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Silas Whedbee Appointed Acting Postmaster After Edgar Morris' Resignation

Appointee Will Resign As Mayor of Hertford

NO SURPRISE

Speculation as to Who Will Succeed Present Mayor

The Postoffice Department in Washington has announced the appointment of Mayor Silas M. Whedbee as acting postmaster at Hertford. He succeeds J. Edgar Morris, who resigned last week.

A civil service examination for all applicants for the office will be necessary before the position will be permanently filled. One of the first three on the eligible list will be named permanent postmaster.

Since Hertford people were surprised with the news of Mr. Morris' resignation last week, the naming of his successor had been the subject of much guesswork among local people, but Mr. Whedbee's appointment did not come as a surprise.

The Mayor, cornered in his law offices Wednesday afternoon, stated that he had received no confirmation of the news stories announcing his appointment in daily papers, but he also said that he would resign his office as mayor of Hertford at the proper time. The postmaster may not hold another office.

Upon receipt of the Mayor's resignation, it will be the duty of the city councilmen to appoint an acting mayor to serve the remainder of Mr. Whedbee's unexpired term of office. He was sworn into office on Monday, May 10, 1937, succeeding H. G. Winslow.

Speculation is already the order of the day as to who will be appointed to succeed the mayor when he resigns, but until the next election the matter is entirely in the hands of the city fathers.

New Dial System Telephone Work Is Progressing

Building Nearing Completion, New Lines, Other Changes

The Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company's projected dial system automatic telephone exchange in Hertford is well under construction, and it is probable, from glancing at the activities around the new building on Grubb Street, that the modern arrangement will be put into use near the first of the new year.

The building work is being done by W. H. Bartlett. The small brick and concrete structure, on the lot next to the old Divers Motor Company service entrance, is of durable construction, and a tablet over the front door reads "Telephone Building, 1938."

The functions of the new-fangled exchange that will be installed are entirely automatic. The equipment will handle all lines in Hertford and those radiating from the town through the surrounding rural sections.

Two new lines have been constructed by the company from Hertford to Elizabeth City, and three new ones from the Pasquotank metropolis to Norfolk.

The company is also making many other improvements, including a new coastal line with stations at North and South Rodanthe, Salvo, Avon, Buxton and Hatteras, and other changes shortening the conversation distance between Elizabeth City and Dare County points.

Perquimans Indexing Project Approved By President Roosevelt

The office of Harry Hopkins has named Representative Lindsay Warren at his home in Washington, N. C., that President Roosevelt has approved a WPA indexing project for Perquimans County, amounting to \$10,000. The project was approved by the War Relocation Authority.

Bicyclist Seriously Hurt In Highway Crash On Sunday

Raymond Lassiter, 18, Is Patient In E. City Hospital

CHEST CRUSHED

Weeksville School Principal Involved In Accident

Slight improvement has been noted in the condition of Raymond Lassiter, 18-year-old Pender Road youth, who was seriously injured on the Edenton Highway late Sunday afternoon.

At the Albemarle Hospital, to which place the young man was rushed after the bicycle-auto accident, it was found that his injuries included a crushed shoulder and chest, a fractured collar bone and broken left leg.

Young Lassiter, it is understood, was riding a bicycle on the highway near George Riddick's Service Station shortly after five o'clock, when he was struck by a car driven by H. L. Swain, principal of the Weeksville High School.

According to Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow, who investigated, the Swain car was going toward Edenton, when Lassiter apparently swerved into its path. He was brought to Hertford immediately after the crash by Johnny White, of Merry Hill, and rushed by ambulance to the hospital in Elizabeth City.

No charges have been brought against Swain, whose car was slightly damaged by the impact. The bicycle was completely wrecked.

Belvidere Girl Weds In Asheboro; Former Pastor Performs Rites

The Rev. H. A. Parker, of Asheboro, a subscriber to The Perquimans Weekly, sends the following clipping taken from the Asheboro Courier, which will be of interest to Perquimans County people:

Miss Attie Newby Chappell, of Belvidere, and Dalmas Price, of Christfield, Maryland, were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the parsonage of the Friends Church of Asheboro. The bride couple motored to Asheboro to be married in order that Rev. H. A. Parker, for seven years pastor of the bride, might perform the ceremony.

The bride was attired in a tan and copper dress with copper accessories. At her shoulder she wore a corsage of pink rosebuds and orchid sweetpeas.

Mrs. Price is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chappell, of Belvidere, and is a graduate of Perquimans High School.

The young bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Georgia Price and the late A. G. Price, of Princess Ann, Md. He is captain of a transport boat with headquarters at Christfield, Md., at which place the couple will make their home.

Perquimans People At Teachers Meeting

Among those from this county who attended the 16th annual convention of the Northeastern District Teachers' Association which was held in Greenville on November 12, were: Miss Alma Leggett, Mrs. A. R. Winslow, Jr., Miss Bertha Chappell, Mrs. Herman Winslow, Miss Lucille Long, Miss Cora Layden, Mrs. C. R. Holmes, Miss Anne Wilson, Miss Carolyn Riddick, Mrs. T. E. Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Johnson and Rupert Ainsley.

ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. J. G. Roberson graciously entertained the members of her bridge club on Tuesday evening at her home.

After several progressions Mrs. J. O. Felton was awarded high score prize.

"ORPHANS OF THE STORM"



Fleeing a tornado near Clyde, Texas, parents of these babies were killed, their automobile tossed a quarter-mile away. Hours later a telephone lineman heard a child's whimper in a roadside ditch. There he found 3-year-old Jesse Donac Rutledge, water up to his chin, holding his 2-month-old brother Daryl's head above water. Relatives being unable to care for the orphans, Red Cross workers arranged a maintenance fund to support them until they are 16. A Texas college promised scholarships and ranchmen started a herd of cattle for their benefit. The Red Cross will help the boys make adjustments as they grow older.

Stanley Bellamy Weds In Hertford

Stanley Bellamy, of Tampa, Fla., and Gertrude Maxwell, lately of Edenton, were married in Hertford last Thursday night.

If the names mean little to the reader at first glance, consider for a moment that Bellamy is the kind of big-time adventurer whom every small boy, at one time or another, pictures himself to be: a World War aviator, first man to fly up the Khyber Pass, wounded in battle eleven times; an actual character in a thrilling book, and probably decorated for bravery—a real soldier of fortune.

Bellamy, Canadian veteran, 44 years old, who now lives a comparatively quiet life in Florida, and Gertrude Maxwell, 43, were married in Hertford Thursday night by the Rev. R. S. Monds, Baptist minister, at his home. Mrs. Julien Wood, of Edenton, was the only witness.

Were it not for the fact that Bellamy's robust past captures the imagination, this would be nothing more than another marriage announcement. As it is, an adventurous story-book character has momentarily wandered into Hertford's normal quiet and thereby leaves something to talk about for a few days. He might be likened to "Captain Easy" in the popular comic strip, "Wash Tubbs."

He is mentioned lengthily in Negley Farson's "The Way of a Transgressor." The author himself was a member of the Royal Flying Corps and the following quotations are taken from his war-time book:

"We went out on the Kaiser-I-Hind, at that time one of the P. and O. Company's crack boats. We were missed by a submarine just outside Malta, the torpedo passing just under our stern and just a yard from another transport—I think it was the Malwa's bows—with the result that the convoy began to zig-zag like a drunken sailor, and the destroyers raced about the horizon blowing it up with depth-charges. Nothing was hurt, except our feelings, for we lay in Malta for two days, so gossip said you could walk from Malta to Alexander on the tops of German periscopes.

"Lying dolefully in Valetta harbor, gazing longingly at the little buff-colored town where we were told by returning majors and colonels there were icee galore and fresh-looking English girls, we got up a boxing match.

"The chief bout on the card was to have been a match to the death between two professional pugilists we found among the enlisted men. But, being professional, they got together and split the purse. It was the only thing they did split, for the honor of the officers, who started this show, the Irish major who was managing it insisted that there should now be a

strictly officer's card.

"It was pretty rough, because we felt that we must put some spirit in it before the caustic Tommies. But the piece de resistance was the performance that Lieutenant Jack, Royal Flying Corps, provided.

"Jack and a fellow named Bellamy, first man to fly up the Khyber Pass, were to box a captain and the adjutant of the Liecesters. It was to be a blindfold show. All four men were to have their eyes bandaged and be in the ring at the same time. This held out infinite possibilities, and before going into the ring Jack asked the Captain of the Liecesters if that animal on his tunic lapel was really a pussycat, and Bellamy, as gloves were being tied on, informed the Liecesters captain that he need not worry as no one could hurt anybody with such pillows on his fists. Add to this that Jack was an obvious American and that Bellamy was an obvious Canadian, and that the two Liecesters men were both out-and-out English charterhouse boys—and you see the ingredients of something that everybody was busting to get started—particularly the charterhouse boys.

"There was blood in it!

"Jack and Bellamy had arranged a secret signal so that in the blind carnage they could call and come to each other's aid. The signal was 'Here, Jake!'

"In a minute after the tap of the gong it was grand free-for-all, with wild swings and misses, and everyone hitting everyone else—including himself. Then the charterhouse captain seemed to sense that it was Jack's hairy chest he was leaning up against, and he pushed Jack deliberately away and sent in a bitter punch that almost went through Jack's stomach.

"Here, Jake, Here, Jake," called Jack faintly.

"We watched with an awful fascination as we saw the brave Bellamy feeling his way blindly toward his partner. The heavy P. and O. boat had a slight, slow roll in the gentian sea. These fellows were all big men, mind you, and when they hit they hurt. Then the captain of the Liecesters seemed to locate Jack again—and hit him again. It was a horrible wallop. Jack steadied himself on his wiry muscular legs and drew back. Then he lammed back a punch that would have knocked out that Liecesters Captain if it had touched him even a glancing blow. It did not, however, for it landed on Bellamy's jaw, knocked out the Canadian, and as they tripped over with the roll of the ship, Jack sprained his ankle. We had to carry off the whole side."

There is much more to the book, but these few paragraphs give an idea of Bellamy's adventuresome nature, the reason that the wedding in Hertford last Thursday is of more than passing interest.

Christmas Seals On Sale November 25th In Fight To Halt Spread Tuberculosis

Book Week Being Observed Among County Schools

Program Given at Winfall School Friday Morning

IDEA GROWS

Plan Originated Decade Ago By Boy Scout Librarian

National Book Week is being observed in the schools of the county with appropriate displays, posters, bulletin boards, etc., in each separate educational center, according to Mrs. Brooks Whedbee, librarian at the Woman's Club book headquarters.

At the Central Grammar School at Winfall, appropriate material is being advertised on the bulletin board and by poster. A program will be given there Friday morning with its theme hinging on the book week activities. The library, on the Hertford Grammar School campus in the Woman's Club Building, is also exhibiting posters and bulletin board displays, as well as the Perquimans High School.

The Book Week idea first originated, more than a decade ago, in the mind of Franklin K. Matthews, chief librarian of the Boy Scouts of America. He interested other librarians in the plan of devoting a particular seven-day period of each year, midway between the summer and Christmas holidays, to stressing books for boys.

The idea gained interest until it grew much larger, and then to its present status. The idea, of course, is to stimulate more interest in books, and more books are needed and are necessary here in Hertford for the library to function as it should, according to the sponsors of the local library.

Norfolk Swingsters Furnish Rhythm For Thanksgiving Frolic

Charles Niles and his band of Rhythm Makers from Norfolk, Va., will furnish the music at Morgan Walker's Thanksgiving Dance on the night of November 23rd.

Mr. Walker, owner and manager of the popular establishment on Church Street, is enlarging the dance space on the second floor of his stand in Hertford and is changing the lighting arrangements in preparation for his biggest dance of the fall season.

The space was large enough to accommodate several scores of couples before, but advance indications of an overflow crowd of dance enthusiasts have prompted him to make the changes.

The Niles aggregation has not been heard in Hertford, but jitterbugs and those who go in for the tamer waltzes and sane ballroom dancing, are looking forward to see what swing stuff the Rhythm Makers are made of.

John Alma Lane Weds Miss Louise Forehand

The marriage of Miss Louise Forehand, of Edenton, to Mr. John Alma Lane, of Hertford, took place Saturday, November 2th, at the Baptist parsonage on Grubb Street, with the Rev. J. F. Stegall, pastor of the church, officiating, according to an announcement which is made today.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fate Forehand, of Edenton. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lane, of Hertford. The couple will make their home in Hertford.

Annual Revival Begins Chappell's Hill Church On Monday Afternoon

After the usual preaching service on Sunday afternoon at Chappell Hill Baptist Church, according to the Rev. W. T. C. Briggs, pastor, the annual revival meeting will begin on the following afternoon (Monday) with services beginning each day at 2:45 and 7:30 P. M. The Rev. Ira S. Harrell, of South Mills, will preach and the music will be in charge of the pastor.

Hundred Thousand Restored to Useful Life Each Year

SEAL SALE HELPS

Fund Pays For Testing, Treatment, X-Rays, School Lunches

Chairman of Perquimans County's part in the annual Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale, Mrs. I. A. Ward, urges that the people of this county acquaint themselves with the tremendous service they can render their fellowmen by buying the attractive little Christmas Seals.

"Help Fight T. B.," says Mrs. Ward. "Did you know that 200 people usually between the ages of 15 and 45, die each day from tuberculosis? The dreadful disease is both preventable and curable."

Mrs. Ward, as chairman, goes on to say that, "The spread of tuberculosis can be stopped. The known spreaders can be isolated and taught simple rules of personal hygiene, thus they can avoid passing on the tubercular germ to those with whom they come in contact. The unknown spreader can be located by measures with which every doctor and public health worker is thoroughly familiar.

"Tuberculin testing and X-raying of children and grown-ups is one modern method of curing T. B. used in modern Sanatoria. One hundred thousand people leave Sanatoria each year, aiming to make a come-back from the disease which their fathers believed incurable. Modern treatment includes rehabilitation procedures which restore scores to useful normal life."

Squelching all question even before the annual drive starts, Mrs. Ward asks a popular question: "How do Christmas Seals help fight tuberculosis. And then answers her own query: "They help by finding new cases of the disease, by paying for examinations, for tuberculin testing, for X-raying, free clinics and nurses who go into the homes. The Seals buy milk, cod liver oil, school lunches and other supplies for needy T. B. persons and under-nourished children. They provide a year-round program of education about tuberculosis, its prevention, care and cure. Christmas Seals are the greatest enemy of Tuberculosis and we urge you to buy them generously from the canvasser who calls on you. The Seals will go on sale in Perquimans County the Friday morning after Thanksgiving. Buy them. No home is safe until every home is safe."

Ladies' Council of Bethlehem Meets

The Ladies' Council of Bethlehem Christian Church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Proctor on Friday evening with Mrs. Proctor and Miss Rosa Lassiter as joint hostesses. The president, Mrs. E. Y. Berry, presided.

The closing hymn, "America," was followed by the Lord's Prayer. The Scripture lesson was 25 verses from the 9th chapter of the Gospel of St. Mark, and was read by Mrs. E. Y. Berry. Routine business was taken up. The closing hymn was "Help Me Find My Place."

Two new members, Mrs. Dennis Godwin and Mrs. Thomas Matthews, were welcomed.

Mrs. E. Y. Berry dismissed the meeting.

The hostesses served an assortment of candies, grapes and bananas. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Stallings and son, William, Mrs. R. A. Perry, J. B. Perry, Mrs. S. I. Cullipher, Mrs. Homer Deering and son, Frank Dillard, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lane and two children, Edna Ruth and Jeanne, Mrs. J. Ed Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Godwin, Mrs. Thomas Matthews, Mrs. T. M. Farmer, Mrs. Stephen Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Berry and sons, Edgar Young and Dan, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. White, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Proctor, V. L. Proctor, Misses Rosa Lassiter, Sallie Sue Skinner, Alma Davenport, Minnie Wilma Wood, Mary Ruth Wood, Anne Matthews and Mary Proctor, and Moody Matthews, Jr., and Douglas Elliott.

CHARLES JOHNSON VERY ILL.
The condition of Charles Johnson, prominent Hertford citizen, who has been quite ill for several weeks, is unimproved.