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Police Authorities Have Busy Week-end Four Cases Pending

Negro Seriously Injured In Fight On Saturday Night

Town and County police authorities had one of the busiest week-ends in months last Saturday and Sunday when they received numerous calls regarding law violations.

As a result of a fight over a girl friend Levi Revells, Negro, is in a serious condition at Albemarle Hospital, where he was sent after he was struck a blow on the head with an iron pipe by Roosevelt Harvey. The fight occurred in the Goose Hollow section of Hertford at about 8:30 last Saturday night. Harvey is being held, under bond, for hearing in Recorder's Court.

Shortly after this call the authorities received word that Aussy Thatch, Negro, had been injured in an auto-accident a short distance from Hertford. Investigation revealed that Thatch, in an alleged drunken condition was stretched across a highway when he was run over by Clesse Williamson, Negro. Thatch was injured seriously and was sent to the hospital for treatment.

Later the police stopped a knife fight between Francis Askew and Johnnie Jones, both Negroes, who were charged with assaulting each other with deadly weapons. These cases were set for hearing on May 21, due to the condition of the defendants who were unable to appear in court this week.

The police interrupted an attempted theft of a truck from the streets of Hertford, but the thief escaped apprehension immediately. He was later arrested in Elizabeth City and will be brought here for trial.

Several other calls, of minor nature, were received by the authorities during the period, from eight p. m. Saturday until two a. m. Sunday, and it was an exceedingly busy night for the local police.

Indian Baseballers To Play Creswell

Rain caused the postponement of the Perquimans-Edenton High School baseball game set for Tuesday night, but the Indians will play a home game on Memorial Field tonight at 8 o'clock when the Creswell High School comes here for a return engagement.

The Indians downed Creswell by a 4 to 3 count in a game played at Creswell last Friday afternoon. Winslow, Wood and Smith was the battery for Perquimans.

Hertford Adds New Policeman To Force

Hertford's police department will shortly be increased by one new member, who will serve as an extra night policeman, following action taken by the Town Board at a meeting Monday night. The action was taken upon the recommendation of Mayor V. N. Darden, who pointed out that since the town limits had been extended the policing job was more than one man could handle.

A number of break-ins have been reported here recently and the action of the board followed discussions on the ways and means of breaking up this petty crime.

Mayor Darden advised the board that he had been informed by a representative of the Virginia Electric & Power Company that Hertford would not be effected by any curtailment of power by the utility company during the present coal shortage. A number of counties in Virginia, served by this company, are being effected but additional sources of power being received by VEP makes it unnecessary to curtail local power.

The board voted to advertise all delinquent 1945 property taxes on June 14 and hold the sale of the tax liens on July 8.

Bonner Wins Office On Meat Shortage

Herbert C. Bonner, while visiting friends in Hertford this week, became acquainted with the scarcity of beef offered for sale in the county in recent weeks due to government regulations. Mr. Bonner offered to try to remedy this situation and on Wednesday sent the following telegram to his secretary in Washington, D. C.:

"G. W. Barbee, only slaughterer and wholesale beef dealer in Perquimans County, N. C., cannot operate under present OPA slaughter regulations as promulgated by Raleigh office. Only supplier for this town. Call Washington OPA and ask if there is any way they can remedy this situation and wire Barbee or W. H. Oakey, Hertford, N. C. This town has been practically out of beef for the past sixty days."

Mr. Bonner stated that he would do everything possible to help the beef shortage in this county. He emphasized that while he is away from Washington his office will continue to give every assistance to the people of the county and district if they write him concerning their problems.

County 4-H Health Contest Winners

Health contests among the 4-H boys and girls of Perquimans County were conducted during this month and each member was examined by Miss Audrey Umphlett, County Health Nurse, in cooperation with Miss Frances Maness, Miss Virginia Bailey and L. W. Anderson.

The following were selected as winners in their local clubs: Winfall Junior: Shirley Janey Eure, Kay White Staton and Nonie Lou Lane, queens; Kenneth Hall, king; Winfall Senior, Amy Van Roach, queen, and George Benton and John Chappell, kings.

New Hope: Mattie Wray Morpe, queen; Jack Byrd, king. Hertford Junior: Evelyn Chappell, queen, Corbin Dozier, king; Hertford Senior: Gay Lane, queen; Charles Phillips, king; and Hertford High: Claire Hunter, queen and E. J. Proctor, king.

Funeral Held Sunday For George Hughes

Funeral services for George W. Hughes, of Winfall, who died last Friday night at Sanatorium, N. C., were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. J. D. Cranford, pastor of the Winfall Methodist Church.

The choir of the Winfall Church sang Abide With Me and Rock of Ages.

Palbearers were Joe Hurdle, Durwood Barber, Henry Barber, Norman White, A. R. Winslow, Jr., and J. E. Delaney.

County Committee To Conduct Famine Relief Drive Here

Funds And Food Needed By Emergency Relief Organization

Following an announcement made here this week of the appointment of A. Houston Edwards as county chairman for an Emergency Food Collection drive to be conducted for the Emergency Famine Relief Committee, a meeting was called Wednesday night for the purpose of planning a house to house campaign, which is expected to get underway here next week.

Mr. Edwards named the following county committee to assist him with the project: The Rev. B. C. Reavis, Dr. A. B. Bonner, L. W. Anderson, R. R. White, Mrs. C. R. Holmes, F. T. Johnson, Mrs. W. H. Pitt, Mrs. I. A. Ward, Miss Frances Maness, Herbert Nixon, W. H. Hardcastle and Zac White.

The local drive will be conducted for the purpose of raising funds and collecting canned goods for use of hungry people throughout the world, and it will be a part of a national campaign for the UNRRA, which is directing the relief movement.

The committee, at its meeting Wednesday night, adopted a goal of \$1600 for a cash quota for Perquimans along with a huge stock pile of canned goods. It was pointed out that the UNRRA seeks items canned in tin, and the items most sought are milk, meat, fish, peanut butter, baby foods, baked beans, stews, soups and fruit.

Henry Wallace, Secretary of Commerce, who heads the Emergency Committee stated that gifts will be more effective if made in form of cash donations, a cash donation means that expenses of packaging, sorting and shipping can be avoided and that the food can be bought in quantity lots at much lower prices. He said, "We are anxious to receive gifts of canned goods, but we are even more anxious to receive contributions of money."

Arrangements will be made by the local committee for the storage of canned goods collected here and for the shipment of the goods to the proper designation.

Lions Ladies Night Party Held Thursday

Members of the Hertford Lions Club entertained their wives and guests at their annual Ladies Night party, held Thursday evening at the Hertford Methodist Church. A delicious dinner was prepared and served by the ladies of the church.

R. R. White, president of the local club, was master of ceremonies and the program included a short talk by the Club's district governor, James Glover, of Nashville. Gifts were presented during the evening as was awards to a number of the members of the club for their club work during the year.

Zarosa-Perry Vows Spoken On May 4th

The wedding of Miss Lillian Rae Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones Perry of Hertford, and Felix J. Zarosa, son of Mrs. Thomas Zarosa, and the late Mr. Zarosa of Scranton, Penna., was solemnized Saturday afternoon, May 4, at four o'clock, in a candlelight ceremony at the home of the bride, The Rev. A. L. G. Stephenson officiated with the single ring ceremony. The home was beautifully decorated with white flowers.

The bride wore an all white costume and her flowers were a corsage of orchids.

Miss Myra Layden, the bride's only attendant, wore blue with matching accessories and her flowers were a corsage of pink roses.

Dr. A. B. Bonner was best man. Mrs. Louis Howell, pianist, wore pink with matching accessories. Her flowers were white roses. During the ceremony she played I Love You Truly, Oh, Promise Me and Believe Me With All Those Endearing Young Charms.

The mother of the bride wore a navy blue dress with matching accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Mrs. A. B. Bonner was mistress of ceremonies. The wedding was attended by close friends and relatives of the family. After the ceremony the couple left for a short wedding trip.

X-RAY CLINIC

There will be a chest X-ray clinic at the Health Department, May 22, 1946, for one day only. All known contacts of tuberculosis or arrested cases are urged to make appointments as early as possible.

Draft Act Extended For Short Period; Ban On Inductions

Youths Under Twenty And Fathers Not To Be Called

The Selective Service Act, due to expire at midnight Wednesday, was extended for a period of 45 days some six hours before the expiration deadline when President Truman placed his signature on an extension bill passed by Congress Wednesday evening. President Truman termed the bill a bad one inasmuch as the amendments attached to the bill by Congress restricts the action of draft boards in calling up registrants for service in the armed forces.

The measure now carries bans against the induction of youths under 20 years of age and all fathers; it is predicted by officials of the Selective Service that under the bill induction of men will be almost impossible.

When informed that the President had signed the bill General Hersey, director of the draft, issued orders to all local boards to halt the processing of youths under twenty. However these 18 and 19 year olds must continue to register for the draft. All calls, according to General Hersey will be filled by men between 20 and 26 years of age.

The President was reluctant in signing the bill but did so because he termed it the lesser of two evils and would avoid confusion if the act expired.

The War Department stated that the bans would force the army to keep non-volunteer draftees in the army longer, probably two years instead of 18 months as planned.

Most of the officials in Washington, concerned with the affairs of the army, expressed hope that the act will be extended for a period of one year on July 1, when the present extension is due to expire. The act is needed one spokesman stated, for the army to carry out the commitments of the nation.

Vacation School Opens Here June 3

A Vacation Church School is being planned by the workers of the Hertford Methodist Church, and the school will begin on Monday, June 3 for a period of ten days or two weeks, according to an announcement made this week by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Church. All children in the beginner, primary, junior and intermediate departments are being provided for in the schedule for the vacation school.

Announcements regarding the workers, schedule and materials for the vacation school will be made later.

Restrictions On Parcel Post Removed

Silas M. Whedbee, Hertford Postmaster, announced this week that restrictions limiting the poundage of parcel post packages has been removed and henceforth packages up to 70 pounds may be mailed from the local postoffice.

This is the only change announced to date regarding the mail situation here, which has been curtailed somewhat due to the coal strike. Mail trains are still running on reduced schedules, but the mail truck is making two extra trips each week to help relieve the condition.

Fishing Season Opens May 19th

Sport fishing in inland waters, including most of the creeks and smaller streams of this section, will be legal again on Sunday, May 19, it was announced this week by local Game Protectors.

It has been reported some fishermen were under the impression the closed season ended on May 10, but this was not the case, as fishing is not to be resumed until the 19th.

Veterans Report At Local Draft Office

Four more Perquimans County veterans have reported at the local draft office and filed their separation from the armed forces with the local board, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board. The men who reported during the past week were Lloyd Owens, white, and Milton Felton, Charlie Winslow and Charlie Skinner, colored.

VFW Post May Be Established Here

An effort will be made here in the near future to establish a Veterans of Foreign Wars Post for Perquimans County, providing sufficient interest is shown for the organization in this county, it was announced this week by a representative of VFW, who came to Hertford to investigate the possibilities of establishing the post.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars organization is limited in membership to veterans who have served outside the United States.

Schools Prepare For Summer Closing Play Next Friday

With county schools scheduled to close with the commencement exercises at the Perquimans High School on Tuesday night, May 28, activities at all schools are centering around the closing date.

At the High School, students are practicing for the annual class play which will be given on Friday night, May 24, in the auditorium of the school. The students having parts in the play this year are Cecil Winslow, Colon Jackson, Dotmegan Lane, Mary Leland Winslow, Helen Baker, Nancy Zachary, Romona Divers, Clifford Winslow, Dorothy Butt, Lorraine Britton and Mary Inez Chappell. The play is being coached by Miss Francelle Barden.

Final examinations at the high school will start on Thursday, May 23, according to E. C. Woodard, principal, who also announced today the Marshals for the annual commencement exercises. The Marshals, chosen on a basis of scholarship are: Molly Oakey, chief, Mary Leland Winslow, Mary Lina Raper, Reginald Tucker, Eugene Hurdle, Pat Morris, Mary Lou Butt and Pearl Hunter. The sponsor and director of the marshals will be Miss Eloise Scott.

The commencement address will be delivered by Robert Lee Humber, who has won national acclaim for his resolution for world peace through a federation based upon law.

New Furniture Store To Open Saturday

Announcement is made today by L. N. Hollowell and Paul J. White, that their new furniture store will open formally Saturday, May 18. They extend a cordial welcome to the public to drop in and get acquainted and at the same time view the large stock of furniture and household furnishings.

The new store is located on the Hertford-Edenton Highway, just beyond the high school building.

The store will be under the management of Paul J. White, who was employed for twenty years by the M. G. Morrisette store in Elizabeth City, and who is widely known throughout this county.

County WMU Session Held Last Thursday

A county-wide WMU meeting was held at the Hertford Baptist Church last Thursday, May 9. The meeting was marked by a large attendance for all sessions and the theme used was Let Us Now Prepare To Build.

Taking part on the program were Mrs. A. D. Ward, Mrs. I. A. Ward, Mrs. Carl Godwin, Mrs. A. F. Proctor, Mrs. Lawrence Perry, Mrs. Murray Lane, Mrs. T. Guy Sloan, the Rev. D. P. Brooks, Mrs. T. E. Madre, Miss Frances Winstead and the Rev. C. W. Duling.

Local Rotarians Attend Convention

The regular meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club was cancelled this week while members of the local club attended the district convention held in Elizabeth City Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. A large number of members from here attended the convention.

The local Rotarians will entertain all Rotary-Annes at a steak fry on next Wednesday evening. The outing will be held at Newbold's beach.

Local Banker Named Treasurer Of NCBA

R. M. Riddick, president of the Hertford Banking Company, was elected treasurer of the North Carolina Bankers' Association for a term of two years, at the annual convention of the association held last week-end at Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Auxiliary To Hold Poppies Sales Here On Saturday, May 25

Story Behind Every Poppy Made By Disabled Veteran

There is a story behind every one of the little red poppies which the citizens of Hertford and Perquimans County will wear in honor of the war dead on Saturday, May 25, Poppy Day.

Each poppy is different and has its own story, explained Mrs. Kelly White, chairman of the sales committee for the Perquimans American Legion Auxiliary, which is completing plans for the observance of Poppy Day here.

The poppies will be sent here from Fayetteville hospital where they were made by disabled veterans of both world wars. Mrs. White told about them as plans for the sale progressed.

"As they are made by hand, no two of the flowers are exactly alike," she said. "Some come from the hands of men who were hurt 28 years ago in the battles of the first world war. Others have been shaped by young veterans, injured in Europe or in the Pacific in the second conflict, who made poppies this year for the first time. If we could know the stories of all those veterans, old and young, they would make an epic of service and suffering for the security of America."

"Making the poppies has two important benefits for the disabled veterans," Mrs. White continued. "First, it enables them to earn money. The American Legion Auxiliary pays them for every poppy they make. To actually earn some money again is an encouraging experience for these men, after long months of helplessness. Most of them send the money home to their families."

"Second, the work is valuable as occupational therapy. It occupies their hands and minds and helps them get well."

"I hope everyone who puts on a poppy on Poppy Day will look closely at the little flower and think of the men who make the poppies, what they have been through and what they are still enduring because of their war service. Then it will be understood that the poppy is not just a machine-made tag, but a carefully shaped symbol of remembrance made by the disabled in honor of their departed comrades."

Commission To Let Contract For Road

The State Highway Commission announced last Friday that a contract for the hard surfacing of 3.3 miles of county road in Perquimans County would be let at a hearing in Raleigh today.

The latest improvement to the county roads, included in this contract will be made on that stretch of highway leading from Route 17, near Woodville, toward New Hope.

No information is available at the present as to how soon, after the letting of the contract, the work will be started, but it is believed the work will be completed within a short time.

Traffic Violators Pay Costs of Court

Six out of eight cases heard in the Perquimans Recorder's Court this week centered around traffic violations and all the defendants were charged with the costs of court.

David Lamb pleaded guilty to driving without a license and paid the costs.

Lester Keel was ordered to pay the costs of court for driving without a license.

McKinley Jones, Archie Bembry and Leslie Wilson, Jr., all Negroes, were found guilty of driving without a license and each were ordered to pay the costs.

Ellis Lyons, Negro, was found guilty of speeding. He was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the costs.

The Court granted a motion for non suit in two cases charging William Riddick, Negro, with trespass and non support.

Lem Rountree was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. He was ordered to pay the costs of court.

WMS TO MEET

The Womans Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will meet Monday night, May 20 at the church. All members are urged to be present.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Soft coal miners returned to their work on Monday for a period of two weeks but reports indicate the coal strike is far from settled. John L. Lewis is demanding a 70 million dollar union welfare fund, which, it is reported, the operators will refuse. The Union demands this welfare fund be agreed upon before it will begin negotiations on wages.

Backers of the loan to Britain forced a victory for the bill as the House approved certain parts of the measure which has been authorized by the Senate. The measure calls for the U. S. to loan Great Britain the sum of three billion, 750 million dollars, to be repaid over a period of 50 years.

James Byrnes, Secretary of State, attending a meeting of the ministers of the Big 4 nations has called for an adjournment of this meeting until July 1, when he suggests a 21 nation assembly which would decide the peace treaty for the European war. The meeting of the Big Four has not resulted into the success expected at the ending of the affair.

Negotiations between representatives of the railroad unions and operators were reopened this week upon a suggestion by President Truman, in an effort to avert the nation-wide train strike called for Saturday.

Youth Fellowship Meeting June 14

The Chowan-Perquimans Sub-District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, which was to meet June 7, has changed the time of meeting until June 14 on account of the Pastor's school to be held at Greensboro June 7-12. The young people's group is to meet at the Anderson Methodist Church, near Hertford, Friday night, June 14, at 8 o'clock. A nominating committee is expected to report on officers for the sub-district. A program is to be given, a business session held, and a social hour for games and refreshments is to be enjoyed. Young people 12-23 are invited to become members of this organization. Others who are interested are invited to attend as visitors.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lee Harris announce the birth of a son, born Monday, May 15, in Elizabeth City Hospital. Mother and son are doing nicely.