

HERTFORD ON LONG RANGE ELIGIBLE LIST TO RECEIVE NEW POST OFFICE BUILDING

Building Will Cost Approximately \$200,000 When Built

The possibility that Hertford might get a new Post Office building, costing in the neighborhood of \$200,000, was reported Tuesday from Washington. The report stated that Hertford was among a number of other cities and towns in North Carolina slated to get new federal buildings, provided a Senate bill calling for expenditure of \$40,000,000 in the federal office program, is passed by the House and received the signature of President Truman.

It was pointed out in the report that the matter is a long range program. The report stressed that no money currently is available for the complete building program and no such expenditures are recommended in the 1949-50 budget.

New buildings for cities of Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Fayetteville, Kinston, Tarboro and Wilson, along with others, costing in excess of \$200,000 are included in the program as well as some 50 new buildings for smaller towns.

In all instances before a site can be planned a specific authorization must be passed by Congress, and before anything further can be done appropriations for such a national program must be enacted. The building, if and when it is done, will be on a nation-wide scale, with a proportionate share of the work going to each Congressional district, depending upon its needs.

The list of cities and towns eligible for such new buildings was prepared by the Federal Works Administration and the Post Office Department.

Hertford is one of the few towns in this part of the First Congressional District without a government-owned federal building. The building now used by the Post Office is leased from the owner.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina and widely known for his voluntary work on government missions, has been named by Governor Kerr Scott to the post as U. S. Senator, to fill the Senate vacancy caused by the death of Senator J. M. Broughton. Governor Scott announced his appointment of Graham to the position Tuesday night at a meeting held at Chapel Hill. According to the announcement, Dr. Graham had been Scott's choice for the position for some time but had turned down the appointment until this week. Graham resigned as president of the University immediately following the Governor's announcement.

Indications are that the Legislature will be in session until some time about mid-April, according to reports coming out of Raleigh. Many important phases of legislation remains to be acted upon by the General Assembly, along with a host of local bills expected to be dumped into the Assembly hopper during the closing days of the meeting. This week the Senate Finance Committee handed Governor Scott a rebuff by making a one-cent increase on gasoline tax contingent on approval of a 200 million dollar road bond issue at the polls.

Rent control, which has been a major issue in the present session of Congress, moved nearer to decontrol this week when the Senate overrode administration recommendations and voted to let towns and city governments abolish rent controls in their areas if the state governor approved. This places the proposition on local option basis, pointed out by many as the proper method for continuing the law.

Louis A. Johnson, former assistant secretary for war, has been approved by the Senate to the position as Secretary of Defense, to succeed James Forrestal, who resigned two weeks ago. Johnson was named to the office by President Truman.

FIREMEN ANSWER CALL

Hertford's Fire Department answered a call Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to the home of Mrs. Seeberry Lane. Curtains at a window in the home had caught fire but the blaze had been extinguished by the time firemen arrived at the scene.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. George Beck announce the birth of a daughter, born Saturday at the Clinch Hospital.

Appointed Senator



DR. FRANK P. GRAHAM

In a surprise announcement Tuesday night, Governor Kerr Scott appointed Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, as United States Senator to succeed the late J. Melville Broughton. Dr. Graham has accepted the appointment, and shortly after his acceptance, tendered his resignation as president of the University.

Perquimans Chapter Of NCEA Elects New Officers For Year

At a meeting of the Perquimans County Chapter of the North Carolina Education Association at Central Grammar School in Winfall on Thursday afternoon, March 17, Mrs. Lucille Allen of Hendersonville received the group's support, as state president, and Mrs. Margaret McDermott of Winston-Salem received their support as state vice president.

The officers elected to serve the Perquimans County Chapter of the NCEA for next year are: Miss Ruth Elliott, president; Mrs. Annabell Whitley, vice president, and Mrs. Ruby Winslow, secretary and treasurer.

Local delegates to the NCEA convention which is to be held in Asheville, N. C., on April 7, 8 and 9, will be J. T. Biggers and J. P. Snipes.

It was announced that on Wednesday, April 20, at 7:30 the Perquimans County NCEA Chapter will have a dinner meeting at Hotel Hertford. A. D. Hurlburt of Eastern Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, will be the guest speaker at this meeting.

College Glee Club Here On March 30

The Student Council of Perquimans County High School will act as host to the Greensboro College Concert Glee Club on March 30, 1949 at 12:45 P. M. The Greensboro Glee Club will render an hour concert in the auditorium of Perquimans County High School for the purpose of furthering a love of music among the younger generation of today. This is the first concert of 1949 to be held in the school for the students and it is hoped that in the future that other concerts of its type may be provided for the students. The Glee Club's thirty-three members will be guests of the school for lunch. A small admission will be charged to each student attending the concert.

H. S. Seniors Present Show On April 8th

The seniors of Perquimans County High School are making preparations for their senior play, "Lindy Lou," to be held on Friday, April 8, in the Perquimans County High School auditorium.

"Lindy Lou" is a comedy in three acts and provides an evening of fun and laughter for all. Those in the cast are Lindsey Reed, Ann Hollowell, Richard Futrell, Howard Pitt, Dolon Winslow, Leon Elliott, Marietta Jolley, Maude Holmes, Jean Chappell, Pat Morris and Mary Louise Mansfield.

The play will be given at 8 o'clock in the auditorium with an admission of 25 cents for children and 50 cents for adults.

Perquimans Nine To Play Washington Hi Tuesday Afternoon

Game Marks Opening of Baseball Season For Indian Team

Perquimans High School will open its defense of the Albemarle Conference baseball championship for this year with a non-conference game with the Washington Pam Pack at Washington next Tuesday afternoon, it was announced this week by Coach Joe H. Levinson.

The Indians have a large number of veterans from their 1948 team back for this season and these players include Billy Winslow and Earl Rogerson, pitchers; Howard Pitt, Tracy Benton, Earl Winslow and Bill Pegram, infielders; Jack Symons and Edward Lane, outfielders. Missing from the lineup this season will be John Ward, Chester Winslow and Emmett Elmore. Pete Spivey, second string catcher last season, is expected to do most of the receiving this season. Along with these veterans, Coach Levinson has a host of recruits to bolster the strength of his squad.

Present plans call for the Indians to play a 16-game schedule this spring with the opening game at Washington next Tuesday. The Indians will play their first home game here against Gatesville on April 8.

The schedule, barring no further changes, will see the Perquimans boys playing some of the more outstanding teams of the Albemarle and will also afford a possible crack at the Albemarle Conference championship play-off, slated to be held during the week of May 9-13.

The schedule for the Indians is as follows:

- March 29—Washington, there.
- April 1—Columbia, there.
- April 5—Gatesville, there.
- April 8—Gatesville, here.
- April 12—Jamesville, there.
- April 15—Edenton, there.
- April 20—Elizabeth City, here.
- April 22—Columbia, here.
- April 26—Jamesville, here.
- April 27—Elizabeth City, there.
- April 29—Scotland Neck, here.
- May 3—Williamston, there.
- May 6—Williamston, here.
- May 9-13—Albemarle play-off.
- May 17—Edenton, here.
- May 20—Ahoskie, here.
- May 24—Washington, here.
- May 27—Open.

All home games, beginning with the Elizabeth City game on April 20, will be played at night.

Some Stores Begin Wed. Closing April 6

A number of Hertford stores and business houses will begin observing half-day holidays on Wednesdays starting April 6, it was announced this week by Simon Rutenburg, who surveyed the stores concerning the half day closings.

The stores who have announced closing dates to begin the first Wednesday in April are Hertford Town Office, Simon's, W. M. Morgan Furniture Co., Murray Motor Parts Co., White's Dress Shop, Jones Kiddie Shop, Gregory's, Darden's, Rose's, Davenport & Blanchard's, Western Auto Store, Hertford Furniture Company, Woodland Dress Shop, Cannon's Grocery, Keith's Grocery and Barber's Store.

A number of other establishments including J. C. Blanchard Co., and the local dry cleaners plan to close for half days on Wednesdays beginning with June.

The 16 stores that have signified intentions of closing beginning April 6 will observe the half day holidays until further notice. Patrons of the stores are requested to take note of the closing and make purchases accordingly.

Operators Urged To Renew Licenses

License Examiner W. E. Nelson stated Wednesday that up to date a very small number of persons, whose last name begins with H, I, J or K have applied for renewal of operator's license.

Nelson added that long lines of applicants are expected to renew their licenses as the June 30th deadline draws near. He urged that those motorists now eligible to renew licenses to do so immediately to avoid the last minute rush.

Nelson is in Hertford each week on Wednesday and Thursday for the purpose of giving examinations. He may be located in the police department headquarters.

Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, Jr. Speaker At Regional Convention Of B. T. U.

Banquet Is Planned For Meeting In Murfreesboro April 8-9

The program committee announces that Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, pastor of Hayes-Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh, will bring the inspirational address for the Friday night session of the annual Regional Training Union Convention at the Murfreesboro Baptist Church April 8-9. Dr. Kincheloe's subject will be "God's Call to Christian Laymen" and the address will be a climax to the evening session of talks, vocal and instrumental music—as well as an appropriate screen projection. For a number of years Dr. Kincheloe has been an active supporter of the Training Program in North Carolina and also Virginia. For this reason, and also the fact that he is a popular speaker, Dr. Kincheloe will be received with much enthusiasm.

The committee also announces that definite plans have been completed for a fellowship banquet on Friday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock. The host Murfreesboro church will provide the meal and the program for the banquet. The Rev. William P. Milne, Aulander pastor, will bring a short inspirational address on the subject "Faithful in Our Social Activities" at the close of the banquet. Those planning to attend the convention will be interested in this attractive feature of the convention program. It is requested by the committee that directors, leaders, pastors, etc., inform the Rev. Warren F. Taylor in Murfreesboro how many from their group or B. T. U. they estimate will attend the banquet. This will help plan sufficient plates to take care of all who wish to attend.

The convention opens Friday afternoon, April 8, at 2:50 o'clock and closes at noon on Saturday, April 9. Besides the banquet on Friday afternoon there will be an evening session at 7:15 o'clock and a Saturday morning session at 8:50 o'clock. The convention embraces some 120 Baptist Churches in the Chowan and West Chowan Associations and covers the geographical areas known as Northeastern North Carolina.

Central PTA Hears Program On Safety

The Parent-Teacher Association of Central Grammar School held its regular meeting Monday night with the president, Mrs. Eddie Harrell, presiding.

The subject for the meeting was "Safety in the Home, School and Community," with the White Hat and New Hope communities in charge of a very interesting program.

"My Old Kentucky Home" was used as the opening song. The Rev. W. W. Finlator, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, conducted an inspirational devotional. A solo, "After," was sung by Leslie Winslow.

After the business session a short recreational period was conducted by Mrs. E. B. Edwards. The contestants were Delwin Eure and Leslie Winslow, with Leslie Winslow being the winner.

Mrs. Horace Miller and Mrs. Leroy Dail sang "There's No Friend to Me Like Jesus." Mrs. F. T. Johnson spoke on the subject, emphasizing the importance of safety in the home, school and community.

Mrs. E. B. Edwards' room, third and fourth grades, won the attendance prize.

Recorder's Court Hears Four Cases

Four cases were disposed of here in Perquimans Recorder's Court at Tuesday's session and on motion of defense attorneys for trial by jury two other cases were moved up to the Superior Court docket.

Ambrose Hopkins, Carlyle Doring and William Gallagher each entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding and paid fines of \$10 and costs of court.

Thomas Perry entered a plea of guilty to a speeding charge and paid a fine of \$15 and costs.

The case charging Claude Small, Jr., with drunken driving was moved by the defense for a trial by jury.

Charged with non-support, Kyree Copeland, through his attorney, C. B. Holmes, requested a trial by jury and this case also was moved up to the Superior Court on a motion Superior Court.

CURTAILMENT WESTERN UNION SERVICE IN HERTFORD APPEARS AS POSSIBILITY

In There Pitching



Special summer camps for crippled youngsters provide Ronnie and other handicapped boys and girls with exercise, companionship and outdoor fun. Though he uses a crutch, Ronnie can still pitch horseshoes and do a lot of other things. Camps and crutches and many other facilities are made possible through your purchase of Easter Seals. Buy and use Easter Seals today.

BPW Club To Elect Officers At Meeting Here April 8th

Perquimans Business and Professional Woman's Club will observe its first birthday on April 16, it was reported in an annual report of the club's activities released this week. The local club was organized April 16, 1948, after arrangements had been completed by four members of the club from Rocky Mount.

During the past year the club has been active in civic affairs, according to the report, having held regular monthly meetings and sponsored a number of civic projects including the awarding of a BPW medal to the outstanding student of the commercial class at Perquimans High School. The club has joined with other civic groups in Hertford to promote a health program, malaria control, Girl Scouts, better mail service and aided in public campaigns for funds such as the March of Dimes.

The next meeting of the club, which now consists of 34 members, will be held on April 8 at the Agriculture Building in Hertford, for the purpose of electing officers for the new club year. Mrs. Lawrence Towe is president of the club this year.

To Conduct School Health Department

Officials of the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden Health Department announced this week that plans for conducting a food handlers school have been completed and that the school will be held on March 29 and 30 in the auditorium of the Agriculture Building at Elizabeth City. The program calls for two classes each day, beginning at 9:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

The school will be open, not only to individuals now employed as food-handlers but to all persons who may consider taking a part time job in food establishments. The Health Department is hopeful that all school lunch room workers will be able to attend.

Speakers on the program will include Willis Keith, medical technician at Albemarle Hospital; M. M. Melvin, executive vice president of the N. C. Restaurant Association, and W. C. Lackey, State Board of Health.

Each session of the school will last approximately 90 minutes, it was announced, with the program being the same for both sessions during the first day and then changing on the second day.

Goal Reached

Herbert N. Nixon, chairman of the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross, announced late Wednesday that the \$1,100 quota assigned this county in the 1949 annual roll call campaign, had been reached. He said that all reports turned in by solicitors had not as yet been tabulated and therefore the exact amount contributed during the drive has not been determined.

Protest of Action Being Made By Local Business Men; Company Offers Plan

Hertford and Perquimans County faced the possible loss of complete Western Union service during the past week-end and as the problem now rests there may be drastic curtailment of the service unless the Western Union works out new plans for servicing this community.

The situation came about some time ago, according to a report, when the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company requested the Western Union to withdraw its office and service, from the local railroad station, which had acted for years as Western Union headquarters.

Since that time Western Union officials have been trying to establish a new set-up for the service here. They originally planned to install a teletype machine in a local store to handle messages, both incoming and outgoing, but on applying for a direct telephone wire, needed for operation of the teletype machine, the telephone company quoted a price Western Union officials deemed too high for the amount of business done in Hertford.

The Western Union then decided to place the community on a type of service whereby patrons would leave messages with an agent to be phoned into Western Union offices at Elizabeth City, which, of course, would cost the patron 20 cents for phone service on the message, in addition to the regular charge of the telegram. Incoming telegrams would have been handled in a like manner.

On Monday of this week W. T. Owens, district supervisor for Western Union, came to Hertford to establish some kind of a service, inasmuch as the separation of the service from the railroad became effective last Saturday evening. A number of Hertford business men met with Mr. Owens and protested the curtailment of the service here and a number of these men are forwarding letters of protest to the Western Union office at Greensboro. Mr. Owens, after being advised that it was the desire of this community to have the benefits of a complete service by Western Union, stated that he will present the matter to his superiors at Greensboro.

Mr. Owens advised Mayor V. N. Darden that a public hearing, before the Public Service Commission, will be necessary before Western Union can withdraw or curtail its service in this community.

There is every possibility that residents of Hertford will file a protest with the Public Service Commission in the event curtailment of the service is ordered.

Local business men who met with Mr. Owens besides Mayor Darden were C. P. Morris, R. M. Riddick, Jr., Henry C. Sullivan and Max Campbell. It was pointed out to Mr. Owens that practically every business man in Hertford opposes any drastic change in the service.

Since the service was discontinued at the railroad station last Saturday, the community has been without a Western Union agent and residents desiring to send telegrams have been forced to call the Western Union office in Elizabeth City to send messages.

Mr. Owens returned to Hertford Tuesday afternoon and advised Mayor Darden that his company will continue efforts to provide full service for this community but for the time being business will be operated on a temporary basis with Roberson's Drug Store serving as local agent for the Western Union.

Further action on the part of residents here is pending and will be determined by action taken by Western Union toward restoring the service to its complete status.

Local Bill Presented In General Assembly

A bill to amend the statutes of North Carolina, fixing the fees of the register of deeds for this county has been introduced in the General Assembly by Representative E. Leigh Winslow, it was reported by the Institute of Government.

The bill, it has been reported, will permit an increase in fees paid the register of deeds for recording of legal papers, such as deeds, mortgages and the like in the new double listing of records being set up in the office.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. and Mrs. Clinton W. Morgan, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., announce the birth of a son, Clinton Alan, born Saturday, March 19th. Mrs. Morgan was Miss Lillian Carroll Blanchard.