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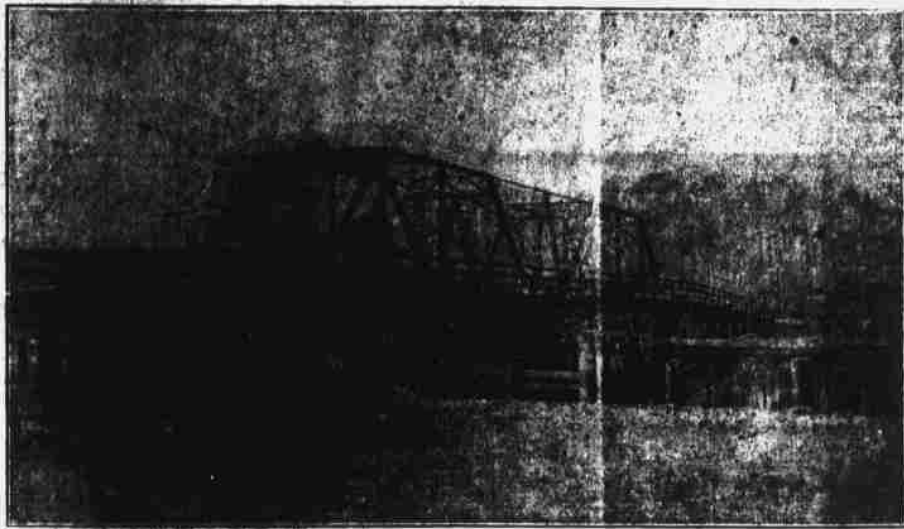
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The Old Iron Bridge Across The Perquimans



Here is another old scene of Hertford, showing the iron bridge which spanned the Perquimans River more than twenty years ago. The bridge shown here replaced a floating type structure, but itself was dismantled and the present bridge across the Perquimans replaced it about 1928.

BAPTISTS IN SPIRITED MEETING VOTE TO RETAIN PROPERTY AT CHOWAN COLLEGE

Opinion Advanced That College Should Reopen By September 1

In a very spirited meeting of Baptists held in the Edenton Baptist Church Tuesday, members of the Chowan and West Chowan Baptist Associations argued pro and con relative to maintaining or turning over to the State Baptist Association the property at Chowan College at Murfreesboro. That there is no little interest in the movement was reflected in the size of the crowd, which filled the spacious local church.

The Rev. Oscar Crook of Beaufort was chosen as chairman of the meeting, during the course of which arguments were presented in favor of transferring the college to the State Association, while equally strong arguments were made in favor of retaining the property and putting it to use.

During the meeting a resolution was presented by the executive committee of Chowan College to turn over the property to the State body, which brought forth so much confusion that an effort was made to table the resolution. However, a vote was taken which rejected the resolution, and later a vote was taken on the question of retaining the college or give it to the State Association. The vote was overwhelming in favor of keeping the property, with only about 20 voting for transferring ownership.

Many present expressed a desire to reopen the college, setting forth the present need and advantages. Willingness to support the opening was shown in way of prayers, money and effort, the belief being advanced that the college can be opened by September 1.

Despite the difference of opinion during the meeting, at the close there was complete unanimity of purpose and all agreed to support the college if it is again opened.

The Educational Commission has agreed to give \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year to operate Chowan College if it has an enrollment of 200 or more students. There are 116 churches and 30,000 Baptists in the churches of the Chowan and West Chowan Associations. These churches gave a total of \$20,000.78 during the past year for all purposes. Of this amount \$127,500.00 went to missions and benevolence. The Associations gave \$18,700.00 to Christian Education. This amount, if no help were received from the Education Commission, together with tuition and fees from students, would run the college in a splendid way, according to those interested.

Singers To Present Musical March 28th

The Normal Concert Singers of Elizabeth City will render a musical festival in the Hertford Court House next Friday night, March 28 at 8 o'clock.

The public is invited to attend and an offering will be taken as admission. The proceeds of the festival will be for the benefit of the St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church of Hertford.

Student Government Group In E. City

The Perquimans High School student government body were guests Monday of the Elizabeth City High School governing body at a meeting held at the Elizabeth City High School. Vernon Lee Perry is president of the Perquimans Board, and Mrs. Goldie Neelins is the faculty

Mayor V. N. Darden Seeks Re-election

Mayor V. N. Darden announced last Friday that he would be a candidate in the town primary to be held April 28, seeking the nomination to the office of Mayor. The election will follow the primary by two weeks, being scheduled for May 6.

Mayor Darden is the first candidate for office to announce himself for the coming election. Candidates must file their names with the Town Clerk, W. G. Newby, on or before April 18 in order to qualify as a candidate.

Film On State To Be Shown March 26

A film, titled "Meet North Carolina," produced by one of America's largest oil companies, will be shown at the Hertford Grammar School auditorium on Wednesday night, March 26, at 8:15 o'clock.

The film is being shown here under the sponsorship of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion and the Reed Oil Company. All members of civic clubs, veterans' organizations and the public are urged to attend the showing of the picture. No admission will be charged.

The picture, produced for the purpose of advertising North Carolina, its benefits and opportunities, has been acclaimed one of the finest ever filmed. It shows the vast resources of North Carolina and the opportunities offered in this State, as well as the mode of living.

The scenic views shown in the picture have been reported as being among the best ever shown in any picture.

Members of the local American Legion Post and the Reed Oil Company are hopeful that every resident of the county will take advantage of this opportunity to see a feature length picture about our State.

Tri-City Debates Set For April 2nd

Debaters representing Perquimans, Edenton and Elizabeth City High Schools will meet in a tri-city match on April 2, it was announced today by E. C. Woodard, principal of Perquimans.

The Edenton affirmative and Elizabeth City negative teams will debate on Thursday night, the Elizabeth City affirmative and Perquimans negative will meet in Edenton and the Perquimans affirmative and Edenton negative teams will match each other at Elizabeth City.

Smith Accepts Post As Indian Manager

Earl Smith, 29-year-old athletic director at Campbell College, has accepted an offer made him by officers of the Hertford Baseball Club to act as manager of the Indian outfit during the coming season.

Smith will come to Hertford highly recommended for the post, and local club officials believe he will have complete charge of organizing, training and managing the Hertford team.

Operated Upon

Miss Jo Hunter underwent an appendectomy at the Albemarle Hospital last Thursday and is getting along nicely.

Recorder's Court Recesses In Tribute To Judge Thompson

Funeral Services For Slain Judge Tuesday Afternoon

Perquimans County's Recorder Court recessed Tuesday in tribute to Superior Court Judge C. E. Thompson, who was shot to death at his home in Elizabeth City last Sunday night, and members of the local bar made preparations for attending the final rites for Mr. Thompson, which were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The death of Judge Thompson, well known throughout the entire State, was a shock to this community.

He was slain by G. E. Pritchard, an elderly Elizabeth City man who had carried a grudge against Judge Thompson and other court officials for more than 15 years.

The 67-year-old jurist was killed by a blast from a shotgun as he sat reading a newspaper in the living room of his home. His assassin—67-year-old George Pritchard, farmer and inventor of a pea picker—committed suicide a moment later by shooting himself in the abdomen.

Pritchard's grudge against Judge Thompson and other Elizabeth City attorneys stemmed from a civil suit 15 years ago over title to some land in Camden County, Police Chief Walter Spense said. Pritchard lost the case. Thompson was one of the opposing lawyers.

Chief Spense characterized Pritchard as a confirmed public letter writer. He was sentenced to a year's imprisonment last October after being convicted of criminal libel in connection with the primary election campaign in Camden County. Rep. W. I. Halstead, who was then running for office in Camden, brought the charges, which were heard by Judge Luther Hamilton in Beaufort County. The State Supreme Court upheld the verdict on an appeal, but Pritchard was still free under bond because the official had not been delivered to the lower court.

Tars Schedule Four Exhibition Games On Memorial Field

H. P. Dawson, president of the Norfolk Tars baseball club, which will come to Hertford on Sunday to open spring practice, announced this week four exhibition games will be played by the Tars on Memorial Field.

The schedule calls for the Tars to play Ringhamton here on March 30, April 9 and April 16. The Tars will meet Wake Forest College on April 3. Moe Bauer, pitcher for the Hertford team last summer, is expected to do the hurrying for Wake Forest when they play the Tars on the local diamond, and the day has been designated as Moe Bauer Day.

Forty candidates for the Norfolk team are expected to arrive here Sunday and Monday to start practice under the direction of Buddy Hassett, manager of the Tar outfit.

In addition to the exhibition games scheduled for Hertford, the Tars will also play in Edenton and Norfolk prior to the opening game of the team's season.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Benton White announce the birth of a son, George Miller, on March 5, at Norfolk General Hospital. Mother and baby are reported doing nicely.

Albemarle League Directors Drawing By-laws For Season

Heated Discussions Feature Of Meeting Held Here Monday

Threats of withdrawal from the Albemarle Baseball League were made by representatives of the Windsor and Colerain clubs at the meeting of league directors held in Hertford Monday night when these two clubs attempted to reopen a discussion of the rules adopted regulating the number of games to be played each week.

The directors met for the purpose of adopting a complete set of by-laws under which the league will operate, and after minor changes made in the preliminary articles the sections dealing with territory boundaries and games to be played came up for discussion. It was at this point that the representatives from Windsor requested the league to authorize four games per week instead of five, as previously adopted. Colerain immediately sanctioned this action, with Edenton and Elizabeth City dissenting. President W. H. Oakey ruled the action out of order unless agreed to unanimously. On a vote the count was four to two for reconsideration, then later Edenton's and Elizabeth City's representative, Graham Byrum and Woody Foreman changed their minds and agreed to reopen the matter. It was then voted that four games will be played by each team each week and that each club will be limited to four hired players.

The meeting adjourned at this point to be resumed at the Court House in Hertford next Monday night. The directors had agreed to adopt the first nine articles of the by-laws before adjournment.

At the opening of the meeting it was announced by Mr. Oakey that Plymouth had withdrawn from the league due to the inability to obtain lights for the night games. Then Camden announced it would be unable to field a team due to the recent fire which destroyed Elizabeth City Beach. It was then decided that the league will be made up of teams from Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton, Suffolk, Windsor and Colerain. Kader Harris of Elizabeth City resigned as secretary and Edgar Morris was elected to fill the post. Bill Cozart of Edenton was selected to act as league statistician.

The directors voted that the boundary lines of the county will be the limits permitted each team for selecting home players, any players on a team roster from outside the county limits will be considered a hired player.

Officials Endorse Company's Plans For Harvey Point

A number of public officials, including Governor Gregg Cherry, Senators Clyde Hoey and William Umstead, Congressman Herbert C. Bonner and Garland Furguson, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, have endorsed the plan of the Albemarle Industries, Inc., to secure and operate Harvey Point as an industrial site, it was revealed here this week.

All of these officials have voiced their approval of the proposed plan in letters to the War Assets Administration from which the local corporation seeks title to Harvey Point.

It was learned this week that an official of the W.A.A. spent several days in Hertford and at Harvey Point for the purpose of inspecting and taking an inventory of the buildings and material located at the former naval air station.

Price Support Given Small Potato Acreage

W. E. White, secretary of the Perquimans AAA, announced receipt of a notice from the U. S. Department of Agriculture which stated that in those counties where Irish potato goals have not been established, a producer whose planted acreage is not in excess of 2.9 acres, will be eligible for price support, provided he makes request to the County ACA office for measurement of his potato acreage.

This means, Mr. White stated, that any farmer in Perquimans County will get price support on his potato crop, providing not more than 2.9 acres are planted and he calls at the local ACA office and requests a measurement of his acreage.

Concert At High School Tonight At 8

Members of the Perquimans High School Band and Glee Club will present a concert at the high school auditorium tonight (Friday) beginning at 8 o'clock.

The band and glee club have been working diligently on the program for several weeks under the direction of Bert Ainsworth and Mrs. Frances Sprague, music directors at the school.

County Oversubscribed Red Cross Goal In Annual Campaign Ending Last Saturday

No Complaints

The members of the Board of County Commissioners, meeting on Monday as a Board of Equalization and Review, had few complaints registered by property owners and they completed the week of reviewing the tax books during the day.

Chairman E. M. Perry stated only a few minor changes were made by the Board while reviewing the tax books. He added that in most every case the property owner had listed property for taxes at what the Board considered fair valuation.

High School Honor Roll Released Today

A total of 38 students, 26 girls and 12 boys, were listed on the Perquimans High School honor roll for the fourth grading period, it was announced today by E. C. Woodard principal. Report cards for the grading period were issued last week.

Honor students for this period were:

8th Grade—Ethel Frances Elliott and Virginia Gay.

9th Grade—Faye Rae Symons, Nathan Spivey, Ronald Butt, Norwood Elliott, Dorothy Britton, Shirley Butt, Catherine Ann Holmes, Claire Hunter, Mary Brille Stott and Marjorie Perry.

10th Grade—Pat Morris, Marietta Joliff, Pearl Hunter, Tim Perry, Mary Lou Butt, Alma Eaves, Ann Hollowell, Virginia King, Daly Rountree, William Umphlett, Clarkson White, Dolan Winslow and Lelia Lee Winslow.

11th Grade—Reginald Tucker, Laurastine Britton, Doris Butt, Peggy Cook and Leon Lane.

12th Grade—Mather Hurdle, Roder White, Mary Inez Chappell, Molly Oakey, Mary Lina Raper, Helene Baker, Faye Winslow and Colon Butler.

Health Officer At PTA Meeting Here

Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, District Health Officer for Perquimans, Pasquotank and Camden Counties, was the guest speaker at the Hertford Grammar School Parent-Teacher Association meeting held at the grammar school Thursday night.

Dr. Mitchell gave a general health talk, speaking on the examinations which the Health Department has been giving the grammar school students recently, and the follow-up work to be done. Students in the third grade at the school have each been given a physical examination and ear examinations are being given students in the fourth to the seventh grades in the school.

In his talk, he endorsed the North Carolina Health Program which is now in the Legislature.

Dr. T. P. Brinn, Perquimans County physician, also endorsed the N. C. Health Program at the meeting.

The local PTA is observing "Good Health Month" and the meeting was in connection with this program.

Perquimans Group Plans New Civil Club

A new civic organization is being planned for Perquimans County. A group of young men interested in the organization of a Ruritan Club here met with the civic group in Pasquotank County on Monday night to lay the ground work for the formation of a local club.

Those attending the meeting at Elizabeth City were C. R. Ward, R. S. Chappell, C. W. Phillips and W. D. Perry, Jr. This group invited the Pasquotank club to render assistance in forming a Ruritan Club in Perquimans.

Don't Forget Term Of Fishing Licenses

While you're thinking about the fishing season which is just ahead, don't forget to check your license along with your equipment. North Carolina's fishing license terms run by the calendar year—January 1 to December 31. If you buy only a fishing license, be sure you've got the 1947 variety. If you're a hunter and fisherman and got a combination license last fall, you're okay, of course. Combination licenses bought for the 1946-47 season are valid through July of this year.

Total of \$1,117 Raised In Drive; Chairman Releases Full Report

Perquimans County almost doubled its quota in the annual Red Cross campaign which closed here last Saturday, according to Miss Frances Maness, chairman of the drive. A report released this week by the chairman revealed that \$1,117.97 had been turned over to her by the various campaign solicitors. A few scattered reports are still expected to be turned over this week-end.

The amounts reported by each community were: Cumberland \$22; Anderson \$32.25; Edenton Highway, \$16.50; Chapanoke \$30; Burgess \$21.25; Winfall \$55; Snow Hill \$24; Bagley Swamp \$23.75; Hickory Cross \$31; Old Neck \$26.50; Hopewell and Edenton Highway \$40; Park \$16.80; Bethel \$22.75; White Hat \$18.75; Whiteston and Nicnor \$31.25; Chapel Hill \$2; New Hope \$20.25; Belvidere \$101.25; Beech Springs \$18; Ballahack \$20.85; Hertford, Edenton Road Street \$8.25; Grubb Street \$17.82; Church Street \$71.25; West Hertford \$75.25; Front Street \$31.50; Housing Project \$14.50; Dobb Street \$54; colored schools \$205.25.

The quota of \$650 was reached last Friday, then with most of the solicitors making final reports on Saturday the fund was swelled to almost double the amount requested. The treasury of the local chapter will benefit greatly from the over subscription, inasmuch as the chapter officials had not included a large amount for local use during the coming year, thus the greater portion of the quota of \$650 will be forwarded to the national headquarters, while the greater portion of the remainder will remain in this county for local Red Cross use.

In making public the final report this week Miss Maness expressed her appreciation for the splendid support given the drive by the public and extended her thanks to all of the solicitors for a job well done.

Mrs. Brinn Speaker At Auxiliary Meeting

The Perquimans chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting March 7 at the Agriculture Building in Hertford. During the business session the Auxiliary discussed a membership drive and a district meeting to be held at Greenville on March 25. All members were urged to attend the district meeting, as a prize will be offered to the unit having the largest membership present.

Following the business session the program was turned over to Mrs. T. P. Brinn, who gave a very interesting discussion on Child Welfare in Our Homes. Mrs. Brinn told the Auxiliary a planned program of recreation for children is a foundation upon which the children can grow into well developed citizenship with confidence in the future.

She pointed out that now, with plans for an American Legion hut becoming a reality, the Auxiliary should plan a recreational program that will benefit the boys and girls of the community.

45 Answer Baseball Call At High School

Forty-five candidates for the 1947 Perquimans Indians baseball team answered the first practice called by Coach Max Campbell on Monday of this week. It is expected that the squad will undergo several weeks of drills before any attempt is made to select the varsity team.

Among those answering the first call this week were L. C. Elliott, John Ward, Earl Winslow, Chester Winslow, Edward Lane, Earl Rogerson, Billy Winslow, Joel Hollowell, all veterans of last year's team.

A schedule of ten or twelve games is expected to be completed by Coach Campbell with most of the home games being scheduled for the month of May. Attempts are being made to schedule games with Chowan, Central, Weeksville, South Mills, Creswell and Edenton.

Attend Conference In Wilmington

Mrs. C. O. Fowler, Mrs. C. T. Skinner, Mrs. W. W. Trueblood and Miss Kate Blanchard left Wednesday to attend the North Carolina Conference of the Women's Society of Christian Service in Wilmington, N. C.