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Mail Box Location Affected By Rule of Attorney General

Boxes Required to Be On Right Side of Mail Carriers

A change-up in delivery of mail to patrons of rural routes served by the Hertford Post Office is to become effective March 1, it was reported Tuesday by W. W. White, Postmaster.

Because of recent rulings handed down by the Attorney General of North Carolina and the Post Office Department, Mr. White said after March 1, patrons of rural routes must have their mail boxes placed on the rural carrier's right side of the highway or face the possibility of not receiving mail deliveries.

The Attorney General recently addressed the following opinion to a rural carrier:

"The traffic regulations applicable to other motor vehicles apply to one driven by a mail carrier in delivering the United States mail. Section 20-146 of the General Statutes of North Carolina provides as follows:

"Upon all highways of sufficient width, except upon oneway streets, the driver of a vehicle shall drive the same upon the right half of the highway, and shall drive a slow-moving vehicle as closely as possible to the right-hand edge of the curb of such highway, unless it is impracticable to travel on such side of the highway and except when overtaking and passing another vehicle subject to the limitations applicable in overtaking and passing, set forth in Sections 20-149 and 20-150."

"The mere fact that the mail box which you wish to serve is on the left side of the highway does not make it impracticable for you to drive on the right side of the road. There is no distinction in this respect between a paved highway and a dirt road."

The Post Office Department has notified Mr. White that in view of the above ruling, which is apparent it is a violation of North Carolina law to drive to the left, to serve a rural box on any state maintained highway, and also creates a dangerous traffic condition, the Postmaster is to take immediate steps to comply with the provisions of the ruling given by the Attorney General.

Thus it becomes necessary for rural postal patrons to have their mail boxes located on the carrier's right side of the highway, if the box is not presently in that location.

Mr. White urges all patrons of the Hertford Post Office, in cases where necessary to comply with the law, to move their mail boxes prior to March 1, and to help the Department to maintain service without interruption due to this violation.

Three Local Bills In Legislature

Three bills pertaining to Perquimans County were introduced for action by the Legislature this week by Representative Carroll R. Holmes, according to a report from Raleigh.

The first of the bills is one calling for a repeal of a 1949 act relating to the salary of the clerk of recorder's court. A second measure, if adopted provides for a permanent selection of grand jurors in the county and the third measure makes it unlawful to use live virus in the vaccination of hogs in Perquimans County.

Prior to 1949 the clerk of the recorder's court was paid by fees collected by the court; the 1949 act passed by the Legislature placed the office upon a salary basis, the salary to be set by the Board of County Commissioners.

Selection of a permanent grand jury has been recommended by former jurors, and it is believed will aid materially in the operation of the superior court, if adopted.

The proposal concerning outlawing use of live virus has likewise been recommended, and was approved by the County Commissioners.

Street Projects Completed Here

Paving of a number of Hertford streets was completed here this week by crews from the State Highway Department. The projects, which were started several weeks ago, were interrupted by inclement weather.

Included in the paving projects were Church Street, Grubb Street and a part of Edenton Road Street, these being carried out by the State, while the Town had Market and Covent Garden Streets paved.

PTA Founders' Day Held By Central Grammar School

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School held its February meeting Monday night, in the school cafeteria with the president, Mrs. B. F. Bray, presiding. "America the Beautiful," was used as the opening number.

The president welcomed the members and visitors and recognized Mrs. John Hurdle of the New Hope community, who had charge of the program. Mrs. Hurdle announced the topic for the month "Sails Are Set for Moral and Spiritual Values." She presented Kay Dandley, a student at Roanoke Bible College, who conducted the devotional, speaking on the subject "Attitudes Regarding Moral and Spiritual Values."

Mrs. Melvin Eure gave a beautiful rendition of "Bless This House." Mrs. Pauline Webb was the accompanist.

Mrs. John Hurdle made a most interesting talk on "The Responsibility of the Home in Moral and Spiritual Values." She named the virtues that marked the early homes: manual labor, personal enterprise, ambition, thrift, Christian faith, courage, self-reliance, freedom of spirit, and satisfaction in a job well done. Mrs. Hurdle said "The parents of today should preserve and cultivate these virtues of yesterday in order to foster the kind of citizenship which will make ours the great nation it deserves to be."

Mrs. Hurdle referred to the home as: Freedom's hearthstone, the hearthstone of character formation, the hearthstone of worship, and the hearthstone of patriotism.

Mrs. Hurdle presented Joshua Sutton who gave an interesting resume of the life and achievements of Mrs. Birney and Mrs. Hearst, the founders of the PTA movement. He stressed the importance of the Parent-Teacher Association, contrasting the early educational opportunities with those of today. He also paid tribute to Mrs. David O. Mears who fostered the first observance of Founders' Day.

At the conclusion of Mr. Sutton's address a Founders' Day offering of \$9.01 was taken.

During the business session the minutes were read and approved. The secretary, Mrs. Ernest Long, announced the topic for March as "One Ship Drives East—the Other Drives West." She stated that the Bagley Swamp community, with Mrs. Percy Trueblood as chairman, will have charge of the program.

Mrs. Elijah White's fifth grade won the attendance award with 28 per cent of the parents present. After adjournment refreshments were served.

New Business Opens In Hertford Site

A new business, the Acme Roofing Company, directed by Joshua A. Sutton and D. L. Cartwright, has been opened in Hertford in the location formerly occupied by the Hollowell Chevrolet Company. It was announced this week by Mr. Sutton.

The firm will specialize in construction, installation and maintenance of roofing projects. It was reported the company will do all types of roofing construction but will not engage in retail of materials.

OUR CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



Shown here is another in a series of photos being published by The Weekly of the future citizens of our county. Reading left to right, top row are: Brenda Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lane; Wayne Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Perry, Jr.; Earl Ray Godfrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Godfrey; Rufus Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Hudson; Charlie and Lindsey Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Copeland. Bottom row: Jo Frances Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Perry, Jr.; Ricky White, son of Mr. and Mrs. McMillen; Jan Dillon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson Dillon; Bruce Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Copeland; Nancy and Floyd Matthews, children of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Matthews. Identification and photos by Allen Studios, Detroit, Mich.

4-H Fashion Show Conducted Here Last Thursday

New ideas in round-the-clock fashions from cotton bags featured the fashion show presented before members and guests of 4-H Clubs in Perquimans County on Thursday, February 17 in the Agricultural Building in Hertford.

Eighteen smartly-styled outfits made from the cotton packaging of feed, flour and fertilizer were modeled by local women and girls, while Kay Howell, commentator, described fashion details.

The important contribution of cotton bags to home sewing was stressed by Kay, who pointed out the thriftiness and versatility of the modern cotton container. She explained that the cotton bag of today comes in high-fashion colors and prints suitable for varied use in wardrobes and homes.

Program leaflets distributed to the audience listed the styles shown described easy initial steps to cotton bag sewing, such as the removable band labels for brand names, the wash-out inks and the chain-stitched seams.

Fashions for any hour were included in the showing. White bags were used as trimming accents on the printed cottons and were presented in color monotypes illustrating what can be done at-home with modern dyes.

The program opened with Sallie Ruth Hurdle wearing a border print house dress in yellow, blue and white. Ann White, a brown-dyed osanburg skirt and bright plaid blouse, while Harriett Williams, modeled a gay flowered sunsuit with matching overskirt. This (Continued on Page Five)

Industrial Group Elect Officers And Report On Program

The Perquimans Industrial Committee met last Wednesday night, at the Municipal Building for the purpose of reviewing the progress of the organization during the past year and electing officers for the committee.

Robert L. Hollowell, chairman of the group, presided and gave a report on activities of the organization, revealing the committee has been in contact with a number of officials regarding prospective industry, and are at present conferring with these contacts concerning the location of one or more industries in this community.

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce attended the meeting and joined in a round table discussion of a program for planning and expanding the activities of the committee.

Rites Held Sunday For George Ferrell

George Wilson Ferrell, 50, died at his home in Perquimans County last Friday after an illness of a week.

Surviving are his father, Joseph W. Ferrell; four sisters, Mrs. C. R. Combs, of Mann's Harbor; Miss Grace Ferrell, of Parkville; Mrs. James Sloop of Mount Olive, and Miss Annie Mae Ferrell of Parkville.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2 P. M., at his home by the Rev. H. M. Jamieson, pastor of the New Hope Methodist Church. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Soybean Producers Protest Any Change In Grading Process

A delegation of Perquimans County Farm Bureau members, including Broughton Dill, Floyd Matthews, Julian White, George Baker, Joel Hollowell and Arvin Hudson, attended a special meeting held by the N. C. Department of Agriculture in Raleigh last Monday. This meeting was held to discuss the proposed changes in the Official Soybean Standards.

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somewhere in the neighborhood of 25c a bushel and would hurt our economy and marketing of these soybeans.

The group unanimously approved a motion to oppose any and all of the proposed changes in the Official Soybean Standards at this time. The group feels that the proposed changes will be extremely detrimental to the soybean industry of North Carolina.

The hearing on a national level will be on Monday morning in Washington, D. C., and if this proposed change is approved Ogdens beans will probably not be eligible for export in the future, it was reported by R. M. Thompson, County Farm Agent.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Eastern Star will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock, February 28, in the Masonic room at the Court House.

Friendship Night will be observed. Visitors are expected from Elizabeth City, South Mills, Camden, Coinjock and Edenton. All members are urged to be present.

Reports were also made by Mrs. Viola Nachman, secretary, and V. N. Darden, Max Campbell, treasurer for the committee, reported a total of \$910.26 had been raised during the year to offset expenditures of the committee work, and of this amount the sum of \$2.97 had been paid out for bills presented.

The following officers were re-elected to direct the work of the committee: R. L. Hollowell, chairman; Henry C. Stokes, vice chairman; Mrs. Viola Nachman, secretary; Max Campbell, treasurer with L. C. Winslow, R. M. Riddick, Jr., A. W. Hefren, C. P. Morris, Mayor V. N. Darden, D. M. Jackson, L. R. Sasser, J. Emmett Winslow and L. N. Hollowell as members.

Robert Twiddy was found not guilty of charges of speeding. Clyde Nixon, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to charges of being drunk and disorderly. He was sentenced to jail for one week, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10.

Carroll Layden, charged on three counts with issuing worthless checks, entered a plea of guilty to the charges. Sentences of 60 and 90 days were suspended upon payment of the court costs and the amounts of the checks. Layden was given until April 26, to comply with the verdict of the court.

Rotary Birthday Observed Tuesday By Hertford Club

The 50th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International was observed by the Hertford Rotary Club with a special dinner party held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford. Special guests for the occasion were the wives of the members of the local club.

Robert L. Hollowell acted as toastmaster, presiding over an interesting and entertaining program prepared by Mr. Hollowell, R. S. Mondis, Jr., and J. R. Futrell.

A. W. Hefren, president-elect, gave a brief and informative talk on the organization and history of the Hertford Rotary Club, which was organized by the Elizabeth City Rotary Club in June of 1925. Mr. Hefren paid special tribute to past club secretaries, who, he said, had a big part in the continued success of the club.

All past presidents of the local club were recognized and a silent tribute was paid to deceased members.

Special prizes were awarded to Mrs. Vivian Darden, Mrs. R. S. Mondis, Jr., Mrs. A. B. Bonner, Mrs. Henry C. Sullivan and Mrs. A. W. Hefren. Charles Skinner, Jr., and Billy White assisted the program committee by taking part in the entertainment.

Hurdle Rites Held At New Hope Church

Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie Raper Hurdle, who died Wednesday of last week at the home of her daughter, were conducted in the New Hope Methodist Church by the Rev. H. M. Jamieson, pastor, assisted by the Rev. Walter Perry. Burial was in the family cemetery.

Pallbearers were R. L. Robbins, Carson Spivey, L. E. Brett, T. H. Jones, Belvin Eure and Melvin Eure.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lane announce the birth of a daughter, born Tuesday, February 15, at the Albemarle Hospital.

Division Captains Named For Annual Red Cross Drive

Dentist Working With Health Dept.

Dr. A. B. Edwards of the Division of Oral Hygiene, State Board of Health, started work Monday in this health district, it was reported by Dr. E. B. McGuire, Health Officer.

Dr. Edwards will work in all four counties of the Health District, including all schools in Perquimans County. In addition to lecturing to the children in groups in dentistry, Dr. Edwards will make correction for those children unable to pay their private dentists for such work. Children from 6 to 12 years of age will be included but not those older than 12 years.

Campaign To Open In County Next Tuesday Chairman Says

Preparations for the annual Red Cross membership drive in Perquimans County are being completed this week by Mrs. Jack Burbage, chairman of the campaign. She announced yesterday the drive will get underway next Tuesday, March 1, with volunteer workers making a house to house canvass to raise the county quota of \$1,075.

In announcing the opening of the drive, Mrs. Burbage stated that the volunteer workers will be directed by team captains, with solicitors reporting to these captains, who, in turn, will make reports to the Red Cross chapter treasurer, A. W. Hefren. Bobby Elliott will supervise the solicitors assigned to the business district of Hertford; Mrs. Glenn Matthews is captain of the solicitors for the white residential areas of the town and Mrs. Jack Benton will direct the activities of the solicitors for the white rural communities. The Rev. Walker will head up the drive for the colored division in Hertford, while W. C. Stroud, assisted by Mrs. M. B. Taylor, will direct the campaign for the colored division in the rural communities.

As previously announced the national budget for the Red Cross has been reviewed and some cuts made in the budget. As a result of this action the Red Cross goal assigned Perquimans County is less this year than last. The chairman of the campaign is hopeful that the 1955 drive for funds for the Red Cross can be organized quickly and brought to a successful close within a period of two weeks, or by March 15.

Indian Squaws Win Over Edenton Girls; Local Boys Lose

Perquimans High closed out its regular basketball schedule last Friday night with the local girls winning an easy victory over the Edenton girls 38-21, while Perquimans Indians lost by a close margin of two points, 32 to 30.

This week the Indians and Squaws are participating in the Albemarle Conference Tourney being held in Edenton.

Playing a possession-type game the Indians controlled the contest throughout the first three quarters, gaining a 10-6 lead in the first period and being ahead 18-10 at half-time. Paul Matthews did some accurate shooting for Perquimans to keep the Indians in control of the play. However, the Aces closed the gap in the third quarter and tied the count at 26-26 as this period ended. Perquimans moved into a 30-28 advantage with only seconds left in the game when Buddy Patton sank two fielders to give the Aces a two-point lead and the victory.

The large crowd of fans were treated to an excellent game as usual when these two rivals meet. The Indians, underdogs prior to the contest, managed to force Edenton to play their type of game and it appeared this was the proper strategy to produce a Perquimans victory. However, Patton's final goal placed the Indians on the short end of the score.

Scoring for Perquimans were Paul Matthews 10, Tommy Matthews and Williams 6 each, Carver 4, Hill and Winslow 2 each. Rogerson with 13 points was high scorer for Edenton and Patton hit for 12 points.

The Perquimans girls defeated the Aces 38 to 21 after pulling away in the final half. Edenton held a 7-6 first period lead but Perquimans jumped to a 14-11 halftime margin. Perquimans found the right combination in the last half when Sally Ruth Hollowell and Barbara Jenn Russell began to hit. The Squaws led 24 to 14 at the end of the third quarter and added 14 more to Edenton's six in the final round.

Imogene Rogerson with 12 points, Faye Hastie five, Betty Byrum two, Rosa Hollowell and Stokely one each scored for Edenton. Barbara Jenn Russell with 16, Sal (Continued on Page Five)

Health Department Planning For Clinic

The Health Department is now preparing a list of children who will enter school for the first time next fall, it was reported by Dr. B. B. McGuire, who said clinics will be held at all schools soon for examinations of these children to discover physical defects that can, and in many cases, should be corrected before schools open next September.

In order to get a complete list of all these children, parents are requested to help by writing the Health Department, Hertford, N. C., a card or letter giving the following facts: Child's full name, year, month and day of birth, parents' full names, mailing address and the name of the school the child will attend.

ASC Lifts Soil Test Requirements For 1955 Program

The County ASC Office has been advised that all mandatory soil test requirements under the Agricultural Conservation Program have been lifted for 1955. Helene W. Nixon, Perquimans County ASC Office Manager, reported today.

At a recent meeting attended by heads of Agricultural Agencies at the State level, it was deemed wise that the State ASC Committee lift these requirements. Clyde R. Greene, Chairman of the State ASC Committee and H. D. Godfrey, of the State Office, report that this change affects Practice 3, Application of Liming Materials on Cropland; Practice 6, Improvement of Permanent Pasture or Hay, and Practice 19, Topdressing of Drought-hit Pastures.

This change in mandatory soil test requirements under the program does not by any means indicate a feeling on the part of Agricultural leaders that soil testing is not a vital and permanent part of good farming practice. Godfrey says. This change was made merely because all soil testing facilities available to Tar Heel farmers are not just adequate to handle the tremendous volume of samples being submitted under the ASC Program. He says that the State Laboratory now has a backlog of over ten thousand samples. If the mandatory soil test requirement was continued for spring practices, thousands of farmers would be left out in the cold as far as cost-share assistance under the ACP is concerned. Godfrey says our State cannot afford to lose even the smallest fraction of possible soil and water conservation, much less the amount represented by thousands of untested samples.

Soil testing is still strongly recommended for all vegetative cover practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Haskett announce the birth of a son, born Friday, February 18, Mrs. Haskett and son have returned home from the Albemarle Hospital and are getting along nicely.