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1959 Easter Seal Child



Billy Fraser, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Fraser of Asheville and North Carolina's Easter Seal Child with Governor Luther H. Hodges at the Governor's office in Raleigh.

Exchange Student Guest Speaker At Rotary Meeting

Board In Special Meeting On Monday

The Perquimans Board of Commissioners and the Tax Supervisor will meet in the Court House in Hertford next Monday, March 16, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M., as a Board of Equalization and Review to handle matters pertaining to 1959 property valuation in the county.

Individuals desiring to confer with the Board concerning valuation problems on their property are requested to appear before the Commissioners at this special meeting.

Number Of Farms In North Carolina Smallest Since '20

The estimated 274,000 farms in North Carolina during 1958 was one per cent less than in 1957 and is 10 per cent less than the record high of 304,000 farms in 1933, according to the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service. The 1958 total is the lowest of any year since the 1920 total of 273,000 farms.

There has been a consistent downward trend in farm numbers since 1950, with the year-to-year decline varying from 3,000 to 4,000 farms. Percentage-wise, the decrease in number of farms has been less in North Carolina than in the South Atlantic Division and the nation.

The total of 274,000 Tar Heel farms during 1958 was exceeded only by Texas with an estimated 292,000 farms. Missouri ranked third in number of farms with 215,000; Mississippi fourth with 204,000, and Tennessee fifth with 203,000. The number of farms in the U. S. declined from 4,855,800 in 1957 to 4,749,400 in 1958.

The number of farms in North Carolina in 1910 totaled 255,000, and this figure gradually increased each five year period reaching a total of 301,000 in 1935. A decrease was noted in 1940 and 1945, then the figure went back to 301,000 in 1950.

Beginning in 1951 the number of farms started declining each year, starting with the figure 292,000 in 1951; 292,000 in 1953; 281,000 in 1956 and down to 274,000 in 1958.

Holloman To Head Hospital Drive

The Rev. Bryan W. Holloman, Jr., of Hertford is among representatives of the 75 Baptist Associations of the state who will lead in promotion of this year's Mother's Day offering for Baptist Hospital.

Baptist churches throughout North Carolina will make their annual contributions to support the care of the needy sick at the hospital on May 10. Assisting them in preparation for the offering will be the hospital representatives of the associations.

The Rev. Mr. Holloman recently attended a meeting at the hospital as its representative in the Chowan Association, and he received information on the services provided in 1958 and the need for this year. Speakers from the hospital and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine addressed the group, emphasizing the fact that the demand for care of the needy sick grows in proportion to the increase in the number of Baptists and in available services. Last year 40 per cent of Baptist hospital's 132,132 days of hospital care were devoted to patients who were unable to pay the cost of this care. In addition, there were 68,707 visits to the Out-patient clinics which are operated for needy patients. Those admitted to the clinics represented 85 of North Carolina's 100 counties.

A Rotary exchange student from Luzanne, Switzerland, Miss Ylonde Jenny, a student at Meredith College, was a special guest and speaker, at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club held Tuesday evening at the Hotel Hertford.

Miss Jenny, sponsored as an exchange student by the Raleigh Rotary Club, has been attending Meredith since last September. She gave the Hertford Rotarians an interesting talk on her experiences in America and related some of the customs of her native land.

Stating most Europeans secure impressions of the U. S. and its people from the movies, Miss Jenny pointed out her surprise to discover these impressions are very wrong, since the movies do not give a true picture of the country nor the people.

She compared education between the two countries and stated the system used in Switzerland, where a student attends school for nine years prior to entering high school and the university, is aimed more at formal education than in the U. S., where there is more social activity connected with the schools. In Switzerland, Miss Jenny pointed out, a student must take and pass an examination before entering high school.

"One of the surprises I have had in America," she said, "is watching people rush madly about early in the day and then sit and watch TV for three or four hours every night."

Giving some facts about her country the visitor said Switzerland was formed in 1291 when three Cantons broke from the Hapsburg dynasty and formed the Federation which is now composed of a nation about half the size of North Carolina and has a population of about five million. Due to the make-up of the population four languages are used with French and German being dominant but Italian and English also widely spoken.

Switzerland is industrialized, despite the lack of raw materials; these are imported along with much of the foodstuff consumed by the people. The soil is of poor quality but in some areas is sufficient for vineyards and grazing.

The federal government of Switzerland, Miss Jenny said, is similar to that of the United States. However, she said, each of the Cantons forming the Federation has a different system. No law passed within the nation is legal unless it is published in the four languages dominantly used by the people.

Red Cross Drive Under Way Here

The annual Red Cross fund drive was put into motion throughout Perquimans County on Monday for a period of two weeks with a quota of \$1,658.

Henry Stokes, Jr., fund chairman, has announced the appointment of the various township chairmen as follows: Bethel, Mrs. Julian Long; New Hope, Mrs. John Hurdie; Parkville, Mrs. Frank Bray; Belvidere, Mrs. Oliver Winslow and Mrs. Walter Dail; Hertford, Henry C. Stokes, Jr., and R. C. Elliott; Colored Division, Mrs. M. B. Taylor and W. C. Stroad.

These township chairmen have selected their solicitors who will make a house to house canvass in each section of the county seeking membership contributions to the American Red Cross.

Mr. Stokes has expressed his appreciation for the cooperation given the drive thus far and expressed confidence that the public will respond to this appeal for funds so that all final reports can be made by Friday, March 20.

BAKE SALE

The members of the St. Catherine Auxiliary will hold a bake sale Saturday, March 14, beginning at 10 A. M., in the old bank building on the corner of Market and Church Streets.

Special Services To Honor Miss Kate Blanchard Sunday



Kate Blanchard Day will be observed in the First Methodist Church, Hertford, Sunday morning, March 15, at the 11 o'clock service. The purpose of this observance is to honor Miss Blanchard, who has been playing the organ at the church for 60 years, life-time member of the church and one of its most devoted members.

The theme for the day will be "Service," and congratulatory messages will be presented from former pastors of the church who have worked with Miss Blanchard in the musical program.

Ruritan National President Speaker For Ladies Night

More than 150 persons are expected in attendance at the first annual joint Ruritan Club's Ladies Night dinner which will be held at the Hertford Grammar School Friday night, March 13, at 7 o'clock, it was announced by Dick Brewer, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

The guest speaker for the event will be Fred K. Betts, III, president of Ruritan National of Harrisonburg, Va., an outstanding Ruritan leader and a member of the Keeletown Ruritan Club. Since 1946 Betts has been an active Ruritan and has had the offices of club president, lieutenant governor and district governor.

He is owner and operator of the Betts Quarry, president of Betts & Frazier, Inc., and secretary of Chestnut Hills Company. He received college training at Davidson College, Bridgewater College and the University of Missouri in the field of civil engineering.

Other outstanding guests expected to attend the dinner meeting will be S. L. Lowery, past national president of Elizabeth City and Ernest L. Slack, director of Ruritan National of Pinetown.

Members of the Bethel, Durants Neck and Parkville Ruritan Clubs are joining together for this ladies' night event and members who have not, as yet, secured tickets for the dinner may do so by contacting their club president.

Three Year Old Boy Shot By Elder Brother

A three-year-old boy, Carl Brown, Negro, was shot and killed by his 10-year-old brother, Robert Brown, about 4 P. M., Tuesday afternoon while the boys played at their home on the Low Ground Road in Belvidere Township.

Sheriff J. K. White reported the child was shot by a .22 rifle which had been cut down to make a revolver. He stated the child's father, Robert Brown, told him he had the gun under his bed between the mattress and springs and that the older boy had secured the gun and was playing cops and robbers when the gun was discharged, the bullet striking the youngest boy.

Town Board Hears Engineer's Reports On Water System

Central PTA To Meet Next Monday

The PTA of the Perquimans County Grammar School will meet Monday night, March 16, at 7:30 o'clock in the auditorium of the school.

The subject, "Maturity Through Strengthening The Family," Tommy Maston will have charge of the program and the public is invited to attend.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Western diplomats have agreed to meet Soviet officials in Geneva for talks on Berlin. Now, it appears, a conference is in the offing providing Khrushchev does not again change his mind on the situation. News reports have stated the West is in agreement on policy in Berlin but will not talk at a reasonable compromise to Russian proposals.

The Iraqi government reported Wednesday a revolt which flared in the northern section of the country on Sunday had been quelled with forces seeking to overthrow the government fleeing toward neighboring borders. The present Iraqi government assumed power last year but apparently is not satisfactory to many of the people due to Communist influence within the government.

Faced with increased tensions due to Russian demands over Berlin, Congressional leaders are questioning the Administration's military program, which now calls for some cuts in the armed forces; proposals are being made to step up the national defenses, rather than curtail the program.

The Legislature is expected to bear down on its work detail, following an address Thursday by Governor Hodges in which he called for a number of changes in the State Constitution. Numerous local bills have been acted upon by the General Assembly but as yet few major laws have come before the body.

Long Island police quickly solved a \$72,000 bank robbery last Tuesday when they acted on a telephone tip which disclosed the identity of one of four men participating in the crime. Police later picked up the other three men while they were counting the stolen money.

Winfall Cub Pack In Dinner Meeting

Cub Pack 510 of Winfall, sponsored by the Perquimans County Central Grammar School PTA, held its Blue and Gold Banquet on Thursday night at the Winfall Grammar School cafeteria. The Cub Scouts and their parents were present and participated in the program which had Paul Smith, Sr., as toastmaster. The Rev. A. N. Gore gave the invocation and the special guests were recognized by Shelton Morgan. Tommy Maston, principal of Winfall Grammar School, recognized the leaders and presented pins to the Den Mothers, who were: Lib Morgan, Mary Ruth Smith, Sally Knight, Billie Caddy and Doris Kemp.

Several Cub Scouts received achievement badges and these were as follows: Wilbert Kemp, Jr., Webelos Badge; Paul Smith, Jr., Skipper Morgan and Archie Miller received Silver Arrow Points under the line. These four boys, along with Carl Lewis, received a yearly pin. Ray Collier brought greetings from the Boy Scouts and gave an interesting speech. Miss Caroline Wright led several songs and the meeting was closed with the pledge to the flag.

MASONS TO MEET

Perquimans Masonic Lodge No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Facts and figures concerning Hertford's water system and treatment facilities were revealed to members of the Town Board in meeting here Monday night when an engineer's survey report, compiled by Wm. F. Freeman, Inc., of High Point, was made to the commissioners.

The survey was conducted as part of the town's plan to improve the water supply and system, incorporating a new well field into the system.

The report pointed out the town's current water demand is about 215,000 gallons per day, the raw water being obtained from 80 shallow wells which have a capacity of 250,000 gallons per day. Due to the demand, the town's filtration and treatment facilities are being operated 24 hours per day to match the demand and the report further pointed out there is a definite need to increase the capacity of the treatment plant.

Continuous operation of the new well, dug last September, the report stated, will provide about 432,000 gallons of water per day or about twice the present demand.

The engineer's report recommended the Town provide an adequate layout on the already overcrowded site and renovate the existing water treatment facilities to provide for future growth of the community and furnish adequate water system.

Total cost of the program, including the drilling of the well and piping the raw water into the treatment plant, has been estimated at approximately \$100,000.

Following the report made by the engineering firm, the Town Board instructed Mayor V. N. Darden and Town Attorney Chas. E. Johnson to confer with the Local Government Commission concerning a possible bond issue for the Town of Hertford to provide funds to carry out this project.

The new facilities, if and when completed, will comply with all state and health department regulations regarding treatment and delivery of water.

Other matters handling during the meeting included adoption of a motion authorizing the town clerk to advertise all delinquent 1958 real property taxes for sale during the month of June and to sell the tax liens on the second Monday in July.

Youth To Receive Eagle Scout Award At Service Sunday

Another Hertford youth, Carlyle Woodard, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woodard, will join the coveted ranks of Eagle Scouts on next Sunday evening when the Eagle Scout Award will be presented at services to be conducted at the Hertford Baptist Church beginning at 7:30 o'clock. John Beers, Advisor to the Explorer Scout Troop, Hertford, has issued special invitation to all former Eagle Scouts to join with members of Troop 155 and Explorer Troop in attending the services. Members of Troop 151 will be under direction of Acting Scoutmaster W. S. Long.

The Rev. James O. Mattox, pastor of the church, will preach the sermon in conduct with the services. Presentation of the Eagle Scout award will be made by Charles T. Skinner, Jr., and the award will be pinned by the youth's mother, Mrs. Woodard. Carlyle has 22 Merit Badges, requires 21 for the Eagle award and presently is working for his God and Country Award. He is 15 years old, a member of the Hertford Baptist Church and secretary-treasurer of Explore Post 155. He is an honor roll student at Perquimans High School where he takes an active part in the Monogram Club and in school athletics. He is also district president of the RA boy of the Baptist Church.

Variety Of Cases Before Recorder At Session Tuesday

Baptists Announce Plans For Revival



In cooperation with thousands of other churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, the Hertford Baptists will participate in a simultaneous continent-wide evangelistic crusade. The revival will begin Sunday, April 12, and continue through the following Sunday.

Speaker for the revival services here will be Gregory Walcott. Besides being a busy actor in movies and television, Mr. Walcott is in great demand as a speaker for various denominational conventions, meetings and revivals. Jimmie Fidler, popular columnist, speaks of him as "the Billy Graham of Hollywood."

The revival will be sponsored by all organizations of the church in a concerted effort of evangelism. Extensive plans for pre-revival preparations are being made and these will include cottage prayer meetings and visitation.

Revival Services At Epworth Church

Revival services will be conducted at the Epworth Methodist Church in Winfall, beginning March 19 and continue through March 29. It was announced by the pastor, the Rev. A. N. Gore, who will do the preaching. The public is invited to attend the services.

ON HONOR ROLL

Among the students at the University of Oklahoma listed on the honor roll for the past semester was John Norwood Elliott of Hertford, who is a student in the College of Arts and Sciences.

John Mathews Wins Scholarship At ECC

Announcement was made here Tuesday that John Mathews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Mathews has been awarded a full athletic scholarship at East Carolina College and will attend the school beginning next September.

A senior at Perquimans High School, Mathews, has been an outstanding athlete, as well as an honor student, participating in football and basketball.