

Survival From Atomic Attack Subject Of Rotary Program Presented Tuesday

Public Warned To Heed Warnings Of Civilian Defense

A lecture and film on "How to Survive an Atomic Attack" was presented as a community service by the Hertford Rotary Club last Tuesday night to a small but interested group of citizens who gathered at the municipal building to hear the lecture given by CPO Vernon Sapp, U. S. Navy.

CPO Sapp is an instructor in Atomic Defense at the Naval Base in Norfolk. He opened his lecture by telling the audience local and national conditions may come and go but atomic bombs are here to stay.

Mr. Sapp pointed out there is lack of interest on the part of the public to the possibility of an atomic attack, but said he believed this was due to the fact the public had had too much "forced-feeding" on the subject and had lost interest.

Using easily understood terms, Mr. Sapp gave scientific background for the make-up of nuclear energy contained in an atom bomb, and the effects created by an attack with this weapon. He told the group an atomic explosion will cause injuries and death in three categories; first, from the effects of the blast, from burns and from radiation.

He explained steps to be taken by individuals in protecting themselves from these three dangers, and urged every person to heed his advice of the Civilian Defense.

Injuries caused by the blast of an atomic bomb, Mr. Sapp pointed out, are not so much from the blast itself but from flying missiles, such as pieces of furniture, parts of buildings, automobiles, bricks and the like which are blown through space by the blast. The burns are sustained from the heat generated by the explosion, usually when a person is exposed or has not taken cover at the time of the explosion. The third type of injury comes from the nuclear rays given off by the explosion and these rays cause a deterioration of the blood system in the body.

Three types of atom bombs are used in an attack, the officer pointed out, these being the air-burst, when the bomb is exploded above the target; surface burst, which is one when the bomb explodes on contact with the ground and sub-surface burst, when the bomb is exploded under water.

The film presented by Mr. Sapp was based upon scenes showing the three types of explosions, and steps to be taken by individuals in protecting themselves from injuries or after effects from an atomic attack.

Bethel Residence Destroyed By Fire

A fire completely destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Proctor, of the Bethel community last Monday afternoon. Some of the personal property of the family's was recovered before the blaze engulfed the home.

The home was one of the oldest in Perquimans County, according to reports, being more than 100 years in age. It was the Proctor family residence, and was recently remodeled by Mr. and Mrs. Proctor.

The Hertford Fire Department was called to the scene at about 5:25 P. M., but the fire had gained so much headway the firemen were unable to extinguish the blaze, but did save a number of outbuildings located nearby.

No one was at home at the time the fire started, but it is believed the cause was due to a defective switch on an electric refrigerator. Mr. Proctor had left the home a short time before, to drive some laborers to their homes, and he discovered the fire upon his return.

Firemen returned to the scene again at about 8:45 Monday night to put out embers from the fire which threatened to restart the fire.

Record Shipment Of Watermelons

Folks up Belvidere-way believe some kind of a record was established at the farm of Beoch and Shelton Chappell, on last Monday, when friends gathered to assist in loading watermelons for shipment to a Pennsylvania market.

Three trailer-loads of the melons, 3,150 by actual count, grown on the farm of Mr. Chappell, were loaded between the hours of one and six P. M., and the shipments then started for the northern market.

Mr. Chappell stated that this was his first year for growing watermelons and his crop was better than average considering the unusual dry weather this summer.

County Board Will Meet Next Monday

The regular August meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be held next Monday morning, beginning at 10 A. M. The Board is expected to consider architect's plans for the construction of a new health building, and also a proposed increase in the budget for the District Health Department.

Members of the Board, and other county officials, have been invited to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Morgan at a dinner at the county home following the Board's meeting.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

After more than three years of fighting and two years used up negotiating a truce, an armistice was signed in Korea last Sunday. Fighting halted 12 hours after the signing of the armistice, and the next day the troops began moving back from battle lines to create a 2½-mile buffer zone. Commissions from five nations, which had no part in the war, are now in Korea to supervise the carrying out of the terms of the truce. Prisoner of war exchange was one of the first steps expected to be taken, and this work is now under way. War prisoners are expected to be on their way home before too many days have passed. August 5 was set as the date for the first POW exchange.

The armistice in Korea, ending the actual fighting, is expected to lead to a political conference at which the principal nations involved will attempt to settle the problems of Korea. The United Nations, led by the U. S. will be expected to take a firm stand for unifying the country. Secretary of State Dulles was reported saying last Tuesday he will not agree to seating Communist China in the United Nations as a trade for a unified Korea. The end of the fighting in Korea is expected to save the U. S. billions of dollars, inasmuch as the United States was paying for almost all costs of the war insofar as the UN was concerned.

An announcement from Washington on Tuesday reported the truce in Korea may bring a cut in draft calls, in the immediate future, but an increase in draft calls may be expected after mid-1954, in order to maintain the strength of the armed forces. Many enlistments will expire by the middle of next year, and the draft will be used to keep the armed forces up to required strength.

Congress Tuesday pigeon-holed an Administration request for an increase in postal rates, effective on all types of mail. President Eisenhower had requested the legislation to help offset the deficit of the Post Office Department. Washington sources state the measure will likely come up again in the next session of Congress.

Word from a New York hospital reports Senator Robert A. Taft, who was forced to relinquish his leadership in the U. S. Senate because of illness, is not recuperating as expected. The condition of the Senator was reported as unsatisfactory. Mr. Taft has undergone an operation but there was no disclosure as to what the operation showed or any clue as to the nature of his illness.

Miss Katherine Boyce Weds Ben H. Miller

In a quiet, but beautiful wedding, which took place Friday, July 24, at 5 P. M., Miss Katherine Boyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boyce of Hertford, Route one, became the bride of Ben H. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller of Winfall.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Bennie Crawford, pastor of the bridegroom, at his home in Hertford.

The bride wore a lovely white nylon dress with navy accessories. Her corsage was of red rosebuds.

Mrs. H. B. Miller, sister-in-law of the bridegroom, was matron of honor. She wore a dress of yellow nylon with navy accessories and her corsage was of pink rosebuds.

H. B. Miller was best man for his brother.

Following the ceremony the couple left on a wedding trip to Asheville and other points in the Western part of the State.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend and visiting Masons are welcome.



WALKING A TIGHT ROPE, a feat usually associated with circus acrobats, also is an important part of the Army's mountain training near Camp Saalfelden, Austria. Above a soldier shows how to use a suspension bridge erected for untrained troops to enable them to cross canyons.

Wildlife Officials Reject Two Sites For Launching Facility

Burford Tatum, representative of the State Wildlife Resources Commission, met with the Hertford Town Board in a special meeting here last Monday night to confer over the proposed installation of a boat launching facility in this area.

Mr. Tatum advised members of the Board that the State Commission had considered and rejected two sites, located within the town limits, as possible locations for the project. He stated the site located on the river shore, back of the municipal building, was unacceptable because it was too small, and public sentiment had been expressed against this site being used for such a purpose. The second site rejected was the location adjacent to a tract of land owned by the town and being used as a dump.

The representative of the Wildlife Commission told the Board he had also reported on a site located on the Proctor farm, south of Hertford about two miles, but did not disclose what, if any, action had been taken on this report.

He advised members of the Town Board the Wildlife Commission will continue its interest in establishing a launching facility in this county, and that the Commission will welcome any suggestions of possible sites, and these will be investigated.

Mr. Tatum told the Board that thus far the Commission has not established any such facility within the limits of any time, but preferred to have them located in areas which will provide convenience for sportsmen and at the same time will not cause inconvenience to local residents.

He added that as investigator of the sites for these projects, he is now working in the western part of the state, but will return here to inspect any area suggested for the project.

4-H Summer Camp Planned Aug. 10-15

It is time once again for 4-H boys and girls of Perquimans County to think about camp, according to L. R. Sasser and Miss Kimsy Perry, local extension service officials who direct 4-H work. They reported the camp will be held this year at Roanoke Island during the week of August 10 through the 15th.

The directors announced there will be classes in crafts, swimming, recreation, electricity and conservation. Athletic equipment will be provided for basketball, softball, volley ball and horseshoes. A record player and piano will be available for programs and recreation. A tour of historic places in Dare County and a night at The Lost Colony is also planned during the week.

"If any of you 4-H members would like to go to camp with us this year, please hurry and get your name in our office. The closing date for reservations will be Saturday, August 1. We already have a good number of reservations in, so if you plan to attend, please hurry and send your deposit in to us," the directors stated.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Tommy Lane celebrated his 12th birthday last Saturday and was honored guest at a party held at the home of his parents. Thirty-three guests, including a number from out of town, were present. Johnny Hurdle led in the entertainment singing a number of songs.

Support Prices On Peanuts Announced By Government

Support prices on the 1953 crop of peanuts were announced from Washington this week by officials of the Agriculture Department. The support prices are designed to reflect a national average of not less than \$237.60 a ton. That figure is 90 per cent of parity price on peanuts on April 24, when the minimum support average was announced.

Parity is a price designed to be fair to growers in relation to prices they pay for their needs.

The minimum supports by type included:

Virginia—\$299 a ton for peanuts containing 65 per cent sound mature kernels.

Runners—\$213 a ton for peanuts containing 65 per cent sound mature kernels.

Spanish—\$234 a ton for peanuts grown east of the Mississippi River containing 70 per cent sound mature kernels, and \$230 for peanuts west of the Mississippi containing 70 per cent sound mature kernels.

Valencias—the support rate for those of this type suitable for cleaning and roasting will be the same as for Virginia type. The price for other Valencia-type peanuts will be the same as for Spanish-type peanuts in the same area.

Premium and discounts will apply to grades other than basic grades.

The support rates for the various types are based on a lower grade than the national average thus support levels for the various types are below the national average.

Peanuts will be supported by means of loans to individual producers and to producer cooperatives through next January 31.

Former Resident Passes At Morehead

S. A. Chalk, Sr., 64, died in a Morehead City hospital Monday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock after an illness of a few days following a heart attack.

He was a native of Durants Neck in Perquimans County but had been living in Morehead City since 1911. He attended Campbell College at Buies Creek and was a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. He was president of the former Marine Bank and cashier of the bank of Morehead City. He was a former mayor of Morehead City, served as member of the board of Stewards of the Methodist Church for more than 30 years, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He was first married to Elizabeth Weeks, who died in 1948 and surviving that marriage are two sons, W. B. Chalk and S. A. Chalk, Jr., both of Morehead. Other survivors include his second wife, the former Dora Grace of Elizabeth City; a brother, C. E. Chalk of Detroit, Mich.; stepmother, Mrs. Annie S. Chalk of Hertford; three stepbrothers, J. A. Chalk of Goldsboro, Richard W. Chalk of Greensboro, and Clarence Chalk of St. Louis, Mo.; a half sister, Louise Chalk of Hertford and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3:30 P. M., at the First Methodist Church with burial in Bayview Cemetery.

NAPKIN SALE PLANNED

The Hertford Jaycees will conduct a napkin sale, throughout the town Friday night, July 31, between the hours of 7 and 9 P. M., it was reported today by Henry C. Stokes, president of the organization. Proceeds from the sale will go into the club treasury.

Town Board Adopts Plan To Install New Lighting System On Church Street

County Accepts Bid For Sale of Timber

A bid, submitted by John D. Lane, of \$40 per thousand feet on all pine, and of \$25 per thousand feet on all hardwoods, was accepted for the sale of timber located on the county home property, which is to be cleared for the location of new repair shops of the State Highway Commission.

Three bids were submitted on the sale of the timber, and these were considered by Archie T. Lane, chairman of the Board of Commissioners and Silas M. Whedbee, County Attorney. The bid accepted was the highest submitted.

It is understood the successful bidder will start immediately in cutting the timber from the tract of land.

Farm Bureau Making Plans For Annual State Convention

Farm Bureau Executive Vice-President R. Flake Shaw has announced that plans are being made to hold the organization's 18th annual convention in Raleigh, November 15-17.

He said this action was taken by the State Farm Bureau Board last week in order to give the various county units an opportunity for wider participation in formulating their own resolutions and instructing voting delegates to the state convention.

Shaw pointed out that in the past the state meeting has been held during February, which was two months after the American Farm Bureau Convention. Under the new date, he said, the North Carolina voting delegates to the American Farm Bureau Convention will be better qualified to present recommendations to the national organization to be included in the following year's policies.

He said every effort will be made to obtain the expressions of all Farm Bureau members before the state meeting on such important issues as farm income stability and improvement, general price levels, the federal budget, production and marketing adjustments, the role of government, conservation and improvement of farm resources, the free choice system, capital needs of agriculture, two-way trade or aid, labor-management relations, who shall speak for farmers, world peace and many others.

Swimming Waters Are Contaminated In Health District

According to Dr. B. B. McGuire, district health officer, the Health Department does not recommend swimming in Pasquotank and Perquimans Rivers, Edenton Bay and Albemarle Sound at Sandy Point due to the fact of contamination of this sewage, it is from Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton and many other points.

"Due to the large amount of water in these streams and the consequent dispersion of this sewage, it is quite possible that no trouble will be encountered from this swimming," says Dr. McGuire, "but due to the facts above mentioned and also due to the fact that many of these waters have been tested for sewage contamination and found positive, we do not recommend swimming at these places as safe. However, we cannot close them to swimming. We only advise against it."

Temporary Rooms Completed At School

J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools announced Wednesday that work has been completed in establishing two temporary classrooms, in the auditorium, at the Perquimans Central Grammar School to provide space for students enrolled at the school during the coming year.

The temporary classrooms were made by constructing a wall down the middle of the auditorium, with doors to each room facing the hall in the building. These rooms will be used by students of the school until such time permanent classrooms can be constructed.

TO HOLD SHOWER

The public is cordially invited to attend a miscellaneous shower Thursday night, August 6 at 8 o'clock at the Bethel Community Building. The affair is staged in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Proctor and family whose home has recently been destroyed by fire, and lost everything.

Installation To Be Made During Time Street Is Improved

Plans for installing a new street lighting system on Church Street, between Grubb and Dobb Streets, were adopted at a special meeting of the Hertford Town Board, held here last Monday night.

The project was adopted for installation during the time that portion of Church Street is widened by the State Highway Commission. Plans for widening the main thoroughfare are now being prepared by the District Engineer, and work on the project is expected to get underway within the near future.

According to reports, the two blocks of Church Street, between Grubb and Dobb, will be widened by four feet on the post office side, and by two feet on the Court House side.

Special poles and lights, for the new white-way, will be ordered and ready for installation during the time the street improvement is going on. The system is similar to that now being used in Elizabeth City and Edenton, and is expected to add much to the attractiveness of the business district of Hertford.

Costs of the new lighting system has been estimated at approximately \$3,000. The poles are made of aluminum, with special bulbs attached, which will provide a permanent type of white-way for the street.

Mayor V. N. Darn reported to the Board that the work of repairing the Town's water tanks had been completed and both tanks are now being used for water storage.

Eighteen Cases On Recorder Docket At Session Tuesday

A total of 18 cases were listed on the docket of the Perquimans Recorder's Court, in session here last Tuesday with Judge Chas. E. Johnson, presiding. Ten of the cases were placed on the docket when the defendants were cited to court on charges of speeding.

Harry Kalkins, Barbara Tuttle, Darrell Cahoon, John Parillo, Murrell Johnson, William Jordan, Benjamin Asee and Appellis Walker each submitted to speeding charges and paid the costs of court.

Fines of \$10 and costs were taxed against Reginald Hopkinson and John Parker, each of whom submitted to speeding at 70 miles per hour.

Link O'Neil, Negro, was found guilty on charges of trespassing. He was given a 30 day road sentence, same to be suspended upon payment of the costs of court.

Costs of court were assessed against John Maize who entered a plea of guilty to charges of driving a truck loaded over the weight limit.

A verdict of guilty was returned in the case in which Jesse East was charged with temporary larceny of a truck. East was given a 90 day road sentence, suspended upon payment of court costs and the condition he be of good behavior for a period of 12 months, and also not be seen on the streets of Hertford after the hour of 10 o'clock P. M., any night during the next 12 months.

Joseph Butt, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of obtaining money under the promise to work, and then failing to do so. He was ordered to pay the costs of court and pay the sum of \$37 to Kenneth Bateman.

Ben Riddick, Negro, was found guilty on two counts, first of assault with a deadly weapon and second of trespassing. He was fined \$25 and costs on the first count and taxed with the costs of court on the second.

Local Car Dealer Named Chairman

Robert Hollowell of Hollowell Chevrolet Company has accepted the appointment of Area Chairman for the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association it was announced today by Association President T. L. Black of Pinehurst.

In making the announcement, President Black indicated that Hollowell will represent the State and National Automobile Dealers Association in this County during the coming year. Black stressed the importance of this position, stating that Area Chairmen serve as liaison between individual new car and truck dealers and the Association headquarters.

As County chairman, Hollowell will also head the Fall membership campaign in this area, for NCADA and NADA and will participate in Area Chairmen Day which will be held in Raleigh in October.