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New Community House At New Hope Be Appropriately Dedicated Friday, April 8

Speakers From State College Will Be on Program

FIRST IN COUNTY Leaders In Community Welcome a Place to Hold Meetings

The attractive new community house at New Hope is to be formally dedicated with suitable ceremonies on April 8 at 8 p. m., according to an announcement made this week.

B. Troy Ferguson, District Agent, of State College, and a woman speaker of the Extension Department of State College, and Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent, of Raleigh, will be the principal speakers.

Mrs. L. R. Webb will introduce Miss Current, while W. E. Dail will introduce Mr. Ferguson.

There will be a report from Mrs. S. T. Perry, treasurer, which will be interesting to those who have had a part in raising the funds for the new building.

This is the first community house to be completed in any rural community of Perquimans. At Belvidere one similar to the New Hope building is in progress of construction.

L. W. Anderson, farm agent, and Miss Gladys Hamrick, home agent, took the lead in the work of securing the building, with the community leaders raising the necessary funds to supplement the aid from the Works Progress Administration.

The building is located only a short distance from the New Hope school building in Durants Neck, in that section of the county which history records was where the first clearing was made in the State of North Carolina.

It is of frame construction and is very attractive in appearance. It contains, in addition to a main auditorium or assembly hall, with a suitable stage, dressing rooms and a kitchen.

The Durants Neck people have worked hard to secure this valuable community house and are looking forward with much pleasure to holding community entertainments and gatherings of various kinds.

County Council Meets Monday

Sessions Will Be Held Both Morning and Afternoon

Mrs. Eunice Winslow, of White-ton, Chairman, will preside at the meeting of the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs which will be held in the Agriculture Building on Monday, April 4.

There will be two sessions, one convening at 10:30 in the morning, and another in the afternoon.

Plans for the spring federation meeting will be discussed at the business session in the forenoon, when other routine business will also be conducted.

The entertainment program will be under the leadership of the Ball-hack Club.

Miss Maude E. Bryan, home demonstration agent at large of State College, will give a demonstration which the club women will find very interesting and helpful.

Miss Gladys Hamrick, home demonstration agent, is very anxious that all club officers attend the meeting, and all others who will be invited.

60-Day Sentence For Breaking Bird Laws

T. W. Perry, of Hertford, was sentenced to 60 days in jail by Federal Judge L. M. Meekins on Monday, upon conviction of violation of the migratory bird laws.

The defendant, a nephew of Mr. Perry, was arrested jointly with another person, and Mrs. W. F. Baker, on March 23, at the residence of the defendant.

Committee From Town Criers Urge Flag Decoration

Aim Is For Every Business House to Buy A Flag

NEEDED SOON

Frequent Occasions to Decorate With National Colors

At least one of the committees appointed at the meeting of the Town Criers on Friday night has gone to work. J. G. Roberson, who is chairman of the planning committee, has had a meeting with the other members of his committee, which includes Dr. C. A. Davenport, B. C. Berry, Corbin Dozier and C. P. Morris, and they expect to see that sockets are placed on the sidewalks of the business section of the town for placing flags. The committee is planning to contact a flag maker and find out the cost of such flags as will be needed, and every business firm and individual in Hertford who wishes to purchase a flag will be allowed to do so without profit to a middle man. It is the desire of the committee that every business house purchase flags, and they expect to induce just as many householders to buy them as possible.

There are frequent occasions when the Town should be decorated with flags, and the probability is that the flags will come in handy in the near future.

This committee has some other plans they expect to put in motion, but no information is going to be given out until there is something definite to announce and until the plans have been approved by the directors, according to Chairman Roberson.

Two other committees were named at the meeting on Friday night, which was attended by more than half of the membership of the Town Criers. They were the committee to work with the Parent-Teacher Association toward taking care of the fire hazard at the Hertford Grammar School, and the sports and recreation committee.

The first committee, composed of Dr. J. W. Zachery, C. R. Holmes and W. T. Elliott, was instructed to get in touch with the Board of Education and take up the matter of constructing an outside exit from the auditorium of the school building, and also to have an asbestos covering placed on the ceiling of the boiler room.

The matter of the organization of sports and recreation in its various branches was placed into the hands of three men, A. W. Hefren, A. L. Skinner and Dr. J. W. Zachery. This committee is expected to interest itself in all forms of recreation and athletics, football, basketball, baseball, softball and tennis, as well as in boating and fishing and other sports, organizing each group and supervising the various activities.

This committee was given full power to appoint sub-committees in the furtherance of sports and recreation in the community.

The planning committee adopted the report handed in by Chairman J. G. Roberson, in the following words:

We, J. G. Roberson, C. A. Davenport and B. C. Berry, appointed at the last meeting of the executive committee of the Town Criers, to consider the advisability of the establishment of a planning board, make the following report: Recognizing that most things worth doing in the way of municipal progress have to be planned in advance, and feeling that we should endeavor to take advantage of every opportunity to keep abreast of the times, thereby making Hertford a better place in which to live, recommend that a planning committee be established, this committee to be a standing committee. The purpose of this committee shall be, first, to discover opportunities for improvements and to give ear to progressive suggestions from other citizens; second, to formulate clean-cut plans for their solution. All such plans will first be submitted to the Board of Directors of the Town Criers. To the original committee of Mr. Roberson, Dr. Davenport and B. C. Berry was added the names of Corbin Dozier and C. P. Morris.

S. M. Whedbee presided at the meeting, which lasted exactly one hour.

Return Home Mrs. C. W. Morgan and Mrs. G. E. Newby have returned from Petersburg, Va., where they spent several weeks with their niece, Miss Isabel Toms, while her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Toms, were taking a Caribbean cruise.

Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Newby were in the winter in Orlando, Florida.

ANNOUNCEMENT Mrs. W. F. Baker, and Mrs. W. F. Baker, announced the birth of their first child, a son, on March 23, at the residence of the mother.

Junior And Senior Banquet Proves Enjoyable Affair

Improvised Circus Tent Forms Very Unique Setting

FEATURES

Banquet Highlight of P. C. H. S. Commencement Season

Under the Big Top, which had been improvised by the clever arrangement of draped crepe paper, reaching from the center of the ceiling to the floor, the Junior-Senior banquet of 1938 was given on Thursday night at the Perquimans High School.

The Junior-Senior banquet is always the highlight of commencement exercises at Perquimans High, and Mrs. Dorothy Barbee, who has charge of arrangements, always succeeds in making the affair stand out as something very special. The stage is always transformed. Once it was a Spanish patio. At another time it was a garden. At still another time it was a Gypsy tent. Always it is beautiful, almost magical.

The moment that Watt Winslow, as "ringmaster," barked through the megaphone "Get your tickets for the big show," and juniors, seniors, faculty members and other guests filed from the auditorium to the stage, they were at the circus, with nothing lacking to carry out the realism of the setting.

Red balloons, sawdust, animals which through the exercise of only a little imagination were transformed from stuffed toys into real elephants and giraffes, all carried out the circus idea.

And from the ringside seats the guests watched real acrobats do their stuff in approved style, while the "band" played stirring tunes suggestive of circus day. The pretty "bareback riders" who served the delectable meal seemed ready to spring upon the backs of prancing horses.

Watt Winslow, presiding, was all that could be desired as a "ringmaster." All "performers" were described as "the greatest star on earth," or in similar extravagant manner. Miss Madge Lane gave a toast to the seniors, which was responded to by Fred Campen.

Darius Elliott gave "to the School Officials," to which T. S. White responded. Following this there was a delightful dance number by Evelyn White, with her mother, Mrs. Ralph White, of Belvidere, accompanying her at the piano.

Superintendent of Education F. T. Johnson responded to the toast, given by Margaret Broughton, followed by a reading "Horses," by Mrs. W. E. White.

"To the Faculty," a toast offered by Leslie Winslow, Bob Bates responded. Blanche Cartwright gave a toast "To the Future."

There was music between numbers by Norman Bryant's orchestra, and numerous impromptu numbers by various students.

Much was added to the "attractions" by the clever singing and dancing of Little Miss Shirley Perry, a former Perquimans student, and the toe dancing and acrobatic stunts of tiny Sybil Liverman, both members of the dancing class of Miss Martha Outlaw, of Elizabeth City, who directed them with Miss Odessa Creekmore at the piano.

The menu consisted of fruit cup, chicken salad, sliced tomatoes, pickle, deviled eggs, saltines, sandwiches, ice cream, cake, salted nuts and iced tea.

The affair ended with a delightful dance at the Community House.

Triangular Debate Held Friday Night

The Perquimans High School debating teams will compete with Elizabeth City and Edenton on Friday night of this week.

Nancy Coke Darden and Mary Thad Chappell, the affirmative team, will debate with the Elizabeth City team at the Perquimans High School.

The negative team, composed of Katherine Jessup and Julia Broughton are meeting the Edenton team at Edenton.

The question which the schools are debating this year is: Resolved, That the several states should adopt the unicameral system of legislation.

History Conscious Citizens Planning Removal Harveys Or Restoration Of Graves

A CANDIDATE



A. LINWOOD SKINNER

A. Linwood Skinner, who today announces his candidacy for the office of Representative of Perquimans County. Mr. Skinner, who is a salesman for J. C. Blanchard & Company, is a native of Perquimans. He is 33 years of age and has lived in Hertford all his life.

He is a member of the Perquimans Lodge No. 106 of Masons and also a member of the local lodge of the Woodmen of the World.

Arrangement Of Flowers Is Subject Of Clubs In April

Schedule of Meetings For Month Are Announced

House furnishing, clothing and food leaders in the various clubs will have charge of the programs in the county home demonstration clubs during the month of April, when the subject of study will be flower arrangement. Not only the preservation of cut flowers, but hints as to tasteful arrangement will be taken and many incidental matters pertaining to flowers will be studied.

The schedule of meetings for the month is as follows: Chapanoke, Tuesday, April 5, with Mrs. Roy Pierce.

Winfall, Wednesday, April 6, with Mrs. Kenneth Miller.

Whitston, Thursday, April 7, with Mrs. Eunice Winslow.

Ballhack, Monday, April 11, with Mrs. Nixon Hollowell.

Beech Spring Tuesday, April 12, at the school house.

New Hope, Wednesday, April 13, place of meeting to be announced.

Bethel, Friday, April 15, at school house.

Snow Hill-White Hat, Tuesday, April 19, with Mrs. Ashley Jordan.

Belvidere, Wednesday, April 20, with Mrs. S. M. Winslow.

Helen Gaither, Thursday, April 21, with Mrs. W. O. Hunter.

The problem of preserving cut flowers is perennial, and is always present during each season whether the flowers are gathered in one's own garden or purchased at the florists. At the present time, when flowers are blooming in such profusion everywhere, seems a good time to demonstrate the various methods of preserving cut flowers.

According to Miss Gladys Hamrick, home agent, the necessity of trimming the ends of flower stems when changing water is quite generally known, but few people realize that this cutting is best done while the stems are held under water. By doing this, air is totally excluded and experience shows that the flowers last much longer. Any disinfectant which retards or prevents the growth of bacteria in the water, is helpful in prolonging the life of cut flowers, and charcoal, or one-tenth of one percent potassium, are recommended for this use. When chemicals are used, however, it is best to avoid using metal containers, Miss Hamrick says.

Graveyard Now Neglected In Isolated Section of County

NO OBJECTION

Owners Offer Transfer Land to Historical Association

Whether the two and a half century old Harvey graveyard in the Harveys Neck section of Perquimans County will be restored, or whether the body of Governor Thomas Harvey and those of the others of the line who are lying in a neglected spot in the woods close to the shore of the Albemarle Sound will be brought to Hertford, has not been decided.

But plans are under way either to bring the bodies to Hertford in the near future and place them in the Harvey plot in Holy Trinity Churchyard, where lie numerous of their descendants, or to restore the burying ground near the spot where the family lived on the Sound, and where the bodies have lain for so many years.

The Harveys have played a prominent part in the history of North Carolina. Governor Thomas Harvey held the office of governor under the Lords Proprietors from 1694 until his death in 1699.

A grandson, "Bold John Harvey", Moderator of the Provincial Assembly of North Carolina, took an active part in those stirring days preceding the Revolution. It was he who presided at the last Provincial Assembly in 1775, shortly before his death.

Two great-grandsons of the early governor, Thomas and Miles Harvey, both representatives from Perquimans to the Assembly of 1776, which declared for Independence, are buried in the old graveyard.

John Harvey had been one of the directors and trustees to build the Town of Hertford, which had been chartered in 1758.

The graveyard is sadly neglected, has been apparently for a century or more. Large trees have grown up between the stones, many of which are broken and the inscriptions on others are almost illegible.

For many years Hertford folks have talked about doing something about the situation. Only a few, however, have ever visited the spot, hidden away in the woods. It is 18 miles from Hertford over unimproved roads which are often difficult to travel.

A small group of history conscious persons recently undertook to start a movement for removing the bodies to Hertford. Members of the Board of County Commissioners approached were interested. After making sure that Miss Emily Skinner, last lineal descendant of the Harveys in Perquimans, approved the plan to remove the bodies to Hertford, they sought the consent of the owners of the land, which was very readily granted. Meantime the owners have generously offered to transfer the old graveyard to the Hertford and Perquimans County Historical Association if it should be found desirable to restore the graveyard, allowing the graves to remain where originally placed.

One of the inscriptions, above which is carved the family coat of arms, reads as follows: Here lieth Interred the body of Col. Thomas Harvey, Eldest Son of Thomas Harvey, Esq. formerly Governor of this Province, By whose side he is Lay'd. He was a Gent Universally Beloved; who held Several Reputable offices in this Government and his death Was much Lamented as a loss to his Country; he died October ye 20, 1729.

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Easter Seal Sale Begins On Friday

The Easter Seals Sale, for the benefit of crippled children, will be handled through the schools, according to an announcement made by Lucius Blanchard, chairman of the sale in Perquimans.

The sale opens officially on Friday, April 1, and continues until Easter Day, April 17. Every one is urged to purchase these Easter Seals.