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Mayor Takes Steps To Break Up Speeding

Arrests Will Follow Police Warning, Says Whedbee

PARKING LOT

New Parking Regulation on Church Street Put Into Effect

Prompt and decisive measures to stop speeding on the streets of the Town of Hertford have been put into effect by the new Mayor, Silas M. Whedbee, who took over the duties of his new office ten days ago; new rules for parking on the down-town section of Church street have been made, and a plan already carried out for relieving the traffic congestion by providing a free parking lot in a convenient down-town section, with police protection on Saturdays, to be lighted at night.

Mayor Whedbee on Monday stationed a police officer at points on streets where speeding has been most generally practiced, with instructions that the speeding motorists were to be stopped and warned that if they violated the speed laws of the town they would be arrested. Mr. Whedbee had previously stated that he did not wish to take snap judgment on any one, and that he felt there was always a courteous way to go about such matters, and stated also that he believed that in many cases a courteous warning would be effective.

However, the speeders have had fair warning of the intention of the Mayor to put a stop to speeding on Hertford's streets, and those who persist in driving through the town at high speed may expect to be dealt with according to law.

The new Mayor stated on Wednesday when approached on the matter that he was "attempting to do something about speeding and that he would appreciate the cooperation of the public."

The new parking lot proved so popular on Saturday that between two hundred and fifty and three hundred cars were parked there during the day, with several scores on the lot at one time. Lights have been placed on the lot and an officer is stationed there all day Saturday and on Saturday night, and many motorists feel that their cars and articles left in the cars are much safer on the parking lot than they are when left on the streets.

There was a noticeable improvement in the situation down town where cars have heretofore been crowded.

A new regulation as to the improper parking of cars on Church street, in that section between Grubb and Market streets, has been put into effect. Motorists will not be allowed to park on their left in this area. All cars on one side of the street must face in the same direction. Heretofore cars were generally mixed up, with some facing one way and some the other on each side.

Interest Aroused In Playing Soft Ball

Lanwood Skinner has been talking with various Hertford citizens about organizing teams to play soft ball here. Mr. Skinner is very much interested in the fact that the Babb lot, rented by the Town from the owners, has been cleaned up and lighted for the convenience of parking automobiles, and he believes that there is ample room for a ball diamond. Mr. Skinner thinks the Masons ought to be able to sponsor one team and perhaps the Rotarians another, and he believes that the recreation would be a wholesome thing for the men who would like a little exercise of the milder type.

Other towns, Edenton and Elizabeth City included, have soft ball teams and Mr. Skinner thinks Hertford might later on play with the teams of these towns.

HARRELL-PARKER

Mrs. Mary Parker, of Hertford and T. E. Harrell, Sr., of Chowan County, were married on Sunday, May 9, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. D. S. Dempsey, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, at the parsonage.

Mrs. Parker, who was formerly of Dunn, has made her home with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Broughton, in Hertford, for several years. Mr. Harrell is a prominent farmer of Chowan County. They are living at the home of the bridegroom, near Edenton.

Pedestrians Must Also Obey The Law

In attempting to make the streets of Hertford safer for both pedestrians and motorists, not only motorists are required to obey the law, but there are regulations which apply to pedestrians as well as those which apply to motorists. Particularly on the west end of Dobb street have pedestrians been violating the walking regulations. Such persons are requested by Mayor Whedbee to cooperate with the Town and with the motorists using this area.

Church Packed To Hear Preacher At Up River Church

The Up River Friends Church was filled to capacity on Tuesday night when the celebrated minister, Willard O. Trueblood, preached on the topic "The Way of Life."

Mr. Trueblood resigned the pastorate of Whittier Friends Church in California, which is the largest Friends Church in the world, to become the Friends representative on the Preaching Mission a year ago. He has recently conducted series of meetings in several of the cities of North Carolina. Accompanying him to Perquimans were Mrs. Trueblood and Murray C. Johnson of Greensboro.

"Manless Wedding" At Winfall Friday

There will be a "Manless Wedding" at the Winfall Community House, in Winfall, on Friday night, May 28, for the benefit of the Community House. The public is invited. A small admission fee will be charged.

FASHION SHOW AT THEATRE FRIDAY

Forty Models Will Display Latest Summer Fashions

Forty-odd attractive young women and girls from various communities in Perquimans will appear on the stage of the State Theatre on Friday night in a fashion show such as has never been staged in Hertford before and will model the latest things in summer fashions at Simon's, J. C. Blanchard & Co., H. C. Stokes, Mrs. Jake White and Iliada's Fashion Shop.

The newest and prettiest things in summer clothes will be shown at the fashion show, which will be staged at 9 o'clock immediately after the first show.

Following is a complete list of the models:

Misses Mattie Bert Relfe, Mary Helene Newby, Dorothy Hoffer, Mary Towe, Elizabeth Knowles, Joe Hefery, Jesse Taylor Newby, Gladys Hamrick, Marjorie Perry, Elizabeth Darden, Mary Thad Chappell, Edith Everett, Gussie Wood, Hazel Ainsley, Eugenia Gregory, Nita Newbold, Margaret Mayes, Mary Anette Cannon, Juanita Harrell, Ruth Nobles, Pat Harrell, Barbara Winslow, Betty Lordley, Betty Winslow, Katherine Ann Holmes, Ramona Divers, Pat Morris, Betty Ruth Sutton, Margaret Divers, Betty Ann Matthews, Helen Mae White, Mrs. E. E. Brinn, Mrs. J. H. Towe, Jr., all of Hertford, Miss Lillian Kay Perry, Beech Spring; Miss Lucille Long, Bethel; Miss Naomi Spivey, New Hope; Mrs. W. H. Jackson, New Hope; Miss Patricia Stallings, Hobbsville; Miss Jean Blumhagen, Acornville; Miss Marion Boyce, Gettsville; Miss Core Larden, Chapanoke; Mrs. Earl Perry, Durants Neck.

Many Hear Recital At Grammar School

There was a large and appreciative audience to hear the junior glee club and piano pupils of Miss Kate M. Blanchard in recital on Friday night at the Grammar School auditorium.

It was given in operetta form, with the children gathered together, singing old songs. James S. McVider and Jimmie Felton played their guitars, while Hillary Winslow and Bobby Jordan clogged, carrying out the idea of "Old Uncle Ned" and some of his activities.

BENJAMIN THACH FORBIDDEN DRIVE AN AUTOMOBILE

Permit Is Revoked on Charge of Reckless Driving

UNDER BOND

Witnesses Testify In Case Involving Death Of Rice Miller

Benjamin Thach, of Hertford, driver of the car which was in collision with the car driven by young Rice Miller on May 9, when young Miller received injuries from which he died five hours later, and who was ordered held for the grand jury on the charge of manslaughter by Recorder's Court Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., on Tuesday, will not be permitted to operate an automobile on the highways of North Carolina until final disposition of the reckless driving charge is made in Superior Court, to which court the defendant appealed.

Mr. Thach was represented in court by J. B. McMullan, of Elizabeth City, when his case came up for a hearing before Judge Oakey. The warrant contained two charges, manslaughter and reckless driving. Judge Oakey found probable cause in the manslaughter charge and ordered the defendant held under a five hundred dollar bond for the grand jury at the October Term of Perquimans Superior Court. W. G. Wright, who signed Mr. Thach's bond at the time the warrant was served in the case, signed the bond.

Though his attorney fought vigorously against the judgment of the court that the defendant's driver's license be revoked upon conviction of the reckless driving charge, Judge Oakey refused to change his judgment, which was that the defendant be given six months on the roads and that his driver's permit be revoked until the charge is finally disposed of.

There was a crowd of interested spectators at the trial. State witnesses testifying included Clyde W. Gibson, of the State Highway Patrol, who investigated the accident; Mrs. W. F. Morgan, of Winfall, who saw the car driven by Thach some five minutes before the accident occurred; J. K. Miller, father of Rice Miller, who witnessed the accident; Henry Miller, young brother of the accident victim who was riding in the car when his brother was fatally injured; and Dalbert Horton, of Norfolk and Whaleyville, Va., who saw the Thach car shortly before and at practically the instant it struck the car driven by young Miller.

Mr. Gibson testified that when he reached the scene of the accident none of the persons involved were there except Henry Miller, the young brother of Rice, who had been in the car at the time of the accident. He testified that the car driven by Thach was a Chevrolet and Miller's a Ford. He said he observed the position of both cars and the marks on the highway, and that the left-hand front wheel of the Ford driven by Miller was 5 inches across the black center mark. Asked if he meant 5 inches to the left, Mr. Gibson answered yes. He testified that he followed this mark on to where the car had landed on the right-hand side of the highway and that the wheel got about 18 inches on the left-hand side. He testified that he found the Chevrolet on the left-hand side of the ditch, about 35 steps, or approximately 105 feet, from where the impact occurred. He testified that the right-hand side of the Chevrolet was damaged right much and the two front wheels were down, with the front of the car resting on the axle.

Mr. Gibson testified that the left-hand side of the body of the Ford, the car driven by Miller, was knocked in and the left-hand rear tire was down.

The time of the accident was set by those who were at the scene at about 4 o'clock. Mr. Gibson testified he reached the scene at about a quarter to 5, and he said that in probably an hour, or perhaps a little over, Mr. Thach, who had gone to town to carry some of the injured passengers to a doctor, returned to the scene and talked with him and admitted he was the driver of the Chevrolet.

Mr. Gibson testified that the accident occurred at approximately the point on the highway where the gate to the home of Rice Miller's father is located, and that it is on a curve; that the curve measures from beginning to end 1,050 feet. Mrs. W. F. Morgan, of Winfall, testified on Page Eight.

MRS. V. N. DARDEN IS APPOINTED ON WELFARE BOARD

County Commissioners Must Name Second Member

TWO PICK THIRD

Important Duty Under Social Security Program In County

It is yet to be determined who will be the other two members of the new Board of Charities and Public Welfare of Perquimans County, though Mrs. V. N. Darden, of Hertford, will constitute one member.

Mrs. Darden was appointed by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare last week.

On this Board, which is a provision of the new Social Security set-up, and which is vested with considerable authority in the matter of deciding to whom shall be paid old age benefits and benefits to dependent children, and how much shall be paid, there are to be three local persons. One of these is to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The member so appointed and Mrs. Darden, who was appointed by the State Board, will select the third member. In case these two cannot agree as to the third member, the resident Superior Court Judge of the District will appoint the third member. No compensation is provided for the service.

The Act provides that the County Board of Charities and Public Welfare shall have the duty of selecting the County Superintendent of Public Welfare, in joint session with the Board of County Commissioners; that they shall act in a joint advisory capacity to the county and municipal authorities in developing policies and plans in dealing with the problems of dependency and delinquency, distribution of the poor funds and social conditions generally, and shall have such other powers and duties as are prescribed by law, and particularly those set out in the laws pertaining to social security, old-age assistance, and aid to dependent children.

Pat Morris Youngest To Earn B & L Dues

Probably the youngest stockholder in the Hertford Building & Loan Association to earn the weekly dues is Pat Morris, the little daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. J. E. Morris, of Hertford.

Pat is still some months short of six. She recently acquired the proud position of temporary nurse of her year-old brother, John. The rolyoly John is strapped in his stroller, which is placed on the sidewalk, and Pat proudly pushes the perambulator up and down the walk. For this service she is paid 25 cents each week, and the 25 cents goes to pay the weekly installment on a share of Building & Loan Stock.

Robert Ivey Again In Recorder's Court

Robert Ivey, sentenced last week in Recorder's Court to the roads for drunken driving, his sentence being suspended upon condition that he not be found in the county for two years, was in court again on Tuesday and this time his sentence was ordered into effect.

Permission had been gained by Ivey's attorney last week to allow him to become a patient in a veteran's hospital, but he didn't leave the county and was arrested on Friday and placed in jail.

Another charge of driving while drunk and driving without a permit was heard on Tuesday and Ivey was convicted of the two charges.

John Everett Able To Leave Hospital

John Everett, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident which occurred on the Hertford-Elizabeth City Highway on May 9, when Rice Miller was fatally injured, left the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City on last Monday and is staying at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Clarence Twiford, in Elizabeth City, where he will remain while he is under the physician's care. His condition is now considered very favorable.

Mr. Everett is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Everett, of Hertford.

Meekins Is Speaker For Commencement

Mayor Announces Improvement In Parking System

A new regulation concerning parking on that section of Church street between the Bank corner and the Postoffice will go into effect immediately. All motorists are requested to park on their right-hand side. No left-hand parking will be allowed in this area.

On Saturdays no parking at all will be allowed on that section of Market street between the Bank and the parking lot.

S. M. WHEDBEE, Mayor.

H. S. Glee Club Gives Its Annual Concert

Eighteen lovely young girls in pretty evening dresses made an attractive picture, in keeping with the beauty of their music when the High School Glee Club and piano pupils of Miss Kate M. Blanchard gave their annual concert on Tuesday night. Not all of the music, however, was made by girls, for Zack Toms White and Jack Anderson also took part.

The girls included Marie Anderson, Blanche Moore Berry, Julia Broughton, Elizabeth Caddy, Mary Thad Chappell, Celia Blanche Dail, Florence Darden, Nancy Coke Darden, Mary Field, Anne Tullis Felton, Ruth Hollowell, Maude Keaton, Frances Newby, Jeannette Perry, Alice Roberson, Lila Budd Stephens, Dalton Strange, Anna Penelope Tucker, Ellie Mae White and Mary Morris.

WINFALL P. T. A. MEETS

The Winfall P. T. A. held its regular monthly meeting, at the Community House in Winfall, on Monday night, with Mrs. W. F. Morgan, the president presiding. Rev. Mr. Lowe gave a very interesting talk on "Courage."

INVITE COMMENT ABOUT TEACHERS

Selections Will Be Made In Few Days, Says Supt. Johnson

Within the next few days teachers for all of the schools of Perquimans County are to be elected, according to Superintendent F. T. Johnson, who has announced that he, as well as each member of the Board of Education and each member of the School Committees is anxious to comply with the wishes of the patrons of the schools in selecting teachers.

To this end, Mr. Johnson invites all those who wish to make comments of any kind relative to any of the teachers now employed in the schools of Perquimans to talk with him personally or with members of the Board of Education or with either of the school committees. These gentlemen will listen to any comment, either in commendation or in criticism of any teacher, and promise to take under advisement any pertinent matters which come up for consideration as to teachers to be elected.

The Board of Education is composed of T. S. White, chairman, W. E. Dail, Shelton Long, J. H. Miller and J. H. Baker.

The High School Committee includes H. C. Stokes, Dr. E. S. White and John T. Wood.

The Grammar School Committee is composed of C. P. Morris, J. D. Chappell and Lewis Smith.

Following is a list of the teachers now employed in the county:

Miss Esther Evans, Mrs. G. W. Barber, Mrs. Emily Lane Long, Miss Helen Gaither, Mrs. C. R. Holmes, Miss Elizabeth Knowles, Miss Eloise Scott, Miss Anne Wilson, Mrs. T. E. Harrell, Mrs. T. L. Jessup, G. C. Buck, Francis Jennings, Mrs. C. W. White, Mrs. S. P. Jessup, Miss Alice Babb, Mrs. Thad Chappell, Mrs. Jenkins Walters, Mrs. Nathan Relfe, Mrs. Mary Louise Britt Sutton, Miss Mary Sumner, Miss Ruth Hollowell, Miss Ruth Hurdle, Mrs. J. C. Howell, Miss Lorna Brothers, Miss Lucille Long, Miss Alma Leggett, Mrs. W. F. Morgan, Mrs. A. R. Winslow, Jr., Mrs. Edwin White, Mrs. Herman Winslow, Miss Margaret Scott White, Miss Mabel Lane, Miss Cora Layden, Miss Bertha Chappell, Miss Hazel Ainsley, Mrs. Margaret Goodman, Miss Carolyn Riddick and Miss Rebecca Webb.

Speaks to Graduates on Wednesday Night at High School

55 IN CLASS

Exercises Begin With Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Night

Hon. Isaac M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, will deliver the address to the graduating class of the Perquimans High School on Wednesday night of next week, when approximately fifty-five young persons will receive their diplomas at the twelfth commencement of Perquimans High School.

Judge Meekins is one of the most noted speakers in the country. It is a long time since a Perquimans audience has had an opportunity to hear Judge Meekins and there will probably be a large audience.

The commencement exercises will begin on Sunday night when the Rev. D. S. Dempsey, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon. The service will be held at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the school. There will be no services at any of the Hertford churches on Sunday evening.

Class Day exercises will be held on Tuesday at 8:30 o'clock. Minnie Lee Winslow is valedictorian of the 1937 class and Catherine White is salutatorian. The valedictorian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Winslow. The Salutatorian is the daughter of the late Hugh White and Mrs. White, of Belvidere.

On Sunday night there will be special music by a choir made up of young people of the school, including an anthem, "I heard the Voice of Jesus Say," by Rathburn. Misses Marie Anderson, Blanche Moore Berry and Maude Keaton will sing a trio, "Lift Thine Eyes," by Mendelssohn.

The invocation will be pronounced by the Rev. W. G. Lowe, of Winfall, Pastor of the Perquimans Circuit. The Scripture Lesson will be read by the Rev. John Trivette, Pastor of the Pine Woods Friends Church, who also will lead the prayer.

The Rev. D. M. Sharpe, Pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, will pronounce the benediction.

"A Trip to the Moon," is the title of the delightful pageant to be given on Class Day, with William Hardcastle, Katherine Winslow and the other members of the class taking part.

The prologue will be given by Miss Maude Keaton, and will be followed by the salutatory address by Catherine White.

The class history will be given by Myrtle Lee Nixon, the prophecy by Waverly D'Orsey, the statistics by James Boyce, giftory by Helen Coffield and the valedictory address by Minnie Lee Winslow. Ruth Wilson will sing "Boating Song," by Behr.

On Wednesday night, when Judge Meekins will speak to the graduating class the invocation will be pronounced by a member of the class, Benjamin Smith. There will be a special solo, "Starry Night," sung by Maude Keaton, soprano, who recently won outstanding honors in voice contests.

The diplomas will be presented by T. S. White, chairman of the Board of Education, and F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Education, will present the medals.

The benediction will be pronounced by Hollowell Cox Nixon, president of the Senior Class.

The marshalls of commencement are Marie Anderson, Mae Edla Asbell, Sybil Byrum, Mary Thad Chappell, Elizabeth Elliott, Doris Lane, Marjorie Perry, Alice Roberson, Winman Spivey, Polly Tucker, Jarvis Ward, McMullan White and Carson White.

Music Pupils Give Final Recital Friday

Mrs. R. M. Riddick's piano and rhythm class pupils will give their final concert for the year on Friday evening, May 21, at 8 o'clock, at the Hertford Grammar School auditorium.

Those taking part in the program of piano numbers and songs are: Pat Morris, Thomas Perry, Mary Anette Cannon, Walter Marvin Williams, Catherine Anne Holmes, Maxine Landing, Carroll Berry, Alice Lee Babb, Clarence Thomas Madre, Bobby (Continued on Page Eight)