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A-B Drivers Urged To Apply For New License At Once

Persons whose last names begin with A or B have only a few days left in which to renew their driving licenses without fear of penalty. The Motor Vehicles Department announced today that out of the estimated 150,000 A and B drivers in North Carolina, only around 100,000 had thus far obtained new licenses.

Time is drawing short, and persons whose surnames begin with A or B who are caught driving after January 1 on an old license will be found guilty of a misdemeanor and will be fined not less than \$25.

Col. H. J. Hatcher, Commander of the State Highway Patrol, has announced that he plans to have patrolmen make spot checks along the highways after the first of the year for the purpose of catching delinquent A and B motorists.

Only a week remains for these drivers to renew their licenses, due to the fact that Christmas holidays for State employees will begin at 1 P. M. on Wednesday, December 24, and continue through December 28. In some areas of the State where an examiner goes only one or two days a week, the time is much more pressing.

The A's and B's were given the period beginning last January 1 and continuing through December 31 to take a re-examination and obtain new licenses. And 104 license examiners were placed on duty throughout North Carolina to take care of the re-examination program.

Beginning January 1 and continuing through June 30, 1948, persons whose last names begin with C and D will be re-examined. The Motor Vehicles Department is urging these persons to report to their examining stations early in the year, so as to avoid the last minute rush that is now prevalent with A and B drivers.

All licenses being issued under the re-examination program will expire on the birthday of the licensee in the fourth year following issuance. Licenses will not be renewed without a complete and thorough examination each time. In this way, the Department hopes to weed out the poor and inefficient drivers that are likely to cause accidents on our highways.

Few Opportunities Remain On Joy List

Individuals and organizations of Perquimans County who desire to assist unfortunates at Christmas time still have an opportunity to do so, according to C. Edgar White, superintendent of the Perquimans Welfare Department. Mr. White announced this morning that a few opportunities still remain on his list and persons who wish to help spread Christmas joy to these needy people should contact the welfare office immediately.

Food baskets have been made up by the Welfare Department from funds provided by a number of individuals and organizations and these are being distributed by the Welfare Department, assisted by members of the Perquimans Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Salvation Army also is aiding the local Welfare Department in bringing a bit of cheer into the lives of the county's less fortunate families at this Christmas time.

Youth Fellowship Group Meets At Evans Church

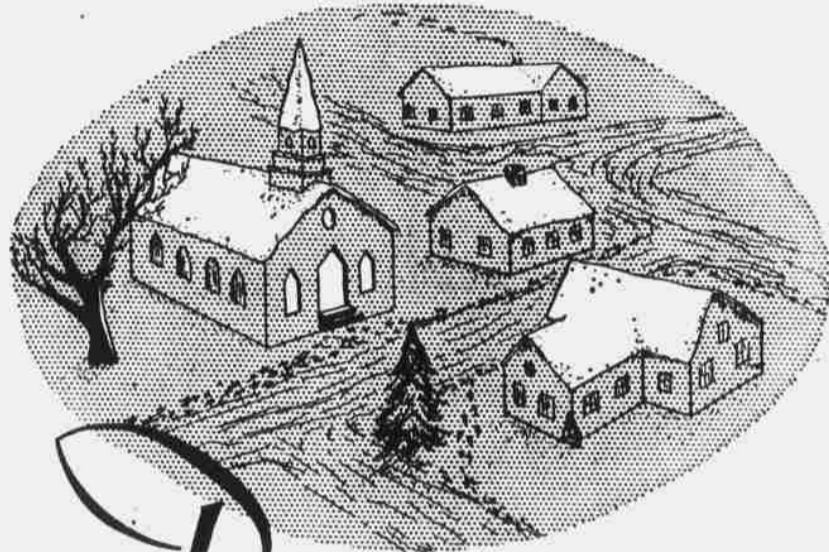
The Methodist Youth Fellowship held its regular meeting at the Evans Methodist Church Sunday, December 7, when it was decided to give a Christmas box to a needy family.

Members present at the meeting were Edna and Clifton Boyd, Beatrice Evans, Bernice and Kermit Williams, Stanford Perry, Audrey and Dorothy Keeter, Harman Parrish, Keith and Oscar Peoples, Jean Smith, Beatrice Evans, Lottie Ann and Douglas Leary, Belle White, Lola Mitchell, Ruthie Gray and the sponsors, Miss Helen Evans, Miss Louise Wilson and the Rev. E. R. Meekins.

Plans were made for a missionary pledge for the Methodist Youth Fund. This money, for which no definite amount has been set, will be due some time in October, 1948. Plans were also made for contributions to a camp fund, due before Christmas, 1947.

The evening's program was presented as a "Dramatic Concert" by Edna Boyd and Oscar Peoples, with Christmas carols sung by the choir. Christmas presents were then exchanged and refreshments served.

ALL THAT IS CHRISTMAS



PACE on earth . . . home . . . worship
freedom . . . friendships . . . loved ones . . . happy
children . . . the thoughtfulness of those about us
. . . let's preserve all that is Christmas and what
Christmas really means for all the days to come. And
may all these blessings be yours to enjoy.

THE EDITOR

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

(Reprinted From The New York Sun of September 21, 1937)

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

"Dear Editor:

"I am eight years old.

"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in the Sun, it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?"

"Virginia O'Hanlon."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real and so abiding as the Christmas story.

lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Car Inspection Law Effective January 1

The new automobile inspection law which was passed at the last session of the General Assembly and goes into effect January 1, has been causing a good deal of confusion lately—but it's really not so bad as it seems.

Under the law all automobiles have to be inspected one time during 1948. That means anytime during 1948. Beginning in 1949 cars must be inspected every six months.

Forty inspection stations will be set up throughout the State—on the basis of one station for each 20,000 automobiles. It is likely that one of these will be located here, although the rest of the towns in this area will have stations set up temporarily.

All the testing will be done with machinery and following the inspection each automobile driver will be given a card showing how close to perfect the car came.

Motto for the inspection is Seeing, Steering, Stopping—those factors in driving will occupy the most attention from the inspectors.

The most important point for drivers to know is that they do not have to have their cars inspected in order to drive during 1948, although they must have their cars inspected before the end of the year. The examination will cost \$1.00.

Highway officials point out that registrations cards for automobiles are more important this year than ever before, since no inspections will be made before the registration card is first presented.

"Christmas time is family time, the season of reunion, of joy in one's children, of drawing even closer the most fundamental ties that bind us together—truly a season to be merry," said Ned H. Dearborn, president of the Council.

"But it is a season to be wary, as well. The tragedy of an accident becomes even more poignant during the Yule season. It takes only a little forethought, a little extra care and, often, just a little extra courtesy to make certain a Christmas celebration of joy and festivity unshaded by accidents.

"Remember—don't let death take your holiday."

From Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Newborn of Gainesville, Fla., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Jenkins Walters and Miss Lotus Spivey.

County Tax Listers To Begin Duties On Thursday, January 1

J. W. Ward, Perquimans County Tax Supervisor, announced that the tax listers for the five townships and members of the Board of Commissioners met at the Court House last week for the purpose of reviewing instructions and receiving supplies for the tax listing job.

The list of property for taxes will get under way January 1, and a schedule of places where the tax listers will work will be published next week. The tax listers for this year, as appointed by the Board of Commissioners at the December meeting are: Carroll V. Ward, Belvidere Township; John O. White, Hertford; Seth Long, New Hope; Roy S. Chappell, Bethel, and Raymond Stanton, Parkville.

Mr. Ward issued an appeal to property owners of the county to list early and thus aid the tax listers by helping to avoid a last minute rush. All property owners who fail to list their property by January 31 will be taxed with a late listing penalty.

Each farmer must report the acreage of each crop, as in previous years, and the tax supervisor requests all farmers to render the tax lister every aid in making out this report.

Masons Select W. F. Ainsley As Master

Members of Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., have elected W. F. Ainsley to serve as master of the lodge during 1948. It was announced following election of officers at a recent meeting. Other officers elected were R. C. Murray, Senior Warden; Dr. A. B. Bonner, Junior Warden and C. C. Winslow, secretary.

Appointive officers will be named by Mr. Ainsley following installation services to be conducted soon.

Mr. Ainsley succeeds C. C. Winslow as master and Mr. Winslow will replace J. S. Vick, who served as secretary of the local lodge for a long number of years.

Rotary Club To Hold Holiday Meetings

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club will hold their regular meetings during the two weeks of Christmas and New Year's holidays. The members voted to meet regularly despite the nearness of the holidays to the regular meeting days.

Navy Representatives In Meeting Here Thursday Regarding Lease Of Harvey Point

Early Edition

This week's edition of The Perquimans Weekly has been printed and comes to its readers several days ahead of the usual schedule. This stepping up of the press schedule will enable the editor and the printers of The Weekly to enjoy a vacation during the holiday season. Editor and Mrs. Campbell will spend the Christmas holidays with their father, J. C. Campbell at Shelbyville, Indiana, and will return to their home here on New Year's day.

In this issue of The Weekly the merchants and business men of Hertford are sending season's greetings to the residents of this trade area and to the readers of The Weekly. These fine expressions of greetings tell of the appreciation local merchants hold for residents of this area for the patronage in local stores during the past year.

New Superintendent At County Farm Jan. 1

Perquimans County Farm will have a new superintendent on January 1 when J. C. Morgan assumes the duties which have been performed for the past ten years by C. B. White.

Mr. Morgan was appointed to the post last August by the Board of County Commissioners after Mr. White had notified the Board he would not be an applicant for reappointment, and was well recommended for the position as superintendent of the home.

County plans for changing the County Farm into a boarding home for the aged is still very tentative and Mr. Morgan will operate the County Farm under the same set-up as has been the custom of the past several years.

Edenton Netters Win From Indians

Showing exceptional form for basket shooting, the Edenton Aces won a hard fought basketball game from Coach Joe Levinson's Indians Thursday night by a score of 36-31. The Indians Javee team also lost to the Edenton juniors by an 18-11 count. Cannon was the outstanding player for the Indian Javees, counting for four of his team's 11 points.

In the final game, Edenton jumped into a commanding lead over the Indians, who were slow in organizing their offensive drive, and withstood a determined drive by the local cagers during the second half of the contest.

Edenton held a 14 point lead at one stage of the game, but the Indians, led by Tucker, Webb and Pitt, who scored 13, eight and six points respectively, closed this margin to five points before the final whistle.

Hertford Stores To Take Two-Day Holiday

Local residents are reminded that the majority of Hertford stores and business houses will be closed two days this week in observance of Christmas. Most of the stores will be closed all day December 25 and 26 in order to give merchants and employees brief vacations.

All stores will be open all day on Saturday, December 27. This closing is in line with Governor R. Gregg Cherry's proclamation which declared December 25 and 26 as legal holidays.

High School Glee Club Sings Carols

Members of the Perquimans High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Hopkins, presented a number of Christmas carols, sang over the chimes system of the Hertford Baptist Church, Thursday afternoon. The program was widely heard and enjoyed by the residents of Hertford.

Don Juan Company Holds Xmas Party

Officials and employees of the Don Juan Manufacturing Company and a number of guests enjoyed a Christmas party at the company's office on Grubb Street Tuesday afternoon, December 23. Refreshments were served by the company.

Town of Hertford Offered Lease; Board Expresses Interest In Proposition

Captain J. T. Brown, Chief Staff Officer, Naval Air Command of the Fifth Naval District, and T. J. Crooks, civil engineer on the staff, met with members of the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford last Thursday night, at which time discussions relative to a lease of the Harvey Point Naval Base were held.

It was pointed out during the meeting that the Town of Hertford has an opportunity to lease the base from the Navy for a sum of one dollar per year, and in turn receive the right to sub-lease a part or any portion of the base, subject to approval of sub-leases by the Navy Department.

After hearing details of the proposition, as explained by Captain Brown and Mr. Crooks, members of the Town Board expressed an interest in obtaining a lease, subject to several problems relative to sub-leasing.

The Town's interest in obtaining the base is for the purpose of farming, grazing and mainly to promote recreational and community activities.

Both Captain Brown and Mr. Crooks told the Board that changes have been made in leases given by the Navy on bases such as Harvey Point, and that leasee liability has been lessened, since similar bases have been leased following the close of the war. The Town of Hertford, according to the Naval representatives, is not obligated to the upkeep of the buildings and property of the Navy in the event a lease is consummated. The Navy, primarily, is interested in retaining title to the land and will lease the base on a revocable contract under those terms. Of course, under such a lease the Navy may regain possession upon given notice.

At the present time Harvey Point is under control of the War Assets Administration, but the Navy has requested and expects to regain control over the base from WAA sometime during the next thirty days. The Department is interested in negotiating a lease soon.

Under the terms of the lease, if the Town negotiates one, the Town may sub-lease part or all of the base site, thus receiving a source of additional revenue in the way of rentals. It has been reported, but not confirmed, that several parties have expressed an interest in sub-leasing part of the base and some of the buildings in event the Town leases the site.

One of the important problems relative to a lease of the base, and which members of the Town Board proposes to investigate is the supplying of electric power for the site. The Navy Department was served power by the VEP Company, and several points pertaining to the item must be settled before definite action can be taken in regards to sub-leasing any part of the base for industrial use.

According to Captain Brown, the WAA disposed of most of the property situated at the base, and the Navy will take back the land and buildings thereon. The base contains some 1,250 acres of land, it was reported at the meeting.

Definite action is expected to be taken by the Town Board after investigation of certain problems, including the power supply, has been completed.

Chairman Calls For Xmas Seals Report

Zack T. White from Boston, Mass., will arrive home Wednesday to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs. T. S. White, Sr.