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Peanut Growers Urged To Cast Vote

Red Cross Chapter Seek To Establish Class In First Aid

Mrs. C. P. Morris Chosen Roll Call Chairman For Coming Year

Important plans were made for the coming year by the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross at an executive committee meeting held last Thursday afternoon at the Agricultural Building.

Members of the committee present were County Chairman S. M. Whedbee, Mrs. C. P. Morris, Mrs. I. A. Ward, Miss Mae Wood Winslow, Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Mrs. Leigh Winslow, Mrs. Charles Whedbee, B. C. Berry and F. T. Johnson. The committee met with Mr. Wilhelm, field representative for the American Red Cross.

After discussion, the committee decided to present a plan for a compulsory class in First Aid at the High School to the Board of Education. The Board will be asked to install this class, which will be free of cost to the school system. The Red Cross will furnish an instructor for the class and all necessary equipment.

The First Aid Class, when established, will also be open to adults as well as children and any person passing this course will be qualified to teach First Aid.

The committee designated Mrs. C. P. Morris as roll call chairman in the Perquimans County membership drive for the Red Cross.

In addition to the plans for the first aid class, the local Red Cross chapter also plans to sponsor a swimming school during the summer months. Fuller details regarding this project will be announced later.

W. M. Morgan Prepares For 27th Anniversary In Furniture Business

Beautiful furniture. Colorful furniture. There is 15,000 square feet of it in the W. M. Morgan Furniture Store in anticipation of the big sale the store starts today in celebration of the 27th Anniversary of the founding of the business.

In walking through the entire display space owned by the store this reporter could not see an empty space where more furniture could be stored. The entire building is chocked full of every conceivable furniture item.

In discussing the big sales event he starts today, Mr. Morgan said, "We have furniture stacked in this store like sardines in a can, in anticipation of the needs of the people of this section. Hertford and Perquimans County has never had as much furniture in one store before in history."

As soon as a percentage of his present stock is sold, Mr. Morgan says that he will advance prices on furniture in keeping with those prices of his competitors, but that during this sale the old low prices will remain effective.

April 30 Deadline For Taking Mattress Applications Here

Miss Frances Maness, Perquimans Home Demonstration Agent, announced this week that the closing date for the acceptance of mattress applications is April 30.

Anyone wishing to apply for mattresses may do so in the Home Agent's office before this date.

Recital May 2nd At Grammar School

Mrs. E. M. Riddick announced this week that a music recital, entitled, "Doris' Music Festival," will be presented at the Hertford Grammar School at 8 o'clock on Friday evening, May 2.

The piano pupils, the high school glee club and the grammar school glee band will take part. The recital promises a full evening's entertainment to all music lovers. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Eastern Star Meets Monday Night 8 O'clock

Members of the Perquimans Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will meet Monday evening, April 28, at 8 o'clock, at the lodge rooms for the purpose of installing new officers for the coming year. The new officers were elected at the last meeting.

Perquimans Training School News

Virginia Dare Parker, daughter of Mrs. Mary L. Parker, has been chosen as Valedictorian of the Class of 1941 of Perquimans Training School. The selection of Miss Parker for this outstanding honor was due to her high scholastic work during her attendance in high school. She has made an average for four years of 94. As second honor student in the 1941 Class, Carolyn A. Billups, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Billups, has been selected to serve as Salutatorian during the graduating exercises. She has an average of 91 for four years.

Commencement exercises will begin Friday, May 2nd, at 8 p. m., with the Elementary exercises at the Ellis Temple Baptist Church.

The Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached Sunday, May 4, at 3 p. m., by Dr. G. W. Gains, pastor of A. M. E. Zion Church, Hertford, at the Ellis Temple Baptist Church.

Monday, May 5, at 8 p. m., Seventh Grade Graduation exercises at Poplar Run A. M. E. Zion Church.

Tuesday, May 6, at 8 p. m., musical program at Poplar Run A. M. E. Zion Church.

Wednesday, May 7, at 8 p. m., Senior Class Night at Ellis Temple Baptist Church.

Thursday, May 8, at 8 p. m., Graduating exercises. The commencement address will be made by M. J. Whitehead of State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Anniversary Night For Lions Club On Friday, May 23rd

The Hertford Lions Club held its regular meeting last Friday evening at the Cross Roads Community House in Chowan County. The ladies of the Chowan Woman's Club served a delicious supper to the members attending.

President Julian White appointed the following nominating committee to nominate candidates for the election of new officers to take place at the next regular meeting on May 9: Clinton Eley, Morgan Walker, Julian White and Norman Trueblood.

The Club voted that it would sponsor a carnival here during the week of June 16th.

In celebration of the founding of the local club, Anniversary Night has been set for Friday, May 23. This will also be Ladies' Night and a gala time is being planned by the local Lions. An outstanding speaker is being sought to furnish the program for that evening.

L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County Agent, was a guest at the meeting and spoke to the club members on the coming peanut referendum scheduled for Saturday, April 26.

The Hertford Club brought forth and passed a resolution boosting its secretary, Norman Trueblood, for the post of District Governor. This office will be filled at the State Convention to be held this summer at Asheville.

Sunday School Class To Sponsor Play

The Judson Memorial Sunday School Class of the Hertford Baptist Church will sponsor a play, entitled "The Spinners' Convention," on next Tuesday night, April 29, at 8 o'clock.

The play will be presented from the stage of the Hertford Grammar School and tickets may be purchased at the door or from any member of the class in advance. The proceeds of the play will go to the building fund of the Baptist Church.

Building And Loan Ready To Issue 42nd Series Of Stock

The Hertford Building and Loan Association is preparing to issue its 42nd series of stock, which will go on sale May 2nd. A formal notice to this effect is carried on another page of this newspaper today.

Only two regular series of stock are issued each year by this Hertford organization, of which A. W. Hefren is president and W. H. Hardcastle is secretary.

Lawrence Winslow Found Not Guilty Of Driving Drunk

Marine Figuring In Accident Saturday Fails To Appear

Judge Granberry Tucker returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of John L. Winslow, charged with driving drunk, when the case was heard in Recorder's Court Tuesday morning. Winslow was also charged with leaving an injured person at the scene of an accident. He was acquitted of this also.

Winslow was driving a car involved in an accident last December when Shaderick Boone, Negro, was fatally injured.

Lloyd Parsons, Negro, was sentenced to 90 days on the roads to be suspended on payment of \$100 fine for drunken driving.

A nol pros was taken to a charge of Parsons driving recklessly.

Thirty dollars of this fine was ordered paid to Andrew White, Negro, whose car was damaged in an accident with Parsons.

William Gaither Godfrey pleaded guilty to the charge of driving with improper lights and paid the costs of court.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of Alvin Hurdle charged with driving with improper license, after the court heard a statement by Willis Wright, of Elizabeth City, that the truck Hurdle was driving belonged to him and was being tried out, prior to being purchased.

Mary Frances Stepney, Negress, found herself in a tight spot after the State was forced to take a nol pros in two cases charging the defendants with adultery. The defendants, Tim Forebee and Arnetta Stepney and Edward Welch and Bertha May Griffin, were arrested on information given by the Stepney girl to officers of the court, and at trial the Court found no reasonable grounds for warrants being issued.

The Stepney girl was charged with perjury and probable cause was found by Judge Tucker.

Graham Trueblood pleaded guilty to the charge of driving with insufficient brakes and paid the costs of court.

Gilbert Riddick, Negro, was found guilty of simple assault and sentenced to 30 days on the roads, to be suspended upon payment of a \$50 fine.

Local Draft Board Receives Quota For Negroes In May Call

J. R. Stokes, chairman of the Perquimans County Draft Board, announced Wednesday that the local board has received a call for four Negroes to fill the county's quota for the month of May, under the Selective Service Act.

The board has selected William E. Banks, Robert Winslow, Russell Gilliam and Limuel Vaughan as the youths to fill the quota, and they will leave Hertford on May 8, for Fort Bragg, where they will be inducted into Uncle Sam's military service.

Fr. Stokes stated that the board does not expect to receive a call for any white men during the month of May, although one may come later on.

The board has now mailed out a total of 491 questionnaires. Twenty-five were mailed this week. A total of 1,126 men are registered in this county, thus this report shows that not quite half of the men have received their questionnaires as yet.

Rotary Club Hears L. W. Anderson

The Hertford Rotary Club held its regular meeting at the Hotel Hertford on Tuesday evening and had as its guest L. W. Anderson, County Agent. Mr. Anderson spoke to the Club on the Peanut Referendum and outlined the importance of the election to the Club members.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED
Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Whedbee, of Hertford, Route 3, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Margaret Whedbee, to Robert Edward Kowalsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kowalsky, of Norfolk, Va.

The wedding will take place on May 29, 1941.

Town Board Meeting Last Before Election To Be Held May 6

Board Favorable Toward Including Scouts In Budget

Members of the Town Board had little business to attend to when they met in regular session on last Monday night. The meeting had been postponed for one week.

Candidates for the office of the Mayor and Town Commissioners were certified for office and thus there will be no town primary to choose the Town ticket.

V. N. Darden, candidate for Mayor; W. H. Hardcastle, M. J. Gregory, Z. A. Harris and B. C. Berry, candidates for Commissioners, were the only men who filed for office during the regulation period and thus are without opposition.

The Board gave Mayor Darden authority to handle the retail ice business at the Town Plant as he "saw" fit. Indications are that some changes will be made in the present arrangements.

The Board appointed Louis Sitterson and B. Cannon to serve as life guards at the public pier during the summer season. Both boys will be on duty during the busy days and will alternate at other times, when the pier is less crowded.

C. R. Holmes appeared before the Board and complained of the parking situation near and around his home. He told the Board that trees, shrubbery and flowers belonging to him had been destroyed. The Board promised to take some action to relieve the situation and to stop cars from being parked in the Holmes driveway, thus preventing him from entering or leaving his property.

The Board voted to consider including the Boy Scout troop in the budget to be made up July 1. C. P. Morris appeared before the Board and asked that the Board take under consideration the matter of allowing the local troop the sum of \$15 per month in order to aid the troop to carry on the work now being done.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Tucker wish to announce the birth of a son, William Beverly, born Thursday, April 17, at General Hospital, Norfolk, Va. Mother and son are doing nicely.

WCTU Holds District Meet At Methodist Church On Tuesday

The Northeastern District meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held Tuesday at the Hertford Methodist Church. The theme for the morning session was "Broadening Our Horizon."

Mrs. E. L. Roebuck, of Washington, N. C., the district president, presided at the meeting. The Rev. C. E. Hobgood, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, gave the morning devotional. Mrs. Roebuck introduced Mrs. T. H. Plemmons, State president of the organization, who made a splendid talk on the work being done by the group.

The vice president, Mrs. L. E. Brown, gave an interesting talk on the subject of "Defending Our Defenders."

During the afternoon session various high school students, representing high schools from this section of the State, gave talks pertaining to Temperance. The speakers were: Margaret Meeks, Bethel High School; Jackson Pressley, Elizabeth City High School; Fentress Winslow, Hertford; Jane Griffin, Elizabeth City. Fentress Winslow, Hertford High School, was declared winner in the speaking contest and was presented a lovely pin by the State organization.

Mrs. Alice Futrell Appointed To State Safety Division

Mrs. Alice Futrell, woman's campaign manager for Governor J. M. Broughton in the 1940 primary and election, was this week appointed to a position with the State Safety Division.

Mrs. Futrell's headquarters will be located here in Hertford and she will have charge of 19 counties in this section of the State.

REFERENDUM WILL DECIDE QUESTION OF MARKETING QUOTAS AND PRICES

EXTENSION NOTES By FRANCES MANESS Home Demonstration Agent

The regular meeting of the County Council will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. At this time final plans will be made for the Spring Federation meeting, the Flower Show and Tea. It is very important that each club is represented.

Mrs. Philip White will be the speaker for the afternoon.

Schedule for April 28-May 3

Monday, April 28—Durants Neck Club will meet at the Community House.

Wednesday, April 30—Burgess Club will meet with Mrs. C. D. Rountree.

Perquimans Band Takes Part In Tulip Festival

The members of the Perquimans High School Band journeyed to Washington last Friday and joined fourteen other high school bands to make the Beaufort County Tulip Festival a real success.

The Tulip Festival, an outstanding yearly attraction, drew a large number of local people who were much impressed by the fine showing made by the local band. The members were dressed in their new uniforms and made an outstanding picture as they paraded in the long procession.

Bulk Of Civil Cases Remain Unheard In Superior Court

Due to the time consumed in hearing the seventeen criminal cases in Perquimans Superior Court last week, Judge Henry L. Stevens found himself at the deadline of the court week before he had had time to hear but two of the many civil cases scheduled to be tried.

The Criminal docket was completed late Thursday afternoon when Judge Stevens granted a motion for a non suit in the case of Enos Malloy, Negro, charged with theft of soy beans. The jury found Luther Perry, Negro, not guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and he was discharged.

During Court on Thursday, Judge Stevens heard preliminary testimony and motions in the Morgan vs. Morgan case and ordered that the sum of \$60 per month be paid to Gladys Morgan by William Morgan for support of she and the couple's child. The sum of \$50 was allowed Mrs. Morgan for attorney's fees.

On Friday, the last day of Court, the case of Jessup vs. Kirby was heard by the court and the jury rendered a verdict of "yes" to all motions asked during the trial. The question in dispute was based upon division of land to which the principals of the case were heirs.

MINNIE WILSON SOCIETY MEETS MONDAY EVENING

The Minnie Wilson Missionary Society of the Hertford Methodist Church met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Henry Stokes. Mrs. Charles Whedbee presided and Mrs. T. S. White was in charge of a very interesting program, the topic being "Stewardship of Teaching."

Those present were Miss Kate M. Blanchard, Mrs. D. M. Fields, Mrs. R. M. Fowler, Mrs. R. L. Knowles, Mrs. B. G. Koonce, Mrs. R. C. Murray, Mrs. Louis Nachman, Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Jr., Mrs. Henry Stokes, Mrs. T. B. Sumner, Mrs. N. N. Trueblood, Mrs. William Tucker, Mrs. Simon Rutenburg, Mrs. Charles Whedbee, Mrs. J. T. White, Mrs. T. S. White, Mrs. Dan Williams, Mrs. Nathan Relfe, and Mrs. Russell Jarvis.

The next meeting of the Society will be held with Miss Kate M. Blanchard.

BOOK CLUB MEETS

Mrs. L. N. Hollowell, Mrs. I. A. Ward and Mrs. C. P. Morris were hostesses to the Book Club last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Morris.

Mrs. I. A. Ward presided. On the program were Mrs. H. A. Whitley, Mrs. T. W. Winslow and Mrs. T. B. Sumner. Eighteen members were present. After the business session and the program, the hostesses served a delicious sweet course.

Thirty-five Thousand Farmers In State Are Eligible To Vote

Thirty-five thousand North Carolina farmers are eligible to vote on Saturday, April 26, in the first peanut referendum in history. If two-thirds of the growers voting throughout the peanut belt in the Nation approve the plan, marketing quotas will be in effect on the next three crops of peanuts, including the 1941 crop.

E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College, says that all producers who shared in the proceeds of the 1940 peanut crop which was picked and threshed by mechanical means are eligible to cast their votes in community polling places which will be set up and staffed by farmer-committeemen of the AAA.

Each owner, tenant, and sharecropper is entitled to one vote. If quotas are approved, each farmer can grow without penalty in 1941 the maximum production on the acreage already allotted him under the Agricultural Conservation Program. In addition, he may grow peanuts on acreage taken out of cotton and escape the penalty if he delivers the excess peanuts to an agency designated by the Secretary of Agriculture to divert surplus production into oil.

Floyd emphasized the fact that the Government will support the peanut market with a diversion program or loans, or both, only if quotas are approved. Last year the U. S. Department of Agriculture spent about 10 million dollars in diverting excess peanuts into oil. If quotas are rejected, the law recently enacted by Congress prohibits any diversion or loan program on the 1941 crop.

Locally, L. W. Anderson, County Agent, has been working diligently this week to get out a large vote in Perquimans County. He has held meetings with farmers and committeemen, as well as talked the situation over with business men, explaining the importance of a large favorable vote in this section.

Mr. Anderson pointed out that all persons eligible to vote should do so at his home township polling place, where possible, but that any person could vote at the Agricultural Building. However, those voting there, who should vote elsewhere, will have the vote challenged by the poll holders, but the vote will be counted later by the County Committee if the voter was eligible to vote in his home township.

The referendum will be held in Perquimans under the supervision of the county AAA committee composed of Dr. E. S. White, C. W. Umphlett and Milton Dail. The committee has designated the following places as polling centers for the referendum: Belvidere Township—Community House; with L. L. Lane, C. T. Rogerson and W. I. Winslow as poll holders.

Parkville Township—C. A. Bagley's Store; with J. A. Bray, G. A. Jackson and J. R. Matthews as poll holders.

Hertford Township—Agricultural Building; with C. W. Reed, J. E. Hunter and A. D. Thatch as poll holders.

Bethel Township—J. C. Hobbs' Store; with S. P. Matthews, J. C. Hobbs and C. T. Phillips as poll holders.

New Hope Township—Community House; with J. W. Overton, Carson Spivey and John Q. Hurdle as poll holders.

W. M. S. MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church met Monday evening, in the church, at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Philip White gave a most interesting and inspiring devotional. The County Study chairman, Mrs. E. U. Morgan, of Mt. Sinai Church, gave an interesting talk, her subject being "Study to Show Thyself Approved." Miss Evelyn Copeland and Miss Evelyn White sang a duet.

MISSION STUDY CLASS TO MEET ON APRIL 30

The County-wide Mission Study Class of the Woman's Missionary Society will be held at the Baptist Church in Hertford on Wednesday, April 30. The Rev. Frank Cale, of Tyner, will give the morning lesson, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. Mrs. Philip White will talk in the afternoon, beginning at 1:30 o'clock.

The president, Mrs. I. A. Ward, urges all members to be present.