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## New Town Officers Take Oath Of Office

### Mayor Will Use Efforts To Stop Speeding In Town

#### NO SALARIES SET

### W. G. Newby Unanimously Appointed as Clerk to Board

Silas M. Whedbee was sworn in as Mayor of the Town of Hertford at the regular meeting of the Board on Monday night, the oath being administered by Clerk of the Superior Court W. H. Pitt.

V. N. Darden, the new member of the Board of Town Commissioners, and the two old members, A. W. Hefren and W. H. Hardcastle, also took their oath of office on this occasion, and the first item of business which came before the new board was a motion on the part of Mr. Darden that the Mayor of Hertford have restored to him the same powers as had been the mayor's prior to the present arrangement.

There was some discussion of the matter and the commissioners expressed the belief that it is the wish to the citizens of the town that the mayor assume the duties of the office—and that he designate such duties to others as he shall see fit, which was done.

W. H. Hardcastle made a motion, which was unanimously carried, that the salary of Alec Wheeler, who has been working for the Town of Hertford as a lineman for several years, be raised five dollars per week. The young lineman has only been receiving \$13 per week. This matter had come up for discussion before the meeting of the new board, during the brief closing session of the old board, when former Mayor H. G. Winslow had suggested that the board consider the matter of some relief for Mr. Wheeler, who recently suffered misfortune. It was voted by the old board that the debt of \$25, which Mr. Wheeler recently incurred in the purchase of a cemetery lot, be cancelled.

None of the salaries of other town employees were set at this meeting, as it developed there were certain matters to be given further consideration before this could be satisfactorily adjusted.

W. G. Newby, Town Clerk, was unanimously appointed for another term by the Board.

It was decided to defer until the next meeting the appointment of a city attorney to fill the position of Whedbee & Whedbee, who have held the place for some years and who have resigned since the election of the junior member of the firm as Mayor. The two applicants for this position are Walter H. Oakey, Jr., and Charles E. Johnson.

That the new mayor expects to take a hand in putting a stop to speeding on the streets of Hertford was made evident, though he stated that he did not believe in taking snap judgment on any one and believed that the speeders should be given due warning. "I believe in treating every one with courtesy," he said, "and they should be warned," when it was suggested that there are in the community certain individuals who are habitual speeders, and said that he believed most persons could be reached through courtesy. He stated, however, that speeding on Hertford's streets must be stopped and spoke with special reference to Debb street and that section of Church street between Grubb street and the bridge.

The mayor expressed the opinion that traffic officers should be placed at the corner of Debb street and Edenton Road at those hours immediately after the Perquimans High School is dismissed at noon and in the afternoon, with a view to preventing accidents at this point.

The matter of the congestion of traffic down town on Saturdays and on Wednesday nights when there are so many out-of-town cars here for the theatre was taken up and it was decided that the mayor should look into the matter of securing parking space on the lot of Mrs. Fish on Front street which has long been rented as a "lot."

The matter was accordingly taken over by the Board and it was decided that the mayor should look into the matter of securing parking space on the lot of Mrs. Fish on Front street which has long been rented as a "lot."

## Merchants Begin Holiday On June 3

After two more weeks the merchants and their employes will have a weekly summer half holiday. Beginning on June 3, and continuing through August the merchants and other down-town business places will close their doors at 1 o'clock as in previous years, and take half a holiday.

## Annual W.M.U. Meets At Woodville Church Thursday, May 20th

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist Churches of the County will hold an all day meeting on Thursday, May 20, at Woodville Church.

The meeting will begin at 10:30. The theme for the day is "The Challenge of a Lost World."

In the morning session Mrs. J. E. White of Hertford will speak on "Home Missions." The guest speaker, Rev. John Link of Windsor, will speak on "Foreign Missions." The topic is "A Call from Afar."

The theme for the afternoon session is "Youths Challenge." A Missionary pageant, "The Heart of Henrietta" will be presented by a group from the Hertford Baptist Church.

## Ladies' Council Meets With Mrs. Cannon

The Ladies Council of Bethlehem Christian Church held its regular monthly meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Carlton Cannon in Hertford. The president was absent so Mrs. E. Y. Berry presided.

After the business session was over an interesting program was rendered with Mrs. E. Y. Berry in charge. At the close of the meeting the hostess served a delicious ice course.

Those present were Mesdames E. Y. Berry, Carlton Cannon, W. A. Russell, Mamie Farmer, and Louis Eaves.

## Demonstration Club Has Regular Meeting

Mrs. E. N. Miller president of the Winfall Home Demonstration club, presided at the regular meeting held at the home of Mrs. Effie Miller and Mrs. George Roach on Wednesday afternoon and Miss Celesta Godwin acted as secretary. A Mother's Day program was given with the following members taking part: Mrs. E. N. Miller, Mrs. William Bagley, Mrs. Jim Lowe, Mrs. Effie Miller, Mrs. David Trueblood and Miss Celesta Godwin. Plans for the district meeting to be held at Hertford in June were discussed. Delicious ice cream and cake was served by the hostesses.

Those present were: Mesdames William Bagley, D. L. Barber, Joel Hollowell, Jim Lowe, Effie Miller, E. N. Miller, George Roach, D. P. Stallings, David Trueblood, Kenneth Miller, and Misses Gladys Hamrick and Celesta Godwin.

## Funeral Held For James R. Whedbee

James Robert Whedbee, 76, highly respected Perquimans County citizen died on Saturday night, May 8, at his home at New Hope. The funeral was held at New Hope on Monday afternoon, May 10, at 2 o'clock. Burial took place in the town cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Whedbee are his widow Mrs. Martha Whedbee, and the following sons and daughters: Mrs. V. H. Trotman, of Miami, Fla.; Mrs. Lula Wood, of Norfolk, Va.; Paul L. Whedbee, of Washington, D. C.; and J. B. Whedbee, of Route Three, Hertford. A brother, W. W. Whedbee, of Perquimans County, also survives.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Garland Baker, at their home in Winfall, a son on Saturday night.

Saturday and on Wednesday. The child was named in honor of the father and mother.

## RECORDER COURT HARD ON AUTO DRIVERS TUESDAY

### Robert Ivey and Sam Mercer Have Licenses Revoked

#### Oakey Stern

### Other Minor Cases Consume Major Portion Of Session

Recommendation that the driver's permit of Robert Ivey, Perquimans County white man, convicted on Tuesday of driving an automobile while under the influence of intoxicants and also of operating a car without an operator's license, be permanently revoked was made by Walter H. Oakey, Jr., who said in passing sentence: "If this court has its way you will never be given another driver's permit."

Robert Ivey, who lives in the Hog Neck section of the county, had previously been convicted in another county of driving while under the influence of liquor and his operator's license had been revoked. He was sentenced to the roads for 6 months by Judge Oakey, commitment to issue if he be found within the county within two years, and his driver's license revoked for 12 months, with a recommendation that it be not restored on the grounds of his being a habitual drunkard and violator of motor vehicle laws. The defendant, who spent a week in jail following his arrest, and who is not well, is to be placed in the Veteran's Home at Hampton, Va., for treatment.

Sam Mercer, colored, convicted of reckless driving, had been convicted of a similar charge only two weeks previously in this court and a sixty-day suspended sentence imposed. Judge Oakey ordered the suspended sentence in effect at once and imposed a sentence of 6 months for the last offense, the two sentences to run consecutively. The man's driver's permit was also revoked for 12 months, beginning at the expiration of the two terms. Mercer, through his attorney, S. M. Whedbee, appealed from the latter judgment, but Judge Oakey would not permit an appeal of the former judgment.

James Perry, colored, buried the money he stole from the cash register of George Gregory's store at New Hope on Monday, but the trouble appears to be he dug it up too soon. Nabbing him as he left the woods, after digging up the buried treasure, Sheriff J. E. Winslow found it in his pockets, with bits of leaves and considerable dirt mixed with the loot.

The man stole the money from Mr. Gregory's store Monday morning, while the proprietor went to the bank of the store. Sheriff Winslow was notified and had the money back and the man in jail in the early afternoon. Perry was tried in Recorder's Court on Tuesday and was sentenced to the roads for six months.

Henderson Parrish, a white man, who forged the name of J. T. Wood prominent Perquimans farmer, to a check for eight dollars and cashed the check at the Hertford Hardware & Supply Company's store, which, by the way, is owned by Sheriff J. E. Winslow, might have been released under a suspended sentence of 90 days by paying the court costs and making good the check. But while the man waited in jail, after conviction, there was a call from the police department in Elizabeth City which indicated that passing worthless checks was a habit with Parrish. One of the checks amounting to \$100 was turned up and if Parrish had served his 90-day sentence or be turned over to the Pasquotank authorities.

The case against Jesse Barber, charged with being drunk and disorderly was dismissed upon payment of the costs.

Walter Wright, colored, plead guilty to assault and the case was dismissed upon payment of the costs.

Eddie Irvin, colored, found guilty of receiving was sentenced to 60 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior for two years.

Addie Webb, colored, was required to pay costs in a drunk and disorderly charge.

Frank Costen was found not guilty of assault.

## YOUTH DEAD AS RESULT OF AUTO ACCIDENT SUNDAY

### Rice Miller, High School Junior, Dies In Elizabeth City Hospital

#### ANOTHER HURT

### Benjamin Thach Faces Charge of Manslaughter

One Perquimans County youth is dead, another is seriously injured and a young Hertford resident must answer to the charge of reckless driving and manslaughter as a result of an automobile accident which occurred on the Hertford-Elizabeth City highway, seven miles from Hertford on Sunday afternoon.

Rice Miller, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Miller and a Perquimans High School junior, died in the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City five hours after the accident, which occurred around 4 o'clock, without regaining consciousness.

John Everett, one of the passengers in the car driven by Benjamin Thach, of Hertford, which crashed with the one driven by young Miller, was unconscious for several hours after he was taken to the hospital and has been in a more or less serious condition ever since.

Benjamin Thach, in whose car at the time of the accident John Everett, George Butler and Harrell Thach were passengers, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by State Highway Patrolman Clyde W. Gibson on Tuesday of this week and will be given a hearing on the charges of manslaughter and reckless driving on next Tuesday.

The accident occurred at an hour when there is a great deal of traffic on the road on Sunday afternoon, and a crowd gathered quickly. The two seriously injured boys were taken to the hospital and Harrell Thach was brought to the office of a Hertford physician to be treated for minor cuts and bruises.

Mr. Miller and his two sons, Rice and Henry, had attended services at Woodland Methodist Church, and were on their way home. Mr. Miller alighted from the car at a service station a few hundred yards from the home and witnessed the accident from that distance as his son attempted to make a left hand turn into the gateway of his home. Mrs. Miller, from the front porch of her home, also witnessed the crash in which her eldest son was fatally injured.

Funeral services for Rice Miller, who was very popular with his schoolmates and teachers, were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Miller home, and burial took place in Cedarwood Cemetery in Hertford. There was a large crowd in attendance.

Surviving are his parents, also the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Lloyd White of Newport News, Va.; Mrs. Loftin Riddick of Windsor; Mrs. Marvin Cartwright of Deep Creek, Va. and Mattie, Nell, Henry, Kelley and Bob Miller, all of Perquimans.

## Mrs. Godfrey Hurt In Auto Accident

Mrs. H. C. Godfrey, of New Hope, was seriously injured in an automobile accident which occurred near Elizabeth City on last Friday afternoon, and has been a patient in the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City since. Mrs. Godfrey suffered a broken leg, several broken ribs and other injuries.

## TIM RUFUS BRINN AGAIN NAMED ON DEAN'S LIST

Forty Marion Institute students were named on the dean's list for the month of April, as announced by Major L. H. Baer, dean. Inclusion on the dean's list requires that the student average at least 85 with no grades below 80. Good standing in conduct is also required. The name of Tim Rufus Brinn appears on the list.

Miss Sarah Brinn Returns  
Miss Sarah Brinn has returned home after visiting at various points for the past three weeks. Miss Brinn visited friends at Charleston, S. C., Durham and Farmville.

Mrs. E. H. Willis Returns  
Mrs. E. H. Willis has returned from Raleigh, where she visited her sister, Mrs. P. L. Bostick.

## Much Accomplished By P.T.A. This Year

### Healthiest Girls

Marie Anderson, Blanche Chappell, Maywood Pierce, Nancy Darden, Doris Baker and Lizzie Lee Hoffer were named as the healthiest girls of the Perquimans County 4-H clubs as a result of an examination made of the girls of the clubs by Miss Frances Evans, county health nurse. Blanche Chappell and Marie Anderson represent the 10th and 11th Grade club; Maywood Pierce and Nancy Darden represent the 9th Grade Club, and Lizzie Lee Hoffer and Doris Baker the 8th Grade.

From this group of 4-H club girls will be selected the healthiest of all the club girls of the county, the examination to be conducted by Dr. T. P. Brinn, Health Officer, and the healthiest girl from the county will take part in the district health contest to be conducted in Washington, N. C., sometime in July.

### Prominent Quaker At Up River Church Tuesday, May 18th

Willard O. Trueblood and Caroline Trueblood are to be at the Up River Friends Church on next Tuesday, May 18, when the public is cordially invited to be present.

William O. Trueblood is one of the leading Quakers in America, has been for several years a successful pastor, and is now Friends representative on the National Preaching Mission. He plans to sail shortly for special work in the Friends Mission in Africa.

Mr. Trueblood has just concluded series of meetings in Greensboro, Guilford College and in High Point, where his plain and practical preaching inspired his listeners. He is at present visiting meetings throughout the North Carolina Yearly Meeting and the people of the Belvidere and Whiteston communities are fortunate in having him speak at the Up River Church.

### Music Club Meets With Mrs. Riddick

The Chanimade Music Club met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. R. M. Riddick, Miss Hattie Pearl Nowell presiding.

After singing the Junior Club song, and giving the Club pledge, a program of musical selections by American composers was given and a short history of Edward McDowell and the Petersburg Colony was given by Mrs. Riddick. At the close of the program an ice course was served.

Those present were Nancy Zachary, Anne Matthews, Jewel White, Barbara Winslow, Minnie Wilma Wood, Marian Lee White, Jean Newbold, Julia Miller Chappell, Mildred White, Dalton Strange, Nita Newbold, Marjorie White, Mary Louise Chappell, Mary Field, Hattie Pearl Nowell, Dorothy Faye White.

### Cedar Grove Society Meets At Winfall

The Winfall Cedar Grove Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. J. T. Hollowell on Tuesday evening. The devotional was conducted by Mrs. E. N. Miller, Mrs. Miller also had charge of a very interesting program.

During the social hour the hostess served delicious ice cream and cake. Those present were Mesdames J. H. Baker, C. A. Bagley, E. J. Hendrix, J. F. Hollowell, W. G. Hollingsworth, W. G. Lowe, Jim Lowe, W. F. Morgan, E. N. Miller, Joe Nowell, J. L. Nixon, Haywood Proctor, J. V. Roache, J. R. Roache, D. P. Stallings, Mamie Stallings, D. R. Trueblood, A. R. Winslow, Sr., Claude White, D. L. Barber and Grizzie Moore.

### THEATRE PARTY FOR PUPILS

Miss Hazel Ainsley, who teaches the White Hat School, gave a matinee party on Wednesday afternoon when pupils and teacher attended the State Theatre and enjoyed the picture, "Daniel Boone."

Those in the party were Dan Riddick, Eula Virginia White, Mary Blanche Miller, Floyd Benton, Elizabeth Russell, Herbert Eure, Gilbert Eure, Olden Russell, Gladys Godfrey, Mattie Ruth Russell, Sarah Margaret Caddy, Eleanor Jane Banks, Janice Riddick, Junior Riddick, Whit Cartwright, Onada Caddy, Mary Caddy, Wilma Russell, James William Eure, Eunice White, Dennis Eure and Helva and Melva Eure.

### Mrs. Harry Broughton Declines Re-election As President

#### 83 MEMBERS

### Fathers Night Observed At Last Meeting of School Year

Furnishing glasses for a child whose sight was defective and whose parents were unable to supply the glasses, serving hot lunches to the underprivileged children in school and conducting classes in hygiene are some of the good works which the group of women in the Parent-Teacher organization of the Hertford Grammar School have done this year, under the able leadership of Mrs. Harry Broughton, who as president has given a great deal of time and effort to the work.

Aided by a corps of workers who included Mrs. T. J. Walters, Mrs. Charles T. Skinner, Mrs. E. W. Mayes, Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Jr., Mrs. John Zachery, Mrs. Josiah Elliott, Mrs. G. R. Tucker, leaders of various departments, and many workers in the ranks, the PTA has accomplished much under Mrs. Broughton's leadership.

Regular meetings have been held each month, with programs which have been both entertaining and helpful. The last program of the school year was held on Thursday night, when Fathers Night was observed and both fathers and mothers attended. Rev. D. S. Dempsey conducted the devotional, after which a musical program was given under the direction of Miss Kate Blanchard. L. W. Anderson sang "When My Dream Boat Comes Home", followed by a piano solo by Elizabeth Darden. Mrs. Henry Newbold sang "Love's Old Sweet Song" and F. T. Johnson made an address on the subject "What Fathers Should Mean to their Children and to the School which their Children Attend."

A new president has not yet been elected for the Parent-Teacher Association. Mrs. Broughton, who has served so efficiently, declined re-election. Other officers were elected at the meeting. They include Mrs. G. R. Tucker, Vice-President; Mrs. Nathan Relfe, secretary and Mrs. Durwood Reed, treasurer.

A brief summary of the work of each department was given by the various department heads, which brought to light something of the good work done this year.

There are 83 paid members of the association. Meetings have been well attended, and various merchants of the town have donated door prizes, one of which was drawn by the holder of the lucky ticket at each meeting.

The large number of members and visitors present on Thursday night were served dainty refreshments at the close of the program at the last meeting of the year.

### Thrown From Cart; Painfully Injured

Thrown from a horse-cart in which he was riding, R. H. Harrell, fifty-five-year-old Perquimans County farmer, suffered a very serious and most painful accident on Wednesday. Mr. Harrell, who lives in the Balhach community, was carried to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City by ambulance shortly after the accident occurred, around the noon hour.

Dr. C. A. Davenport, who was called to attend Mr. Harrell, reported that he suffered a dislocated compound fracture of both bones of the left ankle.

The accident occurred when the horse which Mr. Harrell was driving became frightened and ran.

### Missionary Society Meets At Winfall

The Young Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. W. H. Matthews at Winfall on Tuesday evening. The president, Miss Jessie Stanton, conducted the devotional. Mrs. Bill Bagley was in charge of a very interesting program. After the meeting there was a delightful social hour.

Delicious sandwiches and punch were served.

Those present were Mrs. Jessie Stanton, Mrs. Bill Bagley, Mrs. A. R. Winslow, Jr., Mrs. W. H. Matthews, Misses Gladys Ward, Lucille White, Alma Loggitt, Myrtle Umphlett and Lucille Long.