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Wedding Miss Nixon Solemnized Thursday

Popular County Girl Weds Frank Brightwell Skinner

OLD FAMILIES

Newlyweds Will Make Future Home In Statesville

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Mae Nixon, daughter of Mrs. Mae and the late Thomas J. Nixon, Sr., of the Winfall section of Perquimans County, and Mr. Frank Brightwell Skinner, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Skinner, of Washington, D. C., took place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, December 26, in Holy Trinity Church in Hertford, in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The pastor, the Rev. E. T. Jilison, officiated.

The church was effectively decorated with Christmas flowers and evergreens and was lighted with Cathedral candles.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Irving Nixon, wore a gown of white angel crepe, fashioned on severely simple lines, with a bateau neck and long fitted sleeves, a white hat and accessories to match.

Miss Charlotte Nixon, the bride's sister, was maid of honor and the only attendant. She wore a dress of red taffeta, with gold accessories.

The bridegroom had as his best man his brother, Mr. Joshua H. Skinner, of Troy, New York. The ushers were Mr. Ned Nixon, a brother of the bride, and Mr. Herbert Nixon and Mr. Jesse P. Perry.

The bride is a graduate of the Perquimans County High School and the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore, where she has made her home for the last five years. Mr. Skinner is a graduate of McKinley Technical High School, Washington, D. C., and the University of North Carolina, where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He has spent considerable time in Perquimans County, where he is well known and has many relatives.

The wedding unites two of the oldest families of the Albemarle section, whose ancestors were among the earlier settlers of Colonial North Carolina.

A reception followed the ceremony at the county home of the bridegroom's family, where relatives and intimate friends were entertained.

Mr. Skinner is a member of the staff of the soil conservation service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and is stationed at Statesville. After a short wedding trip the newly wedded couple will make their home there.

Extension Workers Study New Program

Agricultural authorities agree that the complexity of modern civilization has given rise to farm problems unlike any that have been encountered before.

To aid in the solution of these problems have been called the philosopher and the sociologist, as well as the scientific research worker and the farmer in the field.

The broader social and economic aspects of rural life must be considered in the development of an adequate long-time farm program, said Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College agricultural extension service.

With this in view, North Carolina's extension workers made a special study of the deeper implications of present conditions while holding their annual conference at State College last week.

In working out a sound program, the dean said, they must encourage farmers to cooperate in balancing their farming schedules so as to maintain their own self-sufficiency while producing the commodities needed by society.

"Not only must we promote better cultural practices," he declared, "but we must also study the markets to determine the best production schedules."

"We need to give careful consideration to the welfare of the farmer and his family, to the development of better living standards and a more vital, wholesome community life."

"In the future, we must plan the rural life that will be a part of the new order of things."

NEWS of the WEEK

News-Week, Inc.

Lindbergh Quits America

New York City—Aroused by a fresh avalanche of threatening letters following recent attacks on the conviction of Bruno Richard Hauptmann for the kidnaping and murder of his first son, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, his wife and 3-year-old son, Jon, sailed secretly for England, where they will make their home. English respect for law and order is given as the Colonel's determination to quit the United States.

Eden British Foreign Minister

London, England—Close upon collapse of Franco-British plan giving Italy half of Ethiopia to end African war, Capt. Anthony Eden, implacable foe to Mussolini's aggression, assumes Foreign Ministry resigned by Sir Samuel Hoare, who negotiated the discarded deal with French Premier Laval. Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin revealed dangerous proximity to war, while Britain moves to modernize entire army and solidify the new coalition of Mediterranean countries in support of League of Nations stand against Italy.

Threat Or Promise?

Des Moines, Ia.—Describing two stick-up men who robbed bank where she worked, Cecelia Galantini said they "weren't so bad looking." Later she received a postcard: "Thanks for the compliment. We'll be back later better looking than ever. Bart and Bill."

Digenes Loses Out

Washington, D. C.—Attired in sandals, a yellow toga with purple edging and carrying an unlighted lantern, Harris Tzotzi, Detroit restaurant man, paraded Capital streets and invaded Supreme Court Building with a canvas bag labeled "Quo Vadis Uncle Sam?" His search for an honest man landed him in a hospital for mental observation.

Artichoke War

New York City—Racketeers have long skimmed \$1,000,000 graft yearly from the handling of artichokes, favored tid-bit of this city's huge Italian population. To end the gouge, Mayor LaGuardia appeared before dawn a largest municipal market and by proclamation forbade all dealings in the thirly delicacy. California growers cheered, willing to lose sales to shake off gangsters' tribute. Only twice before have New York mayors resorted to ancient proclamations to insure peace in city.

President Cuts Red Tape

San Francisco—When Toyohiko Kagawa, famous Japanese Christian teacher, arrived here, immigration authorities detained him because of trachoma, an infectious eye disease. Many protests arrived at the White House. Assured that a doctor or nurse would constantly accompany the distinguished visitor, the President snipped red-tape, allowed him to begin his tour of America.

U. S. Still Pursues Hopson

Washington, D. C.—After sweating Howard C. Hopson much of the summer about his manipulation of the Associated Gas & Electric system Uncle Sam has played a trump card by slapping tax liens on the big utility for \$67,000,000, representing Federal taxes, interest and penalties of four years undeclared income. And Hopson himself was served a demand for arrears of \$1,521,504 on his personal income tax.

Political Spectre Looms

Washington, D. C.—Politicians are frankly worried over campaign dangers of the Townsend play to pay Americans over 60 years \$200 per month. Already a Michigan district has elected a Congressman pledged to the scheme; Townsends claim 150 supporters in the lower house. In spite of economists' plea that the plan is "utterly fantastic," Townsend clubs are springing up all over the aged sponsor claims 25,000,000 signatures endorsing his program.

New Air Shoppers

San Jose, Cal.—Looking very much like a modern-day Robinson Crusoe, a man in a small plane landed in a field near the town of San Jose, Cal., on Thursday night. He was found by a patrolman and taken to the town jail.

FIRE DESTROYS FILLING STATION CHRISTMAS DAY

Building on Hertford-Edenton Road Burns About 4 A. M.

NO INSURANCE

Property of Winslow Oil Co. and Operated by Claude Chappell

Fire destroyed the Shell service station on the Hertford-Edenton highway early Christmas morning. The station, which was owned by the Winslow Oil Company, of Hertford, and operated by Claude Chappell, was discovered at about 4 o'clock in the morning by Mr. Chappell, who was sleeping in a room adjacent to the station.

J. Emmett Winslow, of the Winslow Oil Company, estimated the extent of the loss to be approximately twelve to fourteen hundred dollars. There was no insurance.

The origin of the fire is undetermined.

Crowd Braves Storm To Attend Program At Baptist Church

Through the worst snow storm to strike Hertford in years an interested crowd of people went to the Baptist Church Sunday night to attend the community Christmas service given under the direction of Miss Kate Blanchard and Mrs. S. P. Jessup, when the story of the birth of Christ was beautifully told in songs and living pictures.

Probably one-third of the pews of the church were filled, and those who braved the storm felt well repaid for their efforts.

Numerous requests that the beautiful entertainment be repeated have been made, and it is possible that this will be done after the return of Miss Blanchard from Louisburg, where he is spending Christmas.

Commercial Classes Be Reorganized At School

Commercial classes at the Perquimans High School are to be reorganized when school begins again after Christmas, according to an announcement made by the commercial teacher, Miss Ruth Carson.

Miss Carson has requested that any one wishing to enroll for the commercial course must get in touch with her before January 2, when school opens.

hour; 8 roomy "sections" provide 22 passengers with comfortable day and night travel at high altitudes. Transcontinental & Western Air Lines agreed to purchase the first Douglas meeting specifications for \$125,000 have options on 60 more at \$58,000.

New Campaign Cry

Washington, D. C.—Republicans have aimed a hard word at the administration as a slogan of the coming presidential campaign: "Squander lust." They point to a current deficit of \$3,500,000,000, a total national debt of more than 30 billions. In the meantime the President and his advisers are bending over the big job of effecting economies in huge relief programs.

Sports Favorites

New York City—Associated Press announces results of a newspaper poll to determine most popular sports figures of the year. Joe Louis leads with 184 votes; James J. Braddock, the actual heavyweight champion, got only 7 votes. Other leaders: Golfer Lawson Little, 135; Sprinter Jesse Owens, 61; Chicago U. Footballer Jay Berwinger, 42; Detroit Baseballer Mickey Cochrane, 19. Helen Wills Moody, tennis queen, led the women's division with 136 votes.

Big Business In "Debs"

New York City—Launching a debutants in Gotham society costs all the way from \$100 up to \$75,000, and is a highly organized business conducted by "social secretaries" who handle all details. Miss Medora Roosevelt, distant cousin of the President, underwrites the whole process. The "social secretaries" who handle the details, says Mrs. Roosevelt, are "more interested in free liquor and good than in matrimony." "I've my own debut there," she says, "150 persons and I don't appreciate more than 20 of them."

REPORT NEW LOW IN TEMPERATURE FOR PERQUIMANS

Mercury Drops to Eight Degrees During Wednesday Night

PLUMBERS BUSY

Much Ice Along River Shore But Stream Is Not Frozen Over

The lowest temperature ever reported in Perquimans was reached at 6 o'clock on Thursday morning of this week, when the thermometer at the One-Stop Service Station in Hertford dropped to 8.

Below freezing temperatures have prevailed in Perquimans for several days. The mercury dropped more than 20 degrees during Wednesday night, when a high wind blew for several hours.

Plumbers have been kept busy throughout the week, with water pipes frozen in many of the homes of the town.

There is much ice along the river shores, but the river has not been frozen over because of the winds. Little of the snow which fell on Sunday night has melted.

Newspapers Best News Medium, Declares Noted Statesman In Magazine

New York.—Primacy of the newspaper press as the "only real and trustworthy medium for dissemination of news and the moulding of public opinion" is upheld by Winston Churchill, noted English statesman.

After a thorough analysis of the subject, Mr. Churchill is convinced "there can be no really serious challenge to the press for either radio or moving pictures," and, looking further ahead, from promised television.

"I believe that both England and America can be proud of their press," he says, writing in Collier's. "I believe they can trust their press."

"In other countries whose peoples are less intelligent or where education is less careful of the individual mind, the future of publicity may lie with radio and moving pictures. Under distasteful conditions the press is bound to languish, and the loud-speaker and the film to become ever more important. But where free institutions are indigenous to the soil, and men have the habit of liberty, the press will continue to be the Fourth Estate, the vigilant guardian of the rights of the ordinary citizen."

Mr. Churchill sees no "menace in advertisements" nor does he believe there could ever be any successful corner of news and opinion in the United States or England.

"It would be affection to ignore two burning questions," the Collier's article by Mr. Churchill continues. "The concentration of newspaper ownership in relatively few hands and the power of advertisers to dictate policy are both held to trespass upon the freedom of the press."

"Frankly, I think that both these fears are exaggerated. There is safety in numbers. A press combine must, as a matter of business, delegate a large measure of responsibility for policy to its editors and a great editor stamps his own personality upon the paper which he controls, and no newspaper can afford to suppress important news which its rivals will print."

"There is certainly no menace in advertisements. It was the development of commercial advertising that first enabled the press to stand on its own feet, without relying on subsidies from governments or politicians, and revenue from this source is still the bulwark of its independence today. "Advertisers are business men—they pay to have their announcements placed before the largest possible public, and they ought to know that permanent circulations can only be secured by honest news and honest opinion."

"A free press is the unsleeping guardian of every other right that free men prize; it is the most dangerous foe of tyranny," he writes. "No wonder then that the great democracies have always been quick to resent any attempt to limit its independence or to bring it under regulation."

Christmas Program At Bethlehem Church

There will be a Christmas tree and a special Christmas program at the Bethlehem Christian Church, near Hertford, on Sunday night, to which the public is cordially invited.

H.G. Winslow Named Mayor Of Hertford

HIT OR MISS

THE NEW YEAR I am the New Year, and I come to you pure and unstained, Fresh from the hand of God. Each day, a precious pearl to you is given.

That you must string upon the silver thread of life, Once strung can never be unthreaded, but stays.

An undying record of your faith and skill. Each golden, minute link you then must weld into the chain of hours. That is no longer than its weakest link.

Into your hands is given all the wealth and power To make your life just what you will.

I give to you, free and unstinted twelve glorious months Of soothing rain and sunshine golden; The days for work and rest, the nights for peaceful slumber.

All that I have I give with love unspoken. All that I ask—you keep the faith unbroken!

—Selected.

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

In the home it is kindness. In business it is honesty. In society it is helpfulness. In work it is fairness.

Toward the unfortunate it is the helping hand. Toward the weak it is burden-bearing.

Toward the wicked it is evangelism. Toward the strong it is trust. Toward the penitent it is forgiveness.

Toward ourselves it is self-control. Toward God it is reverence, worship and love. And the foundation stone, the undergirding motive of all the motives, is the Spirit of Christ.

—The Southern Churchman.

COUNTY ENJOYS WHITE CHRISTMAS

First Time In Many Years That Ground Was Covered With Snow Over Christmas

Snow on the ground on Christmas Day! This was the first white Christmas in this section in many years.

Snow began falling at 2:30 on Sunday afternoon and continued until midnight, with the result that on Monday morning the earth was covered in a blanket of white.

It has not snowed here at Christmas before "since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary." This only applies to the younger generation, however, as some of the older folks distinctly recall a Christmas when everything was covered in white.

One recalls that either in 1891 or 1892 it began snowing on Christmas Eve and that the snow continued to fall through most of Christmas Day. That was a heavy snow.

Another says that once since then, probably around 1900, there was snow at Christmas. But it has been sufficiently rare to give those who love a picture post card Christmas a real thrill at the sight of snow at Christmas, and nobody under thirty has ever seen snow in Perquimans at Christmas before.

3,053 Bales Of Cotton Ginned To Dec. 13th

W. M. Harrell, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reports that there were 3,053 bales of cotton ginned in Perquimans County from the crop of 1935 prior to December 13, as compared with 4,574 bales ginned to December 13 of the crop of 1934.

Joint Hosts Friday To "The Big Eight" Club

Clarke Stokes and Jack Anderson were joint hosts to "The Big Eight" Club on Friday night, when a bridge party was given at the home of the former. Two tables were arranged and those playing included Frances Newby, Ruth Hollowell, Ruth Winslow, Geneva White, Durwood Reed, George Fields and the two hosts, Jack Anderson and Clarke Stokes.

Ruth Winslow was the winner of the high score prize, a box of candy. Delightful refreshments of tea and cake were served.

Fills Unexpired Term of E. L. Reed, Recently Resigned

CHANGE SALARIES

R. N. Hines Appointed Commissioner of Public Works

H. G. Winslow was appointed Mayor of Hertford to fill the unexpired term of E. L. Reed, who recently resigned the position, by the Board of Commissioners at a special meeting held on Monday night.

The position of Commissioner of Public Works was given to R. N. Hines, who has served for several years as town electrician, and who will perform the duties of both offices.

Some rearrangement of salaries was made by the commissioners, resulting in an increase in the salary of Mr. Hines, and also in an increase in the salary paid to W. G. Newby, town clerk, who will be given extra duties under the new arrangement. An increase was also made in the salary of the mayor.

Mr. Hines, who formerly received \$150 per month as electrician, will be paid \$175, an increase of \$25 for his additional duties.

W. G. Newby, who formerly was paid \$150, will receive \$165, an increase of \$15.

Thirty dollars per month will be paid the Mayor.

Under the former arrangement Mayor Reed was paid \$12.50 per month as Mayor and \$65 per month as commissioner of public works, making a salary of \$77.50 which Mr. Reed received.

The new Mayor is a prominent Hertford attorney, and was for a number of years clerk of the Superior Court of Perquimans County.

Grover C. Talbot Killed In Automobile Wreck

Word was received in Hertford on Saturday of the death of Grover C. Talbot, of Norwood, Pa., who was killed in an automobile accident that day. The telegram received by Mrs. L. R. Crawford, a sister-in-law of Mr. Talbot did not give any of the details of the accident, merely stating that he was killed in an automobile accident that morning.

Mr. Talbot, who married Miss Besie Biddick, of Hertford, lived in Hertford about 25 years ago.

Surviving are his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Clarendon Southmayde, of Prospect Park, Pa., and Miss Ellen Talbot, of Norwood, Pa.

1,000 Pounds Stolen Sugar Is Recovered

A thousand pounds of sugar stolen from the warehouse of Reed & Felton on Christmas night was located by M. G. Owens, special night policeman, shortly after the loot had been carried to a vacant house on Grubb street. The thief, a colored man who said he was from Elizabeth City, and whose name could not be learned, was taken at the scene. He was smoking a cigarette in the room where he had the sugar cached when the officer came upon him.

There were ten bags of the sugar each containing a hundred pounds.

Sermon Subjects For Baptist Church Sunday

Rev. D. S. Dempsey, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, announces as subjects of his next Sunday's sermons, "The Written Past," to be delivered at the morning service, and "Intimacy With Christ," to be delivered at the evening service.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Stallings Buried Saturday Afternoon

Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie Stallings, aged 63, who died Friday morning at 8 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Turner, at Belvidere, were held Saturday afternoon at Sandy Cross Baptist church, with the Rev. Mr. Woodall, the pastor, conducting the services. Burial took place in the family burying ground.

Surviving Mrs. Stallings are the following children: Mrs. H. A. Turner, Mrs. E. A. Flot, Mrs. Judson Eure, Mrs. Noah Stallings, Mrs. Job Stallings, Edwin Stallings and Whittie Stallings.