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## Community Service At Baptist Church

### Living Pictures and Christmas Carols On Sunday Night

#### NATIVITY

### Mrs. S. P. Jessup and Miss Kate Blanchard Are Directing

A community Christmas service that is different from the usual program presented in Hertford will be observed at the Hertford Baptist Church on Sunday night, when "The Coming of the King" will be presented in living pictures and song.

With certain changes and improvements, the program will be the same as that presented last year. Comparatively few were privileged to attend the affair last year, however, because there was a raging snow storm that night which kept many away.

Mrs. S. P. Jessup will have charge of the pictures, which will include reproductions by living models of masterpieces such as "The Annunciation," by Lochner; "Arrival at Bethlehem," by Merson; "The Apparition of the Shepherds," by Ploekhorst; "Angel in Adoration," by Benozzo Gozzoli; "The Madonna of the Chair," by Raphael; "Madonna in Adoration," by Perugino and "The Adoration of the Kings".

Miss Kate M. Blanchard is directing the music, and will be at the organ while children of her glee clubs sing Christmas carols loved by every one. The young people who will compose the choir include the following: Marie Anderson, Blanche Moore Berry, Helen Britt, Julia Broughton, Elizabeth Caddy, Mary Thad Chappell, Celia Blanche Dail, Florence Darden, Nancy Coke Darden, Mary Field, Anne Tullis Felton, Eugenia Gregory, Ruth Hollowell, Maude Keaton, Mary Morris, Francis Newby, Jeannette Perry, Alice Roberson, Lila Budd Stephens, Dalton Strange, Anna Penelope Tucker, Ellie Mae White, Ruth Winslow, Elizabeth Darden, Mary Belle Lelany, Pat Edwards, Eloise Keaton, Belle Landling, Betty Lordley, Wallace Cobb Morgan, Miriam Nixon, Mary Ruth Sawyer, Marie Stanton, Helen Mae White, Adalia Winslow, Betty Winslow, Bertha Mae White, Jack Anderson, George Fields, Harrell Johnson, Durwood Reed, Clarke Stokes, Billy Blanchard, Elmo Cannon, Jimmie Felton, Morris Griffin, Wood Gaitner, Edward Jordan, Emmett Landling, Thomas Fleetwood, Hillary Nixon, James S. McNider, Jr., Hillary Winslow, Elihu Winslow, Richard Sawyer and Vance Proctor.

The Rev. E. T. Jilison, of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, will read.

## Local Baptist Church Shows Much Progress

The Rev. D. S. Dempsey, Pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, says that in addition to the fact that his congregations are continually increasing at both the morning and evening services, there are other things taking place over which the members are rejoicing.

Loyalty Day was observed on December 6, at which time all members were asked to sign cards indicating how much of themselves and what amount of money they would invest in the work of the Kingdom next year. There were signs of more interest in every way, says Mr. Dempsey, but attention, he believes, should especially be called to three things in particular. The number of those signing cards increased 50 per cent over last year. The number signing cards increased by 15 per cent, and the amount of money subscribed represented an increase of 25 per cent over last year.

There have been 36 additions to the church during this year, said Mr. Dempsey, and the outlook for next year is bright.

The music and sermon on next Sunday will be in keeping with the Christmas season, according to the pastor, who says that if we are to let others know about it, we must do the best ways to do so. He will stand worship service every Sunday evening.

The pastor is giving to the church a new service also. He will be at the Hertford Baptist Church every Sunday morning in new shoes, and a small strip of paper will be given each one.

## SLOT MACHINES DEFINITELY OUT IN PERQUIMANS

### Owners and Operators Summoned In Court On Tuesday

#### SEVEN MACHINES

### Supreme Court Ruled At Spring Term Devices Illegal

The slot machine has disappeared from Hertford, though the visitor to the courthouse this week may not think so, for temporarily they have made their appearance in a most unusual setting.

Slot machines in the courthouse lobby, slot machines in the office of the Clerk of the Court, slot machines even in the vault, present a strange sight in the more or less stately surroundings.

The latest thing in slot machines, by the way, is an ornate affair and very decorative if somewhat flamboyant. Incidentally, it would probably be hard to find anywhere more widely contrasting objects in appearance than these extremely modern claptrops which are temporarily housed in the staid old courthouse and that huge antique iron safe nearby. The safe is kept in the lobby only as a relic. It is nobody knows how old and so unusual is its appearance that it never fails to catch the attention of the passing stranger. It seems strangely out of place, somehow, just now.

The slot machine, seven of them, were confiscated, together with their contents, on Tuesday when warrants were served on the operators and owners, charging Hudson Butler, manager of the One Stop Service Station, Morgan Walker, proprietor of Walker's, Charles Umphlett, manager of the Texaco Service Station, Fred Morris and Russell Box, non-residents who are said to be the owners of the machines, with operating illegal slot machines, and the machines were taken to the courthouse to be held until trial if the cases on next Tuesday.

The slot machines business is said to have been a profitable business in Hertford, where the machines have been very popular. Several attempts have been made in the past to rid the town of the slot machines, which many citizens have strongly objected to having operated in public places frequented by children.

A number of persons were brought into court at one time, charged with operating illegal slot machines, but certain of the machines were found to come under the head of those which were adjudged to be permissible because it was shown that the exercise of skill figured in playing them. Certain others were confiscated.

At the Spring Term of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, however, a decision was handed down which sets forth: "Coin slot machines which depend in whole or in part upon the element of chance in determining the results of their operation, which result cannot be predicted prior to their operation, are made unlawful by Chapter 2 of the Public Laws of 1935. But a proper construction of the act and the unlawfulness of such machines are not affected by the fact that the results of their operation may be governed by skill or by the fact that such machine may sell merchandise or provide entertainment."

In many towns and counties the (Continued on Page Eight)

## "Now Or Never" Is The Slogan In Fast Finish For Capital Prizes

### Special Award To Be Given

A chest of Community silver has been added to the prizes to be given in the Perquimans Weekly subscription campaign. This prize will be awarded to the person reporting the greatest number of subscriptions THIS week. Subscriptions turned in this week will receive votes toward the major awards and also count towards winning the chest of silver.

Now is the time to subscribe or renew your subscription with your favorite worker. Your subscription, THIS WEEK can help your friend win TWO prizes.

If you have promised your subscription, do not wait to be asked again, for in his or her haste to cover as much ground as possible during the closing hours of the Big vote period, the one you would like to help may not be able to reach you. Too, the offer of voluntary support would be extra pleasing and heartening to your favorite.

The chest of silver was purchased from and is on display in Roberson's Drug Store.

### Saturday Last Day To Obtain Big Votes In Contest

#### SEVEN DAYS LEFT

### Thursday, December 24, Expansion Campaign Will Come to Close

"Two More Days." These three words have a potent meaning when we consider the importance of the results in The Perquimans Weekly Campaign which is nearing a close. The last of the big votes will undoubtedly be the deciding factor in determining the winners in the splendid array of prizes which each contestant is eager to win.

#### Race Getting Hotter

As the last few days of the campaign come in sight candidates are struggling for the highest honors that are to be had. Not only will the \$300 cash be awarded the winner, but the fortunate winner will also receive the congratulations of the entire vicinity for having achieved such a signal victory.

But two days remain in which candidates can gather enough votes to assure them of the highest awards. The vote schedule will take a decided drop after Saturday night at nine o'clock. Also votes on Second Payments or extensions will not be given next week, other than the regular subscription votes.

Extensions this week are playing an important part in the campaign of most of the candidates. Each one realizes the boost each extension will give, and is working their territory to this end.

These are the days that will tell the resourcefulness of the candidates. Here is where their courage upholds them and makes them fight, or the lack of it takes the stiffness out of their knees and leaves them trailing the dust. Sometimes, too, supreme courage urges them on when they tire, and that is the gamest fight of all.

Votes will pile up rapidly during the next few days. The living part of the competition is now at hand and while the leaders are on the same footing, at the same time those who want to—and will—are afforded the opportunity of the entire campaign to forge ahead and corral the winning votes.

For several weeks the contestants have engaged in accumulating votes and during this time The Perquimans Weekly's campaign has gained fame. The efforts and diligence of the past few weeks will be rewarded by The Perquimans Weekly with splendid cash prizes ranging from \$300 to \$25 according to the votes of the contestants.

The Perquimans Weekly is justly proud of the list of contestants that are competing for the prizes, and each community is proud of its representative. The different communities are supporting their favorite and pulling for their favorite to win.

The race as the finish approaches is a neck and neck affair. No one person has any material advantage over another at the present, and the number of subscriptions turned in before Saturday night may tell the tale. The third period closes Saturday night at nine o'clock.

### James Dimmette Now Convalescing

The many friends of the Dimmette family will be glad to learn that James Dimmette, who has been critically ill with pneumonia, is convalescing. The Dimmette family moved to Spring Hope some weeks ago, where Mr. Dimmette, who had for four years been pastor of the Perquimans Circuit of the M. E. Church, was transferred. One son, William, remained in Perquimans. He holds a position at Morgan's Modern Grocery. On Sunday night he was advised by telephone of his brother's serious illness and left at once for Spring Hope. He returned to Hertford on Monday, after the sick boy had passed the crisis.

#### COTTON GINNING OVER 1000 BALES AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

W. M. Harrell, special agent, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, reports that there were 4,056 bales of cotton ginned in Perquimans County from the crop of 1936 prior to December 1, as compared with 3,013 bales ginned December 1, crop of 1935.

## BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSE ON DEC. 26

### Agreement Signed By Merchants That Will Afford Three-Day Christmas Vacation

Hertford merchants and their employees will enjoy a three-day holiday period at Christmas, the following merchants having signed an agreement to close their stores on Saturday after Christmas: J. C. Blanchard & Co., Simon's, Mrs. Jake White, Rose's Five & Ten, Hertford Hardware & Supply Company, Gregory's Five and Ten, Darden Bros., H. C. Stokes, Grocery Sales Company, Central Grocery, Carolina Hardware Co., Davenport and Blanchard, W. M. Morgan's Furniture Store, D. Pender Grocery Co. and the Hertford Banking Company.

## Medical Building Now Nearing Completion

The new medical building which is being erected on Market Street by Dr. C. A. Davenport and Dr. T. P. Brinn, two leading physicians of Hertford, who will form an association, is nearing completion and will probably be ready for occupancy by the middle of January.

This building, with its conveniences and facilities for taking care of the sick and injured, is a distance asset to the town and to the community. Of brick veneer construction, it is modern in every particular, and will be complete in every detail, from its General Electric oil burning heating system, electrically controlled, to the newest devices for examination and treatment of patients.

Located on the lot where formerly stood the frame building occupied by the late Dr. G. E. Newby as an office, with a wide frontage and running back to a considerable depth, there is ample room for all of the rooms on one floor.

In addition to the large reception room which occupies the front of the building, the record room and the X-Ray department, there is a separate suite of offices for each physician, each suite including a consultation room, an examining room and a laboratory.

There will also be three rooms with beds and other equipment necessary for taking care of patients. This will be particularly advantageous in case of accident victims. It has in the past often been necessary to send patients injured in automobile accidents or otherwise to a hospital for observation in order to determine the extent of injury. With the facilities of the new medical building, these physicians will no longer find this necessary, as they may keep the patients under their own observation.

The building will be very attractive in appearance when finished.

## Here's How They Stand

With only two days left in which to secure big credits on subscriptions: no better time will be offered to readers to help their favorite candidates win a handsome prize. Credits gained during Friday and Saturday undoubtedly will be the very ones necessary for victory during their race for first place honors.

All hearts are set on first place—and that \$300. But it's entirely up to what the workers and their friends and supporters do during the next few important days as to what prize they will win.

Undoubtedly this will be the biggest week of the entire campaign. Wednesday reports were good. Candidates are unusually active. It looks like practically all previous weekly reports would be doubled or tripled. Here's how they stand up to Wednesday noon:

Mrs. Roye Parks	Ryland
Mrs. Viola A. Nachman	Hertford
Mrs. O. A. Chappell	Star Route, Winfall
Mrs. Elmer Banks	Durants Neck
Mrs. W. H. Elliott	Chapanoke
Mrs. J. C. Wilson	Chapanoke
Mrs. Helen Skinner	Hertford
Mrs. Madge S. Rogerson	R. F. D. Hertford
James Lane	Hertford
Miss Winnie Winslow	Whitaston
Mrs. W. F. Long	Bethel
Miss Adeline Eves	R. F. D. Hertford
Billie Tucker	Hertford

## Little Time Remains To Get Perquimans Weekly For Only \$1

The price of The Perquimans Weekly during the circulation campaign is \$1.00 for one year. At the close of the campaign at 12 o'clock M. on December 24 the price for one year will be \$1.25. Give your subscription to your favorite worker in the contest, or send your subscription to The Perquimans Weekly office in Hertford and state to whom you wish the votes credited.

## SALE OF BONDS SAVES TOWN ABOUT \$1,800

### \$15,000 Worth Street Improvement Refunding Bonds Will Be Used To Pay Default

Fifteen thousand dollars worth of street improvement refunding bonds of the Town of Hertford were sold by the Local Government Commission which met in regular session in Raleigh on Tuesday.

The bonds, which were purchased by McAlister, Smith & Pate, of Raleigh, carry a rate of 4 1-2 per cent interest and the money received for them will be used to take up bonds which are past due and which bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. The transaction represents a saving to the town of approximately eighteen hundred dollars.

## Hertford "Dressed Up" For Christmas Holidays

Hertford is all lighted up like a Christmas tree, with a thousand little part-colored lights strung on the street in criss-cross arrangement, and a lot of folks are rejoicing that the town no longer looks dead in comparison with other towns.

For several years there has been a lot of talk around Christmas time of lighting up the business district of Hertford. Whenever certain citizens of Hertford left home and out returning at night passed through other towns all dressed up for Christmas they came home with dissatisfaction written all over their faces, and they had a lot to say sometimes about Hertford being behind the times.

Last week J. G. Roberson and V. N. Darden decided to do something about the situation, so they went to work. Having ascertained that the town council would donate a certain amount for the purpose of lighting up the business district, provided the rest could be raised by the people, these two enterprising gentlemen took a pencil and paper and went forth to solicit funds for the purpose of supplementing the town's donation. There was a most generous response from the business firms, according to Messrs. Roberson and Darden, who raised the necessary amount in no time. The town authorities ordered the lights and equipment forthwith and before you could say Jack Roberson R. N. Hines and Alec Wheeler had strung up the lights, and on Monday night they were turned on and the street was all aglow.

There have been so many exclamations of delight that every one who had a part in the affair gets a thrill.

## 55 Attend Winfall Fellowship Banquet

The ladies of the Winfall-Cedar Grove Missionary Society were royally entertained at a fellowship banquet held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Delaney in Winfall on Tuesday night, those present, who numbered 55, included in addition to the members, the Rev. W. G. Lowe and the Rev. D. M. Sharpe and Mrs. Sharpe, of Hertford.

Preceding the serving of the meal, there was a devotional program presided over by the Rev. W. G. Lowe, the pastor, after which there were Christmas hymns and stories, including an original poem by Mrs. W. F. Morgan, which she dedicated to Mrs. A. B. Winslow, Jr., a story by Mrs. W. G. Lowe, a duet by Mrs. W. F. Morgan and Mrs. W. G. Hollowell, a reading by Mrs. W. F. Morgan and a reading by Miss Mamie Stallings. Mrs. J. L. Delaney made a very interesting talk.

Science estimates the earth gains weight about a pound an hour from shooting stars.