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ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL CHAPEL IN THE PHILIPPINES—This quaint bamboo house of worship in Grace Park, Manila, was built by soldiers of the 513th AAA Gun Battalion and dedicated to the memory of President Roosevelt. Right, Army Chaplain Paul M. Bourne conducting the dedication services. The chapel will be given to the native Filipinos upon the withdrawal of American troops.

## Local Political Pot Starting To Simmer As Election Nears

### No Candidates Have as Yet Announced Intention of Filing

It can be expected that Perquimans County's political pot, sitting at the back of the stove since the last election two years ago, will shortly be moved to the front of the stove as it shows signs of simmering with the primary election only three months away.

Thus far no candidates have appeared on the scene or announced intentions of entering the primary for any local office. Herbert C. Bonner, however, has filed his name with the Secretary of State, as a candidate for the First District.

The local offices that will be at stake in the primary this year are those of sheriff, clerk of court, representative, treasurer, coroner and the board of commissioners. In addition to these offices, local voters will cast ballots for State Senators as well as United States Senator. Josiah Bailey will no doubt file and run for renomination as U. S. Senator, but the grape vine also says that former Governor J. M. Broughton will oppose Bailey in this race.

A. W. Hefren will serve as chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Elections this year, having been named chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of L. N. Hollowell. He is expected to name registrars for this year's election soon and also to announce the time and places for registration for the election. As yet he has received no information from the State board relative to final dates and the date for the primary. There will be announced as soon as received.

## Scrap Tire Round Up Conducted By OPA

Thousands of death-trap tires, many of them scrap rubber casings, have been rounded up by Southeastern OPA enforcement agents since the beginning of the drive last fall, Theodore S. Johnson, State OPA director, said today.

Whole carloads of defective casings have been recovered and approximately 100 alleged violators taken to court by OPA, he added.

With the tire shortage, many unscrupulous tire dealers patched together unroad casings, camouflaged them with a flimsy, unsafe recap and sold them at sixty or seventy times the OPA calling for scrap rubber, Johnson pointed out.

He advised motorists to insist on inspection whenever purchasing used tires. Reliable dealers, he said, are helping to reduce accident toll by checking used tires thoroughly.

## Shortage Of Nylons No Price Problem

The shortage of nylon hosiery is not a price problem, Theodore S. Johnson, State OPA director, said today.

Conferences with leading figures in the hosiery industry last week revealed that manufacturers lay the shortage to a scarcity of yarn and machinery, with increased demand making the shortage more acute, Johnson said.

Stating that nowhere do industry leaders suggest price difficulties, Johnson added that industry estimates show that the supply may not be plentiful until early 1947.

## Founders Program Presented By PTA

Observing PTA's 49th anniversary, members of the Hertford Grammar School presented a Founder's Day program at a meeting held February 14 at the grammar school auditorium.

The program opened with a devotional by Mrs. Edgar Morris. Mrs. J. P. Perry, first president of Hertford's PTA, gave the president's message. Mrs. Addie Jones styled a dress showing models of 1858, the year PTA was founded. Mrs. Charles Johnson rendered a number of solos. Mothers of the local club presented a sketch commemorating Mrs. Bienny and Mrs. Carst founders of PTA. Short talks on PTA were given by Mrs. J. H. Towe and Mrs. R. S. Monds, Jr., the meeting closed with a song by the sixth grade.

An anniversary cake was presented Mrs. Myres as a door prize and the 5th grade won the attendance cup.

## Indians Win Double Header From Chowan

Perquimans High School's basketball teams marked up two more victories on Tuesday night at the expense of Chowan High School. The girls' team won by a 33 to 7 count, while the Indians outpointed the visiting boys 39 to 13.

The Indian Squaws, opening the game with four reserves and two regular players, were off to an 8-5 lead at the close of the first quarter, and the Chowan team found it difficult to keep in the play with the faster team from Perquimans. Frequent substitutions for the local team kept the score lower than it might have been with either of the local combinations playing full time. At the half way mark the Squaws were ahead by a 21-5 margin. They increased this lead by eight points in the third period while holding Chowan to one basket and the score was 29-7. In the final period the locals scored four points and Chowan failed to tally. The final score was 33 to 7.

The boys' game began with the Indians using a revised line-up which clicked and the Indians gained a 10-4 advantage during the first period. The game became rough in spots with the officials calling a large number of penalties on both sides. During the second period the Indians hit six field shots and three from the charity line for a total of 15 points while Chowan collected three points. The score at the midway point was 25 to 7 for Perquimans.

During the third period the reserve squad was used by the Perquimans team and these players chalked up four points while Chowan garnered three. The score at the beginning of the final quarter was 29-10. During the final period Coach Max Campbell returned his starting lineup into the game and the Indians collected 10 more points to run their total to 39 while Chowan hit for one basket and one foul toss, a total of three points. The final score was 39-13.

## Strong Winds Cause Blackout Tuesday P. M.

Electric power was cut off in the Town of Hertford Tuesday night when a sudden, strong wind storm struck the town and felled a tree on Grubb Street, which severed the power lines. Current was restored to most of the town within a short time, but it took the town's electric crew several hours to repair the damage.

The wind storm was preceded by a heavy rainfall earlier Tuesday night, but no damage, other than to the power lines, was reported.

## HEADLINES THIS WEEK'S

Two more major strikes are in the offing, according to reports this week, which will effect the public. Telephone workers have voted to strike for increases in wages, and this strike, if called, is expected to affect all long distance phone calls. Two powerful railroad brotherhoods are also voting on a strike question, and reports show the members are favoring a strike, which would tie up railroad transportation. Most of the nation's steel workers are back at work this week following settlement of that strike last week, but the General Motors strike remains deadlocked with no settlement in view.

A Senate committee is still hearing data relative to the appointment of Edwin Pauley to the post as assistant secretary for the Navy. President Truman states he will not withdraw Pauley's name as a nominee despite the statement issued last week by Harold Ickes, who resigned as Secretary of the Interior. Ickes opposed the appointment of Pauley. President Truman announced this week the appointment of former Governor O. Max Gardner to the post as Undersecretary to the Treasury.

The government of Canada was preparing Wednesday to issue a statement to clear up the wholesale spy ring story which Canada has been investigating for the past ten days. Reports, all unofficial, have the "spy ring" reaches into the government itself, and rumors state Russia was involved to the extent of trying to learn secrets about the atom bomb.

In a new move to maintain the price line throughout the nation, Chester Bowles, who headed the OPA during the past two years, was named as Economic Stabilizer this week by President Truman. Bowles will be empowered to pass upon all price increases and price controls. Following his new appointment Bowles told a Congressional committee the economic condition of the country was such that OPA price control must be continued beyond June 1, the date the present law expires.

## Pedestrian Injured Here Saturday P. M.

Mrs. Masen A. Smith, a representative of the U. S. Employment Service of Elizabeth City, was painfully injured here last Saturday afternoon when she was struck down by an auto as she was crossing the street at the intersection of Church and Dobb.

According to State Patrolman Charles Payne and Officer Robert White, who investigated the accident, Mrs. Smith had crossed the street in front of a car being driven by Lloyd Peele, of Route 1, Edenton, and she then turned and walked back into the front of the car. The car passed over her body and badly bruised both legs. Mrs. Smith also suffered a bruise on the head which struck the pavement. No charges were filed by the officers.

## Two Traffic Cases Heard By Recorder

Police officers here reported a quiet week-end and only two cases were cited for hearing at Tuesday's session of the Recorder's Court.

Kermerial Stallings was taxed with the costs of court after pleading guilty to operating a car with insufficient brakes.

Alice Ferrell entered a plea of guilty to driving with insufficient brakes and paid the costs of court. Two other cases were continued until the next term of Court.

## Perquimans Girls Win Conference By Defeating Central

### Indians Drop Chance By Losing Game to Central Boys' Team

The Perquimans High school's girls basket ball team clinched the Rural Conference title for 1946 by defeating the Central girls in a game played at Central last Friday night. The final score was 31 to 27. The Indian Squaws played a determined brand of ball from the opening whistle and gained a 7 to 3 lead at the end of the first period. They continued to roll up their score during the second quarter and added 8 points before half time, while Central chalked up four. The score at half time was 15 to 7 for Perquimans.

Central outscored the Squaws in the third period 11 to 9, but the first half lead of the Indians still placed them in front by a 24 to 18 margin. Central led in the scoring in the final quarter and tallied nine points while Perquimans scored seven, leaving the local girls in front by four points at the final whistle.

The victory over Central was the seventh for the Squaws, in conference play, to one defeat and one tie. Central defeated Perquimans earlier in the season but the local girls gained revenge last Friday and knocked Central out of the conference race.

In the boys game Perquimans Indians lost a possible chance to win a tie for the conference title by losing to Central boys in a mediocre game 17-11. The Indians failed completely in the second half and did not score during the 16 minutes of play.

During the first period the two teams played even and the score stood 5-5, then they took a three point lead and were ahead 11 to 8 at the half way point. Central came back stronger on the defense in the third period and held the Indians scoreless while they hit two field goals for four points and the lead in the game. Central tallied five more points in the final period, while Perquimans again failed to score. During the last quarter Winslow and Wood were ejected from the game by the official who claimed both players committed unnecessary fouls. The Indians played the entire game without the services of Dan Berry, scoring ace for the locals.

## Board Gets Two Calls Seven Vets Returned

Two draft calls for the month of March have been received by the Perquimans County board, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, who stated Monday that five white selectees will be ordered up for preinduction examinations on March 18 and two Negro selectees will be ordered to fill an induction call on March 4.

Local draft boards have been ordered by the National Director of Selective Service to screen their files for 4-F candidates to fill a large call for the month of April. The Army has announced a reduction in its physical requirements, and it is believed that a number of registrants, formerly classified as 4-F, may now be eligible for service.

Mrs. Sumner said that seven veterans reported at the draft office during the past week to file their discharge papers with the board. The veterans were William Bateman, Royce Vickers and Guy Newby, white, and Elmer Jennings, Spencer Moore, Maurice Holley and Spencer Sutton, Negroes.

## Bank And Post Office To Close On Friday

Hertford's bank and postoffice will be closed all day Friday, February 22, in observance of Washington's birthday, it was announced Tuesday by R. M. Riddick, president of the bank, and S. M. Whedbee, postmaster.

Mall, at the postoffice, will be received and dispatched as usual, but there will be no town or rural delivery, or window service during the day.

## MISSION STUDY CLASS TO MEET

The County Wide Mission Study class of the Hertford Baptist church will be held at the church on Wednesday Feb. 27th, beginning at 10:30 A. M.

The book "Epochs of Home Missions" will be taught by Mrs. J. W. Senterfitt of Edenton.

Every member of each W. M. S. of the county is urged to be present.

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## CHIMNEY FIRE

Hertford's fire truck was sent to the home of Mrs. Mary J. Wood on Route 1, near Hertford, last Friday afternoon to render aid in extinguishing a chimney fire. Damages were not estimated.

## High School Band To Perform Friday

Perquimans High School's band will make its second public appearance of this season when it plays at the Perquimans-Moyock basket ball game scheduled at the local school auditorium Friday night.

C. E. Woodard, principal of the high school, stated that uniforms purchased for the band have arrived and will be worn by the band members on this occasion.

A large number of people heard the band play at its first appearance two weeks ago, and a greater number is expected to turn out for the music Friday night. In addition to the music, the girls' and boys' basket ball teams will also play for the season.

## Check For War Fund Quota Mailed State Office Last Week

A check in the amount of \$3,875, representing the quota assigned Perquimans County, was mailed to the State headquarters for the United War Fund late last week, it was announced Monday by J. E. Winslow, who served as co-chairman for the local drive.

Mr. Winslow stated he had been informed that Perquimans County is the only county in the Albemarle area to report in full the quota assigned counties at the beginning of the drive last fall. Several counties, which requested a reduction in quotas, have even failed to report these reduced goals.

Most of the funds raised in the war fund here were received last fall but the county committee lacked \$190 early last week in having the full quota. This deficit was raised the middle of last week and the entire amount forwarded to the United War Fund office.

In closing the final campaign for funds, Mr. Winslow expressed his appreciation and thanks to all individuals, business houses and firms who helped make the drive successful. He cited the colored division, which was supervised by W. J. Thompson and R. L. Kingsbury for the response made by the colored people of the county toward the drive.

The entire amount raised here was forwarded to the State office inasmuch as no local organizations or charity was included in the original quota assigned Perquimans.

## Central Grammar PTA Met Monday

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans Central Grammar School met on Monday evening at the school.

The meeting opened with singing "America." The devotional was conducted by Mrs. E. U. Morgan.

"History of Founders' Day" was given by Mrs. Dennis Winslow. A quartet composed of Miss Clara Winslow, Mrs. L. A. Smith, Elwood White and Leslie Winslow sang a hymn.

"Immortal Ideals of Our Founders" was given by Mrs. Ernest Morgan. Since February is the month the Parent-Teacher Association was organized, it is always remembered with a Founder's Day collection.

The President's Message was read by the secretary, Mrs. Edwin White.

Reports from the standing committees were given, including:

Mr. Baker—Budget and Finance and Luncheon.

Study Group—Mrs. Edgar Lane.

Character and Spiritual Education—Mrs. Dempsey Winslow.

The program for next month will be under the leadership of the Chapman-Hurdle town communities.

The room prize went to the sixth grade, Miss Margaret White's room.

## Reception Honors New Baptist Pastor

Members of the Hertford Baptist Church honored their new pastor, the Rev. C. W. Duling and family at an open-house reception held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. I. A. Ward Tuesday night from seven to eleven o'clock.

The home was beautifully decorated with spring flowers, fern and lighted candles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Perry received at the front door, while Mrs. E. E. Payne and Mrs. H. W. Lynch registered the guests. Mrs. R. G. Tucker introduced the guests to the receiving line which consisted of the Rev. and Mrs. Duling, their children, Charlotte and James, Dr. and Mrs. Ward and the Rev. and Mrs. B. C. Reavis.

Mrs. T. W. Wilson and Mrs. J. W. Zachary presided at the punch bowls, and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Holmes invited guests into the dining room, where Mayor and Mrs. V. N. Darden and Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Hollowell acted as hosts and hostesses.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Tom Perry, assisted by Mrs. M. J. Gregory, Mrs. Tom Madre, Mrs. Warner Madre and Mrs. Raymond Holmes. Goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ely and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ainsley.

One hundred ten guests registered during the evening.

## Scouts Reorganized To Meet Friday P. M.

About 14 boys attended the reorganization meeting of the local Boy Scout Troop, held at the Courthouse last Friday night, and much enthusiasm was shown by the youths when future plans for scouting here was explained. Another meeting of the troop has been called for tonight at the Courthouse.

More youths are expected to join in the scout work as it is revived here and the Scout Committee is hoping to be able to announce the appointment of a Scoutmaster very soon.

## Returned Home

Clarke Stokes has returned home after spending the week-end at Wake Forest and Greensboro.

## County Without Red Cross Organization With Roll Call Soon

### Chapter Officers Unknown; No Chairman Named For Drive

Perquimans County is without a Red Cross organization to conduct the annual Roll Call, which is expected to get under way throughout the county in the next few weeks.

Organized to report their names and telephone roll call but was unable to locate any person with authority to speak for the Red Cross or for the local chapter. It was unable to learn who fills the office of County Chairman for the local chapter. According to information received, at a meeting of the chapter held last fall for the purpose of selecting a county chairman and other officers, no person could be located who was willing to serve as chairman, and the matter has been continued until the present time.

A representative of the National organization visited Hertford recently, attempting to locate an individual to serve as chairman for the roll call, but evidently some misunderstanding occurred at the time because the representative left here without any person volunteering for the job but since that time the Red Cross has been sending material here regarding the campaign expected to be started next month. This material is not being distributed or otherwise used since the individuals receiving it did not assume the responsibility as chairman.

However, it is expected that the annual roll call, when it is conducted, will be along the same plans as used in former years. Each home will be canvassed for membership and business houses will be requested to contribute larger sums than just membership dues. During the past three years the local quota for the Red Cross drive was somewhat higher than during peace time and it is believed that the quota this year will be reduced from what the goal amounted to last year. There is no definite information on the amount the county will be asked to contribute, but according to an unofficial report, the amount to be raised will be less and there should be little difficulty in raising the roll call quota in this county.

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