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Santa Claus Annual Visit To Hertford Set For Saturday

Hertford merchants, in cooperation with the Hertford Jaycees and Fire Department, will sponsor the annual visit of Santa Claus to Hertford on Saturday, December 21, it was announced today by Julian Broughton, chairman of the Jaycee committee on arrangements.

Santa's visit is scheduled for 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon and he will be at the Court House to greet the children who wish to see him. Santa will have some helpers on hand, members of the Jaycees and Fire Department, who will assist in passing out gifts of fruit and candy to the children.

The children coming to see Santa Claus, are requested to follow the rules and orders of the helpers, thus aiding in a quick and equal distribution of the gifts Santa will pass out to the children.

In addition to the Santa Claus visit, the Jaycees, through the cooperation of B. L. Gibbs, manager of the State Theatre, will also sponsor a movie of cartoons for the children at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

The Jaycees' annual Christmas shopping tour for underprivileged children will be held on Monday night, December 23, beginning at 8:30 o'clock and will be under the direction of Jaycee Julian Broughton. Plans for this event have been completed through the cooperation of local merchants, and it promises to be the best ever held. The children, accompanied by Jaycee couples will visit local stores to purchase presents, clothes and will be treated to refreshments at 5 and M at the conclusion of the tour.

Charles Skinner, Jr., president of the Hertford Jaycees, reported Monday the Jaycee turkey shoot, conducted last Saturday as a means to raise funds for the shopping tour, was a success and he expressed the appreciation of the organization to those taking part in making the event so successful.

Hertford Bank Now Using New Building

Operations of the Hertford Banking Company were moved from its old location into its new modern building here Friday morning of last week.

Much favorable comment was heard from patrons of the bank after the "first visits" to the building Friday, and a view of the new structure. Facilities of the bank are much improved and additional service is rendered to bank patrons.

R. M. Riddick, Jr., president of the bank, stated while the building has been placed in operation, some opening of the facility will be held on Wednesday evening, January 15, from the hours of 7 to 9:30 o'clock at which time the building will be invited to attend. Arrangements for the open house will be announced at a later date.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY

A Christmas program will be presented at Chappell Hill Baptist Church Monday night, December 23, at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clifton announce the birth of a daughter, Jenni Terry, on Monday, December 16, at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

Publishing Date Early Next Week

Next week's edition of The Perquimans Weekly will be printed on Tuesday, December 24, instead of the usual Thursday, to provide a holiday vacation for the printers of the paper. All news copy and advertising copy must be in The Weekly office not later than noon Monday, December 23, for publication in the issue of December 27. News contributors and advertisers are requested to note this change in printing date and their cooperation will be appreciated.

Central Students Present Program At PTA Meeting

A record breaking audience of more than 500 enjoyed "The Christmas Story In Song" which was presented by the students of the Perquimans Central Grammar School at the December meeting of the Parent Teacher Association Monday night, December 16.

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" was used as the processional. "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," "While Shepherds Watched" and "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" were sung by a group of students from the fifth, sixth and seventh grades.

A group from the fifth grade composed of Judy Long, Ruth Ann Stokely, Phyllis Williams, Joyce Lane, Irene Elliott, Ikey Stokely, Lot Winslow and Jimmy Sawyer sang "Away In a Manger."

"Silent Night" and "O Holy Night" were sung by a group from the sixth and seventh grades composed of Linda Sutton, Ruth Harrell, Sandra Morgan, Madelyn Perry, Dora Jean Bateman, Janice Stanton, Celtic Ann Long, Dianne Sawyer, Vick

C. B. White Funeral Conducted Sunday

Funeral services for Clarence B. White, 78, who died last Friday morning in a Norfolk, Va., hospital following a short illness, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Cedar Grove Methodist Church by the Rev. M. W. Dulin.

During the services the choir sang "Asleep In Jesus" and Edward Jordan sang "I Won't Have To Cross Jordan Alone." Mr. White, a lifelong resident of Perquimans County, served as superintendent of the county home for a number of years. He was the son of Elvire Truett and the late John Q. White. He was a member of the Cedar Grove Church.

Besides his mother, who celebrated her 100th birthday last September 28, he is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lizzie Miller White; two sons, Lee White, of Norfolk and Benton White of Portsmouth; one daughter, Mrs. Irving Perry of Norfolk; two sisters, Mrs. Addie Gilbert of Elizabeth City and Mrs. J. C. Bagley of South Norfolk.

Burial services were held at 11 o'clock at the Cedar Grove Cemetery.

"Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem..."

—Christmas Gospel According to St. Luke



THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

NATO representatives, conferring in Paris this week, expressed much sentiment for summit talks between the West and Russia. Some European NATO members balked on receiving U. S. missile bases and it appeared, from reports coming from the meeting, the West will again attempt to compromise with Russia to reach a disarmament agreement.

The U. S. Air Force Tuesday successfully launched an intercontinental missile at a base in Florida. Reports said the missile has a 5,000 mile range and is capable of carrying a hydrogen warhead. The test Tuesday was the third effort by the U. S. to launch this 100-ton missile.

Economic reports released during the past week giving details of business conditions point out the drop during this final quarter of 1957, and predict decreased spending during the first part of 1958. The reports stated a leveling off point will be reached about the middle of next year. Unemployment is showing growth in many areas of the nation.

Agriculture reports released this week stated the nation grew a bumper crop despite decreased acreage during the past year. While the farm situation remained a chief economic problem during the year, the situation is expected to get considerable attention from Congress when that body convenes next month.

Board Of Education In Meeting Monday

The Perquimans Board of Education held its December meeting Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Biggers. During the business session the board approved the appointment of Mrs. J. Emory White as a substitute teacher for Perquimans High School and elected Mrs. Mary E. Walters to teach the fourth grade at the Hertford Grammar School for the remainder of this term. Mrs. Walters will succeed Mrs. Ab Williams, who resigned.

The board was advised, by letter, following a survey made here recently that the Perquimans Union School and King Street School will likely be placed upon the state's accredited list of schools upon securing of some song books, visual aids and pictures of certain orchestral instruments to be placed within the schools.

New York Company Shows Interest In Local Plant Site

The situation arose last week when the Industrial Committee received an inquiry as to local sites available and this information was supplied and seemingly met the requirements needed by the New York firm.

Since that time the owner of the site has been in contact with representatives of the firm and also officials of the State Department of Conservation and Development, which is lending assistance for the securing of the industry for North Carolina.

Mr. Hollowell told this reporter the Industrial Committee will work diligently with the owner of the local site in an endeavor to do everything possible to secure the industry for this community.

Highway Accident Causes \$7500 Loss

Property damages estimated at \$7,500 resulted from a highway accident that occurred about 2:45 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Griffin store near Woodville, it was reported by Patrolman B. R. Insoce, who investigated the accident.

According to Mr. Insoce, S. D. Banks of Route 3, Hertford, was traveling south on Highway 17, in his 1955 Ford, and while attempting to make a left turn at the Griffin store, was struck by a mail truck being driven by Otis Grant Williams, Negro, of Norfolk.

The large truck knocked the Banks car around the south side of the store building, and the truck struck the store building, causing an overhanging roof to fall on a Studebaker car owned by Max Griffin. Mrs. Glennie Griffin was sitting inside the Studebaker when it was struck by the store roof, but she escaped injury in the accident.

Patrolman Insoce estimated damages to the store building at about \$5,000, while damages to the cars and truck was estimated at \$2,500.

A few minutes later a second mail truck arrived at the scene and had room to pick up the

Recorder Hears 10 Cases At Session Held Last Tuesday

A docket consisting of 10 cases was disposed of during Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court and two cases were continued until later terms of the court.

The case of Joe Spruill, charged with possessing non-tax paid liquor for the purpose of sale was continued until January 7 and the case of Eugene Hassell, charged with destruction of property, was continued until December 31.

Raymond Case submitted to a charge of improper passing and illegal registration of a car. He paid a fine of \$20 and costs.

John Hudson and Melvin Chappell, charged with driving on the wrong side of a highway, submitted to the charges and each paid the court costs.

Harold Wright, Jr., paid the court costs after pleading guilty to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign.

Haywood Russell, found guilty on a charge of reckless driving, was ordered to pay a fine of \$300 and court costs or serve 30 days in jail.

A fine of \$25 and costs were taxed against Herbert Figgs, Negro, who was found guilty on a charge of driving without a license.

Oliver Overton, Negro, charged with driving without a license, having insufficient brakes and improper passing, pleaded guilty to the charges. It was his second offense, within two months of driving without a license. He was ordered to serve a 60-day sentence or pay a fine of \$200 and costs. A road sentence meted out to Overton during October for driving without a license was ordered invoked by the Court.

Willie Johnkins, Negro, plead guilty to a charge of driving on the wrong side of a highway. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Carroll Boyce, charged with failing to yield a right-of-way, entered a plea of guilty to the charge. He was ordered to pay the court costs and submitted the court a 300-word theme on the topic of his traffic violation.

John Elliott, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of larceny. He was given a 30-day sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Rites Held Sunday For Thomas Raper

Thomas Edward Raper, 71, died last Friday afternoon at his home in Hertford after an illness of six weeks. He was a lifelong resident of Hertford, the son of Henry Clay and Chloe Stafford Raper. He was a member of Perquimans Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M., and Sudan Temple. He served for many years as justice of the peace in this community.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie Davis Raper; one daughter, Mrs. D. A. Sutton of Warwick, Va.; one brother, H. C. Raper of Norfolk; one sister, Mrs. George Kern of Massapequa, New York; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Masonic funeral rites were conducted at the graveside in Cedarwood Cemetery Sunday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock. The Rev. James O. Mattox officiated. Pallbearers were members of the Perquimans Lodge.

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Preparations For Tax Listing Made At Meeting Monday

County Schools Closed For Annual Holidays

Perquimans County Schools began a 13-day Christmas vacation at noon Friday which will terminate on Thursday morning, January 2, it was reported by J. T. Biggers, superintendent. The vacation actually accounts for nine school days and is in line with the schedule of vacations adopted by the Board of Education last fall.

Christmas Play Presented At PTA

The PTA of the Hertford Grammar School met Thursday night, December 12, in the auditorium of the school for its December meeting.

The seventh grade of the school under the direction of Miss Thelma Elliott, Mrs. John Costen and Mrs. Georgia Roberts presented a play entitled "What Is Christmas?" Between the scenes of the play, two piano selections were played by Carolyn White, piano student of Mrs. Roberts.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. R. S. Mondt, president of the PTA, who presided over the business session.

Carroll Williams, the finance chairman, gave a final report on the newspaper drive, which was the most successful drive conducted by the PTA.

Mrs. Joe Towe White reported that T-shirts and jackets would be on sale at the school in an effort to raise more money for the PTA.

Miss Thelma Elliott gave a report on the Recreation Center which it is hoped will be opened by the Christmas holidays.

A cup in memory of Miss Sally McMullan, who taught in the Hertford schools for 25 years, was presented to the PTA by Miss Thelma Elliott. The cup was given in memory of her sister by Mrs. B. G. Koonce.

The seventh grade won the attendance prize for the evening.

At the conclusion of the business meeting a coffee hour was enjoyed by the members.

Library Announces Holiday Schedule

The Perquimans County Library Board announces that the library will be closed on Tuesday, December 23, through Friday, December 27, for the Christmas holidays and closed on New Year's Day. Patrons are asked to borrow from the library earlier the reading material they will need during those days the library will be closed.

The library has received numerous books recently as gifts. The Spectacle of Sports, The Face of America and Outdoor Life's Gallery of North American Game have been given as memorial books. The Camellia Year Book is the gift to the library by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dozier. The Plays of Shakespeare in eight volumes and the complete works of Edgar Allan Poe are gifts from Mrs. Nathan Toms of Petersburg.

Other gifts include Century Magazine's four volumes on The Battles and Leaders of the Civil War, which is a very valuable addition to the history collection, and eight other noteworthy books dealing with American history.

Perquimans County Commissioners met in special session here last Monday with county tax listers for the purpose of issuing supplies and giving instructions to the listers in connection with the annual job of listing property for taxes, which will begin January 2.

In addition to the Commissioners attending the meeting were Tax Supervisor Julian C. Powell and List Takers Julian Long, Percy Rogerson, Bell Proctor, Carson Spivey and Mrs. T. C. Perry. Instructions on the job of listing property, as drawn and recommended by the Institute of Government, were outlined to the list takers and these were supplemented by recommendations by members of the County Board.

A. T. Lane, chairman of the board, cautioned the list takers to use care in preparing the property list, pointing out the importance of the duties and the necessity for an accurate listing of all property within the county.

Tax listing starts on the second day of January and all property owners must list property for 1958 under penalty of the law. Failure to list property by January 31 is a violation of the law and makes the property owner subject to a penalty for late listing and court action or both.

A schedule setting forth dates and places at which list takers will work during the month will be published in this newspaper during January and property owners are urged to take notice of this schedule and list property accordingly.

As in the past, the list takers will also take the 1957 farm census, and farmers are urged to prepare in advance a list of all land cultivated and crops produced during the year. Having this list ready will save considerable time for both the farmer and list taker.

Several Thousand Dollars Damage Caused By Fire

Fires last Thursday night and early Friday morning caused property loss in excess of 8,000 according to estimates made by local firemen who fought the fires.

The excessive cold wave which struck here last Wednesday night, firemen believe, led to conditions usually causing fires.

Thursday night about 7 o'clock the department was called to the home of G. Wilson Felton, Negro, and extinguished a blaze which caused an estimated \$700 to \$1,000 loss.

At about 1:45 A. M. Friday the firemen were called to the home of W. J. Kanoy, where a fire had started in the furnace room of the home. The fire gained headway quickly and firemen fought the stubborn blaze for some time before bringing it under control.

The fire destroyed the furnace room and its contents, a bedroom and all contents and the kitchen and fixtures and caused considerable damage to the remainder of the home. Smoke caused by the blaze was excessive and resulted in additional damage to the home, furniture and clothing.