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Town Offices Will Be Moved To Down Town Location In Spite Of Petition Objecting

Town Councilmen Refuse to Alter Moving Plans

ON CHURCH STREET

Change Expected to Be Made During Month Of January

For a twelve-months trial period, at least, the town offices will be housed in a privately-owned business district building, it was made known Monday night after the city council read a protesting petition, listened for a few minutes to the delegation which presented the written message of disapproval, and then refused to alter its original moving plans.

Edison Harris, as spokesman, appeared before the commissioners at their regular meeting, and with Mrs. Jake White and Mrs. N. A. Relfe, presented the petition which had been making the rounds of Hertford for the past week.

The petitioners protested that the moving plan will involve unnecessary expense, since the present office is city-owned and the new quarters will cost the town twenty dollars a month in rental.

The building to which the office will evidently be moved in January, is owned by Charles Whedbee and is located on Church Street next door to the old postoffice building.

Justifying their stand in the matter, the commissioners said that plans for moving had already been made, that the downtown location is already being prepared for the city office, and that "it is just too late to do anything about it."

Members of the council said they would never have made such plans if they had known the people were opposed to it, as the petition, bearing the signatures of 79 Hertford citizens, seemed to indicate.

The petitioners, expressing themselves on the project, asked why the office was being moved when it appeared that the present town-owned location had evidently proved satisfactory for many years, and "who brought it up in the first place?"

The council did not directly answer the second part of the question, but in replying to the first part, said they believed that bills and funds due the town would be more easily collectable if the office was moved downtown. "The business of moving has been brought up many times before," said Mayor Darden, who formerly served as a member of the council.

In further defense of their stand, the commissioners contended that an available office on the highway strengthened the town's chances of having a Highway Patrolman stationed here, and that they had already been assured by a delegation which conferred with Captain Farmer that a patrolman would be stationed here when one was available. A local police station would also be part of the set-up in the new quarters, according to the council.

Mr. Harris on this point differed strongly with the council's source of information, saying that it was general opinion that the State Patrol had no intention of placing an officer here.

Ordering the petition filed, the council assured the delegation that the surroundings of the present office would be kept intact, and that the office would be moved to its old stand at the end of twelve months if the public still so desired. In the meantime the building will be turned over to R. M. Hines, head of the town's electrical department, for his electrical equipment and supplies.

Going on to other things, the council did not approve a contract providing for repairs and painting of the municipal water tanks.

Funeral For John B. Lane Held In Winfall

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon for John B. Lane, of Winfall, who died at General Hospital in Norfolk, Va., at one o'clock Tuesday morning. He was 72 years old. Burial was in the family cemetery.

His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan Lane, four daughters, Mrs. O. M. Council, Jr., of Suffolk, Va., Mrs. H. H. Lane, Mrs. A. H. Madre and Mrs. G. C. Hollowell, all of Perquimans County, one sister, Mrs. Theodore Johnson, of Pennsylvania, and eight children, survive.

His widow is a sister of Mrs.

Postoffice Patrons Requested To Call For Their Packages

In an effort to render better service during the Christmas season, Postmaster S. M. Whedbee has announced that patrons of the postoffice must bring their package notices to the post office in order to receive their package, as it calls for too much work to look through all packages during the Christmas rush.

This rule is to apply every day except Christmas eve afternoon, when patrons are expected to call if they are expecting a package whether they have received a notice or not.

The windows at the post office will be closed for a few minutes each day between 12 and 1 P. M., while the mail is being worked. It is requested by the postmaster that packages be mailed before noon—and after 1 P. M., in order to avoid a wait.

Perquimans Votes Overwhelmingly For Cotton Quota

Tobacco and Rice Lack Votes In Nationwide Poll

SMALL VOTE

37 In County Vote Negative In Saturday's Referendum

Cotton control was voted through in Saturday's referenda, but tobacco and rice control were thrown out in a nation-wide poll of growers.

In Perquimans County, where rice and tobacco are of little consequence, but cotton a vital interest, growers favored the control program, or marketing quotas, by a vote of 528 to 37.

Saturday's was a small vote when compared with the results of last year's referenda on the same question when nine hundred farmers voted for control and 22 cast ballots against it.

In this comparison, interest among growers here evidently decreased on the whole question, but those who did not favor marketing quotas increased in number while the total sum of votes was smaller than last year.

The result of Saturday's polling will be the continued use of marketing quotas, whereby growers will be taxed higher on the sale of all cotton grown over their allotments, the allotted acreages to be sold tax-free.

The whole program is a plan to cut down the cotton surplus and reduce the supply in 1939.

MISS WHITE IMPROVING

Miss Jean White, a student at Peace College, Raleigh, is reported to be convalescent following an appendectomy at Mary Elizabeth Hospital, Raleigh.

Why Not?

Jones—Isn't it strange! My best ideas come to me while I am washing my hands.

Smith—Say, old man, why don't you take a bath?

No Fireworks!

All Christmas celebrationists take notice. It has been decreed by the city council and voted into law that it shall be unlawful for anyone to light, ignite, set off, explode, cause the explosion of any fireworks, firecrackers, giant candles (or dynamite) on the streets of Hertford. It is already against the law to shoot guns within the limits of Hertford. . . . So it looks like a quiet Christmas.

If fireworks must be exploded, it is suggested by the council that the explosion take place in the exploder's own premises or outside the city limits in order to avoid complications with the law.

A formal notice to this effect will be found in a paid advertisement on other pages of this newspaper.

EVERYBODY'S FRIEND



Will Santa Come?

There will be no Christmas for seventy-four families in Perquimans County unless several organizations or many more individuals step forward with offers to give Santa Claus a helping hand, according to Miss Ruth Davenport, head of the welfare department.

Of the total number of county families who are depending on outside aid for their Christmas goodies and staples, nine are being taken care of, leaving the seventy-four mentioned above.

Time is short, and seven more shopping days until Christmas also means seven more days in which to look after the interests of the county's underprivileged children and needy parents.

The Yuletide holidays are pretty dreary affairs for many people unless civic bodies, missionary societies, clubs, and big-hearted individuals take it upon themselves to add the spirit of Christmas toys and feasting.

Several members of the Methodist Church whose birthdays take place in December have offered to take care of one family, and one individual, who had rather not be named, has taken over another family. Any excuse is a good cause for banding together when combined efforts make Christmas more cheery, according to Miss Davenport.

The Girls' Hi-Y Club has taken two families under its wing, and the Missionary Society of the Baptist Church is taking care of five other needy families. In addition to this assignment, the Hi-Y Club is sending clothing, toys and fruits to the welfare headquarters for distribution. The Della Shamburger and Mary Towe Circles of the Methodist Church are helping with donations of clothing, food and money.

Anyone else who wishes to lend his or her efforts toward helping needy families may do so by contacting Miss Davenport's office, where all necessary information can be supplied.

Donations of money, food, clothing and toys are badly needed if Christmas is to have its true meaning this year for seventy-four families.

The Salvation Army with Envoys Cooke, of Elizabeth City, may be over to lend a hand, but the drive in Elizabeth City is still unfinished, and Miss Davenport will not know until Saturday whether the Army can be here at all.

Hertford Folks Plan Attend Christmas Ball In Edenton Dec. 26th

Many Hertford people are planning to attend the Christmas Ball dance in Edenton on Monday night, December 26th.

The dance will be staged in the Armory on Broad Street, which lays legitimate claim to the finest dance floor in Eastern North Carolina. Many of the people making ready to go are ones who attended the last dance at the Armory.

Hal Thurston and his North Carolinians will furnish music at the Christmas Ball and the affair is scheduled to start at ten o'clock, ending at 2:30 or thereabouts. The dance finds many college students at home for the holidays and the Ball will serve to enliven the season for them.

Blanchard's Force Guests At Party

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Winslow entertained the force of J. C. Blanchard & Company at a delightfully informal party on Monday evening at their home.

At the conclusion of the regular Monday evening store meeting, the guests enjoyed games and contests, with Mrs. J. C. Blanchard, Edward Byrum and Marshall Owens winning prizes.

A delicious sweet course was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur White, Miss Annie Mae Matthews, Miss Hazel Mayes, Mrs. J. A. Perry, Mrs. R. A. White, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Laughinghouse, Miss Hazel White, Russell Nixon, Robbins Blanchard, Edward Byrum, Lucius Blanchard, Marshall Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly White.

Huge Flock Wild Geese Tantalizing Local Sportsmen

Veritably Say "Come Over and Shoot At Us"

IN SIGHT

However, They Appear Without Legal Shooting Hours

A huge flock of wild geese have been parking across the Perquimans River from Hertford for the past week or so and almost driving local waterfowl hunters crazy with their loud invitations to "come over and shoot at us."

Estimates have placed the number of geese that inhabit Ferry Point after sunset at one thousand to three thousand. The honkers seem to know that it is unlawful for anyone to shoot at them after four o'clock in the afternoon, and they take advantage of their liberty and protection to tempt hunters almost beyond the endurance.

They paddle in the water, eat peanuts, and generally have a wonderful time on the beaches across the river while the hunters stand on Hertford riverfronts helplessly listening to the honking.

Before morning, when waterfowl sportsmen are free to take no more than five geese, they have left for other lands, returning close to Hertford after the four o'clock deadline. They sense that Perquimans County people are law-abiding.

Jokingly, of course, one local hunter suggested a revision in the Federal Migratory Waterfowl Regulations which will allow his friends to kill a hundred geese, more or less, and turn them over to the welfare department for distribution just before Christmas to the county's needy.

"Fifteen men," he said, "could go across the river to the point after dark and easily take at least that number."

Saunders House Is Destroyed By Fire

The house W. O. Saunders was born in, and the house where his parents lived while W. O. was a boy and before he took up newspapering, was totally destroyed by fire early Sunday night.

The Saunders moved from the section many years ago and a Negro family was living in the house on the Beech Spring-Goodwin's Mill Road, when fire swept away all their belongings.

A small sum of money, along with the house furnishings, was lost in the flames. The occupants of the house operated a small country store on the road nearby, and Saturday's collections were in the house when fire broke out. Cause of the fire has not been determined and there was no insurance.

2,000 Expected At Hertford Music Festival Sunday

School Auditorium Figured to Be Filled to Overflowing

MUCH INTEREST

First of Series to Be Held Throughout The Albemarle

In the neighborhood of 2,000 people are expected to gather in Perquimans County High School Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock when the first festival will be held by the Albemarle Music Festival Association. Those in charge of the affair predict that with favorable weather the auditorium will not accommodate the crowd and urge all who want to hear the program to go early.

This is the first of a series of festivals to be held in the Albemarle throughout the coming year and naturally much interest will be focused on the initial presentation.

The program to be presented Sunday afternoon follows:

"Come All Ye Faithful," John Reading, Massed Glee Clubs.

"Silent Night," Gruber, Piano Solo, Ben Koonce.

"Beneath the Holly," selection, Broctor, Massed Bands.

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," Redner, Pasquotank County Boys Glee Club.

"Song of Songs" and "Lieberstroum," Trombone Quartet, Elizabeth City.

"When the Infant Jesus," Polish Carol, Hopkins, Camden County Glee Club.

"Christmas Recessional," Instrumental Acc., Elizabeth City Girls Glee Club.

Intermission.

"Cherubim Song," Bartuismysly, Pasquotank County Girls Glee Club.

"Largo," Handel, Reed and Woodwind Ensemble, Elizabeth City.

"Lo How a Rose E'ye Blooming," Practorious, Elizabeth City Boys Glee Club.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," Edenton, Trumpet Quartet.

"O Holy Night," Adams, Hertford and Edenton Girls Glee Clubs.

"Hallelujah," White, Hertford Glee Club.

Finale, "Joy to the World," Handel, Massed Band.

Hertford Debating Team Preparing For Annual Tilt

Timely Subject Selected For Annual Triangular Debate

Shortly after the Christmas holidays, high school debating teams will become involved in a triangular argument with Elizabeth City and Edenton students on, resolved, "That the United States Should Establish an Alliance With Great Britain."

A timely subject for argument, and Mrs. Long, of the faculty, will coach the affirmative team with the aid of Miss Eloise Scott. The team is composed of Marguerite Ward and Nancy Darden, with Elizabeth Darden as alternate.

The negative team, Nita Newbold and Pentress Winslow, with Dixie Chappell as alternate, is being coached by Miss Elizabeth Knowles. Mrs. C. R. Holmes is her assistant.

The above named students will represent the Perquimans County High School, one team debating against Edenton, and the other in contest with Elizabeth City students.

The formal arguments will take place in March, but the places have not been named.

Something to Worry About

And now we hear the people say "That winter's gone and lost it's way. If so, I hope that lost 'twill stay And not come raging round in May."

A Necessary Change

Pretty Attendant—Are you going to give my patient something to slow down his heart action?

Doctor—Yes, an elderly nurse.

INCREASE IN TURKEYS

A further expansion of turkey production is expected in 1939 because of favorable conditions existing this year, says C. J. Maupin, State College extension poultryman.

"Please Bring Dad a Train"

This is not a manufactured "Bright Sayings of Children," but it is an actual conversation which took place between a proud father and his young son one day last week.

"Won't you be glad when Christmas comes?" asked the father, "so you can see what Santa Claus brought?"

"It doesn't make a lot of difference to me," replied the youngster, "but I wrote him to bring me a train since you want one so bad."

Pop turned red behind the ears. He did want a train for Christmas but he didn't know his son knew it.

Anyway, it's likely there will be at least one train in the family on Christmas morning.