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## Lions Club Installs Vann As President, Hears Major Oakey

### Club Committees For Year Named By New President

Major Walter H. Oakey, Jr., who has just returned home from a two weeks tour of active duty with the Marine Corps, was the guest speaker at the installation of the new Hertford Lions Club officers here Thursday night at a meeting held at the Colonial Tourist Home.

The new Lion president, C. R. Vann, who succeeds A. H. Edwards, read the list of his committees: Attendance: Lions Bill Cox, L. B. Sitterton and Jim Bass. Constitution and By-laws: A. T. Lane, Claude D. White and A. H. Edwards. Convention: Charles Williford, J. Elton Hurdle and Z. D. Robertson. Finance: Clarence Phillips, Julian White and B. L. Gibbs. Lions Education: Norman N. Trueblood, I. C. Yagel and E. C. Woodard.

Membership: Clinton Eley, F. A. McGoogan and Jarvis Ward. Program: R. R. White, S. S. Blanchard and Paul R. Fisher. Publicity: Charles Skinner, Rolac Webb and Walter Nowell. Activities Committees: Boys and Girls: T. P. Byrum, W. S. Butler and William B. Crafton. Citizenship and Patriotism: B. R. Ingram, Earlie Goodwin, Jr., and J. W. Hampton. Community Betterment: Thomas Phillips, W. S. Long and Z. D. Robertson. Education: Julian A. White, Charles Skinner and E. C. Woodard. Health and Welfare: F. A. McGoogan, R. L. Surner and Bill Fowler. Safety: Charles E. Ward, J. W. Hampton and Clinton Eley. Sight Conservation and Blind: Dr. I. A. Ward, L. B. Sitterton and Archie Lane. Welcoming: Jim Bass, W. W. Trueblood and Jarvis Ward. Food: A. H. Edwards, W. S. Butler and Bert Ainsworth. Military Affairs: Paul R. Fisher, B. L. Gibbs and S. S. Blanchard.

## Major Arthur Woods Speaker At Joint Meeting Of Legion

Major Arthur Woods, who recently returned from a tour of duty with the U. S. Army in Korea, was the guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Legion Auxiliary and the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion last Thursday night. The meeting was held in the Court House at Hertford.

The joint meeting was held for the purpose of installing new officers of the Auxiliary and American Legion. Installation services were conducted by Legionnaire B. C. Berry, who recently was elected to the post of vice commander for the First District.

Major Woods gave the members of the Auxiliary and the Legionnaires an interesting description of the people of Korea and their reaction to the political situation in that nation now occupied jointly by the United States and Russia. He also told of the social life of the country.

Members of the Auxiliary voted to suspend meetings during the month of August and will meet again on September 5 at eight o'clock in the Court House.

Following the installation of officers, members of the Legion post served refreshments.

## L. A. Smith Home Destroyed By Fire

A fire caused from a leaking oil stove which later exploded totally destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith of near Winfall last Friday morning. The fire was discovered at about 10:30 o'clock and gained such headway in a short time that only a few personal belongings were saved from the home.

The blaze gained headway so rapidly sufficient help to combat the fire arrived too late to control the flames. The house burned to the ground and only one bedroom suite and three chairs were carried from the home before the fire became so hot it was impossible to retrieve more of the family's personal effects. It was reported there was no insurance to cover any loss.

From Detroit • Elmer Chalk of Detroit, Mich., spent the Fourth of July holidays with Mrs. Annie Chalk.

## 4-H Clubbers Plan Annual Camp Trip

Twenty-six members of the 4-H clubs of Perquimans County have signed up to attend the annual 4-H Camp at Manteo during the week of July 14-19, according to County Agent I. C. Yagel.

Members from this county, who will join with club members from Chowan, Pasquotank, Tyrrell and Camden counties, are Margaret Ann Banks, Mae Wood Nixon, Virginia Long, Fred Mathews, Jr., Ann Meyers, Mary Vernon Ward, Frances Sutton, Janie Winslow, Derl Winslow, Sarah Ownley, Janice Yagel, Audrey Jackson, C. T. Mansfield, Tilson Chappel, Earlean Chappell, Myrtle Gordon Williams, Ray Lane, Horace Layden, Russell Stott, Earline Morse, Mattie Morse, Harold Colson, L. C. Proctor, John Chappell, Doris Stallings and Barbara Ann Benton.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The mystery of the "flying saucers," which claimed public attention during the biggest part of the past week, was cleared up when an Army official identified the "saucers" as a flying disc used to determine weather conditions in high altitudes. The gadget when being used was attached to a balloon and operated on wind currents like a kite, according to the Army official.

Thirteen nations have accepted the bid of the British and French to meet in Paris at a conference to work out an economic plan to advance recovery in Europe. The invitations were issued to 22 nations, but Russia and several of her satellites, including Poland, Yugoslavia and Romania, have failed to respond to the bid. Observers see a possibility that Russia may finally accept and may attend the conference. This observation was made with the acceptance of the bid on the part of Czechoslovakia, a border nation between Eastern and Western powers.

Congress again passed a tax reduction bill, this time by a vote of 302 to 112, and the Senate is expected to act on the measure before adjournment. The measure is the same bill vetoed by President Truman last month. Republicans in Congress report the measure has a good chance of becoming law. The only change in the bill calls for tax reductions to begin January 1, 1948, instead of July 1 of this year, as the bill originally stated.

Peace settled over the coal industry this week when coal operators and the union agreed and signed a contract for the miners. The agreement is reported to have given the union most of its demands, chief of which calls for a wage increase and additional royalties on coal mined, these royalties to go to the union's benefit fund. As the result of the contract terms, coal prices are expected to be raised one dollar per ton.

Congress passed a bill this week which will permit GI's to cash in their terminal leave bonds at any date after September 1. The measure was sent to the Senate for action by that body. Officials report bonds outstanding represent \$1,800 million, upon which the Government pays 2 1/2 per cent interest. Congressional leaders believe most GI's will cash their bonds if the measure is passed by the Senate.

## Boy Scouts Left Sunday For Camp

Eleven members of the Hertford Troop of Boy Scouts, accompanied by Scoutmaster Paul R. Fisher, left Sunday for Camp Darden, Virginia, for a week's outing. The local troop was joined by members of the Edenton troop for the annual camp.

Members of the Hertford Troop attending the camp are John Holmes, Guy Cannon, Garland Walker, Fred Mathews, Lawrence Sutton, Ben Thach, Carroll Berry, Julian White, Jr., W. C. Dozier, Jr., Jay Duling and Tommy Jones.

The Scouts were furnished transportation to the camp site by a U. S. Army truck which will also return the Scouts to Hertford at the close of the outing.

A full week's program of Scouting and recreation was planned for the Scouts attending the camp.

**MASONS WILL MEET TUESDAY**  
A meeting of Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, will be held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Court House. All Masons are urged to attend.

## Board Of Education Elects New Principal For Central School

### Routine Meeting Held Monday; More Teachers Still Needed

Meeting in regular session Monday, the Perquimans County Board of Education elected J. P. Snipes of Greenville to the position as principal of the Perquimans Central Grammar School. Mr. Snipes will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. A. Gurganus, who served as principal of the school for the past two years.

Mr. Snipes taught in the Bladen County schools last year. A graduate of Presbyterian College, he is working toward his master's degree this summer at Eastern Carolina Teachers College. He is married and has one child, seven months old. The new principal and his family are expected to move to Hertford sometime this summer and will make their home with J. W. Ward.

The Board reviewed the annual budget for the local school system, as passed upon by the Board of County Commissioners.

Upon a motion passed, the Board voted to send all students of the New Hope school to the Central Grammar school at Winfall during the next school term. The school at New Hope was consolidated last year.

A review of the plans for repairs to school buildings during this summer was made and repairs were authorized to be started immediately. Special effort will be made by the Board, it was reported, to secure the new heating plant for the Perquimans High School in order that it may be installed before the opening of the new term in September.

Members of the Board of Education, in the absence of F. T. Johnson, County Superintendent, who is recovering from a slight stroke suffered three weeks ago, discussed with E. C. Woodard the problems facing the Board in regard to teachers to fill the vacancies now existing in the local system. Efforts will be continued to secure teachers for these vacancies, and it is hoped that all positions will be filled within a short time.

Repairs to ceilings in rooms at the high school, and additional weatherstripping of windows was started this week, it was reported at the Board meeting.

## Board Seeks Dope On Road Project

J. W. Ward, clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, was authorized by the Board on Monday to write the State Highway Department requesting information regarding the proposed improvement to the Hertford-Center Hill highway.

The Commissioners for the Town of Hertford have long sought action on this project, promised by Merrill Evans, Highway Commissioner for this district, to be started just as soon as warm weather made possible a full schedule of operation.

Mayor V. N. Darden appeared before the County Board at its meeting this week requesting the County Board to join Town officials in seeking action immediately toward the improvement of the highway.

The State Highway Commission failed to grant a contractor the job of constructing the highway when bids were let last January, stating the bid was too high. The District Commissioner later visited the County Board and advised that the project would be taken over by the Highway Department and work would be started with the advent of warm weather.

The delay on the part of the State Highway Commission has seriously disrupted the plans of the Town Board for improvements it plans to make in that section of the Town which was incorporated into the Town proper in January, 1946. The plans of the Town must await completion, or near completion, of the Highway Department in the construction of the new roadway.

## Bethel HD Club To Present Hill Billies

The Bethel Home Demonstration Club will sponsor and present a hill billy jamboree at the Perquimans High School Friday night, July 18, at eight o'clock. The show will feature the Weston family and Rena Riggs of Norfolk, Sid Ward and the Chowan Serenaders, the Phillips boys, Pansy and Magnolia.

Proceeds from the show will be used for the benefit of the community house building fund of the Bethel club.

## Hertford Wins Three, Loses Two Games In League During Week

### Little Change Made In Standing of the Albe-marle Clubs

Hertford played better than .500 baseball during the past week when the Indians won three games and lost two. Starting with Edenton in a double header on July 4, the Indians won the afternoon game by a 6-2 count and lost at Edenton 3-0. The game at Edenton was protested and will be played over. Bauer was the winning pitcher and Jordan the loser in the 6-2 contest while Bell was the starting pitcher for the Indians in the night game. Vick pitched for Edenton. Hertford outthit Edenton in the second game, seven safeties to three, but were unable to take advantage of bunched hits and score.

Bell was on the mound for Hertford in Windsor on Sunday and allowed 19 hits which won the game for Windsor by a score of 11-5. The Windsor team started off with two runs in the first and got two more in the second, while Hertford tallied three in this inning. Windsor collected four runs in the sixth to tie up the game. White was the winning pitcher.

Windsor failed to maintain its winning streak when the Indians turned back the Rebels in a game on Memorial Field Monday night. Craig, pitching for Hertford, allowed eight hits and walked three batters, but the Indians played airtight ball on the defense and controlled the Windsor base runners, allowing only five runs. Hertford collected 10 hits off of Taylor and Miller, Windsor pitchers, and tallied nine runs.

Young, Indian third baseman, was injured on a pitched ball in the fourth inning and was replaced by Stokes, who played at first while Smith moved over to third.

In a play drawn out game Tuesday night the Indians handed Elizabeth City a defeat by a score of 11-10, in an eleven inning affair. Briggman started on the mound for Hertford but was relieved in the fifth by Wilson, who was credited with winning the game. Wilson pitched 4 1/2 innings and Craig relieved for the rest of the game.

Colerain handed Hertford its third defeat of the week when the nine from Bertie turned back Moe Bauer by a 5-4 score. The visitors collected 11 hits off Bauer, five in the second inning, when they tallied four runs. Johnson was on the mound for Colerain and gave up seven hits to the Indians. Hertford rallied in the ninth but failed by one run to tie the score. Bauer struck out three.

The Indians will play Suffolk on Memorial Field Friday night in the remaining game for this week.

## Rev. Finlator Speaks At Rotary Meeting

The Rev. W. W. Finlator, pastor of the Elizabeth City Baptist Church, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club Tuesday night. Mr. Finlator headed up the program with an interesting talk on four things one could do with life.

Pointing out that at the age of twenty-one, a person could, with reason, look forward to living 36 more years. During these 36 years, Mr. Finlator said, one could do either of four things with his life. First, he could run away from life, the pastor said, such as many people do. He illustrated the point with two examples one from a religious view and the other a political view. He pointed out that by running away from life a person merely sought refuge in the plan to hide from the realities of life itself.

Second, one could use his life by running with it, the speaker added, giving an example of this point a boat drifting with a stream, or an individual always seeking to be on a winning side. These two plans amounted to little, in the belief of the speaker, who in continuing stated that as a third thing one could do with life would be to put it to good use, using Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt as examples for this point. He told of the hardships these two men overcame to set an example for many other people who worked hard to overcome burdens in life. The fourth thing one could do with life, Mr. Finlator stated, was to put it to a good cause, working with diligence that others might see life in a better light and make the most out of it through the giving for a great cause.

## County Board Sets Tax Rate At \$1.50 Per Hundred Valuation; Adopts Budget

### Holiday Quietly Observed Locally

The July 4 holiday, observed over the entire week-end in many localities, was observed quietly in this immediate section. No serious accidents were reported and police officials reported no disturbances.

Local business houses observed the holiday by closing only last Friday.

Traffic through the Town of Hertford was unusually heavy during the entire week-end, with visitors traveling between this State and Virginia and the Lost Colony.

## Recorder's Court Has Long Session After Week's Recess

### Fifteen Cases Heard By Judge Johnson Here Tuesday

A total of fifteen cases were disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday following a week's recess of the court. Much time was consumed in hearing testimony given in three of the cases and it was mid-afternoon before the docket was cleared.

Ira Jones, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of non-support and was given a 30-day suspended sentence. He was ordered to pay into the clerk's office three dollars each week during July and five dollars each week thereafter, the sum to be placed at the disposal of his children.

Claude Byrd was found guilty of a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and fined \$10 and costs of court. An appeal to the superior court was noted in the case.

Court costs were assessed against Mildred Johnson, Negro, in the case charging Eugene Dail, Negro, with failure to pay a board bill.

Hoke Eason entered a plea of guilty to a charge of larceny, and was given a 30 day suspended sentence, fined \$25 and costs and placed on good behavior for six months.

Charlie Edwins, Negro, was fined \$10 and costs for driving without a license.

Costs of court was taxed against Nora Dail, Negro, in the case charging Grant Dail, Negro, with assault.

P. H. Small was assessed the costs of court on a charge of being drunk.

Mrs. Herman Taylor paid the costs of court on a charge of being drunk on the highways.

Herman Taylor entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving drunk. He paid a fine of \$100 and costs and his license was revoked for one year.

Raymond Williams, Negro, paid the costs of court on a charge of failing to dim his lights for oncoming cars.

Richard Detrich was fined \$15 and costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Leroy Everett and William Springle entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and paid fines of \$10 and costs.

Henry Parker, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of reckless driving. He was fined \$30 and ordered to pay the costs of court.

Conwell Jones, Negro, charged with fraud was found guilty and given a 60 day suspended sentence and fined \$30 and costs.

## Rotary, Lions Push C. Of C. Movement

With public sentiment seemingly in favor of a Chamber of Commerce organization for the Town of Hertford, members of the Rotary and Lions Clubs are planning a mass meeting to be held at the Court House in the near future, at which time details of an organization will be explained by representatives of Chambers of Commerce of Edenton and Elizabeth City.

The local civic clubs have undertaken the sponsorship of this movement and hope that all business and professional men and women of the town will attend the mass meeting when it is called. Efforts will be made to secure the secretary of the Edenton and Elizabeth City organizations to come to Hertford to explain the plan under which the Chambers operate in these two neighboring towns.

In addition to the two civic clubs, the local plan has the backing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

## Budget Calls For Expenditures of \$109,144 During Year

Perquimans County's budget for the current fiscal year will call for expenditures amounting to \$109,444, according to the budget adopted by the Board of County Commissioners at a meeting held Monday. The budget was drawn and presented by W. F. C. Edwards, county accountant. Of the figures given, \$80,932 will be expended for general county purposes, while the remainder, \$28,212 will be levied for the use of the county schools.

The general county budget is approximately the same as last year and an increase is noted in the school budget, due to expenditures for repair and upkeep of buildings.

Much time was consumed by the Commissioners in the budget adopting meeting and the entire day was needed for the Board to conclude all business brought to its attention. Through elimination of several items requested in the Board of Education budget and slight cuts in the general county budget, the Commissioners were advised by the county accountant that a tax rate of \$1.50 per hundred dollar valuation would be sufficient to raise the levy.

The tax rate of \$1.50, the same amount as last year, was so set by the Board.

According to the budget adopted, \$27,502 will be levied for the use of the general county fund, a tax levy of 40 cents was set for this amount; \$6,380 was set up for the poor fund and a levy of eight cents was made to provide this total; the debt service fund calls for \$36,620 and the levy for this fund is 60 cents; a sum of \$10,430 was adopted for the Welfare Department, which will include the county's portion of assistance to the aged and aid to dependent children, the levy for this fund is 15 cents, the remainder of the tax rate, 27 cents was levied to raise the funds for the school budget.

The Board authorized the purchase of window shades to be installed in the office used by the unemployment officials who visit Hertford every Tuesday.

Considerable time was given over to a discussion of problems of the Welfare Department, especially to the handling of hospitalization cases by the local department. The Commissioners tabled action on a proposal for increased funds to permit additional grants under old age assistance.

## Additional Fire Equipment Obtained

The Board of County Commissioners voted a grant of \$500 on Monday for the purchase of a used fire fighting unit, to be used by the Town of Hertford for lending assistance at fires outside the town limits.

The unit, a portable pumper, was purchased from the War Assets Administration at Harvey Point, can pump 500 gallons of water per minute, and is expected to be of valuable use in fighting fires outside the Town of Hertford.

The pumper will be repaired and placed in first class condition by the Town's Fire Department and will be manned by volunteers of the local department.

The purchase of the unit is in line with an agreement reached between the County and Town Board to provide additional aid for fighting fires in rural areas. The Town Board previously pointed out need for additional equipment in order to provide protection for property in Hertford at all times, thus being unable at times to allow its only pumper to answer calls for assistance outside of the town limits.

The new unit is expected to be ready for use within a very short time.

## New Books Listed At Perquimans Library

The Perquimans Library Board announced today a number of new books have been received and are now ready for use of the public. The listed books include There Was a Time, Where the Sabia Sings, Unless Two Be Agreed, Return to Night, Who Sees the Wind, Head Winds and other fiction stories.

Other non-fiction books are Outside Guide, Inside U. S. A., Three Came Home, Common Sense Care of Children, It's a Wise Parent, Study of History Story of the FBI, Shower Book, Flower Arrangements, Do You Know Your Baseball and Gilbert and Sullivan.