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Hertford, Perquimans County, North Carolina, Friday, June 11, 1937.

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Mass Meeting At Court House Tonight To Organize Chamber Of Commerce

Extra Levy Necessary For Social Security

\$4,710 Is Amount Estimated to Cover Cost For County

10c INCREASE

Welfare Board Presents Figures to County Commissioners

An extra tax levy of ten cents on the hundred dollars will probably be required to take care of the county's portion of the benefit payments to the aged and to dependent children, according to the estimate made by the County Welfare Board and submitted to the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on Monday. This estimate is based on the property valuation of the county last year, which was \$5,250,000. No revaluation of property in Perquimans was made this year.

The estimated cost to the county of meeting the payments to the dependent children and the aged, from figures furnished by the Welfare Department, is \$4,710.00 representing one fourth of \$17,168.00 which it is believed will be required, one half of which amount will be paid by the Federal government, one fourth by the State and the other fourth by the county.

These figures are based on the estimate that there are in the county, from a tentative survey, 83 persons beyond the age of 65 years and 74 dependent children under 16 who are entitled to receive benefit payments of varying amounts under the Social Security Act.

Of the \$17,168.00 which it is estimated must be raised for both the aged and the dependent children, it is estimated \$12,152.00 will be required paid to the aged, and \$5,016.00 to dependent children.

These figures are merely tentative, as no definite amount can be set until it is definitely determined how many persons there are in the county who are entitled to assistance.

The new County Welfare Board, composed of Chairman Charles E. Johnson, Mrs. V. N. Darden, W. F. C. Edwards, and the Superintendent of Welfare, Miss Ruth Davenport, met with the County Commissioners and submitted their figures on Monday.

New Gulf Station A Credit To Town

The new Gulf Service station which is being erected on the north-west corner of Dobb and Church streets is to be the last word in modernity, according to H. P. Smith, of Elizabeth City, who is the distributor of the Gulf products in this vicinity and who was in Hertford on Friday. It will, said Mr. Smith, be a credit to Hertford.

The station is to be of white stucco and tile construction over a brick foundation, with hydraulic lifts and electric pumps and everything in the latest equipment for the modern service station.

The cost of the station and equipment will be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.00. The work is under the direction of T. J. Gardner, who is employed by George Dubois, of Kinston, Contractors. Some sixty days will be required for the completion of building, according to Mr. Gardner.

Girls' Circle Holds Meeting At Winfall

The Girls Circle met at the home of Mrs. Charlie Umphlett in Winfall, Monday evening. The president, Mrs. Umphlett, conducted the devotional. A very interesting program was enjoyed with Gladys Ward, Gertrude Baker, and Mrs. Umphlett taking part.

Delicious lemonade and cake were served. Those present were Mrs. W. A. Bagley, Mrs. Charlie Umphlett, Miss Jessie Baker, Gertrude Baker, Edna Layden, Gladys Ward, Gertrude Baker, and Mrs. Umphlett.

Bathing Beauty Contest At Theatre Friday Next Week

A bathing beauty contest is to be held at the State Theatre on the night of June 18, which is Friday night of next week, when models from the various communities of the county will wear attractive beach apparel from the different stores of the town.

Horace Jones, manager of the State, announces that prizes will be donated by the merchants to be awarded to the winners, and that the snappiest things in bathing suits will be shown.

Hundreds Of Books For Public Library

Hertford's new public library, a project of the Hertford Woman's Club, will probably be opened within the next few weeks. A full-time librarian is to be furnished by the Works Progress Administration, probably beginning work around the 18th of June.

The young lady who is to be placed in charge of this work will also mend the books belonging to the schools of the county.

Miss Edna Fields, supervisor of women workers for the WPA, stated this week that it had not yet been decided whether the librarian would be on duty every day in the week, or whether she would be there only five days each week.

The women of the Woman's Club have assembled several hundred books and there are some prospects of special donations to be made later which will be of considerable help. It is also planned to have sent from the State Library Commission a number of special books for children this summer, to be loaned to the library.

Former Resident Sails For France

Prof. W. C. Archie, of Wake Forest College, and Mrs. Archie who was the former Miss Ruth Newby of Hertford, sailed from New York for Europe on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Archie's mother, Mrs. G. E. Newby, who has been visiting her daughter, returned to her home in Hertford on Thursday.

Prof. Archie, who teaches French at Wake Forest, will study for his doctor's degree in France this summer. Mrs. Newby also expects to take a course in French. At the end of the summer term at the University they expect to visit other points in Europe before returning home and will probably make a brief visit to Hertford before the beginning of the school term at Wake Forest.

Joint Hostesses In Honor Recent Bride

Mrs. D. P. Stallings and Mrs. D. L. Barber were joint hostesses Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Barber in Winfall at a miscellaneous shower, complimentary to Mrs. Will Hall, who before her recent marriage was Miss Marjorie Stallings. Two very interesting contests were enjoyed with Misses Marie Stanton and Gertrude Baker winning prizes, which they presented to the bride.

The wedding cake was cut with Miss Lucille White cutting the ring, Mrs. Horace Baker, the thimble, Mrs. Stallings the dime, Mrs. Claude White the safety pin and Daisy Proctor the button.

An iced course was served to the following: Mesdames Walter Humphlett, Horace Baker, Harry Barber, Clara Dillmon, Jim Lowe, George Roach, Aiton Moore, Jessie Stanton, Wesley Pike, Bill Bagley, Charlie Humphlett, Thomas White, Aubrey Humphlett, Buena Jones, J. V. Roach, Effie Miller, Claude White, A. R. Winslow, Sr., W. J. Stanton, Mollie Barber, G. A. Bagley, G. T. Powell, D. P. Stallings, D. L. Barber, Will Hall, Misses Frankie Barber, Gladys Ward, Gertrude Baker, Misses Shirley Humphlett, Daisy Proctor, Mary Ruth Stallings, Jennie Baker, Edna Layden, Marie Stanton, Elizabeth Fowler and Kay White Stanton.

MRS. McMULLAN, BELOVED CITIZEN, DIES SUDDENLY

Member One of Most Prominent Families In County

70 YEARS OLD

Passes Away Calmly as She Occupied Chair In Bedroom

A greatly beloved woman passed away on Friday. Mrs. Mary Wood McMullan, member of one of the county's most prominent old families, died suddenly in the early afternoon as she sat in a chair in her bedroom where she had been confined for only a brief period, dying as calmly and as serenely as she had lived for 70 years.

She had been in ill health for some time and had been able to go about but little, but it had been only a few days that she had been for the most part confined to bed because of a serious heart affection. Sitting comfortably in her chair, she had talked with members of the family and with the colored maid who had served in her home for 30 years only a few minutes before she was found in a dying condition. Though physicians hastily summoned arrived promptly, the Angel of Death was swifter.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, with the Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, of which she was a member, officiating, and burial took place in the family plot in Cedarwood Cemetery, Hertford. Pallbearers included her three sons-in-law, B. G. Koonce, W. G. Wright and T. B. Sumner, and J. R. Jarvis, of Elizabeth City; Charles T. Skinner, J. H. Pitt, Walter H. Oakey, Jr., and Dr. T. P. Brinn.

Mrs. McMullan was a native of Hertford, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Wood. She spent her entire life here, except for the period when she attended St. Mary's School in Raleigh. In early girlhood she married W. T. McMullan, who died in 1918. Eight children were born of the union, all living to manhood and womanhood. Three of these met tragic deaths by drowning, Tom Mac in 1930 and Sallie Wood McMullan and Mattie McMullan Jessup in 1931.

The patience and fortitude with which she bore her sorrows was an inspiration to those who were associated with Mrs. McMullan, who was never in so much trouble that she could not give sympathy and help to others, and who could always be depended upon to bring comfort into the homes of her community where there was grief and sorrow.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons, Mrs. B. G. Koonce, Mrs. W. G. Wright, Mrs. T. B. Sumner and E. G. McMullan, all of Hertford, and J. R. McMullan, of Washington, D. C., six grandchildren, Bill Jessup, Katherine Jessup, Mary Wood Koonce, Ben Koonce, Tommy Sumner and Edwina McMullan. Two step-sons, Dr. T. S. McMullan and P. W. McMullan, of Elizabeth City, and a brother, W. T. Wood, of Norfolk, Va., also survive.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McMullan, of Washington, D. C., Dr. T. S. McMullan, P. W. McMullan, J. B. McMullan, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bundy, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jarvis and Wergman Morrisette, of Elizabeth City; Mrs. Sidney McMullan, J. H. McMullan, Mrs. Oscar Elliott, Mrs. Norfleet Pruden and Miss Jessie McMullan, of Edenton; W. T. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Ebie Muslemann, and Mrs. Phillip Adams, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. James Hackney, of Washington, N. C., and Mrs. M. H. Stacy, of Chapel Hill.

Miss Davenport Again Supt. Public Welfare

Miss Ruth Davenport was re-appointed Superintendent of Public Welfare for Perquimans for the ensuing year by the Board of County Commissioners at their meeting on Monday.

COUNTY HISTORY BE BROADCAST IN SPECIAL EDITION

Advertising Bought In Two E. City Daily Newspapers

WRITE OWN AD

Photostatic Copy First Deed Recorded In Year 1661

Under the supervision of Hon. Charles Whedbee, of Hertford, who is more familiar with the early history of Perquimans than any other man in the county, something of the early history of Perquimans, which is in reality the earliest history of the State of North Carolina, is to be published in the advertising columns of the two neighboring dailies, "The Independent" and "The Advance", of Elizabeth City, when the special editions commemorating the historical celebration to be held on Roanoke Island this summer are published.

The Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans have agreed to pay for a certain amount of advertising space in these two newspapers, but declined to accept the lay-out which had been prepared in advance, and appointed Mr. Whedbee a committee of one to prepare the copy for the advertisement.

Since it was in Perquimans that the first clearing in North Carolina was made, and since there is so much of historical interest here which has never been publicized, Mr. Whedbee plans to take this opportunity to do so.

Not only does Mr. Whedbee, who by the way, is a descendent of George Durant, plan to reproduce in the advertisement by photostatic copy, the deed recorded in Perquimans from Kilcoeanen, King of the Yeopim Indians, to George Durant, dated 1661, which is the oldest deed of record in the state and which is also the oldest record of a land transfer from an Indian to a white man in America, but other historical data of the county will be presented in attractive form.

There will be a reproduction of the artistic bookmarker used in the library books presented to the Perquimans High School by the late C. W. Toms, of Durham and New York, showing the figure of an Indian in the act of presenting a scroll to a white man. Incidentally, Mr. Whedbee was responsible for this design.

There will be a reference to the home of the first governor of North Carolina, William Drummond, in Durants Neck. Governor Drummond, appointed governor on 1664, is known in history as one of the best of the early governors of the state.

Governor John Harvey, head of a long line of Harveys, who were leaders in the state for more than a century, the early governor whose neglected grave in Harveys Neck is a reproach to the people of Perquimans County and to the state of North Carolina, will be mentioned.

Belvidere, that section which was the seat of education for the entire section, as a result of the efforts of the Friends, or Quakers, who have for centuries predominated in the upper end of the County, will also come in for special mention, with special reference to Belvidere Academy.

There are, according to Mr. Whedbee, who talked about the matter at the Rotary Club on Tuesday night, a great many other historical facts connected with the county which might be mentioned. He told the story told to him by an aged Negro of Gates County, which county is a part of the original County of Perquimans. The old man pointed out to Mr. Whedbee, many years ago, a huge old oak tree, located near Co-rapeake, on the land once owned by George Washington, according to the deed recorded in this courthouse, and said that his grandfather had told him that under that oak George Washington and General Jethro Ballard, who lived on the adjoining plantation, used to meet, hitch their horses to the tree and talk over various matters, as they sipped mint juleps. The tree was cut down years hence, and there were found embedded

Local Rotary Club Sponsors Movement

Congleton Accused Of Improper Conduct Before Bar Committee

Luther F. Congleton, who practiced law during the several years that he lived in Hertford, and who moved to Wilmington something over a year ago, proved a good character by the personal testimony of a number of prominent Perquimans citizens, and also by sworn depositions of a dozen or more Wilmington citizens, and to the layman it appeared that little evidence was brought out by his accusers, a collection agency, which indicated any improper conduct when the attorney was given a hearing before a committee from the North Carolina Bar Association on Friday of last week in Hertford, in disbarment proceedings.

It was brought out by defense counsel that all of the charges of improper conduct were based on alleged irregularities in reference to handling accounts placed in the attorney's hands for collection and that all came from one agency, who had brought the matter to the attention of the Bar Association.

J. G. Small, of Edenton, testified that he had paid the account which had been placed in Mr. Congleton's hands for collection, but he had not cancelled check or receipt to show covering the transaction. He swore that he paid Mr. Congleton in cash at various times on the street. Mr. Congleton swore that he had never even seen Mr. Small but once and that Mr. Small had never paid a cent. He further exhibited transcripts of judgment from Chowan Superior Court to show the account had been reduced to judgment.

J. G. Campen, Edenton jeweler, who was one of the witnesses, testified that he settled his account which was in Mr. Congleton's hands for collection on a basis of 25 cents on the dollar, and there was evidence that this amount had been duly transmitted.

The result of the hearing will probably be announced within the next few days.

Oldest Member Of Anderson Church Dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Lina Whitehead Winslow, 81, widow of J. N. Winslow, of Beach Spring, who died suddenly at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jack Wescott, in Norfolk Va., on Tuesday, at whose home she was visiting, were held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. J. Rogerson, at Beech Spring, with whom she made her home, on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with Rev. R. E. Walston, pastor of Anderson Methodist Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. D. M. Sharpe, of Hertford, and burial was made in the family burying ground.

Mrs. Winslow was the oldest member of Anderson Methodist Church and was a woman of very fine Christian character, honored by all who knew her and loved by a host of friends.

Surviving are five children, as follows: Mrs. D. J. Rogerson, J. F. Winslow, and J. B. Winslow, all of the Beech Spring community, and L. H. Winslow, of Pasquotank County.

Winfall Club Meets With Mrs. Roach

The Winfall Home Demonstration club met Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. V. Roach with Mrs. Roach and Mrs. Haywood Proctor as joint hostesses. Miss Hamrick gave some helpful hints on how to cut and arrange flowers.

An iced course was served to the following: Mesdames Kenneth Miller, Effie Miller, E. N. Miller, Bill Bagley, George Roach, D. L. Barber, Claude White, J. V. Roach, Joel Hollowell, Miss Gladys Hamrick, Dorothy Faye White and two visitors, Mrs. Louis Harrell and Miss Beulah Roach.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Elliott of Chapanoke June 7, 1937 a daughter, Edna Layden, Lizzie Lee Hoffer and Katherine Campen.
July meeting will be with Miss Mattie Gatling White at her home.

Apparent Interest Augurs Well For Large Attendance

NEED FELT

No Good Reason For Not Keeping Step With Other Towns

The interested citizens of the town are called to meet Friday at 8 o'clock at the courthouse for the purpose of organizing a chamber of commerce.

The Rotary Club, which is responsible for the movement, is making an attempt to interest others in the town in the proposed organization. Dr. C. A. Davenport, president of the Rotary Club, on Tuesday night appointed each Rotarian a committee of one to bring two others to the meeting and asked that each member talk to as many others about the proposed plan as possible.

On Wednesday morning, when the matter got to be noised abroad there was considerable interest shown and it now appears that a good attendance of the business men of the town may be expected.

For a long time this matter of organizing a chamber of commerce has been discussed, but it never got any farther than that for lack of leadership. Nobody would start the matter. The members of the Rotary Club who expressed themselves on the subject at the meeting on Tuesday night were of the opinion that a chamber of commerce for Hertford is an urgent necessity if the town is to take its place with other towns which are keeping step with progress, and that there is no good reason why such an organization cannot be formed here which will work for the welfare of the town.

Dr. Davenport, in announcing his intention of naming a committee, stated that there had been a number of attempts to organize a chamber of commerce here, but that he saw no reason why it shouldn't be attempted again.

There was a general voice of approval from the members and it looks like there is to be a real movement toward forming an organization looking to the upbuilding of the town.

Edenton Revival Continued Week

The revival meetings at the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Edenton, conducted by Evangelist L. K. Dodge of Dayton, Ohio, will continue every night this week at 7:45.

Sunday will be the closing day with morning service at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a special baptismal service at J. E. Waff's home on the river, where the old ferry used to cross. This service was postponed on account of the evangelist staying another week. Sunday night will be Rev. Dodge's farewell message, when he will preach on "The Greatest Sin in Edenton."

Rev. Kelly Wigfield is pastor of the tabernacle. All are welcome.

Sunday School Class Has Regular Meeting

The Judson Memorial Sunday School class of the Hertford Baptist Church held its regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Thomas Tilley Tuesday night. Miss Edna Layden had charge of the program.

After the business session a social hour was enjoyed while the hostess served delicious ice cream and cake. Those attending included Mrs. Charles Johnson, Teacher; Mesdames Thomas Tilley, Charlie Elliott, Josiah Elliott, Tommy Miller, William Boyce, Sidney Layden, Auther White, James Copeland and Lottie Midgett, Misses Mattie Gatling White, Ellen Chappell, Edith White, Marie Fowler, Edna Layden, Lizzie Lee Hoffer and Katherine Campen.

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