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## P. T. A. SPONSORS HOT LUNCHES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Meals Served to Underprivileged After the Holidays

THREE DAYS

By Private Donations Project Can Be Carried Out Daily

Hot lunches will be served to the underprivileged children who attend the Hertford Grammar School when school is resumed after Christmas. The Parent-Teacher Association of this school is sponsoring the project, and funds to help carry on the work will be supplied from the local Red Cross fund, to be supplemented by such surplus commodities as the WPA has on hand and by private donations.

There are, according to reports from the teachers, in this school a number of children who come to school from a long distance, some of them leaving home after a seven o'clock breakfast and reaching home at night, who bring no lunch to school and who do not have anything to eat from early morning until night. There are others who bring lunches which are inadequate for the needs of growing children. It is the purpose of the PTA to provide hot lunches of soup or other nourishing foods for these children.

At the recent meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association the President, Mrs. H. T. Broughton, reported that there were some funds available from the local Red Cross fund, and that Miss Ruth Davenport, the Welfare Officer, had promised whatever of surplus commodities there were to be obtained from the WPA. It was also reported that the WPA would provide the services of two women to cook and serve the lunches. The PTA voted to furnish the wood necessary for cooking the meals and the president appointed various committees to look after other details.

At the recent meeting of the Woman's Club it was voted to cooperate by allowing the use of the kitchen of the Woman's Club, the cooking utensils, dishes and other equipment necessary.

While the present plans are to serve hot meals to these children only three of the five school days, if the funds available are supplemented by private donations the project can be carried on every day.

## Christmas Services At Hertford Churches

It has been announced that there will be services at the Methodist Church and also at the Episcopal Church in Hertford on Christmas Day. The service at the Methodist Church will be held at 7 o'clock in the morning.

At the Episcopal Church there will be the usual celebration of Holy Communion at 10 o'clock in the morning.

On Sunday morning the usual services will be held at all of the churches. At the Baptist Church in the morning the pastor, the Rev. D. S. Dempsy, will preach on the subject of "Faith as a Dividing Line Between Failure and Fortune."

There will be a special Christmas service at the Methodist Church, to be rendered by the choir, under the direction of the organist, Miss Martha E. Johnson.

At the Episcopal Church there will be a service in the morning the usual celebration of the Holy Communion at 9:45 Church School, and at 11 o'clock morning prayer and services by the rector, the Rev. E. T. Jillean.

The usual services will also be held at the Methodist Church.

**WILSON AT HOME**  
Miss Anne Wilson, commercial teacher at the Perquimans High School, is spending the holidays with her parents at Lenoir.

**VISIT RELATIVES**  
Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Buck, Miss Margaret Buck and Cleveland Buck will be to Kingston, Lenoir and other points for a visit to relatives after Christmas, probably leaving on Monday, and will return around the New Year.

**ARRIVE HERE**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Archie of



The Perquimans Weekly  
Extends to all its readers  
Happiest Christmas  
Greetings

## TOWN PREPARED FOR OBSERVANCE OF XMAS HOLIDAY

Decorations Create Christmas Spirit; Three-Day Holiday For Business People

The four service stations in the Town of Hertford are going to take holidays on Friday and keep Christmas Day. These stations are Joe & Bill's operated by Joe Towe and Bill White; the One Stop, operated by Hudson Butler; Bill & Viv's, operated by Bill Divers and Vivian Matthews, and the Texaco, with Charles Umphlett in charge.

Not only Christmas Day, but Saturday as well, will be observed as a holiday by the merchants, and the owners and the clerks are all planning to enjoy a full three days of leisure.

While the protracted spell of rainy weather which lasted for a couple of weeks and ended on Saturday night was a severe strain on every one, the shoppers as well as the merchants, the crisp, cool weather and sunshine has put new life and zest into folks, and the town and community has taken on a very gay air.

Never before has the town been so prettily decorated for Christmas. The streets lighted up with the gay colored lights seems to have given every one inspiration to decorate, and not only the business houses but the homes as well are more brilliantly lighted and more elaborately decorated than ever before.

There isn't a dull looking spot between the Hollowell Chevrolet place, the beginning of the business district, and Roberson's Drug Store and the Bank. There is not a show window which isn't attractive looking.

A new coat of paint recently added to the old bank building occupied by Dr. I. A. Ward has brought out the beauty of this place and made a most appropriate setting for the window in Dr. I. A. Ward's office where is displayed half a dozen lovely growing plants.

The Christmas tree planted by the Woman's Club some years ago, on the courthouse green, and which has grown considerably, is also unusually pretty this year. The club women added a lot of lights for this Christmas.

Brilliantly lighted Christmas trees have made their appearance in the yards of many homes about the town most of them being permanent growing trees planted for the purpose. In other homes pretty trees are shown near the windows and doors, and here are many windows with

## Is There A Santa Claus?

Reprinted from The New York Sun of September 21, 1897.

We take pleasure in answering, at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun.

Dear Editor—I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says: "If you see it in the Sun, it's so."

Please tell me the truth; "is there a Santa Claus?"

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or little children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may hear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest

all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God; he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may ten times ten thousand years from now he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

## Pre-Nuptial Affairs In Honor Of Miss Perry

Miss Mary Lavinia Perry, whose marriage to Mr. Nathan Newby White, of New York City, will take place on Saturday morning at the Hertford Baptist Church, has been

honored at several pre-nuptial affairs.

On Tuesday Misses Carolyn Riddick, Joyce Stokes and Sara Brinn entertained at a bridge-luncheon at the home of Miss Riddick, the guests including, in addition to the honoree, Mrs. John Lewis Perry, of Windsor, Mrs. Herbert Nixon, and Misses Elizabeth Morris, Helene Nixon, Lillian Blanchard, Mary Onella Relfe, Jessie Taylor Newby, Ruth Alice Ward, and Elizabeth Fleetwood, of Mars Hill.

Miss Mary Helene Newby received the prize for top score and the honoree was presented with a guest's prize.

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Perry was honored at a bridge party given by Misses Kay Broughton and Eloise Broughton at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Broughton. Those present included, in addition to Miss Perry, Misses Elizabeth Mirris, Lillian Blanchard, Helene Nixon, Joyce Stokes, Mary Onella Relfe, Sara Brinn, Dorcas Knowles, Edith Blount Skinner, Leah Nachman, of Richmond and Mrs. John Lewis Perry, of Windsor.

## Rufus Brinn Gets Letter At Marion

Cadet Rufus T. Brinn, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Brinn, was among those named for scrub football letters at Marion Institute, Marion, Alabama, for the 1936 season. Brinn played a guard position and in the role of substitute played in a great number of varsity games, only lacking a few quarters of making his

## OWNERS OF SLOT MACHINES PUT UP COURT FIGHT

Counsel For Defendants Asks For Jury Trial; Case Comes Up Tuesday In Recorder's Court

It may be that the slot machines are not definitely out in Hertford. It now appears that the owners and operators of these machines who were indicted for operating illegal slot machines last Tuesday are going to make a fight to keep the machines and to continue them in operation.

Three warrants were issued and served on last Tuesday, one for Hudson Butler, Fred Morris and Raymond Roseman; one for Charlie Umphlett and Russell Box and one for Morgan Walker and Russell Box. The slot machines in the three places of business represented by the warrants were taken over by the officers and placed in the court house to be used in evidence. The warrants were issued in accordance with instructions from Walter H. Oakey, Jr., Judge of Recorder's Court.

When the cases came up for trial on Tuesday of this week the defendants were represented by counsel, J. B. McMullan, of Elizabeth City, appearing for them. Mr. McMullan requested a jury trial of the cases, which necessitated a continuance until Tuesday of next week. Judge Oakey accordingly ordered that a special venire of 24 names be drawn from the jury box and the jurors summoned. From these 24 will be selected six jurors, only six being necessary on a Recorder's Court jury.

The Supreme Court of North Carolina ruled last spring that 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, were unlawful.

## Major & Loomis Co. Distributes \$2,000 As Christmas Gifts

The employees of Major & Loomis Company are having a real treat this Christmas. The Company is giving bonus checks to the employees as Christmas presents, the amount given being approximately \$2,000.

No official of the company, nor any member of the board of directors, shares in this special Christmas gift. It is given only to the superintendents and to the skilled and unskilled laborers.

The plant, which employs about 180 men, will be closed down for a week, when the customary repairs necessary at this season of the year

## LEADERS CLOSER FOR FIRST PLACE AS CONTEST ENDS

Prizes Will Be Awarded Thursday to Successful Workers

CLOSES AT NOON

Contestants Make Final Dash to Win First Prize of \$300

Mrs. Roye Parks of Ryland won the special prize, a set of Community Plate Silver, for securing the largest number of votes in last week's offer in The Perquimans Weekly's subscription Campaign.

The Perquimans Weekly subscription campaign will close at 12 o'clock noon Thursday. The campaign is closed under the sealed ballot box system, and at 12 o'clock the three judges, Mrs. E. N. Elliott, Tyner, R. M. Riddick and C. P. Morris will open the sealed box and start the final count. As soon as they finish the check and count, the awards will be given and commissions paid to the persons who have participated in the campaign.

The contestants are listed for the last time in this issue. The names are in alphabetical order, and does not denote their standing in the campaign:

Mrs. Elmer Banks  
Mrs. A. O. Chappell  
Miss Adelaide Eaves  
Mrs. W. H. Elliott  
Jesse Lane  
Mrs. W. P. Long  
Mrs. Viola Nachman  
Mrs. Roye Parks  
Mrs. Madge S. Rogerson  
Mrs. Helen Skinner  
Billy Tucker  
Mrs. J. C. Wilson  
Miss Winnie Winslow

Standing today with their faces to the future and the thought "now or never" hovering in their minds, candidates in the Perquimans Weekly Subscription Campaign are rallying their aids as would a general on the eve of battle; preparing with feverish haste to make their final stand for victory before 12 o'clock Thursday noon—the last day—while all the surrounding counties are waiting, watching, wondering—and hustling for their favorites.

Leading candidates are seeking with haste of preparation for the final dash and with one accord are fighting valiantly and determinedly to reach the goal—where the \$300 awaits.

Six weeks of hard work and anxiety culminate in the scene, 12 o'clock Thursday noon at which time the subscription Campaign comes to an official end and the most successful candidates will claim the big prizes—headed by the \$300.

Success in any event of this kind depends upon the keen judgment and immediate action. Through all history people possessing the faculty of knowing an opportunity when they see it and grasping it at the right moment, have won frequently on the last turn—the good things of this world, while those undecided and afraid stand back and talk about what they have done.

The end is but a few hours away. If you trust your own judgment as to your competitor's strength, based on facts and observations and lay your plans accordingly there is yet time to stem the tide and turn it to sweeping victory.

Are you going to be the one to finish triumphantly with an overwhelming number of votes, or are you going to be content with what you now have and see the efforts of those many weary weeks go to waste and the reward wrested from your grasp by more enterprising competitors. It is up to you now, or let your rivals beat you to it.

A few more laps and the course will have been run. Only a short time remains to choose between victory and defeat—success or failure. Don't overlook the chances that your adversaries, as keen, perhaps, and as resourceful as yourself, are racking very acute brains for the same purpose.

It means something to win in a competition of this kind. It is a demonstration of capacity that is extraordinary. Sometimes it will prove up your "bogus" friends, but it will reveal the true ones, and it always tests mettle and measures your strength.

Subscriptions now will count for more than all the secrets in the