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1500 Meet At Perquimans High School Sunday To Hear Albemarle Music Festival

Auditorium Unable to Accommodate Huge Crowd

MANY LEAVE

Girls' Glee Club of Hertford Has Part on Program

Music lovers from all Northeastern North Carolina gathered in numbers estimated up to 1,500 at the Perquimans County High School Sunday afternoon to hear the first program of the Albemarle Music Festival Association.

The spacious auditorium of the high school proved just too small for the crowd which started taking the seats at 2 o'clock. Many people, finding the hallway crowded to capacity before the program got underway at 3:30, turned away and spent Sunday afternoon in some other manner.

While the auditorium failed to provide enough space for everyone who wished to be present, the stage, large enough for a basketball court, was sufficiently large for the 230 participants in the program.

Coming at this season, the musical program lent a fitting send-off for the Christmas holidays, and the size of the gathering, in the words of Superintendent F. T. Johnson, who made the address of welcome, proves that "interest in music is growing" in the Albemarle.

Invocation was by the Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

During the program, C. L. McCullers, director of the Edenton Band, and president of the Association, announced each number.

Elizabeth City led in the number of participants present, with 40 in its glee club and 45 in the Elizabeth City Band, Edenton followed closely with a total of 80 participating.

Pasquotank County brought 35 performers, Camden offered a glee club of 17 voices, and Hertford presented 15 in the girls' glee club.

The largest musical event ever to have its locale in Hertford, was opened at the massed glee clubs, under the direction of Miss Bertie Earp, supervisor of Pasquotank County Schools Music, sang "Come All Ye Faithful." Ben Koonce, Perquimans High School senior, gave an improvisation of "Silent Night."

"Beneath the Holly," a medley of Christmas classics, was presented by the massed bands of Edenton, Elizabeth City and Pasquotank, as Gene Gorman, director of the Elizabeth City Band, and instrumental chairman of the Association, directed.

The Camden County Glee Club was directed in the Polish Carol, "When the Infant Jesus," by Mrs. O. D. Reynolds, director of the Federal Music (Continued on Page Five)

Husbands Guests At Club Meeting

Christmas Party Held By Helen Gaither Club

The husbands were invited to be present at the last meeting of the Gaither Home Demonstration Club Christmas party on December 18, at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. G. P. Morris. The atmosphere of the season was used in the scheme of decoration with evergreens attractively used throughout the living room and dining room.

Mrs. T. E. Madre, president of the club, presided, and after the club collect, the members and guests sang "Silent Night." The president and Miss Gladys Hamrick, head of the county group of demonstration clubs, welcomed the men for the club.

The business session was of short duration, and then Miss Pattie Rogerson had charge of the program which was a one-act play entitled, "The Christmas Atmosphere," in which several members and guests took part. Taking part in the play were Miss Rogerson, Mrs. E. Y. Berry, Mrs. W. O. Hunter, Mrs. W. H. Thatch, Mrs. C. E. Dail, Mrs. W. E. Madre, Mrs. W. E. Rogerson, Mrs. Mary Hunter Perry, Clarence Thomas Madre and Sara M. Rogerson.

Entertainment and contests were (Continued on Page Five)

Debt Reduced

The Town's bonded indebtedness was reduced this week by the tune of two thousand dollars, bringing the total indebtedness at the moment down to \$154,000.

The debt originally was \$225,000, dating back to 1921 when the first bonds were issued for light and power purchases. Other bonds were issued at other times for light and power improvements and streets and during the years since 1915, the debt had been reduced by \$71,000, and interest.

Third Meeting Of Peace Group On Saturday, Jan. 21

Session Will Be Held In Perquimans High School

INTEREST GROWS Sentiment For Peace Reaches Peak In America

The third meeting of the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom, is scheduled to take place in the courthouse on Saturday, January 21.

The last meeting of the League, in spite of unfavorable weather conditions, was held in the courthouse recently, when Miss Mattie Saunders, president of the newly-organized local branch, touched on the history of the W. I. L. Said she, "The League grew out of the anxiety and strain of the early days of the World War. It was begun as an international organization, the first meeting being held at the Hague from April 28, to May 1, in 1915, when Jane Adams, chairman of the Woman's Peace Party in America, was asked to preside.

"At the 1915 Congress, resolutions were passed that offered a statesmanlike foundation for a treaty of peace. They attracted the interest of President Woodrow Wilson, and many of their ideas reappeared in his famous "Fourteen Points" speech to Congress in January, 1918."

These statements served to acquaint new members of the local branch with the magnitude of the International peace movement, though a large number of people were not on hand at the meeting.

John C. Trivette gave valuable information concerning International organizations, their activities and their finances.

Mrs. Arabella K. Morgan, member of the League, gave a reading from "Peace Pressure," written by the national executive secretary. This article stated that sentiment for peace has never been so great in America before as it is now.

Local Negro Escapes Injury As Hitchhiker Dies In Crossing Crash

Charles Cartwright, Hertford Negro truck driver, was only slightly injured when another Negro, a hitchhiker, was killed Tuesday morning as a Norfolk Southern passenger train crashed into the truck at Camden crossing.

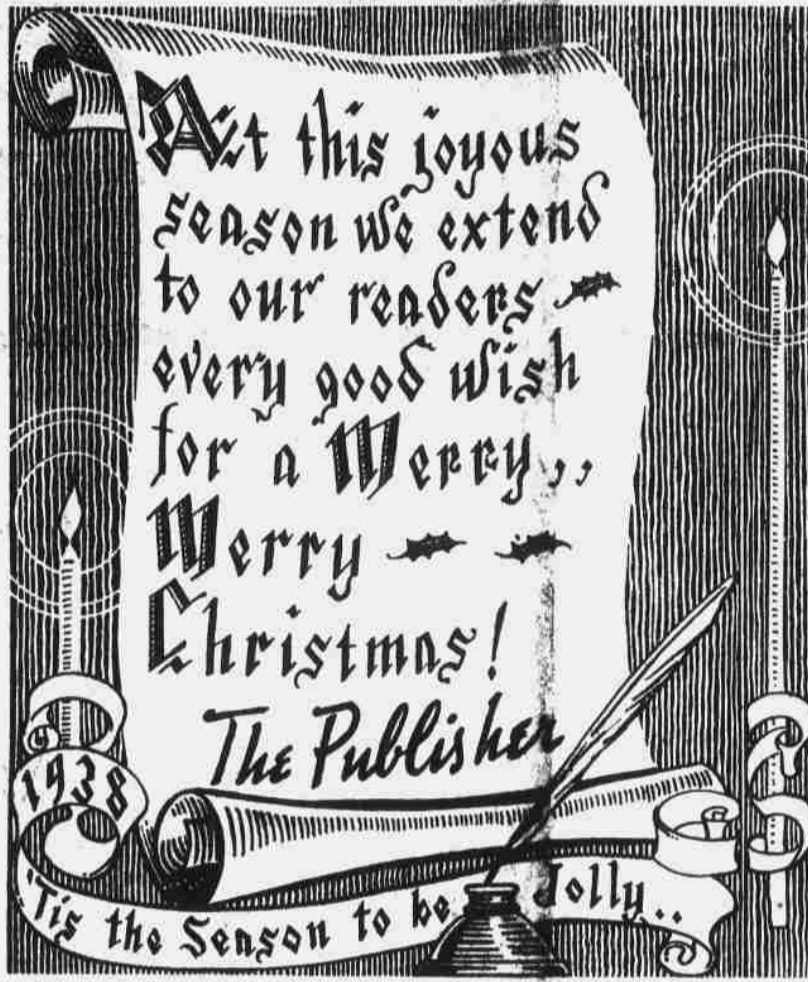
The dead man, identified as James Forbes of Belcross, hailed Cartwright for a ride from the Pasquotank River bridge, a short distance from the grade crossing in Camden County where he died.

Forbes was thrown beneath the engine's driving wheels and his body was horribly mangled, to such an extent that identification was gained by a scar behind his ear. His face was sliced completely off.

The truck, an old Chevrolet, was a total loss, while Cartwright suffered only minor facial cuts and a battered hand.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A Christmas program will be held at Woodland Church on Thursday night, December 22, at 7 o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited.



General Holiday Will Be Observed Monday

All Stores Will Be Closed Until Tuesday Morning

It will be a timely precaution for housewives to stock up on edibles before Sunday since local stores are scheduled to salute the day after Christmas with tightly closed doors.

They will be closed all day, giving the attendants and owners a two-day holiday, Sunday being a regular day for closing. Christmas gift exchanges will have to wait until Tuesday and the remnants of Christmas dinners will probably serve to sustain life through Monday.

With so many dances and other affairs scheduled for the night of Monday, the 26th, participants will do well to store up hours of sleep on Monday, since stores will open for business as usual on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Lizzie Stallings Buried At Yeopim

Funeral services for Mrs. Lizzie Stallings, 54, who died at her home near Yeopim Station last Tuesday morning, were held on Wednesday afternoon at Bethel Church, with the Rev. J. T. Byrum officiating.

During the services, "Safe In The Arms of Jesus," and "Abide With Me," were sung. Pallbearers were A. D. Thatch, Milton Dail, W. S. Evans, Sidney Lane, S. M. Long and S. W. Long.

Those who survive, are one uncle, a niece, and several cousins.

Hertford Is Going To The Dogs

As everything does sooner or later, the pedigree-pooch craze has reached Hertford, and the town is rapidly becoming populated with these doggie little dogs that strut disdainfully past while we try in vain to make friends.

However, we'll still take the many little cur who used to recognize man as his master and was anxious to be patted on the head—even by a stranger. Gone are the days when being a dog was considered pretty low in life. And today, whistling to a pedigree Scottie, isn't the proper way to begin making him friendly. Even when we are properly introduced, usually by a very proud owner, the aristocratic pup looks bored and yawns in our face while he suffers our old-fashioned methods of dog-talk and petting to make him feel at home.

It's us, not the dog, who feels ill at ease. He doesn't even bother to sniff the lowly piece of candy we extend hopefully in his direction. And when we speak to him on the street (trying to impress the onlookers with our standing in exclusive dog circles) he looks at us as though we were something just dragged from a gutter or a swamp—something that still smells bad.

It's very disheartening. We can remember when "going to the dogs" was a term that indicated a gradual sinking from one low level to another, and lower, level. Evidently, today the phrase means exactly the opposite. "To begin the dogs" is another

Cost Of Farm Yard Lighting Quickly Follows Comment Appearing In The Weekly

Dressed Up

The courthouse, as well as the courtyard, is sporting holiday dress for the first time this season. A triangle of colored bulbs was installed above the entrance-way by town workmen on Tuesday. Another band of lights encircles the eaves of the porch, and the lighted Christmas Tree on the green serves to give the dignified old building and surroundings a touch of holiday color and gaiety.

Another Timely Gift Suggestion To Complete List

Only a Book to Your Library Will Be Appreciated

LITTLE COST Mrs. J. G. Roberson Will Gladly Send For Any Contributions

Do you want a gift suggestion? Here is an idea for one, presented by the library commission of the Woman's Club Library:

"Would you like to give a present this Christmas which could bring pleasure to everyone in the county—and at no cost, or very little cost to yourself? Give a book to the public library in Hertford—a new book if you wish, or just as acceptably, a book which you own and have already read. If you enjoyed it you can be certain that there are many others in the county who will also enjoy it.

"The library is small, and badly in need of books and equipment, but it is definitely growing. The County Commissioners have recognized the need for extending its facilities, and at their last meeting agreed to do something about it. There is a little map of North Carolina on the wall in the library, showing some counties in black, some in white and some striped. Black counties are those getting no county aid, the striped ones get some (Continued on Page Four)

Special Services In All Churches On Christmas Day

Sermons Will Be Appropriate For Holiday Season

With Christmas Day falling on Sunday this year, services will be held in all of the churches of the town.

At Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, the Rector, Rev. E. T. Jillson, announces that at 9 o'clock in the morning Holy Communion will be observed. At 11 o'clock Holy Eucharist and address. There will be no Church School on Christmas Day at this church.

At the Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. J. F. Stegall, announces that the regular Sunday services will be observed, with services at 11 o'clock in the morning and also at 7:30 in the evening, a Christmas sermon at each service.

At the Methodist Church the pastor, Rev. D. M. Sharpe, announces that a carol service will be held at Sunday School in the morning, when every one is asked to bring gifts (not perishable, wrapped in white, to be distributed after Christmas. The regular Sunday services will be held at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 7:30 in the evening, with special Christmas music at both services.

The Church School of the Episcopal Church observed "White Christmas" on last Sunday, when gifts were placed on the Christmas Tree for distribution before Christmas.

The special Christmas program of the Baptist Church was held on Wednesday evening.

Articles Read By Electrification Bureau In New York

INQUIRIES

Lighted Yards Discourage Pilfering By Wandering Thieves

Several weeks ago this newspaper ran an editorial mentioning the well-lighted farmyard of Frank Bray out on the Elizabeth City road as an example of yard lights on the farm for safety and convenience. At that time in the paper it was stated that The Perquimans Weekly would endeavor to obtain an estimate of the approximate cost of such lighting for an average farm.

Officials of the Rural Electrification Bureau in New York read the editorial and lost no time in contacting prominent illuminating engineers who gathered the information for them, and J. G. Duck, secretary of the bureau, immediately forwarded the facts to The Perquimans Weekly.

A complete yard lighting installation (including the cost of materials and an electrician's services, but not the cost of the pole) according to the bureau, will run from \$15 to \$20. If the pole is installed by the utility company, there will be an additional charge of approximately \$10.

Several inquiries have come forward from county farmers since the yard-lighting was first mentioned, and since new rural electrification projects got underway in the county, The Perquimans Weekly is glad to supply this information, with due credit, of course, to Mr. Duck and the Electrification Bureau.

Says Mr. Duck, "These figures undoubtedly represent the top bracket. Unquestionably, very much lower costs will obtain where the farmer buys his own material and makes his own installation. For example, 100 feet of wire will cost in the neighborhood of 1c per foot. A switch can be purchased for 25c; the farmer can probably pick up enough pipe for 25c; the socket will cost another quarter; the bulb, 30c, and the reflector can be had for \$2.00. Thus, by cutting his own pole, and discounting his labor, a farmer can probably get a reasonably good yard light for about \$5."

At this time, it is hoped the information will come in handy, since the newest addition to Perquimans County's net of power lines is almost completed—the line from J. O. Hunter's farm to the farm of Milton Dail on the Edenton Highway.

Besides discouraging farm robberies and wandering thieves, as The Weekly stated before, well-lighted out-buildings and yards insure the added factor of safety from falling over objects in dark areas around the house.

Number One Escapee, Safe-Cracking German Almost Does It Again

Hertford's most spectacular visitor, safe-cracking Kurtweid von Wischon, who was apprehended last summer while entering the safe of Winslow-White Motor Company, was detected last week in laying plans for escape from the State Prison Camp in Pitt County where he is serving a seven-to-ten years sentence for robberies carried out in Edenton.

The German had fashioned a key and a knife, and his anxiety to return to his cell before being placed in solitary confinement for infraction of prison rules, was responsible for the suspicion which led to the discovery of his "home-made" implements.

Wischon, among other things such as a yard-long record of convictions and imprisonments, is noted as an escape artist. A pair of handcuffs, it is said, hamper him not in the least. They are much easier for him to take off than they are for an officer to put on.

Oddly none of the many charges against him include assault, murder or other counts that would indicate a vicious nature, which leaves unexplained the presence of the knife which Wischon made in confinement.

It was indicated at the prison camp that four other men were probably planning to escape with the safe-cracking German.

Policeman Robert A. White is chiefly responsible for Wischon's present confinement, having captured him in Hertford after he had evidently made clean hauls in Edenton and Elizabeth City.