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Furnishings Be Study Of Home Demonstration Clubs

Project Leaders For Clubs Named By Miss Maness

Starting off a new year the Home Demonstration Clubs of Perquimans County again chosen House Furnishings as the major project for the year. It has been their major work for the past two years and during this time outstanding accomplishments have been made throughout the county in this line.

The clubs are not confining their study to House Furnishings alone, but are taking Home Beautification and Food Conservation as minor projects.

Major project leaders in each club are as follows: Chapanoke, Mrs. Geo. W. Jackson and Mrs. Walter Perry; Winfall, Miss Esther Perry and Mrs. Irving Trueblood; Whiteston, Mrs. DeWitt Winslow and Miss Lucille Lingo; Home and Garden, Mrs. G. E. Fields and Mrs. W. M. Tucker; Ballahack, Mrs. B. P. Monds, Mrs. A. T. Davis and Mrs. J. M. Sutton; Beech Springs, Mrs. C. W. Reed and Mrs. C. H. Stallings; Durants Neck, Mrs. T. A. Burdette and Mrs. J. A. Sawyer; Bethel, Mrs. S. M. Long, Mrs. Chas. White and Mrs. J. J. Phillips; Snow Hill-White Hat, Mrs. Elmer Wood, Mrs. Freeman Umphlett and Mrs. Edward Benton; Belvidere, Mrs. L. L. Winslow and Miss Margaret White; Helen Gaither Club, Mrs. C. P. Morris and Mrs. J. T. White; Burgess, Mrs. Tommy Matthews and Mrs. J. B. Basnight.

The schedule of programs for each month is as follows:

January, Outlook for 1941; February, A Pleasing Place to Eat; March, Drapes and Draperies; April, Sewing; May, Plectures, Selection and Preparation of Food; June, Food Preservation, Canning and Vegetables; July, Grape Jelly; August, Recreation; September, Bedding, Selection and Care of Bed; October, Selection of Furniture; November, Beans and Pookases; December, Christmas Party.

The schedule of club meetings for next week is as follows:

Tuesday, January 7—Chapanoke Home Demonstration Club.
Wednesday, January 8—Winfall Home Demonstration Club meets with Mrs. E. N. Miller.
Thursday, January 9—Whiteston Home Demonstration Club meets with Mrs. DeWitt Winslow.
Friday, January 10—Home and Garden Home Demonstration Club meets.

Entertain At Home During Holidays

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Skinner, of Washington, D. C., entertained many friends of the Albemarle section at their country home, Cove Grove, on Thursday afternoon and evening, December 26. The occasion was the fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skinner, and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus H. Skinner, of New Britain, Conn., who were recently married.

The old family home was beautifully decorated in keeping with the holiday season.

Mrs. Frank Skinner wore her wedding dress of white angel crepe with expensive accessories. Mrs. J. J. Skinner wore a bright red jacket, trimmed with gold braid and a black hat, carrying out the spirit of a cheerful Christmas.

Mrs. Hoyle Umphlett, of Hopeville, sister of Mrs. Frank Skinner, arrived in the dining room, beautifully dressed by Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Sr., of Raleigh. Helen Gaither, Mrs. T. B. B. and Mrs. Hollowell Nixon, of Albemarle. Mrs. Skinner was assisted by Mrs. Mae Wood Winslow in the kitchen.

Guests were Crown visitors during the evening. Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Hester, of Raleigh; Captain Willard, of Fort Benning, Ga.; Mrs. E. N. Elliott, of Chowan; and Mrs. W. S. Boswood, of Hertford. Mrs. Chester Morris, of Hertford, and Mrs. J. G. Fearing, of Greenville.

Meets Monday Central Grammar

Parent-Teacher Association of Central Grammar School will meet Monday, January 6th, at 8 o'clock.

Home Demonstrations, home demonstration, will make a short play on Home Education. A play will be under the direction of Mrs. Marshall Owens. Elizabeth Clay, Mrs. and Mrs. are doing nicely.

J. C. Blanchard Gives Bonus To Employees

A Christmas bonus totaling nearly one thousand dollars was presented by J. C. Blanchard & Company, Inc., to its employees.

The bonus paid to each employee was proportioned according to the length of time employed by the firm. The management said that it felt every member of the organization had done his or her utmost to build good will and make new customers.

Declaring 1940 to be an outstanding year in volume of business, J. C. Blanchard & Company, Inc., expressed thanks for employee-cooperation which made such a successful year possible, and expressed thanks to the public for its patronage.

Local Draft Board Has Quota Ready To Leave For Camp

Francis E. Willey, Aubrey Umphlett, Francis Jessup, William A. Bogue and Roulac Webb are the five men chosen to fill Perquimans County's draft quota for January 7, according to J. R. Stokes, chairman of the local draft board.

These men have passed their local medical examination and will leave Hertford on the 9:40 bus Tuesday morning for Fort Bragg, where they will be inducted into Uncle Sam's armed forces.

However, before the induction actually occurs each man must again stand a physical examination by army medical men and pass this before he is inducted into service.

In the event that any of these men fail to pass this examination, the local board has named five alternates to fill any gap, if there be one. The alternates are: Roscoe Stallings, Joseph Perry, Robert Morris, Henry Bright and Louis N. Chappell.

After the men have been inducted into the army they will be transferred to Fort Jackson, S. C., and assigned to the 30th Division.

At the present time the local draft board has not received any call for Negro draftees for this month, although it has four Negro volunteers ready to go when called.

Another batch of questionnaires has been mailed to registrants and the board will classify the returns by next week. Registrants have five days in which to return questionnaires to the local draft board after having received them.

Mr. Stokes announced that he again wanted to impress upon all registrants that they must notify the local draft board of any changes in their status. Failure to keep the board informed of change of address, etc., is a violation under the Selective Service Act.

Local Company To Store Peanuts Under Government Plan

Arrangements have been concluded between The Southern Cotton Oil Company and The Growers Peanut Cooperative, Inc., for the storage of peanuts by the local company. This arrangement is in connection with the Government Peanut Control plan and interested peanut growers are invited to inquire at the local company's office for complete details.

Bill Jessup Enlists In Marine Reserves

Julian C. Jessup, widely known among his friends as "Bill," has enlisted in the United States Marine Reserves, and is subject to call on July first.

Jessup is a senior at Duke University, and is among a number of Duke students who recently enlisted for the Marine Reserves, or other military service.

He is the son of the late Julian C. Jessup and the late Mattie McMullan Jessup.

Mrs. C. M. Harrell Wins West Hertford Contest

In a Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Home and Garden Club in West Hertford, Mrs. C. M. Harrell won first prize and Mrs. H. C. Hoffer won second prize. This is the second contest sponsored by the club during the past year.

SIXTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owens wish to announce the birth of a son, Marshall Richard Owens, Jr., born on Friday, December 27, at the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, N. C., and now are doing nicely.

Funeral Services For Mrs. J. H. Towe Held On Thursday

Widely Known Resi- dent Died Tuesday After Long Illness

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon for Mrs. J. H. Towe, Sr., age 65, widely known resident of Hertford, who died Tuesday evening at nine o'clock at her home, where she had resided many years.

Mrs. Towe was the widow of the late J. H. Towe, Sr., who preceded her in death several years ago.

A life-long resident of Hertford Mrs. Towe was a member and leader of the Hertford Methodist Church and the Mary Towe Missionary Circle of the church is named in her honor.

Surviving are six children: Mrs. Jacob L. White, J. H. Towe, Jr., Lawrence, Martin and Mary Towe, of Hertford, and Mrs. J. M. Eason, of Newport News, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Saunders and Miss Eugenia Davis, of Portsmouth, Va.; and three brothers, Carson Davis, of Manteo, Ralph and Ernest Davis, of Portsmouth, Va., and ten grandchildren.

The services were conducted at the home by the Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church. Burial was made in Cedarwood Cemetery in Hertford.

Pallbearers were: E. Leigh Winslow, R. D. Elliott, Jr., Dr. T. P. Brinn, W. H. Pitt, Robbins Blanchard, Marshall Owens, P. L. Bostick and John Richard Hoffer.

Tax Listing Starts In County January 4; Schedule Shown

Perquimans County's tax list takers will open their books Saturday, January 4th, for all persons to come forward and list their property for taxes.

A schedule of the tax listers appears in this issue of The Weekly and by looking at this schedule any person may acquaint himself or herself with the location of his or her township list taker during this month. All property must be listed by the last part of January and failure to list is subject to penalty.

A county official warns that court action may result in failure to list property for taxes and pointed out action that had been started in other counties by Superior Court Judges in regard to this matter.

Inasmuch as all property is set for revaluation in quadrennial years, the board of county commissioners will this year review all property for revaluation. The board will start this work at the conclusion of the list taking.

Revaluation will take place in all cases where the commissioners deem it proper and just. Notice of any changes in valuation will be mailed to all property owners affected.

Appeals on changes of valuation may be taken by property owners with the proper officials.

Location Of Naval Air Base Expected In Short Time

According to an announcement made this week in Washington, Secretary of the Navy Knox is expected to reveal the location of the \$5,000,000 air base very shortly.

Actual writing of the exhaustive report on the inspection of sites made sometime ago by Captain Rosendahl is all that remains to be done before the location is named.

Included in this report will be the sites submitted by Perquimans in its bid for the base. The site will cover 640 acres and approximately \$5,000,000 will be spent in developing the base. This does not include housing for the personnel.

ROOK CLUB MEETS

Mrs. G. R. Tucker was the delightful hostess to her rook club Friday evening at her home. Those playing were: Mesdames Edgar Morris, Ed Harrell, Oscar Newbold, Rosa Waldron, C. T. Skinner, Durwood Reed, Arbie Lane, Julian White, Carleton Cannon, William Tucker and Oscar Felton, and Miss Mildred Reed. High score prize was won by Mrs. Harrell, second high by Mrs. Newbold, and Mrs. White received low. A dainty table course was served by the hostess.

Silas Whedbee To Head President's Birthday Celebration

Definite Plans Not Yet Made But Will Be An- nounced Next Week

Silas M. Whedbee, Hertford postmaster, has been chosen to serve as chairman of the celebration honoring President Roosevelt's birthday in Perquimans County.

Mr. Whedbee announced Wednesday that he had accepted the chairmanship for this year. However, at the present time he has not outlined definite plans for the celebration. Various committees will be chosen to assist the chairman with the program.

The celebration of the President's birthday is a program to fight Infantile Paralysis and has grown in scope each year since it was first inaugurated several years ago. The money that is raised through the various methods used by individual cities, towns and counties is used to fight the dreaded disease.

One of the major recipients of these funds is the Warm Springs, Ga., foundation which houses hundreds of children that have been stricken by infantile paralysis. There the children receive treatment and care that means much toward their eventual cure, or helpful medical assistance.

Mr. Whedbee expects to have the plans ready and the committees named for the local celebration by the next edition of The Weekly and they will be announced at that time.

Only Four Counties Free Of Fatalities First Eleven Months

Only four of the 100 counties in North Carolina had not had a single traffic fatality charged against them when the Highway Safety Division released its eleven-months summary last week, and 40 counties showed increases.

Ronald Hocutt, director of the division, stated that 108 fatalities in November brought to 851 the total for the first eleven months of 1940. This represented a two per cent increase over the 834 persons killed on North Carolina streets and highways the first eleven months of last year.

The four counties with clean records at the close of November were Clay, Gates, Mitchell and Tyrrell. Two of these, Tyrrell and Gates, were among the six counties without a traffic fatality in 1939.

Perquimans County had 1 person killed in traffic accidents through November of this year, a 50 per cent decrease over the two killed in the county the first 11 months of 1939.

Airplanes Now Speed Faster Than Bullets

"An Army airplane has, in a late test, attained a speed of 520 miles an hour—faster than a bullet," relates William F. McDermott in the current Rotarian Magazine. "An airplane speed of 600 to 700 miles an hour is in sight."

It is the octane content of the gasoline that makes such speeds possible, Mr. McDermott points out, and it is a former Russian exile, now becoming a naturalized American citizen, who has made the discoveries that permit this hope. "The name of 73-year-old Vladimir N. Ipatieff was for years revered in Russia much like Thomas A. Edison's was in America," he writes.

Quitting Russia in protest at what was happening, Prof. Ipatieff came to America to become a lecturer at Northwestern University and chemical research director for an oil company. Here he has worked out a process of condensing the molecules of a gas that was formerly wasted in the "cracking" process of crude oils to make gasoline, with such results that Mr. McDermott reports "this process represents a saving of 75 million barrels of crude oil a year."

This pepped-up gas promises speeds up to or better than 700 miles an hour, Author McDermott shows, and "there are still 4 billion untested ways of trying to make better gasoline, any of which may be an improvement on what is known today!"

ROTARY CLUB MEETS

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

Average Population Of Private Families Lower Than 1930

According to preliminary figures released by the Department of Commerce, the Sixteenth Decennial Census indicates that the average number of persons in the American family is continuing to become smaller.

The average population of each family in the U. S. in 1940 was 3.8 which figure may be compared with 4.1, the average population per family in 1930.

According to the figures released the North Carolina average has declined from 4.9 in 1930 to 4.5 in 1940.

Mary Onella Relfe Weds Jack Brinn December 26

Characterized by dignity and simplicity, the wedding of Miss Mary Onella Relfe and Jack Elliott Brinn took place in the Hertford Methodist Church Thursday afternoon, December 26, at 3:00 o'clock, with the pastor, the Rev. R. F. Munns, officiating.

The bride wore an afternoon dress of white-colored silk crepe, trimmed with velvet of the same shade and a matching turban. Her other accessories were of black. There were no attendants.

Immediately after the ceremony, the young couple left for a motor trip of unannounced destination. For travel the bride wore Viking blue, with kolinsky furs.

Mrs. Brinn is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Relfe. She received her education at Perquimans High School and Greensboro College. For the past three years she has been a member of the faculty at Perquimans High School.

Mr. Brinn, a prominent young farmer, is a son of the late J. T. Brinn and Mrs. Brinn. He is a graduate of Perquimans High School and of the University of North Carolina.

Only the immediate families of the couple were present at the wedding, including Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Relfe, Dr. and Mrs. T. P. Brinn, Mr. and Mrs. John Broughton, Jr., and Mrs. J. R. Hooks, of Fremont.

Workers Needed For Construction Of Holly Ridge Aircraft Base

Plans for the new \$9,000,000 anti-aircraft base located near Holly Ridge in Onslow County, are getting under way and skilled and semi-skilled workers in the following classifications will be needed: Heavy equipment operators and oilers; heavy equipment mechanics; carpenters; linemen; electricians; sheet metal workers; engineers; draftsmen; brickmasons; cement finishers; miscellaneous workers.

Qualified workers should register as soon as possible with the local office of the N. C. State Employment Service located in the Citizens Bank Building in Edenton, which serves the counties of Chowan, Bertie, Gates, Hertford and Perquimans in order that they may be ready for selection and referral when requisitioned.

Katherine Campen Weds Carl Kelly Of Newport News, Va.

The wedding of Miss Erma Catherine Campen, of Hertford, and Mr. Carl Kelly, of Newport News, Va., was solemnized Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Sitterton in a private ceremony with the Rev. R. F. Munns, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, officiating. Only members of the immediate families and a few intimate friends were present.

The bride wore an outfit of soldier blue with matching accessories. Her shoulder corsage was of Talisman roses and fern.

Mrs. Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Campen, Jr., and is very popular in Hertford.

Mr. Kelly is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Kelly, of Hobberville, and holds a position in Newport News.

The newlyweds are at home in Newport News, Va.

Cotton Gin Report

A total of 3,884 bales of cotton were ginned in Perquimans County from the 1940 crop, according to Willie M. Harrell, special agent. This amount was ginned prior to December 13, and represents 2,197 more bales than were ginned of the 1939 crop for the same period of time.

Stevenson Case To Be Heard In Superior Court In April

Edward Layden Charged With Assault In Cutting Case

A warrant charging him with assault with a deadly weapon was issued for Edward Layden of New Hope after he had given testimony in a probable cause hearing against Andrew Stevenson, also of New Hope, in Recorder's Court on Tuesday.

Stevenson was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill as a result of a fight between himself and Layden on the night of December 7. Layden was cut with a knife and it was necessary for him to enter a hospital, where 25 stitches were required to close the wound.

Judge Granberry Tucker ruled no probable cause after hearing Layden's testimony and stated that Layden had incriminated himself, whereupon the State issued the warrant for him.

Upon a motion by P. G. Sawyer, attorney for Layden, and agreement by Charles Johnson, solicitor, and the Stevenson's defense, the cases were advanced to Superior Court to be heard in April. Stevenson's charge was reduced to assault with a deadly weapon.

Several other minor cases were heard by Judge Tucker on Tuesday. These included a reckless driving charge against Sam Copeland, Negro, who pled guilty and was assessed the costs of court.

Will Dennis Harrell, Negro, charged with assault on a female, was found guilty and prayer for judgment was continued until January 7.

Addie Webb Harrell, Negro, was found guilty of simple assault. Prayer of judgment was continued until January 7.

Thaddeus Elliott, Negro, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and prayer of judgment was continued until the next term of court.

Henry Hamlin, Negro, submitted to a charge of assault on a female and paid the costs.

Bill Vernon Wiggins, Negro, was found guilty of assault and sentenced to 30 days, suspended on payment of the costs and placed on good behavior for one year.

William Whichard, Negro, pled guilty to driving drunk and having insufficient brakes. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended upon payment of a \$50 fine and costs. His driver's license was suspended for one year.

Arthur Armond, Negro, was found guilty of assault upon a female and prayer of judgment was continued upon payment of costs and good behavior.

A nol prosee was taken by the State in the case of Roscoe Tillet, Negro, charged with larceny, and Milton Tillet, Negro, was found not guilty of the same charge.

Local Boy Graduates From Army Flying School In Alabama

Flying Cadet Fenton H. Butler, son of Mrs. G. W. Butler, is to graduate from the Air Corps Advanced Flying School, Maxwell Field, Alabama, on January 31, it was announced this week by Colonel Floyd E. Galloway, Air Corps, the school commandant.

Upon graduation, Butler is to receive the military aeronautical rating of "Pilot," his "wings," and commission in the U. S. Air Corps Reserve as Second Lieutenant. He is also to be ordered to extended active duty training with a tactical unit of the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Prior to assignment to the advanced Flying School Cadet Butler had attended elementary and basic flying schools for ten weeks each. The course at Maxwell Field was also ten weeks duration and started on November 16, 1940.

Bank Starts Early Closing On Saturdays

The Hertford Banking Company will start observing new banking hours on Saturdays, beginning on January 4. The bank will close each Saturday at 2 p. m., instead of the usual 3 p. m., which has been the custom for the past several years.