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Spence Hatley's Band To Play For President's Ball

Committees Active In Work to Assist In Fight Against Infantile Paralysis

With Spence Hatley and his Deans of Music signed up to furnish music at the President's Birthday Ball to be held Monday night week, or January 29, at Walker's Hall, in Hertford, and other plans for this big event moving smoothly, the young people of Perquimans are looking forward to a good dance.

Realizing the importance of good music for occasions of this kind, the dance committee selected this nine-piece orchestra, which is the East Carolina Teachers band, feeling assured that the matter of music is well taken care of in their hands. Spence Hatley and his Deans of Music have proved very popular at dances this winter.

Meantime, Mrs. J. G. Campbell has put the tickets on sale and by the time the date for the ball arrives most of those who like to "tread a measure" will have been canvassed.

The sale of tickets to the birthday ball, however, is not confined to those who will attend the ball, for not every one who purchases a ticket to swell the fund to fight infantile paralysis will dance at the party. Many will buy a ticket for that one purpose, of joining in the fight.

The March of Dimes begins Tuesday, January 23, when the school children will sell the buttons for a dime each. Each child selling 10 buttons wins a button for himself. F. T. Johnson is head of the the March of Dimes in the Perquimans High School, Rupert Ainsley at the Central Grammar School, and Miss Mary Sumner at Hertford Grammar School.

The children will make a thorough canvass of the town and as much of the county as can be reached through the students. The March of Dimes, it is believed, will net a considerable sum for the infantile paralysis fund. In addition to this, Mrs. B. G. Koonce is laying her plans for the play she will give next month for the raising of funds. Mrs. Koonce has not definitely decided on the play she will produce at this writing, but announcement will be made very shortly. It will be a good comedy, however.

Half of the funds raised will be sent to the National Foundation, the other half being retained here to swell the fund already in the bank in case of need at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bunch Dies At Her Home In Tyner At Age Of 101

Oldest Resident of This Section Claimed By Death Shortly After Anniversary of Birth

Death claimed the oldest resident of the Albemarle section last Friday night at eleven o'clock when Mrs. Elizabeth Bunch passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ida Reid, of Tyner.

Mrs. Bunch was born Elizabeth Hurdle, in the community known as Hickory Cross, in the upper section of Perquimans, on Christmas Day, 1838, when Martin Van Buren, eighth president of the United States, was in office. She was a contemporary of all but six of the 52 men who have served as President of the United States.

Mrs. Bunch was a small girl when the sewing machine was invented, and was 22 years of age when Fort Sumpter was fired upon. Not only the World War, the Spanish-American War and the Civil War occurred within this lady's recollection, but also the war with Mexico.

Though practically blind for a long time before her death, Mrs. Bunch retained her mental faculties and had been until comparatively recently physically active. Funeral services were held at the Center Hill Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. J. T. Stanford, pastor, officiating, and with a large crowd in attendance. Burial was made near the place of her birth, in the family burying ground at Belvidere.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Annie Twine and Mrs. Ida Reid, and a son, Herbert Bunch, all of Chowan County.

Again Candidate



MERRILL EVANS Refusing to demand a run-off in the Democratic Primary in 1936, Merrill Evans of Ahoskie, this week announced again his candidacy for State Senator from the First District.

Sidewalk Paving Project Will Expire In Few More Days

Time Limited For Citizens To Ask For Street Paving

Only a brief period remains, a matter of a few days, in fact, for the property owners of Hertford who may wish to take advantage of the opportunity to get sidewalks paved with WPA assistance to make petition for the same.

Approximately three miles of sidewalk paving will have been laid in Hertford when the project is completed, which is felt by many to be the most important public improvement Hertford has secured under the Works Progress Administration.

The project, which was begun in October, 1937, will be completed within the next thirty days. The work is now going on on King Street. The cost to the property owners for the sidewalk is only 20 cents per foot, the remainder of the cost being met by the Works Progress Administration and the Town of Hertford.

Though the end of the work is in sight, there is still sufficient time for a petition to be filed for paving to be done, should any property owner belatedly decide to make application, but the matter would have to be attended to within the next few days.

Indians Meet Columbia Basketball Team On Local Court Tonight

Basketball fans will get their money's worth tonight when a triple-header will be played at the local court.

Both the girls' and boys' team of Hertford will play teams representing Columbia High School and after those games have been played, a third game between two independent teams will take place.

The Indians are smarting under two straight defeats and it is expected that they will put up a real battle with Columbia in seeking the first victory of the 1940 home season.

The independent game promises to be a thriller too, as both teams have good records for this year. The local boys have won five out of six games played this season.

Rotary Club Entertains F. F. A. and 4-H Club Members Tuesday

Ten boys, members of the Future Farmers of America and 4-H Clubs, who are participating in the hog raising project being sponsored by the Hertford Banking Company and the Rotary Club were guests of the Rotary Club at the regular meeting held last Tuesday night.

Talks were made by the boys regarding the progress they are making with the project and the work of the group was highly praised by Rotarians present.

Members of the F. F. A. present were Thomas Nixon, Percy Winslow and Thomas Glenn Roberson, while Broughton Daft, Donald Lane, Roland Copeland, Dan Berry, Carlton Nixon, Liden White and Robert Perry represented the 4-H Club.

Perquimans Gains Certificate On Soil Building Payments

One of 11 Counties In State to Receive Recognition During Year 1938

Perquimans County is one of 11 of the State's 100 counties to receive a certificate of recognition for earning 90 percent or more of the maximum soil building payments in 1938.

As a matter of fact, Perquimans won 91.2 percent of the maximum payments. It was possible, under the quota, for the farmers of Perquimans to have earned \$20,697.00, and they only fell short \$1,821.

The certificate, which is on display in the office of the County Agent, L. W. Anderson, is signed by Dean I. O. Schaub, Director of State Extension; by E. Y. Floyd, State Executive Officer, and by all of the members of the North Carolina State AAA Committee. It sets forth that the "State Committee of the AAA and the Extension Service take pleasure in recognizing the county extension staff, local and county AAA Committeemen and the workers in the County office for achieving the high soil of 91.2 percent of the maximum soil building payment for the County." In another paragraph it is stated that "this most excellent performance is a long step toward accomplishing the objective of the Agricultural Conservation program, which are to prevent soil erosion, maintain and improve the fertility of the soil and stabilize farm income."

These payments are separate and apart from and do not include the payments made by the government for special allotments covering cotton, peanuts, commercial vegetables and tobacco.

The figures for the year 1939 soil conservation payments will vary somewhat from the 1938 figures, but there will not be a great deal of difference, said Mr. Anderson. These cannot be made up immediately.

Four Cases Tried In Recorder's Court Here Tuesday

Little Time Consumed In Hearings Before Judge Tucker

Horace Reed, Negro, convicted in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning of the charge of assault with a deadly weapon, to-wit a bottle, must stay away from the Savoy, Negro dance hall and the place where he got into trouble, for the period of a year, and must also be of good behavior for that period, if he would avoid serving a 30-day road sentence. The defendant was also required by Judge Granberry Tucker to pay a fine of \$10 and the costs of court.

George Long, Negro, plead guilty to the charge of larceny. A three-months sentence was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and upon good behavior for two years, it being shown that the chickens which the boy admitted stealing had been returned to the owner.

Willie Webb, Negro, was found guilty of assault on a female and was sentenced to the roads for six months, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and the costs and the condition that he be of good behavior for two years, and further that he refrain from going upon the premises of Roberts Cowper.

This defendant was also convicted jointly with Gladys Cowper of a statutory offense and was sentenced to the roads for three months, the sentence to be served after the termination of the sentence in the former case. This sentence was suspended upon payment of all the costs of court and upon the condition that no further violation of the statute occur.

In the case against Clarence Reed, Negro, charged with larceny, the State took a noli prosequi.

The case against A. A. Nobles, charged with giving a worthless check, was continued until next week.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lane announce the birth of a daughter, Peggy Louise Lane, on January 15, 1940. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Oil Men To Hear Carl Goerch At Edenton Meeting

District Meeting of Petroleum Committee to Be Held Wednesday, January 24

Oil men of Perquimans and eleven nearby counties will hear Carl Goerch, editor of The State Magazine, and widely known radio commentator, in an address before the district meeting of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, at Edenton, on Wednesday, January 24.

Mr. Goerch, long an advocate of the principle of spending highway taxes for highways only, has announced that the general trend of his address will be on motorists' taxes and in opposition to diversion of highway funds.

The Edenton meeting, which will be held at the Joseph Hewes Hotel, includes the counties of Perquimans, Bertie, Washington, Chowan, Pasquotank, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Dare, Tyrrell, Currituck, and Camden. In addition to oil company agents, distributors and service station operators, members of allied organizations interested in highway transportation will attend and participate in the meeting.

A 10:30 A. M., meeting for the purpose of general discussion of the problem of taxation, diversion of highway funds and other legislative matters affecting highway users, will be followed by a luncheon, at which Mr. Goerch will speak.

The Edenton meeting is the fourth meeting of a series of 10 district meetings being held throughout the State during January and February by the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee.

O. N. Kirkpatrick, of Charlotte, is chairman, and S. Glaser Sparger, of Raleigh, is secretary of the North Carolina Petroleum Industries Committee, which is composed of thousands of oil men and service station operators from every county in the State.

Tax Listing Work Proceeding At Very Slow Rate

Short Time Remains For Most People to Make Property Listing

Though only about one-fourth of the tax payers of Hertford Township have listed their property for taxes, according to the list-taker for this township, R. L. Knowles, the listing is being done with as much dispatch as in former years, for most of the property owners wait for the last week.

The last week, said Mr. Knowles, is always the busiest week and the last day is always the busiest day.

There has been much complaint, according to list takers in some of the other townships, because the time for listing taxes has been changed from April to January, with a disposition now and then to place the blame for the change on the County Commissioners.

For the enlightenment of those who blame the Commissioners, it may be stated here that the Commissioners have no power to change the date of registration. This is regulated by State law and the last Legislature passed an act changing the time from January to April. All over North Carolina the tax listing is being done this month.

The tax listers of the various townships are: Belvidere, E. L. Chappell; Bethel Township, J. C. Hobbs; New Hope Township, L. R. Webb; Parkville, N. R. Elliott.

Mr. Chappell sits Wednesday, January 24, at Baker's Store, Whiteston, and all other days at E. L. Chappell's Store.

Mr. Hoobs sits every day at his store at Bethel.

Mr. Webb's schedule for the remainder of the month is as follows: New Hope Community House January 20 and 27.

N. R. Elliott's schedule for the remainder of the month is: January 24 at Chapanoke, and all other days at Railroad Station.

Mr. Knowles is at the courthouse every day from 9 to 12 in the forenoon, and from 1:30 to 4:30 in the afternoon.

STATE PROPOSES TO RE-ROUTE HIGHWAY NUMBER SEVENTEEN

Farmers Requested To Sign Applications For Payments

County Agent L. W. Anderson requests all farmers who have not signed applications for their 1939 Conservation Payments to call at his office and sign for the payments immediately.

Several farmers have already filled out the application, but Mr. Anderson stated that there are still a number of farmers who have failed to do so and that he was anxious to have all applications filed as soon as possible.

Local People To Attend Anniversary Service For Bishop

Meeting In Honor of Bishop Thomas Darst To Be Held In Wilmington

A special service will be held, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Thomas Campbell Darst, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, at the Diocesan Convention to be held in Wilmington January 23-25.

On Tuesday night preceding the opening of the convention a reception will be held in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Darst at the Parish House of St. James Church, where the convention will be held, to which all members of the Diocese are invited.

Among the Hertford people expected to attend are Mrs. W. H. Hudson, Mrs. L. W. Anderson and Mrs. C. A. Davenport. Those here have been appointed delegates from St. Catherine's Auxiliary.

Bishop Darst is well known and greatly beloved in Hertford, where he was known before his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese. He has been a special speaker at a Convocational meeting held here. His first vocation in the capacity of Bishop was made at Easter following his consecration in January.

Funeral Services Held For Grandson Of Mrs. John Caddy

Funeral services for James Milton Boyce, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Boyce, who died at the home of his parents in Williamsburg, Va., Friday, were held at the Hertford Assembly Sunday afternoon, with the pastor, Miss Alma Howell, officiating. Burial was made in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Survivors include, in addition to the parents, the child's maternal grandmother, Mrs. John Caddy, of Hertford, and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boyce, of Burgess.

New Books Added To Library At School

Miss Mary Sumner, Principal of the Hertford Grammar School, reports that a lot of new books have recently been added to the school library. The books, which cost in the neighborhood of \$100, were purchased from funds raised by the teachers and the students of the school.

The teachers of this school are very proud of their school library. This is one of the first elementary schools in this section to become a standard school, and one of the important steps in this direction, many years ago, was the maintaining of the library requirements, and much attention is paid to this work.

Fire Damages Hefren Home Wednesday

Fire badly damaged the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hefren Wednesday night when an overheated kerosene burner fired the wood paneling of the bathroom.

The fire was discovered about 9:30 o'clock and had spread rapidly between the walls of the house, making it difficult for the firemen to localize the blaze.

Damage to the house caused by fire, smoke and water was fully covered by insurance.

Map Showing Suggested Changes Now Exhibited; New Road Not By Winfall

A map showing the proposed re-routing of U. S. Highway 17, beginning a mile north of the Town of Hertford, which will cut the town of Winfall completely off Highway 17 was posted by the State Highway and Public Works Commission at the courthouse door Tuesday morning.

The map will be posted for 30 days, in accordance with law, in order for the citizens of the county to be given an opportunity to express their approval or disapproval, and the action of the State Highway & Public Works Commission will be governed to some extent by the sentiment of the people.

Already there has naturally been a storm of protest from those who feel that the Town of Winfall should not be cut off from the Highway, but there are many who have expressed the opinion that some such step is necessary on the part of the Highway Commission in order to eliminate the sharp curve in Winfall.

Highway officials have long had in mind the straightening of this dangerous curve, which is something of a problem, and various suggestions have been made from time to time for re-routing the highway. To take any action to eliminate the curve, it would appear, would naturally cut off the town from the highway, regardless of how the new road might run.

It has been pointed out that in cutting off Winfall from the highway by the building of a new road would not affect the road running through Winfall, the present highway, which would still remain a State maintained highway. However, it would entirely cut the town off in the sense that all through traffic would follow the main highway.

The proposed re-routing would begin at the northern end of the Curlew, approximately a mile from Hertford, turning eastward from the highway, crossing the lands of S. P. Jessup and following practically the course of the New Hope Road for some distance. It would cross Bright's Creek, approximately the same place the bridge on the New Hope Road is located, and still follow the course of the New Hope road for some distance. Leaving this road, it leads through land owned by S. P. Jessup, in approximately an easterly direction, also crossing lands of F. L. Nixon, the lands of the County Farm, and the Thomas Nixon estate. It would cross the old Hemby Road at a point approximately one thousand feet from the highway and intersect U. S. Highway 17 several thousand feet beyond this point, resulting in a practically straight road.

Preliminary Work On Recreation Pier Started Today

The first actual labor on the building of the recreation pier and pavilion to be constructed in Hertford with WPA assistance was begun Thursday morning, and by the middle of July it is expected that the finished job, complete with pier, pavilion, bath houses and lockers, will be turned over to the Town of Hertford.

The first work, of course, was preliminary, with tool houses being constructed and other preparations being made, after which the bulwark at the shore line of Grubb Street will be constructed, as the first step. It will require, according to Fred Chalk, Supervisor of Projects for the Works Progress Administration in this district, six months to complete the job, which will include the clearing away of logs, stumps and other obstructions about the river shore.

Job Expected To Take 6 Months To Complete; Work Done By WPA

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Visiting Evangelist At Hertford Assembly

The evangelist, Miss Mabel Willetts from Midlothian, Md., will preach at the Hertford Assembly Church on Sunday, January 21. She will preach at both the morning and evening services, the evening service beginning at 7 o'clock. The public is invited.