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Rev. J. D. Stott Named District Chairman Of State-wide Drive For Overseas Relief

Organization Meeting Is Called For Sunday; White County Leader

With a goal of "a pound a person" a statewide drive for clothing, bedding and shoes for overseas relief began on Sunday, April 20 and will continue until Mother's Day, May 11. The executive council of the North Carolina Council of Churches has just announced the appointment of Rev. Henry G. Ruark, University Methodist Church, Chapel Hill as director of the campaign.

Mr. Ruark stated that regional directors would investigate local collections in their respective areas. The area director for this section is the Rev. J. D. Stott of Winfall.

The campaign for material donations is being sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches because of the pressing need overseas. Despite two years of peace, millions of human beings are living on an animal level. In some parts of Europe shoes sell for \$50 per pair, a suit for \$200, a dress for \$50, while the average working man makes 75 cents per day. Food is equally scarce and expensive. In Vienna, Austria a single aspirin tablet brings \$1.50 and a small bar of soap over a dollar.

The goal for North Carolina is "at least a pound a person" or 3,500,000 pounds of clothing, bedding and shoes. This total represents at least \$3,500,000 in cash, based on American valuation of used clothing.

Any kind of usable clothing, bedding and shoes are acceptable. Also wanted are yard ends, remnants, cotton feed sacks and odd assortments of materials.

Gifts of money for overseas relief should be sent through local churches or to the Church World Service Center, New Windsor, Maryland.

The motion picture "Seeds of Destiny" is being used extensively in the campaign. This most graphic presentation of needs abroad is not recommended for small children but should be seen by every adult American.

The Rev. J. D. Stott of Winfall, who has been appointed regional director for eight counties in Northeastern North Carolina is calling a meeting of all county chairmen and others of the church and community leaders, in Elizabeth City next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at which time definite dates will be set for the drive to begin. The film "The Seeds of Destiny" will be shown at this meeting.

C. E. White, County Superintendent of Welfare, is the chairman of this drive for Perquimans County, and the following individuals have agreed to assist in the drive: Mrs. W. H. Matthews, Mrs. George Jackson, Mrs. I. A. Ward, Mrs. Ben Thatch, Mrs. C. O. Fowler, Miss Mae Wood Winslow, Miss Johnnie White, Mrs. A. R. Cook, Mrs. Fletcher Bundy and Durwood Barber, Jr. Some of these are taking this responsibility in their respective churches, some in local communities and others in the schools—Mrs. Thatch for the Hertford graded school and Miss Johnnie White for Winfall school.

Members of the Beta Club, the honor society in the high school, of which Reginald Tucker is president, and with Mrs. T. L. Jessup as sponsor, are in charge of their school drive. These and other individuals yet to be contacted will be organized into the necessary committees and announced next week.

Cancer Drive Fund At Half Way Mark

Perquimans County's cancer drive fund stood at more than one-half of the quota on Wednesday of this week, according to J. H. Towe, county chairman, who stated that he plans to bring the drive to a close on Saturday of this week, although the nation-wide drive continues through April 30.

The county committee aiding Mr. Towe in the collection of funds for the cancer fund are W. H. Pitt, Hertford; Mrs. W. G. Hollowell, Winfall; Willie Winslow, Belvidere; Ralph White, Whitestown; Mrs. Edgar Chapell, Chapel Hill; Mrs. W. H. Matthews, New Hope and Woodville; and Mrs. C. T. Phillips, Bethel. The committee is requested to report all funds collected by Saturday night.

PRIMARY GRADES TO PRESENT OPERETTA

An operetta entitled "The Wedding of the Flowers" will be presented at the Hertford Grammar School Thursday night, May 1, at 8 o'clock by the primary grades. Vocal selections will be rendered by the grammar grades of the school.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Monogram Club To Stage Banquet Friday

Members of the Perquimans High School Monogram Club and their guests will hold a banquet Friday evening at the Hotel Hertford. About 35 are expected to attend.

The Monogram banquet, an annual affair until rationing and food shortages during the war years forced the members to suspend the event, has always been a highlight of school activities. The club is expected to resume the banquet on an annual basis with the meeting this week.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The U. S. Senate on Tuesday stamped its approval on President Truman's plan to give aid to Greece and Turkey. The plan calls for a fund of 400 million dollars to be expended in the two countries to bolster the economic and military resources of the two nations. The bill, passed in the Senate by a 67-23 vote, now goes to the House, where foreign affairs committee has already voted favorably on a similar measure. Secretary of State George C. Marshall, not attending the meeting of foreign ministers in Moscow, this week recommended passage of the measure.

Meanwhile in Moscow it is now evident that the foreign ministers of U. S., Britain, France and Russia have failed to reach an agreement regarding a peace treaty for Germany and Austria, and the meeting is expected to come to an end within the next few days. Russian demands for reparations from Germany and Austria, and the Reds' opposition to any compromise of stands taken by the western powers have stalemated the meeting.

The labor situation remained somewhat muddled during the week, with negotiations in the phone strike still deadlocked, and the American Federation of Labor ordering an all-drive against laws which may be passed by Congress restricting union operations. It was reported that an agreement between the union and General Motors was believed near, which likely will head off another strike in the automotive field. The 16-day old phone strike appeared no nearer settlement than when first called, but attempts are being made to resume negotiations between the phone officials and the union.

Chester Bowles, former head of OPA, this week suggested a program for reduction of prices. Bowles urged a formation of a board of business men set up to negotiate volunteer reduction of prices. The battle against high prices has taken on a nationwide scope following President Truman's talk on inflation and in one town in the U. S. all merchants have voluntarily reduced all prices by ten per cent "just to see what happens."

Indians Down Creswell In Game Last Friday

Perquimans Indians, playing in their second baseball game of the season, downed Creswell by a 11-10 score last Friday afternoon on the Creswell diamond. Winslow, Boyce and Rogerson did the pitching for Perquimans and Elmore was the receiver. The Indians hit safely eight times and counted several runs on errors by Creswell. The host team also collected eight hits off the three Indian hurlers and took advantage of a number of errors made by the Indians.

Inclement weather caused the postponement of the Indians-Weeksville game scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, and local school officials were uncertain as to the date of the game. The first home game for the Indians originally scheduled for Friday night of this week was moved up to Thursday, when the game conflicted with a teachers' meeting called for the same night.

District Officer At Auxiliary Dinner

Mrs. John A. Ward, district vice president of the American Legion Auxiliary, was the main speaker at a supper meeting of the Perquimans Chapter, held at the Hotel Hertford at 7 o'clock Thursday, April 24.

All members of the local chapter were urged to attend and to notify Mrs. Ralph White or Mrs. T. P. Brinn in advance if they planned to be present.

No Probable Cause Verdict Returned In Murder Case

Hearing Held Tuesday Morning By Recorder Court Judge

A verdict of not guilty was returned in Perquimans Recorder's Court Tuesday morning following conclusion of State's evidence in the case charging Garfield Perry, Negro, with murder. Perry was given a probable cause hearing relative to the death of Milton Perry, Negro, whose body was found in a ditch in Belvidere Township, near the Bethany Church on the morning of March 29.

Testimony given by State's witnesses related the facts that Milton Perry was in a drunken state on the evening of March 28, and that he was seen in company of Garfield Perry at the home of one of the witnesses. However, the State, according to the verdict handed down by Judge Charles E. Johnson, failed to show probable cause and the defendant was dismissed.

Other cases disposed of by the court this week included those of P. H. Small, charged with being drunk on the streets of Hertford. Small was sentenced to jail for 14 days.

Raymond Bateman was found guilty of assault and was assessed the costs of court. For failure to pay a fine of \$15 and costs of court taxed against him last May, Bateman was ordered confined to jail until payment of the fine and costs in both cases.

James Johnson was assessed the costs of court on a charge of driving with insufficient brakes.

William Harris, Negro, submitted to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon and paid the costs of court.

James Twine entered a plea of guilty to driving with improper lights, and paid the costs of court.

George Winslow submitted to a charge of unlawfully setting fire to woodland and paid a fine of \$50 and costs of court.

Willie Parker, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court after entering a plea of guilty to driving with insufficient brakes.

John Morris paid the costs of court on a charge of driving with improper lights.

Raymond Boyce entered a plea of guilty to driving with insufficient brakes and paid the costs of court.

Hertford Boy Scouts Being Reorganized

At a meeting held last week in the office of Dr. A. B. Bonner, representatives of the civic clubs in Hertford took extensive steps to reorganize Troop 155, Boy Scouts of America, which is sponsored by the Rotary and Lions Clubs.

A boy fact survey has been conducted in Hertford schools which indicated that any number of boys are interested in the program, but parent and community backing is greatly needed.

A meeting of all parents of prospective Scouts is to be held Friday night, April 25, at 7:30 o'clock in the Court House. All parents and interested parties are requested to be present. Attendance at this meeting is necessary on the parents' part, it was stated by a Scout representative, otherwise Scouting in Hertford will not be successful. The representative added that character building and citizenship training cannot be taught unless parent cooperation is secured.

Sgt. Paul Fisher has volunteered to serve as Scoutmaster of the troop and Frank McGoogan will be assistant Scoutmaster.

Eight Stores To Begin Half Holiday Soon

An announcement was made today by eight Hertford stores they will begin early closing on Wednesdays on May 7, and continue the practice of observing a half-day holiday each week throughout May, June, July and August.

Patrons are requested to note this announcement and shop early on Wednesdays.

CONDITION IMPROVED

Word has been received here that the Rev. Howard Dawkins, former pastor of the Baptist Church, who underwent a major operation at Duke Hospital April 10, is getting along nicely. A disc was removed from the fourth vertebrae, which had caused a curvature of the spine. Mr. Dawkins was expected to be discharged from the hospital this week. He and Mrs. Dawkins and children now reside in Kinston.

Seven Candidates Seek Nomination For Town Office

V. N. Darden Is Unopposed For Office of Mayor; Primary Election Monday

Seven candidates are seeking the nomination to represent the Town of Hertford as Commissioners in the primary election to be held next Monday, April 28, it was announced Monday by W. G. Newby, Town Clerk, with whom the candidates had filed for office.

The list of candidates include all members of the present board, W. H. Hardcastle, Z. A. Harris, B. C. Berry and M. J. Gregory, and three other residents seeking Town office for the first time. These are Henry C. Sullivan, W. D. Landing and Mark Hathaway.

While little interest in the election has been reported, the list of candidates is the largest of any election in recent years, and it is likely that a representative vote may be cast in the primary.

Mayor V. N. Darden is unopposed for re-election and his name will not appear on the ballot in the primary, but will head the list in the general election which will follow on May 6.

Registration books for the primary closed Thursday, April 24, and Mrs. B. G. Koonce, registrar, stated more than 40 new voters had registered for the purpose of casting ballots in the primary. Challenge day will be observed by the registrar on Saturday, April 26.

Only one polling place will be opened for the primary, this in accordance with past procedure, and this voting precinct will be located in the Court House. The polls will open at 7 o'clock A. M. and will close at 7 P. M. The only offices up for nomination are those of Town Commissioners and each voter may vote for any four of the seven candidates seeking the nomination.

There are no individual contests in the town election, that is no one candidate is running against another, but the Town Board will be chosen when the four candidates receiving the highest number of votes are nominated. There are no wards or zones or precincts in the Town. Thus, voters when casting their ballots may vote for any four candidates listed.

Nettie Lee Gregory Weds J. D. Caravello

Miss Nettie Lee Gregory, daughter of the late William Augustus and Ida Gregory, and sister of Mrs. John C. Moore of Hyde Park, and Joseph D. Caravello of Philadelphia, Pa., were united in marriage in a quiet and beautiful ceremony in the Hertford Baptist Church, Saturday evening, April 19, at 7:15 o'clock.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Charles W. Duling, pastor of the church.

The vows were spoken before the altar decorated with white gladioli and fern, interspersed with tall cathedral candles forming a beautiful setting.

Mrs. Charles E. Johnson presided at the organ and rendered a program of wedding music including "Oh Thou Sublime, Sweet Evening Star" by Wagner, "Liebestraum" by Liszt, "Love's Old Sweet Song" and the "Viennese Love Song" prior to the entrance of the bridal couple. During the ceremony "The Lord's Prayer" was softly played.

R. S. Monds, Jr., sang "Because" by d'Hardlet and Carrie Jacobs Bonds "I Love You Truly."

The bride, dressed in a two-piece suit of slate blue wool gabardine, with which she wore navy blue accessories and a shoulder corsage of orchids, entered the church with the bridegroom.

Ushers were Joe Towe and J. Rolac Webb, who lighted the candles. Mrs. Joe Towe and Mrs. Walter Jackson Kanoy were mistresses of ceremony.

Immediately following the ceremony the couple left for a wedding trip to Philadelphia, Pa., and Niagara Falls, New York. Upon their return they will be at home at 20 Hyde Park, Hertford.

Mrs. Caravello is associated with the Towe-Webb Motor Company. Mr. Caravello is an engineer in the United States Maritime Service.

Returned From Hospital

Miss Elizabeth Fowler returned home from the Norfolk General Hospital Sunday. She was accompanied home by Mrs. E. E. Bush and daughter from Portsmouth, who spent the day.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD SEEKING PERMISSION SCRAP PASSENGER TRAINS

Methodist Revival Will Close Sunday

Revival services are in progress at the Hertford Methodist Church this week with the Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the church, doing the preaching, assisted by the Rev. John M. Permar, evangelist singer. The services are well attended each day and much interest is being shown.

The special services will come to a close Sunday, April 27, with two services scheduled for Friday at 3 P. M. and 8 P. M. Regular services will be conducted Sunday at the usual hours. No services are scheduled for Saturday, the Rev. Mr. Reavis stated.

Draft Board Office To Be Closed Soon; Records To Raleigh

Clerk Asks County Veterans to File Application For Terminal Pay

Official confirmation of orders for the closing of the Perquimans County Office of Selective Service Records on May 10 has been received here, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, chief clerk in charge of the office. All records and files in the office have been prepared for shipment to the Federal Depot and there is a possibility these records may be shipped out some time this week.

Mrs. Sumner pointed out that it is advisable for all veterans who have not filed applications for terminal leave pay to appear at the local office and make application, as such a move would be difficult after the local office is closed. She stated that blanks for making applications are available at the record office.

The chief clerk remarked that when the Perquimans records office is closed out, all selective service records on file here will be forwarded to State Selective Service Records Depot in Raleigh. There the records may be transcribed to card form for reference purposes.

Even though the local records may be shipped out this week, the local office with Mrs. Sumner in charge will remain open through May 10 when the official closing date for the office has been set. After that date all selective activity in this county will come to an end.

The local office changed to its present status of draft records center for Perquimans County on March 31, following the expiration of the Selective Service law, and all records were retained intact under executive order.

Building And Loan To Issue New Stock

The Hertford Building and Loan Association will offer a new series of saving stock for sale Saturday, May 3, it was announced today by Max Campbell, secretary of the association.

The stock will be issued along lines similar to past stock issues, and will pay an interest rate of three per cent. There will be no limit as to the number of shares an individual may purchase.

The stock is issued in denominations of \$100 maturity value and is matured by the payment of 25 cents per share each week.

Elementary Day At Training School

Elementary Day will be observed at Perquimans Training School at Winfall April 25, it was announced today by school officials. A program of field events and a basketball game have been arranged for the morning and afternoon. The athletic contests will be limited to pupils of the first to seventh grades.

The program will be concluded with an oratorical and musical contest at the Poplar Run A. M. E. Zion Church at 8 o'clock Friday night.

Five Former Service Men Enlist In Army

Five former service men from Hertford have re-enlisted in the new regular army according to an announcement from the Army Recruiting Office in Elizabeth City. The men are John E. and Claude W. Simpson, Richard Cone, D. J. White and Elmo Cannon, Jr.

The Army Recruiting Office announces that men enlisting in the Enlisted Reserve Corps now are not required to take a physical examination unless called to active duty; they are eligible for promotion and attendance to officers candidate schools.

Service Will Be Discontinued June 1 If Request Is Granted

Officials of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company have posted notices along the tracks of the railroad giving public notice of intentions to seek permission from the State Utility Commission to discontinue passenger service effective June 1, 1947.

The action, long rumored, began with the posting of the notices April 17. The notice stated the railroad officials would, within ten days, seek permission to discontinue the service. Another notice gave reasons for the action, stating the passenger trains No. 1 and 2 were now being operated at a loss, furthermore the railroad officials contend the day of the passenger train is passed and the community no longer needs passenger trains. The officials pointed out that if service was to be continued, new equipment will have to be purchased and no money is available, or could be borrowed for purchasing this equipment.

The company further pointed out that the operation costs of passenger service have increased to such a point and that passenger travel has so decreased that the railroad cannot hope to break even on the operation in future years. The notice stated the company operated at a loss of \$31,318 during 1946 and at the same time the deficit for the passenger service amounted to almost \$200,000.

The company contends that the only need for service along the lines is for freight service which it intended to maintain. It points out that mail and express service, now handled by the railroad, could be handled through some other method.

In the event the Utility Commission grants the railroad permission to discontinue passenger service, the company will take the trains off on June 1 of this year.

The Norfolk Southern operates between Norfolk and Raleigh and must obtain permission from both the North Carolina and Virginia commissions in order to discontinue passenger service on the line.

Oakey Speaker At Rotary Meeting

W. H. Oakey, Jr., local attorney and president of the Albemarle Baseball League, was guest speaker at the Hertford Rotary Club meeting held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford.

Mr. Oakey gave the Rotarians a brief summary of the work accomplished to date in the organization of the Albemarle League for playing of games this summer. He urged fans to support the league and promised that an excellent brand of baseball will be seen during the season. He cautioned fans to conduct themselves in a highly sportsmanlike manner and to remember that in the end baseball was only a game, not to be taken in a too serious light.

He spoke briefly of the possibilities that some or all of the teams in attempting to compete with others might make the league too costly and thereby ruin the game in this area as it has been in the past. He stated he hoped this would not happen and that club managers will be satisfied with giving the fans plenty of good baseball without it costing each club too much money.

The Rotarians went on record opposing the plan of the Norfolk Southern Railroad to discontinue passenger service over the local line, and authorized the club secretary to enter a formal protest against the action with the State Utility Commission.

A. B. Bonner, president of the club, called attention to the meeting Friday night at the Court House of parents and adults interested in the Boy Scout troop in Hertford, and urged all members to attend.

Golf Match Scheduled For E. City May 4th

Golfers and golf fans of this area will have an opportunity to see a championship match at the Elizabeth City Country Club on May 4, when George Peyton, of Hampton, Va., who recently won the Virginia open, and Chandler Harper of Portsmouth will play with two amateurs of the Elizabeth City club.

The match is being arranged by the Elizabeth City golfers in an effort to create more interest in golf in this area and the public is invited to attend the match play.

Sunday At Columbia

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Sitterson spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Campen at Columbia.