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Civic Clubs Sponsor Drive For Funds To Light Athletic Field

Committee Sets Goal at \$3,000 For Project to Start January 9

A committee composed of members of the Lions and Rotary Clubs and other interested parties met on Wednesday morning and voted to sponsor a drive for funds to provide floodlights for the High School athletic field for football and baseball games to be played here.

The project has been under consideration for several weeks, following the increased interest shown in high school athletics during the recent football season.

At the meeting Wednesday morning the group set a goal of \$3,000 to be raised by public contribution to provide floodlights, bleachers and shower house for the field, and voted to conduct a drive to raise the funds, beginning January 9 and running through January 19. In addition to the committee soliciting funds, each school child of the county will be asked to solicit funds and P. T. Johnson, county school superintendent, announced that a half-day holiday will be given the classroom raising the largest amount for the project.

At the meeting Wednesday the committee set up an organization to carry out the plan and named Max Campbell and Joe H. Tows as co-chairmen of the committee; L. C. Winslow and F. T. Johnson as co-treasurers, and A. W. Hefren as secretary. A number of solicitors will be named by the co-chairmen to handle the canvass for funds, and these persons will be asked to meet with the committee on January 9.

No construction will be started on the project until the goal needed for the project is raised, and any balance over and above the amount needed for providing floodlights and bleachers will be used to purchase athletic equipment for the players. Additional information on the plan will be released within a short time.

Christmas Cantata At Methodist Church Sunday 4:30 O'clock

The Hertford churches, in cooperation with the Hertford USO, will present "The Shepherds' Christmas," a cantata, at the Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock, and again at the Harvey Point N. A. A. S. Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Edgar J. Hill, USO director, stated today.

Music lovers will be pleased with the cantata to be presented, according to advance notices of the musical, and the public is cordially invited to attend the service.

The choir, composed of forty voices from the choirs of the three Hertford churches, has been practicing hard for several weeks to give the best cantata ever presented here. Soloists will be Miss Margaret Pearson, Mrs. Charles Johnson and Sgt. Esther Holcomb, U. S. M. C. W. R. A. double trio, Madames Tucker, Roberts, Hess, White, Riddick and Mathews, will sing "The Star They Followed."

A silver offering will be taken at the service and, after the nominal expenses of the cantata have been met, the balance will be turned over to a local charity for providing Christmas cheer to needy families.

The Hertford USO will entertain service personnel at an old-fashioned Christmas party on December 25, at the USO Club. The party will start at 8:30 o'clock, and all service personnel is invited.

A Christmas dance will be held at the USO on Tuesday night, December 26, as a part of the Christmas week program.

Schools Close Week Christmas Holidays

Perquimans County Schools will close Friday, December 22, for a period of one week for Christmas holidays, P. T. Johnson, superintendent, announced this week.

The schools will close Friday afternoon and will re-open on Monday, January 1, Mr. Johnson said.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Dozier Sutton announced the birth of a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, Wednesday, December 21, at the Hertford Hospital. The baby, weighing 10 pounds and 10 ounces, is expected to remain in the hospital for a few days.



Merry Christmas

SEASON'S GREETINGS

AND MANY OF 'EM!

We've been searching for a little different way of expressing our Season's Greeting to our friends, for words that would convey the true feeling we have in our hearts.

There are lots of fancy phrases and we tried some of them out. But somehow they just didn't get the job done. Every time we came back to the tried and proven formula—"Merry Christmas."

It's a time-worn phrase, and many times expressed without feeling. But to us, it is the only appropriate sentiment. It, above all others, carries the true spirit of the occasion.

So, we'll look no more for fancy phrases—Merry Christmas.

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Recorder's Court In Half Day Session On Tuesday Morning

Perquimans Recorder's Court was in session most of Tuesday morning, clearing a docket of nine cases. Much time was consumed in hearing the evidence in a case charging Ernest Wilson, Negro, with drunken driving. Judge Johnson returned a verdict of guilty in the case and suspended a 30-day sentence upon payment of a fine of \$75 and costs of court.

Thomas Felton, Negro, was given a 30-day suspended sentence and ordered to pay a fine of \$30 and costs on a charge of speeding. The sentence was also suspended upon condition the defendant does not drive again until a license is secured.

D. L. Thrasher, charged with driving without license, failed to appear for a hearing and his bond was ordered forfeited.

George Frieson plead guilty to driving with improper lights and paid the costs of court.

I. P. Moran was taxed with court costs, after pleading guilty to driving without a license.

Clyde Small, Jr., was assessed the costs of court, after pleading guilty to driving with improper lights.

Henry Jackson paid the costs of court for driving with improper lights.

Willie Webb, Negro, was found not guilty of assault on a female.

Roberts and Fleet Cooper, Negroes, both frequent visitors to the Recorder's Court, were warned by Judge Johnson that they will receive a road sentence the next time they appear in court charged with disturbing the peace. The couple was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the costs on that charge in court Tuesday.

Ration Board Issues 26 Motorists Permits To Purchase Tires

Twenty-six motorists received certificates to purchase tires from the local ration board during last week, according to Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the Board.

Passenger type permits were issued to James Stallings, 2; B. H. Millikan, 1; J. W. Chappell, 1; Mrs. Olivia Hobbs, 2; J. W. Jackson, Jr., 1; Charles Winslow, 1; W. E. Black, 2; J. L. Winslow, 2; Carlton Nixon, 2; Robert Dart, 1; G. C. Fordice, 1; Mrs. Kets Fineman, 1; Mrs. E. B. Skinner, 2; C. G. Stephens, 2; Grant Dall, 1; Moran Sutton, 2; George Denton, 1; S. H. Manly, 1; A. E. Godfrey, 2; Robert Spear, 2; Harold Thatch, 2; John Daniel, 2; and Alton Jordan, 2.

Truck tires went to Joe Harrell, 2; W. H. Winslow, 1; and W. M. Morgan, 1.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

News from the Western Front underwrote a blackout this week, following the counter-offensive the Germans launched at several points near the Belgian border. It is known that the Germans, hitting at weak points in the American line, where various Armies joined forces, gained from 18 to 20 miles in territory and have recaptured part of Belgium. American forces of the First Army, aided by Allied Air Forces, have been attempting to stabilize the front since the opening of the Nazi thrust. Allied war leaders state there is no cause for undue alarm, but say that the Nazi drive is serious. At the same time, the Germans, while disrupting the Allied plans for new drives into Germany, have laid themselves open for heavy blows, for they have left their heavily defended homeland to move into the open where superior American material and supplies can be used against them. While the German counter offensive has been mainly at positions opposite the American First and Ninth Armies and British troops, a report also stated that Nazi resistance has been increased against the American Third and Seventh Armies.

General MacArthur's forces in the Philippines are moving ahead with their invasion of the Island of Mindoro, and reports state that Jap resistance is weak. On the Island of Leyte American troops continue to mop up Jap positions and the situation is improving. American forces have taken a terrific toll of Jap shipping and planes during the past week. Air attacks over the Philippine area have destroyed over 700 Jap planes. B-29s have raided the Jap homeland several times this week and heavy damage was reported to airplane factories and munition works.

President Roosevelt returned to the White House this week, after a vacation, and quickly won the nomination of his appointees to the State Department. In a press conference the President announced there was no such document as the Atlantic Charter, in answering questions relative to the stand being taken by England and Russia over territory in Europe. Churchill, it was reported this week, faces a debate in Parliament over the position he has taken in Greece.

RECEIVES COMMISSION

Dozier Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sutton, will graduate Saturday, December 23, from Baldosta, Moody Field, Ga., and receive his commission as a lieutenant in the U. S. Army. Lieut. Sutton is expected to arrive home Sunday to spend the holidays with his wife and daughter.

Christmas Services Methodist Church On Sunday Morning

Christmas music and sermons preparatory to the celebration of Christmas have been used at the Hertford Methodist Church for the past two Sundays. Next Sunday being December 24, special music appropriate for the season will be rendered by the choir and a Christmas sermon will be delivered by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor, at 11 a. m., on the subject, "Ringing the Bells of Bethlehem." The text will be found in Isaiah 9:6.

At 9:45 a. m., the members of the church school will assemble in their respective departmental rooms where brief Christmas services will be held. At 10 a. m., all departments will come together in the auditorium in the educational building where a special Christmas program will be given and gifts presented to those present. Santa will be there in person to serve the children.

As announced elsewhere in this paper, there will be a Christmas cantata given in the main auditorium of the Hertford Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. All the choirs of our town are joining in this under the direction of Edgar J. Hill and Miss Margaret Pearson, with Miss Kate Blanchard at the organ. This promises to be a beautiful and impressive service and notice is served to those who wish to attend that if they want a seat they should come early as a large crowd is expected. Beside that, for the benefit of the program, those who are expecting to attend are urged to be there and seated before 4:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Funeral Services Held Sunday For Mrs. Anna B. Landing

Mrs. Anna Belle Landing, wife of W. D. Landing, died suddenly at her home in Hertford on Friday afternoon at one o'clock, following a stroke.

She was a native and life-long resident of Perquimans County and was an active member of the Hertford Methodist Church.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, William B. Landing, now with the armed forces in the Philippines, and Emmett E. Landing, U. S. M. C., who is in Hawaii; three daughters, Mrs. Nathan Sawyer of Perquimans, Miss Bell Landing, a student at the University of Maryland, and Miss Maxine Landing; two brothers, Henry Sawyer of Fort Bragg, and Aubrey Sawyer, of South Mills, and three grandsons.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

Hertford Busy Scene As Shoppers Rush For Scarce Items

Stores and Business Houses to Close Monday and Tuesday

Hertford's street scene was a lively one this week as shoppers vied in a last-minute rush to purchase scarce merchandise for Christmas. Reports, in metropolitan areas and locally, indicate that retail sales reached their peak this week and that stores enjoyed one of the best sales periods in years.

Most of the shoppers found difficulty in locating just what they wanted to buy, due to the fact that so much merchandise as purchased in former years had gone to war and was not available anywhere, but the holiday spirit seemingly had fallen on all and a jovial mood was evident.

As always, one of the busiest places in town was the postoffice and, according to Silas M. Webbe, postmaster, some kind of a record for the local postoffice was set on Monday, when the clerks handled the largest amount of mail ever dispatched from here.

Despite the rush in all stores noticed here this week, local merchants still have a sizeable stock of Christmas merchandise left for the selection of those who have not completed their Christmas shopping, and for the convenience of the public, most of the stores will be open evenings through Saturday night.

Patrons of local stores are requested to remember that all stores will close Saturday night for the Christmas holidays and will not re-open until Wednesday morning, and all should buy accordingly.

The two-day holiday for Christmas is a custom local stores have been observing for the past several years, in order to give the merchants and clerks an extra day for Christmas, following the holiday rush of business.

Miller-Vick Vows Spoken At Miami

Against a background of soft candlelight, palms and white gladioli, Miss Helen Robbins Vick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Vick, of Hertford, became the bride of Warrant Officer Charles William Miller, son of the late W. A. Miller, of Harrisburg, Pa., during a double ring ceremony solemnized at five o'clock on Saturday afternoon, December 9, in the Biscayne Boulevard Lutheran Church, Miami, Florida. The Rev. R. M. Wahl, pastor of the church, officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her mother, was lovely in a white nylon wedding gown, made from a parachute sent by the groom while serving foreign duty. Her finger-tip veil of bridal illusion was attached to a halo of rosepoint lace. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and wore a diamond cross, a family heirloom.

Mrs. Walter W. Collins, of Jacksonville, Fla., a cousin of the bride, was the only attendant. She wore a bouffant soft blue taffeta frock with a fitted bodice and a heart-shaped neckline. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

Immediately after the ceremony, the bridal party was entertained at a reception at Old Saratoga Inn in Miami. After a short wedding trip the couple will make their home in Key West, Fla.

Mrs. Miller has been employed as secretary to the president of Major Loomis for the past several years. Warrant Officer Miller, U. S. N., recently returned from active overseas duty, has served the past 20 years in the U. S. Navy Air Corps.

Guests at the wedding and reception were aunts of the bride, Mrs. J. H. Thrower of Littleton, and Mrs. A. J. Smith of Jacksonville, Fla., and a cousin, Mrs. E. G. McMullan, of Greenville.

Draft Board Has Two Preinduction Calls For Next Month

Still handicapped by the lack of members, the Perquimans Draft Board has received two pre-induction calls to be filled during the month of January, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Board, announced this week.

The first call is for five Colored selectees, who are to report at Fort Bragg on January 4, and the last call is for two white registrants, who will be ordered up on January 20.

Indians Win Second Court Game Downing Central High 41-32

Girls Lose Thriller By Narrow Margin of Two Points

Perquimans High School's basketball team won its second straight game of the season last Friday night by overwhelming the strong Central High School team 41 to 32. The game was hard-fought throughout, with the Indians leading all the way. However, the play became exceedingly fast during the second half, and somewhat rough.

In the preliminary game the Indian Squaws lost a thriller by a two-point margin to the Central girls, 20-18, after leading most of the way. The local girls missed several set-up shots during the closing minutes of play and thereby lost an opportunity to mark up their second victory.

The Squaws gained a 9 to 4 advantage during the first quarter, played even with the Central team during the second, but Central came back strong to out-point Perquimans 7 to 3, and 4 to 3 in the third and final periods.

The Indians opened their game fast to win a 16 to 9 lead at the end of the first quarter. Wilson hit four times, Perry twice and Nowell and Wood once each. Central closed the gap during the second period by scoring 12 points to Perquimans' 10. Central out-pointed the local boys again in the third period 6 to 5, and at that time the score stood 31-27 for Perquimans. In the final period the Indians tallied ten more points while holding Central to five, and the game ended 41 to 32.

Scoring by the Indians was: Wilson 13, Berry 13, Nowell 10, Wood 4 and White 1. For Central: Davis tallied 15 points, Silvills 10, Allen 4, Sutton 2, and Parker 1.

The game last Friday marked the last game prior to the Christmas holidays and practice was discontinued until after school opens on January 1. The Indians will play Moyock on January 5 to resume their schedule.

Elizabeth City Pair Confesses Guilt In Series Of Robberies

Daniel and Fred Muse, ex-convicts of Elizabeth City, confessed to officers of this area last Thursday night that they had committed the breaking and entering of the Towe Motor Company office, and other places in this section, in recent robberies and carried away the safes from the places.

The two Muse brothers, suspected to have had a part in the robberies, were picked up last week in Edenton and held for questioning. After a hearing in Washington, N. C., on a charge of stealing a car, the youths were again questioned regarding the robberies and it was announced that they finally admitted the crimes.

Federal, State and local law enforcement officers worked steadily on the case until it was broken by the confessions. It is expected that the youths will be tried on charges at the first term of Superior Court held in Edenton or Elizabeth City.

War Bond Sales Pass 600 Thousand Mark; Drive Closes Dec. 30

Sales of war bonds in Perquimans County, during the Sixth War Loan, now stand at \$619,118, according to R. M. Riddick, chairman of the local War Finance Committee, who added that this figure represents an over-subscription of the county's quota by 279 percent. Sale of Series E bonds, up to Wednesday, amounted to \$74,118, or slightly more than the \$65,000 quota.

Mr. Riddick pointed out that the Sixth War Loan comes to a close on December 30, and that the Government is urging everybody to buy as many additional Series E bonds as they possibly can, to help put the nation over its Series E bond quota for this drive.

The Sixth War Loan, nationally, has been met insofar as the overall quota is concerned, but the quota for Series E bonds is still short of the mark and it is the desire of the Government that individuals meet this quota as well as the quota for other types of bonds.

The local chairman, again this week, expressed his thanks and appreciation to the people of this county for their splendid cooperation in making the Sixth War Loan a complete success here.