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## Interest Appears To Lag In County's Participation In Sound Bridge Celebration

Failure to Raise Assessed Amount Puzzles Chas. Whedbee

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Suggested That Float Be Erected Locally At Small Cost

"Until we find whether we can raise our assessed amount toward the general fund of the Albemarle Sound Bridge Celebration, I do not know just what we will do," said Charles Whedbee, of the Perquimans County Committee, when asked Tuesday about this county's plans for the bridge opening.

Two amounts; one from the county commissioners and one from the city council—for one hundred dollars each—leave a balance of ninety-three dollars to be amassed before plans for a Perquimans County float to be entered in the parade, can even begin to take definite form.

Two hundred and ninety-three dollars is this county's quota for the general celebration fund and the cost of the float—if there is a float—is to be raised in addition to this amount, and the celebration is scheduled for August 25th, less than a month from today.

If Perquimans plans so far go beyond this point, this newspaper has not been able to uncover the details.

It has been suggested, though probably not to the committees, that if float plans are being held up through lack of funds with which to have one constructed—that an attractive float might be prepared locally at a small total cost.

This interested citizen had in mind the borrowing of a large flat bed truck, similar to the ones used in hauling lumber or produce. Sand from a nearby beach and crumpled cellophane, to represent the water's edge, with a few small pine trees, could be improvised to portray the surroundings of Durants Neck where George Durant bought land from the Indian Chief, Kilocanen.

Several figures, Durant, Kilocanen, with probably a few other Indians in the background as the Yeopim Chief hands Durant a scrolled land deed would complete an interesting and convincing picture.

"It would appear that the only expenditure incidental to the construction of a float of this nature would be the rental for costumes—and even those might be prepared locally," said the person who originated this plan.

## Again Necessary To Postpone Tour

Planned Now to Leave For Roanoke Island August 3rd

Due to unfavorable weather conditions the tour to Roanoke Island for Men and Women has again been postponed; this time from Wednesday, July 27, to Wednesday, August 3rd. Those making the tour plan to leave the Agricultural Building at about 11:30 a. m., and return at approximately 1:30 p. m.

## THREE YEARS AGO

Three years ago this week the files of The Perquimans Weekly reveal that:

Richard Mansfield, young county man, had just completed a second attempt to take his own life. He was recovering in the Albemarle Hospital from the effects of self-administered poison. On the preceding Sunday, Mansfield had been the object of an all night search when it appeared that he had drowned himself in Bethel Creek.

Under the 1935 Threshing Machine Law, operators, including peanut pickers and combines, were being required to have license.

The entire community was shocked and saddened at the tragic accident on July 28, which took the life of Dr. George Edgar Newby, prominent physician and Perquimans County Health officer, and caused serious injury to his nephew, W. A. Williams, the only son of Mrs. Susan Eutenberg. The accident occurred near Tarboro.

## J. C. B. Ehringhaus Speaker At Bridge Celebration Aug. 25

Secretaries Ickes and Wallace Both Unable To Attend

John W. Darden, of Plymouth, chairman of the Committee in connection with the celebration of the opening of the Albemarle Sound Bridge on August 25th, was in Edenton on Wednesday with definite news that Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, could not be in this section for the celebration, when it was hoped that he would deliver the principal address at the bridge dedication.

Before leaving Edenton, after a conference with the committeemen there, the chairman announced that former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus had been asked to make the address and that he had accepted the invitation. Mr. Ehringhaus was governor when the State agreed to erect the bridge, and had a large part in paving the way for the impressive Albemarle structure. The definite announcement that the former governor will make the dedicatory speech will be generally received with much pleasure here in Mr. Ehringhaus' home section.

For a while it was thought possible that Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, could be secured, but shortly after communicating with Congressman Lindsey Warren, the latter wired Mr. Darden that Mr. Wallace, while he appreciated thought of him in connection with the bridge celebration plans, has an engagement in Canada on August 24, and due to the bridge ceremonies being scheduled for the next day he would not be able to accept the invitation. Secretary Ickes, in his communication with the celebration chairman, wrote that, "I really want to accept your kind invitation to take part in the dedication of the Outer Albemarle Sound Bridge, but I doubt very much that I shall be able to do so."

A trip to Alaska stands in the way of the secretary's making the trip to the Albemarle, since he will reach Seattle on his return trip on August 22, not leaving him time enough to reach the bridge site by August 25. General Chairman C. Wallace Tatem, of Columbia, is still confined to his home by illness, but Mr. Darden reports that arrangements are generally moving along nicely. He is especially pleased with and enthusiastic over the floats which will highlight the celebration and feels sure that the affair will be one of the most outstanding ever held in Eastern Carolina.

Special invitations have already been issued to a large number of prominent people, including Governor Clyde R. Hoey, Capus Waynick, W. Kerr Scott, Julien Wood, Thad Eurs, Charles M. Johnson, Robert R. Reynolds, Gurney P. Hood, O. Max Gardner, Cameron Morrison, Stanley Winborne, Wallace Winborne, George Ross Pott, Clyde A. Erwin, Josiah W. Bailey, Governor James Price, Mrs. W. T. Boat, and A. A. F. Seawell.

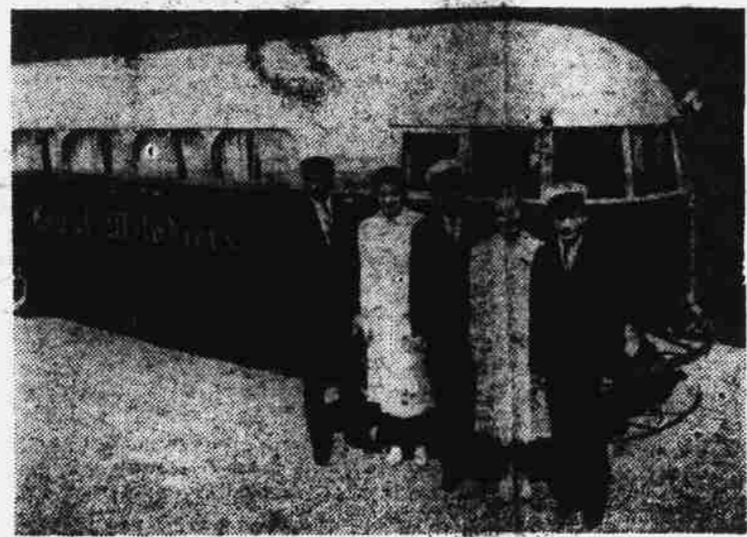
## Soft Ball Tonight On Parking Lot

Elizabeth City Team Tangles With Local Outfit

Softball activities resume tonight on the city parking lot at 8 o'clock, when the local boys tangle with Fred Merritt's boys from Elizabeth City, according to an announcement by Louis Nachman, Jr., who manages the Hertford softball interests.

The floodlights have been dark practically all summer, but they will light the scene of combat tonight for the first of a series which should prove very interesting to watch. The starting lineup is likely to include for the locals: R. S. Monds, Louis Nachman, Grady Spivey, C. G. Stephens, Alec Wheeler, Hazel Matthews, Henry Stokes, Guy Newby, the should shortly regain their popularity of last year.

## Nationally Known Musicians



The Royal Melodiers, nationally known group of Gospel Musicians, pictured above, will give a sacred concert at the Bagley Swamp Pilgrim Church tonight (Friday) at eight o'clock. From left to right are Co-director Frank Watkins, Lois Watkins, Ransom Vess, Mildred Vess, and Co-director Frank Vess.

The Melodiers are traveling in their streamlined Gospel Coach, which was once the property of a prominent movie actor in Hollywood. So far in their National Tour these young people have visited 13 states, and will visit about 31 in all before returning to their home in Los Angeles. Frank Watkins is well-known

for his piano renditions of the Gospel Hymns. He was formerly with the internationally famous Mason Bell Ringers, and can play some 25 different instruments.

Mildred Vess, besides being a well-known piano teacher, is an accomplished piano-accordionist. Frank Vess was formerly with the King's Trumpeters, better known on the Pacific Coast.

The Electric Vibra-harp is featured by the Melodiers, as well as harmonic trumpet and vocal arrangements. Quartettes and solos are also a part of the service. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken.

## O. D. Layden Oddly In Possession Of Old Legal Papers

In Overall Jumper Pocket Found in Barn Near Winfall

If anyone can show ownership of some very old legal papers, evidently notes and a judgment bearing the names of William H. Wilson and William H. Hackney, with J. H. Jacobs as Justice of the Peace, O. D. Layden, of near Winfall, will be very glad to give them up. But at the same time he would like an explanation on how they got into his barn, where they were found Monday morning in the pocket of a brand new overall jumper.

The jumper does not belong to Mr. Layden or any member of his family—neither do the papers, one of which dates back to 1878. A glance through the records in the clerk of court's office in the court house at Hertford, shows no record of the judgment, although the names of Hackney and Wilson are both recorded there—but at different times and in other cases.

Mr. Layden has his own theory about the mysterious papers and believes that whoever left the overall coat in his barn was there on no good business. He thinks that the coat and papers must have been left by thieves who had previously rifled the papers from someone's valuables.

Mr. Layden has found nothing missing as yet from his farm but is willing to turn the papers over to their rightful owner.

## Chewing The Rag With Lucius Blanchard, Jr.

If you've ever noticed that old log just off the Causeway where turtles are forever sunning themselves in the fore old summer time, we'll bet you've often wondered how long the log has been there—just as we have.

We have proof now that the old turtle's favorite spot has been in that same location for at least 55 years. J. P. Jessup says it was right there when he walked across the Causeway to school 55 years ago, and doesn't know how long before.

If you've never paid particular attention to the log we're talking about, it's on the right side about fifty feet from the road as you travel east, and on any sunny day you can see three or four good-sized turtles taking a snooze there.

Neither low nor high tides affect it; rough water and howling hurricane move it not one inch. Rising and falling tides have not disturbed it and no doubt several depressions have come and gone since the old log first settled there. To us it is a symbol—a symbol of complete rest even in the midst of boundless activity.

It must be the "Happy Hunting Ground" for all good turtles. Where they go on vacation and where they

## Crop Thieves Get Little Sympathy From Judge Tucker

Two Convictions In Recorder's Court on Tuesday

Crop thieves fare badly before the bench of Recorder's Court Judge Granbery Tucker; two convictions in Tuesday's session resulting in sentences of six months and three months.

Dave Shannonhouse, Negro was found guilty of taking a quantity of peaches from the farm of Milton Dail after Mr. Dail had caught him in the act and then ordered him to leave. Shannonhouse, it was alleged, left, but returned later to carry them off again. Shannonhouse drew the six month sentence, and Bower, convicted of aiding and abetting, was sentenced to serve three months. Bower appealed to Superior Court.

Gladys Cooper, King Street Negro girl, was found guilty of stealing corn from the farm of Thad Chappell, chiefly on the testimony of Mary Whitehurst, Negro girl. Recorder Tucker sentenced Gladys to 60 days—but reversed his decision after hearing the next case in which the Whitehurst girl was found guilty of larceny; the stolen goods being the property of Gladys' mother.

After hearing the evidence the court decided Mary's testimony was prompted by ill feeling toward the Coopers because of the larceny charge against her. Gladys had vowed her innocence all along and the action against her was dismissed.

When you were watching a movie did you ever give a thought to the number of miles of film that were being run off in the projection booth for your entertainment?

On any Saturday the projection machines reel off enough film to reach from the theatre door here in Hertford to Edenton. Saturday's run is longer than any other day, but in an average week the reels of film laid end to end would reach from Hertford to Moyock (by the highway).

Enough film is run off in a year at the State Theatre to make up approximately 1,900 miles, landing you somewhere out in the Middle West; about 10,000,000 feet. A lotta film—so you can see how far-reaching motion picture pleasure really is.

Herbert Nixon relates a recent interesting experience of his brother, Tom, now Ensign T. J. Nixon, III, attached to the aircraft carrier, U. S. S. Saratoga, stationed at Bremerton, state of Washington.

It seems that Tom and three

## Hertford Is Experiencing Small Scale Building Boom By Erection Of New Homes

Motorists Warned About Premature Use Of New Bridge

Tentative Date Between Aug. 5 and 10 for Traffic Use

Motorists who seem to think published stories of a few officials being given the right-of-way over the new Sound bridge entitle them to the same privilege ahead of the formal opening of the bridge, are taking their lives in their hands and incidentally causing the contractors a lot of money and annoyance. No better illustration of these hazards and annoyances can be shown than by the following letter just received from P. H. Carroll, superintendent of the Tidewater Construction Corporation, who, by the way, says it is expected to have the bridge thrown open for use between August 5 and 10:

"We are wondering if you will kindly cooperate with us through the medium of your newspapers in advising and warning people of the dangers of trespassing on the Albemarle Sound bridge before its completion.

"It is true that a few times we have cleared the way and set the various machinery for the passage of celebration officials and also State Highway officials, and since this has been done, many people seem to feel free to come down and drive out through various machinery, high voltage wires, wet paint and green concrete which is extremely hazardous to them and costly to us.

"Barricades are set at both ends of the structure, but some people think nothing of removing them and driving as far out as they can go, or across if they can possibly make it.

"We will appreciate any cooperation you may care to give us through your columns and I'm sure your papers will advise them when the bridge is actually open to traffic, which we tentatively expect to be between August 5th and 10th."

## Three Badly Hurt In Auto Accident

Crash Occurred Where Rice Miller Fatally Injured

A Saturday afternoon auto crash on the Elizabeth City Highway just a few yards from the spot where Rice Miller, high school boy, received fatal injuries a year ago, resulted in injuries to three people; two of Elizabeth City and one of Edenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Perry, Russell Taft and Jack Allen, all of Elizabeth City, were reported riding in the car driven by Perry, while Marvin W. Jackson, of Edenton, was driving the other automobile. All members other than Jackson and Allen were taken to the Albemarle Hospital for treatment.

First reports in Hertford from the crash scene had it that four people had been killed instantly and several persons went out to the wrecked cars to learn who was involved and who was killed.

At the accident scene bystanders, evidently judging only from the condition of the cars, thought that one person had been seriously hurt. At the hospital, however, their conditions are reported as "very good."

## ENTERTAINED AT HOUSE PARTY

The League meeting of Anderson's Methodist Church was delightfully entertained at a house party for a few days last week by their leader, Jack Hunter.

Those enjoying Mr. Hunter's hospitality were: Misses Lillian Raye Perry, Stella Rogerson, Callie Stallings, Elizabeth, Miriam and Minnie Louise Nixon, Eleanor and Josephine Hunter, Bonnie Lee Leary and Geneva White, Mrs. Lucy Hunter Perry, Preston Nixon, Elliott Layden, Harry and Tracy Winslow, Joseph Perry, Thomas Rogerson, Jim Bob White and Johnny Hunter. Chaperones were Mrs. Jones Perry and Mrs. Jack Hunter.

\$10,000 Warehouse Is Also About Half Finished

FINE HOUSES

Work on Post Office Quarters Progressing On Schedule

A small scale building boom is underway in Hertford with two new private residences in course of construction, a new post office building in the first stages of being remodeled, and a ten thousand dollar warehouse about half finished.

Work on the bungalow-type home of the N. N. Truebloods, who are building on the highway just south of the home of C. P. Morris, is scheduled to be finished about the middle of October. The Trueblood home will be on a Dutch Colonial style of architecture, brick-wood construction with six large rooms in a building 46 by 32 feet, with vestibule entrance.

It is reported that several prospective home-builders are figuring on lots in the same section, beyond the high school on U. S. Highway 17; approximately half a mile from the city limits.

The magnificent residence of Dr. T. P. Brinn on Front Street next door to the J. J. Fleetwood home, is also well under construction. J. T. Mangum, of Durham, is the superintendent in charge of building for George W. Kane, Durham contractor.

To a reporter not versed in the reading of an architect's plans, the layout for the Brinn home is revealed as a modern version of colonial architecture.

Situated well back from the street, yet not too near the river bank, Dr. Brinn's new home will be in an ideal setting. The house itself will be of brick construction, and the architect's drawings show four bedrooms and servants' quarters on the second floor. On the first floor are living room, dining room, an office, breakfast room, den, kitchen and garage.

Work on the new post office quarters in the old Carolina Bank Building is also coming along on schedule; completion of which is expected early in September. The building activities at present are confined to the rear of the building where an addition and loading platform are being annexed.

At the Southern Cotton Oil Company plant the firm's huge new iron-clad warehouse, 180 by 50 feet, largest on the property, is rapidly taking shape and will also be completed early in September.

The new home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ainsley on Covent Garden, a nicely designed brick house, was completed some time ago, and Mr. and Mrs. Ainsley have already moved into their new home.

## Negro Physician Dies On Monday

Dr. Sharpe Practiced In Hertford For Thirty Years

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, for Dr. W. B. Sharpe, 61-year-old Hertford Negro physician, who died Monday night about ten o'clock. His death, it was reported, was the result of a spinal ailment from which the doctor had suffered intermittently for a long while.

Doctor Sharpe had been practicing medicine in Hertford from his drug store and offices on Edenton Road Street for about thirty years—coming here shortly after graduating from Shaw University in Raleigh, where he received his medical education.

Almost constant seiges of illness had practically forced the doctor into retirement from the extensive practice he enjoyed among the members of his race. He was widely known in his profession and at one time held the unqualified respect of the other local professional men.

The deceased is survived by his wife, who before their marriage was Laura Langston, member of a respected Hertford colored family, one brother, Garfield Sharpe, an employee of the Norfolk Navy Yard, and two nieces.

Funeral arrangements were handled by the John Lowe Funeral Home.