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Hertford Merchants Ready For Christmas Rush

Not Too Late To Enter Contest For Prizes

Race Close as Subscription Drive Starts Off With Bang

ROOM FOR MORE

New Subscribers or Renewals Count More Than Later

There appears to be a first published standing of the various few candidates already entered in the race. Just now the few workers and it will show that an entirely new candidate can, with just a few good subscriptions place themselves at the top of the list and with little effort walk off with that first prize, \$500. Several who have been nominated have failed so far to turn in a single subscription yet in some cases their friends have sent in more votes than they have themselves. Candidates who do not produce subscriptions cannot hope to win. The more subscriptions you can produce, the more votes you will earn.

No Losers—Everybody Wins

There will be no losers in this subscription drive, for everyone is paid a commission of 20 per cent on all subscription money he or she collects. After looking over the list you can readily see that the opportunity is ripe for any good honest worker to enter and go out and make some real money the next few weeks. Only a few candidates in the list are really giving the campaign the attention that the value of the prizes deserves. Candidates are reminded that it is to their benefit to report each Wednesday and Saturday.

FIRST STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

Here is the first announcement of the standing of the workers in The Perquimans Weekly's big subscription drive. The names are printed in order of their standing in the campaign at noon Wednesday. The one thing this announcement does not show is the closeness of the leaders and how few subscriptions it would take to make one of the late starters the leader.

Reports have been good this week, and we want to thank the contestants and our readers for their splendid cooperation. Look over the list below, and if you have not given your subscription, or renewal, give it to your favorite worker. It may be the one needed to put your favorite at the top of the list.

Here's how they stand:

MRS. ROYE PARKS
MRS. VIOLA NACHMAN
MRS. HELEN SKINNER
MRS. O. A. CHAPPELL
MRS. ELMER BANKS
MRS. MADGE S. ROGERSON
MRS. W. E. ELLIOTT
MRS. J. C. WILSON
MISS WINNIE WINSLOW
MRS. W. P. LONG
MISS ADELAIDE EAVES
MRS. R. E. MATHEWS
BILLIE TUCKER
JESSE LANE
C. E. WALKER
MISS BERNICE WHITE
MISS DEXIE CHAPPELL

Miss Ruth Nachman Initiated Into Society

Miss Ruth Nachman, of Hertford, was initiated recently into the Dikeman society at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. Miss Nachman, who is a graduate of the Perquimans High School of the class of 1936, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nachman, of Hertford.

Last Opportunity To Join 4-H Clubs

Any additional girls who wish to become members of the Perquimans 4-H club must join at the December meetings to be held next week, according to Miss Gladys Hamrick, who is greatly pleased at the enthusiasm shown by most of the 90 girls of the county who are charter members of the club.

The 8th Grade Club will meet on Tuesday, December 8, the 10th and 11th Grade Club will meet on Wednesday following, and the 9th Grade club on Thursday. All meetings will be held at 9 o'clock in the morning.

The meetings promise to be very interesting, with the timely topic of Christmas suggestions up for discussion. There will also be Christmas songs and stories.

This is the last opportunity that will be offered for joining the 4-H clubs this year, as the projects are being arranged for the year and it is necessary to be organized and ready for work at once.

Bishop Darst Be At Community Church

Rev. C. E. Winslow, pastor of the Pilgrim Church in Danville Va., and a former Perquimans boy, was chosen to deliver the message for the Union Thanksgiving service held at Mifflin Memorial Baptist Church in the Virginia City.

CELEBRATES 84TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Harriet Layton celebrated her eighty-fourth birthday on Saturday, Nov. 29, with two grandchildren, Mrs. G. F. Layton, of Kings Mountain, and Shelton White, of Raleigh, came down to visit their grandmother on her birthday, and to wish her a happy birthday.

ATTEND PENDER BANQUET

Forty guests attended the banquet given at the Pender Hotel, Hertford, on Thursday, Nov. 26, in honor of the late Mrs. J. P. Pender.

THEATRE TO OPEN IN NEAR FUTURE WEATHER DELAYS

Large Neon Sign Adds To Attractiveness of Business Section

CREDIT TO TOWN

Pictures Will Be on Par With Those Shown In Larger Cities

No definite date has as yet been set for the opening of The State, Hertford's handsome new theatre. That everything will be in readiness within the next few weeks, however, is believed probable. The work, which has been delayed somewhat by weather conditions of the late summer, is moving forward rapidly now, regardless of weather conditions, which do not retard in the finishing of the building.

Just as soon as possible the date of the opening of the theatre will appear in the Perquimans Weekly, together with the announcement of the picture to appear on the first night.

Local folks have taken a great deal of interest in the elaborate Neon electric sign which was set up within the past week. The sign, which Mr. Webster states is the largest and handsomest that the Carolina sign Company, of Charlotte, has installed within the State of North Carolina, holds, in addition to five hundred feet of Neon tubing, a hundred and fifty 40-watt and 15-watt bulbs. It took a crew of workmen several days to place the sign.

The new theatre will be modern in every particular, with the latest and best in heating and air conditioning equipment. The very latest and best in sound equipment has been purchased and is ready for installation.

No expense has been spared by the Carolina Amusement Company to give to Hertford the most complete picture theatre in any town in North Carolina, regardless of size. W. T. Culepper, who is the head of the organization, and who has spent considerable time here since the beginning of the construction of the theatre, takes much pride in trying to give to the Perquimans public the type of theatre that he feels that Perquimans deserves and which he believes it will patronize.

The pictures shown here will be the newest pictures and on a par with those shown in Raleigh, Norfolk, Richmond and other cities.

Mrs. Sidney Broughton, of Hertford, will serve as cashier when the theatre opens. Beverly Blanchard, a local young man, will be the operator. The manager will be Horace Jones, of Elizabeth City, who expects shortly to move to Hertford.

Quota Reached In Red Cross Roll Call

The following names have been reported by Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Jr., Chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call, to supplement the list of those formerly published who responded to the roll call: Mrs. T. S. White, Mrs. T. B. Walters, Mrs. R. M. Fowler, Mrs. G. E. Newby, Mrs. Charles Skinner, Mrs. J. G. Campbell, Mrs. C. W. Morgan, W. C. Morgan, Southern Cotton Oil Company, Mrs. R. E. Clark, Mrs. C. C. Winslow, Mrs. E. J. Pender, A. W. Helms and Mrs. J. P. Pender.

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WHITE-PERRY WEDDING WILL TAKE PLACE DECEMBER 26

Miss Mary Lavinia Perry, whose marriage to Nathan Newby White, of New York, is announced to take place in the Baptist Church in Hertford on Saturday, December 26, and who has recently held a position in Norfolk, has returned to Hertford and will be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Perry, until the wedding.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Simpson announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Louise Virginia, to Robert L. Pratt, of Edenton. The marriage will take place on Sunday, December 20. The bride-to-be was a former resident of Perquimans County. The family now lives in Chowan.

PLANS TO ENTER HOSPITAL

R. E. Keaton expects to enter Duke Hospital, Durham, within the next few days, to undergo an operation.

CHRISTMAS SEAL SALE UNDER WAY; CHILDREN ACTIVE

Youngsters Cooperate In Raising Funds to Fight Tuberculosis

WILL HOLD CLINIC

Four Perquimans People Victims of White Plague Last Year

The Tuberculosis Christmas Seal sale is on, according to the annual custom. The sale in Hertford is sponsored by the Hertford Woman's Club, with Mrs. Leigh Winslow as chairman, and through the active cooperation of the school children an opportunity is given to every one to contribute to the fund which is used to fight tuberculosis.

Seventy-five per cent of the funds raised in the county is kept at home for local use. It is always spent for a worthy cause in an effort to prevent further spread of tuberculosis through educational efforts and through care to susceptible children.

A tuberculosis clinic, sponsored by the Woman's Club of Hertford, will be held shortly, as soon as the services of a physician from the State Board of Health are available, which will be some time after January 1.

Certain expenses in connection with the clinic will be paid in part by the proceeds of the Christmas seals.

Four persons died in Perquimans County last year from tuberculosis, according to figures compiled by the North Carolina State Board of Health and published in the November Health Bulletin. Two of those to die from the plague in Perquimans were white persons and two were colored.

Since the fight to eradicate tuberculosis got under way in North Carolina there has been a considerable decrease in the death rate from this disease. In the year 1915 there was a total number of deaths from all forms of tuberculosis in the State of 3,710. Twenty years later, in 1935, the number was 1,938, or a little more than half the number, despite the fact that the population had increased considerably more than a million.

Tuberculosis is still a public health problem of large proportions, but in no other disease, with the exception of typhoid fever, have the forces of preventative medicine made such headway as has been made in the efforts to control and eliminate tuberculosis, according to statistics.

Proceeds from the sale of the Christmas seals are used in the fight to stamp out tuberculosis.

Every one is urged to buy Christmas seals.

Program Of Indian Music Friday Night

Mrs. R. M. Riddick has announced that a colorful program of Indian music will be given on Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock at the Hertford Grammar School by her rhythm and piano classes. Gay costumes, songs, dances and piano compositions by noted American composers present a varied evening's entertainment. The public is cordially invited.

\$5,000 Distributed By 1936 Christmas Club

Five thousand dollars in relatively small amounts representing the Christmas savings of the Hertford Banking Company will be turned over to the depositors this week. This amount represents an increase in the Christmas savings of last year, and R. M. Riddick, Cashier, states that a considerable increase is expected for the club beginning immediately. Checks for this year's savings will be mailed this week.

30 Safety Deposit Boxes Installed At Local Bank

Thirty new safety deposit boxes were installed in the vault of the Hertford Banking Company this week. These new boxes fill a long felt need. For a long time it has been very difficult to secure safety deposit boxes, as most of those who have such boxes rented continue to use them for the safe keeping of valuable papers or other articles. Already a number of these new boxes have been rented, according to Cashier R. M. Riddick, who had a waiting list of those who wished to rent the boxes.

Shelves Well Stocked With Timely Goods

RECORDER'S COURT

Sam P. Sawyer, of Pasquotank County, who was arrested by Corporal G. I. Dail of the State Highway Patrol, on the night of November 23, near Winfall, and who was placed in jail in Hertford on a charge of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, being released under bond some hours later, was found not guilty by Judge Walter H. Oakley, Jr., in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, but was found guilty of reckless driving and was fined twenty-five dollars and taxed with the court costs.

Mr. Sawyer, who took the stand in his own behalf, testified that, though he had taken a bottle of beer before leaving Norfolk, he had not taken a drink of liquor in 24 years. He further testified, in explanation of the accident which Corporal Dail was summoned from Edenton to investigate on the night in question, that a tire blew out when his car left the concrete and he attempted to cut back, and that this caused the accident which landed his car across the ditch in a field. He further testified that he was somewhat dazed from the jolt he received in the accident when he received a cut beneath the chin.

Officer Dail and Town Officer M. G. Owens had previously testified that Mr. Sawyer was under the influence of intoxicants when he was placed in jail.

Elihu Key, colored, who was charged with assault, was found not guilty of this charge, but upon evidence of the prosecuting witness, Madison Boone, to the effect that he had purchased liquor from Key, a charge of selling liquor was brought and a verdict of guilty entered. Key was sentenced to the roads for sixty days, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of twenty-five dollars and upon good behavior for two years.

Edward Lee, colored, charged with the larceny of a suit of clothes, was given a sentence of 7 to 6 months upon being found guilty, the sentence not to go into effect until further orders are made by the court pending certain investigations of circumstances in connection with the case.

The case against William Burke, charged with operating a horse-drawn vehicle without proper lights, was dismissed.

K. R. Gibbs, who was found guilty of operating a car without operator's license, was fined ten dollars.

Robert Riddick, colored, found guilty of driving a horse drawn vehicle without lights, was taxed with half of the court costs.

Charles R. Barco, found guilty of driving a car with improper license, was fined ten dollars.

Jim Overton, colored, found guilty of larceny, was given a sentence of 60 days on the roads, to be suspended upon payment of the court costs.

Union Thanksgiving Address Delivered By Former County Boy

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Business Men Optimistic For Good Holiday Trade

BOUGHT HEAVILY

Every Effort Made to Attract Buyers; Decorate Stores

With Christmas only three weeks off, merchants of Hertford are already beginning to see a cheery sight. Shoppers are crowding down town sidewalks and store aisles, the advance guard of an army of Christmas buyers that will march through the shops in steadily increasing numbers until Christmas Eve's closing time.

Anyway you view it, and today's paper offers visible substantiation, the merchants of Hertford have bought heavily for the shoppers of this section, and the town will maintain its reputation in affording citizens and visitors the greatest assortment of Christmas merchandise, and with service in proportion.

The storekeepers are receiving seasonal supplies daily, and it is decidedly to the advantage of shoppers to buy at once in order that they may take advantage of the great displays offered.

On all sides the Hertford merchants are optimistic over the prospect for a large Christmas trade based already on early shopping crowds, and like their contemporaries in larger cities they admit they will find it difficult to later replace the many bargains on their shelves right now. All of which, they say, emphasizes the need for early and not last minute shopping.

Those who shop early, also, show an appreciation and sympathy for the great number of buyers who will insist on waiting until later in the season, and at the same time will reveal an appreciation of the services rendered by all store employees.

Even now every day people are crowding the Hertford streets carrying packages and bundles, many wrapped in gay red, green and silver colors of the Yuletide season. Many carried long flat packages that had the shape of cardboard clothing boxes, and some have been seen scurrying along with a tier of packages piled almost up to the chin.

The eyes of all Hertford shoppers had the searching look of Christmas buyers. These eyes scanned the display windows, lingered among the goods on counters and shelves and in show cases, as if weighing the offerings in a desire to fill out the shopper's list.

Display windows of all the stores have never been as attractive as this season, and they have been crowded in front by passersby halting to peer at the clothes, foods hardware, jewelry, toys and other articles arranged attractively.

Christmas is on the way and Hertford merchants are in Yuletide dress, awaiting one and all. Buy in Hertford! Buy now!

Rev. D. M. Sharpe Hears Stanley Jones

Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, attended the preaching mission held in Raleigh last week-end under the auspices of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, when not only Stanley Jones, Indian missionary and widely known writer and minister, was present, but many other outstanding ministers, including Bishop Paul B. Kern, of the Methodist Church, and Bishop Thomas C. Darst of the Episcopal Church.

"Stanley Jones," says Mr. Sharpe, who has heard the famous minister on previous occasions, "comes nearer to fading out of the picture when he speaks and leaving Christ standing before his audience than any man I have ever listened to."

The mission was undenominational, services being held in the various churches of the city and ministers and people of all denominations taking part.

TO WINTER IN FLORIDA

Mrs. C. W. Morgan left on Friday for Orlando, Florida, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. George Harrell.