

Hertford Methodist Church To Observe Centennial Sunday

The Methodist Church of Hertford will celebrate its 100 years of service in a centennial celebration next Sunday, November 13.

In announcing plans for the celebration, the Rev. I. S. Richmond, pastor, said, "we are inviting all former pastors and members to be present with us on this occasion; we have the promise of some both former pastors and members who will be attending the anniversary event."

The Rev. M. Y. Self, a former pastor of the church, will be the preacher at the 11 o'clock services Sunday morning. After he preaches, all former pastors who are present will speak for a short time. Ministers of other churches of Hertford will also be called upon for a short talk.

A basket lunch will be served at the church following the morning services, and all members of the church are asked to bring a basket dinner to be served. Friends of the church who belong to other churches are invited to bring their baskets and eat with the members during the lunch.

The centennial program will be closed with a religious pageant to be presented Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock under the direction of Mrs. B. G. Koonce. Mrs. Charles Skinner has written a brief history of the church and it has been made into a booklet which will be distributed to everyone attending the centennial.

According to the church history a small band of 28 persons colonized Hertford Station in 1822-23, which was the beginning of the

Hertford Methodist Church, which now lists a membership of 550. The church became part of the North Carolina Conference in 1894. The deed for the land on which the church and parsonage is now located is dated July 23rd, 1838, and is from Robert A. Gordon to the trustees listed as Joseph Costen, H. B. C. Walker, Isaiah Perry, Cader Felton, Wm. R. Skinner, Wm. Reed, Geo. W. Reed, Thos. Costen and Edwin Smith.

The cornerstone of the church, built in 1855, was placed at the foot of the steps of the present Educational Building.

The church history reveals a steady growth and progress as to both members and church buildings down through the years.

Pastors who have served the church include: W. G. Williams, Jeremiah McMullan, James O. Moss, J. D. Lumsden, James L. Fisher, Major S. Colonna, George M. Guy, C. H. Greene, James C. Watson, Joshua L. Garrett, Willie O. Wagner and William Riddick, assistant. Also Joseph H. Amis, J. B. Askew, T. H. Bogg, E. M. Jordan, J. M. Anderson, J. H. Riddick, J. W. S. Robbins, F. A. Bishop, J. L. Rumley, Oliver Ryder, J. A. Hornaday, M. H. Fix, M. H. Tuttle, N. H. D. Wilson, R. A. Willis, T. A. Skyes, F. M. Shamburger, J. M. Ormond, W. B. North, T. McMillan, Grant, N. C. Yearby, L. S. Massey, M. Y. Self, B. P. Robinson, D. M. Sharpe, R. F. Munns, B. C. Reavis, D. L. Fouts, Ben O. Merritt, A. L. Chaplin and I. S. Richmond.

Road Work Report For October Made By Commissioner

The State Highway Commission completed 30.2 miles of road work in the First Highway Division during October, Commissioner Emmett Winslow of Hertford reports.

With division headquarters in Ahoskie, the first is composed of Camden, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Bertie, Hertford, Northampton, Chowan, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington counties. W. N. Sprull is division engineer; J. J. Gilbert is assistant division engineer. For road maintenance purposes, the first is subdivided into three districts. George E. Mack is district engineer at Elizabeth City in charge of maintenance in Camden, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans. T. C. Liverman is district engineer at Ahoskie for Bertie, Hertford, and Northampton counties. W. F. Sessions is district engineer at Plymouth for Chowan, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington counties.

In Bertie, State highway forces completed a bituminous surface treatment from NC 398, about 1.1 miles southeast of Roxah, north for 1.1 miles to a paved county road in Roxah. The newly-surfaced road is 18 feet wide.

A Bertie-Hertford improvement is 2.7 miles of paving the New Bridge Road. State highway forces laid a bituminous surface treatment, 18 feet wide, on the New Bridge Road from a paved county road 1.7 miles west of Powellville, to a paved county road, 1.8 miles south of US 13 in Ahoskie.

In Chowan County, State highway forces completed 30 miles of a sand asphalt wearing surface on NC 82 from Edenton north via Vahalla and Small's Crossroads to the Gates-Chowan county line. Six miles of NC 82 was paved 22 feet wide with the other 14 miles were surfaced 30 feet wide.

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To Try Again

The Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross has been notified by regional offices the Red Cross bloodmobile will again visit this county on Monday, December 12, to receive blood donated to the Red Cross blood bank, it was reported by C. P. Morris, chairman of the local chapter.

Red Cross officials pointed out the lack of support to the blood program on the recent visit of the bloodmobile when only eight donors donated blood made it necessary for the unit to return to the county for additional blood to assist in perpetuating the program of providing free blood transfusions to Perquimans County hospital patients.

According to Mr. Morris the local chapter is now making plans for this visit of the bloodmobile and the public is urged to cooperate fully with the program.

Ten Cases Listed On Court Docket

Ten cases were listed on the docket of Perquimans Recorder's Court this week, with all of the defendants entering pleas of guilty to the charges cited.

Costs of court were taxed against Margaret Payne and Eugene Proctor on charges of speeding.

John Hobbs, Jr., paid the costs of court on charges of driving with an expired license.

Emerson Gibbs, Negro, paid a fine of \$2 and costs on charges of being drunk.

Walter Edmonds was taxed with the court costs on charges of following too closely behind a motor vehicle.

James Oliver Layden, Jr., paid the costs of court on charges of passing a school bus.

Frank Pugh, charged with being drunk on a highway, was released after having spent three days in jail.

Richard Bunton was fined \$25 and costs for driving without a license.

Gaither Riddick paid the court costs on charges of illegal passing.

James McKnight, Negro, paid the court costs on charges of assault.

Jean Edwards Wins Speaking Contest

The Hertford Jaycees sponsored a Voice of Democracy speaking contest at Perquimans High School last Tuesday with Jean Edwards being judged as the winner and awarded a \$15 cash prize. Charles Whedbee received a \$10 prize as second place winner and Herbert Nixon won \$5 as third place winner.

Eight contestants competed in the final round of the contest, conducted by the Jaycees under the direction of Francis Nixon, chairman of the committee and Ab Williams, Jaycees school representative.

The revival speaker, the Rev. Bascom Rollins, pastor of Cane Creek Friends Church, Snow Camp, will preach Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, November 14, and each evening at the same hour through November 30.

Indians Win From Spring Hope; Play Jackets On Friday

The Perquimans Indians scored four touchdowns and converted two extra points to roll up a 26-13 victory over the Spring Hope football team in a game played here last Friday night before a small crowd of fans who braved the chilly weather to witness the contest.

The victory was the first of the season for the Indians who outplayed the Spring Hope team in every quarter of the game. Perquimans fumbled on the opening play of the game but intercepted a Spring Hope pass on their own 23 yard line. On the next play Pierce threw a pass to Tommy Matthews who raced 60 yards for a TD to give Perquimans a 6-0 lead.

Spring Hope's Pearce put his team ahead minutes later when he smashed through the Indian line and ran 80 yards for a score. The extra point was kicked and the visitors had a 7-6 lead.

Perquimans regained the lead in the second quarter when Pierce passed to Williams for a TD after Pierce, Eure and Matthews had moved the ball from their 28 yard line to Spring Hope's 20. Spring Hope came back to secure a 13-12 lead when Pearce ran through the Indian defense for a TD from 10 yards out.

The third quarter was all Perquimans with the Indians scoring their third touchdown late in the period on a pass play from Pierce to Matthews. Whedbee converted the extra-point to give Perquimans the lead 19-13.

Tommy Matthews scored the fourth TD for Perquimans early in the fourth period when he broke through the Spring Hope defense and ran 49 yards for the score. Whedbee converted the extra point to give Perquimans a 26-13 lead.

Spring Hope threatened again during the final minutes of play but good defensive work by the Indian line gave Perquimans possession of the ball with the Indians running out the clock with line drives. Miller, Williams, Cherry and Bateman featured on the defense for the Indians while Matthews, Pierce and Whedbee were the standouts on offensive play.

On Friday night the Indians will play the Yellow Jackets of Elizabeth City on the Jackets' gridiron, and will close the season with a game in Hertford on November 18 with Camden High School.

Revival At Piney Woods Starts Sunday

Revival services begin at Piney Woods Friends Church Sunday morning, November 13, when the Oak Hill quartet from High Point will assist the pastor, the Rev. D. Virgil Pike, in the 11 o'clock service with messages in song.

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Growers Advised To Keep Peanuts For Better Prices

Peanut growers should not sell their product until they are certain market price is in excess of support price, R. Flake Shaw, executive vice-president of the State Farm Bureau cautions eastern North Carolina growers.

Shaw said many farmers had in the past made the mistake of selling their crop before the value had been accurately determined.

Growers should have the peanuts graded before offering them for sale. This procedure will prevent market sales for less than support price, he said.

The Farm Bureau leader called on peanut growers to work with the Peanut Growers Cooperative Association so that price supports can be made effective.

Rites Saturday For Ben Harrell

Benjamin Harrell, 84, a native and lifelong resident of Perquimans County, died at his home here at 4:20 o'clock Thursday morning after a long illness.

He was a son of the late Elisha and Elizabeth Williford Harrell and a charter member of Woodland Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Dail Harrell; three sons, John and Meadow Harrell, Perquimans County, and Roy Harrell of Pasquotank County; five daughters, Mrs. Roscoe Smith, Mrs. Ernest Cartwright, Mrs. Irving Whedbee and Mrs. J. B. Miller, all of Perquimans County, and Mrs. Philip Sawyer of Norfolk; six stepdaughters, Mrs. Linwood Harrell, Mrs. Floyd Harrell, Mrs. James Walter Harrell, Mrs. David Ownley and Mrs. Charlie Stallings, all of Perquimans County, and Mrs. Elmer Yohn of Pasquotank County; two step-sons, William and Charles Dail of Perquimans County; 24 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Woodland Methodist Church by the Rev. Earl Meekins.

The church choir sang "When They Ring the Golden Bells" and "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." Mrs. Jack Benton and Mrs. Eddie Harrell sang a duet, "Goodnight and Goodmorning."

The casket was covered with a pall of large white chrysanthemums and red roses. Pallbearers were H. B. Miller, Ben Miller, Mathew Smith, Benjamin Smith, Burial was in the Harrell family cemetery in Perquimans County.

Board Of Commissioners Name Mrs. Webb As Home Agent; Accept '55 Audit

The Board of Commissioners met here in regular session last Monday and handled a number of important matters, including the appointment of Mrs. Joe Webb as County Home Agent, filling a position left vacant recently by the resignation of Miss Kimsey Perry. Mrs. Webb has been serving as assistant home agent here since last March.

Thomas Nixon appeared before the Board and, after thanking the members for their interest and work in his behalf, toward retaining the post as County Fire Warden, stated he was no longer interested in the job but hoped the County will retain the program.

Following Mr. Nixon's statement the Board reported it will receive applications for the post as County Fire Warden, and these applications can be secured from the office of the Register of Deeds.

The Board expressed an opinion the issuance of burning permits, usually secured at this time of year, must await the appointment of a Fire Warden, there being no official source for these permits at the present time.

On motion passed the Board voted to pay J. C. Morgan the sum of \$50 for lease rights he holds on county property recently sold the State Highway Commission. This payment to represent reimbursement to Mr. Morgan for the loss of income from the land sold by the county.

In order to expedite collections of delinquent personal property taxes, the Board voted to pay the delinquent tax collector ten per cent commission upon the first \$5,000 collected; 15 per cent on the next \$5,000 collected and 25 per cent of the remainder collected. Approximately \$25,000 is outstanding in delinquent taxes of this type.

The Board approved an application for a beer license submitted by George Lightfoot, Negro. After hearing a report of the annual audit of the county books, as compiled by R. E. Aiken, Jr., the Board voted to accept the audit.

According to the audit report the County began the fiscal year, July 1, 1954, with cash balances amounting to \$108,311.88. During the year revenues amounted to \$291,703.27 and expenditures

totalled \$330,094.64, leaving balances in all funds on June 30, 1955, of \$69,920.51.

Total assets of the county are listed at \$770,778.91, of which the total of \$567,000 is carried as valuation of county schools.

During the year \$66,925.03 was disbursed for the operation of the general fund, including expenditures for the following departments: County Commissioners, \$5,368.47; listing and assessing, \$1,383.64; County Sheriff, \$3,575.22; elections, \$606.60; County Accountant, \$1,955.85; County Treasurer, \$600; Court House, grounds, jail, \$7,072.28; Register of Deeds, \$1,609.14; Health Department, \$3,229.34; Farm Agent, \$6,431.26; Home Agent, \$2,810.31; District Health, \$7,592.68; Superior Court, \$3,360.12; Clerk of Court, \$2,242.14; Recorder's Court, \$6,265.60; miscellaneous, \$12,814.38.

Poor Fund, \$17,582.70; Debt Service, \$62,013.49; old age assistance, \$58,180; aid to dependent children, \$16,623; welfare administration, \$10,206.80; APTD, \$10,291; general school, \$70,119.66; capital outlay, \$4,502.42.

Preparations are well under way for the 1955 Perquimans County Farm Bureau membership drive which will open throughout the county next Tuesday, November 15, it was reported by Arvin Hudson, membership chairman. The county quota for members for next year has been set at 300.

Mr. Harrell said membership committees are expecting a successful campaign this year and pointed out the drive will take place following a kickoff meeting at the agriculture building next Monday night. He said a one-week drive is being planned.

In connection with the annual campaign for members, Walter Nowell, president of the Perquimans Farm Bureau, said farmers should inspect the legislative record of the past General Assembly session if they want a good reason for joining the Farm Bureau.

Nowell, in commenting on the forthcoming Farm Bureau membership enrollment in the county, pointed to "equalization of the farm machinery tax with that on industrial equipment" as one of the most "significant successes" of the Farm Bureau during the past legislative session.

He said Farm Bureau leaders had been striving for a number of years towards this equalization, and only after "repeated effort and continued support on the part of farmers in this state were they successful."

Inviting local farmers to take a "good long look at the record," the Farm Bureau leader said the local membership enrollment will be held next week, and urged every farmer to lend his support to the organization's work.

He pointed out that there were other legislative successes besides successful opposition to the farm machinery issue. Among these, he said, the Farm Bureau was successful in prevention of additional taxes on feed, seed, insecticides and fertilizer. Peanuts were retained on a basic commodity through efforts of the Farm Bureau.

He named the new egg labeling law, improvement in the milk law and the new water law as other legislative accomplishments of the Farm Bureau.

Nowell completed his appraisal of the 1954-55 Farm Bureau legislative record by commenting on research appropriations to the various state agricultural agencies. While appropriations were not quite what was anticipated, he said, they were substantial enough to

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