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Students Get Added Week Of Vacation; Opening Postponed

Delay In Repairs at Grammar School Affects Whole County School System

The official opening of Perquimans County's schools has been postponed until September 11th, according to an announcement by Superintendent F. T. Johnson, head of the county school system.

He gave as the reason the delay of steam-fitters in getting to work on the Hertford Grammar School with necessary repairs and adjustments to the heating and plumbing system.

Otherwise, the county school machinery is ready to be put in gear for the 1940-41 term, he said. The steam-fitters are at work now and schools will definitely open on Wednesday, the 11th; constituting a postponement of exactly one week.

The Superintendent notified the members of the faculty yesterday so that the out-of-town teachers would not come to Hertford and pay board during the week before schools open.

The delay at the Grammar School affects all other schools in the county because the transportation system serves all schools as one unit. The busses that bring county students to the New Hope School, the Central Grammar School and the Hertford Grammar School also deliver high school students to the county's higher institution of learning. The State will allow the busses to operate for 160 days only and the opening of other schools on schedule would necessitate the operation of the same busses for an added week to complete the year at the Hertford Grammar School.

While warm weather still holds sway, the students are not fretting at the delay.

War Refugee Fund Again Draws Blank As No Cash Comes In

Local Chapter Also Taking Contributions For Flood Sufferers In Stricken Areas

To report the progress of the Red Cross Drive for War Refugees this week would be to use the same news story of two weeks ago when seven days passed without a single contribution.

For the second time since a public appeal for contributions was sent out several months ago following the German invasion of Poland, a whole week has passed while the fund benefitted not by one nickel.

(This statement includes the week from Wednesday noon until Wednesday noon. There may have been donations made Wednesday afternoon or Thursday.)

While the National Red Cross Drive for Refugees has been officially closed—as of July 1st—Local Chapter Chairman Silas M. Whedbee says the Perquimans County Chapter will continue to take contributions and forward them to national headquarters as long as anyone wishes to make contributions.

The Chapter also is receiving donations intended for flood sufferers in the stricken areas of Western and Eastern North Carolina. He said that individual contributions would be earmarked for the purpose to which the person making the donation wishes them used.

Wake Forest Graduate To Preach Here Both Services Sunday

The Reverend C. E. Hobgood, of Wake Forest, will preach at both morning and evening services at the Hertford Baptist Church Sunday, according to an announcement from a member of the Board of Deacons.

Mr. Hobgood is a Wake Forest graduate and had post-graduate work at Yale University. He has been teaching in the Wake Forest summer school this summer.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Moody Harrell, Hertford, Route 3, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Marion Moody, on August 26th. The baby weighed eight pounds and is thriving along nicely. He is the mother's first child.

At Pilgrim Church



The Reverend David C. Butcher of Baltimore, Md., businessman-evangelist who is conducting services at The Pilgrim Church in Bagleys Swamp each afternoon and evening from September 1st through the 8th.

Mr. Butcher was formerly head of the mason industry, appointed by President Roosevelt during the NRA. This firm took some of the larger projects in masonry in the eastern part of the United States. The public is urged to hear him.

The Rev. C. E. Winslow and Mrs. Winslow, of Roanoke, Va., formerly of Perquimans County, will render special musical selections.

Probable Cause Is Found To Hold Negro For Shooting Wife

Arthur Beasley Will Face Trial on Intent To Kill Charge In October Superior Court

Probable cause was found in Recorder's Court Tuesday to hold Arthur Beasley, Dobb Street Negro, on charges of assaulting his wife with a shotgun with intent to kill. He was bound over to October Superior Court under bond of \$200.

According to evidence Beasley shot his wife following a fight with her over some money she was keeping for him. As it happened, the load of shot struck her in the knee, but her testimony was that if she had not pushed the barrel of the gun down when he fired, she would have been shot in the stomach. Only part of the load struck her.

After shooting her, two weeks ago, she said Beasley went to a bureau drawer for more shells while she fled. Police officers including Patrolman C. E. Walker and Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens arrived about that time and placed him under arrest.

Other cases in Tuesday County Court:

Keffer Mallor, Negro, was found guilty and judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs of court for driving with improper lights.

Dallas Lee Jethro, Chowan County Negro, paid the costs of court for driving with insufficient brakes.

Tom Ambrose paid costs for a similar conviction.

Committee Meets In Edenton To Name Warren's Successor

Sheriff Winslow Local Member of Congressional Democratic Executive Committee

Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow will be among those in Edenton Saturday when the First District Congressional Democratic Executive Committee meets in the ancient Court House there to nominate a candidate for Congress to succeed Representative Lindsay Warren whose resignation as a member of the House of Representatives has been sent to Governor Hoyt, effective October 1st.

Herbert C. Bonner, Warren's secretary and chairman of the executive committee, is calling the meeting at 11 a. m. It is quite likely that Bonner will be nominated as the Democratic candidate to fill the vacancy left by Warren when he answered the call to become Comptroller General.

Hitler Only Thing Bigger Than Officer With Badge And Gun

E. City Attorney Flays Officers Individually And Collectively In County Court

"A lot of people here are expecting me to do a lot of talking about police officers," P. G. Sawyer, Elizabeth City attorney, told Recorder J. S. McNider in County Court Tuesday.

A lot of people were in the courtroom expecting Mr. Sawyer to have a lot to say about officers. The eloquent Elizabeth City attorney is notorious for his tirades against minions of the law, individually and collectively.

Mr. Sawyer had a lot to say about officers, including this: "Give an officer a badge and a gun and he's about the biggest thing outside of Hitler."

"I know policemen," Sawyer said. "I know their natures and methods." Apparently he thinks very little of either.

The cop-criticizing attorney was representing Thad Whedbee, county Negro who was shot in the leg a couple of weeks ago while resisting arrest by Deputy Sheriff M. G. Owens. Aside from being charged with assaulting his wife, Whedbee, a giant of a man, was charged with resisting an officer and assaulting an officer.

The two cases were heard separately, and on the first count Whedbee was found guilty of assaulting his wife for which he paid the costs of court.

For resisting an officer he got eight months, two of them suspended upon payment of the costs. The second assault charge got lost in the rush. As the testimony had it, Owens went to arrest Whedbee on the warrant secured by the Negro's wife. Whedbee made tracks across a field with Owens in hot pursuit. He finally ran Whedbee down and brought him back to the house at pistol point.

At the house, Whedbee, by his superior strength, drug the officer into the darkened house and shouted to his son, "Boy, bring me my gun." Owens didn't give the boy a chance to arrive with the gun before he shot Whedbee in the leg and brought him to jail and medical attention.

The Elizabeth City attorney argued that Owens wasn't arresting the defendant for a felony and that he could have taken the Negro at any time, and that since no gun or other weapon appeared in Whedbee's hands, Owens couldn't have been in fear for his life.

Solicitor Charles Johnson argued that the words "Bring me my gun," constituted an assault.

NOW LOOK WHAT HAPPENED TO THAD WHEDBEES ON ACCOUNT FAMILY SPAT

For the second time in twenty years of married life, Thad Whedbee and his better half embroiled in a minor family spat. It was nothing very serious; the Whedbees, unlike Hertford's Goose Hollow bums, are respectable county Negroes. He tends forty-eight acres, is a good provider and a hard, diligent worker. They have eight children, the oldest a girl 19 years old and the youngest a boy of two years.

Everything in the Whedbee family had been running on an even keel for 17 years with an up or down now and then to break the monotony, but Thad had been seeing that his family ate three times a day, that they had all the necessities and a few luxuries of life.

But Thad had one fault. When he got drunk he got mean, and though he didn't get drunk too often it was often enough. He'd get drunk on Saturday, nurse his hang-over through Sunday, and be ready to get back to work Monday.

His wife said all this on the witness stand in Recorder's Court Tuesday, so it must be fairly accurate. She gave his virtues an airing as well as his faults and appeared to be telling a straight story. It was a typical country family.

But two or three Saturdays ago while Thad was doing some serious drinking, his wife called to him. He heard her but he didn't answer. "Why don't you answer me?" she yelled, "like I answer when you call me."

They had some words after this and presently Thad took a swing at her. It's doubtful that he really meant to hit her because he hadn't

Memory Of 'W. O.' Is Foremost Feature Of Albemarle Day

Fish Fry and Lost Colony Ticket For Price Of One Admission; Lhringhaus to Speak

The Rotary Club in regular meeting at the Hotel Hertford Tuesday night was urged to attend "Albemarle Day" at Fort Raleigh today (Friday) and to urge everyone else to be present on the day dedicated to the two associations of the Albemarle section, by Wade Marr of Elizabeth City, secretary of the Greater Albemarle Association who succeeds the late W. O. Saunders, the man who nursed the idea along from a nothing to an organization.

It is a "Two-fold" day, the Fort turned over to the Albemarle Association which Saunders was instrumental in organizing, and "The Lost Colony" which was actually his brain child.

"Albemarle Day" has been so dedicated by the Roanoke Island Historical Association, and it is being sponsored by the Greater Albemarle Association and the Southern Albemarle Association.

Tickets to "The Lost Colony" bought on Albemarle Day serve a double purpose. They entitle one to the presentation that night of Paul Green's historic drama and to the pleasure of participating in a fish fry which will be held from 5:30 until 7 o'clock that afternoon. The privileges of old Fort Raleigh are also thrown in for the regular price of admission, \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children.

Before the pageant is presented there will be a 30-minute program from the stage of the great open-air theatre, featuring former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus as the main speaker, recognition of the notables, and, it is hoped, the unveiling of a tablet to the memory of W. O. Saunders.

The day is dedicated to the memory of Mr. Saunders who was also the secretary of the Greater Albemarle Association at the time of his death, and was responsible more than any other man for the founding of the organization.

A crowd of 3,000 to 5,000 people is confidently expected by sponsors of the event on Roanoke Island today.

There are many people here in the Albemarle who have not seen "The Lost Colony" during the four seasons it has played at Fort Raleigh, and many will take advantage of the opportunity of attending the celebration and seeing the play on the same day.

The drama closes the season with the last presentation next Monday night, Labor Day.

And then she got mad. She was still mad when she reached the Clerk's office in Hertford to swear out a warrant for his arrest. She told the Deputy Sheriff that he would probably have trouble arresting Thad while he was drunk.

So the Sheriff went after him Saturday night and Thad was still drunk. He cursed the officer and then ran through the house and across a field. The officer ran him down and brought him back at pistol point. Thad is a big Negro and a strong one and he used a lot of strong language. While the officer tried to hold him he pulled back into the house and shouted to his son, "Boy, bring me my gun."

Whether he had a gun or whether his son would have brought it is a matter nobody can answer, but it was a dark, strange house, Thad was drunk and the officer had a duty to perform as well as a life of his own to protect. He shot Thad in the leg with a 45-calibre bullet and brought him to town, while Thad continued to curse everything and everybody.

The injured Negro was himself again the following morning, meek as a lamb and mad at nobody, even though his leg throbbled and pained.

When he was able to get to court Tuesday, Thad faced charges of assaulting his wife, resisting arrest and assaulting an officer. The result of it all is that Thad will serve

Biologist Wanted

The Reverend Edmund T. Jillson needs the services of a biologist.

He has a pet spider who spins his web every evening and destroys it or stores it early in the morning.

It is a big spider who spins a huge web between a cedar tree and a rose trellis in the Jillson yard, a distance of 15 or 20 feet.

Mr. Jillson wants to know if the spider unspins his web—and if so, why?

The web is about chin-high and since the obliging spider gets it out of the way in daylight hogurs, and nobody should be walking there after dark, it causes little inconvenience.

This sort of thing has been going on for a week or so, Mr. Jillson says.

Milton Dail Named Chairman Of FSA Loan Committee

Tenants Who Want to Become Land Owners Make Application at Office In Hertford

Three outstanding Perquimans County farmers have been appointed to serve on the committee to consider loans for the purchase of farms in Perquimans County under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant purchase program, for the next fiscal year.

The committeemen, who recently received their appointments from the Secretary of Agriculture, are:

Milton Dail, of Route 1, Hertford; John T. Lane, of Belvidere, and Geo. W. Nowell, of Winfall.

The only new member of this committee is Mr. Nowell, who replaces Dr. E. S. White, who served on the committee last year. A new committeeman is named each year. Since the tenant purchase program was inaugurated in Perquimans County in 1939, the committee has approved loans for the purchase of eight farms in the county. This means eight more property owners and taxpayers—families who have climbed up the economic ladder to ownership.

Mr. Dail was elected chairman when the committee organized at a meeting last week in the office of Supervisor Edwards of Farm Security Administration. The FSA administers the Bankhead-Jones program, but all loans must be approved by the committee.

Funds for this program are provided by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in a \$50,000,000 loan to FSA. Loans are made for periods up to 40 years, with interest at three per cent. The prospective borrower may pick out his own farm, which must then be appraised and approved by FSA and the committee. Any Perquimans County land owner who has farm land for sale may register it with the FSA office for consideration under this program.

The FSA loan for the purchase of these farms may also provide for improvements to land and buildings, including sanitation facilities.

When a loan is made, the FSA farm and home management supervisors and the new owner work out a plan for the operation of the farm, a plan which is aimed at providing a living for the family through a sound subsistence and livestock program, and at conservation of the soil and water resources.

"The tenant purchase program is real democracy at work," said Mr. Edwards, FSA Supervisor. "At a time when property rights and human rights are being destroyed in other parts of the world, America is going ahead with a program for creating more property owners and giving more people a real stake in society. This program means restoring rural purchasing power and stabilizing our rural economy. Farmers who own farms are tax-payers. Farmers without farms are tax burdens."

"Many farm tenants or farm workers who are anxious to become owners should apply at the FSA office in Hertford."

Bank And Postoffice Will Close Monday For Labor Day

The Hertford Banking Company and the Postoffice will be closed all day Monday, September 2, to observe Labor Day. There will be no window service or deliveries from the postoffice, but mail will be dispatched and placed in boxes. The Bank will close Saturday afternoon and will not re-open until Tuesday morning.

Many Friends Mourn Passing Of Genial Mr. Clyde McCallum

Died In Sleep Wednesday Morning; Buried Yesterday In Holy Trinity Churchyard

Genial, friendly Clyde McCallum, who died Wednesday morning in the early hours before daylight was buried in Holy Trinity Churchyard yesterday (Thursday) afternoon at four o'clock. Funeral services were held at Holy Trinity Church, the rector, the Reverend Edmund T. Jillson, officiating.

Though he was not confined to his bed, Mr. McCallum had been in ill health for some time, but his death came as a shock. He was found dead in his bed Wednesday morning by Mrs. McCallum when she came downstairs to the tower-floor bedroom where he slept. He was 63 years old.

A native of Robeson County, a son of the late Dr. William McCallum of Roland, he came to Hertford about 25 years ago and married Miss Ellen Winslow, a sister of Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow, Leigh Winslow and Cook Winslow. He was in the Plymouth Oil business with Leigh Winslow at the time of his death.

Mr. McCallum was an accommodating neighbor, friendly in his dealings with his fellowman and a friend to everyone with whom he came in contact. Of an unobtrusive nature he spent a large part of his time at home and took great pride and delight in his flower gardens along the river-edge behind the McCallum home on Front Street which he cultivated with his own hands.

In his character there was no hint of selfishness. Every year, religiously, the McCallums issued a statement saying the tulips were in bloom or the calla lilies were at their best, and the public was cordially invited to come in and see them.

The casket was heaped with the flowers he loved so well and a vast crowd of friends attended the services. For his acquaintances and friends covered a wide field—from the town's socially elite to its lowliest citizens.

Not given to meddling, but content to live a simple life of his own Mr. McCallum took but a small part choosing in the way he liked best, in civic affairs, belonged to few clubs and organizations, seldom attended church, but held the staunch respect and friendship of practically every one he knew. Of him it was once said, "He couldn't have an enemy."

Mr. McCallum was no bustling citizen who held himself as a pattern for others to copy. He was simply the type of man about whom things like this are written when they die. To have publicly recognized his qualities while he lived would only have brought him endless embarrassment.

Survivors include beside his widow, one brother, John McCallum, of Roland; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: W. H. Hardcastle, R. M. Riddick, H. A. Whitley, Dr. C. A. Davenport, Dr. T. P. Brinn and M. L. Clarke, of Elizabeth City.

Mr. McCallum's death is the fourth in the immediate family within a year. A brother and two sisters have died within recent months.

Trial Electrical Rate Period Goes In Effect On September First

A formal notice in this issue of The Perquimans Weekly announces that the Town of Hertford will inaugurate a trial electrical rate on September 1st. The experimental rate is subject to change if it does not work out satisfactorily.

Anyone who does not understand his bill when the new ones come out, is invited to call at the Town Clerk's office where Clerk W. G. Newby will be glad to explain it to him or her.

Work At Grammar School Almost Done

The Hertford Grammar School, in the final stages of modernization for the coming term, is glistening in a new coat of dark red paint.

It is the first time the building has ever been painted. It was constructed in 1905. The work is almost completed and very soon W. E. Colson, superintendent in charge of construction, Mrs. Colson, and the crew of workmen will be leaving.

LIONS AT OCEAN VIEW

Members of the Hertford Lions Club enjoyed a fishing outing at Ocean View Thursday. The party left Hertford at 1 o'clock.