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Demonstration Clubs Plan Flower Show And Tea On May 19th

Show Will Be Held at 3:30 O'clock In Court House

TEA ON LAWN

Pressure Cooker Awarded to Club Earning Most Points

The County Spring Federation meeting of the home demonstration clubs of Perquimans, which will take the form of a flower show and tea, will be held on Thursday, May 19, from 3:30 to 5:30, according to an announcement made this week by Miss Gladys Hamrick, home demonstration agent.

The flower show will be held in the courthouse, beginning at 3:30. Tea will be served on the courthouse lawn from 4:30 to 5:30. The guests will include the members of the Hertford Woman's Club.

In the receiving line at the tea will be the old and new officers of the County Federation. Club presidents will serve.

Red, white and blue ribbons will be given for the best exhibits in the flower show under each head. Points will be given toward winning the annual club prize, a pressure cooker, to the club having the most exhibits and to the club winning the most ribbons.

Below is given the list of specimens to be entered:

Section I: Specimen—1. Roses 2. Peonies; 3. Lilies; 4. Miscellaneous.
Section II: Collection—1. Roses; 2. Peonies; 3. Lilies; 4. Flowering Shrubs; 5. Sweet Peas; 6. Bulbs; 7. Miscellaneous.

Section III: Display—1. Any kind.
Section IV: Potted Plants—1. Any kind.
Section V: Wild Flowers—1. Any kind.

Section VI: 4-H Club—1. Large arrangement by child under 12 years of age; 2. Large arrangement by child over 12 years of age; 3. Small arrangement by child under 12 years of age; 4. Small arrangement by child over 12 years of age; 5. Wild flower display.

Rules and Regulations

Each exhibitor automatically agrees to comply with all rules and regulations of the Flower Show Committee.

When judging is being done, only the judges and proper officers will be allowed in the show room.

Judges are asked not to award a ribbon to an unworthy exhibit, even if there is only one entry in the class.

All decisions of the judges are final.

Following is the list of chairmen of the various committees, and the list of judges:

Flower Show Committee

Miss Lucy White, general chairman
Mrs. John Symons, vice chairman
Mrs. G. R. Tucker, Registration
Mrs. C. P. Morris, receiving and arranging.

Mrs. A. T. Lane, receiving and arranging.
Mrs. J. H. Gregory, receiving and arranging.

Mrs. C. W. Reed, tables for exhibits
Mrs. W. O. Hunter, tables for exhibits.
Mrs. V. A. Holdren, tables for exhibits.

Mrs. C. F. Sumner, tables for exhibits.
Miss Clara White, awards.
Mrs. Elmer Wood, junior exhibit.
Mrs. J. C. Hobbs, junior exhibit.
Mrs. Mary W. Winslow, table arrangements.

Judges

Mrs. Marie M. Woodard, Home Demonstration Agent, Gates County.
Miss Florence Cox, Home Demonstration Agent, Hertford County.
Miss Rebecca Colwell, Home Demonstration Agent, Chowan County.

Rotary Meeting Off To Attend District Meeting In E. City

A number of Hertford Rotarians were in Elizabeth City on Tuesday night, when the usual meeting was dispensed with because of the State Convention in the neighboring town.

President F. T. Johnson, as well as most of the members, were there for various periods of the Convention, and were delightfully entertained.

Glorious weather conditions prevailed during the three-day convention, which contributed much to the pleasure of the visitors.

Winners Selected In Poem Contest At High School

Awards Made at County Council of P. T. A. Meeting

\$5 EACH

New Hope Association Wins Prize For Best Attendance

Peggy Sawyer, James S. McNider, Jr., and Pentress Winslow were the winners in the final poem contest held on Friday night at the meeting of the County Council of the Parent-Teacher Association, held at the Perquimans High School, each receiving a five-dollar reward. All of the contestants in the finals, including Lois Asbell, Bill Madra and Millard Copeland, had previously received prizes of \$2.50 each as winners in the elimination contest in which all the schools in the county took part, sponsored by Hon. James S. McNider.

Mrs. M. T. Griffin, president, presided at the meeting, and Prof. R. C. Deal, of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, delivered the address of the evening.

Announcement was made by Mrs. I. A. Ward, president of the Ninth District of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, that Perquimans County now has two standard PTA associations, and also that the district won two silver cups last year.

The New Hope Association won the prize, two library books, for the best attendance at the meeting.

Roberson Elected President Of New Historical Group

Object to Preserve All Things of Historical Value In County

DUES \$1.00 YEAR

Efforts Will Be Made to Restore Old Harvey Graveyard

J. G. Roberson was elected president of the Perquimans County Historical Association, which was organized on Monday night when a small group met for the purpose of forming an organization which shall have for its objective the preservation of things of historical value in Perquimans, and the promotion of interest in historical facts in connection with the county.

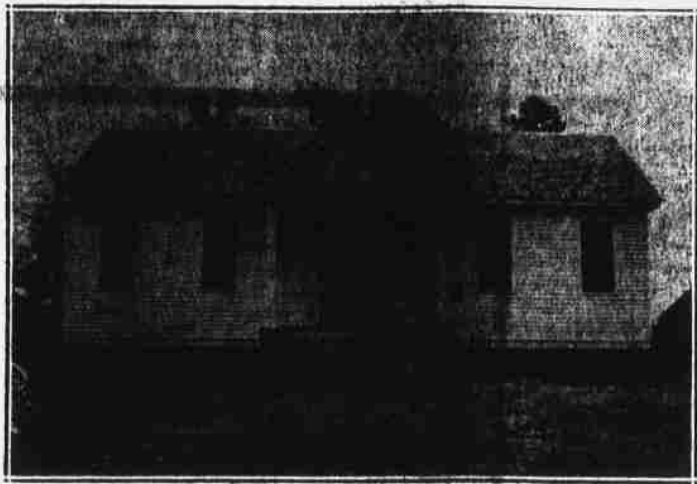
Other officers were Mrs. Mattie Lister White, secretary, and Miss Kate M. Blanchard, treasurer.

While the membership at present is very small, including only, in addition to the three officers named, Miss Pattie Whedbee, Miss Mae Wood Winslow, James S. McNider and Granbery Tucker, it is expected to grow, from the fact that any one who desires may become a member. There are in Perquimans many historically minded persons who will wish to become members and contribute their bit toward the objectives of the organization, and notices will be given through this newspaper of the time and place of the next meeting, which is to be called at the pleasure of the President, at which time those who desire may become members. It has been decided that the annual dues are to be only one dollar.

While there are many matters which will call for attention of the newly formed organization, probably the most pressing matter is that of the restoration of the Harvey graveyard in Harveys Neck. Since the first story appeared in this newspaper in connection with the proposal to restore the graveyard or to remove the graves to Hertford, letters have been received which show a great deal of interest on the part of the Harvey connection with offers of contribution to the fund to restore the graveyard, which appears to be the wish of the Harveys.

Leave Monday for Massachusetts
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bates will leave Monday for Springfield, Mass., for the summer vacation.

NEW COMMUNITY HOUSE



New Community House at New Hope, built by the WPA, with assistance of citizens of the community. A similar building is being constructed at Belvidere, and plans are under way to erect one at Bethel.

Clean Up Week Big Success According To County Chairman

Miss Gladys Hamrick Says Observance Was General

IMPROVEMENT

27,911 Tin Cans Collected By Colored School Children

Miss Gladys Hamrick, chairman of Better Homes Week, which was observed by a county-wide clean-up campaign last week, reports the campaign a fine success.

There was a general observance of the campaign, with signs disappearing from roadsides, particularly in the Bethel community, and with many filling stations responding to the requests by the club women to clean up premises. Household all over the county took pride in cleaning yards and improving appearances. Miss Hamrick feels that the campaign has been helpful and that many spots will continue clean as a result.

An astonishing number of tin cans was collected by the children of the colored school in Hertford and the one at Winfall, a total number of 27,911 empty tin cans, gathered from any place they could be found, having been turned in as a result of prizes offered by Miss Hamrick to the child turning in the largest number. The number turned in at the Hertford colored school was 13,221, while those at Winfall, gathered from all other sections of the county, numbered 14,690.

Only 500 Dogs In County Inoculated

been inoculated in Perquimans for the prevention of rabies this spring, according to A. A. Nobles, who says that during the entire campaign last year there were approximately 2,500 dogs inoculated.

The campaign closes officially on May 31, and Mr. Nobles, who was appointed jointly with G. C. Buck to inoculate dogs in Perquimans, has announced that he will be at Walker's Store each afternoon and night during the month.

Several dog owners who failed last year to have their dogs inoculated were prosecuted in Recorder's Court. Conviction of failure to comply with the law in this respect is punishable by fine or imprisonment, and the dog in question is required to be killed.

J. E. Morris Again Named Postmaster

Postmaster J. E. Morris was reappointed to serve the Hertford Postoffice for another four-year term last week. The present term will expire on May 30. Mr. Morris has served only one term.

Hertford Scouts To Camp At Nags Head

The Hertford Boy Scouts will spend a week at Nags Head shortly, with their scoutmaster, Rev. D. M. Sharp. The Scouts will stay at the E. Leigh Winslow cottage, which has been loaned them for the time.

Week-end with Family
R. A. White, who holds a position at Newland, spent the week-end with his family.

Community House For Bethel Likely Be Next Project

Being Promoted By L. W. Anderson and Miss Gladys Hamrick

THIRD ONE

Thirty-five Interested Citizens Meet to Discuss Plans

A community house for Bethel appears to be the next project which L. W. Anderson, County Agent, and Miss Gladys Hamrick, Home Agent, are promoting.

Thirty-five community representatives appeared at a meeting held in the Bethel community last week, and with such strong local interest there is little doubt that the third of these community buildings in the county will be erected at Bethel. The first problem to be met is the securing of a suitable site, which is being negotiated this week, though a definite selection had not been made early this week.

The community building at New Hope was dedicated with suitable ceremonies recently and the people of that community are enjoying the convenience of a pleasant and commodious place for holding their meetings.

At Belvidere the work on the building recently begun is going forward rapidly and it is probable that before early fall the Belvidere people will be using their new Community House. The Belvidere building will have a special room for use as a library.

These community houses, of frame construction but sturdily built and neatly finished, meeting adequately the need, are built by the Works Progress Administration, with local aid of the people of the community raising the necessary funds, with no cost to the county. Each building contains an assembly hall or auditorium, with a suitable stage, also dressing rooms and a kitchen. The Belvidere building contains in addition a library. The plan for the new building at Bethel has not yet been decided upon.

Funeral Sunday For Rifle Shot Victim

Funeral services were held Friday for Mrs. P. R. Sawyer at Berea Baptist Church in Perquimans County. Mrs. Sawyer succumbed to an attack of pneumonia after being accidentally shot with a .22 rifle in the hands of Billy Skinner, eight years old, Sunday a week ago.

Surviving are her husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Umphlett, of Norfolk, Va., and four sisters, Mrs. W. C. Skinner, of Drummonds Point, Mrs. Neppie Umphlett, of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Howard Howell and Miss Clara Mae Umphlett, of Norfolk, Va.

A CORRECTION

In last week's issue of this newspaper the name R. S. Jordan was used erroneously in an advertisement of the Westinghouse Electric Range. The name should have been HERTFORD HARDWARE & SUPPLY CO., who are agents for both the Westinghouse Electric Range and the Westinghouse Electric Refrigerator.

No Doubt Of Fire Hazard At Local Grammar School

Inspector Says Wonder Building Has Not Burned Down

300 IN ROOMS

Grand Jury Recommended Improvements To Remedy Situation

Not only is there a fire hazard at the Hertford Grammar School, but the situation is evidently very grave. The inspector sent down from Raleigh last week by the State Department to make an inspection, at the request of a committee from the Town Criers, after an examination of the situation, stated that it is a great wonder the building has not been burned down. He told C. R. Holmes, chairman of the committee, that the folks of Hertford were lucky that this had not happened.

The Grand Jury at the April Term of Court made an investigation of the fire hazard at this school, and recommended in their report that the furnace room be made fire proof and that a fire escape should be installed for the auditorium, which recommendation is practically what the Town Criers had already announced should be done.

No action was taken in the matter by the Board of County Commissioners, who received the Grand Jury Report at their meeting on Monday.

More than three hundred little children attend this school. At regular periods they all gather in the auditorium on the second floor of the building. Should a fire originate in the furnace room while the children are in this second-story auditorium, which evidently is likely to happen under present conditions, it is possible that all points of exit might be cut off, and there are no fire escapes on the outside of the building.

Those interested in the matter approve an outside stairway, built in such manner that small children might come down without danger of falling in case of fire, and not the ordinary fire escape.

While the official written report from the inspector has not yet been received, his verbal recommendation to the committee was to the effect that the furnace room and the door leading thereto should be made fire-proof and that an outside fire escape from the auditorium be constructed. The estimated cost of this is in the neighborhood of one thousand dollars.

Fall From Bicycle Is Fatal To School Boy

J. S. Wiggins, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wiggins, of Trotville, was instantly killed Tuesday morning at the Hobbsville school when a school bus passed over him, crushing his head. The boy was riding a bicycle near the bus at the time and when warned not to ride so close to the vehicle, eye-witnesses say the wheel skidded throwing Wiggins to the ground as the bus was backing.

Coroner R. E. Rawls, of Gatesville, pronounced the accident unavoidable thus exonerating Brantley Rountree, driver of the bus.

The boy is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Wiggins, and seven brothers and sisters, some of whom witnessed the gruesome accident.

The Wiggins family appears to have had more than their share of tragedy. J. S., who was the youngest child in the family, is the second of the children to meet a violent death. Albert, the oldest son, was killed when the boiler of the mill owned by his father exploded, a few years ago, two employees also meeting death in the same accident, the father being injured.

Several others of the family have been injured in various kinds of accidents.

Hertford Precinct Meeting Saturday

The Democratic Precinct Meeting for the Hertford Precinct will be held at the courthouse on Saturday, May 7, at 11 o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Convention, with Silas M. Whedbee, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, presiding.

The County Convention will be held on the following Saturday, May 14.

1500 Crowd School To Hear Governor Speak To Graduates

Says Self Denial Is Road To Attainment and Success

CHEERED

Executive Pays Tribute To Loyal Teachers In State

"I welcome you to a world of activity and struggle," said the Hon. Clyde R. Hoey, governor of North Carolina, in his address to the graduating class of the Perquimans County High School Wednesday night. He took from the Greeks, the Romans and the Hebrews a design for living, and adding to them items of his own, presented the whole plan in a stirring message to the seniors.

"Know thyself, control thyself and deny thyself," the Governor urged the departing students. "The road that leads to attainment and success is through self-denial," continued the former Shelby lawyer, who himself left school through necessity at the age of twelve, "one reason why so many men of humble origin and obscure beginning have reached heights of astounding success."

Approximately fifteen hundred people crowded the auditorium, the halls and the windows to view the graduation exercises. Extra chairs were placed in the aisles and in front of the stage in an effort to relieve the congestion.

The school building rocked with applause as the Governor entered the auditorium in company with Superintendent F. T. Johnson and the members of the county board of education. Deafening applause again greeted North Carolina's Number One Citizen as Guthrie Joliff made the introduction.

Ray Jordan, member of the graduating class and honor student, led in prayer, after which Miss Kay Blanchard's Glee Club rendered "Soft and Low."

"I am proud of North Carolina's crops of peanuts, tobacco, cotton and corn—but most of all I am proud of her crop of school boys and girls," began the Governor who termed North Carolina's 175,000 school children "shocktroops of Peace." It was evident that the Governor is also proud of North Carolina's school system. "The State ranks eighth in the Union in the number of children of school age and every child—no matter how poor or how far removed from the centers of population—may have the advantage of an eight months schooling each year," he said.

At this point the Governor reminded that North Carolina was the only one of the United States in which not a single school door was closed during the recent depression although North Carolina transports more children to schools than any other state. It was here that the Governor paid tribute to the teachers who stuck to their tasks when payrolls were being cut to the bone.

"I am confident that the young people today are not looking for a soft snap, but only for an opportunity to work," said Mr. Hoey, "genuine work with the hands." And in closing the Governor added to the Greek, Roman and Hebrew advice, his own items—character and integrity. "Stocks and bonds may go down and down," he said, "but the value of character and integrity is still one hundred percent."

T. S. White, chairman of the board of education, presented the diplomas and the Governor congratulated each graduate with a handshake.

Among a number of medals presented to several of the students for outstanding achievements and accomplishments, probably the most interesting was the one given to Ray Jordan, for "the boy or girl who attended school under the most difficult circumstances."

Others receiving medals were: Julia Broughton, citizenship; Zach Toms White, valedictorian; Elizabeth Elliott, salutatorian; Madge Lane, a junior who made the highest average for the year, 98 1/4; Alice Roberson, best actor in senior play; Julia Broughton, Mary Thad Chappell, Katherine Jessup and Nancy Coke Darden, debating teams.

The list of graduates follows:
Blanche Chappell, Polly Tucker, Marie Anderson, Addie Ruth Morgan, Blanche Moore Berry, Margaret Mayes, Eleanor Hunter, Lila Budd Stephens, Mabelle Smith, Elizabeth Caddy, Marjorie White, Rabie Lee Sumner, Katherine Hendricks, Mae (Continued on Page Five)