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## Hertford Ready For Week's Clean-Up Campaign

### Sponsors Movement For Cleaner Politics

H. G. Winslow Thinks Certain Practices Unfair

#### SEEK SIGNERS

Purpose Is That Candidates Should Be Elected on Their Merits

H. G. Winslow, former Clerk of the Superior Court, of Perquimans, is sponsoring a movement for cleaner politics in Perquimans. Mr. Winslow believes that certain practices which he says are pretty generally followed in political campaigns are unfair and that they tend to demoralize the people as well as to work a hardship on the candidate for office.

It is no longer possible, according to Mr. Winslow's statement, for a candidate for office in Perquimans to conduct a campaign for any political office without spending considerable money. Persons are hired to work for the candidates, and on the day of the primaries automobiles are hired to haul candidates to the poles.

Mr. Winslow says this is a most unsatisfactory state of affairs, and though he is not a candidate for office, he is endeavoring to induce the voters of the county to consider the matter.

"Member of Clean Politics Club," reads the stickers which are being prepared for sticking on the windshields of automobiles of such voters in the county who are in accord with Mr. Winslow's idea along this line. In addition, a pledge card has been prepared, which may be signed by all who desire to cooperate in this matter, and which reads as follows:

"Pledge of Members of Perquimans County Clean Politics Club:"

"The undersigned will discourage in every way possible the following practices heretofore followed by candidates for political offices in Perquimans County: the hiring of workers during the campaign, the hiring of automobiles on the day of the primary and or election and the use of money or other things of value to influence votes for or against any candidate.

"The undersigned does hereby pledge to oppose in every way possible any candidate for political office in Perquimans County who engages in such evil practices, or uses any unfair methods whatsoever, believing that a candidate should win on his merits rather than according to the amount of money he has to spend to win in a primary and or election."

### Funeral Tuesday For Mrs. Chappell

Mrs. Dixie Coffield Chappell, 31, the wife of Romas Chappell, died at her home in the Chappell Hill Community on Monday after a brief illness of pneumonia. Funeral services were held from the home on Tuesday afternoon, with the Rev. Miss Alma Howell officiating. Burial took place in the family burying ground. Pallbearers were Ralph Perry, Walter Dail, Tom Chappell, Beechy Chappell, Archie Baccus and Horton Copeland.

Mrs. Chappell was a native of Perquimans, a daughter of the late K. B. and Mrs. Mary Coffield, of Hertford. Surviving are her husband, Romas Chappell, her mother, Mrs. Mary C. Chappell, three small daughters, Daisy, Mary Lee and Lillian Coffield, one son, Elvin; two sisters, Misses Helen and Fannie Mae Coffield, of Hertford; four brothers, Wallace and Clarence Coffield, of Hertford; Dallas Coffield, of Norfolk, Va.; and Milton Coffield, of Mississippi.

### Canning School At Community House

A canning school, to instruct in methods of canning fruits and vegetables, will be conducted at the Community House in Hertford on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, according to an announcement by Miss Gladys Hamrick, Home Demonstration Agent, who reports that a specialist from the State Department will be present to conduct the school. All members of home demonstration clubs are urged to be present on this occasion.

### 10-Gallon Straw



There have been straw hats and straw hats but it took the Texas Centennial Exposition, \$25,000,000 World's Fair opening in Dallas, June 6 to produce an authentic 10-gallon straw chapeau. Lucy Ann Snell demonstrates the hat, made at Laredo, Texas, of Texas straw.

### WOMAN'S CLUB INTERESTED IN JUNIOR GROUP

Idea of New Organization Will Be Discussed at Meeting Held Thursday Afternoon

The organization of a junior woman's club is one of the objectives of the executives of the Hertford Woman's Club. There are so many young women in Hertford who have never been members of the club, and who, it is believed, might be greatly interested in woman's club work carried on in an organization made up of young people. The matter will be brought up at the meeting of the Woman's Club on Thursday afternoon of next week for discussion.

This meeting will be one of general interest, and the program will be the annual contribution of the Literary Department in the way of programs, with members of the Book Club taking part.

Mrs. F. T. Johnson, the president, is urging every member to be present. Visitors also will be cordially welcomed.

### Hertford Group In Greensboro To Be In Music Contest

Hertford winners in the District High School Music Contest held some weeks ago in Elizabeth City, journeyed to Greensboro on Thursday of this week to take part in the State Contest being held there through Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In addition to Maude Keaton, vocal soloist, and Anne Tullis Felton, piano soloist, who won first place in the contest at Elizabeth City, Miss Kate Blanchard's Glee Club, including the following also went to Greensboro: Anna Penelope Tucker, Blanche Moore Berry, Julia Broughton, Margaret Broughton, Nancy Coke Darden, Florence Darden, Marjorie Buck, Mary Thad Chappell, Jeannette Perry, Nita Newbold, Mary Feild, Eugenia Gregory, Elizabeth Caddy, Celia Blanche Dail, Ellie Mae White, Alice Rogerson, Dorothy Strange and Ona Mary Stephens.

The chaperones include Miss Kate M. Blanchard, Mrs. T. W. Perry, Mrs. D. M. Jackson and Mrs. D. S. Darden.

This is the 17th annual State High School Music Contest, and information from the Woman's College, where the affair is held, is to the effect that enrollment surpasses all previous registrations.

The highlight of the three-day contest will be the concert by the Festival Chorus on Friday night. This chorus of 500 voices will be made up of choral groups from all high schools of the State and will be under the direction of the Westminster Choir School, Princeton, N. J.

Returns From Hospital  
Mrs. M. S. Elliott returned last week from the Protestant Hospital in Norfolk, Va., where she has been a patient for several weeks. Mrs. Elliott's condition is much improved.

### MANY AMATEURS PARTICIPATE IN UNIQUE PROGRAM

Two Weston Children Win First Prize Of \$10

#### TWO GET GONG

A. W. Hefren and Herbert Nixon Imitate Radio Stars

Evelyn and Nora Weston, two small children of Mr. and Mrs. William Weston, who live in the Harvey's Neck community, won the ten-dollar cash prize on Amateur Night, when the heaviest applause was given the two children after the little girl had sung a song to an accompaniment played on the mandolin by her brother. The two children had also previously taken part in a number which included several others.

It was a good program, indicating that here in Perquimans we have some very fine talent for entertaining, and there was a good crowd on hand to witness the performance, which included a great deal of singing and dancing.

The judges, selected, first, the five who received the heaviest applause at the time of their performance, and when these were called to the stage and each was given a turn at applause from the audience, the winner was selected from the heaviest hand.

The five chosen to appear in this last try-out were Katherine Jessup, Hillary Winslow, Jr., Shirley Perry, a team known as the White sisters, composed of Pauline, Eunice and Eula White, and the two Weston children, who won the prize.

Others who gave very fine performances were Jack Anderson, Peggy Felton, Addie Ruth Morgan, Katherine Anne Holmes, Ruth Tucker, Jean Newbold, Betty Winslow, Mrs. Riddick's Kindergarten, Ruth Davenport, Margaret Divers, George Feilds, Penelope Whedbee, Margaret Chappell, Anne Tullis Felton, Nita Newbold, Mrs. Howard Pitt, Hazel Maddrey, Zack White, Mary Wood Koonce, James Divers, Linford Pierce Norman Riddick, William Weston, Blakemore Weston, Ennis Phillips, and Vasti White.

A. W. Hefren as Major Bowes and Herbert Nixon as Graham McNamee were good, and one of the most amusing features was the burlesque piano duet by Misses Mary Helene Newby and Helene Nixon, who were given the gong.

### Attacked By Own Dog During Vaccination

Attacked by his own dog, C. O. White, prominent farmer who lives near Hertford, was badly injured on Tuesday.

Mr. White was assisting A. A. Nobles, Rabies Inspector, to inoculate the dog, which was said to be very vicious, when it broke loose from the men and attacked Mr. White, inflicting two severe gashes in his left shoulder and very seriously biting his right hand. On Thursday Mr. White was suffering intense pain from the injured hand, which he described as being badly chewed.

The dog was killed and its head sent to Raleigh for examination.

### EGGS COME HIGH!

The white hen kept flying up the tree. On more than one occasion she had been seen to take to the tall tree in the yard of the home of her owner, Mrs. R. B. Jordan, in Bagleys Swamp. But White Leghorns are rather prone to fly high. They seem to be more nearly related to the birds of the air than are other varieties of chickens in this respect.

And so when the hen flew up on her perch in the tree and swung herself to and fro, while it was somewhat noticeable, since chickens do not, as a rule, frequent tree tops, it wasn't particularly strange. That is, it wasn't strange when the hen did it one time. The White Leghorns often flew over the tall fence. They always liked a high perch. However this flying up the tree got to be a habit, apparently, for the white hen. Mrs. Jordan began to take notice that she stayed up there a little longer, too, than she had at first.

### PAUL STALLINGS FOUND GUILTY OF DRUNKEN DRIVING

Sentenced to 30 Days In Jail and Fined Fifty Dollars

#### TAKES APPEAL

Number of Other Defendants Face Judge Oakey Tuesday

Paul Stallings was found guilty of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor by Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., on Tuesday and a sentence imposed which included thirty days in jail and a fine of fifty dollars. Recommendation was also made that the defendant's driver's license be suspended for a period of twelve months. Mr. Stallings, through his attorney, James S. McNider, appealed to the Superior Court and appeal bond was fixed in the amount of two hundred dollars, whereupon, it was ordered that driver's license be suspended during the period when the appeal is pending and until the case is disposed of.

Trial of the case consumed several hours, with Mr. Stallings' counsel making a strong fight for acquittal, though no testimony was put on by the defense to contradict the testimony of a number of witnesses that Mr. Stallings drove his truck on the evening of April 3rd, while under the influence of liquor. Witnesses for the State included C. E. Walker, M. G. Owens, Ben Robinson, Mark Hathaway and Fordie Feild.

In reply to Attorney McNider's plea that the defendant not be deprived of the privilege of driving his truck, because of the fact that it is necessary for him to drive in pursuance of his daily occupation, Judge Oakey stated that, it was dangerous for him to be driving cars on the highway while under the influence of liquor. "They are trying to make life safer on the highways," he said. "It may work a hardship on a few, but it will save the lives of many. The revocation of the driver's license is the real teeth in this law. A man doesn't mind so much paying a fine of fifty dollars, but he does hate to be deprived of the privilege of driving his car, and, after all, that's what he kills folks with on the highway."

In the case of Hudson Butler, charged with having in his place of business an illegal slot machine, which case had been continued for several weeks in an effort to have included in the warrant the owner of the machine, who lives outside the State, a fine of twenty-five dollars was imposed and the slot machine and its contents were confiscated. Credits were allowed Mr. Butler of the value of the machine, the contents, and the amount of license paid.

Julian Powell, who pled guilty to the charge of reckless driving, was dismissed upon payment of the court costs, his driver's license being suspended for a period of thirty days.

Gilbert Sutton, Link Jackson and Earl Spence, all colored, tried for the larceny of soya beans. Sutton was found guilty and given 60 days in jail, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fifteen dollar fine. Jackson was found guilty and given (Continued on Page Five)

### Residents Urged To Help Clean Up Town

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Everybody is called upon to cooperate in the Clean Up Campaign in Hertford next week. The slogan, "Clean Up, Paint Up, Fix Up," which got its start from the enterprising merchants who first began to improve their places of business, making the down town section look made over and ready for spring, is expected to spread until the whole town is cleaned up, from one end to the other, without a back yard left unimproved or an alley not clean.

The merchants of Hertford, who did not wait for Clean Up Week, but who have already done a thorough job of spring cleaning and set their own houses in order, are offering to the householder every inducement to cooperate in the campaign, by giving unusual bargains in everything to aid in cleaning and improving. In this week's issue of The Perquimans Weekly will be found bargains in every kind of cleaning aid. Paints also are offered at bargain prices, and the boosters of this campaign are anxious that every one who can take advantage of these bargains and take this opportunity to paint up and improve their premises.

Those owning vacant lots on which trash or debris of any kind has accumulated are asked to clean such premises and make them less unsightly.

Attention has been called particularly to the property in the immediate rear of the stores on the west side of Church Street. Weeds are already flourishing on this lot, mixed with which is an unsightly lot of waste paper and boxes. Certain property owners whose property adjoins this lot have frequently complained of the neglected appearance of this property. Such spots as this should be looked after by the owners. The National Clean Up Week has as objectives the safeguarding of health and safety; the promotion of employment and thrift; the furtherance of fire prevention, the promotion of better housing, the stimulating of civic pride and making the home city beautiful.

### JOINT PROGRAM BY MUSIC CLUBS HERE ON MAY 8

District's Contribution to National Music Week; Visiting Clubs Take Part

An event of importance in music circles will be held in Hertford on May 8, when the music clubs of the Eastern District of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs will give a joint program. The affair will be held in the auditorium of the Grammar School, at 8 o'clock in the evening, and the public is invited to be present.

This will be the District's contribution to National Music Week, which is observed that week, according to an announcement made by Mrs. R. M. Riddick, of Hertford, Junior Counsellor.

The clubs taking part will include Robersonville, Windsor, Edenton, Conway, Manteo, Elizabeth City Symphony Orchestra, Perquimans High Glee Club, Hertford Grammar School Glee Club and the Chaminade Club of Hertford.

### Mother Capt. Stephens Dies Very Suddenly

Mrs. A. B. Stephens, the mother of Capt. C. G. Stephens, of Hertford, died suddenly at her home in Suffolk, Va., on Thursday of last week. Mrs. Stephens' death occurred while her son, Capt. Stephens, was spending the day at his mother's home. She was ill for only a few minutes with a heart attack.

Funeral services were held at the home on Saturday afternoon, and burial took place in the family plot in the Suffolk Cemetery.

Mrs. Stephens, who was 71 years of age, is survived by her husband, A. B. Stephens, of Suffolk, one son, Capt. C. G. Stephens, of Hertford, a daughter, Mrs. Maude Hines, of Suffolk, and one sister, Mrs. Simeon Hyde, of Charleston, S. C. Four grandchildren, Elizabeth, Creighton, Ona Mary and Lila Budd Stephens, also survive.

Some Merchants Have Already Improved Stores

#### CLEAN LOTS

Particular Attention Is Called to Property Back of Stores

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Physicians' Offices Will Soon Be Built

Building operations on the new office building to be occupied by Dr. C. A. Davenport and Dr. T. P. Brinn will be commenced as early as possible after the sale of the frame building formerly occupied by the late Dr. G. E. Newby. The building is advertised in this week's issue of this newspaper for sale at public auction on May 8.

A brick building will be constructed on this site to be used as offices for the two physicians.

### Small Percentage Have Listed Taxes

Penalties will be enforced this year for failure to list property for taxation in Perquimans. Edgar Feilds, who is the list taker for Hertford Township, reports that only a small percent of the property owners have listed their property.

This notice is a reminder that only a short time remains for listing property for taxation.

After Saturday, May 1, the penalty will be in force, the minimum of which is two dollars.

### Engagement Former Resident Announced

The following announcement which appeared in a recent issue of the Lynchburg, Virginia, News, will be of interest in Hertford:

"Mr. and Mrs. Robert Munford Biggs announce the engagement of their daughter, Eleanor Rudisill, to William Lloyd Hoffer, of Richmond, formerly of Hertford, N. C. The wedding will take place in June, after Miss Biggs completes her studies at William and Mary College." Mr. Hoffer, who is well known in Hertford, and who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hoffer, holds an important position in the postoffice in Richmond, Va.