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Vacation For County School Children To Begin Next Friday

Graduation Week Exercises Get Under Way With Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Night

GRADUATES

Dr. H. E. Spence Will Deliver Address at Commencement

Approximately twelve hundred Perquimans County school children are anxiously watching the calendar, and wondering if Friday, May 9th, will ever come.

The reason for all this anxiety is due to the fact that Perquimans school children begin their summer vacation on that date, and most likely all of them have a full schedule set for that first week of vacation.

The graduation exercises, which will officially close the schools until the opening for the next term, will get under way on Sunday evening, when the Rev. C. E. Hobgood, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the High School auditorium at 8 o'clock.

On the following Thursday night, May 8, Class Night will be observed, the theme of which will be "Isle of Our Dreams," written by Mary Sullivan Kelly.

Minnie Wilma Wood has been selected as Valedictorian, and Pauline White has the honors of being the Salutatorian.

Commencement will be held on Friday night, May 9, and 68 Seniors will be handed diplomas on that night, signifying their completion of the required work. After this exercise schools will be officially closed.

Dr. H. E. Spence, professor of religion of Duke University, will deliver the commencement address. It was announced this week by F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools.

Of the graduating class 37 are girls and 31 are boys.

A music recital under the direction of Mrs. R. M. Riddick will be held tonight and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The Negro schools of the county, the Hertford High School and the Winfall Training School, will also close the current year with exercises on May 9.

Mission Study Class Held At Baptist Church Wednesday

A county-wide mission study class was held at the Hertford Baptist Church on Wednesday.

The class, which convenes here annually, lasted all day, with a mid-day recess, when a picnic lunch was served.

Mrs. I. A. Ward, president, presided over the sessions.

The Rev. C. E. Hobgood, pastor of the Hertford Church, lead the morning devotional.

The morning lesson, from the study book for the year, "The Trail of the Seed," was conducted by the Rev. Frank Cale, of Tyner.

Mrs. Mattie Macon White conducted the afternoon lesson, using the second half of the same book.

Baptist churches from every section of the county were well represented at the study class.

Delinquents And Late Listers Warned

Action on the part of the Courts in neighboring counties in the handling of delinquent and non-listers of taxes led a Perquimans County official to warn all Perquimans people that such action may be taken in this county by the next term of Superior Court.

The last grand jury took the matter of non-listers up with the Registrar of Deeds and reported to the Court, sitting during the April Term, that a list would be presented to the next grand jury.

Those guilty of this violation should heed the warning now before it may be too late.

Chapanoke Home Damaged By Fire

The home of J. C. Wilson, at Chapanoke, was slightly damaged by fire at noon on Monday. The fire was quickly extinguished by the Chapanoke Fire Department which used a bucket brigade in fighting the flames.

Durants Neck Club Sponsors Play At New Hope Monday

The Durant's Neck Home Demonstration Club will sponsor the play "An Old Maid's Convention," Monday night, May 5, at 8 o'clock, at the New Hope Community House.

The cast in the play is composed of members of the Judson Memorial Sunday School Class of the Hertford Baptist Church, who presented the play to a large audience in Hertford on Tuesday night.

The proceeds of the play at New Hope will go to the New Hope Community House.

Many Stores Start Summer Closing Next Thursday

Majority of Stores Close Half Days; J. C. Blanchard's to Start May 15th

In keeping with the custom of the past several years Hertford merchants will again observe half-holidays on Thursdays throughout the summer months.

A petition for the summer closing was circulated among the many stores and the majority of the merchants and offices of the town signed for the closing which will start with most of the stores on Thursday, May 8. The stores will close at noon each Thursday and reopen Friday morning.

The J. C. Blanchard Company has signified that its store will start the summer closing on May 15, instead of the 8th.

The following merchants and offices have signified their intentions to close beginning Thursday, May 8, at noon: Dr. J. W. Zachary, Johnson-White & Co., Charles E. Johnson, J. C. Skinner, R. S. Jordan, Paragon Amusement, Cannon Cleaning Works, Hertford Banking Company, Grocery Sales Company, Davenport & Blanchard, D. Pender, Darden Brothers, M. J. Gregory's, The Perquimans Weekly, Morgan's Grocery, Goodwin's Dress Shop, H. C. Stokes, The Southern Cotton Oil Co., Mrs. Jake White, Hertford Hardware & Supply Co., Z. A. Harris, D. J. Pritchard, Iilda's, Rose's 5 & 10, W. M. Morgan, Simon's, Hertford Town Office by W. G. Newby.

According to the petition, the merchants agreed that the stores will be closed at noon each Thursday and this arrangement will continue through September 18, when the half-day holidays will come to an end.

Fire Destroys Car And Furnishings Of Former Resident

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Doughty, formerly of Hertford, and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Leary were completely burned out of their home by a fire of undetermined origin on April 14, in Norfolk, Va. The fire also destroyed the automobiles owned by the two couples.

Mrs. Doughty and Mrs. Leary are sisters and resided in the same home in Norfolk, Va., and they narrowly escaped from the building when the fire was discovered. They are sisters of Mrs. John Asbell of this county.

Charminade Music Club Met Monday

The Senior division of the Charminade Music Club met Monday evening at the home of Miss Anne Matthews, with Misses Matthews, Minnie Baye Dall, Mary Proctor, Helen Wray Baker and Della Evans as hostesses.

Katherine White, Allene Yeates, Helen Wray Baker, Genie Jo White and Dorothy Oakey played piano solos, and Buena May Godwin, Lelia Ruth Nobles and Barbara Winslow read stories of musical interest. Mrs. E. M. Riddick, counselor, told the story of the "Headless Horseman," and illustrated it by playing Tam-o-shanter. At the close of the program, Dorothy Oakey took charge of the meeting, and made every member not initiated at the last meeting do stunts, after which refreshments were served by the hostesses.

GO TO NEW POST

Major James E. Totten, U. S. A., and Mrs. Totten, formerly of Panama, who have been visiting with Mrs. Totten's relatives in Perquimans, left Thursday for their new post at March Field, Southern California.

Mrs. Totten's niece, Miss Alice Roberson, accompanied them and will be their guest for some time.

Recorder's Court Disposes Of Minor Cases On Tuesday

Reckless Driving Costs Roper Man Considerable Sum

Judge Granberry Tucker sentenced U. C. Swain, of Roper, to sixty days on the roads, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a \$100 fine and costs, after having found him guilty of reckless driving, causing damages to a car owned by Sidney Sutton, Negro.

Swain entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving without a permit, but contended he was not guilty of hitting the car driven by Sutton.

Fifty dollars of the fine imposed on Swain is to be turned over to Sutton for damages to his car.

In a lengthy hearing, drawn out by the defense council, Thomas Edward Chappell was found guilty of reckless driving and taxed with the costs of court. The State took a nol pro as to a charge of driving without lights. Chappell was stopped by Patrolman Gaskill while driving after his lights had burned out due to a short circuit, and he was on his way to get them fixed, according to the testimony offered.

Annie Goodwin, Negress, entered a plea of guilty to having in her possession non-tax paid liquor and was taxed with the costs of court.

Mildred Johnson, Negro, entered a plea to having non-tax paid liquor and was taxed costs of court. Both the above named defendants were placed in jail awaiting payment of the costs.

Three cases were continued by the Court at the Tuesday hearing:

David Johnson, Negro, charged with failure to stop at the scene of an accident and assault on Nathan Trueblood was granted a continuance until the May 13th term of court.

The Winslow-White Motor Company, charged with illegal parking, was granted a continuance.

The case of H. E. Kirby charged with assault will be heard at the next term of Recorder's Court.

Election Of Town Officials Tuesday

Although the candidates for Town Offices are unopposed, the machinery for the coming Town Election is all set for the election day next Tuesday, May 6, when the townspeople will elect the Mayor and Town Commissioners for a two-year term.

Mayor V. N. Darden is a candidate to succeed himself, as are Town Commissioners W. H. Harcastle, M. J. Gregory and Z. A. Harris.

B. C. Berry is a new candidate for Town Commissioner and will replace A. W. Hefren, who has served on the Board for the past twenty years. Berry is Adjutant of the Perquimans Post of the American Legion.

Little interest in the Town Election has manifested itself this year and it is not likely that a large vote will turn out to cast ballots at the Tuesday voting, however, the Town Clerk has ordered a sufficient number of ballots to take care of any rush that might come at the polls.

Inasmuch as the candidates were unopposed, the primary election was not held on April 28, as called for, but the candidates were certified instead.

A total of 407 ballots were cast in the first primary held in Hertford two years ago, but unless the interest in voting increases by leaps and bounds before next Tuesday, the present election will not come anywhere near that mark.

Town Takes Over Retailing Of Ice At Town Plant

Mayor V. N. Darden announced this week that effective May 1, the Town of Hertford will take over the retail ice business at the municipal plant located on Grubb Street.

Heretofore that concession has been handled under a sub-lease and has not proven entirely satisfactory, and Town officials believe that the new arrangement will be a better set-up all around.

Mayor Darden, in announcing the change, explained that all ice sold by the Town at the ice plant will be for cash only.

The retail home delivery sale of ice will continue along the same method that has been in force in the past.

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., held a regular meeting in the Court House Tuesday night.

Perquimans Farmers Approve Peanut Plan By A Huge Margin

Total of 754 Voters Approve While 4 Oppose Plan Which Carried Area

Peanut growers in Perquimans County voted overwhelmingly in favor of the peanut marketing quotas for the next three years in the referendum held Saturday. County Agent L. W. Anderson announced Monday that of 1,100 eligible voters in the county a total of 754 voted for the proposal while only 4 voted against it.

The plan was approved throughout the entire peanut growing section by approximately 87 per cent of the eligible voters casting their ballot in favor of the quotas which will insure a guaranteed price on the production during the years 1941, 1942 and 1943. In order for the quotas to be effective it was necessary for at least 66 2-3 per cent of the growers to favor the action.

States with the heaviest peanut growing population turned out a vote well above the required minimum, off setting less enthusiastic approval in other states.

The marketing quotas will be applied during the next three years. Peanuts are grown for a dual market, edible nuts generally going at higher prices than those crushed for oil. Expanded production in recent years has crowded both markets, AAA officials asserted. Last year's diversion of 275,000 tons into oil cost the Government more than ten million dollars.

Under the control plan that will now be effective, individual acreage allotments will be given, similar to those for cotton and tobacco, and farmers will be permitted to sell all peanuts grown on the allotted acreage but a tax of three cents a pound will be invoked on any peanuts marketed in excess of the quotas.

Easter Seal Sales Net Sum Of \$43.25

The Easter Seal Sale for Crippled Children netted a sum of \$53.25, according to Mrs. Lucius Blanchard, Jr., County Welfare officer, who directed the drive. This sum is somewhat larger than the amount raised last year, and Mrs. Blanchard credits the school children of the county, who aided in the drive, for the increased success.

The Hertford Grammar School children sold a total of \$13.69 worth of the Seals and were the outstanding children in the drive. Two classes at this school were awarded one-half hour off their classes for having achieved a record set at the beginning of the drive.

The Hertford Colored School was second high in the reports, having sold \$12.19 worth of Seals.

The Perquimans County Central Grammar School turned over a sum of \$9.07; New Hope School reported \$1.78, and Perquimans High School forty-nine cents.

The Boy Scouts sold pins to aid in the drive and they reported the sum of \$3.03.

One half of the funds raised through this drive remains in the county while the remaining half is forwarded to State headquarters. The money that is kept at home is used to buy braces and to pay for operations and for transportation to and from clinics in the effort to aid crippled children, Mrs. Blanchard stated this week.

Lions Club Meeting At Hotel May 6th

The regular meeting of the Hertford Lions Club, scheduled for tonight (Friday) at the Hotel Hertford, has been postponed until next Friday night, May 6. A very interesting program has been arranged for that date.

CIRCLE FOUR TO MEET

Circle Number Four of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church will meet Monday evening, May 5, at the home of Mrs. Robert White. Mrs. E. W. Mayes, chairman, urges all members to be present.

INSTALL OFFICERS

New officers were installed at a meeting Monday night of the Perquimans Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star held in their lodge room in the Court House. The meeting was an enjoyable affair.

Charles Skinner Gets Appointment As Rural Mail Carrier Here

Charles Skinner, clerk in the Hertford postoffice for the past five years, has been notified of his appointment to fill the vacancy on the Rural Delivery Service created when C. B. Parker retired from Route One on January 1.

Mr. Skinner will assume his new duties as carrier for Route One on May 12, according to an announcement by S. M. Whedbee, local postmaster.

Legion Post Holds Important Meeting On Thursday, May 15

Meeting Date Changed Due to Commencement Exercises; Officers to Be Elected

In order not to conflict with the Commencement Exercises to be held at the High School on May 9, the Perquimans Post of the American Legion will hold its next regular meeting at the Courthouse on Thursday night, May 15.

This will be an important meeting and all members are urged to remember the date and plan to be present. The meeting will bring to a close the final Roll Call and canvass for membership before the State Convention.

Officers for the coming year will also be chosen at the next meeting, as well as delegates and alternates for the State Convention to be held in Durham on June 23.

The new officers chosen at this next meeting will take their offices sometime after the State Convention.

The State of North Carolina has just received a cup for leading all other States in increase in membership to the Legion during the year 1941 over 1940 and within the State, the First District, of which the Perquimans Post is a part, now leads all other districts in the State in membership increase. If the First District can continue to hold this lead it will lead the parade at the State Convention in Durham.

The local Post has given permission to the Legion Auxiliary of Edenton to have the privilege of selling Poppies in Hertford on Memorial Day. This program is usually carried out by the local Legion Posts but due to the insufficient time the Perquimans Post can not get the situation readied in time and for this year has granted the Edenton Auxiliary the right to carry on as it has in the past several years.

The local Post held an enjoyable meeting last Thursday night at the Belvidere Community House and was served a "Dutch" supper by the ladies of the Belvidere Home Demonstration Club. Thirty-four members were present at this meeting.

Lieutenant Commander J. A. Burke of the U. S. Coast Guard Station in Elizabeth City, gave the members a very interesting demonstration of the life preserver and parachute. He explained the functioning of the two articles as well and answered questions asked by the Legionnaires.

Rotarians Hear Talk On Game Birds And Animals Tuesday

The Hertford Rotary Club, holding its regular meeting on Tuesday evening at the Hotel Hertford, was entertained with an illustrated talk on game birds and animals.

B. H. James, of Robersonville, of the Cooperative Farm Game Program of the North Carolina Division of Game and Inland Fisheries, was a guest.

Mr. James showed an interesting series of pictures of North Carolina wild life and its habitat to illustrate his talk on how game birds and animals can be protected.

The cooperative farm game program, he told Rotarians, urges farmers to use idle fields and thinly wooded sections to plant food crops for game, and to leave hedge-rows in large fields as cover for game birds.

The next meeting of the Rotary Club will be held next Tuesday night at New Hope. The ladies of the New Hope community will serve the supper on this occasion.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. White announce the birth of a son, Walter Wellington White, Jr., on Saturday, April 26. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Four Negro Draftees Leave For Fort Bragg Thursday, May 8th

No Call For White Men For May Has Been Received By Local Board

NEW REGISTRATION Reports Request That All Questionnaires Be Mailed

As a result of mailing fifty questionnaires to registrants under the Selective Service Act during last week, the local draft board had a lengthy session Wednesday afternoon classifying the men who had returned their questionnaires.

Four Negro selectees are scheduled to leave Hertford next Thursday, May 8, for Fort Bragg, where they will be inducted into the armed forces. The men are: William Banks, Robert Winslow, Russell Gilliam and Limuel Vaughan.

At the present time the board does not have a call for white men for the month of May. J. R. Stokes, chairman of the local board, stated that he is not certain that this county will be asked for men during the month.

At the present time over six hundred men in the county are registered but have not been mailed questionnaires. However, this may soon be changed as reports coming from Raleigh state that the State Selective Service headquarters have instructed local draft boards to send questionnaires immediately to all registrants who have not been classified.

Officials explained that those in class "One" will be placed in a group waiting physical examination. There will be no change in the rule requiring physical examinations within less than 60 days of induction time.

Reports also have it that a new registration will be held sometime in July for all men who have reached their 21st birthday since the registration day last October 16. Officials in Washington estimate that approximately one million young men have become 21 since this time and a large number of these can be called for service immediately due to the fact that they are in a healthy condition and are less encumbered with duties and dependents.

However, the local board has received no notification as yet of these two actions.

Pasquotank County Chosen As Site For Dirigible Base

Announcement was made from Washington on Wednesday that a site located in Pasquotank County, near Elizabeth City, will be the spot where the Navy Department will construct its new dirigible base.

The site chosen for the base is located approximately three and a half miles from the U. S. Coast Guard Station constructed last year. The cost of the new blimp base will be in the neighborhood of five millions of dollars and will maintain a personnel of some three to four hundred men.

The base in Elizabeth City will be one of a chain of bases to be constructed and used for experimental coastal patrol.

President Roosevelt disclosed on Tuesday that he had approved the plan for the construction of the bases and the choice of the site was announced Wednesday.

All of the counties of the Albarmarle section offered sites for the base, when Navy officials visited this locality about six months ago but aside from rumors of location nothing definite was known until the announcement was made Wednesday.

Registration Books Open Thru Saturday

Mrs. P. H. Small, registrar for the Town Election, stated Wednesday that the registration books for the coming election to be held Tuesday, May 6, will be opened at the Courthouse throughout Saturday, May 3.

All residents of Hertford, now on the County's registration books, are not compelled to register for the election, but new comers to the Town must register before Saturday night in order to vote Tuesday.