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AT PRESENT RATE PERQUIMANS WILL BE A GHOST COUNTY IN NINETY MORE YEARS

County's Population Decreases Almost Ten Per Cent In Past Ten Years

9,765 TODAY

Number of Farms Also On Gradual Decline Over Ten Year Period Since 1930

If there is any constructive good in worrying, it is well to worry about National Defense and the effects of the war in Europe on the Peace of the Americas . . . and prosperity. But it is also well to worry about an alarming decrease in the population of Perquimans County.

The County, over a ten-year period, according to preliminary census figures, has lost almost ten percent of its population!

In 1940 Perquimans County has less than 10,000 people to compare with 10,668 in 1930. Nine hundred and three Perquimans County people have died or moved away since 1930, and no one has replaced them. The nose-counting today reveals that precisely 9,765 souls reside within the boundaries of Perquimans County.

At this rate, Perquimans County in ninety or more years will be a ghost county, entirely devoid of humans.

These are preliminary figures of course and subject to correction, but are believed to be substantially correct, according to Denton W. Lupton, supervisor of the census.

They have not moved away from the county to Hertford; these figures take into consideration the fact that the town of Hertford shows an increase of 42 persons.

Nine hundred is a lot of population to lose in a ten-year period; it amounts to almost a hundred a year, about one person every third day, with nothing to offset the loss.

The number of farms in the county has also gradually declined over the same period; from 1,222 in 1930, to 1,192 in 1935, to 1,062 in 1940.

This comparison, also released by the census supervisor, does not tend to indicate that the number of acres is less than in 1930, or that there are fewer farmers or fewer people who live on farms than in 1930. It simply means that the number of individual farms has decreased; though this is inconsistent with the fact that Hertford has gained 42 in population while the county has lost 908. This number MUST have been lost from the farms.

Since few acres in the county are not under cultivation, the decrease in farms could be due to consolidation of individual farms or to some other reason.

Final Rites Held For J. C. Winslow

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Joshua C. Winslow, who died at his home in Whiteston after an illness of six weeks.

A native and lifelong resident of Perquimans County, Mr. Winslow was the son of the late Samuel and Mary Ann Winslow. He was a member of the Up River Friends Church.

His wife, Mrs. Delphena Winslow, two daughters, Mrs. Addie Winslow, of Pasquotank County, and Mrs. S. N. Riddick of Perquimans County; five sons, Sam, Dempsey, Henry Winslow of Perquimans County, Ernest Winslow of Virginia, and Irvin Winslow of Rocky Mount; two sisters, Mrs. W. P. Davis of Webster, Texas, and Mrs. C. E. Winslow of Belvidere; one brother, Sergeant F. T. Winslow of Elizabeth City, survive.

Final rites were conducted at the Up River Friends Church Wednesday afternoon at 8 o'clock and burial was made in the family plot.

E. Morris Takes Over Duties As District's New License Examiner

J. E. Morris on Wednesday afternoon replaced S. P. Burgin as License Examiner in this district. Mr. Burgin is transferred to the Rocky Mount district.

Mr. Morris, formerly connected with the Revenue Department in another capacity, will be in Hertford at the courthouse on Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of examining applicants for driver's permits.

This district takes in other counties in this section.

Brings In First Cotton Bloom Third Consecutive Year

For the third consecutive year, Claude Williams, who lives on Route Three, has brought into the office of The Perquimans Weekly the season's first cotton bloom. As usual, Mr. Williams gets a free subscription for one year to The Perquimans Weekly. The bloom, which Mr. Williams found Monday morning, July 1st, is five or six days later than his first one last year.

William T. Smith, of Belvidere, also brought a cotton bloom to Hertford Monday afternoon, but not to the office of The Perquimans Weekly until after Mr. Williams had arrived.

One of the blooms Mr. Smith brought was a red one, meaning that it had bloomed on Sunday, a day earlier than either of the other two, but not discovered until Monday. T. E. Madre brought in the third bloom later Monday afternoon.

The men, prominent farmers in Perquimans County, said blooms were plentiful Monday morning.

E. Lee Hurdle, of near Joppa, brought in the fourth cotton bloom on Tuesday morning.

Red Cross Drive For War Refugees Is Bogging Down

At Noon Wednesday Contributions Totaled Only One-sixth of the Minimum Quota

To date the Red Cross drive for funds for war refugees totals "about a hundred dollars," according to Silas M. Whedbee, chairman of the Perquimans County Chapter.

This amount approximates one-sixth of the figure set as Perquimans County's minimum quota. Six hundred dollars is the goal this county was asked to attain.

Contributions are being received by Mr. Whedbee at the post office, by the Rev. E. T. Jillson, rector of Holy Trinity Church, and by the Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

There is no active house-to-house canvass in Perquimans County and the drive is apparently going into a decline. The total figure two weeks ago was \$83.65.

(The hundred dollar figure mentioned above was quoted at noon Wednesday. There were probably other contributions since then.)

Funeral Services Held For S. L. Jackson At New Hope Sunday

Funeral services for S. L. Jackson, 71, who died at his home in New Hope early Saturday morning after a short illness, were held Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at the grave. The Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor of the New Hope Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in the Church cemetery.

Mr. Jackson was a native of Pasquotank County, but had lived in Perquimans for the past 53 years. He was a member of the New Hope Methodist Church and a Woodman of the World.

He is survived by three sons, Paul Jackson, of Elizabeth City; Philip Jackson, of Sunbury, and Jerry Jackson, of Philadelphia; three daughters, Mrs. J. T. Hendricks of Edenton; Mrs. L. N. Elliott, of Wilmington, and Mrs. D. E. True, of Richmond, Va.; one brother, Calvin Jackson, of Norfolk, Va.; several grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

"Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me" and "Haven of Rest" were sung by Mrs. T. B. Sumner, Mrs. B. G. Koonce, L. W. Anderson and C. P. Morris.

pallbearers were M. M. Spivey, I. C. Butt, S. D. Banks, S. T. Perry, R. L. Robbins and L. V. Umphlett.

Boy Scouts Encamp This Week At Beach

Twenty-six members of the Hertford Boy Scout Troop, accompanied by their Scoutmaster, W. H. Pitt, went into encampment at Nags Head Sunday afternoon. They traveled by truck and pitched their tents in the vicinity of the T. J. Nixon cottage with the cottage as headquarters. The encampment is for this week.

Rotarians See News-Gathering Agencies At Work

Club Members Impressed With Motion Pictures of Sinking U. S. Gunboat "Panay"

The members of the Hertford Rotary Club in meeting Tuesday night thoroughly enjoyed a presentation—through the medium of talking pictures—of the workings of news-gathering agencies and the speed and accuracy with which they perform.

R. S. Monds, president of the local club, said that G. F. Ball, in charge of public relations for an oil company in North Carolina, brought to the Rotarians a magnificent picture of the titanic struggle of skilled news reporters, working night and day at every strategic point to bring to the world the latest news in the shortest possible time.

Mr. Monds said the members were particularly impressed with the actual pictures of the sinking of the United States gunboat, "Panay", near Shanghai. The motion picture outfit used by Mr. Ball contrived to show how a reporter aboard the gunboat had swum ashore and had the news of the grim disaster flashed to the Americas, across 7,000 miles of space, in just four minutes . . . even before the bombing had been completed.

Mr. Ball will be presented to the Lions Club at their meeting in the dining room of Hotel Hertford tonight (Friday).

Lions Club Making Plans For Second Annual County Fair

Definite Arrangements May Be Made Friday At Regular Meeting Of Club

Tentative plans are being made by the Lions Club to hold another Perquimans County Fair, here, at a late date this fall. Details will probably be discussed at their meeting Friday night.

The Lions Club realized approximately \$100 from the Crescent Amusement Company engagement here last week, and the same show—much larger, of course—will probably play a return engagement if the Club decides to hold the fair again this year.

The Lions Club a year ago in September, gave Perquimans County its first large scale county fair, with the cooperation of the County Agent and the Home Demonstration Agent.

It was a highly successful celebration in every sense and the sponsors were well pleased with the good-will created through their efforts. The same plan probably will be followed this year.

Last year, the county fair which ran for six days and nights, included special days set aside for children, when the rides were operated at half price; for farmers, when Allen J. Maxwell spoke from a grandstand on the courthouse green; and merchants day.

There was a large exhibit tent with exhibits from all home demonstration clubs and farm groups, together with commercial exhibits.

Correction

The Weekly's attention has been called to a discrepancy in the news story of last week concerning the resignation of R. N. Hines as town engineer.

The item mentioned the late J. R. Elliott, who, until seven years ago, held the position vacated by Mr. Hines and stated "The duties of the office at that time amounted to those of a town electrician, but under Mr. Hines they expanded to take in the streets, water and electric light departments."

It came to our attention that the duties of the late Mr. Elliott were the same as those performed by Mr. Hines. The Weekly is glad to correct this item.

FRANKLIN VISITOR
Bill Jones, of Franklin, Va., is visiting here, the guest of Miss Lila Budd Stephens and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Stephens.

IN NORFOLK FOR OPERATION.
Carroll, little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Berry, will enter Leigh Memorial Hospital, Norfolk, Va., today (Friday) to undergo a tonsillectomy.

Board Reverses Its Decision On NYA Work Suspension

County Will Continue To Sponsor NYA; Call Amounts to Fifteen Dollars Month

Between fifty and sixty women who appeared before the Board of County Commissioners in meeting at the courthouse Monday prevailed upon that body to reconsider its decision on suspension of support to the NYA.

The board reconsidered—took a vote—and decided to again finance the National Youth Administration projects with a monthly contribution from the county treasury.

Among those speaking to the commissioners in behalf of the NYA plea, were Mrs. J. J. Fleetwood, head of the NYA in Hertford, Mrs. J. G. Roberson for the Woman's Club, and Mrs. C. P. Morris.

The amount of the county's contribution to the work is \$15 a month. This sum is used to buy material with which to keep the work sponsored. The salaries come from the Federal Government.

The board, in reversing its decision, reminded of the original stipulation that no applicant to the NYA should have more than six months of steady employment. In other words, the board members want all eligible youths in the county to have equal opportunity for employment and training under the NYA.

W. C. Hurdle Dies Of Injuries After 5 Days In Hospital

Funeral Services Held Tuesday For Victim Of Fatal Farm Accident

William Carson Hurdle, New Hope farmer who was injured in a farming accident last Tuesday, died in the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City at 5:40 Sunday afternoon.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the New Hope Methodist Church with the Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Church cemetery.

Mr. Hurdle, 65, suffered the fatal wounds when a team of horses drawing a hay rake ran away and threw him under the rake inflicting severe head injuries including lacerations and probably a fractured skull as well as other injuries about the body.

He was rushed by ambulance immediately to the hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sallie Hurdle; three sons, Quenton R. Hurdle, of Norfolk, Va., T. A. Hurdle, of New Hope, and J. Q. Hurdle, of New Hope; four daughters, Mrs. H. C. Hopkins, Mrs. E. A. Turner, Mrs. S. W. Baker and Miss Willie Hurdle, all of New Hope; three sisters, Mrs. Milton Boyce, of Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. R. B. Hayman, of Newport News, Va., and Mrs. James Copeland, of Cleveland, Ohio; three brothers, Earl A. Hurdle, of Elizabeth City; Hubert Hurdle, of Winfall, and Jerome Hurdle, of Belvidere; and several nieces and nephews.

Stations Available For Army Service From Virginia To Hawaii

There are eight stations available for men who wish to enlist in the United States Army—from nearby Fortress Monroe to far-away Hawaii—according to an announcement by Corporal John J. Moore, who is located in the Elizabeth City Post Office building and is accepting applications.

Men accepted for air corps or signal corps must be high school graduates or its equivalent, he said.

Stations open now are: Coast artillery, Fortress Monroe, Virginia, Medical Department and 8th Signal Company at Fort Meade, Maryland, 31st Engineers at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, 12th Infantry at Fort Howard, Maryland, C. W. S. Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, Air Corps and Signal Corps, Hawaii.

Front Being Painted

The front of Morgan's Modern Grocery on Church Street is getting a new coat of silver paint to enhance its attractiveness. Irvin Barclift has been doing the work.

SMOKES, DRINKS, GASOLINE GOING UP; DEFENSE TAXES HAVE BECOME EFFECTIVE

Fourth Falls On Regular Holiday

The Fourth of July came at an inconvenient time for most employees: the personnel of Hertford's largest business houses were already enjoying a regular half-holiday on Thursdays.

The event was observed here by the bank, post office and business houses. No special programs had been planned, and beaches were expected to see most of the holiday motoring.

The 164th birthday of the American Declaration of Independence this year finds Uncle Sam sharpening his sword to ward off the most serious threat to the American Ideal of Freedom since the declaration in 1776.

Coming during the most chaotic time since the last World War days, Independence Day (Thursday) was observed here in peace and quiet that clashes violently with the reports of war and suffering from overseas.

Hitler Stymied For The Moment By Red Army In Powder Keg

Easing Balkan Situation Again Leaves Stage Clear For "Battle For Britain"

Dramatically-voiced radio commentators were filling the air Wednesday night with news of German bombers raining incendiary bombs over England and strafing ground troops.

With the Balkan crisis apparently easing, the news flashes were indicating that this renewed activity in the west is probably the first stage of the "great battle for Britain."

Herr Hitler some time ago said his blitzkrieg would blast the Island Kingdom off the map in less than six weeks.

If Hitler has given the signal, the six-week deadline began Wednesday.

Nazi planes struck twice at England Wednesday in broad daylight; the abandonment of night-masked bombing is apparently an attempt to spread terror and destruction among England's densely populated cities before launching the long-awaited projected invasion.

The death-dealing blitzkrieg expected by the British Isles over the week-end, according to Hitler's promises, did not materialize because Russia's Red Army seeped into Rumania and shifted the battlefronts for a temporary period at least.

Activities in Europe are in a greater muddle than before, and while the full meaning of the Russian invasion is not known, it is heralded as a valuable aid to England just now. It indicates also that Hitler and Mussolini are greatly worried over the developments of the past few days.

Russia has already moved far enough into Rumania to disturb the flow of supplies into Germany from Rumania and that alone is regarded as the greatest gain in months for Britain in her drive to establish a blockade around Hitler.

Back on the western side of Europe, German submarines—inactive these past several weeks—are being heard from more often, and it is believed that this type of warfare will constitute one of the first phases of the blitzkrieg attack on the last outpost of civilization between America and the German barbarians.

The Balkan crisis, however, after partly claiming the Fuehrer's attention for a short while, is eased as late reports state that tension lessens there since Hungary has been virtually forced to refrain from attacking Rumania.

And so again, an anxious world turns its full attention to the coming "Battle For Britain," while observers see the stage being set for an expanding war front that will possibly see the Balkan powder keg explode with renewed fury and with greater human suffering.

In Washington in the meantime, while Europe simmers and steams and boils over, the National Defense Commission announced that the Packard Motor Company has tentatively agreed to build nine thousand aircraft engines—three thousand for the United States and six thousand for Britain.

To this we can only add "Watch out for sabotage."

National Levy Boosts Price of Theatre Admission to Thirty-eight Cents

BEER HARD HIT

No More Two-for-25c Cigarettes; Ten-cent Packages On Way Out

Fifteen-cent cigarettes are fifteen cents straight—no more at two for a quarter.

Ten-cent beer is on the way out. So are ten-cent packages of cigarettes.

Theatre tickets are now twenty-five and three cents tax added.

Gasoline is a halfcent higher than it was last Sunday night.

The new National Defense Tax made itself felt in Hertford early Monday morning, July 1st, at about the same time the bill collectors began to arrive. Bewildered distributors and dealers, already bemoaning North Carolina's Sales Tax, now have new cause to wring their hands with only a vague idea on what to do and what not to charge the new tax.

This levy for National Defense as it struck Hertford early Monday morning is only the beginning . . . the first phase . . . and these sources from which the first returns are coming—classified as "luxuries"—went up immediately. Many other articles will follow; as soon as present stocks are sold or as soon as clear instructions are received from internal revenue officers.

No one knows at present on what other articles the levies will be placed, but drug stores are aware that an increase is in the offing on toilet articles. These taxes will not be applied however, until present stocks are exhausted, and retail stores will not feel the rise until manufacturers and distributors raise their prices.

Back to cigarettes again, and what the tax on them will mean to smokers in Hertford and Perquimans County, the reporter talked with several merchants and dealers Monday and learned that . . .

Some stores are selling the popular 15-cent brands for as low as two for 27 cents. You can't buy them cheaper than that in Hertford. Others who retailed them at two for a quarter Sunday night were selling only at 15 cents straight Monday morning.

Few dealers will be handling the 10-cent brands after their present stocks are gone. The margin of profit, they say, is too small. Where the 10-cent brands are available, (Continued on Page Three)

Three Perquimans Boys Charged With Serious Offenses

Elliott and the Chappells Charged With Assault With Deadly Weapons

The hearing of a case involving three young Perquimans County men and charges of assault with a deadly weapon scheduled for trial at Tuesday's session of county court was postponed until the next term, on July 9th.

The young men—or rather, boys—all in their middle teens, are Johnnie Elliott, Louis Norman Chappell and Gaither Chappell, all of the Chappell Hill section.

They are charged by Joseph Lee of Bertie County, with cutting him with a knife and beating him with brass knuckles. The affair is said to have taken place at a service station on the Edenton Highway after midnight Saturday.

Lee, a young man of medium stature, was cut in the abdomen and required medical treatment which was administered at the Hertford Clinic. Lee's condition, as he appeared in the courtroom Tuesday, showed the results of a terrific beating. Both eyes were badly bruised and swollen and his right hand was cut.

The Elliott boy was picked up at another filling station near Hertford by Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens and Patrolman Jack Gaskill Sunday. The Chappell boys were found at their homes.

The hearing was postponed because of the prosecuting witness' condition. The three are under \$500 bonds each pending the hearing.