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Every Citizen Is Urged To Attend Mass Meeting Here

Opportunity to Pave About Half of City's Sidewalks

WPA LABOR

Whole Matter Will Be Thoroughly Discussed At Meeting Tonight

It begins to look like the town is going somewhere with its idea of securing money through the WPA for paving sidewalks and possibly making other improvements.

A mass meeting is called for tonight at 7:30 at the Courthouse by the Board of Town Commissioners, and the citizens are urged to attend. Something really definite is being worked out and the plans and proposals will be given out to the public tonight.

Corbin Dozier, engineer for the WPA, has been at work for the past week on surveys and estimates preliminary to the project which it is believed the citizens will vote to put through.

Not all of the sidewalks of the town can be paved through this agency. There are, according to R. N. Hines, Commissioner of Public Works, six miles of unpaved sidewalks in the town of Hertford. Mr. Dozier said this week that possibly half of these sidewalks could be paved, if the town decides to assume its part of the expense, through the WPA. All labor is furnished by the WPA, and, according to Mr. Dozier, there is only sufficient WPA labor here to take care of the work on about three miles of sidewalks.

The names of the streets having unpaved sidewalks have been printed on a handbill prepared by the town officials, which will be handed out to the citizens at the Courthouse tonight and they will have an opportunity to check the sidewalks they consider most necessary to be paved. The question is asked "Are you in favor of these improvements being made at the present time even though the Town would have to issue bonds and assess taxes to cover the cost?" It is possible that the sidewalks may be paved by the assessing of a minor portion of the cost on the property owners adjoining the pavement.

The whole matter is to be gone into thoroughly tonight and the town officials are urging the attendance of every interested citizen as the project will depend upon the reaction of the citizens to the proposed plan.

Eightieth Birthday Of Mr. Sumner Observed

A very merry family party gathered around the fireside at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Sr., on Sunday afternoon, to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Sumner.

Probably no one would guess, from Mr. Sumner's appearance and his activity, that it was the eightieth birthday Mr. Sumner had passed.

All of the children and grandchildren who live in Hertford were present on Sunday afternoon when the large birthday cake with its many candles was cut and served with ice cream.

Those present included, in addition to the members of the family who live at home, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Jr., and their two children, Charles and Clara; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Sumner, and their little son, Tommy; Mrs. D. M. Feld and her three children, William Sumner, Mary and Ford.

Robert Hollowell Honored At Duke

Robert Hollowell, who is a sophomore at Duke University this year, is making a fine record. As a result of doing honor work, his name recently appeared on the Dean's List, which carries with it the privilege of being excused from all classes unless he wishes to attend.

Robert was recently pledged to the Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity, which is an honorary fraternity.

Robert Hollowell, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Hollowell, it will be remembered was the president of his class in Perquimans High School in 1934.

HIT OR MISS

Don't forget that town meeting tonight!

Adam Had 'em
The above is said to be the shortest poem ever written, and a fitting short story to accompany the poem is the following:
Algy met a bear.
This bear was bulgy.
The bulge was Algy.

Congratulations to Mr. C. F. Sumner, who was hale and hearty on his eightieth birthday which fell on last Sunday.

Tommy Sumner observed his second birthday on February 13, when a few of his friends gathered to enjoy the birthday cake with ice cream. Joe Towe, who is some three weeks Tommy's junior, never has been aware that he is a baby, which is probably also true of Tommy. "Take Tommy," said Joe. "Go ahead and take Tommy, then," he was told. So Joe placed his arms about the body of his friend, but the "taking" wasn't so easy, after all, and the two youngsters rolled over on the floor, which was all in the day's fun. Tommy, if you please, considers himself quite as grown up as Joe and doubtless wonders "what the heck."

They are two husky youngsters, and it is a toss up which is more of a man.

Boys, don't shoot at the seagulls. Not only might your actions result in serious consequences for you, as it is a violation of the law, but residents of the waterfront are greatly displeased at having the gulls frightened away. Seagulls in greater numbers than have ever been seen before, feed about the river shore around the town this winter, and the folks down on the Point put out food and endeavor to coax the pretty birds to stay around. B. C. Berry says that Mrs. Berry takes the food off the table to feed the seagulls. Twenty-four of them were seen at one time on the Berry's lawn.

Revenue Collector In Hertford March 10 To Help In Filing

For the convenience of those who are required by law to file Federal income tax returns, a deputy collector of Internal Revenue will be at Hertford, N. C., on March 10, 1936, to assist taxpayers in preparing their returns. No charge will be made for this service. The matter of filing your income tax return should be given immediate attention, in order to avoid penalty and interest.

If your net income is \$1,000 or over or your gross income is \$5,000 or over and you are single (or if married and not living with husband or wife), you are required to file a return. If you are married and living with husband or wife and your net income is \$2,500 or over or your gross income is \$5,000 or over, you are required to file a return.

The return for the calendar year 1935 shall be filed not later than March 15, 1936, with the Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which you reside or have your principal place of business.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION MET ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Woman's Missionary Union of Whiteville Grove Church met Friday afternoon with Mrs. W. T. Smith at her home near Belvidere. The meeting opened with the "Woman's Hymn" and Mrs. W. T. Smith conducted the devotional. The lesson was presented by Mrs. C. V. Ward. Mrs. W. T. Smith dismissed the meeting. Jello and cakes were served during the social hour.

Those present were: Mrs. Maude Chappell, Mrs. T. P. Layden, Mrs. J. A. Chappell, Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Miss Olive Layden, Mrs. Warren Cartwright, Mrs. W. T. Smith, and Mrs. C. V. Ward.

FORCED AGAIN TO DELAY OPENING COUNTY SCHOOLS

Now Expected Sessions Can Be Held Next Monday

17 DAYS LOST

Consider Teaching Saturdays to Make up Lost Time

The Perquimans County Schools have had another week of enforced vacation, due to the disagreeable weather conditions and to the bad condition of many of the dirt roads over which the busses have to travel.

The last of the snow was melted during the latter part of the week by a heavy rain, leaving the roads, which were already in a terrible condition, much worse. It had been planned that the schools would open on Monday but the plans were abandoned and it was announced that Wednesday was the day set for the opening. However, at that time it was found necessary that the opening be postponed until Monday of next week.

Seventeen school days have been lost during the months of January and February because of weather conditions. This time will, of course, have to be made up.

Superintendent F. T. Johnson said this week that a suggestion had been made that a portion of this time be made up by teaching on Saturdays, and the suggestion will probably be acted upon. To keep the schools open on Saturdays for several weeks a little later on, when the weather conditions improve and the days are longer, is believed to be the best solution of the problem. By doing this, Mr. Johnson says, the schools could close the latter part of the month of May.

Certain of the rural grammar schools have been in operation throughout this week, where the parents have transported the children to and from school.

Post Office Closed All Day Saturday

Washington's Birthday will be observed on Saturday by the Hertford Postoffice, which will be closed all day.

The stamp window will be open from 11 a. m. to 12 M., and from 2 p. m. to 2:30 p. m.

There will be no city delivery and no rural delivery, but mail will be dispatched as usual.

The Hertford Banking Company is not taking a holiday on Washington's Birthday this year, as the holiday falls on Saturday and to have the bank closed would be a hardship on many of the patrons.

That the holiday will not be observed in the schools is due to the fact that the schools are closed. Whether or not there will be belated programs in memory of the Father of our Country when school opens next week, has not been learned.

U. D. C. Entertained By Joint Hostesses

The Skinner-Jones Chapter of the U. D. C. met on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. T. B. Sumner, with Mrs. Sumner, Mrs. B. G. Koonce and Mrs. W. G. Wright as joint hostesses.

In carrying out the program, the subject of which was George Washington, which was in charge of Mrs. B. G. Koonce, it was necessary to use thirteen persons, representing the thirteen original colonies, and it so happened that there were present exactly thirteen members, as follows: Mesdames Nathan Tucker, C. V. Williford, Thomas Nixon, C. F. Sumner, Sr., W. H. Hardcastle, J. J. Fleetwood, and R. T. Clarke, Misses Matilda Newbold, Kate Blanchard, Mae Wood Winslow, and Mary Sumner, and the three hostesses.

PICTURES OF MISSIONS FIELDS SHOWN AT UP RIVER CHURCH

Rev. Murray Johnson and Howard Yow, of Greensboro, showed pictures of the mission fields of Cuba and Jamaica at Up River Friends Church Sunday evening. A large crowd attended and the service was enjoyed.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lane at their home on Pender Road, on February 5, 1936, a daughter.

ANDERSON URGES PROPER SEED FOR COTTON PLANTING

Says Seed Grown In Perquimans Lacks Germination

MANY HAZARDS

Certified Seed Necessary to Grow 15/16 Inch Staple

A warning to cotton planters is given by County Agent L. W. Anderson, who says that much of the cotton seed grown in Perquimans last year is unfit for planting.

Cotton seed for planting should germinate 90 percent, and a recent test made of 30 samples of cotton seed grown last year in different sections of Perquimans disclosed that in some instances only 40 percent would germinate, which means that less than half of such seed planted would come up, even if all other conditions were favorable.

That a poor stand of cotton was pretty general throughout the County last year was in all probability largely due to the fact that poor seed was planted, said Mr. Anderson, who asserts that poor seed are dear at any price. There are too many hazards which are unavoidable which the farmer must take in planting cotton to permit of the unnecessary one of planting seed which may not come up, he said.

Mr. Anderson called attention to the fact that certified cotton seed are for sale in Hertford, and that all of the certified cotton seed offered for sale here are seed which will produce 15-16 inch staple, which is not true of much of the cotton grown in the County. It is becoming more and more important to grow 15-16 inch staple, as the mills are demanding this length staple rather than the 7-8 inch which has been grown pretty generally in Perquimans in the past.

Demonstration Agent Returns Next Week

Miss Gladys Hamrick, Home Demonstration Agent for the two counties of Perquimans and Gates, who is spending the latter part of the month in Gatesville, will be back in Perquimans on Saturday of next week. Miss Hamrick's office, the petit jury room in the courthouse, is now being used by the group of ladies who are at work on the indexing of the county records, and Miss Hamrick has office room in the office of L. W. Anderson, the County Agent.

Mrs. Ellen Ann Hobbs Funeral Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Ellen Ann Hobbs, age 66, widow of the late J. C. Hobbs, were held on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Hobbs' death was caused by an attack of pneumonia, following a stroke of paralysis, and she died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Roger Cullipher, near Mt. Gould, Bertie County, on Monday. Services were held in Warwick Baptist Church, Chowan County, with Rev. Frank Cale, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment was made in the family burying ground near Hobbsville.

The pallbearers were: J. E. Cullipher, E. G. Blanchard, G. A. Hobbs, Dr. T. W. Blanchard, Albert Hobbs, and W. L. Riddick.

Mrs. Hobbs is survived by four sons, Percy Hobbs of Washington, D. C., Gurney and Noel Hobbs of Edenton, Linwood Hobbs of Winfall; four daughters, Mrs. Lloyd Ferrell of Magnolia, Mrs. George Oglesby of Morehead City, Mrs. Roger Cullipher of Mount Gould and Miss Minnie Hobbs of Robersonville.

Calvin Hobbs of Bethel is a stepson of the deceased lady.

Miss Sumner Hostess To Mother's Friends

Miss Mary Sumner delightfully entertained a number of the friends of her mother, Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Sr., on Monday afternoon at an informal at home.

Those present included Mesdames Herbert Newby, Ewart Newby, R. W. Smith, R. D. Elliott, Thomas Nixon, T. J. Nixon, Jr., Nathan Tucker, R. B. Cox, Frank Babb, and Miss Pattie Whedbee.

Farmers Watch With Much Interest Fate Of Farm Bill

Mustache Offered As Part Security

A mustache was named as a part of the security conveyed in a certain chattel mortgage on record in the Perquimans County Courthouse in Hertford.

The chattel mortgage, given by Isaac Eason, a well-known colored man who lived at Belvidere, conveyed a brown mule and a black mustache to Winslow & White, the mortgage being to secure the purchase price of the mule from the firm which dealt in mules and horses.

Neither the mule nor the mustache was forfeited, however, and the mortgage, which was paid in full, was duly cancelled. Eason wore his mustache, which was conspicuous for its length, to the day of his death.

Sportsmen Warned Season Is Closed

No more hunting this season may be lawfully indulged in. The season for shooting birds, fowl and game has closed, as well as the time for trapping wild animals.

J. H. Newbold, Perquimans County Game Warden, is desirous of having the matter brought to the attention of the people of the county that it is no longer lawful to hunt or trap. The season closed entirely on February 15.

Game was plentiful in Perquimans this year and hunters enjoyed great sport during the early part of the season, when squirrels, rabbits, quail, ducks and other game were shot in abundance. The wild life suffered greatly during the extremely cold weather this winter, particularly when there was so much snow. Many hunters who had formerly indulged in the sport of hunting would no longer shoot the birds and animals, feeling that to take advantage of the extremity of the helpless creatures was un-sportsmanlike. Rather, efforts were made in many instances to furnish food for the birds.

However, there were many who did not take this humane attitude toward the creatures of the field and forest, and while the rabbits especially suffered, sometimes they were struck down with small sticks and killed in great numbers.

In order to avoid a scarcity of game next season, if for no other reason, it is believed to be imperative that the law with reference to killing birds and game be rigidly adhered to.

Motorists Pick Up Geese Along Road

Coming from Elizabeth City one night last week, a certain Hertford citizen saw a couple of men who had alighted from a truck chasing a couple of geese in the road. The man went on up the road and reported the matter, and meantime the geese had been caught and the thieves had gone on their way. The geese proved to be the property of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Whedbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Whedbee had saved two geese and a gander for breeding purposes, and both geese, which happened not to have been shut in their coop that night, were stolen.

With thieves of this type abroad in the land, farmers will find it necessary to be more careful as to shutting up the barnyard fowls at night. Added to the hazard of being run there is that of being stolen.

Miss Mary Sumner Hostess To Friends

Miss Mary Sumner was hostess to a number of her friends at a delightful bridge party on Tuesday afternoon. The decorations and favors featured the Valentine idea.

Mrs. W. H. Oakey, Jr., was the winner of the prize for top score and Mrs. T. P. Brinn won the low score prize.

Dainty refreshments were served. Those present included Mesdames T. P. Brinn, Walter H. Oakey, Jr., T. L. Jessup, Henry Clay Stokes, George Barbee, Sidney Elliott, C. R. Holmes, Silas M. Whedbee, W. H. Pitt, J. H. Towe, Jr., and R. N. Hines; Misses Esther Evans, Maude Pridgen, Nancy Woods, Eloise Scott, Helen Morgan and Elizabeth Knowles.

Measure Calls For Expenditure of Five Billion Dollars

GOES TO HOUSE

Would Pay Nation's Farmers For Curtailing Production

The Perquimans County farmers who have been watching with interest the fate of the farm relief bill, sponsored by the administration as a means of relieving the acute situation brought about in agriculture by the collapse of the AAA, were pleased to learn that the bill was overwhelmingly passed by the United States Senate last Saturday. The vote was 56 to 20. The bill now goes to the House.

The measure calls for \$5,000,000,000 to be used in a soil conservation-subsidy brand of crop control. It would authorize expenditure of a half-billion dollars in federal subsidies to farmers based on their acreage of crop land, soil-improving and erosion-preventing crops, changes in farm practices and a percentage of normal production entering domestic channels.

Temporary and permanent federal aid systems would be set up under which farmers would be paid directly or through states for curtailing production, for soil conservation and other economic uses of lands.

The bill as passed by the Senate would authorize half a billion dollars for that program.

The temporary system would run for two years, during which the Secretary of Agriculture would be given virtually unlimited power to make grants to farmers on the basis of the productivity of their lands during the year for which payments are made.

After January 1, 1938, the permanent system would become operative, with states having the right to adopt control system subject to Federal formulas and receiving Federal subsidies to carry them out.

No aid would be given after two years where a state took no affirmative action.

State legislatures meeting any time before the two years are up could adopt a plan and join the permanent system immediately, but the Secretary of Agriculture would have veto power over the plans and administrative personnel.

Under the temporary plan, Federal grants would be measured by the acreage of crop land, acreage of soil-improving or erosion-preventing crops, changes in farming practices during the year in which payments are made, and the percentage of normal production required for domestic consumption.

No contracts, such as were entered into under the AAA, would be permitted.

The secretary could utilize the old AAA personnel and also the agricultural extension service, county and community committees of producers or such other state agencies as he deems necessary.

Payments would be subject to review only by the secretary, but with the Comptroller General having the authority to pass on legal phases.

No state plan would be approved unless it provided for an efficient administrative agency or for submission to Washington of such reports as are deemed necessary to ascertain whether the plan is being carried out according to its terms.

On or before November 1 of each year, the secretary would apportion among states that adopt soil plans the funds for carrying out the control methods in the next calendar year.

In determining the amounts, the secretary is directed to consider "the acreage and value of the major soil-depleting and major export crops produced in the respective states during a representative period."

As an amendment to the 1935 soil conservation act, the bill declares the broad policy aims to be:

- 1—Preservation and improvement of soil fertility.
 - 2—Promotion of the economic use and conservation of land.
 - 3—Diminution of exploitation and wasteful and unscientific use of national soil resources.
 - 4—Reestablishment and maintenance of farmers' purchasing power.
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Attend Mass Meeting At Court House Tonight - 7:30