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Perquimans Women At Quarterly Meeting

Miss Sallie Brooks of Raleigh Principal Speaker

GOOD MEETING

Gives Complete Outline Of Demonstration Work

Seventy-five Perquimans County women gathered at the Community House in Hertford on Saturday to attend the regular quarterly meeting of the Perquimans County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and to hear the address of Miss Sallie Brooks, Assistant State Nutritionist, of Raleigh.

Mrs. M. T. Griffin, of Bethel, who is the Federation president, presided, and the meeting was opened with prayer, the collect of the Club Women of America being said in union.

Mrs. Bertha Winslow, representing the Whiteston Club, conducted a brief but very inspirational devotional exercise which was opened with a few moments of silent prayer.

Mrs. Mattie Lister White made the address of welcome, welcoming particularly the new clubs which have recently become members of the federation.

Mrs. F. T. Johnson, president of the Hertford Woman's Club, also spoke a few gracious words of welcome.

During the business session, when the roll call by clubs was had, the Belvidere Club lead with the largest number responding and the Durants Neck Club was second.

Miss Brooks was introduced by Miss Gladys Hamrick, Perquimans County Home Demonstration Agent, in a few well chosen words, and Miss Brooks made the address of the day. The food specialist told her hearers something of the importance of an adequate food supply for the body, from the standpoint of nutrition, mentioning separately various kinds of foods, and giving much information which the women present felt to be helpful.

She also gave an interesting history outline of home demonstration work in the State, from the State agent to the individual club member, telling something of the work of the district agents and also of the various specialists, and telling the club members something of their own individual responsibility.

It was altogether a most satisfactory meeting, closing with a delightful social hour when the women from the various parts of the County took occasion to mingle with one another in neighborly fashion. A most delectable luncheon, furnished by the women, was served at this time.

It was announced that at the next meeting, which will be held on May 14, a flower show will be given at the Community House, and it is the object of the Home Agent to have on this occasion as special speaker Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, State Agent.

Among those who registered on Saturday were Mesdames Claude Perry, Bristow Perry, Lucius Winslow, Eunice Winslow, W. O. Hunter, J. F. Winslow, Vernon Winslow, J. A. Chappell, Clarence L. Dail, L. J. Winslow, N. Q. Ward, Mercer Winslow, Elsie Copeland, W. T. Smith, Alice Winslow, E. M. Perry, J. F. Gregory, W. E. Dail, S. D. Banks, M. M. Spivey, F. T. Johnson, T. E. Madre, Lindsey Winslow, Singleton Lane, J. M. Copeland, Bertha Smith White, George V. Smith, George Alexander, W. H. Elliott, J. C. Wilson, Charles E. White, W. P. Long, J. C. Hobbs, J. W. Chappell, Mary W. Winslow, G. E. Sutton, M. T. Griffin, C. T. Rogerson, Mattie Lister White, Misses Gertie Chappell, Margaret B. White, Virginia Dail, Reby Winslow, Lucille Lane, Edna Winslow, Lena Winslow and Burnette Winslow.

Father Grady Morgan Ill In Elizabeth City

Grady Morgan, Hertford insurance man, reports that the condition of his father, A. S. Morgan, of Elizabeth City, gradually grows worse. The elder Mr. Morgan has been ill for several months. It became necessary during the month of December to amputate one of his legs, and there has been no permanent improvement.

For three months Grady Morgan has alternated in spending one night at home in Hertford, and the other in Elizabeth City, when he sits up and helps to nurse his sick father.

Expect Many Women Attend Meat Canning Exhibit February 5

The meat canning demonstration which will be conducted at the Community House in Hertford on February 5, under the direction of Miss Dickie Lee Lewis, is expected to attract a large number of women who are interested to learn improved methods of meat canning.

Miss Gladys Hamrick, who is spending this week in Gates County in the interest of the work there, will be here for the demonstration and is anxious that as many of the housekeepers of the county as can possibly do so attend.

Womanless Wedding Thursday At Winfall Community House

The whole community is expected to turn out next Thursday night when George Roach becomes the blushing bride of Garland (Bully) Baker in "A Womanless Wedding" which will take place at the Winfall Community House.

The play is sponsored by the committee which is attempting to raise funds for making over the old church building into an attractive community house.

W. G. Hollowell will take the part of the father of the bride, while J. F. Jones is to be the mother of the bride. The bridegroom's mother will be J. L. DeLaney. D. R. Trueblood is to be the train bearer and D. L. Barber will carry the ring. The bridegroom's best man will be Raymond Jordan, Harry Barber will be the officiating minister, and others who will take the part of bridesmaids, maids of honor, ushers and so on, are C. D. White, Raymond Stanton, Jesse Stanton, Carlton Wheelbee, Wesley Pike, J. F. Hollowell, Vick Stallings, Powell Dimmette, Johnnie Simpson, Marvin White and J. L. Nixon.

The committee plans that the entertainment will be one of the best things put on in Winfall for a long time. Suitable costumes are being assembled which are said to be very becoming to the bride, bridesmaids and other "lady" attendants.

Dr. I. A. Ward New Hertford Physician

Perquimans has another physician in the person of Dr. I. A. Ward, of Elizabeth City, who today is opening up offices on the first floor of the old Carolina Bank Building on Church street.

Dr. Ward is no stranger to Perquimans, having practiced his profession in the county for a number of years when he lived at Belvidere. He moved to Elizabeth City ten years ago.

The physician, who will resume his work as a general practitioner in Hertford, is an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, having practiced as such during his stay in Elizabeth City.

The family of Dr. Ward consists of his wife and four children.

Since the death of Dr. G. E. Newby last July there have been only three physicians in Hertford, Dr. T. A. Cox, Dr. C. A. Davenport and Dr. T. P. Brinn.

Edwards Resigns As County Prosecutor

When the Board of County Commissioners meet on Monday they will find it necessary to appoint a prosecuting attorney in Recorder's Court, to fill the unexpired term of Walter G. Edwards, who has resigned.

Mr. Edwards, who recently received an offer of a position in Los Angeles, Cal., and who had the unexpected opportunity to make the trip west in company with a relative who was visiting in New England, who and came to Hertford for the purpose of picking him up, left Sunday for the California city. Before leaving Hertford Mr. Edwards resigned his position as prosecutor.

J. R. Edwards, of Greenville, took his brother's place as prosecutor in court on Tuesday.

The Board will make appointment of an attorney for the unexpired term on Monday.

Miss Eloise Scott, of the Perquimans High School faculty, is spending a few days at her home at Rocky Point.

AGENT WARNS COTTON GROWERS TO IMPROVE CROP

Danger In Growing Cotton Less Than 15/16 Inch Staple

NO MARKET

Required Length Can Be Raised With Good Seed, Says Agent

A very timely warning is sounded to the cotton growers of Perquimans by L. W. Anderson, County Agent, as a result of a letter which Mr. Anderson received this week from the Elizabeth City Cotton Mills, which calls Mr. Anderson's attention to the fact that much of the cotton grown by Perquimans farmers is of less than 15-16 of an inch staple, and sets forth that in the future this mill will not be able to create a market for cotton of less than 15-16 inch staple.

The letter states that in the past the Elizabeth City Cotton Mills have purchased some of the 7-8 inch staple.

Mr. Anderson, in commenting on the matter, stated that much of the cotton grown in Perquimans is of only 7-8 inch staple, and he said it is very important that the farmers grow the 15-16 inch staple cotton, for which there is so much greater demand.

"The farmer wants to get good seed," said Mr. Anderson. "They can grow the 15-16 inch staple or longer in Perquimans. They should plant seed which will produce at least 15-16 inch staple," he said.

This will command a better price than the 7-8 inch staple.

Richard Payne Star On Swimming Team

Richard Payne is making a fine record for himself at State College, where he is a sophomore this year.

In the swimming meet on last Saturday between the Fort Monroe, Va., team and State College, when State was victorious with a score of 70-17, Richard was placed first in the two events in which he competed, and the resulting total of 10 points gave him individual scoring honors. The next highest scorer in the meet scored only 6 points.

This was the second swimming meet in which young Payne was highest individual scorer, the former being with the Goldsboro Y. team.

Richard, who was lifeguard at the Hertford Bathing Beach last summer, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Payne, of Hertford.

Mrs. Nixon Breaks Hip In Accident

Mrs. W. T. Nixon, aged resident of Bagley Swamp, had the misfortune to break her hip when she fell last Thursday. She was taken to the Albemarle Hospital, in Elizabeth City on Friday, since which time she has developed pneumonia and her condition is considered very serious.

COUNTY IN GRIP OF COLDEST SNAP IN MANY YEARS

Sub Freezing Temperatures For More Than Week

RIVER FROZEN

Six Degrees Above Zero Reported on Tuesday Morning

A heavy blanket of snow covers the Albemarle, the fourth snow to fall since mid-December.

The Perquimans River frozen across, two snows within four days, and sub-freezing temperatures prevailing for more than a week, the month of January goes out with a record for cold weather.

That the winter of 1917-1918 was as severe as this, is generally accepted, but certainly we have had no such winter since.

Slightly more than an inch of snow fell on Sunday night following the sudden drop in the temperature on Thursday morning when a drop of 28 degrees was noted within six hours. The mercury dropped from 40 to 12 at that time.

That the thermometer on the northeast corner of the Hertford Hardware & Supply Company's store registered 6 degrees above zero on Tuesday morning of this week was reported by Hudson Butler. In several more sheltered spots the mercury stood at 10 at 7 o'clock. This was also true on Wednesday morning.

Snow fell steadily throughout Thursday morning, and at noon, the time of this writing, showed no sign of stopping.

New Hertford Dentist Expected Next Week

Dr. John Zachery, the new dentist who will locate in Hertford to take the place of Dr. Luther H. Butler, who is leaving shortly for Greensboro, returned to his home at Yadkinville on Wednesday, after spending several days here. Dr. Zachery expects to move his family, consisting of his wife and a seven-year-old daughter, to Hertford next week, probably arriving on Monday or Tuesday.

Winfall P. T. A. Meets At Community House

Mrs. J. W. Dimmette, president, presided at the regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Winfall School, which was held on Monday night at the Community House. Mrs. Dimmette also led the devotional exercises and made a very interesting talk on Cooperation of Parents and Teachers as Leaders and Guardians of Children.

Miss Lucille Long also made a short but interesting talk, after which there was a round-table discussion led by Miss Alma Leggett.

A social hour was enjoyed after the program, when delicious homemade candy was served.

MIRAGE !

Etched by an unseen hand, as its clear surface was frosted during Thursday night when the mercury dropped to the lowest point registered in Hertford in years, on the broad expanse of a glass show window there was exposed when daylight came a picture before which those who saw it at its best stood and gazed with wonder and with awe.

Two other windows of the building, which stands near the water front, were beautiful with lacy, fern-like designs and delicate fanciful figures which seemed to have been traced by a fairy hand.

But one window was a distinct picture, with different color tones; or, more accurately perhaps, with varying shades, white and gray and black.

In the background there was a steep wall of gray rock and a rushing, foaming waterfall.

In the foreground, at the lower edge of one side, were outlined trees, which seemed to stand away from the background at some distance. One tree in particular, which stood out in bold relief, was like a clear photograph which had been snapped because of the perfection of the outlines of the tree. This outstanding tree appeared to be one of a whole mass of trees showing dark against the background of gray wall and white waterfall.

How did it happen? What caused it? These and other questions were asked, as one after one, dozens of persons viewed the phenomenon. There was no answer. One man asked in wonder "Who did that?"

It was like that. One could hardly believe that the thing had merely happened. Some looked about to try to discover if there might not be some similar scene which in some mysterious way had been reflected on the glass and reproduced, as in a mirage.

It was a truly marvelous sight, utterly beautiful, absolutely indescribable, and one which made the beholder long to be able to reproduce the wonderful thing, or to impart to those who could not see it something of its loveliness and its wonder.

But words wouldn't do it. It had to be seen.

And, like the fairy fingers that guided the invisible brush which had painted that picture, another force, also invisible but nonetheless powerful, destroyed it. As the day wore on and there was sufficient warmth, the outlines of the picture became indistinct; the figures began to blur, and the picture was gone.

And through the plate glass window there was revealed merchandise, flour, and meat, and canned goods.

Schools Closed Due To Frigid Weather

WARREN GIVES TIP TO FARMERS ON PRODUCTION

Urges Planting of Same Allotment As Was Allowed Under AAA Plan

Washington, D. C.—In a statement sent back to his district, Representative Lindsay Warren declared that there would be no potato program this year, and warned potato growers as well as tobacco, cotton, and peanut farmers that they faced the same bankrupt condition that existed prior to 1933 unless they exercised their own control over what they planted and produced.

The North Carolina member who has played an active part in agricultural legislation during the last six years said:

"By reason of the amazing decision of the Supreme Court, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration has been destroyed, as well as the control bills for cotton, tobacco, and potatoes. These measures had the overwhelming approval of the farmers of our State for they were fast being liberated from an economic serfdom that has brought bankruptcy and ruin to them. As a result of the decision Congress has been placed in a straight jacket, for everyone knows that agriculture is a national problem. Congress will remain here in session and pass some new measure which we hope will include crops. What it will be or when it will become a law, no one can now tell or predict. In my opinion it is going to be difficult to secure anything as effective as the AAA. Planting time will soon begin, especially potato planting. If our growers, especially after all they have suffered in the past, again plant the earth in potatoes and run wild with the contract system, then the same bankruptcy stares them in the face. We made the greatest fight for the potato grower that has happened here in Congress for many years, and it was won against almost insurmountable odds. But the Supreme Court has now destroyed that. The same thing applies to tobacco, cotton, peanuts and other crops. The only hope I can see for our farmers this year is that they plant only what allotment they would have received had the AAA been continued, and in no case should they exceed that. After the hard lessons they have been taught in the past, they now have the opportunity to exercise self control and voluntarily hold down their production. As one who is vitally interested in agriculture and who has fought its battles, I urge them to do this. Over production in 1936, before any permanent farm policy is worked out, spells ruin."

Coldest Winter Weather Recorded In Eighteen Years

Colored Bootlegger Could Not Explain

That there are times when it does not pay to be too economical was demonstrated by Sidney Parsons, colored bootlegger, this week. Using a car out of repair in the delivery of bootleg liquor proved to be pretty costly business for Parsons when he was stopped by a State highway patrolman because his rear light was not burning.

The patrolman stated on the witness stand in Recorder's Court on Tuesday that he noticed the car as he drove into Hertford toward Edenton, and that he blew his siren for the car to stop. The patrolman got out of his car and so did Sidney alight from his. When the patrolman came up alongside Sidney's car, expecting to investigate the brakes of the car which had not stopped immediately, he spied the bottle of liquor on the ground between the car and the curb, opposite the open door of the car. There were six empty containers, each of five-gallon capacity, in the car, each smelling highly of bootleg whiskey. Parsons disowned the bottle of liquor found on the ground but failed to explain the empty containers. It didn't take much imagination, however, for the officer to decide there had been thirty gallons of liquor recently delivered by Sidney, and so he was placed under arrest.

Noah Gregory Hurt In Automobile Wreck

Noah Gregory is recovering from a slight concussion suffered in an automobile accident on Sunday night when Alton Sawyer, of the Beech Spring community, suffered painful cuts about the face and head.

The car, a Ford V-8, driven by Tim Gregory, was badly wrecked when it turned over in the swamp on the causeway near Hertford, where the accident occurred. The road was slippery from the snow and sleet.

Junior Music Contest In Hertford March 7

Mrs. R. M. Riddick, director of Junior Music Clubs of the North-eastern District of the N. C. Federation of Music Clubs, announces that the District Junior Contest will be held at Hertford Grammar school on March 7.

All Junior Counsellors are urged to secure application blanks from Mrs. J. H. McAllister, of Lumberton, at once, and to notify Mrs. Riddick how many entrants their clubs will send, and their class and instrument.

Mrs. Hawkins Very Ill At Her Home

Mrs. G. T. Hawkins, beloved Hertford lady, is very sick at her home on Grubb Street. Mrs. Hawkins, who has been in more or less poor health for some time, has appeared to be reasonably well recently. She was taken worse on Monday of this week. Her condition was reported somewhat improved Thursday morning.

County School Official Faced With Shortage Of Coal

Perquimans County schools are having an unexpected holiday during a part of this week. After two days of school, Monday and Tuesday, Superintendent F. T. Johnson decided that, due to the extremely cold and disagreeable weather and a threatened coal shortage, it was best to close the schools for the remainder of the week.

Weather conditions have been unusually disagreeable this week, with snow on the ground and the weather colder than we have had it here in Perquimans in eighteen years. As a result a great many children have been unable to attend school, particularly those children who live at a distance from the bus stops.

The coal supply for the county schools, which is shipped direct from the mines, through State agencies, is limited at present, and a carload expected to arrive at any time, has not yet shown up. Weather conditions being such as they are, coupled with the limited coal supply, Mr. Johnson thought it best to take a holiday.

The schools are scheduled to open on Monday.

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Manager Of New Rose Store Arrives

W. M. Matheson, manager of the new Rose's Store, which will open in Hertford in the near future, has arrived in Hertford to take over his duties.

Although a quantity of merchandise has already been received into the building, which is rapidly being made ready for the opening, Mr. Matheson said this week it would be probably two weeks before the store will open for business.

The building, formerly occupied by the Grocery Sales Company, has been undergoing considerable repairs and remodeling during the past few weeks.

3,197 Bales Cotton Ginned To Jan. 16

There were 3,197 bales of cotton ginned in Perquimans County from the crop of 1935 prior to January 16, 1936, as compared with 4,622 bales ginned to January 16, 1935, according to W. M. Harrell, special agent.