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INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE PUTTING FIVE CANDIDATES ON SPOT WITH QUERIES

Lions Club Calls on Board of County Commissioners; Ask For Cooperation

TOWN NEXT

Direct Issues Confront Candidates For House On Same Matter; Desire a "Yes" or "No"; Beating Around the Bush Outlawed

Laying the ground work and seeing what inducements can be offered to prospective manufacturers, the full Industrial Committee from the Lions Club called on the County Board of Commissioners in meeting at the courthouse Monday and enlisted the cooperation of that body.

Norman N. Trueblood, secretary of the Club and head of the Industrial Committee, acted as spokesman and said that the Lions Club would like the county to allow new industries that might consider locating here a special tax consideration for a given period of time.

The Board agreed to cooperate in every possible way in making Perquimans County attractive to new business interests, but did not commit itself as to the tax-free issue, indicating that special legislation would have to be made before such steps could be taken.

Mr. Trueblood told The Weekly reporter that the Town Board of Commissioners would be approached by the Industrial Committee on the same matter at their meeting on the coming Monday night.

It was immediately after this that a development took place which will put all candidates for Perquimans County's seat in the House of Representatives on the spot.

For the first time, candidates for a certain office from Perquimans County will be confronted with a concrete issue . . .

A letter is being directed to each of the five candidates for representative asking two point blank questions put by the Lions Industrial Committee.

The first is . . .

"Are you in favor of the County Commissioners of Perquimans County and the Town Council of Hertford offering prospective manufacturers, as an inducement to locate in Hertford or Perquimans County, a specified period of time which would be partially tax free?"

And the second question . . .

"If elected Representative of Perquimans County, will you introduce, sponsor and actively support necessary legislation enabling the Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County to . . ."

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County Ready To Take Applications For Free Mattresses

First Mattress to Be Made Soon After the Demonstration Session on May 21

Plans have reached a conclusion for Perquimans County's role in the Free Mattress Project, designed to relieve the congested cotton market and to provide mattresses for low income farm groups.

Cotton and ticking are provided to the accepted applicants for \$1.00 each. This is to cover the cost of handling, hauling, rent on the building and for equipment used in making the mattresses.

Beginning tomorrow (Saturday) applications may be made in the office of Miss Ruth Davenport, county welfare officer, or in the office of Miss Frances Maness, county demonstration agent. The applications will be turned over to the Triple-A committee for approval and then the applicant will be notified when to come to Hertford and make his or her mattress.

Those eligible for the mattresses are farm families whose income totals less than \$400 a year—one-half of which is derived directly from farm pursuits.

It is hoped that the first mattress can be made soon after the mattress-making demonstration is held in Hertford on May 21st. An order, under the system, however, cannot be placed from Perquimans for cotton and ticking until 120 approved applications are received.

Sunday, May 12, Is Mother's Day

If there's ever a day when sentiment rules—it's on Mother's Day!

So, if she's living, what will you send her? Will it be a box of candy, lingerie, jewelry, your photograph, or will you call her by phone?

A visit is best—but the gift doesn't matter a lot—or even no gift at all . . . so long as you remember her.

She is waiting for your greeting, whether it's with flowers or just in a word. Don't disappoint her.

Commencement Ado At High School On Now In Full Swing

Graduation Exercises Tonight; 60 Grads In Class of 1940; Eight Honor Students

Sixty Perquimans County High School graduates, not the largest class in the history of the high school, will receive diplomas from the hands of T. S. White, chairman of the Board of Education tonight (Friday) as the 1939-40 school term comes to an official finish.

Addie Mae Ferrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ferrell, of near Hertford, is the class valedictorian and will receive special recognition along with Martha Barber, salutatorian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barber, of near Hertford.

The graduation exercises will open with a processional; March from Tanhauser, and Jack Munns will give the invocation. Shortly thereafter eight honor students will be recognized. Honor students are the seldom publicized brilliants who average 90 or above during their four years in high school. Theirs is an honor not earned on the gridiron or the basketball court, but a signal honor no less.

This year the Honor Students are, and their names are spelled here in capitals, because, unlike football heroes, they will probably not appear again: ADDIE MAE FERRELL, MARTHA BARBER, GENEVA WHITE, DIXIE CHAPPELL, FRANCES NEWBY, ALICE WESTON, DURWOOD REED, and RUTH WINSLOW. The capitals are the

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Female Athletes Are Awarded Stars And First Letters

Staunchest Supporter, A. W. Hefren, Furnished Money That Bought Rewards

At the same time last week that Coach Jimmy Johnson presented letters to his athletes at the high school, Mary Onelia Refe awarded letters and stars to the female athletes.

Those awarded stars for second year athletic endeavors, were: Elizabeth Trueblood, Frances Newby, Mary B. Layden and Ruth Hollowell. Miss Hollowell was rounding out her second year in service as manager of the girls' basketball team.

While the star signified two years of service, the letter, in school colors, is awarded after one year to those who have earned them in athletic activities. Letters went to Geneva White, Mildred Gault, Dixie Chappell, Olive Layden, Ruth Winslow and Eula White.

The staunchest supporter of all high school athletics, A. W. Hefren, gave the money that bought the letters and stars. Oftentimes Mr. Hefren has been among a group of spectators as small as half a dozen to witness a high school basketball game.

The boys and girls seldom engage in athletic contests here or in visiting engagements elsewhere, that A. W. Hefren is not in the rooting section. Often, on trips when his car is used to transport the players, he composes the whole local cheering section.

Maxwell To Speak Here Saturday At 3:30; Banner Is Up

Second Candidate to Be Heard In Perquimans; To Broadcast From Elizabeth City

Allen J. Maxwell, outstanding candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will speak at the courthouse in Hertford tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon at 3:30 on the subject of A Balanced Program of Progress, which will be of much interest to farmers.

He will speak again at 7:30, in Elizabeth City, and the speech will be broadcast over Station WCNC in that city. Maxwell for Governor supporters here urge everyone who can arrange to be in town on Saturday to hear Mr. Maxwell, and those who cannot, to tune in on the broadcast from Elizabeth City.

This is not the first time Mr. Maxwell has been heard in Hertford, though not before as a gubernatorial candidate. He spoke last September on the courthouse green at the invitation of the Lions Club while the Lions-sponsored County Fair was in progress.

Mr. Maxwell, at that time spoke on the day dedicated to the farmers, Farmers' Day. It is his second public appearance here, and both are speeches directed particularly to the farmer. The Maxwell for Governor banner was hoisted across Church Street at Grubb Street Monday afternoon, soon after the banner for another candidate was draped across Church Street at Market Street.

Grammar School Contract Awarded To Raleigh Firm

The contract for repairing the Hertford Grammar School and constructing the auditorium addition has been let to F. N. Thompson, of Raleigh and Charlotte, Superintendent of County Schools. F. T. Johnson announced after the bids were opened Monday afternoon.

The work, consisting of general construction and electrical work, installation of the heating system and installation of the plumbing system, is scheduled to start as soon as the present school year is ended, Mr. Johnson said.

Stores Start Half Holiday Custom Next Thursday

This is a reminder that the principal stores and other business houses in Hertford will be closed next Thursday at noon. The custom is an annual one and the stores are closed each Thursday at this time through August.

The system is devised to provide employees with a weekly half-holiday through the summer vacation months. The owners and employees will appreciate the cooperation of customers and patrons in getting the shopping done before the closing time.

Sundown Tomorrow Is The Deadline; If You Have Not Registered You Can't Vote

Have you a choice in mind for the next Governor of North Carolina? Who do you prefer as Perquimans County's representative? Which five of the nine candidates for the County Board of Commissioners do you favor?

This is a final reminder that you will have no voice whatsoever in the matter of selecting our governing groups if you have failed to list with the official registrar in your township before sundown tomorrow (Saturday, May 11).

In order to vote in the Primary and the Election, you must register. Your responsibility as a citizen demands that you exercise your right to vote. The Perquimans Weekly urges you to register.

Negroes Jailed On Hold-up Charge; Loot Amounts To \$15

Probable Cause Hearing Before Judge Tucker Next Tuesday; One Has Long Record

As a result of a hold-up in the Goose Hollow section of Hertford Tuesday night, two Negroes are being held in the Perquimans County jail in lieu of \$1,000 bond each. They are charged with robbery with force of arms.

The men are, Golden Bryant, alias Tom Payne, who gives his home address as Richmond, Va., and Evans Fulton, from the State of Georgia. One of the men is understood to have a long jail record.

George Hill, Hertford Negro, is the alleged victim of the robbery, losing \$15 and a railroad pass after the two other Negroes beat him and threatened him with a pistol. Two dollars of the amount, it is said, was recovered.

Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens and Patrolman Robert White apprehended the two after being called to investigate a fight at the home of Mag Foster, Negro, in the same section.

Owens said witnesses told that the hold-up men claimed to be employees of the Norfolk Southern Railroad in Raleigh and had been visiting in Hertford for several days.

A probable cause hearing will be staged before Judge Granberry Tucker in Recorder's Court Tuesday. Penalty for conviction under the charge is from five to thirty years imprisonment.

The P. C. H. S. Class Of 1940 Graduates Tonight, 60 Strong

Here is the list of graduating students who will receive diplomas at the graduation exercises of Perquimans County High School tonight:

Jack Anderson, Martha Barber, Allie Lee Cartwright, David Chappell, Dixie Chappell, Lloyd Chappell, Bill Cox, Thomas Chappell, Sarah E. Elliott, Mildred Evans, Velma Evans, Addie Mae Ferrell, George Fields, Gezelda Godfrey, Katherine Godfrey, Blanche Godwin, Inez Harris, Virginia Harris, Zack Harris, Ruth Hendricks, Ruth Hollowell, Thomas Hollowell, Shirley Hurdle, Katherine Jessup, Harrell Johnson, Carey Lane, Mary Burgess Layden, Olive Layden, Velma Layden, Emmett Long, Evelyn Long, Maude Miller, Cedric Moore, Louise Morgan, Alton Munns, Jack Munns, Frances Newby, Elizabeth Nixon, Dewey Perry, Leslie Perry, Maywood Pierce, Durwood Reed, Mattie Reed, Archie Riddick, Ruby Smith, Eura Saunders, Sadie Standin, Margaret Tadlock, Elizabeth Trueblood, Myers Turner, Inez Umphlett, Alice Weston, Eula White, Geneva White, Mildred White, James Wilder, Florence Winslow, Mavis Winslow, Myrtle Winslow and Ruth Winslow.

NEWSPAPER MEN MEET HERE

The regular monthly meeting of weekly newspaper editors and publishers of Northeastern North Carolina will be held Saturday evening in Hertford with Max Campbell, editor of The Perquimans Weekly. The business session will be followed by dinner.

PERQUIMANS ONE OF FIRST TO ORGANIZE PRISONER REHABILITATION BUREAU

Courthouse Will Be Busy Scene Saturday

The courthouse will present a busy scene Saturday . . .

For, in addition to the regular duties of various county officers that revolve around the old building, three more activities are scheduled.

Mrs. B. G. Koonce will be registering voters from sunrise to sunset.

At two o'clock the Perquimans County Democratic Convention gets underway with the business of choosing delegates to send to the State Convention on the 17th.

At 3:30 Allen J. Maxwell, candidate for governor, will deliver his first campaign speech in Hertford.

Jack Sawyer Found Guilty In Court On Two Morals Counts

Presentment from April Grand Jury; Defendant Appeals to Superior Court

The case of Jack Sawyer, Bethel man, heard in Perquimans County Recorder's Court before Judge Granberry Tucker Tuesday, resulted in a verdict of guilty.

The case was a presentment from the April Grand Jury directing Prosecutor Charles Johnson to swear out a warrant charging Sawyer, about 40 years old, with fornication and adultery.

The woman named in the case, though neither she nor Sawyer took the witness stand, is Irene Umphlett, or Mrs. Irene Hall. It was charged in the warrant, and testified to by a number of prominent Bethel farmers and business men, that Sawyer and Mrs. Hall had been living together as man and wife over a period of time specified as "since January 1st."

When Attorney J. S. McNider, representing the defendant with Attorney W. G. Edwards, arguing motion for non suit, had concluded his argument, Judge Tucker remarked "the evidence is consistent with guilt; it is inconsistent with innocence. The verdict is guilty."

Defense attorneys noted an appeal to Superior Court from a judgment by Judge Tucker which gave Sawyer 60 days on the roads, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of the cost of court and upon condition of good behavior for two years.

The good behavior clause in this instance, Judge Tucker elaborated, is to imply also that Sawyer and Mrs. Hall are not to live together again.

Sawyer, it is understood, is married and has two children, though his family does not live with him. Appeal bond was set at \$100.

Baptist Seminary Graduate Preaches Here Sunday, 12th

Stephen Morrisette, a Teacher of Westminster Choir, at Baptist Church

Stephen Morrisette, a graduate of the Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, a teacher of the Westminster Choir at Princeton, New Jersey, is scheduled to preach at the Hertford Baptist Church on Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day.

The Baptist Church has been without the services of a pastor since the resignation of the Rev. J. F. Stegall, who resigned several weeks ago and accepted a charge at Rich Square.

The Board of Deacons has been looking for another pastor since that time. Mr. Morrisette graduated with this term from Louisville Seminary, and will be in Hertford for both morning and evening services.

ROTARY CLUB MEETS

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club was held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford.

L. N. Hollowell Elected President of Local Group; J. C. Blanchard Vice Chairman

WATTS PRESIDES

Five Counties Represented at Woodville Prison Farm Dinner As Religious Training Director Urges Acceptance of Released Prisoners Back Into Society

In Perquimans County Wednesday was organized one of the State's first Prisoner Rehabilitation Bureaus.

The organization was formed at the Woodville Prison Farm as approximately 30 welfare officers, representative business men, civic club heads, ministers and school superintendents from five counties heard the Reverend Lawrence A. Watts of Raleigh, director of religious training, elaborate on the State's Prison system.

F. T. Johnson, superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, nominated as his choice to head the local bureau, L. N. Hollowell, president of the Hertford Lions Club. He also named J. C. Blanchard, prominent business man, as vice-chairman, and Miss Ruth Davenport, Perquimans County welfare officer, as secretary. The nominees were voted on by the other Perquimans County people present, namely, Mrs. J. O. Felton, president of the Hertford Woman's Club, Mr. Johnson, Mayor Vivian N. Darden, and Lucius Blanchard, Perquimans Weekly reporter.

The counties of Pasquotank, Currituck, Chowan and Gates also temporarily organized, with the Rev. Mr. Watts acting as chairman.

None of the five bureaus were fully organized at the Prison Farm meeting Wednesday, and what started out to be a get-together in which Mr. Watts was to lay his views before the gathering, met with such enthusiasm that the five county representative groups temporarily organized immediately.

However, Mr. Watts pointed out as he expressed the hope that a Prisoner Rehabilitation Bureau could be organized in each of the 100 counties in the State, the bureaus should be composed of one person from each

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Final Rites Held Tuesday For Mrs. Harry Broughton

Local Woman Died on Monday Morning After Long Illness; Former President PTA

Funeral services were held at the home on Church Street Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Julia Chalk Broughton 46, who died at her home Monday morning after a long illness.

The Rev. J. F. Stegall, former pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, came from Rich Square to conduct the services. Burial was made in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Broughton was a member of the Hertford Baptist Church and was an active worker in the Missionary Society. She was also a member of the Woman's Club and the Hertford Book Club. She was formerly president of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Hertford Grammar School.

Survivors include her husband, H. T. Broughton; four children, Julia, Margaret, Harry, Jr., and Howard; her step-mother, Mrs. John Chalk, all of Hertford; two brothers, Skinner Chalk, of Morehead City, and Elmer Chalk, of Detroit; three half-brothers, Richard Chalk, of Richmond, Va., Clarence Chalk, of Wilson, and Fred Chalk, of Hertford; and a half-sister, Miss Louise Chalk, of Charlotte.

New Office Hours At Hertford Clinic

Announcement comes from the Hertford Clinic that no office hours will be observed on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights, beginning on June 1st.

The cooperation of patients and the public in general is requested. Other daily office hours will remain unchanged.