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PRESIDENT'S BALL MODEST SUCCESS; BUTTON SALE DRIVE WILL CONTINUE

Birthday Dance Cleared \$15; Students Were To Handle Pin Sales But Arctic Weather Interrupted; Drive Got New Start Wednesday

Hertford's drive in favor of the Warm Springs Foundation reached its annual climax in the dance at Walker's Monday night, celebrating the President's Birthday, but the drive is still on.

As it upset so many things, the Arctic-like weather of the past few weeks has disrupted part of the drive plans. Chairman W. Howard Pitt, in charge of the campaign in Perquimans County, turned over the active sale of pins or buttons to the students in the various schools.

But before the teachers could distribute the buttons to the young volunteer workers, cold weather and snow storms set in. Schools deserted their regular schedule of routine and finally suspended operations entirely.

Schools Closed—Drive Erupted

Without the aid of the students, the button sales bogged down. The drive was re-started on Wednesday of this week when schools resumed educational activities. A final report on the button sales, according to Chairman Pitt, will be delayed for at least another week.

A good drive in this effort to raise funds with which to fight infantile paralysis at Warm Springs will serve to boost upward the figure cleared at the President's Ball on Monday night.

Weather Again To Blame

Here, again, the weather must shoulder the blame for an affair that failed to live up to advance indications. An amount was cleared, \$16.00, to be exact, but though the crowd of dancers was enthusiastic, it was small.

The decorations and dance committee has worked long and earnestly making the hall in readiness... but the size of the crowd was disappointing. So disappointing that a general SOS went out for help in order to come out in the clear.

The result of this plea, voiced at the ball by W. G. Edwards, was a gratifying flood of donations that not only pulled the dance committee out of the red, but allowed the ball to show a creditable profit.

The music was good—furnished by Spence Hatley and his orchestra from Greenville.

The decorations were tasteful, red, white and blue streamers and balloons lent a patriotic air.

Elmwood Dairy Is To Be Most Modern East Of Durham

Only Milk From Registered Guernsey Cows When New Dairy Is Opened; Weather Delays Work

The unusual weather of the past few weeks has delayed the opening of the only Authorized Golden Guernsey Dairy east of Durham. The Elmwood Farm Dairy, being put in readiness by Mrs. Thomas Nixon and Draxton Dawson, was originally scheduled to open about February 15.

According to a quotation attributed to a State Dairy Inspector who saw the plans, Elmwood Dairy will be one of the best and most modernly equipped dairies east of Durham. The owners are buying Guernsey cows now from the western part of the State.

The "Authorized Golden Guernsey" means that only registered Guernsey cows will supply the milk.

Elmwood Dairy, located on Mrs. Nixon's farm on the Elizabeth City Highway, about four miles from Hertford, will operate on a wholesale basis exclusively, selling to distributors. It is understood that J. Oliver White will handle the local distribution of Elmwood Dairy Golden Guernsey Milk.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mayer announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Jennette, to Julian Ayden, son of Elizabeth City.

The Lions Club held the regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. H. Satchell.

Black-out Monday Just Line Trouble

It was a dark hour. Those who depended on electricity for heat grew very cold.

Those who looked to electricity for cooking grew very hungry. It was very quiet.

Radios were silent. There was no musical humming from the electric refrigerator.

The current had failed... Worst luck. The current failed just as several hundred housewives in Hertford and Edenton and vicinities were about to prepare the evening meal for several hundred very tired business men.

The sun had just gone down for the day. Lights that had been turned on a few minutes before began to flicker uncertainly... like the kerosene lamps when the oil is low.

Twilight fused into darkness. Candles glowed dimly in the stores as the operators waited for six o'clock and closing time.

It was a dark hour, and a dark town. A blackout!

With a healthy stretch of the imagination one could almost hear the distant drone of enemy planes.

One could also feel for a moment the terror in Helsinki, London, Paris, as the populace awaits the shattering detonation of an incendiary bomb.

Then when you tired of this, you could pull yourself back to reality. And thankfulness. Everlastingly glad that the blackout did not signal an approach of hell from the dark skies.

That the blackout instead signaled trouble on the line... somewhere between here and Suffolk, the source of our current.

Inconvenient? Yes. But to offset the inconvenience, a chance to live for a moment with the Finns in Helsinki. And, if you wanted to, a chance to dicker with them for a while in their dark cellars.

But more than all this, was the chance to be grateful for living in a country at peace with the world... where blackouts are fun!

Death Claims Aged Winfall Resident

Funeral Services Held Tuesday For J. S. Overman, Native of Perquimans

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon for J. S. Overman, age 81, well-known resident of Winfall, who died at 10 o'clock Sunday night at his home in Winfall.

Mr. Overman had been a resident of Perquimans County all his life, residing in the Winfall community until about four years ago when he moved into the town.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Margaret L. Overton; one daughter, Mrs. B. H. Ward, and four grandchildren.

Services were conducted at the Winfall Methodist Church with interment being made in the family plot.

Active pallbearers were: A. White, Jr., Wilson Hendrix, B. F. Pike, J. L. DeLaney, J. W. Ward and W. J. Stanton. Honorary pallbearers included Tom H. White, Wesley Pike, C. A. Bagley, W. F. Morgan, J. V. Roach, David Trueblood, M. M. Dillmon, A. B. Winslow, Jr., Dennis Chalk and Cook Chalk.

Frozen Pipes Bring No Decrease In Town's Water Sales

Contrary to a first thought on the matter, freezing water pipes and freezing temperatures have not brought a decrease in the town's water sales. Instead, the town's water sales will show an increase, according to W. G. Newby, city clerk.

Water supply bills in at least 15 cases will be heavier for this month due to broken water pipes and resulting leakage. This number of trouble cases, in view of the extremely cold weather of the past few days, Mr. Newby thinks is not bad when one considers that the town has approximately 350 water accounts.

Water loss due to broken pipes and leakage in these 15 cases has more than offset the low water consumption that accompanies burning of the pipes.

Postal Official Returns Here To See Committee

Authorizes Local Afternoon Mail to Be Dispatched Thirty Minutes Later

The Perquimans Weekly has been unable to learn what action was taken, if any, to induce a Postal Representative to return to Hertford last Friday afternoon to consult with the committee of the Lions Club regarding their proposal concerning the mail service to and from the local post office, but come he did and The Weekly feels that the recommendation made by him will be of benefit to local business houses, as well as to all patrons of the post office.

An authorization has been made that mail which has been dispatched from this office every afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, by Star Route to Wilson, will henceforth leave Hertford at 5 p. m. This thirty minute setback in the schedule will enable practically all business houses to make the mail with their day's correspondence. This order was effective last Friday.

The Postal Representative stated that a check had been made concerning the carrying of parcel post on this delivery, but that the findings showed that the average number of packages mailed daily would not warrant this additional service, but if at any time the revenue on such mail to and from Hertford increased to the point that the service could be added that the Department would be glad to give the extra service.

Funeral Services For Perquimans Native Held Last Friday

Death Claimed Mrs. Martha Umphlett In Edenton at Age of 87 Years

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Umphlett, widow of the late Charney Umphlett, were held last Friday afternoon at the New Hope Methodist Church. The services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Benson, of Edenton.

Death claimed Mrs. Umphlett following a long period of ill health. She passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. C. Boyce, in Edenton, where she had made her home for the past few years.

Mrs. Umphlett was 87 years of age at the time of her death, having celebrated her birthday on Saturday, January 18.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Boyce and Mrs. J. S. Jackson, of Edenton; Mrs. Monroe Nurney and Mrs. W. E. Dail, of Perquimans County; one son, Dan Umphlett; and two half-brothers, Pete and Ned Matthews; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

16 Lawbreakers At Large Here

A Lot of People are subject to arrest.

A Lot of People in Hertford have not bought city license plates for their automobiles.

They've bought State tags but they haven't bought the local permits to operate their vehicles.

So a lot of people are lawbreakers. They're violating a city ordinance and they've been subject to arrest since January 15, the deadline. There have been no arrests, so evidently the law is lacking the proper enforcement.

If as many people own cars now as they owned last year, and there is no indication of a decrease in the number of locally-owned motor cars, then 16 Hertford motorists are breaking the law every time they drive out of the garage.

The police department hasn't made any arrests, but a lot of people are going to be put to unnecessary expense when the department gets around to checking the tax lists and sees who have bought city tags and who haven't.

Then the police are going to swear out some warrants. To date the town has sold 190 plates. Last year there were 206 private cars listed for taxes, according to information from the town office.

Guilty On Liquor Transportation Counts, Men Fined

Brickhouse Loaded Liquor Along With the Meat; Driver Didn't Know It

John L. Coker, Negro, entered a plea of "guilty of driving Enoch Brickhouse out in the country after some meat."

Enoch Brickhouse, Negro, entered a plea of "guilty of having the whiskey."

Both men were charged in Recorder's Court Tuesday with possession for sale, transportation and possession of unexpired whiskey.

They squirmed under Recorder Granberry Tucker's direct question as to whether or not they wished to plead guilty. They didn't want to plead guilty and they didn't want to plead not guilty. So they beat around the bush until the Judge entered pleas of not guilty to all counts for them.

It was Coker's car, and it seems that Coker didn't know Brickhouse had loaded the contraband liquor along with the meat. Brickhouse substantiated Coker in this instance... and drew the long end of the sentence.

Brickhouse got 60 days on the road, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of half the costs of court and a \$25 fine.

Coker, guilty on only the transportation count, was fined \$10 and directed to pay the other half of the court costs.

A. A. Nobles was found not guilty in a case where he was charged with passing a worthless check.

Fishing Boundary Argument In Hands Conservation Group

No Word From Committee Matter Is Referred to; Board Has Petitions

Both sides of the fishing-boundary controversy along with a petition and a counter-petition are in the hands of the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development.

The commercial fishermen and the sportsmen have laid their views before the Board of Conservation and Development, and the matter has been referred to a special committee.

The sportsmen appeared before the Commission first, early this month, and offered a petition bearing a long list of signatures and requesting that the commercial boundary be moved to a point six miles down the river... 100 yards beyond Sutton's Creek.

Attorneys representing the commercial fishermen appeared before the Commission on the following day and offered a counter-petition... giving the commercial fishermen's reasons why the boundary should stay just where it is, at the railroad bridge.

According to various interested persons approached on the subject there as yet has been no reply from the Conservation Board.

It is understood that the Fisheries Commission, which sets the commercial boundaries on inland waters operates under the Board of Conservation and Development.

Local Men Attend Norfolk Conference

T. S. White and J. R. Sawyer, Hertford, were among the approximately 260 persons who attended the joint conference of representatives of Southern States Cooperative in section and representatives of the Farmers' Cooperative Exchange, Raleigh, N. C., held at the Monticello Hotel, Norfolk, Va., on January 23.

Various phases of the cooperative program for farm people were explained by speakers from both organizations.

MEETING POSTPONED

Due to inclement weather conditions Mrs. Orris Robinson, National vice president of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, has postponed her intended visit to North Carolina and the meeting scheduled to be held at Whiteston on Sunday afternoon has been called off. Mrs. Robinson will make a visit to this section at a later date, and it is probable that the meeting will be held at that time.

EXPECTED THAT GEORGE LANE, MODEL PRISONER, WILL SHORTLY BE PAROLED

If He Sees His Shadow—

Today is Ground Hog Day.

If the fellow walks out today and sees his shadow... lay in a new store of fuel. If he doesn't see it it's time to discard the long underwear and take off the earmuffs.

At least, that's what the old-timers say.

Spring is still six weeks from now if the sun is shining when he comes out to look at the weather (we don't know what time of day) But if he doesn't see it, spring, Beautiful Spring, starts immediately.

Schools Resumed Regular Schedules Wednesday Morn

Teachers' Pay Is Affected to Tune of One Week's Additional Board Bill

County school machinery was eased into gear Wednesday after a suspension of activities for exactly one week. "We could have opened schools and had all the students here today," stated Superintendent F. T. Johnson in an interview Monday, "but the buildings are too cold for comfort."

The heating plants had maintained since last Tuesday only enough steam to keep the boilers from freezing. There had been no steam pressure to the radiators in the individual rooms which were as cold as a Finnish battlefield.

The official reason for the shutdown of the county's educational plants was given as "extremely cold weather and hazardous road conditions."

Questioned as to the effect the shutdown will have on teachers' pay, the superintendent explained that the suspension will amount to exactly one week's additional board bill.

"Our month officially ended today," Mr. Johnson went on. "But with the loss of three days last week and three days this week, the month moves up to next Monday instead, constituting exactly one week's loss of time and pay."

The week will be made up in six days attached to the end of the present school term.

Farmers Order Carload Certified Coker Cotton Seed

Arrangements Being Made to Get Cooperative Order Austrian Winter Peas

According to information from L. W. Anderson, county agent, 57 farmers have cooperated with his office in making up a cooperative order for a carload of certified Coker 100 Strain Number 2 cotton seed to be planted in Perquimans County this year.

The order included more than 700 bushels of seed... enough to plant six or seven hundred acres. The county agent expects to make up more cooperative orders at a later date.

Farmers will shortly be advised that arrangements are being made to secure a carload of Austrian Winter Pea seed to be planted next fall.

These peas, Mr. Anderson said on Wednesday, will be furnished to farmers as a grant of aid. Later there will be a deduction of five cents per pound from the subscribers' 1940 Conservation Payments to offset the grant.

Farmers will be given credit for one unit for each acre planted in meeting the 1940 soil-building goal. A further credit of one unit per acre, Mr. Anderson said, will be given for each acre plowed under next spring toward meeting the goal in 1941.

No credits will be allowed toward meeting the soil-building goal in 1940 in connection with soy beans that are harvested by mechanical means for any purpose.

The Lions Club will meet with the Plymouth Lions on February 3.

Sentenced For Manslaughter In 1933; Lane Has Many Local Friends Who Worked Hard to Secure His Release

His friends have done a good job. George Lane convicted killer of his son, Woodrow, will be paroled from the State's Prison within the next ten days, according to a communication to Miss Ruth Davenport, county welfare officer, from Edwin Gill, Commissioner of Paroles.

Lane had served seven years of a 20-to-25-year term for second degree murder when his friends started a drive to secure his freedom.

A petition was circulated in his behalf, and promise of his release was finally secured.

Sentenced In 1933

It was on July 28, 1933, that the chain of events started which ended with George Lane's confinement in the State's prison. For on that day his son died.

A number of mysterious circumstances aroused suspicion, and a week after the burial, the body of Woodrow was exhumed. It was decided then that Woodrow had not died accidentally while sawing down a tree as first reports of the death had it.

The trial resulted, and at the April Term of Perquimans County Superior Court in 1933, a jury found George Lane guilty of murder in the second degree.

His sentence was fixed at not less than 20 years nor more than 25 years in the State Penitentiary.

Model Prisoner

Lane, now 48, is a model prisoner. He returned only last week to the State Prison Farm at Cary after a twenty-day furlough which he spent here with his aged parents. He originally came for a five-day visit, but due to the serious illness of his father the time was twice extended.

He talked freely with friends here of his work on the farm where he raises swine, having from 250 to 300 swine in his charge.

Even then and before his visit, there had been much discussion of the matter of a parole and he was assured that everything possible was being done to end his stay at the Prison.

Perquimans Will Inaugurate Series Of Farm Programs

Eight Counties Cooperating In Broadcast; Local 4-H Chapter to Be On Air

Perquimans County will have a part in the Albemarle Farm and Home Program, a regular Thursday morning broadcast which will originate in the radio studios in Elizabeth City. Eight counties of the Albemarle section will cooperate to present the programs, different counties participating each Thursday.

Perquimans County will inaugurate the series on February eighth, at 11 a. m.; Miss Gladys Hamrick, county demonstration agent, and L. W. Anderson, farm agent, arranging the program with demonstration club members and farmers.

Mrs. M. T. Griffin will give a brief description of the county, and Mrs. J. M. Fleetwood will give a review of home demonstration club work in the county, covering the past four years. Mr. Anderson will give a short talk on cotton poisoning for boll weevil control.

Other counties to appear over the air waves following the initial broadcast by Perquimans, are Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford and Chowan.

4-H Clubs will offer a broadcast once each month... the Perquimans chapter also leading off in this series. Four counties will cooperate in the 4-H programs—Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck and Perquimans. The first 4-H program, on February 24th, will consist of a summary of club work during 1939.

The broadcast, it is understood, will feature historians and resumes of work undertaken by different clubs and farm bodies, and timely advices of interest to the farmer and housewife.

RECEIVES HIP INJURY

Mrs. Nell Nixon, aged about 75, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Satchell, fell one day this week and painfully injured her hip.