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Perquimans Choose Two Representatives For Bridge Opening Pageant Tonight

Little Boy and Girl Will Be Selected at State Theatre

9 O'CLOCK

County's Part In Big Program Now Rapidly Shaping Up

Today (Friday) is the day the much-criticized committee on the Albemarle Sound Bridge Celebration really gets down to brass tacks. From the stage of the State Theatre tonight at nine o'clock, the little boy and girl to represent this county on the celebration day will be chosen.

All little boys and girls between the ages of five and ten are urged to get in touch with Manager B. L. Gibbs and let him know that they want to be in the contest before eight o'clock tonight. Five disinterested judges will be selected from the audience to name the little couple who will represent this county.

All this activity, together with Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow's assurance that the county will be represented with a float, verifies what he said just a week ago. That the county is interested. This county's allotment to the general celebration fund was forwarded to the treasurer several days ago.

The list of contestants for Little Mr. and Mrs. Perquimans County is growing rapidly, according to Mr. Gibbs, and the judges will probably be hard pressed to select the winners. Mr. Gibbs is receiving applications until eight o'clock, just one hour before the contest.

Perquimans County's plans are assuming more definite shape every day. It is understood that the county's float is already under consideration as to specifications. It is also understood that the float will portray the giving of the first land grant, a figure representing the Indian chief, Kilkocan, handing over the State's oldest deed to George Durant, pioneer English settler.

A float of this type should be very effective as portraying an early happening of State-wide importance. Approval of plans for a float along these lines is heard on every hand. Enthusiasm is increasing by leaps and bounds and it appears that Perquimans County's part in the celebration will be all that could be desired by even the most demanding celebrationists.

THREE YEARS AGO

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

The town was continuing to show a profit although there had been a reduction in the price of electric current from 15 cents per kilowatt to a graduated scale from 12 cents down. Cleveland Thayer, District Governor of Rotary International had addressed the Hertford Rotary Club at the Tuesday night session. In his message, Mr. Thayer had succeeded in imparting to his hearers a glimpse of the vision of the true meaning of Rotary as accepted it.

The first sweet potatoes to be marketed in Hertford appeared on Saturday from the farm of Moses Boyce, a Beech Spring farmer. He had grown the yams to a marketable size in exactly seven weeks, believed to be a record.

C. C. Simpson was leaving the Hertford Banking Company as book-keeper to accept a similar position with Guaranty Bank and Trust Company at Greenville.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bettie Chappell, who had died in a Raleigh Hospital on Saturday, had been conducted at Hunters Fork Church on Sunday.

GARDEN PARTY

Miss Anna Penelope Tucker was hostess at a garden party given in honor of Miss Helen Willis, of Farmville, who is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Brinn, and Miss Kathryn Spivey, of Richmond, Va., house guest of Miss Alice Robertson, on Tuesday afternoon.

Those present in addition to the honorees were: Misses Alice Robertson, Marie Anderson, Florence Darden, Sara Ward, Ruth Nachman, Nancy Coke Darden, Marguerite Ward, Mary Thad Chappell, Julia Morrison, Ellis Mae White, Mary Morris, Lila Budd Stephens, Maewood Flamm, Ruth Hollowell, Mary Feilde, and Jess White.

Lymann Shephard Injured In River

Badly Cut When Speedy Motor Boat Passes Over Body

Lyman Shephard suffered two deep gashes in his right arm and a three-inch scalp wound when he slipped from the deck of a speedy motorboat in the Perquimans River near Hertford Saturday night.

The boat passed over Mr. Shephard's body, the spinning propeller inflicting the injuries. The boat is owned and was operated at the time by C. E. Johnson, Recorder's Court prosecuting attorney. It is of the hydroplane type and powered with a highspeed outboard motor.

It is reported that Mr. Shephard, on the forward deck, lost his footing, falling into the water under the boat before it could be stopped. A local physician required several stitches to close the wounds. Mr. Shephard seems little the worse for his accident.

Special Lecture On Sunday Night

Evangelist's Topic "The United States In Prophecy"

Evangelist W. T. Smith, who is conducting the series of Bible lectures under the large tent located on the Grammar School ground in Hertford, announces a very special lecture for Sunday night—"The United States In Prophecy." Mr. Smith says that this fair land of ours is mentioned in the prophecies of the Bible along with other great nations of the world that were foretold. In this prophecy the rise, progress, and final destiny of the United States is given, states Mr. Smith. He promises to answer the two following important questions from the Bible: "Will the Constitution of the United States be changed and our liberty be taken away?" "Is our government doomed?" Do not miss this lecture. Mr. Smith says that "every true-blooded American of Hertford and vicinity should be present Sunday night for this unusual lecture."

The following subjects are announced for the closing week of the services: Sunday night, "The United States In Prophecy"; Monday night, no meeting; Tuesday night, "The Seven Last Plagues"; Wednesday night, "When Is It Wrong to Pray?"; Thursday night, "The Message of the Pillar of Salt"; Friday night, "Heaven"; Saturday night, "Work and Progress of Seventh Day Adventists"; Sunday night, "The Coming of Elijah the Prophet Before the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord." All are urged to attend these closing services.

"MISSING PERSON" LOCATED IN DARKENED THEATRE—ASLEEP

Frantic and tearful appeals to the police department just after midnight Wednesday from a Negro mother in the Goose Hollow section, were finally interpreted by Officer C. E. Walker to mean that her nine-year-old child was missing and had been missing for several hours.

The officer immediately had a hunch and without wasting any time chasing down phoney clues about the child's disappearance, awakened William "Whitie" White and had him bring along the keys to the State Theatre. A short search in the theatre's balcony resulted in finding the location of the missing person. The little boy, after watching the first show, had fallen asleep during the second showing and somehow had rolled out of his seat onto the floor between the rows of seats.

He was still dreaming peacefully when the searching party found him in the darkened theatre. The theatre personnel usually looks out for over-sleeping theatre-goers, but this little fellow had rolled all the way out of sight.

Week-end Hertford. Miss Hilda Vane Wood, of Tarboro, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Ben Wood.

Section Is Crippled By Lack Of Power Monday Afternoon

Current Forced to Be Cut Off When Tree Falls Over Wires

HEAVY STORM

Considerable Trouble Is Experienced By Many Establishments

Light and power service was disrupted for several hours Monday and it was reported here that the cause was trouble on the line near Suffolk. The power failed just before noon and was resumed between three and four o'clock. In the meantime, ice cream in the electrically operated refrigerators of several local dealers, probably suffered most during the lapse.

Monday was an extremely dark day at times, due to overcast skies, and several businesses were forced to seek means of illumination other than electric lights—candles and oil lamps being brought into play.

A severe electrical storm, accompanied by a brief but heavy shower, played over the section for a short while bringing relief from the oppressive heat in early afternoon.

The trouble was finally traced to a tree which had fallen across the power line at Sandy Cross, and Edenton and Elizabeth City were likewise paralyzed.

Dr. John Zachary, dentist, had what amounted to a half holiday, as did employees at the plant of the Southern Cotton Oil Company where all operations came to a complete standstill.

It is understood that a logger started the trouble near Sandy Cross when he miscalculated in felling a tree, which he brought down across the high tension wires.

After a couple of hours with no power the management of the State Theatre began worrying over the showing of the night's movie program, but heaved a sigh of relief when the current again began to flow.

CIRCLE MEETS

The Ida Patterson Circle of the Baptist Church met Monday evening with Mrs. T. W. Perry. The leader, Mrs. Mark Gregory, was in charge of the program. The subject studied was Mexico.

Those present were: Mesdames Robert White, E. W. Mayes, J. A. Perry, Robert Jordan, Matt Matthews, J. E. Everett, Alva Jordan, Mark Gregory, G. C. Buck and Irvin White, and Miss Mamie Stallings, and a visitor, Mrs. J. E. Mayes, of Petersburg, Virginia.

Chewing The Rag

With Lucius Blanchard, Jr.

An Imaginary Interview with Herbert Newby Nixon, Jr., age one week and two days, youngest social security account number holder

Q. Well, Mr. Nixon, having qualified what do you think of this social security business?

A. I haven't quite formed an opinion, but the card looks pretty good. I think I'll eat it.

Q. Aren't you afraid your employers might object to the payment of your social security? After all, you are rather young.

A. I'm listed as unemployed, but they don't know the half of it. Wait until one of these good sleeping nights when I decide to stay awake. Of course I'll want someone to keep me company and I think I'll pick on poppa. I'll stage a "no sleep strike" and then he'll know I'm employed. Boy, and how!

Q. Where will you keep your account number? That card, you know, is pretty important.

A. Right now I don't know, but a little later I'll file it with my teddy bears and other valuables. It'll be safe there.

Q. Was that a yawn, Mr. Nixon? If I'm keeping you awake I'll leave.

A. Well, I have had a rather tough day, with newspaper reporters, teddy bear salesmen and one thing and another.

Q. Thanks for the interview, Mr. Nixon, I'll be going.

A. Not at all. Drop in anytime you need some answers and I'll set you right.

We knew the Commerce Department's punishment of Douglas Corrigan for flying across the ocean with-

Annual Meeting Of Farm Bureau Be Held Aug. 17th

Members of Perquimans Bureau Urged To Attend

IN GREENVILLE

About One Hundred Members of Group In Perquimans

All members of the county farm bureau are invited to the annual meeting in Greenville on August 17th, according to a letter received by J. W. Ward, president of the Perquimans County bureau.

E. F. Arnold, executive secretary to the State Federation, wishes to call to attention the fact that there may be members in the county who are planning to attend the meeting who do not know that it will be necessary for them to have a membership card signed by the president in order to be admitted to the membership barbecue dinner.

It would be extremely embarrassing for the directors—if a farmer, who had paid his dues, was then denied the privilege of eating with the other members. Men will be stationed at the warehouse doors who will require all those who enter to have a membership card and they of course will have no other way of distinguishing members from non-members.

Of the approximate 100 members of the farm bureau in this county it is possible, says Mr. Ward, that some of them may have misplaced their cards. Another one may be secured simply by asking Mr. Ward, or L. W. Anderson, county farm agent, for it.

Twenty-five or thirty members have already voiced intentions of being in Greenville for the annual meeting, and Mr. Ward, who has attended other annual gatherings, is loud in his praise of the feast that is spread at these meetings, along with the other items on the programs. Preparations are already underway for the dinner.

ENTERTAIN AT TEA

Mrs. Jake White and her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Barbee, entertained at a delightfully informal tea on Friday afternoon at the home of the former, honoring Mrs. White's daughter-in-law, Mrs. W. M. White, of Richmond, Va., who was her house-guest.

Those assisting in serving were Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Jr., Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, Miss Elizabeth Knowles, Miss Thelma Elliott, Miss Mildred Reed and Miss Mary Towle.

About fifty guests called during the afternoon.

86 In Perquimans Receive Old Age Assistance During First Year Social Security

Colored Girl Dies As Result Of Accident

Injured When Walking Into Moving Automobile

Annie Belle Winslow, 18-year-old Woodville Negro girl, died early on Monday morning from injuries received Sunday afternoon when she walked into the side of an automobile driven by L. N. "Dooley" Newbold, of New Jersey, formerly of Hertford.

According to Mr. Newbold, who was enroute to Nags Head with Mrs. Newbold and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Skinner and their young son, the girl stepped from behind a passenger bus when it stopped near Gregory's store at Woodville for her to alight.

Mr. Newbold rushed the girl to the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, but upon returning to Hertford held out little hope for her recovery. Mr. Newbold, who is visiting here with his mother, Mrs. K. R. Newbold, and the passengers in his car were considerably upset by the accident.

The Winslow girl was returning from Elizabeth City, where she was employed as cook for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Whaley.

Hertford Boys Catch Alligator

Four Foot Reptile Captured Thursday at Nags Head

Three Hertford boys bagged a four-foot alligator in the surf at Nags Head last Thursday.

Minnie Lou Parker, daughter of Sheriff Parker, of Ahoskie, sighted the big lizard off her cottage and let it be known to Jesse Lee Harris, Speck Harris and Guy Newby, who "asked" a lasso and roped the 'gator in.

That part of the task, according to Jesse Lee, wasn't hard to do—the 'gator was lifeless and fagged out from his tussle with the surf. But the tough part of their self-imposed "bring-em-back-alive" assignment came when the 'gator began to regain life and vigor. With returning consciousness came the instinct to preserve freedom and dignity at all costs. And though four feet is not a lot of alligator—still it may be too much to handle safely barehanded.

Through a sort of Frank Buck arrangement the young men lashed the 'gator to a pole and carried him up the beach between them. It has been reported that the over-sized lizard was a pet at the Oak Island Coast Guard Station and somehow escaped from his quarters. But when Jesse Lee came home Tuesday no one had laid claim to ownership and the alligator was still staying at the Parker cottage.

NEW JERSEY NEGRO KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Robert Sparkman, Kennelworth, New Jersey Negro, was killed late Wednesday afternoon when he lost control of his car on a curve on the Elizabeth City highway about four miles from Winfall.

Sparkman was originally from Bethel, North Carolina, and riding in the car with him were his wife, Lucille, and four children, and his mother.

It was thought by Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow, who investigated with County Coroner Dr. C. A. Davenport, that the dead man's head struck the concrete pavement through the driver's window as the auto overturned. A hole was knocked in his skull and he probably died instantly. The dead body sat in the driver's seat for some time before a local undertaker took charge and removed the remains to his establishment.

Dr. Davenport said, "accidental death due to a blow on the head." None of the other passengers were seriously injured although the car, an Oldsmobile of recent model, was badly damaged.

Return Home

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dardar and children, Nancy Coke and Elizabeth, will return home today from Drivers, Va., where they have been visiting.

County's Share For Indigent Persons Approximately \$3,693

OTHER BENEFITS

Ultimate Goal Is to Put On Self Supporting Basis

During the year July 1937 to July 1938 the public welfare department of Perquimans County aided indigent persons not able to work to the amount of approximately \$3,693.

In looking over her records, Miss Ruth Davenport, county welfare officer, finds that in the public assistance program of the social security act, the county, aided by the state and federal governments lent support to 165 persons.

Without the aid of the state or federal governments, the county was of assistance to 225 persons who were ineligible to share in the public assistance program, spending in this field the amount of approximately two thousand dollars.

Not all persons, according to the welfare officer, find their way to her office in search of financial relief. It is amazing, she says, to note the number of unfortunate people who come in simply for advice and someone to tell their troubles to.

During the past fiscal year the county spent in behalf of persons not eligible to share in the public assistance program, \$366.40; 169 persons receiving this amount. These persons are the in-betweens, those not young enough to come under the dependent children classification, not over 65 years of age, not blind, and still unable to work. For hospitalization, medical treatment and pauper funerals the county spent \$1,691.26 for 56 persons.

For the year 1937-38 an appropriation of \$9,600 for old age assistance was approved by the Board of County Commissioners, the county's part in the expense to be \$2,400, the state government to supply one-fourth, and the federal government one-half. The total spent, with 86 persons now benefiting, amounted to \$6,549. A like amount, of \$9,600 has been appropriated for 1938-39.

The program is based on the number of people receiving relief and by the figures from other states. The fact that not so many persons were added during the first of the year accounts for the expenditure under the appropriated amount.

Of a \$4,800 appropriation for aid to dependent children, \$1,814.01 was spent; the state, Federal and county governments supplying one-third each. The same amount has been allotted for this year while 70 persons are benefiting of the 80 persons who may benefit under the terms of the program.

Part of the burden in aiding the blind is also borne by Federal and state governments. Nine afflicted persons are now receiving approximately \$105 each month.

The duties of the welfare office are manifold; the department tries to find the best solution to family problems at the least expense to the public and to the best interests of the welfare of the person at the same time. Each case is handled individually and no disposition is made until the resources of the immediate family have been gone into.

The ultimate goal of public welfare work is to help the person or family to an independent and self-supporting basis.

Four new applications for aid to dependent children will be investigated this month, according to Miss Davenport, along with four new applications for old age assistance. Two new applications for aid to the blind have been investigated but cannot be approved by the welfare board because the county's quota of nine persons has already been filled.

Revival Meeting At Bagley Swamp

Beginning Friday night, August 12th, and continuing through August 21st, Rev. Elmore Hanna, of Urbana, Ill., will conduct a series of meetings at the Bagley Swamp Pilgrim Church. There will be services each night at 8 o'clock, and three services on Sunday. Special singing and music will be in charge of Miss Laura Burrus, of Gastonia. The pastor, Rev. L. E. Schendel, cordially invites attendance.