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Broughton Holds Edison As Example Successful Living

Raleigh, Attorney Delivers Commencement Address to 60 High School Grads

Before an audience variously estimated at more than nine hundred, J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, delivered the commencement address at the High School last Friday night to the 1940 graduating class.

Holding up as an example of a successful life the inventor, Thomas A. Edison, Mr. Broughton told the sixty graduates "Success is not a gift; it must be obtained by diligent working toward a greater objective. A successful life, a happy life, is one which looks above and beyond the everyday task of making a living."

Edison, he said, invested his talents toward worthy living, and service to mankind.

Comparing the North Carolina school system today with the schools of his boyhood days, he declared that "North Carolina is a great state today because we are educating our boys and girls to greater citizenship."

"Enrich your lives with broader learning every day you live," Mr. Broughton closed.

The speaker was introduced by High School Senior Emmett Long.

W. E. Dail, member of the Board of Education, awarded the diplomas in the absence of T. S. White, chairman of the Board, who was confined to his home because of illness.

Medals were awarded by Superintendent F. T. Johnson. First to receive special awards were Addie Mae Ferrell and Martha Barber, who made the highest averages during their four years in the high school. For performance in the Senior Play, Margaret Tadlock received a medal.

Dixie Chappell was awarded a medal for exceptional service. Carey Lane received a medal as an outstanding member of Future Farmers of America. Freshman Stephen Elmore was accorded an award for making the highest average in school this year.

Lois Abell, Janet Quincy, Katherine Jessup and Elizabeth Jordan, members of the debating team, were given awards. The exercises closed with the benediction by Dewey Perry.

Gives Lift Without 'For Hire' License; Hailed Into Court

Eddie Boyce Found Not Guilty Transporting and Operating With Improper License

Eddie Boyce, of near Hertford, was riding around in his home section last week when two Hertford Negroes, Mary Lee Tayloe and Willie Jones, hailed him for a ride.

Boyce wasn't intending to come to town, but Jones offered him fifty cents for the lift into town, so Boyce put the passengers on the back seat and got underway.

A few minutes later Patrolman Clyde Gibson of the Highway Police forces, halted him and found half a pint of bootleg liquor on the back seat with Jones.

Boyce explained the circumstances, saying he knew nothing about the liquor, according to testimony offered in Recorder's Court Tuesday.

Jones and the Tayloe woman both said they told the patrolman the liquor was theirs, and that they had offered Boyce fifty cents to bring them to Hertford.

Mr. Boyce, in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning, was charged with transportation and operating a motor vehicle with improper license . . .

His car was equipped with a private license, according to the patrolman, not with a "For Hire" license.

Boyce entered pleas of not guilty to both charges.

Judge Tucker threw the case out and found Boyce not guilty.

In a separate warrant, Jones was found guilty of possession of non-taxpaid liquor and was ordered to pay the costs of court.

LIONS HOLD INTER-CITY MEET

The Hertford Lions Club played host to Edenton and Plymouth Lions at an inter-city meeting held here Thursday night.

River Beckons—Motorists Respond

The river is hard to resist.

Here's proof . . . A motorist overcome by the natural beauties of the broad blue Perquimans stopped his car on the causeway Sunday afternoon, removed his top shirt and plunged over in the waist-deep water.

As he splashed merrily about amid water moccasins and cypress knees, the other passengers intoxicated by the first genuine spring zephyrs, casted unsuccessfully with rod and reel from the causeway, while a fourth practiced heartily at target-shooting with a .22 calibre rifle.

Two women in the car, which bore N. C. license plates, would have nothing to do with the car-rings-on, while interested passers-by hinted that sobriety was not the outstanding feature of the party.

The light-hearted visitors tired after a time and continued damply on their way.

County Democrats Adopt Third Term Resolution At Meet

Woman Placed On Each Precinct Committee; Twenty Democrats at County Convention

Perquimans County's delegates to the State Democratic Convention in Raleigh on May 17th will support the Roosevelt Third Term Movement. The county convention at the courthouse Saturday shortly before Allen J. Maxwell spoke resulted in adoption of the form resolution in the face of slight opposition that voted to table the resolution.

Approximately 20 of Perquimans County's Democrats were on hand as Chairman C. P. Morris, of the county executive committee, called the meeting to order. A woman was placed on each of the precinct committees throughout the county.

All Democrats who attend the State Convention will be duly accredited delegates, but those named to make the trip, some of whom will and some of whom are undecided, are: B. C. Berry, T. B. Sumner, Mrs. Alice Elliott Futrell, Charles E. Johnson, J. S. McNider, Charles Whedbee, J. E. Winslow, J. T. Benton, Dr. E. S. White, Mrs. Mattie Lister White, R. L. Knowles, Horace Long, Mrs. B. G. Koonce, J. E. Morris, Charlie Umphlett and T. S. White, and all other Democrats, residents of the county, who desire to attend.

Spring Federation Meeting And Flower Show Set For 23rd

The Annual Spring Federation Meeting of the Home Demonstration Clubs in Perquimans County is set for Thursday, May 23, according to announcement by Miss Frances Maness, demonstration agent.

The meeting will begin at 2:30 o'clock in the Sunday School Department of the Hertford Baptist Church.

Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Department, will be the featured speaker at the Annual Federation meeting.

Immediately after the Federation meeting the public is invited to the courthouse for the annual flower show and tea, according to Miss Maness.

The Hertford band will give a concert on the courthouse lawn.

Band Concert At High School Here Sunday Afternoon

A concert by the Perquimans County Band, ending its first year as a unit in the High School here, under the direction of Robert Rhodes, instructor, will be held in the high school auditorium on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

It is understood that bands from Edenton or Elizabeth City, or both, will take part in the musical program.

Mr. Rhodes could not be reached for a statement Wednesday, but it is indicated that the concert is to be in the form of commencement exercises for the band members.

Town To Cooperate With Industrial Committee Of Lions

Candidates For Office Come Through With Five "Yeses" to Questionnaire

The Town Council in meeting Tuesday night was called upon by the members of the Lions Club Industrial Committee with the same proposition concerning tax consideration inducements to attract new manufacturers to locate here and met with the same wholehearted response that was given by the County Board of Commissioners last week.

The questionnaires mailed to Perquimans County's candidates for the House of Representatives have been answered, according to Norman N. Trueblood, chairman of the Industrial Committee, and each candidate answered with the word "Yes."

These are the questions the Industrial Committee asked . . .

"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?"

To this question all five candidates answered "Yes."

"If elected representative of Perquimans County, will you introduce, sponsor and actively support necessary legislation enabling the Board of County Commissioners of Perquimans County and the Town Council of Hertford to legally offer this inducement to prospective manufacturers?"

The answers were again "Yes," according to Mr. Trueblood.

With this point settled, the Industrial Committee is now ready to go ahead with further plans for attracting new business to this community.

Only Four Hundred Of 1,800 Dogs In County Treated Against Rabies

With the remainder of this month in which to have their dogs vaccinated, only about 400 dog owners have brought their animals forward for the treatment, according to A. A. Nobles.

He says the canine population of Perquimans County is approximately 1,800.

The law provides a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50 or 30 days in jail, or both, for failure to have the dogs vaccinated in accordance with the statute.

Mr. Nobles, one of the rabies inspectors in this county, spends each Saturday at T. R. Winslow's store in Hertford at the corner of Edenton Road and Grubb Streets for the purpose of treating animals brought to him.

Two Banking Holidays Coming This Month

Announcement comes from R. M. Riddick, Jr., cashier of the Hertford Banking Company, that the bank will be closed on Monday, May 20th, in observance of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Both the post office and the bank will be closed on Thursday, May 30th, in observance of Memorial Day. This date falls on the third Thursday after Hertford stores and other business houses begin closing at 12 o'clock noon for the customary summer half-holiday on Thursdays.

ROTARY CLUB MEETS

The Rotary Club held its regular weekly meeting Tuesday evening at Hotel Hertford.

Bertie County Man Attempts Suicide Here Three Times

Clyde Outlaw Jumps In River, Stages Hanging In Jail Cell and Slashes Throat

Clyde Outlaw, 33-year-old man of Merry Hill section of Bertie County, made repeated attempts to take his life in Hertford Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, according to officers who stifled his attempts.

First he is said to have jumped in the Perquimans River from a boat at the Hertford Bridge. Outlaw was enroute to Merry Hill from Manteo, where he had been working, when he jumped from a truck, driven by an unidentified companion, and ran under the bridge to a boat, from which he leaped into the water.

Persuaded by the friend not to drown himself, he was turned over to local police and lodged in jail.

Patrolman C. E. Walker went to the jail a short time later and reported that he found Outlaw trying to hang himself in the cell with the aid of an electric light cord.

Mr. Walker dissuaded him this time, and the third attempt took place early Sunday morning. Other prisoners in the jail raised an alarm and Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens was summoned to find that Outlaw had cut his throat with the jagged top of a tin can. He was treated by a local physician and Deputy Owens set out to deliver him to Bertie County authorities.

Mr. Owens stated that Outlaw made his fourth and final attempt to end his life on the Chowan River Bridge when he tried to jump from the moving automobile as it approached the draw.

The deputy said the man was apparently deranged and that he gave no reason for his violent acts. He learned in Windsor that Outlaw had been tried recently on charges of stealing a cow.

\$1,002 To Repair Termite Damage; County Building

County Is Considering Second Floor For Agricultural Building; WPA Project

Representative Lindsay Warren announced Monday that the President had approved a WPA project to renovate and improve the Perquimans Agricultural Building at Hertford with an allotment of \$1,002.

This amount will be used to undo the work done over a period of years by termites. The Agricultural Building was constructed with the aid of federal funds in 1936, but has fallen prey to termites since that time.

Simultaneously with announcement of the Federal allotment for improvements comes news that the county is considering application to the WPA for another federal allotment with which to add a second floor to the present Agricultural Building.

The county has indicated that it is paying too much office rent and space for various government agency branches and administration units, and that a second floor at the Agricultural Building, county-owned, will provide space for the Farm Security Administration office, for the WPA office and other county and State offices on which the county is paying the rent.

Application has not been made but the matter is under consideration.

PROCLAMATION

The National Work Projects Administration has set aside May 20-25, 1940, as "This Work Pays Our Community" in order that taxpayers and interested citizens may avail themselves of the opportunity to become acquainted with the accomplishments of the Professional and Service Division in terms of community values and to also make themselves aware of the needs and opportunities in every community for carrying through more of America's unfinished business.

In order, therefore, that the people of the City of Hertford and Perquimans County may visit these Professional and Service Projects in regular operation I, Vivian N. Darden, Mayor of the City of Hertford, do proclaim the week of May 20-25 to be observed as Project Activity Week.

This 18th day of May, 1940.

VIVIAN N. DARDEN, Mayor.

Three Candidates—Then "Talk Peace"

Until Thursday morning, riding or walking South along Church Street, one passed under four huge banners in two blocks.

The first solicits your support in the gubernatorial race and urges you to "Vote For A. J. Maxwell For Governor."

The second entreats you to "Vote For W. P. Horton For Governor."

The third beseeches you to "Vote For Broughton For Governor."

The fourth banner, just as large and just as brilliantly lettered as the other three, told the motoring and walking public to "Talk Peace."

The Peace banner was not urging a suspension of hostilities in the rival campaign camps, but was erected by the Woman's International League for Peace and Freedom immediately after developments in Europe reached the critical stage. It had something to do with Goodwill Days.

New Registration Pushing 1,800; One Township Missing

Already Registered 326 More Than Voted in 1936; Hertford Registers 746

With Bethel Township still unheard from, the precincts and townships in Perquimans County have registered 1,672 voters. It is predicted that the Bethel registration will easily bring the total registration to approximately 1,800.

This figure, those listed in the new registration, is much larger than the number of those who voted in 1936. Thirteen hundred and forty-six votes were cast that year in the race of greatest interest when Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow defeated J. P. Elliott.

The precinct registration figures, with the exception of Bethel Township, are: Winfall Precinct, 350; Nicamor Precinct, 122; New Hope Township, 229; Belvidere Township, 225, and Hertford Township, 746.

The Hertford Township registration is much larger than it seemed it would be when the new registration was well under way. It was indicated a week ago that Hertford registered approximately 650.

A last minute rush boosted the figure from 450 at noon Wednesday to 746 at sunset Saturday.

L. N. Hollowell, chairman of the Board of Elections, expressed himself as being highly pleased with the result of the new registration.

Next Week Is WPA Open House Week; Dinner Monday

The hour of the WPA dinner at the Woman's Club House Monday night, which inaugurates WPA Open House Week, has been moved up from 7:30 to 7 o'clock.

All professional and service WPA projects in Perquimans County will be open to the public during the week of May 20-25.

The public is urged during this week to visit WPA projects operating in Perquimans County.

A local program is arranged for the dinner, which will be followed by a radio address by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and by National WPA figures at 9 o'clock.

Tickets for the dinner are on sale. Mrs. P. H. Small is chairman of that committee, and is aided by Mrs. Beatrice Jordan, Mrs. Addie Jones, Mrs. Elnora Rogerson, Mrs. Eliza White, Miss Helen Cofield, Mrs. Earl Perry and Mrs. B. G. Koonce.

Tea will be served Friday afternoon at the library in the Woman's Club House.

Hertford Scouts To Play Edenton Troop

The Hertford Boy Scout Troop's baseball team will play the Edenton Troop in Edenton this (Friday) afternoon at 3 o'clock, according to announcement by Scoutmaster W. H. Pitt.

The locals have been getting in some hard baseball practice and are expected to give the Edenton boys a genuine battle.

Recorder Becoming Impatient With Weapon Wielders

Cutting Scrape Brings Six Months to Goose Hollow Negro; Other Cases in Co. Court

Stating that he was becoming more and more impatient with cases of malicious assault with deadly weapons where knives and guns are pulled "in every little scrape," Judge Granberry Tucker in Recorder's Court Tuesday, sentenced William (Doc) Everett, Negro to serve six months on the roads.

Everett's alleged victim, Annie Goodwin, Goose Hollow Negress, was unable to appear due to knife wounds suffered on May 3rd, which are still keeping her confined to her bed.

The Goodwin woman sustained a six-inch gash in one leg and a four-inch cut in the other just above the knee. Ten clamps were required to close the wounds, it was said.

As Judge Tucker pondered over the sentence for Everett, who pleaded guilty, Prosecutor Charles Johnson remarked that the defendant "has been a good customer," indicating a long record.

"He won't be for a while," Judge Tucker said. "He's going out of circulation."

Everett is also to pay the costs of court and costs of medical attention for the Goodwin woman.

Another case of Goose Hollow assault with a deadly weapon revolved around David Spivey, Negro, who entered a plea of guilty to charges of striking Hattie Britton, Negress, with a wash board. Hattie exhibited a head wound which she said Spivey inflicted before he chased her from her own home with a pop bottle.

Judge Tucker ordered a 90-day sentence suspended upon payment of \$40 in old costs and the costs incurred in Tuesday's case. Spivey took the 90 days.

In still another Goose Hollow cutting affair, Eula Thatch, Negress, entered a plea of guilty to charges of assaulting Stoney Clarke, Negro, with a deadly weapon, a razor blade.

Clarke was slashed about the legs and hands. The Thatch woman was ordered to pay a \$10 fine, Clarke's doctor's bill, and the costs of court.

"How much time is that?" Eula asked.

"Thirty days," the Recorder answered.

Eula decided to pay up.

Three Break Jail Awaiting Trial On Hold-up Charges

Jimmy Cell Block Lock On Second Floor and Dig Out Bricks Around Window

Using short pieces of metal taken from cell beds, three Negroes awaiting a hearing on charges of hold-up with force of arms, skipped jail sometime Wednesday night.

The men are: Randall Bowser, Golden Bryant alias Black Man, and Evans Fulton, alias Tom Payne.

They removed several bricks from around the window on the southeast corner, ripped away the moulding, bent back the wire covering, tied a piece of rope around the bars and climbed to the ground.

The three men were locked in the cell block on the second floor. They jimmied two locks in order to escape from the cell block.

The floor in the vicinity of the break was covered with blankets to deaden the sound of falling bricks and concrete moulding.

The jail break was discovered by Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens early Thursday morning.

Farmer Bitten By Black Widow Spider

James Sawyer, of near Hertford, farmer, suffered considerable pain early this week due to the bite of a Black Widow Spider which attacked him on the Granberry Farm, where he lives.

Mr. Sawyer was treated in Hertford by Dr. C. A. Davenport Tuesday morning shortly after he was bitten. It is understood that his condition, beyond the extreme pain which accompanies the bite of the Black Widow, is not serious.