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Perquimans Will Be All Ready For Bridge Celebration

Reports of Gross Inactivity Labeled "Lot Of Bunk"

FLOAT, TOO

County's Share of Expense Will Also Be Raised

"Our allotment to the general celebration fund is assured and in all probability Perquimans County will be represented in the float parade," so says the head of this county's finance committee—and so ends all speculation and doubt as to whether this county is participating, and to what extent.

The county's assessed amount, $293, to be turned over to the general fund for the Albemarle Sound Bridge Celebration on August 25th, is well on the way. All sources are accounted for and assured, according to the chairman.

As head of the finance committee, Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow, resents repeated implications that this county's committees are inactive and uninterested. In his own words, "all this hoey about Hertford and Perquimans not being interested in the bridge opening is a lot of bunk."

About the float, Sheriff Winslow says that the county will no doubt be represented when the parade begins.

Sentiment on the part of most people in Hertford now runs along the same lines—"that the bridge opening celebration is three weeks away and we'll be ready when the bell rings."

For its part in the celebration The Perquimans Weekly will issue a special pictorial edition showing and describing the county and town's business, recreational and agricultural attractions.

Evangelist Smith Warns All About Day Of Judgment

Interesting Subjects Announced For Tent Services Next Week

"We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (II Cor. 5:10; Rom. 3:23) quoted Evangelist W. T. Smith as his opening text Wednesday night in his sermon "Court Week in Heaven."

Mr. Smith said that "there is an investigative judgment before the final judgment of execution. The investigative judgment takes place before the second coming of Christ. In this judgment the records of our lives, which are faithfully recorded in the books of Heaven by the angels, are examined before the Father, Son and angels (Dan. 7:9,10,18). Our eternal destiny is determined by these records. There are two sets of books in Heaven (Rev. 20:17)—the books of remembrance where the deeds are recorded, and the book of life in which all the names of those who accept Christ as their Saviour are listed."

Mr. Smith read James 2:10-12 and said that "the law of liberty is the ten commandments and will be the standard which will be used in this judgment. Therefore it is very essential that we live in harmony with every precept in order to stand before God with any condemnation. God has made ample provision for every one who will confess and forsake their sins to be saved in the kingdom of God and not be condemned in this judgment" (1 John 1:9; Prov. 28:13). He summed it all up by reading Eccl. 12:13,14. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

Tonight's subject (Friday) will be, "How Do We Know That We Have the Right 7th Day?" Saturday night, "The World's Crisis." The following interesting subjects are announced for next week: Sunday night, "What is Present Truth?"; Monday night, no meeting; Tuesday night, "Attacking Public Enemies, Nos. 1 and 2"; Wednesday night, "How to Pay the Preacher Without Using a Penny of Your Own Money"; Thursday night, "Which is True Baptism—Immersion or Sprinkling?" Friday night, "Bible [illegible]"

County's Tax Rate Remains Same As Last Year, $1.60

Commissioners Feared Increase of About Ten Cents

CUT CORNERS

Loss Solvent Credits Offset By $36,381 Higher Valuation

The regular meeting of the County Board of Commissioners ended Monday with the fixing of the county's tax rate and approval of the budget for the 1938-39 fiscal year.

Although the Commissioners feared an increased tax levy would be necessary for the coming year, all obstacles were successfully removed and the announcement is made that the same tax rate, $1.60 per hundred dollars valuation, will be in effect this year.

The added levy, probably ten cents, was feared because of the action of the last legislature in taking under State control all solvent credits on which the county had heretofore been collecting taxes. The taking over of the solvent credits reduced the county's taxable valuation by almost $255,000. Solvent credits include money, notes, accounts and bonds, Certain bonds are exempt from all taxes.

One item that helped to off-set the decrease and keep the tax rate unraised was marked as a substantial increase in tangible personal property. Some increase in real estate, due to improvements in the county, brought that source of revenue over last year's total.

Together, with the work of the Commissioners in slicing all expenditures in order to keep the tax rate unchanged, these increases almost make up for the loss in solvent credits.

Taxable real and personal property this year total $5,284,008, where last year, with the solvent credits included, the total was $5,501,496. In solvent credits, $253,869 deducted from the total leaves $5,247,627 for the fiscal year 1937-38 in real and personal property. These figures indicate an increase of $36,381 in the valuation of Perquimans County real and personal property over last year.

J. W. Ward, clerk to the Board, was frank in stating that the Commissioners had cut every corner, sliced every expenditure and pared every necessity in order to keep the rate unchanged.

Belvidere's Civic Center Completed

Several Meetings Already Held In Community Building

The Belvidere Community Building has been finished and several meetings have been held there. Constructed at an approximate cost of $3,500 the new center houses an auditorium, kitchen and library.

F. C. White served as chairman of the committee directing the building, and Mrs. L. J. Winslow, president of the Belvidere Home Demonstration Club, has been active in getting the plans through, as were Miss Gladys Hamrick, county demonstration agent, and L. W. Anderson, county agent, who were instrumental in getting the project approved.

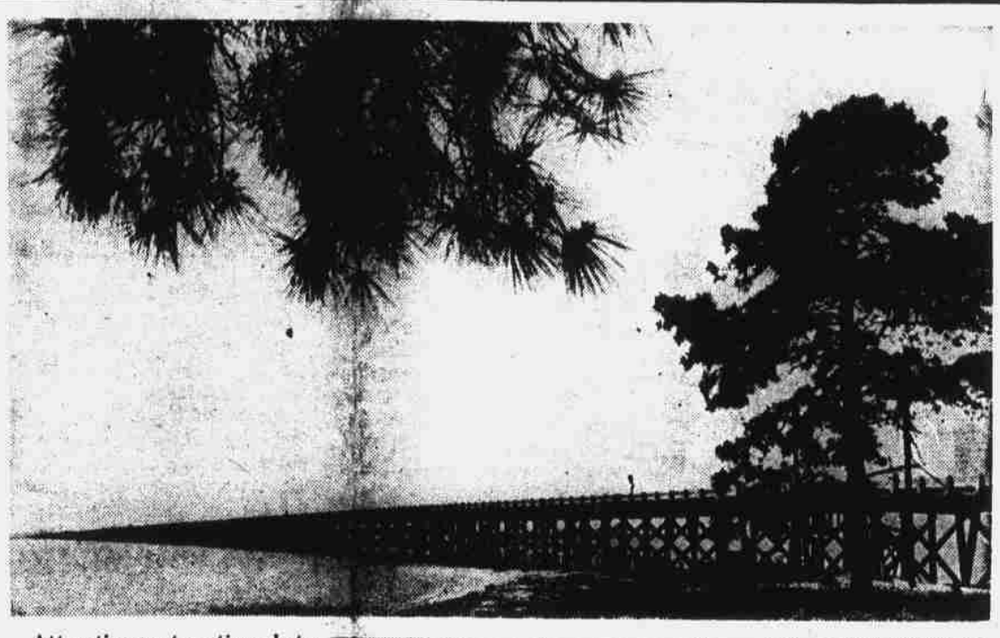
Situated on the site of the old Belvidere School which burned several years ago in the heart of the community, the new civic center will be put to numerous uses; home demonstration club meetings and other gatherings of public nature. A demonstration club meeting has already been held there and Belvidere people have gathered in the new building at several other meetings.

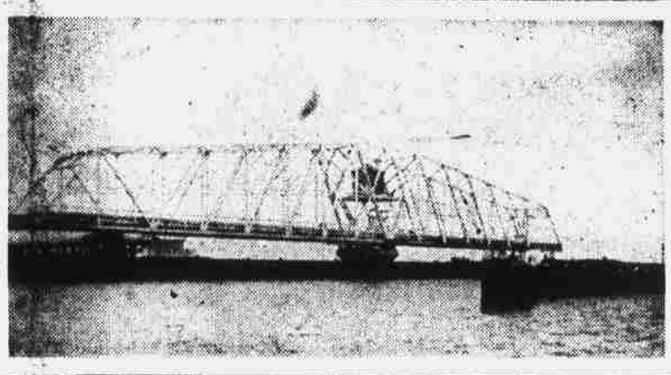
Employees Of Rose's Enjoy Wiener Roast

The employees of Rose's 5-10-25c Store enjoyed a wiener roast at Bear Garden on Tuesday evening.

The employees present were: C. W. Loveland, Misses Sara Mae Chappell, Elsie Copeland, Marion Rape, Ruby Keaton, and Ruth Nachman. Others were: Mrs. Ralph White, R. H. Malles, [illegible] of Suffolk, Va.

New Bridge Over Albemarle Sound





Attractive part section photograph of the new Sound bridge and snap of the 330 feet long electrically operated central draw. The bridge picture was taken through the pine trees on the Chowan side of the great span and while not complete, of course, carries the bridge beyond the half way point. The draw proper will of course be of sufficient breadth when open to permit the largest of the nation's battleships to pass through without touching.

Many Birds Cause General Nuisance About Court House

Problem Arises to Keep Grounds and Walks In Tidy Condition

OUTLAWED

Officer C. E. Walker Tries His Skill at Shooting

The police department Monday declared swallows, robins and sparrows on the court house green a nuisance and in the late afternoon Officer C. E. Walker began blasting away at the bird-infested trees with 22 calibre scatter-shot.

For weeks the birds have been nesting around the courthouse and at dusk come there in huge flocks. Some people have ventured the opinion that the birds are attracted by something they find there to eat, while others say that excessive rains have driven them to cover under the leaves.

Anyway, keeping the grounds and walks of the courthouse in a state of untidiness, the birds have been outlawed with the result that Officer Walker staged his raid Monday. Even though casualties amounted to two birds they still seem unwilling to leave.

The police department warns, however, that it is still illegal to fire guns within the city limits. The purpose is to drive the pests away—not kill them.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Nixon on Wednesday, August 3, 1938, a son, Herbert Newby, Jr. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

What's 54 Snakes?

To discount Dare County's snake story in its news significance, employees at the Major and Loomis lumber mill last week killed 108 water moccasins with one thrust of a pike pole.

A visitor down in the sand dune region was reported last week to have killed 54 snakes with one rifle bullet (the mother snake and 53 unborn reptiles.)

The lumber company men thought little of their accomplishment until newspapers created an uproar over the "measly Dare family killing" and then they decided to bring a "real snake story" to light.

It was down on the docks that Fleet Cooper, Hertford Negro, discovered the reptile and spearing her with a pike pole, used in moving the logs around, pulled her up on the shore. When the pole was pulled out, scores of little snakes wriggled through the wound. Just before kerosene was poured over them and set ablaze, 107 were counted by the workers.

108 snakes to scare summer bathers in the river. Hertford people who hunt snakes for the sport of the thing, and men who work near the river and swamps, say it is not unusual to kill reptiles carrying 60 to 65 little ones. It would seem that the unborn family of 54 in Dare County was rather small.

Farm Women And Men To Play Soft Ball Game Aug. 10

Tussle Will Be Feature At County-wide Picnic at Edenhouse

The strength of Perquimans County's farm women will be pitted against the men in a softball game on August 10th, when the county-wide picnic will be held at Edenhouse Beach, according to Miss Gladys Hamrick.

The softball tussle will be staged in the afternoon with a picnic lunch scheduled for the day's high spot. Miss Hamrick will probably umpire the ball game.

Plans for other activities during the day include community singing and other games.

Perquimans River Moves Unidentified Visitor To Poetry

Tribute Dropped Into Perquimans Weekly's Letter Box

An unidentified admirer of nature's handiwork in creating the Perquimans River waxed poetic on crossing the Causeway recently and dropped the following in The Perquimans Weekly letter box unsigned:

The curving Perquimans lay like a
dull shining mirror
In the light of the late afternoon.
Over its shining surface sweeps the
drooping willow—
While here and there tiny ripples
race away so soon.

So still and calm was the Perquimans
That from yon bend it might have
been a lake.
The reflection of the hills, and trees
of cypress,
Were opalescent in the late summer
light.

A sweet refrain echoes from the
wave drenched shore,
As the tide begins to rise now,
more and more.
Silently the kingfisher rises from the
bank above the tranquil water
And gracefully skims the shining
blue ribbon, Perquimans.

Along the shore the cypress shut out
the road, the world, everything
Except the beautiful, dreaming
Perquimans,
That slowly flows onward, ever onward
Far out in the big broad sea.

GARAGE FIRE MONDAY

An automobile owned by Jesse Smith, Negro, and a garage were destroyed by fire on King Street at 11 o'clock Monday night.

The fire department answered the alarm to find both the car and garage in full blaze. Water and chemicals confined the fire to the garage.

Chewing The Rag

With Lucius Blanchard, Jr.

Appropriate for the Albemarle Sound Bridge Celebration program, Mrs. Mabel Banks, of Route Three, has written a song which she thinks could be used in the celebration. The selection, "Dawn by the Albemarle Blue," and several of her other compositions are on sale at Gregory's.

The finer arts of "truckin'" and "little applin'" hold no secrets from Hertford's younger jitterbugs as attested by Mary Wood Koonce, Ann Felton and Zach White at the Nags Head Beach Club Saturday night.

Against a field of experienced dance enthusiasts Mary Wood emerged from the contests as Queen of the Truckers, while Ann and Zach were taking first honors from the other Little Apple teams.

"Fifty Cents for Your Old Pocket-Book," no matter what its condition, was the attraction set up by J. G. Roberson in a window of his drug store Friday night. The window was filled with brand new wallets ranging in price from 25c to $12, and the 50c offer was to be applied on the purchase of a new pocket book. Humans are skeptic by nature, however, and it was 11 o'clock Saturday night before the first customer took up with the "something for nothing" plan. A lone prospector came in and offered to trade his dilapidated purse (for 50c) on a new 25c wallet. Mr. Roberson stuck to his guns and made his offer good—the man walked out with 25c and a new pocket book.

Which reminds Wilbur and me of the eccentric gentleman who recently walked along the streets of Richmond offering for sale two-dollar bills at $1 each. He walked six blocks before he sold the first one.

An imaginary interview with Douglas (Big Hop) Corrigan:

Q. What our readers would like to know, Mr. Corrigan, is just how you became so confused in directions

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Farmers Can Share In Distribution $123,000 For 1938 Compliance

Part of Amount Expected to Be In Hand By October

STUDY MAPS

Program Directly Affects Four-fifths of County's People

A rough estimate entitles Perquimans County farmers to $123,000 in farm compliance administration payments—if they meet all requirements of the program. Parts of this amount will be in the hands of the farmers early in October, according to L. W. Anderson, county farm agent.

This sum includes about $41,000 worth of cotton price adjustment payments due the farmers and growers on last year's farm program.

The compliance program affects approximately 47,000 acres of crop lands in this county; 6,000 of these acres being in cotton, are entitled to about $46,008 in cotton payment checks (provided all requirements are met.) $21,900 roughly will find its way to county farmers in soil building payments. 7,000 acres of peanuts will bring in about $15,000.

This compliance program directly affects four-fifths of the county's 10,500 people; this proportion of the county's population living on the eleven or twelve hundred farms in the county. The remaining one-fifth is affected indirectly through living in the communities whose principal purpose is in supplying the farmer's needs. The program is designed to meet the need for system and regulation in farm projects.

The recent aerial surveys, aided by the supervisors or "checkers," figuratively bring all the farm lands and crops right into the office of the county agent where at a glance they can get a picture of the exact acreage of each farm and the crops on that acreage.

The supervisors will finish their work this week, according to Mr. Anderson. A little more time will be required to get the "checkers" surveys on the aerial photographs, but when the whole county is laid out on the aerial maps with the supervisors' surveys it will be easy to untangle any differences between the grower's idea of what he is raising and what he actually raises on the different acres.

Wischon Removed From Plymouth To State Penitentiary

Washington County Official Requests Chown Sheriff Get Prisoner

Kurtweid von Wischon, alleged safe cracker who was taken from the Hertford jail to the Elizabeth City jail, to the Edenton jail for hearings in each town, and was later transferred to the Plymouth jail, was again obliged to change his "boarding place" recently.

Sheriff J. K. Reid, of Washington County, informed Chowan's sheriff, J. A. Bunch, that on account of a trip to Alabama and due to the fact that Wischon receives and sends considerable mail and telegrams, he was reluctant to be responsible for the unwelcome prisoner. According to Sheriff Reid, Wischon's manners were a source of concern and the German, too, had threatened to commit suicide.

Papers were prepared on Saturday, and the Chowan sheriff armed with the proper credentials, carried Wischon to the State penitentiary in Raleigh where he is confined on death row.

Wischon is scheduled for trial in Perquimans County at the October term of Superior Court and will remain in the state pen until he is removed to Edenton for trial in Chowan Superior Court the week of September 12th.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT WINFALL

An ice cream supper will be held at Winfall on Thursday evening, August 11, for the benefit of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend.