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## Welcome, Woodmen!

### National Director Is To Make Address

**Charles A. Hines Principal Speaker at Today's Meeting**

#### FISH FRY

**Guests From District to Participate; Mayor Whedbee, Too**

Charles A. Hines, of Greensboro, National Director of the Woodmen of the World, will make the address at the annual convention of the Tidewater Association which will be held in Hertford on Thursday of this week, with the District President, O. A. Kiff, of Ahoskie, presiding.

The meeting will convene at 10 a. m. in the State Theatre, where both the morning and afternoon sessions will be held. The night session will be held in the local Woodmen of the World Hall.

Silas M. Whedbee, Mayor of Hertford, will make the address of welcome and the response will be made by the State Manager, T. E. Newton, of Kinston.

Many other distinguished woodmen from various State camps are expected to be present with large delegations from all of the counties represented in the district, which include Gates, Hertford, Northampton, Halifax, Edgecombe, Bertie, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck.

Special music will be furnished by the Ahoskie School Band and by the Warwick Quartette, of Hobbville.

Preparation has been made by the local camp, which is composed of many Perquimans County farmers as well as a number of Hertford residents, for entertaining several hundred. It is expected that there will be five hundred Woodmen present, many of them accompanied by their wives and other members of their families.

After the close of the morning session a fish-fry will be given on the Town Lot on the River front, with the business session convening in the afternoon at 2:30 p. m. The night session will be held at 8 o'clock in the hall of the Woodmen of the World.

Officers of the local lodge include Roy S. Chappell, Council Commander, C. C. Mansfield, Past Council Commander, Charles E. Johnson, Adviser, Lieut. Floyd Mathews, Banker, A. W. Hefren, Financial Secretary, Herbert N. Nixon, Assistant Financial Secretary, A. D. Thach, Escort, A. E. Layden, Watchman, W. D. Perry, Sentry, J. Oliver White, C. R. Chappell and Seth Long, Auditors.

### Gulf Station Rapidly Nearing Completion

Work on the new Gulf Service Station layout at the Dobb-Church street intersection is rapidly being completed and the station will probably be ready for business early in September.

Of white stucco trimmed in buff tile, the building is on the constructional style of several other new Gulf Stations now in process of construction in this section of the state.

According to H. P. Smith, local Gulf agent, the equipment in and around the new business center will be of the most modern developments in auto service fields. Hydraulic lifts and electric pumps, both for greasing and washing, will be housed in an attractive addition adjoining the offices on the south side. The greasing department is known in Gulf circles as the "lubritorium".

Edison Harris, a local boy and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Harris, will manage Hertford's newest service station and tentative plans have it that the place will maintain twenty-four hour service, remaining open for business all night.

The whole area surrounding the building itself is of concrete with a small grass plot just behind the station, which represents approximately twelve to fifteen thousand dollars.

#### VERY ACTIVE



A. W. HEFREN

Mr. Hefren, prominent Hertford resident, who is secretary-treasurer of the local camp of W. O. W., and takes an active interest in the affairs of the order.

### Big Increase Shown In Number Library Books During Month

Mrs. Brooks Whedbee, who is in charge of the Hertford Public Library, reports that more than twice the number of books were loaned during the month just closed than were loaned the previous month. The first month that the library was operated there were only 95 books loaned and during the last month's period 234 were loaned.

Most of those taking books from the library are children and young people, said Mrs. Whedbee.

The library, which is a development of the Hertford Woman's Club, a project begun while Mrs. F. T. Johnson was president, has had the loan of a number of books from the State Library Commission and a number of citizens of the county have contributed books.

A full-time librarian is furnished through the Works Progress Administration.

An effort will be made to interest the public in the library to a greater extent, later on, and plans are now being considered for raising money with which to purchase books. It has been suggested that, while no charge is made for any of the books now in the library unless they are kept out longer than a week, it might be possible to put in certain expensive new books which patrons would be glad to pay for the loan of, and in the fall when the Woman's Club resumes its work this matter will probably be taken up and some definite plans worked out.

Meantime, the Library will gladly receive the donations on any new or old books which friends will contribute.

### Butler Preaches At Local Church Sunday

The Rev. A. A. Butler will preach at the Hertford Baptist Church next Sunday at both the morning and evening services. This church has been without a pastor since the resignation of the former pastor, the Rev. D. S. Dempsey, on August 1, but services are held regularly each Sunday.

### Thursday Last Of Summer Holiday

No more half holidays in Hertford on Thursday afternoon until next June. For three months, June, July and August, the Hertford stores, the bank and other places of business have closed their doors every Thursday at 1 o'clock and taken holiday. It's all over now. Thursday of this week marks the last one on the calendar.

The State Theatre lobby has been redecorated this week and presents a most attractive appearance.

### W. O. W. PROGRAM

MORNING SESSION AT 10 O'CLOCK.

A. O. Kiff, District Manager, in charge

Opening Ode.

Invocation ..... Rev. D. M. Sharpe

Music ..... Ahoskie School Band

Music ..... Warwick Quartette, Hobbville

Address of Welcome ..... S. M. Whedbee, Mayor

Response ..... T. E. Newton, State Manager

Music.

Address ..... Chas. A. Hines, National Director

Music.

Prayer ..... Rev. R. S. Monds

Parade and Dinner.

Afternoon Session, 2:30 at State Theatre—Business Session.

Night Session, 8:00—W. O. W. Hall

### RURAL ELECTRIC SPECIALIST HERE ON SEPTEMBER 2

**To Be at Durants Neck To Confer With New Hope Residents**

#### WANT SERVICE

**Anderson Will Be on Hand Also; 24 Miles In Operation Now**

For the purpose of conferring with those residents of the New Hope community who will be served by the new rural electrical line recently run from Woodville to New Hope, D. E. Jones, Assistant Rural Electrification Specialist of North Carolina State College, will be at the Durants Neck Postoffice on Thursday, September 2 to discuss electrical problems.

Current was turned in on the line this week and already those homes which were wired to receive it are connected up. Many others along the line are preparing to have their homes wired, some to use a great deal of current and others less.

Mr. Jones, who has held previous meetings in Perquimans, having attended a special demonstration held in the Agriculture Building last May will be glad to advise prospective current users as to proper wiring, the use of electric power motors, pumps, water systems, electric fences, and whatever appliance the people are interested in.

L. W. Anderson, County Agent, who has been largely responsible for the recently run lines in Perquimans, will also be present on this occasion.

With the completion of the New Hope line, which is approximately ten miles in length, there is now already in operation in Perquimans some 24 miles of rural electric line. There are approximately 10 miles of the Belvidere line, 4 of the Chapanoke and 10 of the New Hope. Probably not more than 100 families are being served at the present time on these lines, as only enough signers as were necessary to secure the line were taken on. Several have been connected since and it is expected that more will avail themselves of the opportunity of electricity in their homes as time goes by.

### Soft Ball Game On Local Lot Monday

A soft ball game is scheduled on Monday night on the local diamond between a team from the Edenton Masons and one from the Perquimans Masons.

The Perquimans Masons who went over to Edenton Monday night took a licking and they are hoping to even things up on Monday night.

### Please Provide Parking Space Is Mayor's Request

Mayor Silas M. Whedbee requests that Hertford residents refrain from parking their cars down town, in order that the visiting Woodmen of the World may have ample parking space.

### Warm Greetings Are Shown Everywhere

#### BOSS CHOPPER



ROY S. CHAPPELL

Mr. Chappell, who is a member of the Board of County Commissioners, is Counsel Commander of Albemarle Camp of W. O. W. which is one of the outstanding camps in the district.

### First Batch Old Age Assistance Checks Being Distributed

The first of the old age assistance checks have arrived and are being distributed this week by Miss Ruth Davenport, county welfare officer.

Totalling 18 in number the checks are for the month of July and represent approximately \$125.00. Of this amount the county supplies one fourth, the state one fourth and the Federal Government one half.

Two aid-to-dependent-children checks are also in the hands of the beneficiaries and enrich two underprivileged children by about twenty-six dollars. The county takes care of one-third of this amount.

Several other old age and children benefit applications, together with aid-to-the-blind applications, have been investigated and approved by the county welfare board. Immediate action is anticipated on these, by Miss Davenport, and the checks will probably arrive shortly.

### Funeral Held Tuesday For Charles Chappell

Charles Chappell, 69, died at his home near Belvidere, in this county, at 11:30 o'clock on Monday morning.

Funeral services were conducted at the home on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 with the Rev. A. A. Butler, of Hertford, pastor of the Whitesville Grove Baptist Church, of which Mr. Chappell was a member, officiating. Burial took place in the family burying ground near the home.

Pallbearers included Julian Chappell, Warren Cartwright, Henry Cartwright, Elihu Elliott, Carlton Copeland and Coleman Byrum.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Fannie Byrum Chappell; one son, Josiah Chappell, of Suffolk, Va.; one sister, Mrs. Louise Elliott, of Winfall.

### Bulgarian Visitor In Brinn Home

Mr. and Mrs. Rosser Brinn had a visitor, Mr. Vauleff, of Bulgaria, on Saturday. Mr. Vauleff is a friend of Claude Brinn, who for many years has lived in the Near East, visiting his brothers, Rosser and Tim, in Hertford at infrequent intervals. The foreign visitor, who is spending some time in the States and of whom Claude Brinn had written his relatives, drove down from New York and was accompanied by an interpreter.

Mr. Vauleff stated that Claude Brinn would be in London shortly but that he does not expect to come home again in the very near future.

Dr. and Mrs. Hobbs Here  
Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Hobbs, of Durham, spent the week-end in Hertford with Mrs. Hobbs' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stenhardt.

### Business Houses Decorate Brightly For Visitors

#### STREET BANNER

**Parking Space Available For All; Special Matinee At State**

Hertford is extending a cordial greeting to the delegates and visitors to the Woodmen of the World Convention which meets here today.

A special banner is strung across Church street, extending from the local hall of the Woodmen of the World to the State Theatre, bidding the Woodmen welcome, and other signs of welcome are displayed by various business houses.

The local Woodmen are here in full force and everything possible is being done to make the stay of the visitors pleasant.

The Town lot, on Front street, has been cleaned up for the use of the visitors, the place being made ready for the big fish fry which is to take place at the noon hour.

Mayor Whedbee has made arrangements for giving the visitors plenty of parking space.

The local Woodmen camp has made arrangements for entertaining the members of the convention at a special matinee at the State Theatre. The picture, "Think Fast Mr. Moto", will be shown immediately after the closing of the afternoon business session. The same picture will be the feature of the regular show at night.

### Cotton Picking Time Now About To Begin

Cotton is beginning to open in Perquimans and present conditions are that picking will begin next week. However, it is only in spots that there is any amount of cotton opening, where the land is high and sandy, and cotton picking will probably not begin in earnest for another couple of weeks, or more, depending, of course, upon weather conditions. Hot, dry weather, which is always favorable to the cotton crop, would hasten the opening of the bolls, which would be retarded by rains or cool weather.

The cotton crop in Perquimans, which until a few weeks ago, after a protracted dry, hot spell, promised to be one of the most bountiful to have been grown in the county in years, has been somewhat damaged, some farmers say considerably so, by the recent rains. The boll weevil, that pest which always gets in its dirty work in damp, cool weather, has made considerable inroads on the crop, also. There is, however, still a great deal of cotton and with favorable weather conditions from now on wonders would be worked in the crop.

Cotton picking time is looked forward to by most of the county, as not only do the farmers begin to get some returns for their year's work, but cotton pickers have an opportunity to make some money, and many of them are able to buy the winter's supply of clothing for their families from their earnings and save something to help get through the winter months.

The effect of the cotton harvest is immediately felt by the merchants in Hertford, where most of the money from cotton picking as well as the returns for the cotton is spent.

With the big plant of the Southern Cotton Oil Company here in operation, where not only the cotton crop of Perquimans, but the bulk of the crop in the Albemarle and adjoining counties as well, is sold, the cotton crop becomes an even more important commodity.

### Methodist Sunday School Has Picnic

The members of the Sunday School of the Hertford Methodist Church enjoyed a delightful picnic on Tuesday afternoon, the affair being held at the home of William Landing, on the Sound, in Durants Neck.