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COUNCIL TAKES NO ACTION ON TOWN'S PRIVY PROBLEM; 101 HOMES SEWERLESS

Member State Board of Health Tells How Other Towns Have Corrected Same Condition; 80 Towns Outlawing Privies

"The smell is awful . . . and in the summertime it's worse." That's how Town Chemist and Sanitary Inspector E. L. Sawyer described Hertford's Privy Problem at the meeting of the town board of commissioners Monday night. Arrayed on a map of Hertford prepared by Mr. Sawyer, were 101 Red Pins, each pin designating a house within the town limits that has neither water nor sewer connections. Mr. D. S. Asbell, of the State Board of Health, was on hand at the meeting to tell how other towns have solved their Privy Problems. E. Leigh Winslow, WPA district supervisor, was on hand to say that chances are much better now to get the aid of the WPA in carrying out Mr. Asbell's plan than they will be later.

The Town Council took no action. The discussion brought out the proximity of water supply lines and sewer lines to the affected areas; chiefly, according to the Red Pins, on King, Church, Dobb and Edenton Road Streets. There were some more pins on the Sanitary Inspector's map; 16 Blue Pins which indicated a very small water line to each of the 16 houses, "possibly one faucet to each house," Mr. Sawyer said, and 31 Black Pins. These indicated, Mr. Sawyer said, that 31 houses have in the past had both water and sewer connections, but now have neither or only one. "We couldn't collect the water rents even if we installed water lines," a member of the Council said. "Fayetteville ran into that same trouble," Mr. Asbell put in. "When Fayetteville customers couldn't pay up, the town let them work it out on streets or other town property." "We'll look into the matter and see if there is any way we can force these houses to pay for the service," the Council said. Mr. Asbell pointed out that eighty towns in North Carolina have gone on record as deciding to do away with all privies within the city limits. He further pointed out that the difference in the cost between a privy and the installation of the two principal modern conveniences needed in every home, amounts to about \$65.00.

It was Mr. Asbell's plan that the town should pipe sewer and water lines to the property owner's boundary, and then, by passing an ordinance, force the property owner to pipe to the house and install the conveniences.

The cost of maintaining a privy (in a sanitary condition) over a period of 15 years, he said, would more than offset the original cost of installing the necessary plumbing. By increasing the rental for a house with these modern conveniences by twenty-five cents a week, not only would the landlord enjoy an increased revenue from his property, but the neighbors would enjoy an improved atmosphere . . . especially in the summertime.

"Not only are there 101 houses in Hertford with no sewer or water lines," Mr. Sawyer said in the beginning, "but the privies which serve these houses are very close together and in deplorable conditions."

UNDERGOES OPERATION

The condition of Walter Nowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nowell, is reported satisfactory following an appendectomy in the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City on Friday.

Ground Hog DID See His Shadow

St. Valentine's Day brought with it on the wings of an exceedingly chilly wind a reminder that the Ground Hog DID see his shadow on February 2nd, though Springlike days of the past week had almost convinced this section that Spring was here to stay.

Wednesday dawned warm, but a dark cloud in the west soon made its presence felt in more than light. A cold wind began to blow, the skies became completely overcast, the thermometer rapidly sinking to a new low for the week.

The weather-wise, recalling the coldest January on record, solemnly predicted snow; the skies and the wind, growing still colder, seemed determined to live up to the prophecy.

An early Indian Summer was gone and snow was in the offing.

Schedule Of Lenten Services at Holy Trinity

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, special service and short address. Thursday morning, Holy Communion at 10 o'clock. Above is the schedule of services at Holy Trinity Church during Lent, according to the Rector, Edmund T. Jillson.

Many Matters Come Before Town Council On Monday Night

Property Line and Used Car Parking Complaints Heard By City Fathers

Among many matters before the Board of town commissioners in a regular but busy session Monday night, were those of complaints from C. R. Holmes and S. P. Jessup.

Mr. Jessup appeared to ask for a definite property line at his home on Front Street, claiming that the town has already set posts on his property in preparation for the recreation pier at the foot of Grubb Street. Mr. Jessup wanted a definite property line drawn between his place on Front Street and the Grubb Street extension, town-owned property. Mr. Jessup, it appeared, was trying to avoid trespassing trouble after the beach opens and cars begin to park in his yard abutting the beach.

Mr. Holmes complained of the parking of cars by garage owners at the intersection of Grubb and Front Streets where his home is located. The cars Mr. Holmes complained of were parked at the time in front of his home. Often, he said, the renegade parking prevents him from leaving his own property. The matter was referred to Charles Johnson, town attorney.

The council turned thumbs down on a sewerage disposal plant proposition, declaring the project "much too expensive for the town to build at this time."

New Demonstration Agent Takes Over Club Duties Today

Miss Frances Maness first official act as she becomes Perquimans County's new demonstration agent today will be the conducting of the Bethel Club meeting at the home of Mrs. S. I. Cullipher.

The new agent arrived Wednesday and has spent the past two days in getting acquainted with her co-workers at meetings in company with Miss Gladys Hamrick, the resigning agent, who will leave today to take a similar position in Albemarle.

Said Miss Maness, after the first club meeting, "Interest in home demonstration club work in Perquimans County is at a very high level, and this makes for better club work all around."

For the time being, at least, Miss Maness intends to carry on the work in the same manner as her predecessor. This is her first home demonstration job though she graduated in Home Economics at East Carolina Teachers College.

The new agent came to Hertford from a Colerain teaching job and is staying at Mrs. Ellie White's boarding house.

County Agent's Office Getting Up Seed Order

The county agent's office is getting up another cooperative order for a shipment of Coker's 100 cotton seed. If notified at once, Mr. Anderson will be glad to handle the orders at his office in the Agricultural Building.

The office placed an order last week for 60 barrels of Black Jack Molasses for dealers and farmers. This amounts to 6,000 gallons to be used as a boll-weevil poison mixture.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Mathews announce the birth of a son, Hazel Barton Mathews, Jr., on Thursday, February 8th. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Ten Counties Are Represented At Fertilizer Meeting

Qualified Specialists Have Parts on All Day Program; Forty Men Present

The farm agents of nine counties gathered at the Agricultural Building Tuesday with vocational agriculture teachers, farm security representatives, soil conservation representatives and fertilizer dealers and agents in one of a series of fertilizer meetings arranged for North Carolina by the Extension Service.

Dr. B. Troy Fergusson, of Raleigh, district extension work agent, had charge of the program which was designed to bring about more uniform recommendations as to fertilizer practices so that all groups working together would bring about a decided saving in the use of fertilizer material.

At the all-day meeting, people qualified to discuss the fertilizer needs of this section made short talks along the lines they specialized. About 40 people attended the meeting from the Extension Service and from the counties of Hyde, Tyrrell, Chowan, Washington, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Dare and Perquimans.

Dr. E. R. Collins talked on Irish and Sweet Potato Fertilizer Experiments; Dr. J. R. Piland on Forms and Uses of Lime; Dr. E. C. Blair on Fertilization of Corn and Soybeans; and Dr. L. T. Weeks on Tobacco Fertilization.

After lunch, George C. Wood, of Edenton, talked on Farm Security Loans, and allowing ten or fifteen minutes between each talk for discussion and questions, Dr. Collins talked on Fertilization of Peanuts; Dr. Robert Schmidt on Fertilization of Fruits and Vegetables; Dr. Piland on Minor Elements; and Dr. R. L. Lovvorn on Pasture Mixtures and Fertilization.

Fertilizer agencies and manufacturers were well represented as well as the different counties.

Julian Thach Coming Home From Canal Zone

A message from the Medical Detachment at Fort Sherman in the Canal Zone to The Perquimans Weekly states, "Don't fail to turn out to the band upon the return to his home town of Julian N. Thach, a member of our detachment. He'll be comin' home in early March."

Rehearsals Start Next Week On Mrs. Koonce's Comedy

"Aunt Jerushy on the Warpath" For Benefit of Paralysis Fund; Sue Frank Pitt Leads

Rehearsals are scheduled to start next week on the rural comedy, "Aunt Jerushy on the Warpath," to be produced and directed by Mrs. B. G. Koonce under auspices of the Perquimans County Committee on the President's Birthday for the Warm Springs Foundation.

The proceeds will be added to the amount cleared during the general celebration; the President's Birthday Ball and the March of Dimes. The committee has until April to file its financial report to the National Committee, and County Chairman W. Howard Pitt hopes that the stage presentation will swell the general fund considerably.

Mrs. Koonce has already selected many of the players; among them, Mrs. W. H. Pitt, who will play the role of Aunt Jerushy, headliner in the comedy. Mary Wood Koonce is cast as Sis Poppins, and Mrs. H. C. Stokes will appear in the play as Stella Ella Snapper, an old maid.

Also scheduled for character parts in the Aunt Jerushy comedy, are Jean Newbold, Alice Roberson, R. S. Monds, Eddie Sanford (as a carnival barker) and Charles Williford.

The choruses have not been selected; neither has the place of presentation, though Mrs. Koonce thinks the play will be given in the Grammar School Auditorium here in Hertford, early in March.

"Between-the-Acts" specialties will be arranged; these including music, dancing, comic sketches and other forms of stage entertainment.

"Aunt Jerushy on the Warpath" is an old script, but it never fails to pack 'em in, and after they're in, it seldom fails to "roll 'em in the aisles." Running now as one of the most popular local talent presentations on record after more than fifteen years, "Aunt Jerushy" owes its popularity to amusing situations, clever dialogue, and the quirk in all humans that still goes for old-fashioned slapstick comedy.

BINGO PARTY

Members of the Order of the Eastern Star and their families met Monday evening at the Masonic Lodge hall for a social gathering. Twenty-five were present and bingo was enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments were served.

NETWORK OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION LINES IN COUNTY GROWING LARGER

First Lot Of Payments For Conservation Here

The first batch of 1939 Soil Conservation Payments have arrived in the office of L. W. Anderson, county agent, in the form of 143 checks amounting to \$9,375.44. Most of these checks have already been delivered, but another \$60,000 in Conservation payments is due probably at odd times during the next 60 days, according to Mr. Anderson.

Funeral Services Held Wednesday For Preston Long

Prominent Perquimans County Farmer Is Claimed By Death on Tuesday Morning

Funeral services were held at the Bethel Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon for Preston Long, 42, prominent farmer of that section, who died at his home on Tuesday morning.

The Rev. J. F. Stegall, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, officiated. The church choir sang both at the funeral and at the graveside.

Mr. Long, who had been in ill-health the past several years, is survived by his widow, Mary C. Long, and two children, Evelyn and Julian.

Pallbearers were Edgar, Emmett, Howard, Ambrose, Freeman and Ernest Long.

Honorary pallbearers were: W. D. Perry, R. S. Chappell, C. R. Chappell, L. A. Proctor, E. J. Proctor, Seth Long, Irvin Long, Claude Long, J. C. Hobbs, A. F. Proctor, C. E. White, C. T. Phillips, R. F. Standing, E. S. Evans, D. S. Barber, S. P. Mathews, O. C. Long and A. D. Thach.

Milton Perry Case Goes On To Higher Court; Monds Guilty

Herbert Monds, of the Belvidere section, was found guilty in Recorder's Court on Tuesday of assaulting Milton Perry, Negro, and was ordered by Recorder Granberry Tucker to pay the costs of court.

Perry, charged with assaulting Monds with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, goes on to the high court when the Perquimans County Term convenes in April.

C. R. Holmes, Perry's attorney, handling the prosecution in the case Tuesday, waived a preliminary hearing.

Attorney Herbert Leary, representing the defense, made much of what he called a lack of "proper respect for a white man" on the part of the Negro.

Said Mr. Leary, in summing up the case, "In this day and time many members of the Negro race lack the proper respect for white men. They've grown smarter, and in the process . . . smart-alecky."

He was referring to the portion of the evidence given before the court wherein it was shown that Perry had addressed Monds, a respectable white man, much his elder, by his first name, instead of as "Mr. Monds," later saying to the white man, "You're drunk, aren't you?"

Mr. Holmes, in turn, summing up the prosecution's side of the case, remarked, "It's always dangerous when members of the two races mix on such intimate terms, and especially when they are drinking."

Monds exhibited a bandaged hand, which he said was hurt when Perry struck at him with the deadly weapon, a heavy club. He also exhibited the club in evidence, a heavy piece of lumber with several nails in each end.

John Collins, Hertford Negro, charged with operating a motor vehicle with insufficient brakes, was found guilty. Recorder Tucker ordered judgement in the case suspended however until a warrant can be served on the owner of the vehicle, Archie Bembury, a Negro fish dealer for whom Perry works.

James Skinner, Negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, will be tried on February 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Powell wish to announce the birth of a son on Thursday, February 8th, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va. Mrs. Powell is a niece of Mrs. John Lane.

Anderson Is Working On Projects to Electrify About 55 More Farm Homes; to Begin Signing Contracts Shortly

Contracts have been signed with consumers on two more extensions in the county's network of rural electrification lines, and the work of signing still more contracts on another line which will serve about 30 consumers, is scheduled to begin within a few days, according to L. W. Anderson, county agent.

An engineer has already staked out the first extension on the Belvidere line which will serve 12 farmers and other rural business men. This extension will start at Vernon Lane's place north of Belvidere, run to the Sandy Ridge Road and down the Sandy Ridge Road to Louis Winslow's, a distance of two and a half miles.

There are several more prospective lines Mr. Anderson wants to work on, and contracts with customers have been signed on the proposed extension from George Jackson's Store on the Elizabeth City Highway to the new Elmwood Dairy and the county home. This extension will serve about six places.

Preliminary work on the largest line, scheduled to bring electricity to approximately 30 dwellings, churches and stores between Belvidere, Whiteston and Bay Branch Church will begin soon. Preliminary work in this instance means the signing of contracts, since enough consumers must agree to use enough electric current to justify the new line or extension.

Mr. Anderson is highly interested in the use of electricity on the farm and it is chiefly through his efforts that four major lines in the county now bring the current into the homes and businesses of approximately 75 farmers.

"Every year," Mr. Anderson said, "more people become educated to the uses and advantages of electricity, and then the prospect of another line or extension comes up."

Two other extensions Mr. Anderson has in mind at the moment will serve eight or ten farmers; one from the Edenton Highway to Bethel to serve four or five, and one from Belvidere to Goodwin's Mill to serve four or five rural homes.

He hopes that all the lines mentioned here will be completed during the course of the current year, doubling the number of farm consumers at the present.

Local Lions Attend Two Anniversary Nights

Eleven members of the Lions Club, including the president and the secretary, attended the Anniversary Night for the Plymouth Lions Club at the Plymouth Country Club on the night of Thursday, February 8.

Neil Hester of Raleigh, district governor, was the principal speaker at Plymouth where Lions had also gathered from Edenton.

Among those who helped the Plymouth Club celebrate its anniversary were Lion President, L. N. Hollowell, Secretary Norman N. Trueblood, J. Alvin White, Julian A. White, R. R. White, Elwood Q. White, Henry Clay Stokes, Charles Williford, Fred Chalk, John C. White and Archie T. Lane.

Edmund Harding, prominent after-dinner speaker of Washington, N. C., was among those present at the Edenton Anniversary Night held on last Monday evening at the Hotel Joseph Hewes. J. Alvin White, L. N. Hollowell, Norman N. Trueblood and B. C. Sullivan represented the Hertford Lions Club.

Wind Blows Water Out Of The River

The water blew out of the river . . . way out beyond the old log that turtles sit on in the summer-time.

The wind rolled the water back from the shore and exposed the snag-strewn river bottom . . . not as pretty as when the river bed is filled with bright blue water.

This was Wednesday afternoon about five o'clock. A strong north-west wind had been blowing since before noon and had moved the water's edge at least 50 yards from shore.

Nearby creeks were mere ditches. Gullies that feed the creeks were trickles, and the river was fast becoming a narrow channel between two wide mud flats as dusk descended. . . . and still the wind blew.