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CITIZENS FREELY DISCUSS IDEA TO PAVE SIDEWALKS

Large Crowd Attends Mass Meeting Monday Night

MUCH INTEREST

Want More Data and Another Meeting Will Be Called

As a result of a full and free discussion at the mass meeting held at the court house on Monday night of the proposed town improvements, and of suggestions made as to other improvements than had been proposed by the town authorities, machinery was set in motion to go further into the matter, to procure necessary data and estimates, and to make surveys and possible canvasses, and hold another meeting in the near future in order to decide definitely what shall be done.

Only twenty-five persons braved the heavy snowstorm on Friday night, when the first meeting was called by the town council to consider taking advantage of the funds available for improvements through the WPA, and the meeting was postponed until Monday night, when a large crowd was present.

In the absence of Mayor Winslow, who was out of town, A. W. Hefren, of the Board of Town Commissioners, presided. Mr. Hefren stated in brief terms the purpose of the meeting, stating that the town officials were desirous of learning the sentiment of the citizens of the town, and asked W. C. Dozier, engineer, representing the WPA, to state what the cost would be to the town or the property owners for the paved sidewalks which had been contemplated. Mr. Dozier stated that government funds were available to take care of the entire cost other than the equipment and approximately an amount equal to about 15 cents per lineal foot. He stated that a four-foot sidewalk would cost on property of a fifty-foot frontage approximately \$6.60, and that the cost would in no case exceed \$8.80.

Dr. C. A. Davenport, speaking for the town council, said "We are not here to try to get this thing done. What we wish to do is to get it decided by the town as a whole." Dr. Davenport further stated that the town was operating on a margin and that it takes the income to operate. "There are," said Dr. Davenport, "several persons in town who think we ought to get some of this WPA money, that if we can get \$6,000 worth of pavement for \$2,000, that if we can get a mile of pavement for approximately \$700, it just looks like it ought to be done." Dr. Davenport asked that anybody who was interested in the matter get up and speak.

L. N. Hollowell was among the strong advocates of paving wherever property owners were willing to have the work done, and suggested that the town appoint canvassers, to be paid for their work, to canvass the property owners.

Former Mayor E. L. Reed asked whether or not it were possible for the town to borrow the two thousand dollars necessary to put the project across, and the answer was no.

Mr. Hefren stated that we have a lot of bonds to pay which are in default.

At this point W. G. Newby, town clerk, offered some figures to show what condition the town is in at the present, and stated that the town lacks about \$3,000 levying enough taxes to take care of the bonded indebtedness of the town.

J. S. McNider expressed his disapproval of the sidewalk project with vehemence. Mr. McNider brought up the matter of the paving of King street, stating that although he did not own a foot of property on the street, he felt that it was of vastly more importance that this street be paved than that sidewalks should be paved at this time, or that certain other streets which were certainly going to have to be repaired shortly, be repaired.

There was an evident concurrence of opinion with Mr. McNider's ideas on the part of a number of persons, and it was decided that this matter should be looked into, as well as the matter of extending the sewerage system to take in King Street.

James Ewart Newby called attention to the fact that the sidewalks of at least two of the streets of the town should be paved, under any circumstances, as a protection to the school children of the town. These

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SEEKING FURTHER LAURELS



1935 Perquimans County High School Basketball Team

Above appears last year's Perquimans High School's championship basketball squad, which with one exception includes this year's team, Hattie Nowell not appearing in the picture. The team is now participating in the Invitational Tournament in Elizabeth City and in March will seek further honors in Rocky Mount.

H. S. BASKETBALL TEAMS ENTERED IN TOURNAMENTS

Both Boys and Girls Play in E. City Over Week-end

SPIRITS HIGH

Girls Will Again Enter Competition at Rocky Mount March 12-14

The two basketball teams, both girls and boys, of the Perquimans High School, are taking part in the Invitational Basketball Tournament in Elizabeth City this week-end.

The tournament, sponsored by the Y. M. C. A., of Elizabeth City, was won last year by Perquimans High girls, that team which is as yet undefeated, and which brought home in all thirty-one medals, trophies, and so forth last year. They were the winners in the Invitational Tournament at Rocky Mount last year.

The girls did not lose a game last year and haven't lost one this. With one exception, it is the same team. Ruth Adelaide Nowell is missing this year, having been a member of last year's graduating class, but Edith Everett succeeded Ruth Adelaide as captain of the team, and she is a fast little worker. The new member is another Nowell, Hattie. The others on this crack team are Mabel Spivey, Prue Newby, Eula Nixon.

This team will take part in the Rocky Mount Tournament on March 12, 13 and 14.

Due to conflicting dates, the team was unable to accept the invitation to play in a Raleigh tournament.

Miss Nancy Woods is the coach. Coach Rogers is taking his boys over with high hopes of making a good showing and the boys are in high spirits and hopeful of success.

Well Known Couple Married in Ahoskie

A wedding of interest throughout this section was that of Mrs. Eula Bright Perry, of Chapanoke, and Mr. Cecil F. Garrett, of Elizabeth City, which took place in Ahoskie, on Wednesday, February 19.

The ceremony was performed in the Methodist Church at Ahoskie, with the pastor, the Rev. J. L. Smith, a former pastor of the bride, officiating.

After a wedding trip to various points in Florida and Cuba, the couple will be at home at Chapanoke.

Mrs. Garrett, who is very popular in Hertford and Perquimans County with a wide circle of friends, is a daughter of the late George W. Bright and Mrs. Bright, of Parkville.

The bridegroom, who is a prominent young business man of Elizabeth City, is secretary and treasurer of the Atlantic Discount Corporation, of that place.

Mrs. Charles Johnson Sick
Mrs. Charles Johnson is confined to her bed by illness.

N-S Freight Train Fastest In South

The through freight train which runs every twenty-four hours between Norfolk, Va., and Charlotte, over the Norfolk Southern Railroad, is said to make the best time of any freight train in the entire South.

The train is due to leave Norfolk at 6:45 in the afternoon and to reach Charlotte at 6:50 the next afternoon. The distance between the two points is 385 miles. Only six stops are made on the route.

SHERIFF WINSLOW RAIDS STILL NEAR SKINNER BRIDGE

Confiscates 45 Gallons of Liquor and Equipment; Operators Make Escape in Woods

Plenty of liquor and enough of the wherewithal for the manufacture of a goodly quantity, as well as all the equipment necessary for the business, was found by Sheriff J. E. Winslow on Monday afternoon when he made a raid in the woods near Skinner's Bridge.

The plant was located close enough to Hertford as to be of easy access to any one interested, being something like a mile and a quarter from the town limits.

The Sheriff and his deputies surprised the operators, who made off in the woods in great haste as the officers came upon the scene. There was one white man and there were two Negroes, according to Sheriff Winslow, who did not get close enough to recognize any of the parties.

Forty-five gallons of newly made corn liquor was confiscated, as well as the still and other equipment.

Piano Pupils To Give Concert Friday Night

Miss Kate M. Blanchard's piano pupils and others will take part in the concert to be given on Friday night of this week at the Hertford Grammar School. The glee club of the Perquimans High School, as well as that of the Hertford Grammar School, will take part in the program.

A very cordial invitation is given by Miss Blanchard to the public to attend.

Lent Observed At Holy Trinity Church

Ash Wednesday was observed at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church by the Holy Communion Service at 10 o'clock in the morning and evening service at 8 o'clock.

For the remainder of the Lenten season the services will be held as follows: Evening services at 8 o'clock on Wednesday night, and Holy Communion at 10 o'clock on Thursday morning.

Mr. Harrell Improving
C. M. Harrell has been quite sick for the past ten days. His condition is reported as much improved.

SCHOOLS REOPEN AFTER 18 DAYS FORCED CLOSING

Children Went Back to School On Tuesday Morning

SNOW GONE

Everybody Apparently Weather

Hundreds of children went back to school on Tuesday of this week, after an enforced vacation of eighteen days brought about by weather conditions.

It was announced last week that the schools would open on Monday, but again the weather took a hand in the matter.

On Thursday noon it began snowing, with snow falling most of the afternoon, leaving a light coating on the ground Friday. By Friday it had grown much colder and at noon that day snow began to fall, continuing throughout the afternoon and until late bed-time. On Saturday morning there was about as much snow on the ground as we had had at any time during the winter, except possibly the time when one heavy snow fell upon another some time back. So the opening of the schools was again postponed, this time only for one more day, as the snow melted fast.

All of this week has been like spring with high temperatures, bright, warm sunshine, and the spirits of every one soars with the mercury. Probably never before have people so generally appreciated good weather.

Case Worker Speaks To Guild Members

Miss Ruth Davenport, Case Worker for the Perquimans County Welfare Department, made a very interesting talk before the ladies of St. Catherine's Guild, of the Episcopal Church, which met on Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. W. H. Hardcastle. Miss Davenport gave an outline of her duties and some very interesting information.

After the business session and the program a social hour was enjoyed when the hostess served refreshments.

Those present included, in addition to Miss Davenport, Mrs. W. A. Williams, Mrs. R. B. Kirby, Miss Mae Wood Winslow, Mrs. Clyde McCallum, Mrs. H. A. Whitley, Mrs. J. L. Tucker, Mrs. J. E. Winslow, Mrs. W. T. Brown, Mrs. Thomas Nixon, Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Sr., Mrs. Nathan Tucker, Mrs. R. B. Cox, Miss Jocelyn Whedbee, Mrs. Hollowell Nixon and Mrs. J. H. Newbold.

Mrs. Towe Improves

Mrs. J. H. Towe, Sr., has been quite sick for the past two weeks. Her condition is much improved, however, and she was able to be out on the porch on Wednesday.

Farmers Of Perquimans County Form Temporary Branch Of Farm Bureau

SEEK LOCATION IN HERTFORD FOR PLANE MARKER

Letters on Sign Directing Planes to Norfolk Minimum of Seven Feet In Height

W. C. Dozier was searching Wednesday for an appropriate building on the roof of which to place the airplane direction markers which are to be located in Hertford.

No ordinary building will do, as quite a large surface is required for the markers, which will consist of the word "Norfolk," to be inclosed in a design of an arrow pointing in the direction of the Norfolk Airport, which is the nearest airport to Hertford, below which design will appear the word "Hertford."

The Perquimans High School has been named as a very appropriate building on which to locate the marker, which is a WPA project. Not only must the matter of size be considered, but the permanency of the building is of importance.

Other buildings have, however, been mentioned in connection with the markers, the letters of which are of a minimum height of seven feet.

Stolen Automobile Is Recovered By Sheriff

"My wife stole the car," said Thomas Johnson, the Negro picked up by Sheriff J. E. Winslow on Friday, "she took it herself." "It's no such a thing," denied Mary. "That man has stole three automobiles since I and he was married five months ago."

The automobile, a Buick, was being driven when the gas gave out. Fred Winslow, Winfall garage man, towed the car to his place, where Johnson offered to trade an extra tire on the car for gasoline. Mr. Winslow wasn't particularly anxious to trade and hesitated for a moment, and then Sheriff J. E. Winslow, who happened to come along, began to make some little examination of the automobile. It was then that Johnson departed for parts unknown. He decamped immediately, leaving over the rear wheel of the car and scampering off like a frightened rabbit, and giving the show away.

Sheriff Winslow got the bloodhounds from Woodville and began a search, but there was a blizzard raging and the dogs couldn't catch the scent through the snow and it was all off, apparently. But Johnson had left his wife, Mary, at the home of a family near where the car gave out of gas, so she was taken into custody. The next morning Johnson returned to the house looking for his wife, and there he was picked up. He had walked seven miles through the snow only to literally fall into the hands of the officers. Then he joined his wife in the county jail. Meantime the Sheriff had received the necessary information as to a Buick car missing from Norfolk, and officers came down and took the pair back to the Virginia city for trial.

Perquimans Girl Married In Suffolk

A marriage of interest to their many friends took place on Saturday, February 15, at Suffolk, Va., when Miss Thelma Riddick became the bride of Mr. Gilmore Rountree.

The bride wore a swagger suit of navy blue, with accessories to match.

Mrs. Rountree, who has for some time held a position in Richmond, Va., is the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Riddick, of Perquimans County. The bridegroom, who is a prominent young farmer of Corapeake, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Rountree, of that place. The young couple are making their home near Corapeake.

Pender's Observing 36th Anniversary

The 36th anniversary of the founding of the Pender Grocery Company is being observed this week in the stores of this chain organization. As a special feature of the event all stores are offering attractive prices on the goods carried, which can be seen in the advertisement in this issue of The Weekly.

J. T. Benton Elected Chairman at Wednesday's Meeting

FARMERS SPEAK

County-wide Meeting Will Be Called In Near Future

The temporary officers elected on Wednesday at a meeting of farmers held in the courthouse, to perfect a permanent organization of the Farm Bureau, included J. T. Benton, chairman; B. W. Thach, secretary; and the township committeemen as follows: A. T. Lane and Seth Long, of Hertford Township; Young Berry and Charles E. White, of Bethel Township; Dr. E. S. White and H. L. Williams, of Belvidere; A. J. Jordan and George Alexander, of Parkville; and Earl M. Perry and C. W. Umphlett, of New Hope.

A county-wide meeting of farmers will be called in the near future when a permanent organization with permanent officers, which may or may not compose the same personnel as those named at the meeting held on Wednesday, will be formed.

L. W. Anderson, County Agent, presided at the meeting held on Wednesday when over one hundred farmers were present to hear R. W. Holston, County Agent of Butler County, Alabama, explain the purposes and objectives of the organization. Mr. Anderson also outlined the benefits to be secured from becoming members of this great farm organization, which he described as one of the strongest organizations of its kind in the country. There are 5,000,000 in the organization, the organization is a great deal stronger in the West than in the eastern section of the country, it is said, and North Carolina is one of the few states which until recently has had no representation of the Farm Bureau.

The temporary state headquarters of the organization recently formed is at Greenville.

The Farm Bureau purports to be an educational and public affairs organization. It furnishes an organized group and the machinery through which the Extension Service of the State College at Raleigh, with its county farm and home demonstration agents may work in extending the educational and social program of that institution to the farm people of the State.

One of the principal objectives of the organization is to see that the farmer gets the proper consideration through legislation. Mr. Anderson, quoting that "in union there is strength," stated that no one farmer can tell one senator or congressman what he wants and expect to get it. "But," he said, "organized farmers can tell Washington what they want and some attention will be paid to them."

That the Farm Bureau and other farm organizations were largely responsible for the steps taken for the benefit of the farmer during the present administration, was set forth. The fact that when the Agricultural Adjustment Act was invalidated, it was these farm organizations which immediately set machinery in motion to make substitute programs effective, was also brought out.

In reference to the farm bill which is at present being made effective for the next two years as a temporary measure, Mr. Anderson stated that after two years the matter will be up to the states and that the federal government will make propositions to the various states, saying if you will do certain things we will make appropriations of so much money. The question was asked, suppose there was sufficient pressure brought to bear upon state legislatures that the states would decide not to cooperate with the federal government, then where would we as states be? Answering the question, Mr. Anderson said "We would not get one cent of that money."

Although the dues of the members of the Farm Bureau of the State of Illinois are \$15.00, it has been arranged that North Carolina farmers may join the organization at the rate of \$2.00 per year, which provides membership for every member of the household of which the head joins. More than a dozen farmers re-

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