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Old Post Office Location May Be New Bus Station

Workmen Begin Alterations; Patrons View Carrier Change as Needed Improvement

The location of the old postoffice at the corner of Church and Grubb Streets is undergoing a process of alterations. Rumor has it, unconfirmed, that the place will be used as a bus station.

Workmen were moving out the old post office cages and equipment Wednesday and preparing to install new ceiling plaster, the front was getting a new coat of paint and the inside of the former post office was being stripped down, apparently, in preparation for greater changes.

The prospect of a new bus station is connected with the work in the building on the corner because it is known that the carrier company has been negotiating with the owners in regard to a lease.

No public announcement has been made, either by the owners or the bus company, or by Morgan Walker, present agent for the company, who says he has no indication that the agency is to change hands.

Mayor Vivian N. Darden, for the town board of commissioners, has requested the bus company on two occasions in the past year to improve its facilities here, complaining that the present set-up does not provide rest rooms for both colored and white passengers and the system of loading and unloading passengers is contrary to local ordinances.

The site of the projected station, it is said, is an ideal location; being on a corner with exits fronting on both Grubb and Church Streets, and that the motor carriers can draw up to the curb next to the station whether traveling north or south.

Rumor also has it that Tom Brown will be the station agent. If so, then Hertford is to be introduced to an entirely new system of bus service.

For the first time, since busses designated Hertford as a routine stop, passengers will wait in quarters not annexed by or housed in some other business. For a long time the bus station was in Josiah Elliott's drug store on Market Street, once it was in the hotel lobby, then it was in the Hollowell Chevrolet Company showroom, and then Morgan Walker took it over in his store.

The newest development, the prospect of a bus station as a bus station, with probably a neon sign in front to designate it as such, is considered largely as a welcome improvement.

Red Cross Quota For War Refugees Is 600 Dollars

Chairman Taking Contributions; Says No House to House Canvass at Present

Perquimans County is asked for \$600 in the Red Cross drive for relief for war refugees in France, according to Silas M. Whedbee, chairman of the Perquimans County Chapter.

The quota, he said, was doubled within four days after the first call was received.

Of the amount asked, \$755 has been raised, contributed by the Methodist Baptist Church.

Asked about a house-to-house canvass in behalf of the war-sufferers, Mr. Whedbee said, "There will be no active house-to-house canvass at this time, but we are ready and anxious to receive contributions."

There are no outside workers in this call, but Mr. Whedbee said the contributions may be turned over to him at the post office.

The county was originally asked to raise \$300, but as in other counties and cities all over the United States, even the \$600 quota will probably be lifted in a few days, when the chairman will be asked to regard that figure as a minimum and go as high above it as possible... without limitations.

ROTTARY CLUB MEETS
The Hertford Rotary Club held its regular dinner meeting at Hotel

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Not To Draw Straws

The Town Fathers had settled on an unique plan to determine "who was to get the job" when Clarke Stokes and Charlie Ford Sumner, Jr., made applications for the position as life guard at the municipal bathing pier, got together and worked out another plan themselves.

Both Sumner and Stokes were equally qualified and the Town Fathers were at a loss to make a decision. So they decided to let the applicants draw straws... the long straw got the job and the short straw meant unemployment.

Stokes and Sumner decided to split the duties between themselves. The Town Fathers were agreeable and so now Hertford has two life guards instead of one.

Marie Anderson Is Named Queen For Potato Festival

Four Strangers Make Choice From Array Of Twenty-five Contestants

Four strangers, guests at the Hotel Hertford, were hard-pressed to reach a decision Monday night at the State Theatre that finally resulted in the selection of blonde Marie Anderson to represent Perquimans County at the potato festival in Elizabeth City yesterday (Thursday).

Twenty samples of young feminine beauty were paraded across the stage before each of the four judges selected a favorite; four beauties were selected from the total in the first elimination.

Called back for a second viewing were the winner, Miss Anderson, Sybil Layden, Mary Thad Chappell and Ruth Hollowell.

Then, after the second elimination, the contest narrowed down to Miss Anderson and Miss Chappell... a blonde and a brunette.

Finally, Norman N. Trueblood, master of ceremonies, announced that the judges had reached a decision... and thus was selected Perquimans County's queen to ride on the float with queens from other counties in the Albemarle.

Among those in the contest, entered from "The Land of Beautiful Women," were Mary Wood Koonce, Katherine Jessup, Margaret Whedbee, Margaret Mayes, Wally Cobb Mayes, Nancy Darden, Florence Darden, Cleo Trueblood, Minnie Wilma Wood, Helen Mae White, Jean White, Mary Thad Chappell, Marie Anderson, Ruth Hollowell, Sybil Layden, Geneva White, Marian Phelps, Annie Mae Matthews, Hazel Madre and Janet Murray.

Miss Anderson, the daughter of County Agent L. W. Anderson, finished this spring at Flora McDonald School. She was given a ticket for herself and escort to the Little Jack Little Potato Festival Ball last night and rode on the Queen's Float yesterday afternoon.

Farmers Selling Cabbage To SCC

A number of Perquimans County farmers are selling cabbages to the Surplus Commodities Corporation delivered at the receiving station in Elizabeth City and getting 45 cents a basket for them, L. W. Anderson, county agent, said Tuesday.

The baskets at this price are containing one and a half bushels to the basket and not less than 61 pounds to the basket.

The cabbages should not weigh less than one and a half pounds per head, he said, and there should not be more than four flat leaves to the cabbage.

The cabbages are bought at the Norfolk Southern Freight Station in Elizabeth City at the foot of Water Street, packed in refrigerator cars and carried to other points for distribution to needy families served by the Surplus Commodities Corporation.

This procedure, the county agent said, tends to keep the cabbage market from depressing, provides commodities for needy persons, and keeps the cabbages from rotting in the fields for lack of a market.

MISSIONARY MEETING POSTPONED TO JUNE 15
The annual Missionary meeting of Piney Woods Friends Church has been postponed from June 3, to June 15. The meeting will be held at the home of the Misses Lucy, Clara and Margaret White.

Bathing Pavilion Proving Popular With Youngsters

Municipal Recreational Center Not Quite Finished; Life Guards Take up Duties

The new municipal bathing pier, not yet completely outfitted with electric lights and showers and dressing rooms, is proving very popular with the youngsters.

The diving platform, mounted on piles in twelve feet of water at a distance of about sixty feet from the river-end of the pier, is also drawing its share of attention. There are no spring boards on the diving platform.

Workmen Tuesday were finishing interior paint jobs—to the locker rooms, shower rooms and bath houses.

There still remains the filling-in of the shore-end of Grubb Street where it approaches the pier. It is understood that the Grubb Street approach will be filled in to a level even with the floor of the pier.

Youngsters bathing at the second level, in about four and a half feet of water, said Monday that the bottom on the south side of the boardwalk was only slightly muddy, but that the north side at the same level is extremely muddy.

At the first level, less than two feet, the bottom is all-sand, which makes it a more desirable bathing spot for the young children—those too small to swim.

With the diving platform, ideal for sun-baths, excepted, it appears that the second level on the south side of the boardwalk will be the most popular bathing spot.

The old municipal bathing platform, down behind the J. P. Perry and R. M. Fowler residences, is not made deserted by the opening of the new recreation center. It is still the place most convenient and desirable to those on the north end of Front Street, who believe the water is cleaner at that point than at the site of the new pavilion.

Clarke Stokes and Charlie Ford Sumner, Jr., the life guard forces at the new beach, have already taken over their duties, alternating at stretches on watch. Their hours are from 2:30 until 5:30 or 6 o'clock.

Perquimans County Farmers Obtaining Longer Loan Terms

Reducing Payments on Commissioner Loans, Way Is Opened to 84 County Farmers

The opportunity to reduce the annual principal payments on Land Bank Commissioner loans by re-amortizing them over a longer period of years has been opened to many of the 84 Perquimans County farmers who have Commissioner loans, according to a statement received today from the Farm Credit Administration of Columbia.

There were about \$101,700 of Land Bank Commissioner loans outstanding in this county at the beginning of 1940 and in addition approximately \$167,100 of Federal land bank loans. Some of these loans have already been reamortized.

Much of the Federal land bank loans are already written for long terms up to 30-odd years, but the "Commissioner's" loans were originally made on a 10-year basis, requiring considerably heavier principal payments.

In a recent statement from Washington, A. G. Black, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, said many of the "Commissioner's" loans were being reamortized over a longer period of years in order to ease the payments... Spreading out the payments over a longer period will provide these farmers with the same opportunity of working out of debt as already provided for Federal land bank borrowers through long-term repayment periods, Governor Black said. Federal land bank loans are all first mortgage loans whereas the Commissioner's loans are made on both first and second mortgage security.

MASONS MEET
Perquimans Lodge No. 106, A. F. and A. M., held its regular communication Tuesday evening

Cusses Model A Ford Gets Thirty Days; Other Court Cases

Gasoline Comes High to Four Negroes; \$27.20 Per Gallon In Theft Case

"Cussin' a Model A Ford," constituting a violation of the Benton Act which has to do with cursing on the highways, and being drunk and disorderly brought down a 30-day jail sentence on the kinky head of Shadrach Boone in Recorder's Court on Tuesday.

Shadrach, witnesses said at the trial, was "cussin' a Model A Ford" on Market Street, brandishing a knife and threatening to "cut its guts out."

"What were you doing with the knife?" Judge Granberry Tucker asked when Shadrach said he had just bought it that night.

"I had to have a knife to open cans with," the defendant answered.

"Wouldn't a can-opener have served as well?" His Honor prodded.

"I didn't think of that," Shadrach mumbled.

In another case a very repentent Arthur Felton, Negro, apologized profusely for having "caused the law any trouble" but failed to sidestep a 60-day road sentence for assaulting a female, Azeala Felton, his wife.

"I was just natchul-born drunk," Felton said through bandaged lips which Azeala said she had damaged when he tore all her clothes off last Sunday afternoon. "I would never had did it if I'd been sober."

Azeala had three gashes on the shoulder, inflicted, she said, by some unidentified weapon in Arthur's hands.

The only other case in Tuesday's session of county court involved the theft of a gallon and a half of gasoline from a local service station.

The loss of two gallons of gas came at a high price to Weldon Mebane, Highpockets Felton, Dick Parker and Henry Hurdle, all Negroes. It cost them exactly \$40.80; the amount of court costs incurred in the matter.

Battle Of Flanders Ends But War Takes On Greater Fury

Censored Figures Shed Little Light on Real Magnitude of Losses In Men and Machines

Winston Churchill made a speech this week. He said in effect that the British Empire would fight the Nazi scourge as long as there was an Englishman left to fight... that there would be no peace offers.

He asserted that even though Germany should take over the British Isles—or even a part of them—though he didn't see that event in store, the British Empires across the sea would continue the fight.

"Empires across the sea", brought up immediately to millions of those over here visions of Canada and Australia and South American states tangled in war with Hitler's hordes.

And at the same time, as the greatest battle in all history—the battle of Flanders—ended in bloody defeat for the Allies and after the rear guard fight of the British Expeditionary Forces at Dunkerque was assured a place in history as the most heroic stand of all time, Americans remembered that the United States would not countenance the subjugation of any state in the Western Hemisphere by a foreign power.

(In short, a war that involves Canada, or South America or Mexico, also involves the United States. This is a promise. It is well and good to avoid war scares, but it is neither well nor good to offend oneself to evident possibilities that point to war.)

The Battle Of Flanders
As the fall of Dunkerque signals the end of the great Battle of Flanders and leaves the Germans in complete possession of all Holland, Belgium and approximately 10,000 square miles of northern France—the Allies and Germans take stock and reveal to the rest of the world conflicting reports of losses in man power and equipment.

The facts are grossly contradicted as figures released by both sides plainly show... (Continued On Page Eight)

Lions Convention

A. Linwood Skinner, charter member of the Hertford Lions Club, now a member-at-large who retains his name on the scroll here, has written that he expects to see a number of local members at the Lions Convention in Durham, on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Neil Hester, district Governor, has told Norman N. Trueblood, secretary of the local club, that in recognition of the excellent record the club has made, he expects Mr. Trueblood to have a part in the program at Washington-Duke Hotel, convention headquarters.

Mr. Trueblood and other members of the club are planning to attend. It is not improbable that the Hertford club will bring back some trophies for achievement and net membership.

Young Joe Tucker Killed In Tragic Danville Accident

Shelton Tucker and Wife Also Injured In Crash Which Claimed Three Lives

Joe Tucker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tucker, formerly of Hertford, now of Columbia, was killed in an auto accident near Danville, Va., on Sunday night. Two other young men were killed in the same accident, reports reaching Hertford said, and Joe's older brother, Shelton Tucker, and Shelton's wife were injured.

The body was brought to Hertford for burial Wednesday afternoon when funeral services were held at Holy Trinity Church. Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Pallbearers were young friends and relatives of the youth. Among his relatives in Hertford are: William Tucker, an uncle; Beverly Tucker, Reginald Tucker, Mrs. Durwood Reed, cousins; and the McMullans on his mother's side of the family. His mother is the former Miss Jessie McMullan.

Joe was twenty years old; Shelton, who is still confined to a Danville hospital, is 22. Reports reaching Hertford say that neither Shelton, nor his wife of eight months, is seriously or critically injured as first reports Monday morning had it.

Details of the fatal accident are lacking, but it is understood that the car in which the five people were traveling near Danville, Shelton's residence, crashed into an abutment—killing Joe instantly. The other two young men are said to have died in hospitals shortly thereafter.

Survivors include, besides his parents, a sister, Eva Anne Tucker; two brothers, Shelton, of Danville, and Donald Tucker, of Columbia; and his grandfather, Dr. W. S. McMullan, of Elizabeth City.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Edmund T. Jilison, rector of Holy Trinity Church, and the Rev. Wood Gaither, rector of the Columbia Episcopal Church.

Horton Decision Ends Speculation On Second Primary

Lieutenant - Governor Concedes Nomination In Interest of Party Harmony

Monday Lieutenant-Governor Wilkins P. Horton announced that he will not ask for a run-off primary to determine the Democratic gubernatorial nomination for North Carolina and immediately put a stop to whatever speculation there was in Perquimans County as to Horton's chances here against J. M. Broughton on ran second to Candidate A. J. Maxwell.

Horton's decision was announced shortly after the Board of Elections certified results of the first primary, staged on May 25th.

The certified results show that Horton trailed Broughton by 41,000 votes. The Lieutenant-Governor said he was conceding the nomination to his opponent in the interest of party harmony.

J. M. Broughton is the governor-elect; the routine election considered for what it is worth.

Indicated County Will Not Appeal From Road Decision

County Apparently Resigns Efforts to Keep Village of Winfall on U. S. 17

It is indicated from several sources, including the Board of County Commissioners after their regular meeting in the courthouse Monday, that the county will take no further action on the Winfall Road decision as handed down by the State Highway's committee sent here to conduct a hearing last Wednesday.

The committee head, T. B. Ward, of Wilson, said at that time that the committee would recommend to the State Highway Commission that the road be constructed as the plans laid out, but that the people of Perquimans County had the right to register another protest with the full Commission.

Asked Monday if the board planned to appeal from the decision, Chairman E. M. Perry said: "It doesn't seem to be of much use."

The county's side of the issue, which would tend to isolate Winfall as far as United States Highway 17 is concerned, was laid before the three-man committee at the hearing last Wednesday by Charles Whedbee, N. N. Trueblood for the Lions Club, the Rev. J. D. Cranford for Winfall, B. B. Dawson, J. S. McNider and others.

Winfall residents, in particular, were caustic in their criticisms of the committee for what appeared to be a decision already reached before the hearing was conducted. The committee was sympathetic, but apparently was operating with its hands tied.

It appears that the building of a modern high-speed highway, a curve eliminating stretch from the north end of the causeway to a point just beyond the Elmwood Dairy, will soon be in the course of construction.

If other bodies than the board of county commissioners are planning to appeal from the committee's decision, the action has not been made public.

Jimmie White Will Preach At Baptist Church Sunday

Son of Blackwell Memorial Pastor Is Student at University of Virginia

J. L. (Jimmie) White, 3rd, of Elizabeth City, ministerial student at the University of Virginia, will preach at the Hertford Baptist Church on Sunday at the morning and evening services, according to an announcement from Dr. I. A. Ward, chairman of the Board of Deacons.

Young Mr. White preached at Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church in Elizabeth City last summer during the Youths Revival and was heard by several young Hertford people at that time.

He is the son of Dr. J. L. White, Jr., pastor of Blackwell Memorial Church, and went to Mars Hill College before entering the University of Virginia, where he will be a junior this fall.

School For Club Leaders Next Week

A leaders' school in refinishing furniture to be conducted by Miss Mamie N. Whisnant, assistant specialist in home management and house furnishings, will be held at the Agricultural Building on the morning of June 12 at 10 o'clock, according to an announcement by Miss Frances Maness, county demonstration agent.

Miss Maness urges the leaders of all clubs in the county to be present at the school and to bring a piece of damaged or worn-out furniture to be refinished in demonstration under Miss Whisnant's supervision.

The school is particularly timely, Miss Maness said, since refinishing furniture is to be the subject of club meetings during the month of July.