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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT SCHOOL NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT; HUMBER SPEAKER

Five to Get Diplomas; 80 In Eight Grade to Be Promoted

The twenty-first annual commencement will be held at the Perquimans County High School on Tuesday night, May 28, beginning at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by E. C. Woodard, principal.

The closing program at the high school has been curtailed this year inasmuch as there will be no graduating class. Five students have completed the required course of study and will receive diplomas, but the 11th grade, which would be the graduating class, will move into the 12th grade for the graduation next year. Mr. Woodard stated that approximately 80 students in the eighth grade will be promoted into the ninth grade, and these students will be awarded promotion certificates at the exercises next Tuesday.

Principal speaker for the commencement program will be Robert Lee Humber, nationally known author of a resolution for world peace through federation. Mr. Humber, a graduate of Wake Forest College, practiced international law at Paris, France, for several years, following completion of his studies at Oxford, England, where he was a Rhodes scholar.

In connection with the closing of county schools, Miss Mary Sumner, principal of the Hertford Grammar School, announced commencement exercises will be conducted at the grammar school at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, May 29. The speaker for the program was not announced.

At the high school the program will open with a procession, followed by invocation by the Rev. J. D. Cranford. Special music will be rendered prior to the introduction of the speaker by F. T. Johnson, County Superintendent.

The awarding of the diplomas and promotion certificates will be made by Mr. Johnson and special awards will be made by Mr. Woodard. Miss Kate Blanchard will be the pianist.

Marshals for the commencement, selected from the school honor roll, will be Molly Oakley, chief, Mary Leland Winslow, Mary Lina Raper, Reginald Tucker, Eugene Hurdle, Pat Morris, Mary Lou Butt and Pearl Hunter.

Indians' Baseball Season Closed Wed.

After having almost half of the games cancelled due to weather conditions, the Perquimans High School baseball team closed the 1946 season Wednesday night when they met the Creswell High School team in a return game on Memorial Field.

The Indians played seven games this year, winning four and losing three. They won from Central, Chowan and Creswell, twice and lost to South Mills and twice to Elizabeth City. Games with Edenton, Windsor, Chowan and Central were rained out. All of the Indian team, with the exception of George Wood, will return to school next year and be eligible for the next season. These players are Paul Smith, L. E. Elliott, Joseph Smith, Chester Winslow, Earl Winslow, Joe Hollowell, John Ward, Edward Lane, Horace Webb, Sidney Hayden, Earl Rogerson, Billy Win-

Recorder's Court Hears Four Cases

The Perquimans Recorder's Court disposed of four cases at the Tuesday morning session this week. The cases of Frances Askew and Johnny Jones, colored, both charged with assault with a deadly weapon, were continued in the interest of saving time. Jones was found guilty and given a 30 day suspended sentence and fined \$25 and costs.

Elliott Lee Hill, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of driving with inefficient brakes.

Rebecca Dixon, Negro, was fined \$5 and ordered to pay the costs of court on charges of driving without license and driving with improper lights.

James Waterfield entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding and was fined \$10 and costs.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller announce the birth of a daughter, Martha Conroy, born Friday, May 17th at Claverton, N. Y. Mrs. Miller before her marriage was Miss Nita Newbold.

4-H Clubs To Observe Church Sunday May 26

The 4-H Clubs of Perquimans County will observe National 4-H Church Sunday, May 26. A county-wide Vesper service will be held on the Courthouse Green Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The Rev. B. C. Reavis will be the speaker.

Miss Frances Maness, County Home Agent, stated that 4-H Club members from each school will take part on the program. Music will be furnished by the Perquimans High School Band. All Club members and friends are urged to attend.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

President Truman Tuesday ordered government seizure of the soft coal mines, and named J. A. Krug to negotiate with John L. Lewis regarding future operation of the mines. The action was taken by President Truman to prevent a work stoppage on Saturday, when the truce between the mine operators and union members expire. The union and operators have failed to come to an agreement, as requested by the Government, and the President's action was necessary to keep the mines in operation. The biggest question regarding the strike now appears to be whether or not the miners will continue on the job, working for the government.

Secretary of State Byrnes made a radio report to the nation Monday night and told of the failure of the Paris meeting of the Big Four, in reaching a peace agreement. Mr. Byrnes stated that the United States has assumed an offensive position regarding a peace conference for this year, and, unless Russia, Britain and France subscribe to this movement the U. S. will place the matter before the United Nations for settlement.

A tornado, which struck Kinston, N. C., Monday, killed two people, injured more than 40 others and damaged or destroyed 38 homes. Total property damage was estimated by the Red Cross at \$250,000. The twister struck three communities in Lenoir County, but the major damage was reported in and around Kinston.

Four thousand soldiers, hand picked for the job, raided 372 vessels in the Danube River early this week, in a surprise move to break up a German smuggling ring. The vessels, a part of the Hungarian navy, were reported as smuggling S. S. fugitives out of Germany. All the vessels were impounded and a huge stock of guns and other contraband was seized by the troops.

Odom-Spivey Vows Spoken May 12th

The marriage of Miss Lucy Virginia Spivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren W. Spivey of Belvidere to Johnny Edward Odom, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Odom of Memphis, Tenn., took place Sunday afternoon, May 12, at five o'clock in the home of the bride's aunt, A. F. Jordan in Hertford.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, in the presence of relatives and friends. The home was decorated with white cut flowers and fern.

The bride wore aqua blue with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Miss Myrtle Winslow, was maid of honor and only attendant. She wore a dress of open blue with a corsage of pink carnations.

The bridegroom had as his best man M. Ray Jordan of Newport News. A small reception followed the ceremony and later Mr. and Mrs. Odom left for a wedding trip. They will make their home in Hertford temporarily.

Out of town guests attending the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Spivey, Mrs. Jesse Spivey and son of Norfolk, Miss Ruth Spivey of Norfolk, Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Spivey and son of Edenton, Mr. and Mrs. Stockton Turner and children of Center Hill, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Winslow, Clarence Winslow and Floyd Winslow, all of Whiteston.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Layden from Newport News announce the birth of a daughter, Janet Copeland, born Thursday, May 16, at the hospital in Newport News. Mother and daughter are getting along nicely.

Food Collection Drive Continues Through Monday

Churches, Schools and Clubs Are Participating In Project

A. Houston Edwards, chairman of the Perquimans County Food Collection Committee, which is a part of the national Emergency Food Committee raising funds to aid the UNRRA in helping to feed the starving people throughout the world, stated today that the local drive for funds and food would continue through Sunday, with the project being carried out through the churches, schools and various clubs of the county.

The Perquimans Committee set itself a goal of \$155 to be raised for the program and Mr. Edwards said all reports received thus far point toward a successful drive here.

All groups assisting in the drive are requested to make reports to the committee not later than Monday, as it is desired to send off this county's contribution on that date. It is expected that some additional funds will be collected later than Monday, but these will be forwarded to the national headquarters as received. The nation-wide food collection drive is scheduled to close Sunday.

Inasmuch as the National Committee, headed by Secretary of Commerce, Henry Wallace, recommends that local contributions be in form of cash to permit the committee to purchase canned goods close by shipping points, at a lower price than on local markets, the Perquimans Committee is attempting mainly to collect money for the relief. However, items such as meat, fish, baby foods, baked beans, fruits, soups and stews, canned in tins are acceptable and will be shipped from here for us among the hungry of the world.

It has been estimated that hundreds of thousands of people in many nations will starve to death between now and July 1 unless assistance is rendered by the people of the America, and every person is urged to make a contribution. Persons who have not been contacted may make their donation by seeing Mr. Edwards at the Farm Security Office.

Community Concert Tickets Available

Plans have been completed for the presentation of a series of Community concerts in Elizabeth City for next winter, and the drive for membership for the concerts is now on. All neighboring towns are being given the opportunity to join this membership.

A minimum of three concerts by well known artists will be given, one before Christmas and two following the holidays. Admission will be by membership card only. It has been announced there will be no tickets sold at the door.

Mrs. Emmett Winslow is chairman of the local committee in charge of membership here and she announced today that May 25 would be the final date for the sale of memberships. Persons interested in joining may see Mrs. Winslow or any member of the committee, which includes Mrs. J. H. Towe, Mrs. C. A. Davenport and Mrs. R. S.monds.

OPERETTA AT P. C. C. G. S.
An operetta, "Cinderella in Flowerland" will be presented by students of the Perquimans Central Grammar School on Monday evening, May 27, at 8 o'clock.

Cinderella, a little meadow daisy, will be played by Nonie Lou Lane. The Proud Sisters are Betty Lou Trueblood and Marvina White. Amy Van Roach will take the part of the godmother. Prince Sunshine will be played by Billy Morris Benton. Robin Red, his page will be played by Tommy Stallings. Other characters such as Bonnie Bee, Butterflies, guests at the Ball, Sunbeams and Raindrops, will be played by children of various grades.

The seventh grade will contribute to the program by giving musical selections appropriate to closing day. The public is cordially invited to attend.

YOUTH SOCIETY MEETS

The Bright Jewels, children's society of the Center Hill Methodist Church held its regular monthly meeting last Saturday afternoon. After a program was given in the church, games were played and refreshments were served on the lawn. Twenty-nine children and two adults were present.

The Bright Jewels of the Evans Methodist Church are to meet Saturday afternoon of this week at the Evans church at 8 o'clock.

New PTA Officers Installed Monday

Musical Presented By Students Provide Part Of Program

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Perquimans Central Grammar School met in its final session of the year Monday night at the school building.

The meeting opened with the Scripture reading by Mrs. J. A. Winslow, followed by the Lord's Prayer. An instrumental quintet was rendered by members of the Junior Band, composed of Joan Trueblood, Peggy Sawyer, Mary Sue Cook, Virginia Mae Long and George Eure.

Mrs. R. R. White, who had charge of the program on music, presented her piano students in a recital in the form of a musical playlet. The cast included Mary Leland Winslow, Marietta Jolliff, Katherine Jordan, Patricia Elliott, Louise White, Jean Godfrey, Mary Lucille Winslow, Emilie White, Shirley Winslow, Anne Bray, Daphne Winslow, Carolyn Harrell, Norman Winslow, Kay White Stanton, Amy Van Roach, Donna Rae Jordan, Pauline Wood, Hattie Elliott, Norma Jean Godwin, Jean White, Anne Proctor, Dorothy Jordan, Melvin Lamb, Edgar White, Billy Bray, Mildred Lewis, Myrtle Gordon Winslow, Geraldine Winslow, Imogene Chappell, Nettie Lee Long and Marion Elliott.

After the playlet gifts were presented to the student in the high school for greatest achievement for the year and to the student attaining that goal in the grammar school, Marietta Jolliff won the first award and Kay White Stanton the second.

The regular business meeting was held, during which time the past president's pin was presented to Mrs. G. H. Hunter by F. T. Johnson, superintendent. Delegates were elected to attend the State PTA Convention. These were Mrs. B. F. Bray, Mrs. Eddie Harrell. The sixth grade, Miss Margaret White's room, won the attendance prize with 100 per cent attendance.

Announcements were made concerning the operetta to be given at the school on May 27 and commencement exercises at the high school May 28.

The new officers for the ensuing year, installed at the meeting Monday by the Rev. J. D. Cranford, were Mrs. B. F. Bray, president; Mrs. Eddie Harrell, vice president; Mrs. E. S. White, secretary; Mrs. Ashley Jordan, assistant secretary, and D. L. Barber, treasurer.

Hertford Scouts At Camporee Last Week

Twenty members of the Hertford troop of Boy Scouts attended the annual Camporee held last Saturday and Sunday at Eden House Beach, near Edenton. The Camporee was under the direction of the Tidewater Council and the local scouts were supervised by Scoutmaster Herbert Nixon.

The boys left Hertford about 1 o'clock Saturday and returned to their homes Sunday afternoon. Scout activities and contests were enjoyed by the troop members.

A feature of the Camporee was the large council fire held Saturday night. Travis Thompson, Scout Executive of Tidewater Council and Peter Carlton, Field Scout Executive entered the song and story telling contest with patrol leaders of the various troops.

Saturday afternoon, Life Scout Polk Williams captured the knot tying contest and was rewarded with a double layer chocolate cake for his patrol.

FLASH!

An Associated Press news release from Washington dated May 21, indicates that the Navy expects to reduce the number of its North Carolina air installations Sept. 1.

Vice Admiral Arthur W. Radford of the Bureau of Aeronautics made public a statement yesterday according to the AP that Navy and Marine Stations to be disposed of in North Carolina include the Edenton Naval Air Station, Elizabeth City, Kinston, Harvey Point, Camp Lejeune, Manteo and Atlantic.

In Columbia
Mrs. R. D. Elliott left Sunday to spend this week with Mrs. S. F. Polard in Columbia.

SMALL VOTE PREDICTED FOR DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION IN COUNTY SATURDAY

Miller Rites Held Tuesday Afternoon

John Kelly Miller, 67, a lifelong resident of Perquimans County, died at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City Sunday morning, following an illness of six weeks.

Funeral services were conducted at the graveside in Cedarwood Cemetery Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. J. D. Cranford officiating.

Surviving besides the widow, Mrs. Julia Menden Miller, are three sons, John H., Robert B., and John Kelly Miller, Jr.; four daughters, Mrs. Mary Cartwright, Mrs. Loftin Riddick, Mrs. Roy Banks and Miss Gaynelle Miller and eight grandchildren.

Legion Auxiliary To Hold Poppy Sale In Hertford Saturday

Saturday will be Poppy Day in Hertford and in thousands of other cities and towns throughout the United States.

Millions of Americans will pay tribute to the nation's war dead by wearing memorial poppies.

Millions will make contributions to aid war's living victims, and disabled veterans, and the families of the dead and disabled.

Preparations for the observance of Poppy Day here have been completed under the leadership of Mrs. Kelly White, Poppy Chairman of the Perquimans Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary. Volunteers from the Auxiliary will be on the streets early tomorrow morning with baskets of poppies which they will offer to be worn in honor of the dead of both world wars. They will continue to distribute the little red flowers throughout the day, endeavoring to give everyone in the city an opportunity to wear a poppy in memory of those who gave their lives for America.

No price will be asked for the poppies, but contributions will be solicited for the welfare and rehabilitation funds of the Legion and Auxiliary. All money received will be used for the benefit of disabled veterans and families of veterans. It will be expended largely in aid to needy veterans and families in Perquimans County during the coming year.

The local poppy workers will be part of an army of more than 100,000 volunteers which will distribute poppies in the United States tomorrow. All will donate their services for the day without pay. The only paid workers in the poppy program are the disabled veterans who make the flowers. The poppies to be distributed here tomorrow have been made by disabled veterans of both wars at Fayetteville.

Soil Supervisors Hold Meeting May 10

The Board of Supervisors of the Albemarle Soil Conservation District held a regular meeting in Elizabeth City on May 10. Present were: A. T. Lane, Perquimans County, Chairman; T. C. Sawyer, Camden County, Secretary; M. J. Reid, Pasquotank County; P. L. Hampton, Currituck County; and L. C. Bunch, Chowan County.

The supervisors established priorities for the different types of work for the guidance of the technical personnel furnished by the District by the Soil Conservation Service. Among the most important were the planning and establishment of drainage, crop rotation, and pastures. The chairman was directed to arrange for the loan of machinery from the Soil Conservation Service to facilitate drainage work in the District.

J. Herman Ward Made Partner In Firm

J. Herman Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ward of Hertford, has accepted a partnership in the accounting firm of W. M. Rues & Company of Raleigh, it was announced here Monday.

Mr. Ward has been associated in accounting for more than four years and is a member of the Institute of Accountants. He also holds a Treasury Department accounting card.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE AT PINEY WOODS CHURCH

Quarterly meeting will be held at Piney Woods Friends Church Saturday and Sunday, services at 11 o'clock. Rev. F. E. Carter, Field Secretary of N. C. Yearly Meeting and Mrs. Carter of Greensboro, and Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Millikan of Galax, Va., will be present. The public is invited to attend these services.

Lack of Local Candidates Affecting Interest Here

With local interest in the Democratic Primary election, set for tomorrow, centered around the race between Robert Lee Humber and Herbert C. Bonner for the office of Congressman for the First District, a small vote is expected to be cast in Perquimans County.

Friends of both of the men seeking the congressional office have been working diligently in recent days but despite this effort little interest has been manifested due to the lack of county races. None of the candidates seeking county office have opposition and, therefore, their names do not appear on the ballots; the candidates will be certified as nominees and their names will appear on the ballot at the general election this fall.

Voters in this county will, besides casting their ballots for Mr. Humber or Mr. Bonner, choose between Charles Jenkins, Lorimer Midgett and Webb Williams for the office of State Senators, to represent this district at the next General Assembly.

In the race for Congress both Mr. Humber and Mr. Bonner have spent considerable time in the past three weeks campaigning throughout the 14 counties of the district. Reports from all sections of the district, excepting the one or two strong Bonner counties indicate the race will be a close one, with both sides claiming a victory. Reports from most of the counties in the district indicate that Humber is gaining strength daily and has a commanding lead in his home county of Pitt, which is expected to cast approximately one-third of the entire district vote.

A. W. Hefren, chairman of the county board of elections announced today that all polling places in the county would open from 6:30 A. M. until 6:30 P. M., Saturday, May 25, for the voters to cast their ballots. The polling places are at Hertford, Winfall, Bethel, Belvidere, Nicanor and New Hope.

Draft Regulations Affect Local Board

New draft regulations, which prohibits the induction of youths 18 and 19 years old, will affect the Perquimans local board to the extent that it will not have a single registrant available for call during the month of June, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board.

A check of the local files, called for by the State headquarters of Selective Service in order to determine calls for June, revealed this information last Friday.

Reports from Washington state that President Truman plans to ask Congress to vote a completely new draft law to take the place of the present one which expires July 1. Under the present regulations registrants 20 through 30, who are not fathers, are eligible for induction calls.

Mrs. Sumner reported five more veterans filed their separation papers at the local office during the past week. The men returning from the services were Leroy White, white, and Willie White, Leroy Gipson, Augustus Hudson and Herbert Winslow, colored.

New Jewelry Store Opens In Hertford

Hertford is to be the location of another new enterprise according to Jerry Wright, who announced today that he would open his jewelry store in the Gregory Building on June 1.

Mr. Wright stated it is his intention to carry a full and complete line of jewelry and silverware, and other gifts and a large part of the stock for the store has already arrived.

The store, when opened here next week, will be managed by Miss Mary Pascos White.

Hertford Nine Wins From Edenton Team

Hertford's baseball team, member of the Albemarle League, played a pre-season game against the Edenton league representative Sunday afternoon and won by a 13-11 margin. The game was played on the Edenton diamond.

The local team was in difficulty early in the game and trailed by a nine point margin in the second inning, but steady hitting by the Hertford outfit counted in the end and made possible the two run victory.