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\$1.25 Per Year

Hertford's Tax Rate Will Remain At \$1.10

Town's Budget For Year Is Estimated to Be \$53,490.46

AFTER TAXES

Mayor Urges Strictest Economy In Expenditures

The tax rate of the Town of Hertford remains at \$1.10 for the next year, according to an announcement made by Mayor S. M. Whedbee, following the meeting of the Town Council on Monday night.

The annual audit of the books of the Town Office has recently been completed and a condensed statement is being prepared by the auditors for publication in this newspaper in the near future.

Meantime, the budget for the Town for the next year has been set at \$53,490.46.

Mayor Whedbee, who believes in staying within the bounds of the budget, placed before the commissioners on Monday night the figures showing exactly what amount has been paid out in each separate department this year and how much remains to run on for the next nine months, and stressed the point that there should be no expenditures in the immediate future which are absolutely necessary to be made.

"I believe," said Mayor Whedbee, after outlining the situation, "that if we hold ourselves in check and make no purchases other than those which are absolutely necessary, we can raise the money for the bond requirements and at the same time pay these bills, but to do it we have got to hold our purchases down during this period."

Mayor Whedbee also brought to the attention of the Board that there is due and uncollected considerable money for last year's poll taxes as well as several prior years which ought to be collected. It was decided that an extra man should be employed to make collection of back taxes and that such legal steps as are necessary should be taken to make collection.

It was also decided that, in order to facilitate the collection of taxes the Town Clerk, W. G. Newby, should spend five days in each month, for the next four or five months, in collecting current taxes, using the days when there is extra help in the Town Office.

Of the 1937 tax levy, there has been collected already \$8,611.93, according to Mr. Newby, who stated that there is probably two or three hundred dollars which he can collect immediately.

In the matter of taxing boot blacks it was decided that in future no tax should be imposed.

It was ordered that in future any prospective large user of electric current shall make a deposit with the town in advance of service.

The matter of throwing grape hulls on the sidewalks down town was discussed, as two persons had made complaint to the Mayor of the nuisance, but no steps were taken with respect to the matter.

Chas. M. Umphlett Buried On Tuesday

Charles M. Umphlett, 71, a highly respected resident of Perquimans, died at his home in the Bethel community at 8 o'clock on Sunday night, following an illness of several weeks.

Funeral services were conducted at Bethlehem Christian Church, of which he was a member, on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with the Rev. W. C. Henderson, the pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. T. Byrum, and burial took place in Cedarwood Cemetery in Hertford. Pallbearers were A. W. Hefren, S. M. Long, C. R. Chappell, J. W. Ward, George Dail and Durward Barber.

A large crowd was in attendance. Surviving Mr. Umphlett are his wife, Mrs. Maggie Smith Umphlett, and ten children, as follows: Mrs. Martin Sprull, Mrs. Leroy Goodwin, Miss Virginia Umphlett, Mrs. Clifton Morgan, Mrs. Carl Godwin, and Charles M. Umphlett, Jr., all of Perquimans County; Mrs. Norwood Sprull, a Pentecost, Va.; Melzer Umphlett, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Ernest Sawyer, of Portsmouth, Va.; and Dewey Umphlett, of Weeksville.

First: The farmer should seed liberally. This seeding results in coarse, starchy hay.

RECORDER'S COURT

When Recorder's Court convened on Tuesday morning there were five cases on the docket in which the defendants were charged with failure to vaccinate dogs for the prevention of rabies after having been given the notice required by law.

Jerry Turner, of New Hope Township, who was found guilty of not having his dog vaccinated, was fined ten dollars.

Will Taylor, colored, of New Hope Township, charged with failure to vaccinate a dog, was found guilty and fined ten dollars.

Elmont Dillard, colored, also of New Hope Township, was charged in the warrant with failure to have his dog vaccinated. It developed that Elmont had given the dog to his cousin, who was notified on Monday and brought the dog to town on Tuesday. This case was dismissed.

Lillie Forehand, colored woman of Newtown, found guilty of the charge of being drunk and disorderly, was given thirty days in jail, sentence to be suspended upon payment of the court costs and upon good behavior for a year.

Cora Lee Martin and Jack Riddick were each charged with assault upon the other, assault with a deadly weapon to-wit a lamp. The man was found not guilty but Cora Lee was given thirty days in jail, to be suspended upon payment of the costs and good behavior for a year.

Lamps appeared to be the favorite among the deadly weapons used by defendants charged with assault of late. Blanche Woodard, of Winfall, was brought into court charged with assaulting Louis Hoffer with a lamp. Evidence disclosed that Hoffer and Rebecca Littlejohn were fighting, with Hoffer the aggressor, when Blanche, who lives next door, stepped in to part the pair. Failing to separate them peacefully, she grabbed a lighted lamp and threw it at Hoffer. The warrant was amended to charge all three with affray after hearing the testimony of the first, and both the women were discharged and Hoffer was taxed with the cost of court.

Madison Boone, colored, found guilty of trespass and larceny, was given a road sentence of 6 months, with a previous sentence of 6 months ordered in effect, the two sentences to run concurrently. Boone was dispatched at once to the roads, as the truck for transporting prisoners appeared shortly after sentence was pronounced.

Book Club Holds First Meet Of Year

The Book Club held its first meeting of the year on Thursday afternoon of this week, when Mesdames I. A. Ward and Charles Whedbee entertained jointly, at the home of the latter.

Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman, presided and the program was in charge of Mrs. C. A. Davenport and Mrs. J. E. Winslow.

This is the beginning of the new year for the Book Club, which represents the literary department of the Hertford Woman's Club and those who wish to become members of the Book Club must report to Mrs. Morris, chairman.

New books will be purchased during the next month.

Mrs. Emma L. Lilly Funeral Thursday

Mrs. Emma L. Lilly, 66, wife of A. L. Lilly, died at her home in the Bethel community of this county at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Bethlehem Christian Church, of which Mrs. Lilly was a member, on Thursday afternoon, with the Rev. W. C. Henderson, pastor, officiating, and burial took place in the churchyard.

Surviving Mrs. Lilly are her husband and five daughters, Mrs. Edwin Overton, Mrs. William Overton, Mrs. William Miller, all of Perquimans County; Mrs. William Jackson and Mrs. Lena Jordan, both of Norfolk, Virginia.

Visited in Edenton: Mrs. G. T. Hawkins was the guest of Mrs. M. S. Elliott, in Edenton, on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

SOLICIT FUNDS FOR BUILDING AT DURANTS NECK

Women Are Working Hard For Community House

WPA PROJECT

Much Rough Timber Is Furnished Free By Citizens

Eight women were appointed to solicit money to apply on the building fund of the new community house to be erected at Durants Neck at the meeting of the Durants Neck Home Demonstration Club held on Wednesday afternoon.

Work on the house the expense of building which is to be borne partially by the WPA and partially by the local residents, is expected to begin about the first of October, or as soon as the labor can be secured. The site for the building, which is a part of the land formerly belonging to the Board of Education, has already been secured. Logs were cut from the woods in Durants Neck, contributed by the owners, and are being sawed for the rough timber. A part of the material and all of the labor will be furnished by WPA.

The members of the home demonstration club are working hard to raise whatever funds they may for the project, and four teams of two women each, including Mrs. M. M. Spivey, Mrs. Grace Jackson, Mrs. J. H. Gregory, Mrs. Steve Perry, Mrs. J. A. Sawyer, Mrs. E. M. Perry and Miss Vida Banks, have been appointed to solicit funds.

Mrs. Clarke Leaves For Legion Meeting

Mrs. R. T. Clarke left Wednesday for Richmond, Va., where she will join her sister, Mrs. T. G. Gray, and the two women will attend the National Convention of the American Legion in New York City. Mrs. Gray was a nurse over-seas during the World War.

Mrs. Clarke expects to be in New York about ten days and shortly after her return home will go to Norfolk to attend the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church, South. Incidentally, Mrs. Clarke holds a record which no other woman in Virginia holds. She has attended every meeting of this conference for 45 years. Her husband, the late Rev. R. T. Clarke, was a member of the Virginia Conference.

RE-WIRING DRUG STORE

Preparatory to a general renovation and redecoration of Roberson's Drug Store, electricians are engaged in re-wiring the store this week, changing the lighting arrangements and making preparation for replacing the old electric refrigerating system with a new one.

Ancient Haitian Bill Stays In Barber Family Over Century

A Haitian bill, issued during the reign of the Negro Emperor Jean Jacques Dessalines, in the year 1804, and kept in an old family Bible during the entire life-time of more than one member of the family of the owner, Mrs. E. E. Barber, was recently brought to the attention of R. L. Knowles, son-in-law of Mrs. Barber, who says he has seen the old bill at intervals for all of forty years and that until this week he had never paid any attention to it, believing it to be a Confederate bill. Mrs. Barber, who is now an octogenarian, says the old bill was in her mother's possession and she believes it had been in the family for a hundred years.

The bill carries the numeral 1 and sets forth that it is issued by the Republic D Haiti, and there is a pictured likeness, presumably of the Emperor, with the name J. J. Dessalines, beneath. There is also the date 1804 and the serial letter G, No. 267201.

The Haitian Republic as it now exists occupies the eastern third of a West Indian island, sometimes called by the Spanish name Santo Domingo. The island was discovered by Columbus in January, 1493, and was named by him Hispaniola, or Little Spain. Colonization began there three years afterwards and

SPORTSMEN MUST SECURE LICENSES BEFORE HUNTING

Combination Permit Affords Saving to Hunters and Anglers

NOW ON SALE

Squirrel Season In Perquimans Opens On October 1

The season for shooting squirrels opens on October first, and J. H. Newbold, Perquimans County Game Warden, is urging every one who expects to hunt to get license on time.

Hunting license for Perquimans County cost \$1.10; state license, \$2.10. A combination license for hunting and fishing in the county is \$3.10. Non-residents of the state who hunt in Perquimans must pay a license of \$15.25.

Hunting license may be secured from the Game Warden and also at the following places in the county: Hertford Hardware & Supply Co., Hertford.

Joe & Bill's Service Station, Hertford.

Fred Winslow's Service Station, Winfall.

R. M. Baker's Store, at Nicanor.

L. J. Winslow's Store, Belvidere.

Mrs. Emma D'Orsay's Store, Chapinoko.

Steve Perry's Store, New Hope.

R. S. Chappell, at Bethel.

Funeral Held For John A. Gibson

John A. Gibson died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. B. Corbett, in the Durants Neck community, on Thursday, September 9. Funeral services were conducted at Berea Christian Church on Friday afternoon, with the Rev. W. G. Lowe, pastor of the Winfall Methodist Church, officiating, and burial was made in the churchyard.

Mr. Gibson, whose eightieth birthday was September 13, had been in ill health for a long time.

Two children survive, Mrs. Trim Sawyer and Mrs. J. B. Corbett, both of the Durants Neck community.

DEMONSTRATION CLUB METS

The Winfall Home Demonstration Club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Mary Elizabeth White with Miss White and Mrs. E. N. Miller as joint hostesses. Miss Hamrick gave a very interesting and helpful talk. The hostesses served ice cream and cake to the following: Mesdames, H. C. Proctor, George Roach, E. N. Miller, Kenneth Miller, J. F. Hollowell, Bill Bagley, D. R. Trueblood, Jim Towe, D. L. Barber, Effie Miller, J. V. Roach, Misses Celesta Godwin, Gladys Hamrick, one new member, Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Sr., and visitors, Mrs. M. M. Dillman, Mrs. C. B. White, Mrs. J. L. Nixon, Mrs. Garland Baker and Mrs. Earnest Stallings.

16th District Women Meet October 22nd

Local Insurance Agency In Business Quarter Of Century

Charles Johnson is in receipt of a letter from the New York office of the London Assurance, one of the firms represented by the local firm of Johnson, White & Co., calling his attention to the fact that August of this year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the appointment of the local agency to represent the London in Hertford, and congratulating Mr. Johnson and his agency upon this quarter of a century of successful endeavor.

Reads the letter in part: "According to our records the firm was originally Norman, Johnson & White. It was in October 1812 that your agency consolidated with Shannonhouse & Blanchard and your company assumed its present name. Part of one of the oldest insurance organizations in the world, it is often brought home to us that a company can only be as good as the agent it secures. Only through the competence, the loyalty and the hard work of you on the business firing line, you who represent to insurance buyers the stability and security that is what we have to sell, may any company live long and prosper."

"I envy your agency the satisfaction it must feel in having over these years so materially contributed to the business stability and personal security of the residents of Hertford. After all it is the services rendered its community that is the proper measure of any firm's success."

Mr. Johnson was Clerk of the Superior Court of Perquimans County for sixteen years and held the office for several years after he became the active head of Johnson, White & Company twenty-five years ago. He is also a director of the Hertford Banking Company and a director of the Hertford Building & Loan Association.

Beers-Barnes Circus In Town Next Week

Hey, kids! heard news that Beers-Barnes Circus is coming to Hertford next Thursday, September 23 and will exhibit afternoon and evening on the Town Lot. Something new and novel in circus presentations is being offered under the Beers-Barnes Circus top this season. The people who enjoy good music will enjoy the opening concert by the Frank P. Miester Concert Band after which acts and acts of thrilling circus and trained animals will amuse the oldest to the youngest.

Some of the many feature acts are Aerial Mixons, European Acrobats given in brief as follows: thrill as they fly through the air in the trapeze, the skill of Miss Doris Barnes and Miss Sadie Beers on the silver wire will amaze you and for the kiddies the funny clowns, the junk Bros. will keep them in laughter. Besides these thrilling acts are well known circus acts, such as Edwin and Willis, horizontal bar artists, knock-out Kelly and Hit 'em hard Jones, comedy acrobats and for the lovers of animals, the management has obtained "Chubbie", movie wire-walking bear from Hollywood and Madam Tillie's group of wild and trained animals from Forest Park, Miami.

Four-H Club Boys And Girls On Tour

A group of Perquimans girls and boys of the 4-H Clubs will take a sight-seeing trip to Washington D. C., next week. A specially chartered bus has been arranged for and the young people will be in charge of Miss Gladys Hamrick, home demonstration agent, and L. W. Anderson, farm agent.

The bus will leave the Agricultural Building in Hertford at 4:45 on Monday morning and will return Tuesday night. It is planned to visit Mount Vernon and many places of interest in the City.

The cost of the trip is \$7.00, which includes all expenses except meals on Monday and those who desire may take along a box lunch.

There is still room for others to join the group already arranged for and those who wish to go may get in touch with Mr. Anderson or Miss Hamrick. They are requested to report to either Mr. Anderson or Miss Hamrick not later than Saturday.

Growers should follow three rules if they wish to produce a good quality hay:

Many Prominent State Leaders Expected to Attend

LUNCHEON

Mrs. W. W. Stinemates of E. City Is District President

The annual district conference of the sixteenth District of the Woman's Club will be held in Hertford on Friday, October 22, with Mrs. W. W. Stinemates, of Elizabeth City, District President, presiding.

Plans for the meeting were discussed at the first meeting of the fall of the Hertford Woman's Club which was held in the club room of the Community House on Tuesday afternoon.

While the program for the meeting has not yet been announced, there will be present several women prominent in the club work of the state and interesting addresses will be made by state officials of the club. A very large delegation is expected to attend from the entire district.

Two of the home demonstration clubs of the county, Durants Neck and Belvidere, will prepare and serve the luncheon on this occasion, the proceeds to go to the community building funds of these respective communities.

Due to the fact that she will be out of town so much during the fall and winter months that she will be unable to attend to the duties of the office, Mrs. R. T. Clarke resigned as president at the meeting held on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. J. G. Roberson, former vice-president, succeeds Mrs. Clarke as president and Mrs. I. A. Ward will serve as vice-president.

Mayor Silas M. Whedbee appeared before the club and asked the cooperation of the organization in beautifying the town, with particular reference to planting shrubs on the streets. Mrs. Clarke named Miss Mae Wood Winslow chairman of a club to work with the Mayor, requesting Miss Winslow to name the other members of the committee.

Rocky Mount Office Made Typing Office

George N. Adams, manager of the Rocky Mount field office of the Social Security Board, has announced that effective September 15 the Rocky Mount office will assume the full load of typing all Social Security account numbers for the twenty counties served by that office. Mr. Adams stated further that notice had been forwarded to the postmasters in 196 post offices located in the territory served by the local office advising them that all applications for account numbers should now be forwarded to the Rocky Mount office.

The Rocky Mount office has for some time been giving over-the-counter service on applications received locally, but the new set-up will greatly enlarge their services and will facilitate the handling of account numbers for all employers and employees located in the territory served by that office.

All applications for Social Security account numbers from the following counties should be sent direct to the Rocky Mount, North Carolina, office: Edgecombe, Wilson, Nash, Halifax, Northampton, Pitt, Martin, Bertie, Hertford, Gates, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Washington, Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell and Dare.

W. M. S. MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of Bethel Baptist Church met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. P. Chesson. The president Mrs. M. T. Griffin, conducted the devotional, with prayer by Mrs. R. S. Chappell. At the close of the business session an interesting program on "The Japanese" was given, with Mrs. M. N. Dail in charge. The Society will meet with Mrs. M. T. Griffin in October.

During the social hour the hostess served delicious ice cream and cakes to the following members: Mesdames M. T. Griffin, L. A. Proctor, R. D. Creecy, O. C. Long, R. S. Chappell, J. M. Fleetwood, M. N. Dail, Mary Hayman, J. P. Chesson, Miss Gertie Chappell, and two visitors Mrs. Howard Gray and Mrs. Thomas Small.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Winslow and their son, Hillary, are spending some time at Black Mountain.