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Norfolk-Southern Reorganization To Effect Train Service In Community

New Board Chairman States Improvement To Be Made

A complete change of policy, affecting the passenger train service of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad for Perquimans County and other communities served by the company, was announced following a re-organization of the board of directors at a meeting held in Norfolk last Thursday.

A new chairman of the board and a new general manager for the company were named, as was an almost new board of directors. Patrick B. McGinnis, New York railroad official, is the new chairman and Joseph T. Kingsley is the new general manager.

Immediately following the reorganization the new chairman stated the Norfolk-Southern would attempt to improve the service of the railroad, both passenger and express and in order to effect better service would install modern diesel passenger, express and mail coaches in place of the steam trains now in use.

This action forestalls the proposed discontinuance of passenger service, which the former officials had stated would be necessary in order for the company to continue its hauling of freight. Mr. McGinnis stated the company would withdraw its request for a hearing before the State Utilities Commission for permission to discontinue its passenger service, and would install the new train, now being used successfully on a short line in New England.

The new board chairman stated the company was vitally interested in the communities served by the railroad and intended to advertise the industrial possibilities of the area between Norfolk and Charlotte.

The new trains proposed to be used on the line serving this county are a combination one-unit, air-conditioned Diesel-powered trains which will carry mail, express packages and about 40 passengers.

The new board expressed a desire to hear from communities along the line as to what is thought about this new proposal of service.

Wounded Veterans Eligible to Enlist

Lt. W. J. Cartwright, Commanding Officer of the Elizabeth City Sub-Station of the United States Army Recruiting Service, announced today that the deadline for partially disabled combat wounded veterans of World War II to enlist in the Regular Army and retain the grade held at the time of discharge has been extended from March 31st to June 30th.

This new directive will apply to all former enlisted men wounded during World War II, who submit applications for a three year enlistment on or before June 30th, regardless of the time that has elapsed since they were discharged. After June 30th, it will be necessary for these men to apply within 20 days of date of discharge in order to retain their grade.

Lt. Cartwright states that partially disabled veterans, whose last service was as an officer, Warrant Officer, or Flight Officer, are eligible to return to the Army as First or Master Sergeants, provided they apply for a three year enlistment on or before June 30th. After that date they must apply within 20 days of the last day of terminal leave in order to be enlisted in the first grade.

All partially disabled combat veterans applying for enlistment must meet the minimum requirements for enlistment in the Army—with the specific exception of their combat incurred disability.

Lt. Cartwright says that there are openings in many different fields for these men. Some of the job openings are: Diesel and Automobile Mechanics, postal clerks, dental laboratory technicians, dressmen, moving picture projectionists, teletype operators, classification specialists, electricians, machinists, finance clerks, and shoe repairmen. All men eligible, who are interested, are urged to contact the recruiting Sub-Station, located at 105 Carolina Building, Elizabeth City for full particulars.

Widowed Resident of New Hope Died Friday

Mrs. Pathenia Jackson Umphlett, of New Hope, died at 11:30 o'clock Friday morning in a local hospital. She was the widow of W. T. Umphlett. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. W. C. Umphlett of Norfolk, Lydia Umphlett of New Hope; two sons, R. Umphlett of Elizabeth City, G. Umphlett of New Hope; three brothers, Bill and John Jackson of Norfolk and Ed Jackson of Elizabeth City. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Berea Christian Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Recorder's Court In Brief Session

Local police officers reported a quiet week-end and only three cases were listed on the docket of the Perquimans Recorder's Court for hearing on Tuesday.

In a brief session the court disposed of the cases of Linwood Bartlett, Negro, charged with assault on a female. Costs were assessed against the prosecuting witness, Essie Mae Whedbee, who failed to appear for the hearing.

Ira Jones, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Ben Riddick, Negro, submitted to a charge of obtaining money on a promise to work. He was ordered to pay the costs of court and \$14 for the use of Major-Loomis Company.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The nation-wide telephone strike is over. The last major dispute was settled this week after a 44-day disruption of service in various exchanges had been reported. The union, less strong than some of the major unions, won few of the demands requested. A wage increase, less than asked, was granted. Many of the local unions broke away from the national union and settled their differences early in the walkout.

In an effort to break up a black market in cigarettes the Army has placed a ban against shipment of cigarettes by individuals to members of the armed forces now in Europe. The action is effective May 26. Cigarette prices in Germany, where the citizens are expected to be more reliable than their reichmarks, are expected to increase considerably. Current prices were listed as one package for ten dollars.

A congressional committee has reported out a bill affecting the postal rates for the nation. Under the new legislation, if passed by Congress, air mail will cost six cents instead of five; local letter rate will continue at three cents, instead of being reduced to two cents July 1. Postage on newspapers and magazines, mailed outside the county of publication will be increased. A raise in special delivery letters will also be made.

Congress is expected to receive a tax bill this week and debate on the measure may rage back and forth several days before final adoption. It is conceded that a tax reduction will be voted on income but just what amount will finally be decided upon is a question. Also there is little likelihood that the action will be retroactive to January 1. Government leaders favor making the reduction effective only on the last half of this year's income.

Two League Games Scheduled For Locals

The Hertford Baseball Club will face two of the Albemarle League teams in games on Memorial Field during this week, according to Edgar Morris, Business Manager of the local club.

The first of these games will be played Friday night, May 23, with Edenton opposing the Indians. Mr. Morris stated that Jack Craig of Sanford would start the game as pitcher for Hertford.

The second game scheduled for the local diamond will be played next Tuesday night, May 27, when Windsor comes here for a game with the Indians.

With the league's opening game scheduled for June 2, the local club is showing improvement in their pre-season practice games and from all the hope will be ready for the hot competition expected from other league teams during the summer.

Grammar School Exercises May 30

Commencement exercises will be conducted at the Hertford Grammar School Friday morning, May 30, at 10 o'clock. It was announced today by Miss Mary Sumner, principal of the school.

Major W. H. Oakley, Jr., has been secured to deliver the commencement address. Parents and patrons of the school are invited to attend the services.

Auxiliary to Hold Poppy Day Sales on Streets of Hertford

Public Urged to Honor War Dead and Wounded By Wearing Poppy

"Honor the war dead and aid the wars' living victims", will be the theme of the annual observance of Poppy Day here Saturday, May 24, it was pointed out by Mrs. Emmett Winslow, chairman of the local committee in charge of the sales. Every person in Perquimans County will be asked to wear a memorial poppy tomorrow and to make a contribution for the welfare of the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead.

Preparations for Poppy Day were being completed today by a committee of American Legion Auxiliary women, headed by Mrs. Emmett Winslow, Poppy chairman. Volunteer workers from the Auxiliary and co-operating groups will be on the streets at an early hour distributing the poppies and receiving the contributions.

"Although the second World War is slipping rapidly into the past, we believe that the memory of the young men who gave their lives in that conflict is still fresh in the minds and hearts of all of us," said Mrs. Winslow. "The dead of the first World War have been gone for 29 years, yet we remember their service and sacrifice. The poppies which we will put on tomorrow will show that we have not forgotten and are grateful for their defense of our country."

"We must not forget, either, those who live in suffering and hardship because of war wounds and illness, the disabled veterans or their children and the children of those who have died. The contributions we make for the poppies go for their welfare, for help which can come to them only through this means."

The poppies to be distributed here have been made by disabled veterans at Otten.

Poppy Day here will be part of a nation-wide observance in which an estimated 125,000 Auxiliary women will distribute approximately 25,000,000 poppies.

Sunday School Class Held Dinner Thurs.

Members of the Judson Memorial Sunday School class of the Hertford Baptist Church entertained at a banquet dinner at the church last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Charles Johnson, teacher of the class, welcomed the members of her class, their husbands and friends. Blessing was asked by the Rev. Charles W. Duling, pastor of the church and the guests then began feasting on the delicious turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, including a dessert of floating island cake made southern style.

Following the dinner the program for the evening got underway with the introduction of the guests, started off by Mrs. Johnson and with each individual introducing the person sitting next to them. The entire group then sang Stand Up for Jesus, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Fred Matthews. Mrs. Warner Madro offered a prayer, which was followed by a solo beautifully rendered by Mrs. Howard Matthews, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Fred Matthews.

Mrs. Charles Elliott conducted an interesting quiz and musical contest in which the winners were awarded prizes. Mrs. Louis Tarkington and Mrs. Howard Matthews won prizes. The contest was followed by a community sing by the group, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Elliott.

Those attending the banquet were Mrs. Charles Johnson, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Duling, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Gibbs, Miss Inez Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Warner Madro, Mrs. A. H. Spivey, Miss Marjorie Chesson, Miss Dora White, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Vane, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ainsley, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Matthews, Mrs. Josiah Elliott, Mrs. Simon Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Chesson, Jr., Mrs. Charlie Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Keel, Mrs. Fred Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Haywood White, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tarkington, Mrs. Tommy Miller, Mrs. Olivia Hobbs, Mrs. Roger Morris, Mrs. Frances Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Ward, Miss Virginia White, and Mr. and Mrs. Zack Robertson.

On Terminal Leave
Major Richard Payne is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Payne, while on terminal leave from the army.

Indians Continue Winning Streak at Expense of Edenton

Seventh Straight Win Chalked Up Tuesday By 13-11 Score

Coach Max Campbell's Perquimans Indians chalked up their seventh straight baseball victory at the expense of the Edenton Aces Thursday night on Memorial Field. The game, a slug and error feast, ended in a score of 13 for Perquimans to 11 for Edenton.

Earl Rogerson, left-handed freshman, pitched the Indians to victory. He went the entire nine innings, striking out nine Edenton batters.

Edenton opened the game by scoring one run in the first and second with the Indians countering with one in the second. In the third inning several errors on the part of the locals allowed Edenton to tally three runs and it looked like a rout, but the Indians came back strong in the fourth inning to score six runs and win the lead 7-5. Chester Winslow stepped into one of Whitson's fast balls in this inning and knocked a home run while out of his teammates were on base. Edenton tied the count at 7-all in the fifth, then the Indians added two more runs to their total in the sixth. The game was a see-saw affair with first Edenton, then Perquimans scoring throughout the balance of the game. The Indians clinched their victory by scoring three runs in the last half of the eighth and Edenton brought its total to 11 runs by scoring two in the ninth.

Edward Lane, right fielder for the Indians had to be replaced in the lineup in the third inning when he misjudged a fly ball and was struck on the head.

Powell replaced Whitson as the Edenton pitcher in the fourth inning, after the Indians had clouted Whitson for three hits and six runs. Both teams played nervously which accounted for a large number of errors by both sides.

The Indians close their 1947 season when they return the Tuesday game in Edenton Thursday night.

Report Given on Junior Red Cross

Mrs. Ben Thatch, chairman of the Junior Red Cross in Perquimans County this week released a report on the activities of the Junior Red Cross during the past year. Mrs. Thatch reported 19 schools in the county were 100 per cent in joining the Junior Red Cross and collected more than the county quota in a recent drive. This reflected excellent work on the chairman and cooperation of the students.

The chairman reported that the Junior Red Cross cooperated in a project with the Forest Service in distributing forest fire prevention material in all of the schools in the county.

Two boxes of supplies were collected and shipped to veteran hospitals at Fayetteville for distribution among the patients. One of these boxes was from the Central Grammar School at Winfall and the other from the Hertford Grammar School. The chapter received letters of appreciation for the boxes, one letter being from Corrie Knight, Field Director of the Veterans Hospital and the other from Wallace F. Snow, Chief, Special Service, at the hospital. Both letters expressed deep appreciation for the boxes received from Perquimans County.

Music Class Presents Final Recital Thursday

Members of Mrs. R. M. Riddick's music class of the grammar grades presented their final recital on Thursday night, May 22, assisted by a chorus of 6th and 7th grade girls. Those taking part in the recital were Mable Frances Keel, Charles Johnson, Crawford Matthews, Corbin Dozier, David Butler, Marjorie Brinn, Jean Long, Sarah Sutton, Mary Anne Robertson, Evelyn Ann Elliott, Juanita Elliott, Phyllis Trueblood, Jack Phillips, Louise Chappell, Marion White, Howard Felton, Anne Stallings, Mabel Martin Whedbee, Anne Myers, Marguerite Butler, Eleanor Howell and Betty Lou Trueblood.

MEETING MONDAY

An Executive Meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church will be held Monday evening, May 26, at the home of Mrs. I. A. Ward at eight o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

4-H Club Vesper Services Sunday

Perquimans County 4-H Clubs will observe National 4-H Church Sunday, May 25, with a county wide vesper service scheduled for 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The services will be conducted on the grounds of the Hertford Grammar School. The vesper service will be preceded by a band concert which is scheduled to get underway at four o'clock.

Members of some of the county's 4-H Clubs will participate in the program which will be headed by the Rev. Charles W. Duling, who will deliver the principal address.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

On Sick List

Mrs. D. S. Darden is confined to her home this week because of sickness.

Commencement Finals Start Sunday With Baccalaureate At Local Church



Dwight D. Eisenhower, Army Chief of Staff and General of the Armies, has accepted an invitation to be a featured speaker at Farm and Home Week, to be held on the State College Campus, August 25-29 as a function of the Extension Service and co-operating farm organizations.

The distinguished general will speak in Riddick Stadium, the evening of August 28, according to present plans.

Quick Freeze Plant Nearing Completion To Open Shortly

Rapid progress is being made toward the completion of the Hertford Locker and Packing Company's new freezer locker plant, located adjacent to the Town ice plant, and it is reported by George W. Barbee, manager of the company, the plant is expected to be opened for business very soon.

Workmen are now finishing the installing of the freezing units, which will maintain the various rooms of the plant at proper temperatures to assure safety of foods processed and stored in the lockers. The construction of the building itself, a brick, concrete and cork insulated structure, is complete. All of the equipment necessary for operation is on hand and is being installed as rapidly as possible.

The local plant is well arranged, the building contains a huge locker room for the storage of food and this room will have 354 lockers, with capacity for about 250 pounds of food in each. The temperature of this room will be maintained at zero. Adjoining this room is the quick freeze room in which the temperature is kept at 20 below zero, and a curing room adjacent is a beef room for the cooling out of beef meats.

The lay-out of the plant is so complete it will operate in a highly efficient manner and offer excellent service to the public.

Mr. Barbee stated that in addition to renting of lockers for the storage of foodstuffs, the company will do slaughtering for customers and will handle all types of frozen foods for the public.

The plant will be so equipped that any processing of foods desired by a customer may be obtained, and the manager added prices for services at the local plant would be in line with charges made by similar plants in this area.

Open house at the new locker plant will be held as soon as the work is completed and the business is opened. However, the public has been invited to visit the plant at any time to watch the installation of machinery to be used by the company.

County Schools Close May 30 With Service At High School

Perquimans County's school children are eyeing the calendar these days and marking off the days remaining of the present school year. The Colored Schools close this week with final exercises a few days ahead of the white schools.

Commencement finals for Perquimans High School start with the baccalaureate service to be preached by the Rev. B. C. Reavis, at the Hertford Methodist Church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

Members of the Senior Class, following a meeting Wednesday morning, during which a discussion was held relative to changing the baccalaureate services from Sunday morning to Sunday evening, requested school officials to hold the services as originally planned. Members of the class expressed themselves as favoring the services be conducted on Sunday morning.

The final week will find the seniors presenting their class night program on Thursday and diplomas will be presented to the graduates at the exercises May 30th, when Judge Chester Morris will deliver the commencement address.

Final examinations are now in progress at the high school and it is expected that all class room work will be completed by next Wednesday.

E. C. Woodard, principal at the high school, announced some forty five students would be graduated from the school this year.

The names of the students to receive diplomas were released this week as follows: Durwood Barber, Jr., Thomas Butt, James Barber, Colonel Butler, Jean Chappell, Lois Chappell, Audrey Copeland, Lloyd Dail, Juanita Divers, Ramona Divers, Billy Elliott, Vivian Evans, Mather Hurdle, Miriam Jones, Bob Keaton, Sidney Layden, Floyd Long, Dotmegan Lane, Blanche Mansfield, Sybil Monds, Molly Oakey, Anna Mae Perry, Marjorie Lou Perry, Marjorie Phillips, Vernon Lee Perry, Mildred Pike, Elsberry Riddick, Mary Lina Raper, Josiah Smith, Louise Banks, Georgia Barnett, Helene Baker, Loraine Britton, Oneida Caddy, Mary Inez Chappell, Novella Chappell, Carolyn Trueblood, Eula Virginia White, Faye Winslow, Cecil Winslow, Clifford Winslow, Kader White, Faye Winslow, Mary Ruth Wood, Allene Yeates and Nancy Zachary. Two veterans, Edgar Berry and Edward Jones, by taking and passing veteran examinations will also be awarded diplomas.

The class valedictorian and salutatorian will be announced next week as soon as the faculty completes the tallying of the grades of the seniors.

Rotary Postpones Ladies Night Event Until June 3rd

A conflict in arranging the program caused the members of the Hertford Rotary Club to postpone their annual ladies night party from next Tuesday until June 3rd, Dr. A. B. Bonner, president of the club, stated today.

The committee appointed to arrange the program reported at a meeting Tuesday that Wade Marr, of Elizabeth City, has been secured as the guest speaker for the occasion but he would be unable to come to Hertford until June 3rd due to previously arranged engagements.

The local civic club will hold its ladies night dinner party at the Hotel Hertford and the program committee, headed by Dr. C. A. Davenport, and A. W. Hefren promises an excellent schedule of events for the evening.

Hertford Boy Scouts Meeting on Mondays

The recently re-organized troop of Boy Scouts met with their Scoutmaster, Paul Fisher, Monday night at the courthouse. A large number of boys, who have signed up for membership in the troop attended.

Much interest in being shown by the new members of Troop 155 and the scout leaders are hopeful that, with the continuous assistance of parents, the scout movement here will again reach the high place it once held in the Albemarle District.

SERVICES SUNDAY AT BERA CHURCH

The Rev. Preston Cayton will hold services at Berea Christian Church Sunday, May 25, at 11 A.M. and 7:45 P.M., it was announced today. The public is cordially invited.