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## Physicians Unite In War On Diphtheria

### Agree to Inoculate Children at Very Low Rate

UNTIL SEPT. 1

### Parents Urged to Cooperate Before Cold Weather Begins

Cooperating with the Perquimans County Board of Health, in an effort to render as many persons immune to diphtheria as possible, the physicians of the county have agreed to give the diphtheria toxoid for the prevention of this dread disease, for the price of one dollar, provided the treatment is had before September first.

The price of the treatment for the prevention of diphtheria is usually a dollar and a half, and the reduction is made at this time in an effort to induce the people to take the treatment and so reduce the diphtheria hazard in the county.

It is now only necessary to take one treatment for diphtheria prevention whereas some years ago three treatments were administered, requiring three weeks in which to complete the series. One treatment is now sufficient and renders immunity for life.

The members of the Board of Health are very anxious that all parents have their children inoculated before the cold weather begins, which is the season when the disease is most prevalent.

Although diphtheria does not often occur during the hot weather, one case in Perquimans resulted fatally this week. An eighteen months old child died of a brain abscess following diphtheria, on Sunday morning.

## LeRoy Cartwright Victim Of Malaria

LeRoy Cartwright, eighteen years old, died at the home of his mother, near Burgess, on Sunday, after an illness of several weeks of malaria fever.

Four other members of the same family, including the mother, are reported as having been sick with malaria for several weeks.

Funeral services were conducted for the young man at the Bethlehem Christian Church, near Bethel, on Monday afternoon, and burial took place in the church yard.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Mary Cartwright, and several brothers and sisters.

## Funeral Tuesday For Barber Child

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Barber died at the home of his parents in Winfall on Monday night. Funeral services and burial took place in the Cedar Grove Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the services being conducted by the Rev. J. W. Dimmette, pastor of the Winfall Methodist Church.

## TWO HERTFORD STUDENTS ENTER SUMMER SCHOOL

Dorothy Stevens and J. A. White, of Hertford, were among students from this county enrolled in the first term of the University of North Carolina Summer School at Chapel Hill which closed this week.

The second term, which will concentrate all work of the three units of the University at Chapel Hill, got under way immediately and will continue through August 29.

## LOCAL FISHERMEN MAKE BIG FLOUNDER CATCH AT INLET

A hundred and fifty pounds of flounder constituted the catch of a party of fishermen from Hertford who spent Thursday at Oregon Inlet. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Doster and Miss Peck Doster.

## TRUEBLOODS TO MOVE HERE

N. N. Trueblood, who has for the past two years been the agent of the Norfolk Southern Railroad here, expects to move his family here shortly. They will occupy apartments in the residence of Mrs. Seymour Chappell. The Truebloods live in Elizabeth City.

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Riddick announce the engagement of their daughter, Betty Riddick, to John Lewis Perry, of Windsor. The wedding will be held at the home of the bride's parents.

## HIT OR MISS

By M. L. W.  
Judge not! Thou canst not see  
The inner workings of his heart or brain,  
What to thy dim eyes may seem a stain  
In God's pure eyes may only be  
A scar, brought from some hard-won field,  
Where thou wouldst only faint and yield.

How interesting are these first-hand reminiscences of the Civil War. They are very rare nowadays.

Most of us remember when there were any number of men and women who could and would tell interesting tales of the local happenings during those four years of war between the states. We didn't appreciate the situation, didn't pay enough attention to those old tales which sometimes we heard oft repeated. We were accustomed to the stories of things that happened "Befo' de Wa'."

Now there are few indeed who remember anything of those days. We have learned to appreciate the stories they hear.

Eighty-two-year-old J. T. Winslow told a story last week, which appeared in last week's issue of this newspaper, of his recollection of turning back home when his father was warned to do so in order to save his horses from the Yankees. Oddly enough, another Perquimans man recalls vividly the same occasion. Joshua Calvin Winslow is a first cousin of J. T. Winslow. They had the same grandfather. Joshua Calvin was also on his way, with his father, to visit grandfather's house that day in 1864. He recalls that his father was warned by a man whose slaves had been taken away by the Yankees. He recalls that the slave owner was crying as he told of what had befallen him.

How many other Perquimans men or women remember anything of those war-time happenings? Let's have the stories to publish in The Perquimans Weekly. Everybody likes to read about those times, especially if the stories are first-hand stories.

No one has complained, so far as can be ascertained, of losing a pocketbook in Hertford this week. Doubtless, the person who was so unfortunate feels that there is no use in attempting to recover the lost pocketbook and money.

However, it was found by an honest man, who is very anxious to locate the owner. J. E. White, at Central Grocery, who found the pocketbook, will gladly return it to the owner upon proper identification.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Woodrow Wilson sold me a subscription to a magazine last week. Woodrow, who hails from Orangeburg, S. C., was in town with a party of magazine subscription solicitors, and was working, he said, for a scholarship at the University of South Carolina. While the youngster expects to be a civil engineer, who knows but that by the year 1975 he won't become the fortieth president of the United States? The first president, you know, was a civil engineer.

John L. White and Allan Henry Lane were neighbors for 72 years, living on adjoining farms in Belvidere Township. Last week Mr. White, at the ripe old age of 81, passed to his reward. He lived all his life on the farm where he was born. And on the adjoining farm Mr. Lane, who is now 72, has lived all his life.

There is a mild sensation sometimes when Robert Hollowell takes a ride on the motorcycle which he recently acquired. The older folks appear to view the noisy machine with something of alarm when Robert takes a little ride around town.

"I don't wear my wrist watch," explained Robert, "because I might break it." Somebody remarked the other day that there probably wouldn't be an accident since Robert is a pretty level-headed fellow. "Oh, yes," agreed another, "Robert is level-headed, all right, but the trouble is, that darn thing he is riding is not."

There wasn't a single colored person in attendance at Recorder's Court on Tuesday. Only white people showed up in the forenoon session.

## VETERAN TEACHERS HONORED



T. E. Brown, State Director of Vocational Education is shown presenting keys to (front row, seated left to right) H. K. McIntyre, Red Oak; H. W. Bullard, Kerr; G. C. Buck, Hertford; H. N. Cherry, Colesburg; (standing, left to right) W. E. McDonald, Seotts; R. E. Hutchison, Ell Whitney; J. J. Wolfe, Bailey.

Pictured above are the 17 year veteran teachers of Vocational Agriculture who were honored at the Annual Teachers' Conference held recently at State College. In recognition of their long service they were awarded gold keys through the courtesy of The Agricultural Development Bureau of The Barrett Company, marketer of American-made Nitrate of Soda. Other teachers, numbering thirty, who have been in service over ten years were also awarded keys.

## Weird Sounds Judged To Be Practical Joker

### Blood-Curdling Yells In Hotel Hertford Awaken Folks Early Wednesday Morning as Scene of Puzzling Sounds Changes

Just as the people of Hertford were beginning to feel that the mystery of the weird noises which disturbed the slumbers of certain of the folks of the town was about to be cleared up, after weeks of speculation as to the source of the moans, groans and agonized cries heard about town, there comes a report of another outbreak, this time at the Hotel Hertford, which seems to indicate that a practical joker is at work.

Something like a month ago the first disturbing sounds were reported. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrell, of High Point, visiting in Hertford, heard sounds as of some one in mortal pain one night, or in the early morning hours. Mrs. J. H. Towe, Jr., heard the same thing.

Others, in various parts of the town, reported they heard strange and awful sounds that night, and some heard the same sounds repeated for several nights. Many were inclined to make a joke of the matter, believing the sounds were only the baying of a dog. Some thought the mournful cry of the shivering owl had been heard. The Morrells, however, insisted that what they heard was the voice of a human being in distress.

It recently came to light that a Negro youth who is deaf and dumb, and who has been heard to make strange and awful sounds, roams about town considerably at night. In fact, he lives only a short distance from the point at which the sounds were first heard, near the river shore.

## Peggy Jane Hobbs Is Hospital Patient

Peggy Jane, the two and a half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Hobbs, who live on Route Two, is a patient in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, following a very unusual accident in which the little girl's hand was painfully injured.

The little girl placed her hand in a corn sheller which was being operated by her brother at the home of their parents, and the hand was severely crushed before the machine could be stopped. After first aid was rendered by a Hertford physician, the child was carried to the hospital.

## Abscess Of Brain Fatal To Child

The eighteen-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh White, who live near Burgess, died early Sunday morning, death resulting from a brain abscess following nasal diphtheria.

## SUNDAY AT NAGS HEAD

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood White, Misses Virginia and Minnie Lee Winslow and Rollo White, of Bagley's Swamp, spent Tuesday at Nags Head.

## Joshua Winslow Also Recalls War Times

### BABY CONTEST COMES TO CLOSE

Sammie Sutton Winner In Boys' Group; Bettie Anne Mathews Most Popular Girl

Sammie Sutton and Bettie Anne Mathews were the winners in the Baby Popularity Contest sponsored by the Della Shamburger Missionary Society of the Hertford Methodist Church, and which closed on Friday night.

Prizes were offered to the boy receiving the most votes, and also to the girl receiving most in that division.

Sammie Sutton, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Sutton, of Hertford, received 1755 votes.

Bettie Anne, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Mathews, of Old Neck, received 1002 votes.

## Mrs. Lydia Chappell Buried Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Lydia V. Chappell, who died on Tuesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. E. Winslow, were held at the home on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Mrs. Elizabeth White, pastor of the Up River Friends Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Mrs. Bertha Smith White, and burial took place in the family burying ground at Hunters Fork.

Pallbearers were her nephews: Elmer Chappell and Arthur Chappell, of Portsmouth, Va.; Irvin Winslow, of Rocky Mount, Ernest Winslow, of Driver, Va.; Louis Winslow, of Belvidere, and Bennie Winslow, of Whiteston.

Mrs. Chappell was the widow of the late Townsend Chappell, who died ten years ago. Surviving are two brothers, J. C. Winslow, of Whiteston, and F. T. Winslow, of Elizabeth City; two sisters, Mrs. William Davis, of Webster, Texas, and Mrs. C. E. Winslow, of Whiteston.

## HERTFORD MILK SUPPLY SHOWS MUCH IMPROVEMENT

Considerable improvement in the milk supply of Hertford is indicated by reports just released of the Federal milk rating.

Dr. T. P. Brinn, Perquimans County Health Officer, received this week photostatic copies of the Federal milk rating for 1936 showing that the rating is now 92 percent. In a letter from Warren H. Booker, Director of the Division of Sanitary Engineering of the State Board of Health, attention is called to the fact that Hertford's rating in 1934 was only 86 percent.

"We believe," wrote Mr. Booker, "that Hertford will be included by the Public Health Service in its so-called 'honor roll'—a list of cities having a milk rating of 90 percent, or more. However, we are not absolutely certain that it will be included, owing to the fact that the rating of enforcement methods was below 90 percent. We must recommend that every effort be made to increase the enforcement rating to a figure much higher than 78 percent."

Mr. Booker stated that the goal is to obtain a milk rating of 100 percent. "We do not believe," he stated, "it impossible to attain this figure, but we hope and believe that if the present rate of improvement of the Hertford milk supply is maintained, a rating close to that figure can be obtained at the next survey."

## MRS. MARGARET ANN LOWE BURIED WEDNESDAY P. M.

Funeral services for Mrs. Margaret Ann Lowe, 77, were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alice Overman, Hertford, Route Two. Mrs. Lowe died Tuesday afternoon at 4:20, at the home of Mrs. Overman.

Mrs. Lowe was the wife of the late George W. Lowe. Two daughters, Mrs. Alice Overman and Mrs. Joseph Ferrell, of Hertford, Route Two, and a son, Q. M. Lowe, also of Hertford, Route Two, survive.

Burial was made in the family burying ground.

## NEGRO YOUTH JAILED FOR THEFT OF NEIGHBOR'S MEAT

Charged with the larceny of meat, Lloyd Overton, Negro youth of Chapinok, was placed in jail on Tuesday by Sheriff J. E. Winslow. The meat alleged to have been stolen by Overton was taken from the smoke house of Perry Stewart, who is a close neighbor of the Overtons, at Chapinok. The boy will be tried in Recorder's Court on Tuesday.

## Story of Yankees Last Week Brings Back Memories

### WAS SMALL BOY

### Still Very Active Despite 78 Years of Age

"I know all that to be true," remarked Joshua Calvin Winslow, of Whiteston, in reference to the story which ran in last week's Perquimans Weekly concerning the time when the Yankee soldiers camped at Whiteville Grove Church, near Belvidere. Joshua Calvin Winslow is a first cousin of Jesse T. Winslow, who figured in that story, and who as a small boy was on his way with his father and mother to visit his grandfather at that Sunday morning in 1864 when he was warned to turn back and protect his horses from the Yankees.

"I was on my way to Grandfather's, too," said Joshua Calvin Winslow. "I was young, but I remember it." It seems that the children and grandchildren gathered at Grandfather's house on Sunday, just as they do now. There probably was a "big dinner" waiting for the crowd at Grandfather's house, all the good things that country people knew how to prepare in those days.

"Mr. Ellsbury Riddick came out to the road and he was crying," said Mr. Winslow. Mr. Riddick, it appears, owned a large number of slaves, and the Yankees had come and taken them all away. "He will take your horses, too," Mr. Riddick told Mr. Winslow.

Grandfather Winslow didn't have any guests that Sunday. They all turned back to their respective homes and hid their horses away in the woods until the Yankees broke camp. The Winslow were Friends, Quakers, and the Friends were opposed to slavery; they owned no slaves. They also are opposed to war. They did not take sides with either the Confederacy or the Union.

Joshua Calvin Winslow is younger than Jesse T. He is, in fact, only a youngster of 78 years. He is pretty active; in fact, gets about like a young man, climbs up on top of a pile of hay on occasions, even now. But there is something more remarkable about this fine old man than all that. He says he has never even seen any kind of fight in all his life. He has never been a witness in court. He has never tasted liquor, does not smoke or chew tobacco. He did, he says, take one chew of "sweet tobacco" as a small boy, but the experience wasn't pleasant and he never repeated it.

## MARJORIE PERRY RECOVERING FROM SCARLET FEVER ATTACK

Marjorie, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Perry, is recovering from an attack of scarlet fever. This case is the only one to have occurred in the county recently. The Perry family live in the neighborhood of Beech Spring, near Hertford.

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED AT BRIDGE PARTY THURSDAY

At a beautifully appointed bridge party, given by Mrs. R. M. Riddick at her home on Dobb Street on Thursday night, the engagement of her daughter, Hattie Weaver Riddick, to John Lewis Perry, of Windsor, was announced, the wedding to take place at the Hertford Methodist Church on August 25.

The house was tastefully decorated with summer flowers and six tables were arranged. Those present included Mrs. Margaret King Gregory and Miss Honey Rae, of Windsor; Miss Celeste Riddick, of Gatesville; Miss Dot Dees, of Freemont; Mrs. John Moore, Mrs. J. M. Matheson, Mrs. E. W. Lordley, Mrs. Herbert Nixon, Misses Spivey Roberson, Ruth Alice Ward, Evelyn Riddick, Catherine Broughton, Eloise Broughton, Joyce Stokes, Helene Nixon, Mary Onella Reife, Lillian Blanchard, Dorcas Knowles, Elizabeth Morris, Edna Ruth Cannon, Osa Mary Stephens, Ruth Elliott and Carolyn Riddick.

## VISITS OLD HOME

Dr. Randolph Winslow, noted Baltimore surgeon and distinguished son of Perquimans, visited his old home this week and stopped for a few days at the Hotel Hertford. Dr. Winslow was accompanied by Mrs. Winslow, and also by his son, Dr. Nathan Winslow and his wife.