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Courses In Life Saving At Local Beach Scheduled To Begin Monday August 22

Instructions Sponsored By Local Red Cross Chapter

FIVE COURSES

Tim Brinn and Dick Payne Selected to Be In Charge

Red Cross Life Saving Courses begin Monday, August 22nd, at the local beach under the direction of Tim Brinn and Dick Payne. Brinn is the life guard on the Hertford Beach and Payne is a licensed examiner.

Instructions will begin Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when with all applications gathered together, the instructors will be able to work out a plan of program grouping those who apply for the different courses.

The life saving instructions are sponsored by the Red Cross and are given every summer with the result that several dozen young people learn more about taking care of themselves and others while in the water.

Both young men, in whose charge the beginners and advanced swimmers are placed, are fully qualified for their positions, having met rigid Red Cross requirements.

All persons who wish to enroll in the classes are asked to fill out the blank (found elsewhere in this paper) and forward before Sunday, August 21, to Tim Brinn, Hertford, N. C.

There are five courses, including swimming for beginners, advanced swimming, diving, junior life saving and senior life saving.

9,127 Square Miles Coastal Section Is Mapped From Air

Two Specially Constructed Planes Used In Project

SPECIAL CAMERA

Photographs Reveal Exact Status of Crops On Farms

The aerial mapping of 9,127 square miles of the coastal plain area in North Carolina, started in April of this year, has been completed. Contract for the mapping project, which was done under the Federal Agricultural Adjustment Administration, was awarded to the Abrams Aerial Survey Corporation of Lansing, Mich.

Two specially constructed aerial mapping planes owned by the Abrams Company flew over the area taking photographs with an aerial camera. The company furnished contact prints of each negative and enlargements of alternate negatives to be used by the agriculture department in a crop control and soil conservation program. Those prints of Perquimans County are in the office of L. W. Anderson, county agent.

Under the AAA, payments are made to farmers for diverting acreage from soil-depleting crops to soil-conserving crops, and for carrying out approved soil building practices. Photographs reveal better than any other medium the accuracy with which farmers are following suggested methods.

During the survey the planes based at Wilmington, and later at Elizabeth City and Rocky Mount as work progressed.

REVIVAL SERVICES BEGIN AT MT. SINAI CHURCH SUNDAY

Revival services will begin at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church on Sunday, August 21st. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Manning Harrell, of Burgess, announce the birth of a daughter, June Christine, on Sunday, August 7.

At Lumberton
Miss Sarah Carlisle is spending her vacation at Lumberton with her parents.

Adultery Charge Against Hertford Couple Squashed

Curious Spectators Not Allowed at Hearing Of Case

RAPER RULES

Evidence Lacking to Hold J. T. Britt and Mrs. Harris

Witnesses for the plaintiff failed to come through with convicting testimony in the Harris-Britt adultery case and Justice of the Peace T. E. Raper squashed the indictment after a probable cause hearing Monday morning in a deserted courtroom—deserted because the nature of the hearing called for the absence of spectators.

Only principals in the case and press representatives and court officials were present, the principals including M. D. Harris, who swore to the warrant, J. T. Britt, Mrs. Harris and several witnesses for the prosecution, conducted by Walter Edwards.

The prosecutor's witnesses contributed no conclusive evidence of adultery and when Robert Lowry, Elizabeth City attorney, representing Mrs. Harris and Mr. Britt, entered a motion for non-suit the indictment was immediately squashed by Justice Raper.

At the conclusion of the hearing Mrs. Harris left no doubt as to her position in the matter. Walking across the room she confronted Mr. Harris and shaking her finger in his face, told him to leave her alone. "Don't you bring me into court anymore. Go ahead and do whatever you want to, but just leave me alone," she said. "I don't want you."

The Harris' troubles, however, are not ended with this hearing. Action is still pending in Superior Court wherein Mrs. Harris has posted bond after an eviction order issued by Justice of the Peace A. A. Nobles several weeks ago. Mr. Harris was seeking to have his wife ousted from the combination store and living quarters, which he once conducted in the Goose Hollow section of the town before leaving town for hospital treatment, at which time he says he left the store in charge of his wife.

Upon his return, Mr. Harris contended that she refused to release the holdings, claiming ownership.

Three Long Term Convicts Escape During Storm

Make Break When Covered to Protect Them From Rain

AT SAND PIT

Section Surrounded and Early Capture Is Expected

Three long term prisoners escaped from a sand pit near New Hope during the severe electrical storm Wednesday afternoon and were still at large Thursday morning. The men, all Negro inmates of Woodville Prison Farm, were working in the sand pit when the storm came up and to protect them from the driving rain a cover was thrown about them. The convicts moved the cover near enough to the edge of the pit to make a break, scaling the side and making a dash for freedom before the guards could interfere.

The section is surrounded and an early capture is expected.

The escaped men are Jimmy Walker, serving a 20-year sentence; Thomas Madden, 26 years, and George Sanders, 30 years.

Visiting in Norfolk
Miss Margaret Mayes is visiting relatives in Norfolk, Va.

REPORTS GOOD NEWS



REPRESENTATIVE LINDSAY WARREN

Hertford residents were much pleased this week when Mr. Warren at his home in Washington, N. C., was advised that President Roosevelt had approved the project to pave city streets and sidewalks. Many of Warren's friends will be glad to meet him at the Albemarle Sound bridge celebration next Thursday, when he will take part on the program, recognizing officials and prominent guests at the celebration.

Lindsay Warren Notified President Favors Project Pave Streets - Sidewalks

Now Up to Comptroller General to Give Final Verdict

COST \$14,917

Most Main Streets Will Be Included In Improvement

The WPA notified Representative Lindsay Warren at his home in Washington, N. C., Monday that street and sidewalk project had been approved by the President for the town of Hertford amounting to \$14,917. It must now be approved by the Comptroller General.

According to Fred Chalk, head of the WPA in Perquimans County, the Comptroller's approval will mean that work can begin in September on the laying of approximately four miles of sidewalk in Hertford and salvaging the three miles of pipe line from Hertford to the old abandoned pumping station in the headwaters of the Perquimans River.

Four miles will about take care of the principal unpaved sidewalks within the city limits, and the old pipe line will be converted to other uses. The WPA application, made by the Town of Hertford, asked for \$21,900. The government grant represents two-thirds of this amount.

"Most main streets not already paved will be taken care of," is the word from the local WPA.

Revival In Tent Closes Sunday

Series of Meetings In Progress During Eight Weeks

The eight weeks series of meetings conducted by Evangelist W. T. Smith in the large tent on the Grammar School ground will close Sunday night.

The subjects are announced as follows: Friday night, "What is the Spirit of Prophecy?"; Saturday night, "Heaven"; Sunday night, "The Coming of Elijah the Prophet before the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord."

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the closing services.

CLAUDE WHITE IMPROVING

The condition of Claude White, of Major and Loomis Lumber Company, who underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday, is reported as "very good."

Mr. White was admitted to General Hospital, Norfolk, Va., Sunday afternoon.

CAPT. LANDING IMPROVING

The condition of Captain Jack Landing, who has been quite ill, has been much improved after a visit in Greenville. He is now with Mr. and Mrs. William Landing.

APPLICATION FOR Red Cross Life Saving Instruction

Please fill in this blank form indicating the course you wish to take. Forward before August 21 to Tim Brinn, Hertford, N. C.

Name _____
Address _____
Age _____

Courses

- Beginners, Swimming.
- Advanced Swimming
- Diving
- Junior Life Saving (14 years of age)
- Senior Life Saving (17 years of age)

Miss Edith Everett Chosen To Represent Perquimans In Beauty Queen Pageant

Arthur Elliott, 53, Ends Life Monday In Yeopim Section

Victim's Head Almost Blown Off By Using Shotgun

INSTANT DEATH

Funeral Services Conducted on Monday Afternoon

Burial services for Arthur Elliott, 53-year-old suicide victim, who died of a shotgun blast at his home in the Yeopim section early Monday morning, were conducted Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock, the Rev. John Byrum, of Small's Cross Roads, officiating.

According to Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow, who investigated the case, Mr. Elliott rested the shotgun on some bags in his barn and then stood in front of the barrel, tripping the trigger with a long stick. Death evidently resulted instantly, his head being almost blown off by the discharge.

No cause has been forwarded for the suicide.

The body was found by the victim's wife a few minutes after 5:30 a. m. Mrs. Elliott heard the shot but contributed the noise to a blown-out automobile tire. She had gone to the barn for some corn a few minutes after the fatal blast.

Surviving, besides his widow, are a son, Willie, and two brothers, Harry Elliott, of Atlanta, Ga., and Chas. Elliott, of Bethel.

Pallbearers were S. M. Long, S. W. Long, C. R. Chappell, R. S. Chappell, W. T. Tarkenton and L. A. Proctor. Burial was made in the Bethel Cemetery.

Hertford Streets Flooded During Storm Tuesday

Storm Sewers Unable Carry Great Amount Of Water

DARKNESS

Many Streets Littered With Broken Tree Branches

A sixty minute downpour Tuesday afternoon, preceded by high winds and accompanied by twilight darkness, sluiced streets and overworked gutters. Unable to handle the torrent, storm sewers carried away all the water they could and left the excess to completely cover sections of Market, Church and Grubb Streets.

Motorists found it safer to drive with headlights full on . . . and very slowly. Visibility, at the 45-minute height of the storm, was cut to practically none at all. Lights were turned on in all the stores. Sharp flashes of lightning split the dark mass of clouds rolling up from the northeast and gale winds before the rain upset small signs and littered streets with small tree branches.

No considerable damage has been reported, but from Hertford, it appeared that lightning struck several times on the south side of the river.

Power and light service was disrupted now and then but only for a few minutes at the time.

McCALLUM VISITORS

Among several visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McCallum on Wednesday, were Mr. McCallum's nephew, Dr. Charles Jackson and Mrs. Jackson, and Dr. and Mrs. Carroll Bennett, of Amonate, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cox, of High Point, stopped off a short while enroute to Nags Head. Mr. McCallum is taking time off from his duties in Plymouth, and is spending the week here.

Two Historical Events Portrayed on County's Float

ALL READY

Selection of Characters For Tableau Completed

Miss Edith Everett has been chosen "Miss Perquimans" to represent this county in the celebration of the opening of the Albemarle Sound bridge on August 25.

Two matters of historical interest in Perquimans, one well known and the other probably little known except locally, will be portrayed in the tableaux to be staged on the float furnished by this County in the celebration.

Charles Whedbee and L. W. Anderson were placed in charge of this county's part in the celebration, and that they have been on the job was shown by an announcement made by Mr. Anderson today when he reported that his committee which met this week had completed their selection of the characters for the tableaux, and that all arrangements are practically complete.

Kilcoacan, Indian chief of the Yeopims, will be shown delivering to (Continued on Page Five)

Perquimans Cited For Good Work In Better Homes Week

County Granted Merit Award By National Organization

NICE LETTER

Only Nine Counties In State Receive Similar Honor

The county demonstration agent is in receipt of a letter from the administrative assistant of Better Homes in America, notifying that this county's committee was granted a Merit Award for the part it played in the 1938 Better Homes Campaign.

Only nine counties of this state were given the Award, and only six states of the Union were among those represented by the special merit awards given.

The letter, addressed to Miss Gladys Hamrick, from the Purdue Research Foundation, as follows:

"We are most happy to inform you that the Better Homes Committee for Perquimans County was granted a Merit Award for the part it played in the 1938 Better Homes Campaign.

"Our committee on Awards was impressed with the quality of your programs and the valuable types of home improvement projects which were conducted. Your report indicates that the campaign has had a large impact upon the present and future welfare of your county.

"We take this opportunity to express to you and all who cooperated with you our appreciation of the service given in this year's campaign and to extend to you our congratulations for your splendid achievements." Signed by Isabel Hodgkins, administrative assistant, Better Homes in America.

In the better homes campaign, conducted in this county by Miss Hamrick, county home demonstration agent under Miss Pauline Smith, state chairman, programs were conducted at all home demonstration club meetings, a clean up campaign was conducted in conjunction with it, The Perquimans Weekly, with Miss Hamrick's assistance, issued a 16-page special edition; a copy of which was forwarded to the Better Homes Headquarters and Committee on Awards. Incidentally, Perquimans was the youngest county engaged in home demonstration work to receive the award.

The campaign began on April 25, and lasted through April 30, backed up with a front page proclamation from the Mayor, and endorsed by the Rotary Club, Woman's Club, the Town Criers and all business firms.