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MRS. ROYE PARKS WINS \$300 PRIZE IN BIG CONTEST

Campaign of Perquimans Weekly Comes to Successful Close

NEW READERS

Paper Enjoys Largest Circulation in Trade Territory

Mrs. Roye Parks of Ryland was the winner of the \$300 cash prize in the subscription campaign of the Perquimans Weekly, with Mrs. Viola A. Nachman of Hertford winner of the second prize of \$100. Mrs. O. A. Chappell of Belvidere won the \$50 award and Mrs. Elmer Banks of Durants Neck won the \$25 award. All other contestants received checks for twenty per cent of the amount they turned in on subscriptions.

The contest closed promptly at 12 o'clock noon Thursday. By that hour each contestant had placed their last returns in the ballot box in the Perquimans Weekly office where the votes were counted. As soon as the judges, Mrs. Emmett Elliott of Tynes, C. P. Morris, and R. M. Riddick, made their announcement of the winners, checks were written and awarded to the winners and commission checks were given to the non prize winners.

Splendid work was done by the participants throughout the campaign. All of them were women who showed themselves capable and effective.

The Perquimans Weekly has been well advertised in the sections through which it desires to permanently circulate. It has been popularized in hundreds of homes in which it could not gain permanent entrance before, and as a result of the campaign the paper now enjoys the largest circulation of any newspaper in the Hertford trade territory.

The Perquimans Weekly wishes to thank all the workers who entered the campaign as well as all who subscribed in order to make the contest a success, and extends to all a cordial invitation to make the office their headquarters when in Hertford, and to call on the management at any time it can be of any service.

Five Perquimans Boys May Enroll in CCC

Five Perquimans County boys may enroll in CCC camps early in the New Year, three white and two colored.

It has been announced that there will be a CCC enrollment on January 9, application for enrollment to be made before January 6.

Young men from the ages of eighteen to twenty-nine are eligible if they otherwise meet the requirements. They must, however, come from families which are either on relief or which are eligible for relief. A boy who has been a member of a CCC camp must have been discharged a year ago before he is again eligible for membership.

Those desiring to enroll must get in touch with the local Devenport, Welfare Officer.

Skinner Entertain At Old Ancestral Home

Dr. J. J. Skinner and Mrs. Skinner, who live in Washington, D. C., but who spend considerable time at their country home, "Cove Grove", a fine old ancestral home of the Skinner family in Old Neck, are here for the holidays with their daughter, Miss Leigh Skinner. They have entertained a number of guests during the holiday season. At Christmas their son, Joshua H. Skinner, of Troy, New York, was here, and also their son, Frank B. Skinner, of Statesville, and Mrs. Skinner.

Other guests were Judge Paul P. Pierce, who is Chairman of the Patient Board, U. S. Patent Office, and Mrs. Pierce, of Washington, D. C.

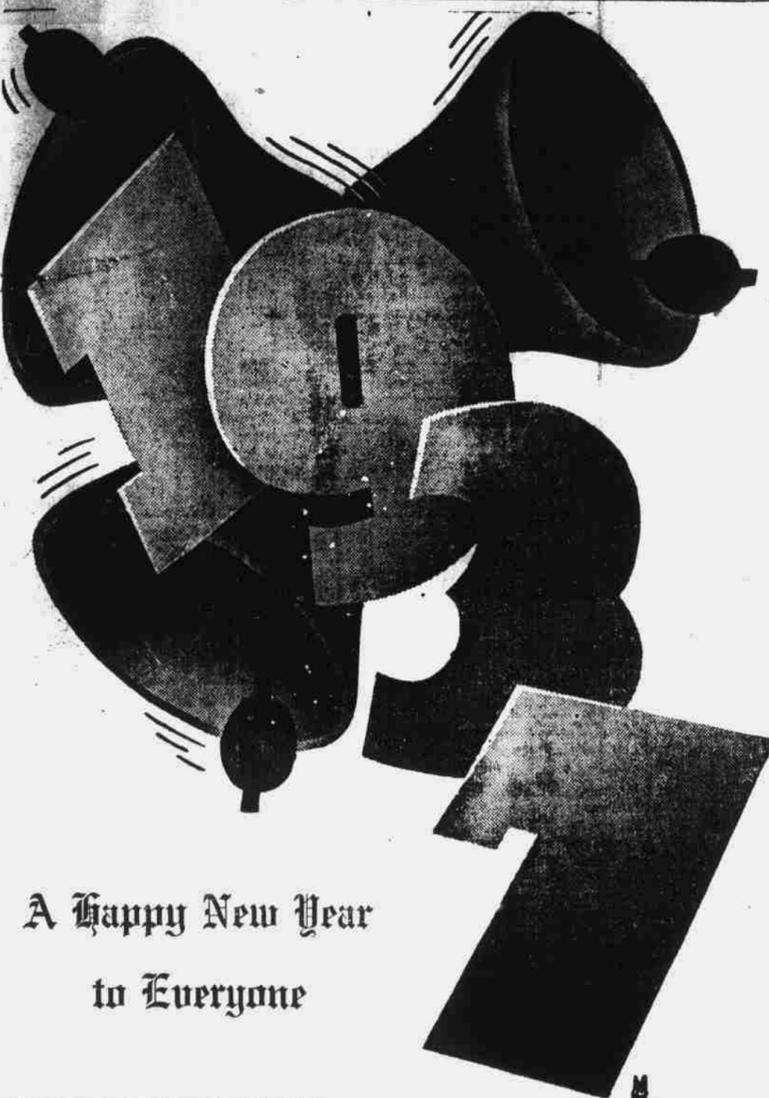
Among those who are spending the New Year holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Skinner are Dr. E. R. Collins, a member of the faculty of the Agricultural College of the University of North Carolina, and Mrs. Collins.

IT'S SO

If you can laugh at yourself, there's hope.

Just when a man gets to like a hat, his wife tells him that he needs a new one.

Some men say their hair and others can't see their money.



A Happy New Year
to Everyone

HERTFORD BOYS HURT IN WRECK

Edison Harris Forced to Remain in Bed Ten Weeks Due to Dislocation of Hip; In Cast

Edison Harris will be confined to his bed for ten weeks, according to the physicians who rendered surgical aid to the injured youth, Louis Nachman, Jr., is rapidly recovering from his injuries, and it is believed that the cuts about the face of Dick Payne will be healed shortly, all of which in the light of what happened, appears to be little short of a miracle.

The three boys were injured in an automobile accident when returning from Elizabeth City early Monday morning, where they had attended the midnight show. Louis Nachman was at the wheel of his father's Plymouth sedan, which was in collision with a car driven by W. H. T. Smith, of Norfolk. In the Nachman car were also Beverly Blanchard and James Divers, James was unhurt. Beverly was also unhurt until after he had extricated himself from the wreck, when he suffered a sprained ankle. He was, however, able to help his injured companions. Kermit Kirby, also returning home from Elizabeth City, was the first to reach the scene and he immediately took the boys in his car and brought them to Hertford, where Dr. C. A. Davenport attended them.

On Monday Edison Harris, who was the most seriously injured of the three, was taken to the Albemarle Hospital. He suffered a fracture dislocation of the hip. Surgeons from Duke Hospital and from Norfolk also have been in attendance upon young Harris and his hip is now in a cast. He will be removed to his home, in all probability, within the next few days, but he will have to remain in the cast.

It was at first feared that Louis Nachman had sustained serious internal injury. However, his condition is much improved. Dick Payne's face was badly cut when he was thrown through the windshield.

All who viewed the twisted wreck of the car wondered how any one escaped alive.

AN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank each and every patron of Belvidere Post Office for the splendid cooperation given us in the handling of the mails during the Christmas season. The bulk of mail is always increased at this time of the year, but this year more pieces of mail were handled than ever before since we have been in the service. A prosperous New Year to all of you.

D. R. WINSLOW, P. M.

Seeking Home For 9-Year-Old Orphan

Who will care for this little homeless child? There is in Perquimans, according to Miss Meta Dowling, child welfare officer, a little girl, nine years old, without mother, father or home.

She is at present temporarily placed in a home which is already over-crowded and where she can only be kept for a short time.

Any one who might be interested in taking care of this poor homeless orphan child should get in touch with Miss Dowling, or with Miss Ruth Davenport, welfare officer.

The child will not be placed in any home which is not approved by the Welfare Department. She has had few advantages and it is the earnest desire of those in charge of the matter that a home be found for her which is near a school and where she can attend Sunday School and church.

Prizes Awarded For Burgess Club Scores

Mrs. Walter Williams entertained the Wednesday afternoon Bridge Club and a number of other friends at her home near Burgess, Wednesday night.

The grand prize for high score for the year was awarded to Mrs. J. B. Basnight and the low prize for the year went to Mrs. Nathan Mathews.

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Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Basnight, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Mathews.

The hostess served fruit cake with conjealed fruit salad, topped with whipped cream.

MRS. CHARLIE WHITE HOSTESS TO FRIENDS AT BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. Charlie White was a most charming hostess to a number of her friends at bridge at her home near Burgess on Tuesday afternoon. The high score prize was awarded to Mrs. J. B. Basnight, while the consolation went to Miss Virginia Umphlett.

Those present were Mrs. Walter Williams, Mrs. Fred Mathews, Mrs. J. B. Basnight and Miss Virginia Smith.

A delicious course of hot cocoa with marshmallows and wafers was served.

MASONS TO INSTALL OFFICERS TUESDAY

Perquimans Lodge Has Met Regularly In Lodge Room Provided 113 Years Ago

The Perquimans Lodge of Masons, the oldest secular organization in Perquimans, has held its weekly meetings regularly in the special lodge rooms constructed for its use a hundred and thirteen years ago in the county court house.

At the next regular meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, January 5, the first meeting of the New Year, installation services will be conducted, when the recently elected officers will be formally installed. This is a very special meeting, refreshments will be served and there will be a general good time.

There are several master Masons living temporarily in Perquimans at the present time, and all these are given a special invitation by the lodge to be present on this occasion.

The new officers are: Worshipful Master, A. L. Skinner; Senior Warden, G. W. Jackson; Junior Warden, F. T. Johnson; Senior Deacon, G. C. Buck; Junior Deacon, E. S. Pierce; Senior Steward, John D. Hill; Junior Steward, J. H. Towse; Tyler, Hugh Copeland; Chaplin, D. J. Pritchard; Secretary, T. E. Raper, and Treasurer, J. S. Vick.

Sunday School Class Enjoys Party Monday

A delightful party was given by the members of the Judson Memorial Sunday School Class of the Hertford Baptist Church on Monday night. The affair was held in the Men's Bible Class Room of the church, which was decorated with Christmas greens for the occasion.

Mrs. Charles Johnson, the teacher of the class, had charge of the program, which included readings, stories, games and contests in which all took part.

Delicious hot chocolate, wafers and candy were served.

Those present included the following: Rev. D. S. Dempsey and Mrs. Dempsey, Mrs. Sidney Broughton, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Smith, Mrs. T. E. Raper, Mrs. Thomas Tilley, of Norfolk, Mrs. C. E. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Towse, Mrs. W. E. White, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Layden, Mrs. D. M. Jackson, Mrs. Bill Boyce, Mrs. Charlie Elliott, Mrs. Josiah Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Wheeler, Misses Dorothy Hoffer, Lizzie Lee Hoffer, Katherine Campen, Edith White, Edna Layden, Ellen Chappell, Margaret Madra, Bennie Wood, Essie Walker and Messrs Tom Cox and Jim Bass.

Slot Machines Ruled Out By Judge Oakey

Tea In Honor Golden Wedding Anniversary

In honor of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Darden, of Hertford, which occurred on Wednesday, December 30, their daughter, Mrs. Henry O'Sullivan, of Norfolk, Va., and their two daughters-in-law, Mrs. D. S. Darden and Mrs. V. N. Darden, of Hertford, entertained at a delightful tea on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. V. N. Darden.

The rooms of the lower floor of the home were beautifully decorated with yellow roses and lighted by candles.

The guests were received at the front door by Mrs. V. N. Darden. Mrs. O'Sullivan received in the living room and introduced the guests to the receiving line composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Darden, the guests of honor. Mrs. D. S. Darden presided over the guests' book, in which all the callers registered.

Mrs. T. B. Sumner and Mrs. R. M. Fowler poured tea, and those assisting in serving included Mrs. George Alexander and the three granddaughters of the honorees, Misses Nancy Coke, Elizabeth and Florence Darden.

Mrs. Darden, who is a native of Hertford, was the former Miss Essie Stokes. Mr. Darden is a native of Virginia, but has lived in Hertford for many years. The couple were married fifty years ago at the girlhood home of the bride, the present home of her brother, H. C. Stokes, in Hertford.

Those who called included Mrs. R. M. Fowler, Mrs. T. B. Sumner, Mrs. G. W. Alexander of Chapanoke, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Jones of Suffolk, Mrs. J. L. Tayloe of Suffolk, Miss Margaret C. Eakle of Suffolk, Miss Charlotte Jones of Suffolk, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Daughtrey of Suffolk, Miss Pattie Whedbee, Mrs. Lizzie T. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Chappell, Mrs. T. B. Walters, William W. Jones, Mrs. W. W. Stinemates of Elizabeth City, Mrs. C. P. Quincy of Chapanoke, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Towse of Chapanoke, Mrs. Jay Scott of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Charles Britt of Elizabeth City, J. J. White, Sr. of Elizabeth City, Mrs. S. G. Scott of Elizabeth City, Mrs. G. A. Twiddy of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Thos. J. Nixon, Jr., Mrs. Helene W. Newby, Mrs. R. H. Beamon, Mrs. G. D. Happer, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weatherly of Elizabeth City, Mrs. T. L. Jessup, Mrs. J. R. Stokes, Mrs. W. H. Oakey, Jr., Mrs. Thomas Nixon, Mrs. H. C. Stokes, Mrs. Rosser Brinn, Mrs. Nathan Tucker, Mrs. Charles Whedbee, Mrs. Randolph T. Clark, Mrs. J. P. Perry, Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Sr., Miss Mary Sumner, Miss Helen Gaither, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fleetwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McNider, Mrs. T. A. Cox, Mrs. S. E. Nixon, Mrs. Tim Brinn, Mrs. T. T. Harrell, Mrs. H. C. Hoffer, Mrs. C. A. Davenport, Mrs. Simon Rutenberg, Mrs. T. W. Wilson, Mrs. S. P. Jessup, Mrs. W. E. White, Mrs. Silas Whedbee, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Perry and Mrs. Lloyd Griffin of Edenton.

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Funeral Held Sunday For Harold Chappell, Holiday Casualty

Occurring just over the Chowan line, one casualty marred the joy of the holiday season in the community, when young Harold Chappell, 16, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy D. Chappell, of the Chappells Hill neighborhood, was fatally injured when a gun in the hands of a small brother, John Edgar, was accidentally fired while the boys were hunting on Saturday.

The boy was brought first to the office of Dr. I. A. Ward, in Hertford, where he was given treatment before being carried to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, where he died within a few hours after his leg was amputated.

Funeral services were held on Sunday at the home, with the Rev. Mrs. Bertha Smith White officiating and burial took place in the family burying ground near Belvidere.

Surviving are his parents, a twin brother, Carol, another brother, John Edgar, and one sister, Mrs. Louis Winslow.

WHEDBEES ATTEND FUNERAL OF MRS. WHEDBEE'S FATHER

Mr. and Mrs. Silas M. Whedbee went to Stoval on Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Whedbee's father, W. L. Stoval, who died at his home there on Wednesday.

Jury Fails to Convict But Judge Says Machines Unlawful

PAY COSTS

Witnesses Demonstrate Contraptions During Trial

It has appeared for the past few weeks as though the slot machines in Perquimans were, like Finegan's train, off agin, on agin, gone agin, particularly so when the jury in Recorder's Court on Tuesday brought in a verdict of not guilty after it had been instructed by Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., to render a verdict of guilty if they believed all of the evidence.

In spite of this, however, slot machines are definitely out in Perquimans unless the General Assembly enacts legislation permitting their operation.

After this matter had been settled in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, Judge Oakey made the following statement from the bench.

"The present law in North Carolina based on the statute and on the Supreme Court's interpretation, undoubtedly makes these machines unlawful. The same statute makes it unlawful to collect any tax on them. This jury has spoken. That they have chosen not to believe the evidence in this case is reflected by their verdict. But so long as the law remains as it is, I am instructing the officers of this county to arrest all who may in the future have these machines displayed for operation, and, further, to issue warrants against any who collect taxes from this type of machine, unless legal advice has been duly given him that the machines in question are lawful. If arrests are not promptly made and notice comes to this court, warrants will be issued from the bench. If the people do not want this law enforced, let them have the Legislature act."

On December 15 Judge Oakey had instructed warrants to be issued for the owners and operators of slot machines in Perquimans, the warrants returnable on the following Tuesday. At this time, however, the defendants, represented by their counsel, J. B. McMullan, of Elizabeth City, requested a jury trial, which necessitated a continuance until Tuesday of this week.

Only one of the cases was actually tried on Tuesday, that against Morgan Walker, Charlie Umphlett and Russell Box, the latter allegedly the owner of the machines which were operated in Walker's store and in the service station operated by Umphlett. There was no evidence, however, connecting Mr. Box with the ownership of the machines.

County Solicitor Charles E. Johnson had charge of the prosecution. From a special venire of 24 men, whose names were drawn from the regular jury box, the following jury was selected: E. W. Mays, J. D. Chappell, Thomas Newby, H. C. Godfrey, Kermit Kirby and Kermit Benton.

The only evidence offered was that of the state, the witnesses including officer M. G. Owens, who made the arrests, and who testified that he took the machines from the respective places of business, and also testified that he had played the machines. C. C. Banks was the only witness in addition to Mr. Owens. He testified that he had played the machines and had also watched others play. Both men testified that there was, so far as they could learn, no way of predicting the outcome when a nickel was dropped into the machine. Both men testified that the machines paid off tickets or checks which were redeemed in cash.

Both machines, which were introduced in evidence, were connected up with electricity and Mr. Banks was furnished nickels with which to demonstrate to the jury how the machine was played.

Both Mr. Johnson and Mr. McMullan addressed the jury very briefly after the evidence was all in, and Judge Oakey charged them that they were to return a verdict of guilty as to Walker and Umphlett and not guilty as to Box if they believed the evidence.

The verdict as returned by the jury however, was that all three defendants were not guilty.

When the second case came to trial, in which Hudson Butler, Fred Morris and Raymond Bozeman were defendants, counsel for

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