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ROTARY, PTA AND LIONS TO SEEK WAYS OF BUILDING AUDITORIUM GYMNASIUM

Town and County to Be Approached on Idea; Civic Delegates Met Monday Night

\$7,000

Sponsors' Share of Project Would Build \$30,000 Community Center

The Parent-Teachers Association, the Rotary Club and the Lions Club at a meeting in the courthouse Monday night with E. Leigh Winslow, WPA district engineer, elected to pool their forces in an effort to get a gymnasium for Hertford.

Shortly the major population of Perquimans County will be approached and asked if it wants to sign a petition asking the Town of Hertford to buy a site and asking the Town of Hertford and the County of Perquimans to raise the sum of \$7,000, the sponsors' approximate amount required to have the WPA build a \$30,000 memorial auditorium, at the same time a gymnasium, a town hall and a location for the library and other county offices.

W. H. Pitt represented the Rotary Club at the Monday night meeting, Mrs. J. R. Futrell, president of the Parent-Teachers Association, represented that body, and Max Campbell spoke for the Lions Club. Mr. Winslow was present for the information he could give in an advisory capacity.

The civic group delegates met again Wednesday to draw up the petitions.

At the Monday night meeting those who met with the district engineer discussed the project from all angles. They decided that the amounts the town and county pay out in office rentals will go a long way toward off-setting the original cost.

The County Board of Commissioners will be approached at the next regular meeting where the sponsors will have full plans of the center they are seeking. After that the Town Board will be approached on the subject.

Small as it was, the meeting was an enthusiastic one. No one present, however, was in favor of building the community center on the high school campus, unless absolutely necessary. The library should not be on the Grammar School campus, they said, and the auditorium-gymnasium could be located in the down-town section.

Tentative plans would have for the town and county a memorial auditorium-gymnasium of approximately 4,200 square feet with a town hall and offices for various county agencies grouped in two floors around the front of the huge building. It would be a combination town hall, community center, recreation center, gymnasium, auditorium and fire engine house.

The project is in its cradle stage at present and nothing further than long discussions took place at the first meeting of the group.

District Gov. Urges Not To Let Rotary Become 'Eating Club'

Pointing out the advantages clubs in smaller communities have over larger clubs in the opportunity for greater fellowship, W. Carter Darrow of Tarboro, governor of the 159th District of Rotary International, in his official visit to the local club on Tuesday night emphasized the importance of Rotarians not allowing Rotary to become an "eating club."

In a brief but interesting talk to the Rotarians at the Hotel Hertford, the district governor stressed the importance of the club committees knowing their duties and studying the by-laws of the club in order to realize all the possibilities of Rotary work.

Besides Mr. Darrow, guests at Tuesday's dinner meeting included Carroll Kramer of the Edenton Club, and C. B. Deaton of Troy.

Mr. Darrow, who is engaged in the telephone business, was elected to the office of district governor at the 1940 Rotary convention which was held in Havana during June, and will continue to serve until the 1941 convention in Denver.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Winslow, of Winfall, announce the birth of a son on September 26, 1940. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Former Resident To Return For First Visit In 25 Years

Joseph G. Granberry, native of Perquimans County, will soon make a first visit to the scenes of his youth in more than twenty-five years.

Mr. Granberry, now of Waycross, Georgia, is a brother of Mrs. Thomas Nixon and Mrs. Isa Tucker, of Hertford, and Mrs. J. W. Speight, of Mocksville, who is visiting in Mrs. Tucker's home. Mr. Granberry will be a guest in Mrs. Nixon's home during his stay in Hertford.

Many county people are old acquaintances of Mr. Granberry and remember that he and his sisters lived in the old Granberry home on Grubb Street beside the railroad.

The exact date of his arrival is not certain, but his sisters believe it will be early next week.

Whedbee Fined For Assault, Year's Behavior Clause

Few Other Cases at Tuesday's Session of Recorder's Court

The case of Brooks Whedbee, county man charged with assault on Granberry Tucker, former recorder, did not come to public trial at Tuesday's session of county court.

The case was submitted; County Prosecutor Charles E. Johnson agreeing to accept Whedbee's plea of guilty to simple assault. Judge James S. McNider ordered a 30-day jail sentence suspended upon payment of the costs of court and upon condition of his good behavior for one year.

Other cases heard in Recorder's Court Tuesday included that of James Norman, Negro, who pleaded guilty to being drunk and obstructing traffic. He was fined \$2.

Rufus Johnson and Luther Lamb, Negroes, pleaded guilty to mutual affray and were taxed the costs of court.

Sergeant Sutton Home From China First Time In Over Two Years

Sergeant Ernest Sutton of the United States Marine Corps, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sutton of the New Hope community and schoolmate of many local boys in '36 and '37, arrived back in town Friday afternoon for a month's furlough.

Since he left here in February of 1938 Sutton has spent 15 months in Shanghai and 13 months before that in the Philippines. He was given an immediate greeting by many friends as it is the first time he has been here since joining the Marine Corps.

He came across the Pacific Ocean from China on a Navy Transport, climbed on a train at San Francisco and came east. Ten of the 30 days were used up getting home. He will board his ship at Portsmouth in about 20 days from the time of his arrival here.

Central P.T.A. Holds First Meeting Monday At School In Winfall

The first meeting of the Central Grammar School Parent-Teachers Association was held Monday night in the school auditorium. Mrs. Dempsey Winslow, president of the Central P. T. A., presided, and Mrs. Joseph Winslow of Bagley Swamp, led the devotional.

The subject of the meeting was Health and Dr. I. A. Ward made a talk on "Watching Your Health."

Mrs. I. A. Ward, director of the Ninth District, awarded the Association a certificate for being a standard P. T. A. last year. Superintendent F. T. Johnson made a few brief remarks and Miss Lucille Long gave an interesting report of the Parent-Teachers' institute held at Chapel Hill recently.

Mrs. John Symons, county council president of the P. T. A., greeted the Association.

WINNIE WINSLOW TO WED THOMAS RIDDICK

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Winslow, of Whitehall, today announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Winnie Evans, to Thomas Riddick, of Cataraugus. The wedding will take place during the early part of October.

Democrats Of The First District Rally Here October 10th

Bonner Will Speak After Fish Fry or Barbecue; Six District Rallies on Tap

A letter from Nominee-Representative Herbert C. Bonner to Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow Monday definitely stated that he would be here for the First Congressional District rally on October 10th.

The First District will provide a barbecue or a fish fry at noon, between a morning business meeting and an afternoon speechmaking. J. M. Broughton, governor-elect, will probably be here to help Bonner with the speechmaking, said Chairman Emery B. Denny of the State Democratic Executive Committee, in a letter to Sheriff Winslow.

Time and places for Democratic rallies in six Congressional Districts were announced Monday. The Third District will rally at Clinton on October 8th and the Ninth District in Salisbury on October 3rd.

Arrangements have not been completed for the place of the meeting in Hertford. Sheriff Winslow said other details will be announced as they are worked out.

If You Didn't Visit Exhibit Tent This Will Interest You

Thumbnail Word Sketch Of Each Individual Exhibit at Second Annual Fair

Maybe there was someone in the county who was unable to visit the exhibit tent at the fair this week for one reason or another; maybe someone had to stay at home because of illness or to mind the baby. In that event, it has occurred to Miss Frances Maness, county demonstration agent, that a minute sketch of each exhibit might be interesting to those people who were not able to go to the fair. So she prepared the following thumbnail descriptions and brought them to the office:

These are the judges' decisions: First prize went to the Bethel Club, "Refinishing Furniture," chairs showing the different steps in refinishing. Also the material used.

Second prize went to the Whites-ton Club. "Use of the Mattress in the Living Room." Daybed made by club members includes foundation, tying spring, making mattress, pillows and cover. Total cost \$19.35.

Third prize went to the Helen Gaither Club. "Canning Budget," showing canned goods needed for one person for one year.

Snow Hill-White Hat Club. "Bedroom Storage." In this exhibit a well-arranged miniature clothes closet and miniature linen chests are shown.

Balla-hack. "Handicraft"—an attractive display of needlework, knitted articles, crocheted bed-spreads, afghans, mats, etc. Also hand-made

HIGH SCHOOL TO DO BATTLE THIS P. M. WITH WOODROW WILSON JR. PRESIDENTS

Fuller Stressing Fundamentals In Practice; Believes Boys Will Do All Right

The Perquimans High football team after heavy practice sessions Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, are prepared to do battle with Coach Jimmy Johnson's Woodrow Wilson Junior Presidents on the local field this afternoon. Coach Dave Fuller said Wednesday.

Thus far 18 boys have reported and Coach Fuller has been spending a large part of his time laying stress on the fundamentals of the game and has given them a few of the plays which will be used against the Portsmouth squad.

Having shown considerable qualities for the position, D. J. White will probably be used as a blocking tackle, Fuller said. Fleet-wood, who is at present illustrating

Parent-Teachers Organize And Map Out Busy Year Work

Archie T. Lane Only Male Named on Any Of The Various Committees; Aim at 200 Members

With eighty parents present at the first meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Hertford Grammar School, it was announced by Mrs. J. R. Futrell that the membership drive this year will have as its goal 200 members and that the program will be built about the main objectives of the organization of Parent-Teacher aims: The Child, in the Home, in the School and in the Country. The first of these programs is to be on Safety.

As part of its work this year the Association will secure curtains for the auditorium stage, sponsor the Cub Scouts and continue the operation of the lunch room.

To direct the membership drive Mrs. J. Edgar Morris was named chairman of the committee.

As a project the Association will give a public tea for members of the faculty on October 4th.

Other committee chairmen were (Continued On Page Five)

Here's All About Absentee Voting In November Election

If You Follow Instructions You Can Vote On Election Day No Matter Where You Are

Any qualified voter who finds that he will not be able to visit his voting place on November 5th, election day, whether by reason of sickness, or other physical disability or because he will be absent from the county in which he is entitled to vote, may make application for an absentee ballot not more than thirty nor less than two days before the election Tuesday.

For those who are unable to leave the sick bed or other place of confinement, here is the course to follow in order to vote for Roosevelt or Willkie:

The application must be made out not later than Saturday, November 2nd, and delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Elections by the voter himself, by a member of his immediate family or by the United States Mail, and it must be made in writing.

The chairman in turn will number the application in its proper numerical order as received and enter it in the Absentee Ballot Register, disclosing this information—the name of the voter, the number of the application, the precinct of the voter, the reason why (absence or sickness), the date of receipt of the application, the date of the delivery of the ballot and how the ballot was delivered to the absentee voter (personally or by mail).

LIONS SECOND ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR GETS UNDERWAY WITH BIG STREET PARADE

Nachman And Jackson Volunteer For Year's Military Training

Louis Nachman, head of the men's department at "Blanchard's", has resigned his position there to join the army for a year's military training. He left Hertford yesterday (Thursday) for Fort Bragg and will go to his assignment from there or Camp Jackson, South Carolina.

Fort Bragg is nothing new to Mr. Nachman; he spent several summers at the fort in Civilian Military Training Camps. Wrightson Jackson of Durants Neck, is also among Perquimans County boys who have volunteered for a year's training. Wrightson enlisted with the Ambulance Company in Edenton.

Nine Are Injured In Auto Crash Late Sunday Afternoon

Six Negroes and Three White People Treated For Minor Injuries; Reckless Driving Is Charged

The agonized screech of brake-blocked tires that fail to hold, a grinding crash of metal in violent contact with metal, a moment's deafening stillness, and nine people—the occupants of two automobiles—were in need of medical attention.

The scene was on Edenton Road Street just inside the town limits; the time was shortly after dusk Sunday afternoon. The people involved included two white girls and a white boy of near Greenville, and three colored boys and three colored girls of Hertford, all young people.

The most seriously injured were two of the Negro boys, Spence Elliott, who received bad cuts on the head and on one hand, and Cecil Johnson who had two stitches taken in his tongue. The other Negroes were shaken up by the accident and bruised.

The white girls, Helen Worthington and Edith Brock, were bruised and Miss Brock sustained a knee laceration. The boy, William Nobles, suffered a skinned nose and bruises.

The accident, which occurred as the car driven by Miss Worthington entered Hertford from the Edenton Highway, attracted a huge crowd of motorists and State Highway patrolmen and local policemen. First reports had it that a Negro was killed, but the supposedly dead man, Cecil Johnson, was found to have suffered nothing more serious than the cut on his tongue.

The victims were treated at the Hertford Clinic and in the offices of Dr. Weaver, Negro physician. Large crowds gathered at both places.

Charges of reckless driving will be brought against Miss Brock. She will be heard before Recorder J. S. McNider in County Court Tuesday. The cars, a new Ford driven by Miss Brock, and an older Chevrolet driven by the Negroes, were badly damaged. They were taken to local garages for repairs.

New 1941 Fords Will Be On Display Friday, September 27th

The Winslow-White Motor Company announces that the new 1941 Ford Motor car will be on display at their showrooms Friday, September 27. The public is invited to visit the show rooms and inspect this new model car.

Advance information indicates that several changes have been made in the new model . . . which will provide more comfort and ease in handling the car. The local Ford company is proud of this new model and welcomes the public to see it for the first time today.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT WOODLAND CHURCH

A special service will be held at Woodland Church on Sunday morning. Sunday School will begin at 10 o'clock, and preaching service at 11. Rev. J. D. Cranford will preach. An extra effort will be made to pay in full the orphanage assessments for the church. All are cordially invited to come and take a part in the service.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Spivey, of near Cross Roads, announce the birth of a son on Monday, September 22.

Scott and Morris Featured Speakers on Farmers Day

DANCE FRIDAY Fair and Carnival Much Larger Than Last Year

Perquimans County's Second Annual County Fair officially opened at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon with a giant street parade featuring two bands, marching by all the schools in the county, commercial floats, patriotic floats and comical floats.

It was Children's Day; a huge crowd thronged the streets, jamming the sidewalks from the curb to the store fronts along Church and Market Streets. The parade, arranged by J. H. Towe, in charge of the parade committee for the Hertford Lions Club, sponsors of the annual event, started from the Hertford Grammar School and proceeded along Dobb, Church, Grubb, Covent Garden and Market Streets into the Fair Grounds where all county school children were admitted to the carnival free of charge.

All rides and other amusements were made available to them at half the regular admission price. The grounds were thronged all afternoon and the mechanical amusement rides operated to full capacity for more than five hours.

The exhibits were judged Tuesday morning, the Bethel Club winning first prize—a handsome silver vegetable dish contributed by the Hertford Lions Club. Edenton and Columbia bands and Mrs. Riddick's Rhythm Class furnished music for the parade. Whiteston won second place in the exhibits.

Thursday was Farmers' Day. The featured speakers to be have been Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, and Thad Eure, secretary of State. Mr. Eure notified Norman N. Trueblood, chairman of the committee on speakers, that he would be unable to appear. Chester Morris, of Currituck, first district prosecuting attorney, kindly accepted a life invitation to be one of the speakers.

Lions Day, Friday, the day dedicated to the sponsors, is today. It features a dance in the ballroom above the store of Morgan Walker on Church Street. The dance begins at ten o'clock and ends when everybody gets tired and goes home. Mr. Walker, chairman of the dance committee, said.

The carnival is much larger than it was last year. The whole lot at Front and Market Streets is completely filled with rides, booths and other amusements. There are many rides that were not brought to Hertford last year. Attractions also include a number of fying trapeze acts and bicycle riding on a high tight wire. The acts are free ones provided by the Crescent Amusement Company of Gastonia, furnishing the midway.

Home Improvement Contest Ends; Mrs. H. C. Hoffler Wins

Started last spring, the West Hertford Home Beautification Contest ended September first after a final judging by Mrs. M. T. Griffin of the Bethel Home Demonstration Club and Miss Lucy White of the Belvidere Club. First place went to Mrs. H. C. Hoffler, a cash prize of \$25.00. The second prize, \$20.00, went to Mrs. B. T. Wood, both of West Hertford.

Sponsored by the Home and Garden Home Demonstration Club, the contest was entered by 46 home beautificationists, all living in West Hertford.

The yards were judged early in the spring by Miss White and Mrs. Griffin, before any improvements were made and again on September 1st, after the improvements were made.

Scouts Hold Outdoor Meeting; Have Supper

The Hertford Boy Scout Troop No. 155 of the Tidewater Council encamped for supper at Winslow Shoals Friday night, accompanied by Assistant Scoutmaster Sam Sawyer.

The boys left Hertford at four o'clock, prepared an outdoor supper, held a meeting and returned to town before midnight. Thirty Scouts made the trip and four of them remained overnight in pup tents.