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Lancaster Baseball Club To Hold Spring Training In Edenton

Thirty Men Expected to Spend Four Weeks in Town

Edenton, March 21.—Definite assurance was received late last week that the Lancaster, Pa., baseball club of the Interstate League will train in Edenton. During the previous week Norman McCain, secretary of the club, and John Quinn, an American League umpire, who is interested in the club, came to Edenton to investigate facilities and though favorably impressed would give no definite information at that time.

However, on Friday Quinn telephoned Dave Holton, who has been interested in securing a baseball club to pick Edenton as a spring training camp, that at a meeting of the Lancaster club's officials it was decided to train here. The baseball park and field house will be at the disposal of the recruits free of cost and suitable accommodations will be provided at Hotel Joseph Hewes for boarding the men.

According to McCain, there will be approximately 30 players in the group to come here to train, who are expected to arrive April 7, and remain in training about four weeks.

Following the telephone conversation, Holton early this week received a letter from McCain confirming the club's agreement to train in Edenton. He also asked Holton to arrange to have the diamond in satisfactory condition and arrange to take care of the umpires as well as assist William Cowdick, the business manager, in the sale of tickets at the ball park.

McCain, in his letter, said they had not yet decided on their playing manager, but did furnish a list of the exhibition games scheduled, which are as follows:

- April 13—Lancaster at Newport News, Va.
- April 14—Lancaster at Portsmouth, Va.
- April 18—Lancaster at Wilson.
- April 19—Hagerstown at Edenton.
- April 20—Lancaster at Rocky Mount.
- April 22—Reading at Edenton.
- April 26—Lancaster at Newport News, Va.
- April 27—Lancaster at Newport News, Va.
- April 28—Lancaster at Newport News, Va.

McCain has arranged to ship to Hotel Joseph Hewes a gross of baseballs, as well as baseball bats and other paraphernalia, which he asks to be taken care of until the club officials arrive.

According to McCain, the club is contemplating purchasing a new bus, but in case the plans are not carried out, he asks Holton's cooperation in securing fans to assist in traveling to and from Edenton to play exhibition games. He also suggests securing a couple of batting practice catchers and upon information furnished expressed pleasure at having William Cayton take part in the practices at second base.

The local field will be put into proper shape for the visiting baseball players and it is hoped by those interested that the weather will be more favorable for baseball than was the case last year when it was so unseasonable that few days afforded comfortable training periods.

Library Schedule Changed During Next Thirty Days

The Perquimans County Library Board announced this week that for the next thirty days the library will be open only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 10 to 12 and from 1 to 5.

This change in the library hours is necessitated due to the librarian, Mrs. Brooks Whedbee, being relieved of her WPA duties for the thirty-day period. Mrs. Whedbee, having served on the PWA for the past eighteen months, must comply with WPA ruling and suspend from working for the thirty-day period.

The library board, however, has arranged with Mrs. Whedbee to oversee the library during the three days each week. All regular hours will be resumed at the end of the thirty-day period.

Mrs. C. V. Williford Breaks Hip in Fall

Mrs. C. V. Williford was painfully injured when she fell at her residence in the Hotel Hertford Wednesday morning.

Examination revealed that Mrs. Williford sustained a fracture of the hip and she was carried to the Elizabeth City Hospital for treatment.

Missionary Union To Meet On March 28 At Cool Spring Church

The annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of the Chowan Association will be held Friday, March 28, at Cool Spring Church, in Gates County. The superintendent, Mrs. A. D. Ward, will preside during the morning session. Mrs. J. P. Perry, of Hertford, Mrs. Philip White, lately returned from China, the Rev. Frank Cole, of Tyner, and other interesting speakers will take part in the program. A quartette will render special music. Mrs. C. C. Bell, of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. Percy Smith, of Edenton, will have charge of the afternoon session. The program will be given by the young people.

Bundles For Britain Shipment Sent From Hertford This Week

Committee Very Grateful For Splendid Support

The first large shipment of Bundles for Britain from Perquimans County was started on its way Tuesday, being sent from here to National Headquarters for the movement in New York.

The shipment, results of a concentrated drive by the Hertford Troop of Boy Scouts, was valued at \$125. It included eight men's suits, fourteen ladies' coats, numbers of men's overcoats and shoes. The Bundles filled four boxes when made ready for shipping. Fifty dollars in cash were sent beside the clothing.

The Perquimans County Bundles for Britain committee was organized through the Hertford Woman's Club, with Mrs. R. T. Clarke as chairman, Mrs. Edgar Morris, co-chairman, Mrs. J. J. Fleetwood, secretary, and Miss Mae Wood Winslow, treasurer.

The committee expressed appreciation for the contributions made for the shipment sent this week, and urged continued support of the movement for future shipments. Those desiring to give bundles are asked to notify any one of the members of the committee and arrangements will be made to pick up the bundles.

New Licenses To Be Issued To Motor Boat Operators

The Department of Commerce this week announced the necessity for all motorboat operators to obtain licenses for the same before April 26, 1941. The act regulating the operation of motorboats was amended this year and all operators holding licenses issued under the Motorboat Act of June, 1910, must renew under the new regulations. Licenses issued under the old law are now null and void.

A bulletin issued by the Commerce Department stated that all applicants for a license as Operator of motorboats must pass an oral examination given by local inspectors, and will be based upon the subjects which a person operating a motorboat carrying passengers should know before being entrusted with the operation of such boats.

The examination will consist of questions on the regulations governing motorboats, the collision regulations applicable to waters over which the applicant operates, fire protection and extinguishment, life saving equipment, the operation of propelling machinery, and particularly the safe and proper handling of gasoline motors, and simple first aid.

Any person who has attained the age of 18 years and is qualified in all other respects, shall be considered eligible and may be examined for such license.

An applicant for an original license as an operator shall submit a sworn application on Form 886-A to the local inspectors and shall be examined orally concerning his character and fitness to hold such license.

The office of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, at Room 204, Custom House, Norfolk, Virginia, is prepared to issue these licenses to all eligible applicants and they are urged to present themselves immediately, so as to avoid congestion during the latter part of April.

MINNIE WILSON CIRCLE

The Minnie Wilson Circle will meet Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Thomas Sumner. All members are urged to be present.

Legislature Adds Civil Procedure Recorder's Court

Liquor Bill Voted Down; Local Vote May Be Held By Mid-July

The 1941 North Carolina Legislature, which was adjourned Saturday night after the shortest session since 1927, passed few bills affecting Perquimans County directly, but one or two not passed may bring voting action here later in the year.

In one of the final sessions of the Assembly a law was enacted granting the Perquimans Recorder's Court the power to hear civil cases brought to the court. This will, no doubt, be very beneficial in relieving the Superior Court of minor civil cases, and at the same time speed up the local cases brought before the Recorder.

The Legislature also passed an act granting Perquimans County the right to allocate delinquent tax collections to the General Fund; also the body acted favorably on a bill which will continue on the active list delinquent taxes due the Town of Hertford.

The Legislature "out-fumbled" the Jry forces of the State and a bill which was presented calling for a referendum on the liquor question was killed by the second committee before being placed before the House for a vote. The action on the part of the finance committee prevents any action being taken in the way of a State-wide vote.

The liquor bill was first handed to the committee on complaints and grievances and was passed favorably by a vote of 13-12. It was then turned over to the Finance committee and voted down 34-10. The balloting by the committees was done by secret vote.

It is now probable that Perquimans County will have its own referendum regarding an ABC store, inasmuch as the question was brought before the Board of County Commissioners in January and at that time, without motion, the question of a special election was discussed and tabled for the time being. It was the consensus of opinion among Board members that a special election would have to be held providing the Legislature did nothing regarding a State-wide vote.

At a further discussion of the question at the February meeting of the Commissioners, it seemed that if the General Assembly failed to call a State vote, that arrangements would be made here to hold Perquimans' election sometime during July.

The law forbids the holding of this special election within sixty days of a regular election, and since the Town of Hertford will elect officials on May 6, the earliest date possible for an ABC vote will be July 5.

Farmers Requested To Appear And Sign 1941 Farm Plans

L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County Farm Agent, announced this week that many farmers in the county have yet to appear at the Agricultural Building and sign their 1941 Farm Plans. He urges that all farmers who have not signed their plans to come to the building and sign in order that they may be eligible to receive Farm Program checks.

All 1941 Farm Quotas have been arranged and farmers notified of this action. The county agent is anxious for all farmers to come forward and sign their plans in order that the plans may be forwarded on to Washington.

Mr. Anderson has a very interesting home-made electric brooder on display at the Agricultural Building and invites inspection of the brooder by people interested in chicken raising.

The brooder, as constructed by Mr. Anderson, costs approximately \$15, this includes the electrical unit which was purchased for the brooder. Mr. Anderson pointed out that this brooder can be built at a great savings to farmers interested in adding this equipment.

Lions Club Meeting Friday Night, 6:45

The Hertford Lions Club will hold its regular meeting Friday night at 6:45 at the Hotel Hertford. All members are urged to be present at this meeting as plans for Charter night celebration will be discussed.

Rotarian Receives News From England Telling Experience

Shoe Retailer Sends Letter Thanking Local Club For Gift

Mayor V. N. Darden, prominent Rotarian of the Hertford Club, this week received the following letter from a fellow Rotarian of Hertford, England. One will note the date-line of the letter as February 12, and it is evident that the war has slowed up mail service considerably. We are grateful to Mayor Darden for his permission to publish the letter:

Rotary Club Hertford
4 Mill Bridge
Hertford, England
February 12, 1941

Dear Fellow Rotarian:
As a member of the International Service Committee of the above club, I should like to add my thanks for your gift to our Christmas Community Fund. All these kind thoughts of yours and also the great help of R. I. to our Red Cross is a great encouragement to us in these terrible times.

We are still going well with Rotary in this old Borough of Hertford. We have 22 members and have plenty of work to do in some form of National Service. Perhaps I can best interest you by my own personal experiences. My classification is "Shoe Retailing" and my business is opposite the Castle Gates where under the Tennis Court we have trenches or air raid shelters and my wife and I are the shelter marshals, so when the sirens sound we go over and switch on the lights and look after the women and children. Some months ago we had crowds of about 300, but now nobody seems to take any notice of the warning sirens, and we have only a few children visitors if caught on their way to school. One night some months ago we were there and about 50 people were asleep when we heard a bomb whistling down from the sky. It shook us up, but my wife was soon quieting the women and children and telling them we were all safe. Another night we heard another great noise not far away and we had a lot of people to look after. My wife came home for a few hours sleep and then went a long early in the morning to help get breakfast for about 300 people who had become homeless during the night.

As you may know, this is only a small country town, but we have a few thousand extra in our homes, evacuees from London but we are keeping our spirit up and looking forward to better times. We should like to hear more about your Hertford, so if you have a member Classification "Shoes" perhaps he would like to answer.

With all best wishes,
Yours in Rotary,
PERCY COLEMAN.

Train Strikes Auto At Winfall Crossing Injuring Two

B. F. Lane and J. L. Sawyer of route two, Hertford, suffered cuts and bruises when their car was struck by a southbound Norfolk Southern freight train at Bembrey's Crossing north of Winfall before noon Wednesday.

Lane, who was driving, evidently did not see the approaching freight and drove on the tracks in front of it. The car was struck in the rear.

The injured men were brought to Hertford on the train and were taken from the depot to the Hertford clinic by Norman Trueblood, local Norfolk Southern agent.

Their injuries were said to be not serious.

Senior Class To Present Annual Play Thursday April 3 At School

F. T. Johnson, superintendent of schools, announced this week that the annual Senior Class play will be presented April 3rd, on the stage at the High School Building. The play is scheduled to start at 7:30.

This year's class has chosen the play "Tomboy" for the stage production. The play, according to Mr. Johnson, is all that the name implies and has a cast of fourteen characters. Fuller details and the cast for the show will be announced next week.

Equalization Work Completed By Board Of Commissioners

The Board of County Commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization and review, completed the task of revaluation of the county's property early Tuesday. The Board had been in session several days revaluing property and notices were mailed to those taxpayers affected.

The final job of reviewing the changes and equalizing the same was started Monday. Several complaints were made but for the most part, very little change was made in the valuation of property in Perquimans.

The Commissioners will meet again on Monday, April 7, for their regular monthly meeting.

J. C. Blanchard To Sponsor Flower Growing Contest

Open to Residents of Hertford Who Reside On Highway

A plan for the beautification of Highway No. 17, leading through Hertford, for this spring and summer, comes with the announcement that J. C. Blanchard, in cooperation with the Hertford Woman's Club, will sponsor a Flower Growing Contest open to all residents living within the town limits, and on the highway route.

The contest will be open to both white people and Negroes. Six cash prizes have been announced by Mr. Blanchard. Three prizes will be awarded white people and three prizes will be awarded Negroes. First prize will be \$2.50, second prize will be \$1.50, and third prize will be \$1.

However, Mr. Blanchard has stipulated that there must be at least ten white people and ten Negroes enter the contest, if it is to be carried out to completion.

All white residents who wish to enter the flower growing contest are requested to get in touch with Mrs. Thomas Nixon, and Negroes interested should see John Lowe. A committee of Negroes has been appointed to contact residents on Edenton Road Street to enter the contest.

Judges of the contest will be announced at a later date.

John Elliott Again Elected President Of Baptist Group

One of the most successful and interesting conventions ever held by the Baptist Training Union was held in the Edenton Baptist Church Friday and Saturday, at which 22 churches were represented. The theme of the convention, "Following the Living Christ," was carried out by a group of speakers, with the highlights being addresses by the Rev. P. Rowland Wagner, of Norfolk, and Archibald McMillan, of Richmond, editor of "The Commission," Baptist publication. Special music of various kinds also contributed to rounding out a very delightful program, which was highly praised by those in attendance.

At the conclusion of the convention, officers were elected for another year. Those elected were: John M. Elliott, president; J. J. Beale, vice president; Mrs. John Lee Sprunt, secretary; the Rev. Harold White, chorister; Mrs. M. R. Brown, pianist; the Rev. Clarence Hobgood, pastor-adviser.

Leaders for the group were elected as follows: adults, Miss Mamie Chamblee; young people, Herman Sawyer; intermediates, Miss Mary Lee Jackson; juniors, Mrs. George Burgess; leadership director, T. S. Britt.

Rotary Club Meets At Belvidere

The Hertford Rotary Club held its regular meeting Tuesday night at the Belvidere Community House. The club was served by the ladies of the Belvidere Home Demonstration club. Dr. E. S. White was a guest of the club at the meeting.

Next Tuesday club members will journey to Norfolk, Va., for an oyster roast, instead of holding the dinner meeting at the Hotel Hertford.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cartwright announce the birth of a daughter, Dorothy Odell, born March 13. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely. Mrs. Cartwright was formerly Miss Dorothy Matthews.

Full Day Session Necessary To Clear Court Docket Tues.

Twelve Cases Before Judge Tucker In Biggest Court In Weeks

After a week's recess due to the illness of the judge, Perquimans Recorder's Court consumed a full day in order to clear the court docket on Tuesday. Twelve cases were heard during the day.

Milton Harvey, Negro, charged with possession of a stolen automobile, was bound over to the Grand Jury when Judge Tucker found probable cause in his hearing.

Hardy Skinner, Negro, was found guilty of drunken driving and sentenced to 60 days on the roads. Sentence to be suspended upon payment of a \$50 fine and costs; Skinner's driving license was revoked for one year.

George Clinton Nelson, Negro, pleaded guilty to a charge of reckless driving and having no operator's license. He was sentenced to 60 days on the roads.

Ernest Stepany, Negro, pleaded guilty to being drunk and was taxed one-half the court costs.

Rupert Davidson pleaded guilty to being drunk and was assessed one-half the court costs.

William Everett, Negro, pleaded guilty to the charge of transporting and having in his possession non-tax-paid liquor. Judge Tucker sentenced him to 60 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a \$25 fine and costs.

Elihu Kee and Charlie Gaines, both Negroes, were charged with possession and transporting and entered a plea of not guilty. The Court found Kee not guilty and Gaines guilty. Gaines was sentenced to 45 days on the roads, sentence to be suspended upon the payment of a \$25 fine and costs. The defendants appealed to Superior Court.

James Whitehurst, Negro, was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to 90 days. Whitehurst appealed to the Superior Court.

Willie Webb, Negro, was brought into court charged with assault upon Gladys Cooper, but testimony showed that Webb only slapped the Cooper woman to prevent her fighting another woman. Costs of court were assessed against Gladys Cooper, who swore out the warrant.

Horace White, Negro, was found guilty of assault on a female and sentenced to 30 days on the roads. The sentence was suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior for one year.

Linwood Harris, Negro, was found guilty of assault and sentenced to 60 days to be suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior for one year.

John Felton, Negro, charged with reckless driving, driving with insufficient brakes and assaulting James Taylor with an automobile, was found guilty of the first two counts and sentenced to 60 days on the roads; sentence was suspended upon payment of the boy's doctor bill, repairs to his bicycle and loss of time. Including the costs of court, the case costs Felton \$53.

To Sponsor Band Concert Thursday March 27th

The Minnie Wilson Circle of the Hertford Methodist Church will sponsor a band concert at the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, March 27, at 8 o'clock.

The Elizabeth City High School band will present the concert and the public is cordially invited to attend. A small admission will be charged and the proceeds will go to the Minnie Wilson Circle.

Sorry

The Weekly regrets to say that some copy that was supposed to appear in this week's paper has been lost and we apologize that we are unable to publish it this week.

The sad part is that we do not know exactly what copy is missing, but due to a mistake in the handling of the mail which was carrying the copy to the printers in Edenton, the envelope had not shown up at press time.

We do know that several of our Community letters are among the missing, but we will publish them next week . . . providing the copy shows up.