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Town Criers' Ratify By-laws And Discuss Town Improvements

Nearly 50 Per Cent of Membership Attend Meeting

71 PAID DUES

Adequate Light at Local Grammar School Is Target of Activity

With nearly fifty percent of the paid membership of the Town Criers at the meeting held at the Court-house on Friday night, the organization which had held its initial meeting in June was perfected and the by-laws ratified. In addition, a number of matters were discussed by the body and definite plans of action for making certain improvements were put in motion.

Chairman S. M. Whedbee presided and at the opening of the meeting stated that he thought it was in order to state the motivating force behind the organization and proceeded to set forth the same. Mr. Whedbee said, among other things in connection with the fact that the organization was the outgrowth of a movement last spring to organize a chamber of commerce in Hertford, that the object of the organization was to improve the town. "Nobody is coming to our town to improve it for us, and the only way we can hope to attract folks to Hertford is for us to improve ourselves, to make the place attractive to them." Our aim, he said, is to sponsor a deeper sense of civic responsibility in the citizenship of Hertford and to teach the people that to pay taxes is not their only civic duty, but that each citizen is as vitally interested as anybody who is officially connected with the town, and that it is the duty of each of us to try to make the town a better place in which to live.

The chairman emphasized the fact that nothing spectacular was attempted but that there are many small ways in which individuals can help improve the town and pointed out that from small beginnings great things could develop.

Calling for the report of J. G. Roberson, chairman of the membership committee, it was disclosed that, though only 71 men had paid their membership dues, a number of others had signified their intention of doing so.

Chairman Whedbee announced that the Board of Directors had held three meetings since the first meeting in June and had, among other things, tentatively agreed on the by-laws, which were read and discussed, afterwards being adopted. One of these by-laws is to the effect that before any matter can be acted upon by the Town Criers it must first be taken up at a meeting of the Board of Directors, who will make report to the meeting and take action.

Probably the most important matter decided upon at this meeting was that of providing light in the Hertford Grammar School building. Investigation had previously been made of a situation which called for immediate action, though the situation was one of long standing. Among the thick grove of trees which surround this building are some which are too close to the building, so close indeed to the windows as to obscure the light to such an extent that the children are unable to see the blackboards. L. W. Anderson was appointed to work with a committee member to be named by the Parent-Teacher Association and with Superintendent of Schools F. T. Johnson and Miss Mary Sumner, Principal of the school, the committee to get permission from the Board of Education to remedy the situation, and to remove such trees as are necessary.

In reference to the question of providing public rest rooms in Hertford, which question had been previously taken up by the directors, a committee composed of J. W. Ward, V. N. Darden and Charles T. Skinner was named to work out a plan to be presented to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

Just before adjournment Chairman Whedbee asked that any one who had an idea which he thinks will be beneficial to the Town of Hertford, if there is something he would like to see done or any suggestion he can make, take the matter up with some member of the Board of Directors for consideration.

The by-laws provide that only four regular meetings of the Town Criers will be held during the year, unless it is necessary to call a special meeting and that the executive committee will meet once a month.

Welfare Speakers



MRS. W. T. BOST

Mrs. Bost is Commissioner of Public Welfare and will speak at the Welfare Conference Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock.



L. L. GRAVELLY

Hon. L. L. Gravelly, of Rocky Mount, who will address the Northeastern District Welfare Conference which convenes in Hertford today.

Mrs. Darden Given State P. T. A. Post

Named Chairman of Publications of Organization

Mrs. V. N. Darden, of Hertford, former district president of the Parent-Teacher Association, has recently been appointed to a State office in the organization. Mrs. Darden is now chairman of publications of the P. T. A. She has been asked to make a talk at the meeting of the P. T. A. of the Hertford Grammar School this week.

Mrs. I. A. Ward, of Hertford, who is the new district president of the P. T. A., will be the principal speaker on the program at the meeting.

Katherine Jessup Suffers Eye Injury

A handful of lead pellets thrown into the face of Miss Katherine Jessup by a small boy at the Perquimans High School on Thursday of last week resulted in severe injury to the young girl's right eye.

Seven pieces of the lead particles have been removed by Dr. W. W. Sawyer, of Elizabeth City, who is treating the injured eye. Meantime, the young lady is confined to her bed at the home of her aunt, Mrs. T. B. Sumner, with whom she resides, and is suffering much pain.

Dan Williams In Virginia Hospital

Dan Williams, who has been a patient for the past week at Keoughan Veterans Hospital in Virginia, underwent an operation on Tuesday of this week. His condition is reported as satisfactory.

A. Linwood Skinner Back At Blanchard's

A. L. Skinner has returned to the employ of J. C. Blanchard & Company after an absence of two years, during which time he was employed by the Pump Equipment Company.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sutton and their little son, Robert, and Dozier Sutton, of Newport News, Va., came down for the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Sutton. Young Robert is remaining for the week.

5-Day Postal Census To Secure County's Unemployment Data

Wide Distribution of Information Cards Will Be Made

VERY IMPORTANT

President Roosevelt Requests Prompt Cooperation

Postmaster J. E. Morris and the other members of the Hertford post-office force are assisting with the national employment census and endeavoring to have the unemployed and the partially employed fill out and return to the Hertford postoffice the cards furnished by the Department in carrying out the census.

The unemployment census will be taken under the direction of John D. Biggers, Administrator and all post-offices are assisting in the work.

The cards will be distributed by postal employees to all of the dwellings in the country on November 16. These cards are self-explanatory in the main, but postal employees will be glad to render any assistance necessary in filling out the report card.

All cards must be mailed before midnight of November 20, allowing only four days for the cards to be turned in.

In a pamphlet issued by the Department it is specifically stated that "registration on the unemployment report card is in no sense registration for a job. Individual jobs will not be provided in this way. The Congress directed that the census be taken to provide information to aid in the formulation of a program for reemployment, social security and unemployment relief for the people of the United States."

It is further stated that the confidential nature of the answers to questions on the unemployment report card will be respected by the administration of the National Unemployment Census and that the names of the signers will not be published or made public in any manner.

The following is reprinted from the unemployment report card:

A message from the President of the United States to every Worker:

If you are unemployed or partly unemployed and are able to work and are seeking work, please fill out this report card right away and mail before midnight, Saturday, November 20, 1937. No postage is needed.

The Congress directed me to take this census. It is important to the unemployed and to everyone in this land that the census be complete, honest and accurate. If you give me the facts, I shall try to use them for the benefit of all who need and want work and do not now have it.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

Mrs. I. A. Ward Chief Speaker P.T.A. Meet

Mrs. W. B. Aycock of Raleigh Also on Program

Mrs. I. A. Ward, of Hertford, District president of the Parent-Teacher Association, was a special speaker on the program of the meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Hertford Grammar School on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. W. B. Aycock, of Raleigh, a former State president of the P.T.A., was also a speaker on this occasion. Mrs. Aycock, who is field supervisor of the Department of Public Welfare in North Carolina, remained in Hertford to attend the Northeastern District Welfare Conference which convened here on Friday.

Episcopal Rectors Exchange Pulpits

Rev. G. A. Ashby, rector of St. Paul's Parish, of Edenton, will preach at Holy Trinity Church in Hertford on Sunday morning, while Rev. E. T. Jilms, the pastor of this parish, preaches at St. Paul's Church.

Newport News Visitors
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sutton and their little son, Robert, and Dozier Sutton, of Newport News, Va., came down for the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Sutton. Young Robert is remaining for the week.

IN THE WAKE OF FLOOD



This scene was enacted many times in refugee centers established by the Red Cross during the Ohio-Mississippi Valley flood. Inevitably floods bring the danger of disease as drinking sources become contaminated and large groups of people are thrown together. The medical-health service of the Red Cross serves thousands each year, and is maintained by membership funds contributed to the organization at the time of its annual Roll Call from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving.

Perquimans Team Undergoes Severe Test With Windsor

Lions Are Considered Toughest Opponents On Schedule

NEW UNIFORMS Victory Will Bring Total to Four Out of Five Tries

Rigged up in new Indian raiment, Coach Bob Bates' warriors are undergoing the season's toughest test this afternoon against the roaring Windsor Lions, by far, we think, the strongest eleven the braves have met this year.

A win at the Bertie county seat will give the Perquimans boys four victories out of five tries, a rather impressive standing for a school that spent the better part of the past five seasons carrying the short ends of long scores.

Laterals by Captain Dixon, Mac White, Freddie Campen and Walter Bond have been dazzling boys from Columbia, Plymouth and the Elizabeth City Juniors, and proving consistent ground-gainers, while the running and passing of Captain Dixon, aided and abetted by the running of Mac White, together with a good pass-receiving equipment in the person of Billy Arnold, have given the local boys a score jump on three-fourths of their opponents. All of which is not intended to be a prophecy on what is taking place in the Lions' lair on this Armistice afternoon.

Those new uniforms—blue jerseys with gold letters and numerals, new pants, shoulder pads and helmets should prove a big help to the Indian warriors, who like their namesakes, always fight best while in full war paint.

Since only three reserves leave little alternative for Dean Bates to do otherwise than to start the regular squad—Captain Dixon, with Walter Bond, Freddie Campen and galloping Mac White as running mates, will probably start in the backfield. Nixon recently suffered a shoulder injury which kept him on the bench during the greater part of the Elizabeth City fracas last week, but the bum limb is all well again now, according to Coach Bates, who looks with an optimistic eye on the proceedings this afternoon.

In the forward wall, reading from left to right, will be: Billy Arnold, Percy (Toar) Byrum, Jarvis Ward, Bill Peilds, Rex Gault, David Broughton and Zack Harris.

If the usual game schedule is observed on this day of peace, when hostilities ceased nineteen years ago, Hertford will chalk up a tally early in the first quarter. However, the Lions are not being considered lightly and the Indians are facing Windsor as the season's supreme test thus far.

Methodists Enjoy Bishop Kern's Visit

Sunday, October 31st, was a great day in the Hertford Methodist Church when Bishop Paul B. Kern preached a most excellent sermon to a large and appreciative congregation. After the sermon Jake T. White presented the Christian Education Building to Bishop Kern, who dedicated it to service of God for instruction in the ways of Christian living.

Following the dedication service the pastor produced a note for \$11,000 which was executed in October, 1930, the last of which was satisfied this year, presented it to the chairman of the board of stewards, W. H. Pitt, who burned it before the congregation while they stood and sang "I Love Thy Church, O God."

At the close of service Dr. T. P. Brinn, one of our stewards, and Mary Glasson Brinn, presented the baby, Mary Elliott Brinn, for Holy Baptism, which sacred rite was administered by Bishop Kern, assisted by the pastor, Rev. D. M. Sharpe.

At the evening hour, Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, president of Louisburg College, filled the pulpit. He gave a very splendid sermon.

The Methodist people, with their church debt paid, and feeling that they are going to finish this year in good style, had a great day of rejoicing. They say they want their preacher to return for another year. Sometimes people are "just foolin'."

Holmes Speaker At Woman's Club

C. R. Holmes, Hertford attorney, was the principal speaker on the Armistice Day program arranged by the Hertford Woman's Club, the arrangements being in charge of Mrs. W. H. Pitt, Mrs. G. R. Tucker and Mrs. L. C. Winslow.

The affair, which was the annual get-together meeting of the Woman's Club, when the club members invite husbands or other male members of their families, was held in the Woman's Club room of the Community House on Friday night, the program featuring patriotic songs under the direction of Miss Kate E. Blanchard.

W. M. Harrell, special agent for the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce reports that there were 2,219 bales of cotton ginned in Perquimans County from the crop of 1937 prior to October 18, as compared with 1,905 bales ginned to October 18, of the crop of 1936.

Many Expected For Welfare Conference To Be Held On Friday

Prominent Speakers On Program For Addresses

PLANS COMPLETE

Interesting Feature Will Be a Round Table Discussion

M. G. Fulghum, president of the Northeastern District of Public Welfare, will preside and Miss Ruth Davenport, superintendent of Public Welfare of Perquimans, will act as secretary at the conference to be held in Hertford on Friday of this week.

Mrs. V. N. Darden, of Hertford, is chairman of the steering committee on local arrangements, and the hospitality committee includes in addition to Mrs. Darden, W. F. C. Edwards and Charles E. Johnson. Mrs. J. G. Roberson and Mrs. I. A. Ward will be in charge of registrations and the committee on arrangements includes Mrs. T. E. Harrell, Jr., and Mrs. C. P. Morris. Mr. Bernice White is chairman of the publicity committee, Miss Grace Knowles and Mrs. F. T. Johnson compose the luncheon committee, and the attendance committee includes Mrs. J. G. Roberson, F. T. Johnson, Mrs. Harry Broughton, Mrs. I. A. Ward, Mrs. Charles Skinner and Mrs. C. A. Davenport.

The affair, which will be attended by perhaps 150 out-of-town persons, will be held in the Hertford Baptist Church, the first session convening at 9:30 in the morning and an afternoon session being held immediately after luncheon, which will be prepared under the supervision of Mrs. T. E. Harrell, Jr., teacher of home economics in the Perquimans High School, and served by members of the class.

The invocation will be pronounced by the Rev. Edmund T. Jilson, rector of Holy Trinity Parish, and after Mayor Silas M. Whedbee makes his address of welcome, greetings will be expressed by Mrs. Mary C. Linton, president of the Association of County Superintendents of Public Welfare.

At 10:30 o'clock an address will be made by Mrs. W. T. Bost, Commissioner of Public Welfare, of Raleigh, her subject being The Developing of an Adequate Program of Public Welfare.

Following Mrs. Bost's address Nathan H. Yelton, director of Division of Public Assistance, and Miss Lawnia Keys, regional representative of the Social Security Board, of Washington, D. C., will speak.

There will also be a round table discussion led by J. E. Pope, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Martin County.

W. H. Dunn, chairman of the Willson County Board of Welfare, will preside at the luncheon, and after this there will be an address by the Hon. L. L. Gravelly, of Rocky Mount, his subject being A Forward Look in Public Welfare in North Carolina.

The counties included in the Northeastern District are Bertie, Beaufort, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Lenoir, Martin, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington and Wilson.

Miss Keaton Adds To Reputation At College

Miss Maude Keaton, of Perquimans, who is a freshman at Louisburg College this year, is living up to the reputation she gained as a student in Perquimans High School, when she won first place not only in district voice contests but also in one of the State contests.

A member of the Glee Club of the college, Miss Keaton will tour the State in the spring. She is frequently invited to sing on special occasions in Louisburg and represented the college on a special program at the Louisburg Fair this fall.

Miss Keaton is a daughter of Mrs. E. R. Keaton.

Rev. Wray Smith Goes To Siler City Church

Rev. Wray Smith, of the Bagleys Swamp community, has accepted a call to preach at the Pilgrim Church at Siler City, and with his family left on Thursday of this week for his new home.