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Citizens Interested In Name Of Theatre

Would Welcome Opportunity to Submit Preferences

INDIAN NAMES

Many Suggestions Link Name With County's History

The idea expressed in the editorial columns of this newspaper some weeks ago as to the naming of the new theatre in Hertford seems to have been received with much interest by Perquimans folks.

It was suggested that, though there was a rumor afloat to the effect that the handsome new theatre now under construction and which will open around November first under the management of the Carolina Amusement Company, was to be called "The State," it would be much more fitting to call the new theatre by one of the numerous unusual names connected with the history of the county, the scene of the earliest activities of the Albemarle.

This seems to appeal to the popular fancy, and a number of names have been suggested in addition to the name "Yeopim," which was mentioned by this newspaper. Yeopim, it will be remembered, was the name of the tribe of Indians who inhabited this section of the Albemarle, and whose chief, Kileocan, sold the first lands purchased by white men from an Indian in the entire New World.

Mrs. R. M. Fowler, of Hertford, has suggested two names, either of which she thinks would be very appropriate. They are "Eagle" and "Durant."

The name Eagle is suggested in commemoration of Hertford's ancient Eagle Tavern, at which George Washington used to be a guest when he visited his lands in Perquimans. The Old Eagle Tavern, a large frame structure which served as the only hotel in Hertford for a century and a half, and which was located immediately opposite the site of the new theatre, was torn down some twenty years ago.

A number of persons have acquiesced in the opinion that "Eagle" would be appropriate and distinctive as a name for the new theatre.

As every one in Perquimans knows, George Durant, one of the earliest settlers of the Albemarle, was not only one of the first land owners and one of the most influential men of the Colony, being attorney general as early as 1676, but was the grantee in the oldest deed of record in the State of North Carolina.

"Phelps" is another name which has been suggested. The land on which the town of Hertford was laid out in the year 1758, owned by Jonathan Phelps, was known as Phelps Point.

"Harvey" has been suggested, and also "Blount." Both these names are linked with the Albemarle's early history, the Blounts and the Harveys taking leading parts in the affairs of Perquimans from the earliest days of the history of the State.

Among the Indian names suggested are "Wicomicbe," the Indian name for Durants Neck before the territory was purchased from the King of the Yeopims.

There is another very beautiful name no longer heard, "Katotin," the Indian name for Little River.

"Anaskee" is an Indian name no longer in use. One of the towns in Perquimans is described in an old deed as "Anaskee River," which is south of Perquimans River.

The suggestion has been made that it might not be out of place at this time to intimate to the owners that the citizens of Perquimans would welcome an opportunity to submit their preferences in reference to the name to be given to the new theatre.

Hertford Barristers At Annual Meeting

Hon. Charles Whedbee, president of the First District of the North Carolina Bar Association, presided at the annual meeting held in Washington on Friday. Other attorneys from Hertford who attended the meeting included S. M. Whedbee, Hon. James S. McNider, Walter H. Oakey, Jr., H. G. Winslow, Charles E. Johnson and C. R. Eolmes.

MISS WEALEY RETURNS

Miss Mae Wealey, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. W. Smith, returned on Wednesday to her home in Baltimore, Md.

DEMOCRATS MEET AT AHOSKIE ON FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

Hertford County Executive Committee Will Stage Barbecue Dinner for Visitors

Announcement was made Monday by State Chairman J. Wallace Winborne and Congressman Lindsay C. Warren that the Democratic Rally for the First District would be held at Ahoskie on Friday, September 25th, at 10:30 A. M. It will be the opening of the campaign in the district which leaders assert will be vigorously waged from then until election day.

Members of the various party committees, all candidates for county and district offices and all men and women active in party affairs are invited to be present to meet with Chairman Winborne, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Spilman, Secretary Ward and Congressman Warren.

Hertford is the home county of Thad Eure, nominee for Secretary of State, the only candidate from the district on the State ticket. The Hertford County Executive Committee headed by D. Collin Barnes, County Chairman will give a barbecue dinner to the visitors.

WOOD CHOPPING CHAMPION HERE ON WEDNESDAY

Peter McLaren, who claims the wood chopping championship of America will stage a log cutting contest and demonstration here on Wednesday, September 23, at 11:30 A. M.

This contest has been arranged by the Carolina Hardware Co., of Hertford, N. C., who is to be congratulated for arranging for the visit of this colorful champion, McLaren, whose wizardry with an axe has carried him from a poor farm lad in Australia, to the peak of his profession.

In chopping tours covering a score of years he has chopped before hundreds of thousands, both here and abroad. McLaren who is nearly 50 years old, claims that outdoor chopping is a great physical developer. His own condition bears out this claim.

The contest is open to any local man who has not previously competed against McLaren. A prize of fifty dollars will be paid to any contestant if McLaren fails to chop through a log in two thirds of the time the contestant takes.

The handicap gives all good choppers a sporting chance to win the prize money, as it is just like giving 33 yards in a hundred yard dash.

The only restriction made is that no contestant be permitted to use a Plumb Axe. This is the only axe which McLaren himself ever uses, and he refuses to chop against a Plumb Axe and also allow the handicap.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the demonstration. Choppers wishing to compete should bring their axes with them. It costs nothing to enter the contest.

Mrs. Ward Entertains Sunday School Class

Mrs. I. A. Ward was hostess on Monday evening to the members of the Senior Fidelis Sunday School Class of the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, of which class Mrs. Ward was the teacher before moving to Hertford, having taught the class for a period of ten years.

At the close of a very delightful evening a salad course was served.

Those present were Mesdames J. C. Saunders, J. O. Gibbs, Joe Poole, Cora Breeden, A. H. Outlaw, George Randolph, Paul J. White, D. L. Sylvester, M. E. White, W. E. Pappendick, W. W. Massey, James B. Alderman, W. E. Leigh, B. W. Leigh, Ed Ferrell, Ernest Corbett, R. W. Griffin, W. J. Cartwright, P. D. Pappendick, Sidney Davis, Glenn Morgan, John Coppersmith, Ethel Kinnin, Sophia Harris, Mattie Umphlett, and Misses Katie Whaley, Florine Rogerson, Bernice Twiddy, Marie Cooper, Margaret Cooper, Josie Gordon, Annie Weatherly, Fannie Lee West, Pauline Whaley, Vettie Love, Inez Cartwright, Peggy Morgan, and Lillie Mae Stevens.

Miss Kay Droughton, Miss Sara Brinn, Bill Jessup and Robert Hollowell have returned to Duke University to resume their studies.

PROPERTY TITLES STILL IN HANDS OF OLD FAMILIES

Many of Present Day Names Appear on Old Record Books

TWO WOMEN

Streets Also Maintain Same Name Over Long Period

After a hundred and seventy-eight years, it is interesting to note how many of the descendants of the original property owners of the Town of Hertford still live in the town and own property here. Many of the names of the original property owners of Hertford, those who drew lots of land after paying the sum of 45 shillings proclamation money for the privilege of drawing, are no more heard here. But always there have been, throughout five or six generations, the names of Newby, White, Skinner, Elliott, Winslow, Barber, Long, Toms, Nixon, Hollowell, McNider, Copeland, Saunders, Sumner, Jordan, Wright, Riddick, Williams, Sutton, and others.

There are many other names familiar in the early history of Perquimans which are still familiar, but not all of these took part in the organization of a town on Phelps Point back in 1758.

Many of those, including Collins, Knox, Avery, May, Barwell, Murdaugh, Newton, Gilbert, Wyatt, Scarborough, Shell, Parsons, Hassest Stone, Carver, Crothers, Metcalfe, Saint, Docton, Truelove, Clayton, and others, are strange now in Perquimans.

Oddly enough, only the names of two women appear on the list, Elizabeth Carver and Elizabeth Elliott.

That not all of those who paid their 45 shillings for the privilege of drawing a lot in the newly laid off town in 1758 is highly probable. Deeds were made with the stipulation that the deed was to be void unless the owner built on the lot within three years a "substantial brick or frame house of no less than 16 feet square and 9 feet pitch in the clear."

The names, as they appear on the list of the old record are as follows: Nathan Newby, Robert Jones, Peter May, Thomas Jones, John Barnes, Moses Barwell, Benjamin Wilson, John Murdaugh, Benjamin Wilson, James Parker, Christopher Newton, John Collins, Thomas Gilbert, Joseph Gilbert, John Harvey, Joseph White, Andrew Knox, William Skinner, Robert Avery, Thomas Elliott, Jacob Wyatt, Joseph Winslow, Thomas Nicholson, Benjamin Scarborough, John Hubbard, Thomas Woodward, George Little, Moses Barber, William Long, William Townsend, Francis Toms, Francis Nixon, Thomas Jones, Francis Newby, Andrew Collins, Christopher Collins, Benjamin Harvey, George Shell, John Hollowell, Thomas McNider, Samuel Parsons, Isaac Hassest, Ralph Fletcher, John Jones, Abraham Copeland, John Saunders, James Sitterson, Benjamin Elliott, John Stone, Nicholas Collins, Thomas Newby, Elizabeth Carver, Elizabeth Elliott, Charles Jordan, Seth Sumner, Jacob Crothers, Joseph Scott, George Metcalfe, William Bacon, Cornelius Moore, Benjamin Wright, Joseph Newby, Thomas Saint, David Riddick, Hattim Williams, Jacob Docton, Timothy Truelove, Isaac Saunders, Thomas Bonner, James Dunlavy, Capt. Joseph Sutton, Thomas Stevenson, John Barnes, John Wheeler, Joseph Riddick, Joseph Robinson, Joe Sutton, Richard Clayton, James Will, Miles Harvey, Job Harris, Christopher Newton, Joseph Williams, Thomas Small and Robert Newby.

The map of the town, as it is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, shows the names of the original streets, including Dobbs, and incidentally this is spelled Dobbs and not Dobb as it appears on the street markers now. Other streets were King, Market, Grubb, Hyde Park, Covent Garden, Church, Front and Water. Water Street, presumably never used as a street, lay on the water front parallel with Front Street and on the map is marked "Water Street partly under water." Punch Alley is also shown on the map.

MISS SCOTT RETURNS

Miss Eloise Scott, who has spent the summer at her home at Rocky Point, returned to Hertford this week to resume her duties as a member of the Perquimans High School faculty.

SHORT CUT SAVES ABOUT 8 MILES TO BRIDGE SITE

All But About Five Miles of the Road Is Now Paved

13 MILES

Intersects the Edenton-Hertford Highway at Corpew's Farm

There is a short cut which will save approximately 8 miles of travel, with only about five miles of the road unpaved, leading from the Town of Hertford to the site of the proposed new bridge across Albemarle Sound, which is to be built from Leonard's Point in Washington County to Sandy Point in Chowan.

Instead of traveling the nine-foot road from Hertford to Bethel and reaching the bridge by a circuitous route, as has been suggested, or of going some eight miles out of the way around by the Town of Edenton, over a considerable stretch of unpaved road, one would leave the Hertford-Edenton highway at the point where a dirt road intersects the highway at Thick Neck Fork, approximately eight miles from Hertford, from which point to the bridge the distance is something like five miles, probably less.

By paving this five-mile stretch, which is a direct link between the bridge and the main highway, eight miles would be saved.

The distance by this route from Hertford to the bridge is approximately 13 miles, which is the distance from Hertford to Edenton. It is approximately eight miles from Edenton to the bridge, all of which distance would be saved by taking the direct route.

65 Persons Attend Godfrey Reunion

The Godfrey family, of Perquimans, held a reunion at the home of H. C. Godfrey on Tuesday, with 65 persons attending, including brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. After all had arrived they gathered in the living room and stood around the piano and joined in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Mrs. O. C. Godfrey then conducted a short devotional service, the basis of her brief but interesting talk being Faith, Hope and Charity. Mrs. A. E. Layden led in prayer, and afterward several familiar hymns were sung.

Lunch was spread on a long table on the lawn and served picnic style.

After lunch games and contests were enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Godfrey won the prize for having the largest family present. Elliott Layden won the prize in an amusing contest. Pictures of several groups were taken. A note of sympathy was written to Mrs. Jack Closson, who was ill in a hospital.

Those present were: Mrs. Minnie Bothe, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Godfrey, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Eunice Hayman Grim, of New Bern; Mrs. Alma Swindell and children, Margaret and Jane, of Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Godfrey, of Spencer; Mrs. Wiley Meads, of Norfolk, Va.; Sidney Hartsfield and H. B. McLinden, of Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Godfrey and son, Charles Howard, and Mrs. C. J. Kinion, of Belhaven; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wood and Mrs. Earl Whitehurst, of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Tillett and children, Evelyn, Inez, Alice Mae and Dan, and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Godfrey, Jr., of Camden; Mrs. Bill Williams, Mrs. Lena Symons, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Godfrey and children, Hazel and Wilma, Mrs. Hight and son, Billie, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Godfrey and children, Katherine, Daphne, Wilma, Gezelda and Abe, Mrs. Raymond Ivey and daughter, Wilma, J. T. Godfrey and children, James, Braxton, Norman, J. T., Jr., and Calvin; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Layden and children, Elliott, Myra and Horace, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Godfrey and children, Walter and Elois, and Tom Fitzwater, all of Perquimans.

MRS. HOLLOWELL IN HOSPITAL

Friends in Hertford have been advised of the illness of Mrs. W. M. Hollowell, of Hobbville, who is a patient in the Norfolk General Hospital, Norfolk, Va., where she underwent an operation on Saturday. Mrs. Hollowell's condition is reported as favorable.

MR. AND MRS. F. M. WEEKS

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Weeks and their son, J. E. Weeks, visited relatives in Elizabeth City on Sunday.

School Enrollment 15 Above Last Year

Only Minor Cases in Recorder's Court

Though there had been no session of Recorder's Court held in Perquimans for three weeks, due to the absence of Recorder Walter H. Oakey, Jr., there were no cases of much consequence to be tried on Tuesday, the long and tedious session involving only minor traffic violations, simple assault and the charge of drunk and disorderly.

Ellis Sutton, Bethel Township Negro farmer, charged for violation of the provisions of the stock law and larceny of hogs, was found not guilty of larceny, but was ordered to return the hogs in question to Raleigh White, upon Mr. White's paying \$2.25.

Corner Eugene Miller and John Preston Elder were charged with exceeding the speed limit and the case was dismissed upon payment of the court costs.

P. E. Chappell, charged with operating a car with insufficient brakes and without operator's license, exhibited his license and the case was dismissed upon payment of the court costs.

Ellis Hunter, colored, charged with operating with insufficient brakes and with operating a car without a license, plead guilty, was dismissed upon payment of court costs.

Leslie Winslow, colored, found guilty of being drunk and disorderly, was sentenced to jail for thirty days and was allowed credit for the time he has already spent in jail.

B. E. Winslow was charged with operating a car with insufficient brakes and the case was dismissed upon payment of the court costs.

Hillary Bogue, colored, deaf mute, was found guilty of assault and was sentenced to the roads for 60 days, with the recommendation that an effort be made to have him placed in some suitable institution.

Mary Etta Webb, colored, plead guilty to the charge of being drunk and disorderly, the case being dismissed upon payment of the court costs.

Tim Thach, colored, tried for trespass and drunk and disorderly, was found not guilty of the former, but guilty of the latter charge and was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, credit to be given for the time he has spent in jail. The remainder of the jail sentence was ordered suspended upon payment of the court costs.

Wilder Gregory, colored, was charged with assault upon his wife, Elizabeth, who failed to appear as prosecuting witness, though she had sworn out the warrant. The charge was consequently dismissed and a capias issued for Elizabeth, who when she appeared stated that she was working. She was taxed with the costs of the court and given thirty days in which to raise same.

Percy Sharp and Jacob Martin, both colored, each charged with assault by the other, were tried jointly. Sharp was found not guilty and Martin was given thirty days in jail, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of the court costs.

The case against James Martin, charged with assault, was dismissed.

Hattie Thach and Ray McBain, colored, were tried for assaulting each other. It developed that Roy had promised to take Hattie to Norfolk on Sunday, and he explained to the court that the reason why he didn't show up was because he overslept and did not have time to call for her. Hattie admitted she was mad, so when Roy got back that night there was a scrap.

Judge Oakey at first ordered that the court costs be divided equally between the two, but thought better of the matter and ordered Roy to pay it all. "He ought not to have stood that woman up like that," he said. "Roy," admonished his honor, "the next time you make a date you better be there, and if you don't get there then don't ever go back afterwards."

Property Sold Nov. 9 For Delinquent Taxes

At a meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday night, it was ordered that all town real estate on which the taxes for 1935 are unpaid be advertised for sale on October 9, sale to be made on Monday, November 9.

Property owners are urged to pay their taxes before the time for making advertisement and save cost as well as embarrassment.

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335 Children At Opening Session Wednesday Morning

NEW TEACHERS

Rev. D. M. Sharpe Addresses Entire Student Body

Another school year began in Perquimans on Wednesday, with the schools all over the county opened.

At the Perquimans High School, the largest gathering of children in the county, the opening exercises, under the direction of Superintendent F. T. Johnson, were simple and interesting.

The Rev. D. S. Dempsey, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, led in a short prayer immediately after the opening song and this was followed by the Scripture lesson and a few brief remarks by the Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church. Mr. Sharpe chose for the lesson the beautiful story of Jesus in the Temple, taken from the second chapter of St. Luke, closing with the words, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

Superintendent Johnson then recognized the new teachers, Mrs. T. E. Harrell, teacher of home economics, and Miss Ine Wilson, the new commercial teacher. Mrs. I. A. Ward, former president of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Elizabeth City School, was also recognized. Mrs. Ward, who moved from Elizabeth City to Hertford in the spring, entered two new pupils in the Perquimans High School, Marguerite and Jarvis Ward.

After some spirited yells, led by cheer leaders Blanche Butler and William White, the several hundred pupils were assigned to their various rooms.

While the opening exercises did not begin until 9:30, school begins on other days at 8:50.

There was an enrollment of 335 on Wednesday, the best enrollment for some years, an increase of 15 over last year.

Oakey On Board Of Directors National Rifle Association

Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., who attended the National Rifle Matches held at Camp Perry, Ohio, recently, was elected a member of the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association of America at the annual meeting, the team of office to last for three years.

Judge Oakey also served as Adjutant of the Fifty Meter International Team, which represented the United States in the annual contest with England, Canada, South Africa and Germany. This match was won this year by the United States team.

Judge Oakey and M. G. Owens, who organized the Hertford Rifle Club, which has a membership of enthusiastic young sportsmen of Perquimans, were members of the North Carolina Rifle Team sent by the State organization to the national meet.

W. T. Miller Honored By Birthday Party

W. T. Miller, Parkville Township farmer, was honored at a delightful surprise birthday dinner party on Sunday, the occasion being his seventy-sixth birthday anniversary.

All of Mr. Miller's children and grandchildren were present, the affair being planned and arranged without the knowledge of either Mr. Miller or his wife.

The huge birthday cake which occupied the center of the table bore seventy-six candles.

Those present included Mrs. Sallie Turnage and her daughter, Ruth, of Chocowinity; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Howell and their daughter, Eleanor Faye; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stanton, Jesse Stanton, Misses Audrey and Marie Stanton, Miss Ruth Hurdle, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Bundy and their two children, all of this County, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrell, of Edenton.

RETURNS TO WILMINGTON

Miss Lena Barber has returned to Wilmington, where she is a member of the city schools faculty, after spending sometime with relatives in Perquimans.