegation of Perquimans County folks made up largely of Durants Neck residents but with several representatives from other localities also, will go to Raleigh today to lay before the State Highway & Public Works Commission the matter of extending the hard surfaced road from New Hope to Durants Neck.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Griffin, of Durants Neck, who have been active in the matter, were in Hertford on Monday, soliciting other signatures to supplement the large number already secured to the petition asking for the carrying out of this project.

COUNTY SEEKING LAST MINUTE PWA PROJECTS

Includes Draining Projects Requiring Large Number Laborers

ASK DREDGING

Applications Approved And Sent to District Office In E. City

Last minute projects to be brought before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday may result in several improvements which will be of much benefit to various rural communities and furnish work for a number of laborers. Two of the projects involved draining.

The Board approved the application to the proper authority to dredge the Little River Run from the bridge at Woodville to the Suffolk & Carolina Railroad, at Parkville, a distance of approximately 8 miles.

A drainage project was presented by a number of the residents of the Hickory Cross Community in the form of a petition which was signed by many other residents of the neighborhood. Miss Mildred Hinton presented the matter to the Board, asking that a canal which leads from what is known as the fields, causing a condition that is a menace to the health of the community. It was stated that there are at present several cases of malaria in the immediate neighborhood. The roads in this section are represented as being flooded. It was in this section of the county that reports came in some weeks ago that boys went swimming in the road following a heavy rain.

Others who appeared in the interest of this project were Mrs. J. W. Hinton, William C. Chappell and Willie G. Stallings.

The approval of the commissioners was given for this project also and the petitioners went immediately to the District Office of the PWA in Elizabeth City to make application.

Virginia Tucker Is Junior Computer

Miss Virginia Tucker, a local girl who has for the past three years been teacher of mathematics in the Perquimans High School, has received an appointment as Junior Computer for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics at Langley Field, Hampton, Va. Miss Tucker took over her new duties on Tuesday. Having been notified by wire while visiting in California of her appointment to the position at Langley Field, Miss Tucker cut her visit short and returned home last week.

S. S. CLASS HAS PICNIC

The members of the Judson Memorial Sunday School Class of the Hertford Baptist Church went on a picnic to Eden House on Thursday of last week.

S. S. Convention At Anderson Sept. 11

Jurors Drawn For Superior Court

The following list of jurors were drawn Monday to serve at the fall term of Perquimans Superior Court, which will convene on October 28:

Dallas White, D. W. Simpson, J. Mood Copeland, John R. Hendren, W. T. Russell, E. S. Winslow, Jr., Alfred Rountree, J. A. Goodman, J. A. Perry, D. J. Pritchard, Dockey Cartwright, G. E. Gregory, W. M. Humphries, A. W. Jordan, Nerus W. Chappell, J. D. Chappell, Lloyd E. Winslow, W. A. Elliott, Zack Phillips, H. A. Whitely, R. C. Skinner, Thomas Deal, J. E. Twine, C. A. Boyce, George L. Sutton, Jr., J. Elmer Wood, Joe Dail, G. E. Benton, R. B. Kirby, Herbert J. Winslow, L. R. Wilson, E. R. Stevenson, J. L. Cartwright, Eugene Ward, C. L. Godwin, L. A. Smith.

DISTRICT MUSIC CLUBS WILL MEET IN LOCAL SCHOOL

Everybody Interested In Music Urged To Attend First Meeting of Northeastern District

The first District Meeting of the Northeastern District of the State Federation of Music Clubs will be held in the auditorium of the Hertford Grammar School on Saturday of next week.

The morning session will be presided over by Mrs. V. A. Ward, of Robersonville, District Director.

Mrs. R. M. Riddick, Junior Counselor for the District, will preside at the afternoon session. An address will be made by Mrs. J. S. Correll, of Raleigh, State President, and other state officers are expected to be present.

The Northeastern District is a new district, organized through the influence of the Hertford Music Clubs. Prior to the organization of this district there were only five districts in the State, and when music clubs of this section of the state wished to take part in preliminary contests it was necessary to travel to Wilmington. This new district will be of great convenience to the members of music clubs who wish to take part in district and state contests.

All music club members and others interested in musical programs are invited to the first meeting of the Northeastern District of the State Federation of Music Clubs.

Ask PWA Project To Re-Index Books

Among the projects applied for by Perquimans County from the PWA is the re-indexing of the deed books in the courthouse. The index system in effect in the office of the Register of Deeds is incomplete and very unsatisfactory.

To install an adequate index system would entail expenditure of much money and employment would be given to a number of persons for a considerable period of time.

County Commissioners E. M. Perry and E. W. Mathews, accompanied by Chas. Whedbee, County Attorney, and J. W. Ward, Register of Deeds, made a trip to Elizabeth City on Tuesday and consulted officials of the PWA in reference to the project.

Hertford Negro Jailed For Entering Store

Josephus Wilson, Hertford Negro, is being held in jail charged with entering the store of L. J. Winslow, at Belvidere, on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Winslow, who entered the store from the rear door, surprised a Negro man in the act of attempting to open the cash register. Nobody else was in the store at the time Mr. Winslow having stepped out the front door. The Negro intruder past Mrs. Winslow and ran away, making his escape through the field.

Wilson, who had ridden to Belvidere on an ice truck and had been seen about the store a short time before, was picked up later. He has served a term on the roads for larceny.

BACK FROM WEDDING TRIP

Dr. T. P. Brinn and his bride, who was the former Miss Mary Glasson, of Durham, have returned from their wedding trip and are making their home in apartments in the residence of Mrs. C. C. Winslow, on Market street.

Interesting Program Is Prepared For Church School Workers

AWARD PENNANT

Rev. Shuford Peeler To Discuss Phases of Work

The Perquimans County Sunday School Convention will be held in Anderson Methodist Church on Wednesday of next week. This is the annual county Sunday School convention and is especially planned for all those interested in the Sunday Schools of all denominations. The program as scheduled for this year calls for a two-session convention, beginning at 9:45 and continuing through an afternoon session. Between the two sessions there will be a fellowship dinner on the grounds, and everyone is asked to bring a basket lunch.

The morning and afternoon sessions will consist of addresses centering around the various phases of the convention theme, "Building a New Community," as well as special music and study groups. These study groups are especially designed to meet the needs of teachers, officers and all other Sunday School workers or members. Mrs. J. W. Dimmette, of Winfall, will direct a study group in the afternoon on "Training Children and Young People in the Church School Through Worship." Rev. Shuford Peeler, general secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, will lead discussion groups, one in the morning on "The Effective Adult Class," and one in the afternoon for superintendents, teachers, pastors, adults.

Many local people will participate. The complete program for the convention follows:

Morning Session

9:45—Song service, in charge of local choir; song leader, Mrs. Joe Perry; Scripture and prayer, W. F. B. Sawyer, superintendent.

10:05—Address, "Building a New Community Through Developing Christ-like Personalities."

10:25—Special music, quartet by local choir.

10:30—Discussion groups: "The Effective Adult Class," Rev. Shuford Peeler, Salisbury.

11:20—Reassemble, business, attendance, reports, committees.

11:30—Address, "Personal Evangelism In Building Community Life," Rev. Shuford Peeler. Offering for Sunday School cause.

12:10—Hymn. Benediction, Rev. J. W. Dimmette.

Fellowship dinner. All bring baskets.

Afternoon Session

1:45—Song service. Scripture and prayer, Rev. Miss Bertha V. Smith, Piney Wood Friends Church.

2:00—Discussion groups: "Training Children and Young People in the Church School Through Worship," Mrs. J. W. Dimmette, Winfall; for superintendents, teachers, pastors adults, Rev. Shuford Peeler.

2:45—Reassemble.

2:50—Special music, duet by local choir.

2:55—Address, "The Value of Sunday Schools In Building a New Community."

3:30—Hymn. Benediction, W. E. Dail, New Hope church.

At the close of the afternoon session a pennant will be given to the Sunday School making the best record of attendance, based on the number of miles traveled.

Mrs. Eunice Winslow is president and Mrs. B. W. Thatch, secretary of the association.

Local Men Attending National Rifle Meet

Judge Walter H. Oakey Jr., and M. G. Owens left on Saturday for Camp Perry, Ohio, to take part in the National Pistol and Rifle Matches being conducted by the War Department.

These two Hertford men, both crack shots, won places on the Civilian Team of North Carolina at the preliminaries held at Fort Bragg some weeks ago. There are only 12 men on this particular team.

Messrs. Oakey and Owens have been doing a good deal of practice work of late in connection with the Hertford Rifle Club, which has held regular meets since last spring.

The matches began at Camp Perry on September 1 and will continue through September 19, with numerous teams participating in the various matches.