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PEOPLE ANXIOUS TO READ

Medical Association Will Hold Meeting In Hertford February 22

Dr. I. A. Ward, Who Is President, Will Act As Host

60 MEMBERS

First Time Group Has Held Meeting In The Albemarle

Dr. I. A. Ward, Hertford physician, who is President of the Raleigh Medical Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina, will be host to the group on the night of February 22nd, at their annual meeting.

This will be the first time the Association, which numbers sixty members, has met in the Albemarle, the nearest point at which a meeting has been held heretofore being at Rich Square. Previously the nearest point was Goldsboro.

The Association includes all the four-year graduates of the Medical School of the University of North Carolina. Only for the period between 1903 and 1910 has the University of North Carolina given a four-year course in medicine, the last two years of which were given in Raleigh; hence the Raleigh Association. It is those physicians who were graduated from the University at Raleigh during this period who are members of this Association.

The meeting, which is always held on Washington's Birthday, will be held at the home of Dr. Ward on Church Street and will take the form of a banquet. There will be about 60 guests.

Signs Of Spring

Weather Wise Warn Not to Take Too Much For Granted

The big willow, with its graceful branches drooping to the ground, is turning green.

Always, this willow tree which stands beside the entrance to the Perquimans River Bridge in Hertford, is among the first trees to turn green in the spring, but probably never before in early February has so much green leaf been showing. Seldom, indeed, has there been so mild a winter in the Albemarle. True, we have had some frosty weather, some days when the air was sharp. But, on the whole, it has been a warm winter. Grass is green in spots, winter shrubs have been blooming for a long time, dandelions are blooming, and even the daffodils, of which later on there are such numbers in Hertford, have begun to open.

Not only the willow, but other trees are budding and maples here and there are red with bloom.

And all day long, the sun shines out warm and clear.

The weather-wise tell us not to take too much for granted from these spring-like conditions. They point out that it's still a long time until spring. But there are many who feel that the backbone of winter is broken. All through the month of January they looked for winter weather, fully expecting that February would pay back what winter owes, but winter seems to tarry with his paying.

Somebody has recalled snow falls that came late, and particularly that heavy snow fall of March 1896. It was the heaviest that many have ever seen in the Albemarle. Of course, it might happen again.

Mrs. I. A. Ward Will Speak At Gateville

Mrs. I. A. Ward, District President of the Parent-Teacher Association, and Mrs. F. T. Johnson will attend the Parent-Teacher Association meeting at Gateville on Thursday night. Mrs. Ward is scheduled to make the address on this occasion.

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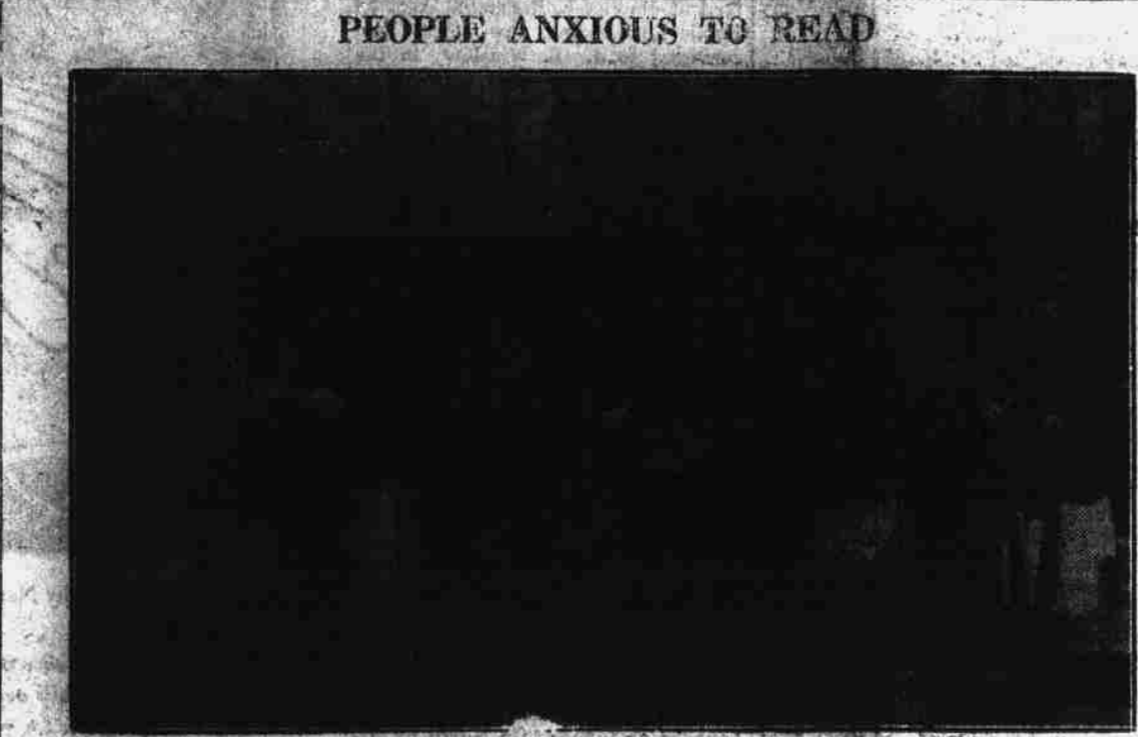
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Bookmobiles which operate on regular schedules and which take books to all sections of the counties in the State, have proved that people are anxious to read. Books are loaned to individuals, schools and community centers. All types of books are requested, books on current events, on auto-mechanics, on bee raising, books of poems, as well as good stories of adventure or romance. Above photograph shows books being distributed from one of the bookmobiles. North Carolina has 15 of these traveling libraries, eight of which are operated by the WPA through its library and adult education projects.

Perquimans High School Library Is Now In Fine Shape

Books Cleaned and Repaired By WPA Project

1573 VOLUMES

Circulation In First Two Months Was 1,340 Books

The Perquimans High School Library, according to Mrs. G. W. Barbee, librarian, is in tip-top shape, thanks to the WPA book mending project. Every book in the library has been cleaned and several hundred have been mended, with still about one hundred more to be reconditioned. It is estimated that a carefully mended book will last from two to three years longer. The workers in the WPA book mending project deserve much credit for the careful and excellent work they are doing. The pupils at P. C. H. S. have more pride in taking care of their library books now that they are bound properly and glistening with shellac, said Mrs. Barbee.

Last year, Mrs. Mary Peacock Douglas, high school library adviser, classified the library according to the Dewey Decimal plan, and discarded a number of books.

In the Dewey Decimal plan books are arranged in the following classifications, and the first semester inventory gives a total of 1,573 volumes.

000—General Works	272
100—Philosophy	13
200—Religion	21
300—Sociology	37
400—Languages	35
500—Sciences	106
600—Useful Arts	83
700—Fine Arts	29
800—Literature	202
900—History	427
F—Fiction	450
Not Classified	147

There are 19 magazines in P. C. H. S. library, two daily newspapers, and one weekly newspaper.

- Better Homes and Gardens
- The American Boy
- The American Girl
- Time
- The Reader's Digest
- The National Geographic
- Good Housekeeping
- The State
- Popular Mechanics
- The Literary Digest
- The News and Observer
- The Daily Advance
- The Perquimans Weekly

Because of the book mending project the library was not opened until October. The circulation from October 22 to December 31 was 1,340 books.

New books that have been added to the library this year are:

- It's More Fun When You Know the Rules—Pierce.
- Wild Flowers—Housa.
- Reprints of the World—Ditmar.
- Madame—Mabel Wright.
- History of American Painting—

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Scouts Observing Boy Scout Week By Special Program

Boy Scout Week will be observed by a special program by the Hertford Boy Scouts during the chapel exercises at the Perquimans High School on Friday at 12 o'clock. All this week the boys have worn their Scout uniforms to school, in observance of Scout Week.

Prizes Offered To Promote Better Reading In County

J. S. McNider Gives \$25 To Be Distributed In Schools

SELECT BOOKS

Contests Planned For Three Groups of Students

To promote better reading among the school children of Perquimans, Hon. James S. McNider is offering cash prizes amounting to \$25.00, to be awarded to winners in contests to be conducted in the schools throughout the county, according to an announcement made this week by Superintendent of Schools F. T. Johnson.

There are to be three final contests, one in the primary group, one in the grammar grade group, and one in the high school.

The children of the schools are invited to submit, in writing, first, the selection they prefer to read. The title of this selection, which is preferred shall be a classic, must be submitted, in writing, to the teacher of the school, together with the name of the author and the name of the child submitting the selection. When all of these shall have been entered a committee will select those which are to be used in the contest, one selection for each of the three groups.

The children taking part in the contests must then learn to read the particular selection for their group.

The boy and girl of the primary group and the grammar grade group who are the winners will be awarded cash prizes of \$2.50 each, or an aggregate sum of ten dollars.

Later, there will be a final contest at the Perquimans High School, this to be held some time in April, the exact date to be announced later, when the winner from the primary group, the winner from the grammar grade group and the winner of an elimination contest in the High School will compete, the winner of each group to receive a prize of five dollars.

A 10-day courtship culminated in marriage for Samuel E. May, 71, of Oak Grove, La., and Mrs. Sarah Deanna, 79, of Abita. It was May's fourth marriage, and the fifth for his bride.

On Carolina Graham—Barrier. Married by William—Harris.

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Widespread Joy Over Improvement Of Rev. A. A. Butler

Beloved Minister Suffering From Attack of Pneumonia

IN HOSPITAL

Regret of Recorder's Court Conveyed to Sick Man

Not only in Hertford, but from all over the county, there were expressions of pleasure at the news received on Wednesday of the improvement in the condition of the Rev. A. A. Butler, beloved Hertford minister.

Mr. Butler, who lives in Hertford and who is pastor of Great Hope and Whiteville Grove Baptist Churches was suffering with a severe cold for sometime before pneumonia developed last week. On Friday he was taken to a Norfolk hospital and for several days recently his condition has been very critical, a report being received on Wednesday, however, to the effect that his condition was greatly improved.

Mr. Butler, one-time pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church and for many years a resident of Hertford, is a native of Durham, and accepted an invitation to preach at the recent fiftieth anniversary celebration at the Temple Baptist Church in Durham.

Usually an interested spectator at Recorder's Court, his absence on Wednesday was remarked upon with regret by those who are accustomed to seeing him. The following statement by Judge McNider, indicative of the general esteem in which the minister is held, struck a responsive chord in the hearts of those present:

"The Court takes judicial notice of the absence of the Rev. Mr. Butler this morning, and looks forward to the time when he will take his place among us. Mr. Clerk, will you please convey our regret to Mr. Butler and say to him that we shall be glad to see him back."

State PTA President Guest Mrs. I. A. Ward

Mrs. J. B. Sedberry, of Wilmington, State President of the Parent-Teacher Association, will be a guest of Mrs. I. A. Ward in Hertford on Friday. Mrs. Sedberry and Mrs. Ward, who is president of this district of the P. T. A., are both speakers on the program at the Currituck County Council to be held in Currituck that night.

From the 125 hogs belonging to Cliff Waldo, farmer of Dewitt, Neb., a thief stole and butchered "Miss Nebraska," a 500-pounder, valued at \$100.

Dr. C. A. Davenport Appointed Coroner

Dr. C. A. Davenport has been appointed Coroner, to succeed the late Dr. T. A. Cox, who held this position in Perquimans for many years. Dr. Davenport presented his bond to the County Commissioners at their meeting on Monday, which was approved.

J. S. McNider Appointed As Judge Of Recorder's Court

Seen' Things!

Removal of Fleetwood House Bewilders Jail Inmate

The fellow in the Perquimans jail who took a nap on his cot Tuesday night might well be pardoned for rubbing his eyes when he awoke and looked out his cell window. The Fleetwood house, across the street, wasn't there. There hadn't been a fire, certainly, for there was no sign of smoke or ashes. Another look disclosed that the house, which is some 60 feet square, perhaps, with big towering chimneys, instead of standing where it has stood for more than half a century, was away on the other side of the lot.

The fact of the matter is that the Fleetwood house has been moved 84 feet to the south and now occupies the extreme end of the 200 foot lot, half of which has been sold to Dr. T. P. Brinn.

The job, which was performed by Wheeler & Watkins, of Stem, under the direction of J. K. Watkins, was done with so little fuss or commotion that few of the folks in town knew the house was being moved.

The few who did stop to take a look at the operations saw only a mule hitched to a windlass. The mule, a meek and mild looking animal, stood, waiting patiently, for the most part, as the small crew of men arranged blocks and rollers. Presently, as the mule was driven round and round, winding the steel cable, the big, twelve-room house with its two chimneys, one measuring 9 1/2 feet across, moved slowly over the rollers, covering a distance of from 8 to 10 feet at each operation.

Meantime, inside the house the various members of the family went about their accustomed business. Here and there, outside, stood one or two spectators, a curious woman, a man or two, and the inevitable group of small boys.

The Fleetwood home, which has been the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fleetwood for 40 years, was built by the late Dr. Jack McMullan, who sold the place to Mr. Fleetwood when he moved to Edenton.

Though the actual moving of the house required only a few hours, there is much more to the process than this, for the work was begun about two weeks ago and a good deal of preliminary work was done before the house moved on rollers. It is now necessary to rebuild the foundation work beneath the house. The entire job will require, according to Mr. Watkins, about three weeks.

It was necessary to remove five of the numerous trees on the lot in order to put the house on the desired location.

The half of the lot sold to Dr. Brinn is that portion nearest to the McCallum lot. Dr. Brinn will build a home on his property.

1,080 Library Books Loaned In January

People All Over County Taking Advantage of Privilege

A thousand and eighty books were loaned by the Hertford Public Library during the month of January, according to Mrs. Brooks Whedbee, librarian, who says that she is much gratified that not only Hertford people are borrowing books from the library but that the people of other sections of the county are beginning to take advantage of the privilege of reading books without cost.

The library, which is a project of the Hertford Woman's Club, is visited regularly by representatives of the State Library Commission, and is subject to the rules and regulations of that body, from whence come most of the books which are handled in the library.

While a librarian is furnished by WPA, it is the women of the Woman's Club who assume the responsibility for the operation of the library, with the efficient aid of Mrs. Whedbee.

Very little in the way of equipment has been provided as yet, but two new tables are to be furnished immediately, which will add to the comfort of those who visit the library.

Named to Fill Unexpired Term of Walter H. Oakey, Jr.

SIX APPLICANTS

Holds Distinction of Being First Recorder In 1927

Hon. James S. McNider, prominent Hertford attorney and a former Judge of the Recorder's Court of Perquimans, was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday to fill the unexpired term of former Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., who resigned.

Mr. McNider was selected from six applicants, among whom were three lawyers, one minister and two laymen.

Those who made formal application for the position, as read by the Clerk to the Board at the meeting, in addition to Mr. McNider, were G. W. Trueblood, Walter G. Edwards, T. E. Raper, Granberry Tucker and Rev. R. S. Monds.

This is the second time that Judge McNider has held the position. He was, as a matter of fact, the first Judge of the Perquimans Recorder's Court when it was established in 1927. Appointed first by the County Commissioners, he later was elected, serving two terms.

A native of Perquimans, Mr. McNider has practiced law in Hertford for 31 years. He has served two terms as Representative of Perquimans and two terms also in the Senate.

Judge McNider will serve the unexpired term of Judge Oakey, who resigned to become a member of the legal staff of the Federal Trade Commission, which will expire on December first.

He presided at this week's session of the Court, which convened on Wednesday morning. Due to the fact that he had represented as attorney a number of parties to cases pending in the Recorder's Court, certain cases were sent to the Superior Court for trial by Judge McNider.

Defendant Refuses Advice Of Judge

"Don't Think You Had a Fair Trial," Says McNider

"I sentence you to thirty days on the roads, but I don't think you have had a fair trial," said Judge James S. McNider to Dillard Simpson, at the close of the trial of the case in which Simpson and his brother, Spurgeon Simpson, had been convicted of assault upon James Overton and his father, Alfred Overton. The trouble had occurred in the Harveys Neck section of the county, where all the parties live.

Judge McNider had advised the defendants to secure counsel at the beginning of the trial, after it had become apparent to him that the seriousness of the case demanded that the defendants be represented. The offer, however, was refused and the trial was resumed.

Testimony disclosed that Dillard Simpson, without apparent provocation, had struck James Overton, a youth, across the face with a motor crank, afterwards striking him on the head, knocking the young man into a ditch, where he was picked up unconscious. There was further evidence that when the boy's father attempted to take his son up for the purpose of carrying him to a physician the father was attacked by Spurgeon Simpson, who struck the older man with his fists.

Judge McNider refused to change the sentence of Dillard Simpson but advised him to appeal to Superior Court, which he did.

Spurgeon Simpson was fined ten dollars and taxed with the costs. The charge of reckless driving against William Fowler was dismissed.

David Spivey, colored, plead guilty to the charge of assault, and was fined \$25.00.

NORFOLK VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Harrison, of Norfolk, Va., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. White, at Belvidere, on Friday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. White and her two children, Evelyn and Thurman.