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Silas Whedbee Appointed Perquimans Chairman For Annual Jackson Day Dinner

Big Affair Will Be Held In Raleigh January 7th

AT SIR WALTER

Perquimans Asked For \$50 to Help Liquidate National Debt

The appointment of S. M. Whedbee as Chairman of the annual Jackson Day Dinner Committee in Perquimans County has been announced by State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., of Jones County, State Chairman of the Jackson Day Committee, planning for the annual Jackson Day Dinner to be held in Raleigh on the night of January 7th, at eight o'clock, at the Sir Walter Hotel.

"As the Democratic Chairman in Perquimans, Mr. Whedbee has been very helpful in the past and we are counting on him and other good Democrats in the county to help us raise our part to help wipe out the deficit incurred by the National Democratic Executive Committee in the recent campaign," said Chairman Larkins.

Perquimans has been asked to raise \$50 as its part in the State-wide campaign that will culminate with the annual Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh, where a Democratic speaker of National reputation will deliver an address that will leave no doubt in the minds of those who hear him that there was a Democratic Administration in Washington as well as one in Raleigh," Chairman Larkins said.

Persons contributing \$25.00 or more will be invited to attend the State-wide dinner in Raleigh and Chairman Larkins announced a three-way plan for those planning to attend the event. Plan One calls for the payment of \$25.00 at the time of the reservation; Plan Two calls for the payment of \$12.50 at the time of reservation and the balance on March 1st, and Plan Three calls for the payment of \$15.00 at the time of reservation, with \$5.00 on March 15th and \$5.00 on April 15th.

One-fourth of the money raised in North Carolina, Chairman Larkins pointed out, will be retained for use of the State Democratic Executive Committee. Names of those securing reservations at the dinner will be sent to James A. Farley, National Democratic Chairman, and each will receive a card of thanks from the National Chairman.

74 Remembered On Christmas Day By Local Welfare Dept.

Miss Ruth Davenport Very Appreciative For Cooperation

The Welfare Department wishes to express appreciation to all individuals and organizations who contributed toward making Christmas happier and a more cheerful day for the less fortunate persons in the county.

"The cooperation was splendid," said Miss Ruth Davenport, head of the Perquimans County Welfare Department. The number of families assisted with clothing, foodstuffs, and toys for the children was seventy-four.

Christmas Quietly Observed In Hertford

Social activities over the holidays centered largely around family gatherings and dinners, dances and parties for the younger people, and visits to home for those whose homes and families are away from Hertford.

Many sons and daughters, many daughters-in-law and sons-in-law, and many grandchildren, spent the holidays and had Christmas dinner in the main family circle. Practically all the college students were at home and found the season enlivened with dances or parties on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Dances in both Elizabeth City and Edenton were well-attended on Monday night and several private parties were held by members of the younger high school and college sets in Hert-

New Quarters Aids Postal Employees Handle Big Rush

Average of Ten Christmas Cards Sent For Every Person

Calculated in cold figures, every man, woman and child, white and colored in Hertford, mailed at least ten Christmas cards each in the seven days between December 17 and December 24.

In that length of time the postoffice here disposed of more than 20,000 one and a half cent stamps. Taking for granted that this type of stamp was used on Christmas cards alone, and discounting the number that bore two or three cent stamps, each of Hertford's 2,000 persons posted more than ten cheery Christmas greeting cards.

The number is about the same as last year, according to members of the postoffice staff, and Postmaster Silas M. Whedbee took the opportunity to thank the patrons for mailing early, which greatly facilitated the handling of the Christmas overflow of letters and packages.

The new and larger quarters were also a help in taking care of the pre-Christmas mailing rush and while the volume was just as large as last year, it was handled with greater ease and slight delay or confusion.

Large Number Attend Brinn Tea Wednesday

Mrs. Thomas Preston Brinn entertained on Wednesday afternoon at a delightful tea.

The beautiful new Colonial home of Dr. and Mrs. Brinn, on Front Street, was decorated with mistletoe, holly and other Christmas greens. The Christmas tree in the living room was brilliantly lighted and throughout the house many red candles in silver candlesticks glowed.

Mrs. Brinn was assisted in receiving her guests by Mrs. Silas M. Whedbee, Miss Esther Evans and Miss Katherine Fleetwood. Mrs. J. R. Futrell presided over the guests' register.

In the dining room, where Mrs. Rosser Brinn and Mrs. Tim Brinn poured tea, the table was covered with an exquisite lace cloth, the centerpiece being an unusually attractive arrangement of white narcissi in a silver bowl, flanked by tall red candles in silver candlesticks.

Assisting Mrs. Beverly Tucker in serving were Misses Mary Thad Chappell, Anna Penelope Tucker, Prue Newby, Sara Brinn, Ruth Nachman and Mary Wood Koonce.

A large number of guests called during the afternoon.

Jeanette Rae Perry Weds Martin Swift

Capt. and Mrs. T. W. Perry announce the marriage of their daughter, Jeanette Rae, to Martin Swift, of Crisfield, Md.

The ceremony took place December 24th at Elizabeth City, at the Methodist parsonage, with the Rev. H. K. King officiating. The witnesses were Miss Shirley Walker and Glenn Matthews, of Hertford.

In a few weeks the young couple will make their home at Crisfield, Maryland.

Many Young People Enjoy Dance Monday

Mrs. J. E. Winslow and Mrs. Clyde McCallum delightfully entertained at a dance at Walker's Dance Hall on Monday evening in honor of Misses Betty Winslow, Katherine Leigh, and Jack and Leigh Winslow.

Many young people from Hertford and Elizabeth City attended.

HOLIDY GUESTS

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Knowles during the Christmas holidays, were: Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Davis and children, Nat, Barbara and Alice, of Courtland, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Banks, of Richmond, Va.; S. S. Knowles, of Weaverville, and Miss Lena Barber, of Wilmington.



It's sweet music to hear that 1939 is with us! We need a New Year that's full of health, good fortune and good fellowship, which is the wish of

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Another Milestone

Watching 1938 passing in review and picking out the high spots, the year was lacking in happenings of great importance within the boundaries of Perquimans County.

The year 1938 was just another milestone, and while births in the county far outnumbered deaths, several valuable citizens were lost, graduations took place as usual and several local young people were successful in locating jobs away from home. In the fall, Eastern North Carolina was spared the fury and havoc of a hurricane which appeared likely to strike here and then went on to New England States, leaving Perquimans untouched.

Dan Cupid had a good year, and unless another marriage license is issued from the office of J. W. Ward, register of deeds, within the next twenty-four hours after midnight, the total will be exactly the same as it was in 1937 when 86 licenses were issued. Not all of the papers were made out for local people, however.

They came from across the Sound. From other parts of North Carolina, from Virginia, and from Maryland. Early in January, Walter H. Oakley, Jr., for seven years Judge of Perquimans County Recorder's Court, was appointed to the legal staff of the Federal Trade Commission. James S. McNider was appointed to serve the balance of Mr. Oakley's unexpired term as Recorder.

In political circles, opposition had already appeared in January for offices to be voted on in the June Primary. C. E. Thompson was seeking nomination as resident judge. He had been appointed by the Governor to fulfill the unexpired term of Judge Walter L. Small, of Elizabeth City, who had found that because of illness, he would be unable to continue in the active duties of his office. Solicitor Herbert Leary had also announced his candidacy for the Judgeship.

John B. McMullan and Chester Morris were both candidates for the position which had been held by Mr. Leary for ten years.

The President's Birthday Ball, conducted in Hertford under the direction of Linwood Skinner, had cleared \$75 for the benefit of infantile paralysis victims, as more than a hundred couples danced.

R. G. White, president and manager of Major and Loomis Company, lumber dealers, was in Washington on February 4, where he was invited by Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Roper, to attend a called conference in the interest of small businesses.

Hertford saw its first Sunday movie when the sensational "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" played at the State Theatre on April 3. At its first showing in North Carolina, "Snow

White" drew a packed house.

Making his first appearance in Hertford, Governor Clyde R. Hoey spoke to the graduating class on May 4. Fifteen hundred admirers of the Governor, and well-wishers of the graduates, crowded the huge high school auditorium to hear the address. Edgar E. Bundy, of Elizabeth City, formerly superintendent of Perquimans Schools, spoke at the Consolidated School's closing exercises.

In a close contest in June, Judge C. E. Thompson led Herbert Leary by a few more than two hundred votes, thus continuing in the position to which he was appointed by Governor Hoey. Chester Morris won out in the Solicitor race, and Granbery Tucker topped Recorder James S. McNider, who resigned as Judge immediately afterwards. J. T. Renton, incumbent, bested W. T. Brown for representative.

On August 25, the Albemarle Sound Bridge opened, to the tune of colorful float parades, band music, feasting and huge crowds.

Late in September, the postoffice department moved its Hertford office into elaborate quarters in the old Carolina Bank Building. Shortly after the move to new quarters, on November 10, J. E. Morris resigned his position. Silas M. Whedbee was appointed as postmaster and resigned as mayor of Hertford to take up his new duties. Vivian N. Darden, member of the city council, was appointed to fulfill Mr. Whedbee's unexpired term as mayor.

Just before Christmas, the Hertford Banking Company distributed the largest amount in Savings Checks in its history, and local stores made a wholehearted bid for holiday business.

Bureaus of Vital Statistics have not completed or turned in their records for the year, 1938 still has several hours to go, but it is certain that births far outnumber deaths. On February 13, the Rev. A. A. Butler, beloved Baptist minister, passed away after a ten-day siege of pneumonia. Thomas Nixon, one of the county's most prominent men, died at his home here on the morning of February 28.

Thomas J. Long, 74-year-old native of Perquimans and prominent farmer, died at his home in the Bethel Community on March 16. The county's oldest citizen, Mrs. Harriett Ann Layden, died on April 2, at the age of 85. Mrs. Kate Montgomery Blanchard passed away at her home on October 12. Charles Johnson was another prominent citizen and business man who died in 1938, on November 22.

It was a year of doings in political circles, with resignations and appointments holding the spotlight.

Lizzie Hoffer Weds Tom Alexander Cox

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hoffer announce the marriage of their daughter, Lizzie Lee, to Tom Alexander Cox. Mr. Cox is the son of Mrs. E. S. Pierce.

The wedding took place on Sunday, October 9th, at South Mills. The ceremony was performed by H. G. Berry. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lane, of Hertford, were the only attendants.

The couple are known and admired by a wide circle of friends in and around Hertford. The bride is employed in the store of R. S. Jordan, and the groom is under the employ of Mark Hathaway at the One-Stop Service Station.

The young couple are making their home in the Norman Apartments on Market Street.

Zack White Ready For Classic In Rose Bowl

Zack White arrives in Pasadena today aboard the Rose Bowl Special train, "Duke and Duchess." After spending a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. White, Zack, a Duke student, was motored to Durham on Monday by his father, where he boarded the California-bound train.

The train arrives in the West Coast city with several days to spare before the Duke-Southern California game, which will be played in the Rose Bowl on Monday, January 2nd.

Leaves Today

Mrs. Bill Archie will leave today for Princeton, N. J., after spending the Christmas holidays here with her mother, Mrs. W. G. Newby. Mr. Archie left Tuesday, after spending a few days here.

Linwood Skinner Already Has Orchestra Engaged For President's Birthday Ball

Schedule Of Club Meetings Released

"Kitchen Arrangement" Topic of Study During January

Miss Gladys Hamrick, county demonstration agent, spending the holidays at home in Kings Mountain, has forwarded the schedule of January club meetings.

"Kitchen Arrangement" will be the topic of study during January, and the clubs will study "House Furnishing" for the year subject.

Here are the January meetings: Chapanoke—Tuesday, January 3—Mrs. Otis Lane.

Winfall—Wednesday, January 4—Mrs. E. N. Miller.

Whiteston—Thursday, January 5—Mrs. Alice Winslow.

Home and Garden—Friday, January 6—Mrs. G. R. Tucker.

Ballahack—Monday, January 9—Mrs. Clinton Perry.

Leaders' School on "Kitchen Arrangement"—Tuesday, January 10—Agricultural Building.

Durants Neck—Wednesday, January 11—Community House.

Beech Spring—Thursday, January 12—Mrs. John Hill.

Bethel—Friday, January 12—Mrs. J. M. Fleetwood.

Snow Hill-White Hat—Tuesday, January 17—Mrs. Elmer Wood.

Belydere—Wednesday, January 18—Community House.

Helen Gaither—Thursday, January 19th.

Burgess—Wednesday, January 25—Mrs. Walton Lane.

Many Attend Dance At Community House Wednesday Evening

Miss Anne Felton and Miss Florence Darden delightfully entertained at a dance on Wednesday evening at the Community House in honor of Misses Peggy and "Bebe" Castleman, of Raleigh, who are guests of Miss Felton.

Those invited were: Misses Sara Ward, Alice Roberson, Anne Penelope Tucker, Blanche Moore Berry, Ellie Mae White, Mary Feild, Mary Morris, Nancy Darden, Margaret Broughton, Julia Broughton, Mary Thad Chappell, Marguerite Ward, Marjorie Buck, Nita Newbold, Katherine Leigh, Ruth Hollowell, Ruth Winslow, and Katherine Jessup, and Hollowell Nixon. Tim Brinn, William Hardcastle, Roy Reed, Eldon Winslow, Harrell Johnson, Clark Stokes, George Feild, Fred Campen, Charles Harrell, Jarvis Ward, Charles White, Francis Jessup, Bill Cox, Zach Harris, C. H. Howard, Watt Winslow, Paul Tucker, Pat Hoggard, Ben Koonce, Mac White, Darius Elliott, Durwood Reed and Charles Clark, of Hertford; Misses Myda Weaver, Mary White, Anna Wood, Betty Wales, and Joe Conger, Charlie Wood, Durwood Harrell, Sonny Davis and Pete Everett, of Edenton; Norvin Garrett, Charles Parker, Jack Barnes and Stuart Curtis, of Ahoskie; Misses Esther Brickhouse, Fan Ward, Fay Bateman, Sally Bateman, and Floyd Cohoon, of Columbia; Misses Phyllis Gatling, Jane Lassiter and Holly Mac Bell, Francis Gilliam and Joe Davenport, of Windsor; Misses Edla Walker, Frances Overman, Marian Cooke Foreman, Jeanne Armstrong, Sara Belle Smith, Anne Louise Nixon, and C. B. Morrisette, Fletcher Bailey, Luther Mann, Oscar Owens, Thomas Markham, Lloyd Sheep, Leigh Sheep, Harry Sheep, Billy Caither, Frank Hollowell, Edward Griffin, M. C. Sawyer, Lavin Culpepper, Carlton Lister and Bobby Foreman, of Elizabeth City.

1,625 Bales Of Cotton Ginned In Perquimans

Census report shows that 1,625 bales of cotton were ginned in Perquimans County from the crop of 1938 prior to December 13, 1938, as compared with 4,585 bales for the crop of 1937, according to Willie M. Harrell, special agent for the Department of Commerce.

Mr. Pope urges that every ordinary source of credit and assistance be sought by farmers for whom WPA is no longer open. County Farm Security Administration offices will give advice on loans or other help to families in this group who cannot get ahead with their farming through using the regular kinds of credit.

Visitors from Norfolk Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Haste and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Sitterson, of Norfolk, Va., spent the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Sitterson.

Half of Money Collected Will Remain In County

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Funds Used to Combat Infantile Paralysis In Nation

Funds collected in this year's "fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign will be used by permanent local and national organizations to conduct a continuous battle against this "maiming death," says Linwood Skinner, chairman for Perquimans County of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday.

Half of all money collected will be retained in this county to be administered through a local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. The other half will go to the national foundation to be used for (1) research work for the prevention of the disease; (2) epidemic first aid; (3) public education; and (4) development of better methods for after-treatment.

The permanent organization will be formed in this county after the completion of the drive, which starts January 1, and concludes January 30, with the celebration of the birthday of President Roosevelt.

This year's campaign will be nationwide under the direction of a chairman in each of the 3,071 counties of the United States who will be assisted by community chairmen in each city, town and hamlet. The drive will take many forms, the purpose being to provide an opportunity for all to contribute. Balls, parties, etc., will be held on or near the President's Birthday, but during the month of the drive there also will be a March of Dimes button campaign and a drive for the collection of dimes, nickels, and even pennies to swell the total.

The present organization, to be expanded after January 30, is the outgrowth of celebrations held since 1934, when the first series of President's Birthday Balls were held throughout the nation on the birthday of President Roosevelt, January 30.

As every person in the United States knows, President Roosevelt was stricken in manhood with this disease which is usually associated with childhood. His splendid fight against the malady and his rise since then to the highest position in the gift of the American people has been an inspiration for thousands who have been similarly afflicted.

Since he has been President, Mr. Roosevelt has dedicated his birthday to the battle against Infantile Paralysis, although he is not connected in

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FSA Ready To Help Farmers Who Were Cut From WPA Rolls

Program Helping Put 600,000 Farmers Back On Their Feet

Farmers dropped from WPA relief rolls will be aided by the Rural Rehabilitation Program of the Farm Security Administration if they have, or can get, adequate land for farming and can meet FSA requirements, according to County Supervisor John H. Pope, in Edenton.

"Farmers without adequate land should make plans at once for the coming crop season," Mr. Pope advises. "Where the land is sufficient to allow the farmer to benefit from the R. R. Loan Program, and to let sound farm plans be made, the Farm Security Administration stands ready to extend help."

The R. R. Program is helping more than 600,000 farmers in the United States to get back on their feet. Present personnel of the Farm Security Administration cannot carry a very greatly increased number of farm people.

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