

New Post Office Ready In September

OLD CAROLINA BANK BUILDING NOW BEING TRANSFORMED INTO SPLENDID QUARTERS

Several Hundred More Feet of Space Will Be Available By Elaborate Alterations

Early in September the Hertford Post Office will move to elaborate new quarters in the old Carolina Bank Building on Church Street, where extensive alterations are nearing completion.

No visible changes will be made to the front of the building, which has always seemed especially adapted to its new use. Tall, white columns lend an appearance of distinction. Improvements to the front, it is understood, will be confined to a paint job.

The interior set-up, however, is being completely altered. The new furnishings, already arriving, are decorated with tile bases to match the tile floor. Lock boxes and drawers will be on the left side facing the south as one enters the front door.

An addition has been annexed to the rear of the building to form a loading platform and access to the platform will be gained through the new truck alley running from Grubb to Market Street.

The quarters were formerly occupied by Dr. I. A. Ward, who recently moved his office to the residence of Mrs. R. B. Cox on the next Church Street block, north.

The new post office quarters provide several hundred more feet of working space than the present location. The building is leased from J. Stokes, owner.

CROP INSURANCE

More than 75,000 applications for crop insurance policies have been received in county AAA offices, especially in the winter wheat belt.

Circumstantial Evidence

Judge—What makes you think that your husband is getting tired of you?
Lady—Well, he hasn't been home for seven years.

Uncle Sam's New Hertford Headquarters



The new United States Post Office quarters in Hertford on Church Street. Alterations are underway and the new quarters will be ready for occupancy in September.

Local Oil Company Controls 30 Service Stations In District

Winslow Oil Company Distributor For Shell Products In Perquimans, Gates, Chowan

Approximately thirty Shell service stations in the counties of Gates, Chowan and Perquimans are controlled by the Winslow Oil Company, district Shell distributor, with locations in Hertford, Edenton and all larger communities and rural centers throughout the three counties.

Several of the Winslow controlled service centers maintain 24-hour service, among them the nicely located One-Stop Service Station on the corner of Church and Grubb Streets in Hertford, operated by Mark Hathaway. At this station an attendant or two is on hand at all hours of the day and night. Refreshments and soft drinks can also be procured there, a soda fountain being part of the equipment.

Among several interesting facts that are not generally known about the Shell products (new in this section—having come here only in the past few years) is the amazing news that, if all the 5,265 wells in the United States producing Shell crude oil were placed on Manhattan Island, there would be one for every block and enough left to form a ring completely around Manhattan.

In travelling further, Shell's 4,721 miles of pipe line in the United States would go across the continent and half-way back. The 5,234 tank cars in use by Shell would make a train long enough to reach from Washington to Baltimore. 48,653,000 barrels of Shell crude oil

were produced last year. This crude oil went through nine Shell refineries and would fill more than 600 ocean-going tankers.

Hungary watches German's drive on the Czechs with alarm, fearing that she is next.

How It Happened

Sweet Young Thing—Oooh, Gracious! Did the horse roll over with you?

Cowboy—Oh, no, not at all. I rolled over myself and took him with me.

"UNCLE" HENRY BLANCHARD, LAST OF PERQUIMANS COUNTY'S SLAVES, DIES

Preferred to Remain With White Owners After War Gave Negroes Their Freedom

The last of the old slaves passed away when Henry Blanchard died Saturday, August 6th, at his home near here. He was 82 years old and at his death was enjoying the full respect and confidence of all people who knew him, which had been his heritage since the Civil War.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 8th, at 2 o'clock, the Rev. G. C. Owens, pastor of Saunders Grove Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. U. G. Privott, of Edenton.

"Uncle" Henry was born at Blanchard's Bridge, in August of 1856, a son of a slave family belonging to Mr. William Rawls Blanchard, (grandfather of J. C. Blanchard, and pioneer merchant and founder of J. C. Blanchard and Company.)

After the war, unlike other Negroes who took full advantage of their new freedom, "Uncle" Henry preferred remaining a friend to his white owners—and prospered. He prospered to the extent that long before his death his wealth in lands, in stocks and bonds, and in the confidence of white people and Negroes alike, far exceeded that of other members of his race. He was the county's largest Negro landowner, and so reliable was he that his word has been accepted as his bond time after time by Hertford business men.

He had given away most of his farms and divided his property before his death, but the giving left him, by no means, impoverished. The old darkey was an outstanding example of the slave who realized that his bondage had been to his advantage. No man envied "Uncle" Henry his wealth and his death is marked as the passing of "a good darkey," respected and admired by all who knew him.

He is survived by his children: Mary Eliza Felton, Millie Hurdle, Ruth Anna Perry, Anderson Blanchard, John Blanchard, all of Perquimans

County, James Luther Blanchard, of Jersey City. Two sisters, Adelaide Douglass and Emily Stallings, a half-sister, Katy Minge, and a half-brother, Noah Thatch, also survive.

National Capital Again Selected as Annual Tour For Farmers of County

Last summer, L. W. Anderson, County farm agent, arranged for 22 Perquimans County farmers to make a vacation trip to Washington, D. C., spending two days visiting points of interest along the route and in the city at a minimum cost per person. This year he is laying plans for a similar trip to the capital city the last of this month.

At least forty persons will be needed to make the trip, at an even smaller cost per person than last year. Twenty farmers have already made application for reservation and Mr. Anderson is anxious for the other interested persons to come forward so that the exact date for the tour may be set. The trip is planned at the request of several farmers and all plans must be completed at once if the trip is to be made this month.

Mr. Anderson expects the party to be away three days; spending two nights in Washington, and the cost of the trip will be six dollars, which does not include meals.

They will cross the James River bridge at Newport News, visit Yorktown, Williamsburg, Petersburg, Richmond, Fredericksburg, Mount Vernon and Alexandria on the way to the capital. In Washington they expect to visit the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Bureau of Engraving, National Capital, Congressional Library, White House, Smithsonian Museum, Union Station, Cathedral, Arlington Cemetery, the parks and Zoological Garden.

The return from Washington on the third day will be made by way of the Skyline Drive along the Shenandoah Valley, considered one of the most beautiful farming sections of the United States.

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