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## Postmaster Urges Early Mailing Of All Christmas Parcels

### Delivery In Time For Christmas Depends on Early Mailing

Despite the fact that the coal strike has been called off thus restoring train and mail service to normal levels, S. M. Whedbee, Hertford postmaster, this week urged patrons of the local post office to mail Christmas packages and cards early to insure delivery by Christmas.

"Mailing for distant States should be deposited in the post office well in advance of December 16," says Mr. Whedbee, "and mailings for near by points should be mailed not later than December 19 to be assured of delivery before Christmas day."

The railway mail service for Hertford will be restored to normal by today, however, it is expected that the mail this year will be heavier than ever and it will take time to handle the volume expected.

Patrons of the post office are requested to purchase stamps for mailing cards now and have all letters and greetings stamped when ready for depositing in the post office. Special slots for out of town mail and local mail will be designated at the office all next week and patrons are urged to deposit greeting cards and letters in the proper slot.

The cooperation of the public in aiding the post office, by observing these suggestions, will be greatly appreciated by the post office department.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

City Commissioner ... probing into the cause of the worst hotel fire in history, which cost the lives of 128 persons registered at a hotel in Atlanta Sunday. The building, 15 stories tall, was quickly enveloped in flames, trapping most of the guests in their rooms. Many of the dead jumped from windows in attempts to escape the holocaust. Late reports indicate the fire started from a cigarette, tossed onto a mattress, on a cot near a stairwell on the third floor of the building.

The Supreme Court announced this week it would hear arguments on the John L. Lewis case on January 14. This announcement followed Lewis' appeal to the miners to return to work. Lewis was fined \$10,000 on a contempt of court charge and the miners union was fined \$3,500,000 in the same case. A decision by the Supreme Court is expected to be handed down sometime before April 1, when Lewis, it was reported, told the miners a new strike may be called. Reports on Wednesday indicated that coal production had reached almost normal levels.

After having ironed out difficulties pertaining to the peace treaties for the German satellite nations, the four foreign ministers for the Allies have begun discussion on a treaty for Germany. It was announced the Big Four will meet in Moscow for the drawing of these plans. Meanwhile Great Britain has called upon Russia to lift its iron curtain blacking out the news and events in the territory occupied by the Red Army.

The United Nations have taken a firm step toward policy with Spain, so long as Franco remains as dictator of that nation. UN recommended its members recall all envoys to Spain and cut off diplomatic relations until such a time as Franco calls for a free election by the people of Spain for the selection of a government by choice.

## Winslow Re-elected Master By Masons

Cecil C. Winslow was re-elected as Master of the Perquimans Lodge No. 106 A. F. & A. M. at a meeting of the lodge last week. Other officers selected at the election were W. F. Ainsley, senior warden; R. C. Murray, junior warden; J. S. Vick, secretary and L. B. Sitterson, treasurer. Appointive officers of the lodge will be named by the master at the installation services which will be conducted at the meeting of the lodge on January 7.

The lodge will hold its regular meeting Tuesday night and all visiting masons are invited to attend.

## Christmas Seals



... Your Protection Against Tuberculosis

## County Committee Named At Meeting Following Election

### PMA Preparing Handbook For 1947 Farm Program Payments

Twenty two per cent of the eligible voters, the highest ever to cast ballots in the Production Marketing Administration election, selected community committeemen for the administration of the 1947 program. The county convention, held on December 9, chose the county committee. The officers selected were Milton Dail, chairman; John C. Hurdle, vice chairman; Miss Mae Wood Winslow, regular member; Lewis A. Smith, first alternate; Roy S. Chappell, second alternate; William E. White, secretary and Miss Marie Fowler, treasurer.

Seven communities selected local committeemen and the results of these community elections were: Belvidere, Clarence Chappell, chairman; H. G. Wilder, vice chairman; L. L. Lane, member; Nicanor, L. L. Lane, chairman; A. B. White, vice chairman; E. S. Winslow, member; Bethel, Warner Madre, chairman; T. Julian Long, vice chairman; C. T. Phillips, member; Hertford, J. E. Hunter, chairman; V. C. Winslow, vice chairman; Howard Williams, member; New Hope, J. Wesley Harrell, chairman; Seth W. Long, vice chairman; I. C. Butt, member; Durants Neck, T. H. Jones, chairman; S. D. Banks, vice chairman; W. A. Chappell, member; Parkville, L. A. Smith, chairman; J. A. Bray, vice chairman and Ernest Morgan, member.

Mr. White, secretary, announced the county committee is now preparing the 1947 handbook, listing practices and rates for payments to be made during the next year. Eligibility for payments are all listed and these handbooks will be distributed just as soon as they are completed.

## Town Board Favors Recreation Director

Members of the board for the Town of Hertford, meeting Monday night, voted a sum of \$250 to be paid a recreational director to be secured for the Perquimans County High School, who would also serve as an athletic director for the county and town during the summer months. The sum voted by the town would be for services rendered during the months of June, July and August. It would supplement the director's salary in order that the director could and would be employed on a 12 months basis.

The board went on record to request that the State Highway Department fulfill its promise to complete the Hertford-Center Hill highway, and named Mayor V. N. Darden and Attorney Charles E. Johnson to join with a county group to call upon the State commission requesting this project be completed.

On motion passed it was voted to give each of the employees of the Town a Christmas present, as has been the custom of the past several years.

## Mary Ruth Wood Wins Essay Contest At H. S.

A number of students of Perquimans County High School entered essays in the recent contest sponsored by the State Press Association, with Miss Mary Ruth Wood being adjudged the winner.

The subject used by the students was "A Free Press: Voice of Freedom, Guardian of Liberty."

The essay written by Miss Wood was forwarded to the office of the chairman of the contest to be entered in the State-wide competition.

## District Meeting Held At Hertford Methodist Church

### Ministers and Laymen Plan Year's Work at All Day Meeting

The ministers and laymen from thirty one churches in the Elizabeth City district of the Methodist Church met at the First Methodist Church in Hertford last week. The meeting began at 10 A. M. and continued until 4 P. M., with lunch being served by the ladies of the church. The Rev. J. Herbert Miller, superintendent of the district, conducted the devotional service and presided at the meeting.

The morning session was given over to addresses, plans and consideration of the year of stewardship which is the task of every church as the third year of the Crusade for Christ program gets under way. Following the lunch hour group meetings of the ministers, District Trustees, Lay Leaders and ladies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service were held in various sections of the church, after which all reassembled in the main auditorium of the church where plans were adopted.

Speakers on the program were Rev. J. C. Phillips of Durham, Rev. R. W. Brodshaw of Greenville, Dr. H. C. Sprinkle of Greensboro, Rev. W. V. McRae of Durham, Rev. W. A. Cade of Raleigh, Rev. B. C. Reavis of Hertford, Rev. A. P. Brantley of Elizabeth City and Rev. C. F. Heath of Washington.

Besides the pastors of the 31 churches about 100 laymen attended the meeting and participated in the program.

The Rev. W. V. McRae, representing the board of hospitals and homes, led in a discussion of plans for aiding in the great work and told how many people are helping in this department through the Golden Cross and individual gifts. The Rev. Cade represented the Methodist College Advance.

Charges represented at the meeting included Ashokie, Aulander, Bath, Belhaven, Chowan, Columbia, Creswell, Edenton, City Road Church, Elizabeth City, Gatesville, Hatteras, Hertford, Kinakut, Kitty Hawk, Manteo, Mattamuskeet, Moyock, Murfreesboro, North Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Plymouth, Roper, South Camden, South Mills, Stumpy Point, Swanquarter, Wanchese, Washington, Williamston and Windsor.

## Perquimans Divide Net Games With CHS

Perquimans High School divided its net games last Friday night with Columbia with the Squaws winning by a 26-20 score while the Indians lost 33 to 21.

The girls game was rather on the rough side with both teams striving for a second victory in the rural conference race but the Squaws took a commanding lead in the second period and were never headed after that. The score was tied 6-6 at the end of the first period. Perquimans led 17-14 at half time and the Squaws held a five point lead going into the final canto. Wood, Perry and White were outstanding on the offense for the locals.

The Columbia boys team, veterans from last season, displayed a fast game which was checked by the Indians during the second period but superior height of the Columbia boys began to count in the third period when Columbia ran up a five point lead. During the final period the Indian defense cracked and Columbia tallied 14 points while Perquimans was collecting five.

Holmes, Tucker, Webb, Chester and Cecil Winslow started the game for Perquimans but Coach Max Campbell used his entire squad of fifteen boys during the game. The Indians showed well on passing and defense but were unable to connect with the basket on many shots.

Coburn and Staley were outstanding for the visitors and counted for most of Columbia's points.

## Central PTA Meeting To Be Held Dec. 16th

The Parents-Teachers Association of the Perquimans Central Grammar School will hold its regular meeting at the school building in Winfall on Monday night, December 16, it was announced today. The Snow Hill and Newbold communities will have charge of the program.

All parents and teachers are urged to be present and the public is invited to attend.

## Indian Netters Win Easy Victory Over Gatesville Squad

### Squaws Defeated By One Point; Teams to Play Central Next

The Perquimans Indians won their second rural conference basketball game Tuesday night when they overwhelmed the Gatesville boys by a 24-23 score. Gatesville made the first basket of the game but failed to score again during the contest.

The Indians were slow in getting started and hit only two baskets out of 18 shots during the first period to lead by a 4-2 score at the rest time. During the second period the Indians ran their score to 10, getting three baskets out of 18 shots. Gatesville, offering little opposition, was unable to connect with the basket on a number of shots they had during the first half and ended up with two points.

Coach Max Campbell changed his line up frequently while endeavoring to discover a combination that could find the basket range and during the third period the Indians tallied four field shots out of 14 tries to add eight more points to their total. The host team was held scoreless. The Indians displayed some improvement in their passing and defense work but still lacked the ability to shoot the ball through the hoop. During the final period the local team added six more points on their score and the final count was 24 for Perquimans and two for Gatesville.

The next game for the Indians will be played Friday night when the Perquimans teams meet the Central High School boys and girls on the Central court.

The Indian Squaws lost their game to Gatesville by a one point margin 22-21, after having the game well under control during the first three periods. Inability of the forwards to hit the basket during the final canto, while Gatesville collected seven points cost the local girls the game.

The Gatesville girls jumped into a 6-5 lead at the close of the first period but the Squaws rallied during the second stanza and racked up eight points to four for Gatesville and took the lead 13-10. Collecting eight more points in the third period the Squaws held a 21-15 advantage going into the final quarter. It was during this period that the local girls seemingly lost control of the game and were outscored 7-0 to lose the game by the final count of 22-21.

## American Legion For Higher Teacher Pay

The Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion went on record at its meeting last Friday night as favoring increased pay for school teachers of the State. The post passed a resolution adopting the East Piedmont plan whereby teachers would receive a 40 per cent increase in pay. This plan will be presented to the General Assembly when it convenes in January.

The local post also passed a resolution calling for plans to be drawn for the construction of a Memorial Library. The resolution calls for the plans to be presented at the next meeting of the post.

It is the hope of the American Legion Post that this building can be erected by funds raised by public subscription and in addition to housing the county library would also house all veterans organizations and the Boy and Girl Scouts.

## Reid-Louther Post Installs Officers

Installation of officers of the newly organized Reid-Louther Post No. 362 of the American Legion was held last Friday night with B. C. Berry, past commander of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post, No. 126 acting as installation officer. Mr. Berry was serving under authority granted by Col. Paul Younts, executive commander of the State department.

The new post of the American Legion was formed here following the Negro homecoming day program and installed as first commander of the post was King A. Williams. Prof. Brown is vice commander and H. E. Daughtry is adjutant.

V. N. Darden, past district commander and past commander of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post and F. T. Johnson, service officer of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post also took part in the installation meeting.

## Town of Hertford To Decorate Streets For Holiday Season; First Time In Years

### Special Services At Bagley Swamp Church

Special services will be conducted at the Bagley Swamp Church Sunday, December 15th. The speaker for the morning service will be the Rev. O. L. Ruth, who is the field representative of Pilgrim Bible College, Kernersville, N. C., with Dr. W. L. Surbrook, the college president, delivering the evening message.

Dr. Surbrook was formerly the General Supt. of the Pilgrim Church and a nationally known evangelist. Rev. Mr. Ruth was for many years one of the most prominent pastors of High Point, N. C.

The services will be at 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.

## 4-H Clubs Observe Achievement Day

The 4-H clubs of Perquimans County observed Achievement Day on Saturday afternoon, December 7th, at the Agricultural Building in Hertford with approximately 100 parents and children attending. The 4-H members brought in exhibits of work they had done in their project work. These exhibits were judged at 1 o'clock and at 2 o'clock a program was presented by the children, followed by an address "What It Means to Achieve" by the Rev. R. L. Crossno, pastor of the Moyock Methodist Church. Mr. Crossno was introduced by Dickie Baker, president of the 7th grade 4-H Club of the Hertford grammar school. Horace Layden, president of the County Council and president of the High School Club, presided. Others appearing on the program were Clyde Lane, Janice Mae Yagel, Stevenson and Louise Jordan.

At the conclusion of the program, Miss Hazel Shaw, assistant home agent, presented the prizes and awards to the children who entered exhibits. Refreshments were served after the program.

The winners in the various classes of exhibits were as follows:

**Needle Work**  
First, Jean Phillips; second, Pauline Burbage; third, Marion Davis.

**Aprons**  
First, Shirley Ann Winslow; second, Betty Ann Mathews; third, Margaret Ann Banks.

**Skirts and Blouses**  
First, Peggy White; second, Virginia Mae Long; third, Janie Winslow.

**Dresses**  
First, Ethel Frances Elliott; second, Jean Phillips; third, Mary Vernon Ward.

**Cakes and Pies**  
First, Molly Lou Yeates; second, Norma Jean Godwin; third, Suzanne Towle.

**Biscuits**  
First, Janie Winslow; second, Louise Jordan; third, Janice Yagel.

**Canned Foods**  
First, Eleanor Faye Harrell; second, Janie Winslow; third, Mary Beth Perry.

**Records**  
First, Virginia Gay; second, Ethel Frances Elliott; third, Peggy White.

**Corn**  
First, Horace Layden; second, Harold Colson; third, Preston Stevenson.

**Peanuts**  
First, Horace Layden; second, Jack Simpson. Only two entries.

**Chickens**  
First, George Curtis Eure; second, Lloyd White. Only two entries.

**Handicraft**  
First, Clarence Chappell. Only one entry.

**Record Books**  
First, Horace Layden; second, Jack Simpson; third, Harry Lee Winslow. All first prizes were \$1.50, all second prizes \$1.00, and all third prizes 50 cents. There were 72 exhibits of all kinds in the girls' department and 15 in the boys' department. Livestock exhibits were not shown, therefore the boys were limited to crop, handicraft and record book exhibits. Refreshments and cash for prizes were donated by the business men and merchants of Hertford and Perquimans County.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wallace of Arlington, Va., announce the birth of a daughter, Fannie Dabney, on December 9 at Garfield Hospital, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Wallace before her marriage was Miss Mary Wood Koonce. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.

### DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ainsley announce the birth of a daughter at the Medical Center in Elizabeth City on December 10. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.

## Action Follows Settlement of Coal Strike; Lights Available

Christmas lights and decorations will be strung along the streets of Hertford again this year for the first time since 1941 when it was necessary to forego the decorations due to wartime measures.

The decision to decorate the streets again this year was reached at a meeting of the Town Board Monday night after it was ascertained that the government had lifted all restrictions placed on the use of excess electric power due to the coal strike.

Town employees were expected to start the work of stringing the wires and lights this week and the lights will be turned on nightly beginning sometime next week. The decorations will be placed along Church and Market streets throughout the business section of the town.

The government lifted all restrictions regarding such endeavors following the announcement by John L. Lewis that he had called upon his miners to return to work, and reports from coal areas indicate that soft coal is again moving from the mines toward production centers.

The problem of securing sufficient number of the colored light bulbs for the decorations here was solved Monday when Mayor V. N. Darden received a call from Elizabeth City advising him the Chamber of Commerce there has an over-supply of bulbs and would be happy to let Hertford have any number needed to complete the decorations here.

The lighting of the streets will add much to the beauty of the town during the holiday season and will no doubt give a lift to the Christmas shoppers as they seek out the gifts for their family and friends.

## Children Injured In Wreck Saturday

William Spruill, five year old son of Leroy Spruill of Norfolk, suffered a fractured skull Saturday night when a car in which he was riding collided with one being driven by D. T. Hurdle of Belvidere.

The accident occurred about two miles south of Hertford on route 17 at about 6:30 o'clock. A third car, driven by Paul Cullipher, of Colerain, crashed into the two cars as they blocked the highway.

According to Patrolman Charles Payne, who investigated the wreck, Hurdle was driving on the wrong side of the road when the accident happened, and as a result Hurdle was indicted for reckless driving.

The Spruill car, enroute to Creswell was being driven by Edwin Spruill, 18 years old. With him was his father, two sisters and the little boy. All of the Spruill children suffered minor injuries but were cared for by local doctors, except William, who was taken to the Albemarle Hospital. Hurdle also suffered injuries in the collision.

Cullipher, who escaped injury as his car crashed into the wrecks, stated he did not see the two cars as neither had lights burning at the time he came along.

## Welfare Department Appeals For Needy

Ask yourself these questions. Am I willing to see the happy and thrilled faces of my children Christmas morning and realize that there are a number of children in this county who have awaked to nothing? Or, am I willing to sit down to a Christmas feast while there are others who will not even have enough to eat and certainly not a little something extra that we all associate with this season meant for happiness and gladness? Rest assured that all these things will be unless you do your share in helping others.

Your Welfare Department is aware of the existing need throughout Perquimans County. A list of families that have to be helped if the Christmas spirit is to mean anything has been prepared and are available to the churches, societies, organizations and individual citizens who wish to participate in bringing real joy to those who for various reasons will be unable to have a Merry Christmas otherwise.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Chappell announce the birth of a son, born November 5 at the Medical Center in Elizabeth City. Mother and baby are doing nicely.