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WM. PAUL STALLINGS POST OF AMERICAN LEGION ADVANCES PLANS FOR MEMORIAL

Committee Named to Advance Plan; Locate Building Site

Members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion moved a step further in plans for a memorial building to be constructed in Hertford by naming a committee at a meeting held last Friday, which will look into methods to be used in raising funds for the construction and locating a site for the building. It was stated that the Post desires to obtain a portion of the Barrow property recently purchased by the Town of Hertford as the location for the building.

The memorial building, which would house the county library and contain a banquet room of sufficient size for holding various types of parties would be constructed by funds raised by the Post through public contributions.

The committee named last week to head up this program was V. N. Darden, B. C. Berry, Dr. T. P. Brinn and F. T. Johnson.

Julian Jessup gave the post members an interesting talk on the organization of an American Legion baseball team in Perquimans County. This program is an outstanding one sponsored by the Legion and the local Post has hopes of sponsoring such a team next summer. The team would be composed of youths under 17 years of age. Commander R. K. White named Thomas Phillips and Noah Gregory on a committee to assist Mr. Jessup on this project.

The Post went on record by passing a resolution introduced by Dr. Brinn urging the Veterans Administration to eliminate future medical examinations of veterans of World War II who seek to secure disability benefits, additional benefits of insurance now in force and insurance permitted to lapse but eligible for reinstatement.

Harry D. Chappell gave the members an interesting talk on insurance carried by veterans, and urged all veterans to keep their war insurance in force. He pointed out that during the war 158 billion dollars worth of insurance was in force, held by members of the armed forces, but that 90 billion dollars worth of this insurance had been allowed to lapse. He also spoke on Americanism and told the members that the program sponsored by the Legion was one that all veterans should uphold. He stated that such groups as the Ku Klux Klan had no place in Americanism, that it disrupted the nation instead of helping to build it.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

James F. Byrnes, Secretary of State under President Roosevelt and President Truman, who did momentous work during the final days of the war and during the past year working toward a final solution of a peace treaty, resigned the post Tuesday, it was announced from Washington. His successor will be General George Marshall, who was Chief of Staff under President Roosevelt. The action came as a surprise as most official Washington believed Byrnes would continue in the post for some time to come, but Mr. Byrnes stated doctors had advised him to slow down and he was unable to do this and retain the office. General Marshall is now enroute to Washington from China, where he has been on a presidential mission.

The 80th Congress organized and began its duties during the past week. The House quickly organized last Friday and elected Joe Martin as Speaker, but the Senate was held up due to a dispute over seating Senator Bilbo of Mississippi. A compromise, whereby Bilbo was not seated but permitted to retain his standing and salary, was effected and the Senate named Senator Vandenberg as president of the Senate. For the first time in 15 years both houses of Congress are dominated by a Republican majority. On Monday President Truman addressed the Congress, giving a statement on the condition of the nation. The President's speech called for cooperation between the Democrats and Republicans in leading the nation through reconstruction programs. A more definite administrative program is expected to be offered the Congress by later speeches of the President.

Consensus of opinion among State Representatives, meeting in Raleigh, seems to be for higher teachers' pay in North Carolina. The General Assembly is expected to take some action during its session regarding this matter.

Winslow Takes Seat In General Assembly

E. Leigh Winslow began his duties as Representative for Perquimans County when on Tuesday he went to Raleigh to take his seat at the opening session of the Legislature.

Mr. Winslow was elected to the office at the general election last November and this is his first term as Representative.

He stated it was his intention to represent all the people of the county to the fullness of his ability and that he would endeavor to see that Perquimans was allocated its full share of all programs adopted during the session. He also stated he believed that the teachers of the State were entitled to increases in pay.

Seventeen County Men Enlisted In Army During 1946

The Army Recruiting Station in Elizabeth City, serving the Albemarle area, has announced that 207 applicants were enlisted in the new regular army from this area during 1946. Of the ten counties in this area Pasquotank led with 59 enlistments for the year; Chowan 47, Washington 29, Hertford 19, Perquimans 17, Currituck 10, Camden 10, Tyrrell 4, Gates 3 and Dare 4.

The months of June and September were the best months with 28 and 38 enlistments. This was due to the deadline of June 30 for a guarantee of the family allowance for the entire period of enlistment, and the deadline of October 6 for the guarantee of educational benefits under the GI Bill of Rights for the entire period of enlistment.

It is important that interested applicants remember that these deadlines do not terminate these benefits, because the family allowance and educational benefits are still available for the period of an enlistment served during the duration plus six months.

The seventeen men enlisted from Perquimans in 1946 were: John G. Moore, Route 3, Hertford; Wallace E. Harrell, Herbert N. White, Jr., Clinton A. Gordon, Charles E. White, John W. Davenport, David Blount, Joseph W. Ayscove and Carroll A. Roberson, all of Route 1, Hertford; Joseph C. Jordan, 5 Willow Street, Hertford; Robert E. Chappell, 121 Dobb Street, Hertford; Roy B. Ward, Winfall; Marvin Lee Simpson, Route 1, Belvidere; Lyman T. Shepard, Church Street; John R. Roach, Route 2; Jordan LaPolk, Willow Street; Daniel W. Williams, Jr., of Hertford.

A representative from the Elizabeth City station will be in Hertford every Tuesday and all persons interested are encouraged to call on these recruiters for any information or help they might be able to render.

Chairman Reports On Xmas Seal Sales

Perquimans County fell short of its 1946 Christmas Seal sale goal, according to Mrs. C. A. Davenport, who served as sales chairman. A total of \$549.50 worth of seals were sold, of which amount the school children of the county sold \$237.40.

In making her report, Mrs. Davenport stated, "It gives me real pleasure to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation which was shown by the citizens of the county in the Christmas Seal sale just completed. I am deeply grateful for the backing which you all have given me as chairman of the drive." The quota for the county was \$600.

ST. CATHERINE'S AUXILIARY TO HOLD SILVER TEA

St. Catherine's Auxiliary will hold a silver tea at the home of Mrs. Emmett Winslow on Church Street, Tuesday afternoon, January 14, from four to six o'clock.

There will be a door prize and other attractions. The public is cordially invited.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET

The Executive Committee of the W. M. S. of the Baptist Church met Thursday night, January 2, with Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. E. E. Payne as hostesses. The meeting opened with a prayer by Mrs. I. A. Ward.

Mrs. Ward presided and welcomed the new officers. Plans were discussed for the year. There were 17 members present. After the business meeting the hostesses served delicious refreshments.

Commissioners Pick Charles Johnson As County Attorney

Orders Sheriff to Act on Beer Violations; Tax Action Expected

Sheriff M. G. Owens was ordered by the County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session Monday, to crack down on persons selling beer in this county without a license and for making sales of beer on Sunday. Sheriff Owens was ordered to cite into court any persons found violating the regulations.

The Commissioners appointed Charles E. Johnson to serve as County Attorney for a period of six months. This action was believed to be a step toward the collection and sale of delinquent tax liens. The Board voted that all delinquent tax receipts and liens be turned over to the new County Attorney for immediate collection. The collection of delinquent taxes has been handled by County Accountant W. F. C. Edwards for the past several months.

Mayor V. N. Darden and Hertford Fire Commissioner B. C. Berry appeared before the Commissioners with a request that the County Board take under advisement a proposal that the county make application for a fire truck, which would be used by both the county and town for the purpose of answering fire calls outside the limits of the Town of Hertford. The truck would be secured from War Department surplus, probably for a very low cost, and would aid in maintaining adequate fire fighting equipment within the town when the local Fire Department is called into a rural area to aid in fighting a fire. The proposal was well received by the members of the County Board and has been taken under advisement.

The Town officials already have filed an application for a surplus fire truck, but officials believe that the county, which does not have such fire fighting equipment, might be able to secure a higher priority and thus acquire the truck much quicker by making application in the name of the county.

L. W. Anderson Given Leave Of Absence As Local Farm Agent

L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County Farm Agent for the past 20 years, was granted a temporary leave of absence by the County Board of Commissioners at their meeting Monday.

The action was taken following a request by Mr. Anderson that he be relieved of his duties for the time being. Mr. Anderson has been ill for several months and desires the leave from duties to regain his health.

In a letter to the Board, Mr. Anderson said, "I want to take this opportunity to thank the Board and each individual member for their kind consideration, cooperation and personal interest in all my relationships with them."

The action of granting a temporary leave of absence was approved by the State Extension officials.

During Mr. Anderson's absence the duties of County Agent will be performed by I. C. Yagel, assistant County Agent.

Percy Hughes Killed In Wreck In Chowan

Percy Hughes of Elizabeth City, brother of Mrs. Guy Webb of Route 3, Hertford, was killed instantly and his wife was seriously injured in an automobile accident which occurred in Chowan County Thursday night.

According to a report by Patrolman Clyde Fentress, who investigated the accident, Mr. Hughes mistook a secondary road intersection for the intersection of highway 37 into 17 and ran into a ditch and overturned the car.

Funeral services for Mr. Hughes were conducted Sunday afternoon in Elizabeth City by the Rev. Allen P. Brantley. Interment was in an Elizabeth City cemetery.

Surviving, besides his wife, is one daughter, Mary Ann, two sons, Percy, Jr. and Milton Hughes, and three sisters, Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Bertha Conner of Raleigh and Miss Mary Hughes of Norfolk.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET

The Perquimans Chapter of Eastern Star will meet Monday night, January 13 at 8 o'clock at the lodge rooms. All members are urged to attend.

Defendant Waives Lower Court Hearing On Larceny Charges

Cleatus Saunders Confessed To Theft of Car And Money

Cleatus Saunders, charged with larceny of an automobile and a sum of money amounting to \$405, waived a preliminary hearing in Perquimans Recorders Court Tuesday morning and was bound over to Superior Court for trial at the April term of court. Bond for Saunders was set by Judge Charles E. Johnson at \$2,000.

Saunders admitted to Sheriff M. G. Owens that he had stolen the money and car from Tom Eason of the Nicamor section of the county, and drove the car to Suffolk, where it was abandoned at a bus station. He then hired a taxi to drive him to Norfolk where he boarded a bus for Philadelphia. Next day he boarded a bus for Watertown, N. Y. and arrived there the following day. He was arrested in Watertown on a charge of being drunk in public, and through the efforts of Sheriff Owens, was held for return here by the sheriff.

The prisoner was returned to this county last Friday by Sheriff Owens. When taken into custody by Mr. Owens the youth had \$258.10 left of the \$405 taken from Mr. Eason. A part of this sum, \$106.10, was in checks made payable to Mr. Eason.

Other cases disposed of by the Recorder this week included the case of Isaiah Archer, Negro, who submitted to a charge of driving with insufficient brakes and paid the costs of court.

Harold Gottfried entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

John Jordan, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of driving with insufficient brakes.

Andrew Johnson, Negro, was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the costs of court on charges of driving with insufficient brakes and having no clearance lights on his truck.

District Health Chairman Speaker At Rotary Meeting

Mayon Fletcher, district chairman for the N. C. Good Health program, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford.

Mr. Fletcher outlined to the members of the local Rotary Club the aims of the program now being carried on through the State. He pointed out the need for additional doctors, hospital and medical care among the people of this State, and stated the program hopes to achieve many of these needs.

It was pointed out that 41 States are short of North Carolina in the number of hospital beds; thirty North Carolina counties have no hospital beds and 42 per cent of hospital beds in the State are located in six urban counties.

The cost of this good health program is estimated at 48 million dollars, to be spent over a period of five years. The cost will be spread out between national grants, State funds and county appropriations.

Mrs. J. Emmett Winslow, vice chairman of the Perquimans County Committee, was a guest at the meeting.

Albertson Funeral Held On Tuesday Morning

Mrs. Louisa Pike Albertson, 84, for many years a resident of Hertford, died Saturday night at the home of her son, James Pike in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Albertson was the widow of the late James H. Albertson and the daughter of the late David and Tharaba Hasket Pike.

She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving besides the son are one sister, Mrs. Emily Sumner of Hertford, two half-sisters, Mrs. Kate Williams of Norfolk and Miss Mary Pike of Elizabeth City; two half brothers, Joe Pike of South Norfolk and John Pike of Elizabeth City, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 10 a. m. at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church. Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

NORFOLK TARS BASEBALL TEAM SELECTS HERTFORD AS SITE FOR SPRING TRAINING

February First Is Deadline For Plates

State Highway Patrolman Charles Payne has stated that no arrests will be made in Perquimans County for failure on the part of automobile operators to display 1947 auto license plates until after the thirty day grace period terminating February 1, which has been granted by the State General Assembly to all motorists.

New State licenses may be purchased in Edenton or Elizabeth City, and Town of Hertford tags may be purchased at the Town Office.

Indians And Squaws Lose Double Header

The Perquimans Indians and Squaws resumed play in the Albemarle Rural Basketball Conference Tuesday night by losing a double-header to Poplar Branch. It was the third loss in six starts for both local teams.

The girls' game was rough throughout and the Squaws battled up-hill most of the way, having a one point lead at the close of the first period, which Poplar Branch overcame during the second period to lead 8-5 at half time. The Squaws rallied during the third period and led 15-14 at the beginning of the last quarter. The Indians missed many shots during this period, while Poplar Branch tallied eight points to win by a final score of 22 to 18.

The Indians started strong and gained a 7-2 advantage in the boys' game and held a 11-4 lead at half time, but ran into difficulty during the fourth period and dropped a seven point lead to lose by a one-point margin 22 to 21.

The Poplar Branch team was completely outclassed by the Indians during the first half, but failure on the part of the local team to hit the basket during the second half cost the Indians the game. During the third period the Indians maintained their seven point advantage and led at the close of this period 17-10. During the final canto the Poplar Branch boys played superior to the Indians and made every shot count to close the gap. The host team took a 22-19 lead with a minute remaining to play, then Holmes sank a fielder to make the score 22-21 and Tucker was fouled as the game ended. Try for this toss, which would have tied the score, failed, and Poplar Branch was the winner by one point.

Local Store Changes Hands This Week

Announcement was made here this week of the change in ownership of Hilda's soda shop. The business was purchased by Joe H. Bagley, who assumed management of the shop on Monday.

Mrs. Hilda Mathews, who for the past eighteen years, has owned and operated Hilda's announced she was closing out her dress shop and would remove her beauty shop to her home on Grubb Street.

The entire store which housed Hilda's will be converted into the store operated by Mr. Bagley.

Army Recruiters In Hertford Each Tuesday

First Lt. William J. Cartwright, commanding officer of the U. S. Army Recruiting sub station located at 336 Carolina Bldg., Elizabeth City, announced today the schedule for 1947 of the Army Recruiting office. The recruiting team will be at Hertford in the Post Office from 9 A. M. until 4:30 P. M. every Tuesday to interview, assist and accept men for enlistment in the new regular army.

All persons interested are urged to contact the army recruiters on the day they are in the district. Also call or write to the station's main office in Elizabeth City, which is open every day except Sunday from 8 A. M. until 5 P. M. Lt. Cartwright further states that all persons interested should feel free to call on either the recruiting team or the office at any time and learn of the many advantages that the new regular army has to offer for all who choose this fine profession now.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. White, Route 1, announce the birth of a daughter, December 31. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.

Squad to Practice Here If Memorial Field Is Leased to Club

The Norfolk Tars' baseball team, member of the Piedmont League and a farm of the New York Yankees, have selected Hertford as its site for spring training and will practice here for six or eight weeks providing a lease can be obtained on Memorial Field, it was learned here Wednesday.

Representatives of the team were in Hertford last fall looking into conditions pertaining to setting up the team here, and H. P. Dawson, business manager for the club, returned to Hertford Tuesday for the purpose of completing arrangements for the Tars to hold spring training here.

It was learned that the details regarding the housing of the squad of 35 men were completed and other details worked out, with the exception of a lease on Memorial Field which the club desires to use as its training spot. No definite action resulted as to the lease for the field, but it was learned that the Board of Education has called a meeting for Friday night to take action on the matter.

If arrangements can be made for the Tars to use Memorial Field, the club will begin training here some time about the middle of March and will remain until about May 1. The group will live at the Hotel Hertford during the training period. The Tars will be managed this year by Buddy Hassett, former first baseman for the New York Yankees.

The Tars will be the second organized baseball club to select the Albemarle section as its site for spring training. Another New York farm, the Binghamton club, has been training in Edenton for the past two years and is expected to return there again this Spring.

Memorial Field, the site which the Tars desire to use for training, has been admired by many big league scouts who attended games of the Albemarle League last summer and praised as an ideal field for club training purposes. Its size, lay-out and facilities had much to do with the Tars selecting this locality for pre-season training.

It is believed here that complete arrangements for the Tars to come here for Spring training will be worked out shortly.

Auxiliary Plans Membership Drive

Members of the Perquimans chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary voted at their meeting last Friday night to hold a Valentine party for members and their families as the opening event of a membership drive for the chapter.

A note of thanks from Mrs. Ruby Johnson, Auxiliary hospital worker, was read at the meeting. The note expressed appreciation for the work carried out by the Perquimans Chapter for gifts made and money sent to veterans hospital during the past year.

Members of the local chapter were advised of a mid-winter rally conference to be held jointly with legionnaires in Durham on January 26 and 27, and as many local members as possible were urged to attend.

Masons Install New Officers Tuesday

Cecil C. Winslow was installed as Master of Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & M. E., at a meeting of the lodge Tuesday night. Other officers installed during the ceremonies were W. F. Ainsley, senior warden; R. C. Murray, junior warden; J. S. Vick, secretary, and L. B. Sitterton, treasurer.

Appointive officers were named by the Master and all began their duties for the year.

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

Feather Comfort Demonstration Wed.

A feather comfort demonstration was conducted at the Agriculture Building in Hertford Wednesday afternoon by Miss Rose Elwood Bryan, specialist in Home Management and House Furnishings. The demonstration was arranged by Miss Frances Maness, County Home Agent.

The meeting was well attended by members of the county's home demonstration clubs.