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Principal Announces Honor Roll For Central School

Over Ninety Students Listed For This Quarter

Principal Rupert Ainsley announced on Wednesday the list of boys and girls making the honor roll at the Perquimans Central Grammar School for the second quarter of this school year.

A total of over ninety boys and girls from the first to the seventh grades are listed as honor students during this quarter.

First Grade—Margaret Symons, Rufus Turner, Lawrence Winslow, Eugene Boyce, Nellie Cartwright, Graythel Ray Spear, Linwood Lamb, Kathleen Hurdle, Gertrude Elliott, Amy Vann Roach, Mary Vernon Ward, Barbara Ann Benton, Ben Miller, Marjorie Whedbee, Marvina White, Morris Winslow, Aby Godfrey, Walter Humphlett, Jr., and Billy Morris Benton.

Second Grade—Julian Lane, Leonard Harrell, Douglas Coffield, Derwood Lane, Melvin Lamb, Horace Miller, Imogene Chappell, Earlene Chalk, Sally White, Albert White, George Eure, Preston Morgan, Eula Chalk, Sylvia Abell, Hattie Elliott, Emogene Miller, Patsy Hurdle.

Third Grade—Lindsay Earl Barber, Velma Ann Carver, Willie Mae Chappell, Parker Copeland, Ruby Dail, Norwood Elliott, Mary Frances Fowler, Geraldine Gregory, Ailene Hobb, Minnie Lee Hollowell, Alice B. Lee, Carolyn Hurdle, Ruby Lane, Lillian Russell, Paul Smith, Faray Symons, Thomas Edward Umphlett, Billy Winslow and Harry Lee Winslow.

Fourth Grade—Ann Onley, Preston Lane, Doland Winslow, Marie Rountree, Thelma White, Marietta Jolliff, Lela Lee Winslow, Ray Lamb, Ann Hollowell.

Fifth Grade—Anna Faye Copeland, Earl Simpson, Doris Wilder, Romes Chappell, James Dail, Peggy Cook, Emmett Lane, Leon Lane, H. B. Miller, Eugene Hurdle.

Sixth Grade—Oneida Caddy, Mary Leland Winslow, Mary Lina Raper, Faye Winslow, Aileen Yeates, Emmett Elmore, Kadar Franklin White, Sybil Monds, Jean Chappell.

Seventh Grade—Pauline Smith, Esther Winslow, Marjorie Rebecca White, Leona Lane, Horace Baker, Jr., Norma Winslow, Dorothy Faye White, Marjorie Frances White, Frances Ann Cook, Joan Winslow.

Hertford Rotary Club Entertains National Officer

The Hertford Rotary Club held its regular meeting at the Hotel Hertford Tuesday night and had as a special guest, Wallace Journey of Birmingham, Alabama, representative at large for the governors of Rotary International in southern districts.

Mr. Journey spoke on the history and growth of Rotary International and reviewed activities of past years of the local club.

Especially interesting were Mr. Journey's reports on how Rotary Clubs in England are continuing their work in spite of the war. He said they often held meetings in air-raid shelters, if air-raid alarms were given at their meeting time.

In an informal discussion following his talk, it was brought out that Rotary Clubs in German-dominated areas have not been disbanded.

The Hertford Club will not meet at the Hotel for its regular meeting next Tuesday evening, but most of the members plan to go to Elizabeth City to attend an Inter-City meeting to be held there.

Youngest Grandfather Honors Belong To William (Bill) Elliott

The distinction of being the youngest grandfather in Perquimans County belongs to genial William (Bill) Elliott, whose first grandchild was born early this month.

The Weekly has checked various authorities to the best of its ability and finds that Bill, at the ripe young age of 42, is the fellow to lay claim to the title of being the county's youngest grandpa. Congratulations, Bill, may you long hold the title.

Indians Face Two Games On Hardwood This Week-end

The Perquimans High School basketball teams face a tough schedule of two games to be played this week-end. The boys and girls played the teams from Hobbsville High School Thursday night and will meet the Williamston teams on the local court tonight (Friday).

Still feeling in fine shape, after their victory over the strong Central team last week, the Indians are looking toward adding two more scalps to their belts before this week closes.

If past records have any bearing on the games, the Squaws should come off the court victorious in both of their battles.

County Council Of Demonstration Clubs To Meet Saturday

Awards For Work and Attendance to Be Given at Meeting

The County Council of Perquimans County Home Demonstration Clubs will hold its first meeting of the year 1941 on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Agricultural Building in Hertford.

All members are urged to be present for important discussion of club work.

Miss Frances Maness, county agent for the Home Demonstration Clubs, stated that awards for club work during the year 1940 will be made at this meeting, as well as attendance certificates given to members who have not missed meetings during the past year.

First award for the outstanding club work for the year will be a pressure cooker to be given to the club having the best general record for the year.

Second award, a set of curtain stretchers, will go to the club placing second, and the club getting third place will receive a fruit cake pan.

The Winfall Home Demonstration Club will have charge of the program to be presented at the meeting on Saturday.

EXTENSION NOTES

By FRANCES MANESS
Home Demonstration Agent

Again this year we want to stress more reading among our club women. Certificates will be given for those reading three books that are on the list sent out.

The Perquimans County Library Board is cooperating in every way in order that we may have more books available. I hope that every community will take advantage of the opportunity to get books in the community.

Schedule For Next Week
Tuesday, February 4—Chapinoke Club will meet with Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

Wednesday, February 5—Winfall Club will meet with Mrs. C. J. Layden.

Thursday, February 6—Whiteston Club will meet with Miss Lucille Lane.

Friday, February 7—Home and Garden Club will meet with Mrs. Wilson Reed.

Committeemen Hold All Day Meeting

County Committeemen who have charge of the Perquimans Farm Program held an all-day session with County Agent L. W. Anderson and J. C. Broome, district officer of the AAA, at the Agricultural Building on Tuesday.

Committeemen from every township in the county were present at the meeting to hear a discussion on the Farm Program for 1941. Specific purpose of the meeting was to outline the work for the coming year as it pertains to Perquimans.

Mr. Broome gave a complete, and in some cases, illustrated talk regarding crop allotments and yields, soil practices and soil building and payments to be made under the farm program.

Various points of the program were made clear by the committeemen questioning Mr. Broome on items listed in the program.

Birthday Dance Set Tentatively For Friday, Feb. 7th

March of Dimes Program to Start on Saturday

The President's Ball, honoring the celebration of work being done to raise funds to aid in the fight against Infantile Paralysis, will be held in Hertford on February 7, according to an announcement made Wednesday by S. M. Whedbee, chairman of the celebration in Perquimans County.

Mr. Whedbee stated that this is, at the present time, a tentative date, but that if arrangements can be made to have Jimmy McCallum and his orchestra here for that date, the dance will be held on Friday, the 7th.

McCallum and his orchestra hail from Colerain and played for the ball given in Edenton on Tuesday evening of this week. Those in attendance at the Edenton dance said that the orchestra was "okay," so it is expected that a large crowd will be on hand for the local affair and aid in the fight against the disease. Price of admission for the local dance has been set at \$1.00 per couple.

The March of Dimes, another feature of the program pertaining to the Birthday celebration, will get underway in this County on Saturday, February 1, with F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools and Howard Pitt, Hertford Scoutmaster, in charge of the March.

This year the school children of the county and the Boy Scouts will be used to collect the dimes and The Weekly urges that every person do his or her bit by contributing to this splendid program.

Fifty percent of all money raised in this county remains here to be used in the local fight against infantile paralysis. It is probable that with the local dance committee, composed of Mr. Whedbee, Dr. C. A. Davenport and Morgan Walker, making every attempt to hold the expenses of a dance to the minimum, that a likely sum will be cleared from the President's Ball this year. High-priced orchestras in the past have taken most of the door receipts at the dance which left little for the chairman to turn over to the general committee supporting the program.

Local Marine Wins Praise Of General

Washington, D. C.—Praise for his ability as a student was recently given to Sergeant Raleigh B. Perry, formerly of Hertford, who completed the difficult Diesel Engines Course, as taught by the Marine Corps Institute here. Accompanying the diploma was a letter of commendation from Major-General T. Holcomb, Commandant of the Corps.

Sgt. Perry is a member of the 5th Reserve District, with home quarters at Portsmouth, Va., and despite his various duties, found the necessary time to study for and successfully pass all examinations.

The Marine Corps Institute was established about 20 years ago with the purpose of presenting free textbooks and courses to all ambitious marines desiring to improve their spare time with study. The Institute offers a wide variety of courses, including many of the arts, trades and sciences.

General Holcomb's letter to Sgt. Perry read in part: "The Major-General Commandant congratulates you upon your excellent work in completing this course."

Sergeant Perry is the son of Mrs. Narcissus B. Perry, of Hertford, and prior to entering the Corps, made his home here.

Postal Receipts On The Increase Here

Postal receipts at the Hertford Post Office during the year 1940 amounted to approximately \$10,500 according to S. M. Whedbee, local postmaster. Mr. Whedbee stated on Wednesday that this is a considerable increase over receipts during the past several years.

MEETING CHANGED

Circle Number Two of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 6:15 o'clock at the church, Mrs. Lula Lane is hostess for this meeting.

Mrs. I. A. Ward Issues Invitation To Women To Join Club

States Town Can Be Improved By Proper Cooperation

Mrs. I. A. Ward, president of the Hertford Woman's Club, today issued an invitation and made an urgent appeal to all the women of Hertford to become members of the Woman's Club and to work together for improvements and beautification of our town.

In making the appeal Mrs. Ward stated: "We have one of the finest little towns in the State, and by nature one of the prettiest, but there are many things that can be done to make it more attractive and more desirable to live in. All together we can accomplish much, but just a few will have a hard task."

"When you join the Woman's Club you pay one dollar a year dues," said Mrs. Ward. "You show you are civic-minded, you are interested in your town and you are willing to join hands with the other women and do your bit. Whether you attend a single meeting or not, there is no excuse for not becoming a member."

"In one of our western cities an invalid who never leaves her room is one of the most outstanding members of the Woman's Club of that city. She pays her dues, writes letters, gets magazine subscriptions for her club, and really makes more money for her club than the average woman in good health. If you have a mind to work there is always an opportunity."

Mrs. Ward said that at the present time the local club had as its project the building of a new club house in which public meetings, banquets and private parties for the young people could be held.

She thanked Mayor V. N. Darden and the Town Board for the hearty cooperation and said that practically every man in Hertford had encouraged the club on with its work.

The Club held the first supper last Thursday night to start the building fund and cleared \$55.70. Mrs. Ward extended her thanks to those who helped in any way to make the supper such a success.

Bertie's 'Grand Old Man' Passes Away

Judge Francis D. Winston of Windsor, known far and wide as "Bertie's Grand Old Man," died at his home about 7 o'clock Tuesday night. He was 83 years old and had been in ill health for several months, succumbing to a series of heart attacks.

Judge Winston, during his life held a number of important positions, some of which were Superior Court judge, lieutenant-governor and grand master of Masons in North Carolina. He was also the oldest trustee of the University of North Carolina and for 12 years had been judge of Bertie County General Court. He was, in his younger years, a school teacher in Edenton.

Survivors are his wife, the former Rosa Mary Kennedy of Portsmouth, Va., whom he married in 1899; a brother, Robert Watson Winston of Chapel Hill; and a sister, Mrs. Robert Winston Spruill of Rocky Mount and New York.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Windsor with the Rev. Louis Schenck officiating.

Robber Makes Haul At Morgan Walker's

A sneak thief made a forty-dollar "haul" at the Morgan Walker Soda Shop in a daring robbery which occurred Sunday night during the church hour.

Mr. Walker stated that during the hour that the store was closed some person or persons rifled his cash register and stole approximately \$40 in cash. A check revealed that no merchandise was missing.

It was believed that the robber hid in the store room as the clerk was locking up for the church hour and after the coast had become clear rifled the cash register and made his getaway.

Police have little evidence to work on, but several suspects have been questioned.

Vida Marie Banks Weds Stephen R. Pritchard Saturday

A wedding of wide interest in Perquimans County was solemnized on Saturday, January 25, when Vida Marie Banks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen D. Banks, of New Hope, became the bride of Stephen R. Pritchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zenus Pritchard, of Weeksville.

The wedding took place at the District Parsonage of the Methodist Church in Elizabeth City with the Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor of the New Hope Church, officiating. Only members of the immediate families and a few friends attended.

The bride wore a costume suit of soldier blue wool alpaca with accessories of navy. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses.

After a motor trip to an unannounced destination, the couple will return to make their home at Weeksville.

Tax List Takers To Close Books On Friday Evening

Penalty For Late Listing Effective This Year

Tax List Takers in Perquimans County will close their books at six o'clock Friday evening, January 31, according to J. W. Ward, county tax supervisor.

During the first twenty-eight days of the month approximately seventy-five percent of the taxpayers had listed their property but the remaining twenty-five percent will have to rush the tax listers before the deadline Friday evening unless they wish to pay the penalty assessed late listers.

The list takers expect a final rush Friday evening in the effort to beat the deadline, but according to the law, those who fail to list their property by the appointed time will have to pay the penalty.

Another event that looms with regard to tax listing is the probability that the Superior Court during the April Term will call for an investigation of people who have not listed their property for taxation during the past years.

Superior Courts in other counties have called these investigations and have found numerous people throughout the counties who violated the law by failing to list. Local officials have issued a warning that those who fail to list their property for taxes during the present time may find themselves in trouble later.

Funeral Services Held Saturday For Mrs. Joseph P. Ward

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Joseph P. Ward of the Bethel Community, who died in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, on Thursday evening.

Mrs. Ward was taken to the hospital on Monday for observation, after a short illness.

Final rites were held at the Pierce Funeral Home in Hertford at 2 o'clock Saturday. The Rev. J. T. Byrum, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was made in Beaver Hill Cemetery in Edenton. Survivors include her husband, J. P. Ward, two sisters, Mrs. A. F. Proctor and Mrs. M. T. Griffin, of Perquimans County, and a brother, Charlie Fleetwood, of Tennessee.

Gin Report

According to the census reports issued by Willie M. Harrell, special agent, a total of 3,507 bales of cotton were ginned in the county up to January 16. This shows an increase over the previous year of some 2,274 bales. A total of 1,233 bales were ginned during the same period of 1939.

First Snow Fall Hits County Tuesday A. M.

The first snowfall of the year hit Perquimans County early Tuesday morning and lasted through half the day. Although at times the snow was falling heavy and fast, it failed to stick to the ground and all evidence of the first snow of the year was melted away before late afternoon.

Local Draft Board Receives Four More Volunteers

Four Negroes Sign as Volunteers Under Act

Four additional volunteers made their appearance at the local draft offices this week and signified their intention of being ready to serve their county under Uncle Sam's Selective Service Act.

The volunteers, all Negroes, were James Winslow, Jr., Horace Goodwin, Jacob H. Martin and George Nelson. These youths bring to a total of 11 the number of colored volunteers that the local draft board has had to date. A total of four white men has volunteered for service.

The local board as yet has not received a call for more men, but one is expected daily for a quota to be filled sometime around February 17; however, the board has received word that in all cases where blood tests made during the physical examination are positive that these cases shall be reported to local health officers.

In preparation for the next call for men from this county, the board has eight white men and thirteen Negroes ready to leave for camp. That is this number of men has been classified and given medical examinations and are classed as A-1.

Among these are Robert Morris, Henry Bright, Louis Chappell, Edgar Lane, Harold Copeland, Hersey Gregory, William Davis and William Cartwright, all white.

The Negroes in Class A-1 are: Bernice Woodard, Robert Riddick, Vernon Wiggins, George Felton, Henry White, Enoch Barnard, Andrew Jackson, Ulysses Skinner, Merritt Hollowell, Clarence Harrell, James Felton, Ralph Burke and Anthony Overton.

J. R. Stokes, chairman of the local board, stated that the board will not mail out any questionnaires during this week as the board believed that a sufficient number of men are ready for the next call. However, the board will mail out more questionnaires next week.

Five Minor Cases Take Little Time Recorder's Court

Five cases were heard in the Perquimans Recorder's Court on Tuesday morning before Judge Granberry Tucker and less than an hour was required to clear the docket of the minor cases.

Ethel Mae Overton, Negro, was assessed the costs of court when she failed to appear as the prosecuting witness against Howard Overton whom she had charged with assault and non-support.

Harold Henry Copeland, charged with reckless driving by Patrolman Jack Gaskill, pleaded guilty and was taxed \$5.00 which was to be applied to the costs of court.

Earl Wilder, brought to court on a charge of operating a truck with improper lights, pleaded not guilty and gave testimony that it was an emergency that caused him to use the truck at night. He was found guilty and prayer for judgment was continued.

Horace Goodwin, Negro, charged with vagrancy and failure to list property for taxation, was found not guilty to both counts.

Horace White, Negro, was charged with assault on Mary Webb, Negro, and was found guilty. Judge Tucker sentenced White to 60 days on the roads, sentence suspended on payment of costs and good behavior for one year.

McMullan White Resigns Position At Morgan's Store

McMullan White has resigned his position with W. M. Morgan, the Hertford Furniture Man, and will leave Hertford Sunday for Norfolk, Va., where he has accepted another position.

Mac's friends will hate to see him leave Hertford, but wish him luck with his new job.

LIONS CLUB MEET

The Hertford Lions Club held its regular meeting last Friday night. An interesting program was presented by Envoy Cook of the Salvation Army pertaining to summer camps for children.