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Local Community Progress Awards Presented Thursday

Approximately 375 people were on hand Thursday night to witness the first presentation of community development awards for Perquimans County, when New Hope won first place.

George Bellmon, ASC representative, was master of ceremonies for the event.

The Rev. M. D. Hodgins, pastor of the Up River Friends Church, gave the devotional which was followed by group singing led by Mrs. Fred Matthews.

Bellmon recognized special guests, Bob Long, representative of State Community Development Department; John Pilon, district farm agent; R. M. Riddick, Jr., executive vice president of Peoples Bank and Trust Company; Allen Mills, Perquimans Chamber of Commerce manager; Charles Harrell, president of Perquimans Chamber of Commerce; Mayor V. N. Darden and Representative Archie T. Lane.

Musical entertainment was presented by the Anderson Methodist Church chorus and the Up River Friends Church quartet.

A summary and evaluation of the community development program was given by Mrs. Fannie Hurdle, who stressed the purpose of the program is to enrich and develop the community.

Joel Hollowell, Jr., in giving ideas for the future community development projects, said there was no end to what could be done in the county, but it must have the 100 per cent participation to achieve success.

Dollar prizes, donated by the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, were presented by Jean Simmons to the following: Miss Helene Nixon, electric clock; the Rev. E. J. Barfoot, electric clock; Mrs. Billy Winslow, hot dog grill; Mrs. Thomas Nixon, electric clock; and Claude White, popcorn popper.

George Lewis, agriculture advisor from Peoples Bank and Trust Company, presented the attendance awards to Winfall for first place and to Beech Springs for second place.

After congratulating the various groups on completing a very successful program, R. L. Stevenson, vice president of the bank, presented the awards to the community leaders as follows: Mrs. Billy Winslow, white ribbon, \$48; Preston Nixon, Beech Springs, white ribbon, \$48; Mac White, Belvidere, white ribbon, \$48; Joel Hollowell, Jr., Parkville, red ribbon, \$72.65; Thomas Proctor, Bethel, red ribbon, \$72.05 and Ben Chambers, New Hope, blue ribbon, \$96.

Joe Nowell Named Soil Supervisor

December 5-10 was soil conservation district election week in Perquimans County. The voters in the county have chosen Joseph Nowell, Jr., for a three year term to begin January 1, 1961. The response from the eligible voters in the county was quite gratifying to the supervisors, and they wish to express appreciation to all who participated.

Soil Conservation District supervisors occupy a position of public office and public trust. As a member of the local board, Mr. Nowell will assist in program planning, policy making and the carrying out of a soil and water conservation program for Perquimans County and the Albemarle Soil Conservation District. Members of the county and district boards will meet regularly with agricultural agency representatives and others interested in this important program. District supervisors are non-salaried officials, serving on district, state and nation in this important role largely at their own expense and without compensation in the form of salary.

Early Next Week

The December 23rd edition of The Perquimans Weekly will be printed one day early next week in order to give the printers of The Weekly an extra day holiday for Christmas. Press day next week will be Wednesday instead of Thursday, therefore, news contributors and advertisers are requested to have all copy in The Weekly office not later than 3 P. M. next Tuesday.

Forty Students On Perquimans High School Honor Roll

Forty students at Perquimans High School were listed on the school's honor roll for the second grading period which closed last week, it was announced by E. C. Woodward, principal.

Honor students for this period included:

Eighth Grade: Judy Long, Beth Auman, Phyllis Nixon, Margaret Ainsley, Russell Sawyer.

Ninth Grade: John Stallings, Price Monds, Reggie Baker, Wayne Chappell, Perry Monds, Jimmy Perry, Irma Bundy, Gloria Miller.

Tenth Grade: Richard Auman, Judy Baker, Verna Ann Perry, Betsy Barbee, Becky Felton, Harry Winslow, Billy Winslow, Susan Broughton.

Eleventh Grade: Frank Ainsley, Alton Daniels, Sidney Long, Linda Chappell, Sandra Hudson, Pete Cook, Mary Lou Jordan, Brenda Kay Smith.

Twelfth Grade: Carson Spivey, Ann Benton, Dianne Hollowell, Betty Burden, Carlyle Woodward, Mary Frances Baker, Linda Bass, Connie Boyce, Phyllis Hendren, Carroll McDonnell and Betty York.

Pastor Reflects On Summer Visit To The Holy Land

By James A. Auman
How far is it to Bethlehem, a town just over the Jerusalem hills down.

Past lovely Rachel's white-domed tomb—
Sweet shrine of motherhood's young doom.

(From a poem by Madeline Miller)
When I was a boy, I well remember reciting this poem as a part of a Christmas program. Little did I think, then, that some day I would travel to that Bethlehem town, and see for myself the sacred shrines of Christianity. But, the tour of the Holy Land was a fitting climax to my summer travels with the Christian World Seminar. It brought into focus the Holy Scriptures, the historical Jesus, and made the understanding of the Scriptures so much clearer.

How far is it to Bethlehem town. Our study group traveled by touring car from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, a distance of about eight miles (12 in this case, because of the present Jewish-Arabic disputes). Over the hillsides, where we saw an occasional olive tree, the narrow road made its winding way into Bethlehem, the place where the Christmas star first shone. The rugged Palestinian countryside between Jerusalem and Bethlehem has changed little in twenty centuries, although the city itself now has a population of around ten thousand.

About one mile east of Bethlehem we stopped at the "Fields of the Shepherds," where the angel of the Lord came upon the shepherds as they watched their flocks by night, and brought the tidings of Jesus Christ's birth. The church has been built here through contribu-

Hertford PTA Has Christmas Play At Meeting Thurs.

Hertford Grammar School Parent-Teacher Association held its December meeting Thursday night of last week with Mrs. R. L. Hollowell, president, presiding over the business session.

The seventh grade presented a Christmas play as the feature of the program. The play entitled "The True Meaning of Christmas" was centered around the theme of love for others. Helen Overton, Joe Towle White and Charlie Umphlett read Scripture passages and the class sang several Christmas carols.

Mrs. Joe Haskett read the minutes of the last meeting and Mrs. Freeman Long, treasurer, reported the PTA has a balance of \$811. Mrs. Charles White reported the PTA had again had a successful drive securing subscriptions to the Perquimans Weekly.

It was also announced by Mrs. Jessie Lee Harris a study course will be conducted during the latter part of February, and it was also reported the PTA's of Hertford and Central Grammar Schools will play a basketball game next month. The seventh grade won the attendance prize and the meeting closed with a Social hour.

Bank To Open Extra Hours December 23rd

R. M. Riddick, Executive Vice President of Peoples Bank & Trust Company, Hertford, announced today the Hertford bank will be open three additional hours on Friday, December 23, to compensate for the holiday closing, which has been declared by Governor Luther Hodges for December 24 and December 26.

The local bank will be open, in addition to regular hours on December 23, from four to seven o'clock in the evening.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A Christmas program will be presented at the Piney Woods Friends Church Sunday night, December 18, beginning at 7 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

C of C Directors Name Committees; Plan January Meet

Directors for the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce met last Friday night and named chairman and vice chairman for the various committees which will formulate the Chamber program of work for the coming year.

Names of these chairman and vice chairman will be announced after each has been consulted and the appointments confirmed.

Allan W. Mills, Chamber manager, also announced a committee composed of Capt. N. S. Fulford, R. L. Hollowell, Joel Hollowell, Jr., Broughton, Dail and Claude Brinn had been named to arrange a program for a dinner meeting for the Chamber of Commerce to be held the latter part of January.



AKU AKU-CHOO—Artist Bertil Johansson hopes he won't tickle a sneeze from this giant statue at Halmstad, Sweden. He's putting finishing touches to concrete replica of the famous Aku statue on Easter Island.

Christmas Ideas Feature Of Open House By Club Women

Christmas Ideas that will be long remembered were displayed at the Agriculture Building. The Home Demonstration Clubs of Perquimans County held an Open House on Wednesday, December 7. Over 400 people witnessed the various Christmas decorations which were exhibited by the women.

Arts and crafts leaders from each club served with the club presidents to make up a steering committee for the event. Mrs. E. J. Proctor, Sr., is the County Arts and Crafts leader. Mrs. J. E. Wood, Jr., County Foods Leader, was responsible for the punch to be served.

Door decorations were displayed by the Snow Hill-White Hat Club. On the front door was a lighted star created by Ann Benton, a Senior 4-H Club member. A lace door showed a scene out from staryphone to display "O Holy Night." A tin can medalion surrounded by greenery was displayed on a door covered with silver paper. Mrs. Vernon Harrell, Mrs. Whit Cartwright and Mrs. Melvin Eure were responsible for the door decorations.

Mantel decorations were exhibited by the Helen Gaither Club. Mantels were constructed from cardboard boxes to display the ideas. Mrs. Warner Madore was responsible for this group. Mrs. Mark Gregory displayed candles, angels and other decorations to reflect in a mirror over the mantel. Mrs. Fred Mathews displayed candles with a Madonna in white and gold. Mrs. Ann Berry exhibited candles, a Madonna surrounded by greenery and gold. Santa and his elves cut from plywood with clothing of felt, wool and cotton were colorfully displayed on a mantel with stockings hung by the sides were exhibited by Mrs. Gill Underwood.

The Belvidere Club exhibited a variety of table decorations. A novelty was a gold painted hub cap displayed with an arrangement of gold sprayed articles and green candles. A five pointed pine cone in the shape of a star caused many comments. Pointsettias, holly, candles, trays and other articles made some very colorful and attractive displays.

Town Of Hertford Wins Damage Suit

The State Supreme Court, this week, handed down a decision favorable to the Town of Hertford in the \$250,000 damage suit brought against the town by Mrs. Ann Hollowell as a result of the death of her husband some two years ago.

The trial in the suit was heard by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn in Perquimans Superior Court, and following introduction of some testimony Judge Burgwyn dismissed the action on a motion by the Town that it was not liable for the condition which existed at the time of the accident. The Supreme Court confirmed this action by the Judge.

Christmas Week Programs Set At Methodist Church

"White Christmas" at the morning church school and worship hours, and an evening program of special music will feature this week's Christmas observance in First Methodist Church, Hertford.

Adults and youth of the church school will bring their "White Christmas" gifts to the altar of the church, while the children will take theirs to their various departments. The church committee on Social Welfare will distribute the items to needy families. This committee is composed of Mrs. D. F. Reed, Sr., Mrs. Burne Inscow, acting chairman, Mrs. Keith Haskett, Mrs. L. C. Winslow, Mrs. Elizabeth Skipsey, Mrs. J. E. Newby and Mrs. R. T. White.

At 7:30 o'clock, the choir and congregation will join in a special program of carolling, using as their theme "Everywhere—It's Christmas." The customs of other lands, which are familiar to our own country, will be illustrated and music representative of these various countries will be sung. The adult choir will present "Christ The Lord Is Born" (Mexican carol) and with the Juniors will sing "On Christmas Night," from England. The Primary Choir sings "Holy Angels." The youth, representative of English carollers will sing "What Child Is This?" and the Juniors will also sing "The Rocking Carol." Congregational carols will include "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Angels From the Realms of Glory," "Silent Night," "There's A Song In The Air" and "Joy To The World."

Mrs. Donald Norman will sing "He Shall Feed His Flock," and Mrs. Charles Skinner, Jr., "Come Unto Him," both numbers from Handel's "Messiah."

An instrumental presentation of favorite carols will begin at 7:15 P. M. on Sunday night, with Miss Carolina Wright, minister of music, at the organ. Still other Christmas activities announced by the local Methodist Church, today includes WSCS General meeting Monday, December 19, at 8:00 A. M.; a Primary Department Christmas party on Tuesday, December 20; Junior Department Carolling on Wednesday, December 21, and Youth Fellowship annual carolling to shut-ins of the community on Thursday, December 22nd.

This Week's Headlines

More than 200 persons died this week from situations arising from winter's first severe storm. Gale winds, sleet and snow swept out of the southwest across the nation to the Atlantic. Temperatures skidded to new low marks while heavy snow tied up communications and in some cities halted daily business activity.

President-elect John F. Kennedy is rapidly filling out the vacant spots in his cabinet has announced this week the names of men who will serve as secretaries of state, treasury, defense and interior. Reports from Washington predict the Kennedy administration, when it takes office January 20, will proceed with caution in adjusting to national conditions rather than use radical methods as sometimes predicted during the recent campaign.

Rioting broke out again this week in Algiers as French President Charles DeGaulle visited the capital to attempt a compromise settlement of the problems resulting from Algerian demands for local government. DeGaulle returned to Paris, cutting short his Algerian stay in belief he could solve the situation quicker from the French capital.

School Holidays To Start Wednesday

Perquimans County schools will start their annual Christmas vacation with the close of classes on Wednesday of next week, it was announced by J. T. Biggers, superintendent of schools, who said this year's holiday will run for one and a half weeks, with classes resuming on Monday, January 2.

Town Board Votes New Ordinance On Display Auto Tag

Commissioners In Special Meeting

Commissioners for Perquimans County will hold a special meeting on Monday, December 19, for the purpose of issuing instructions and supplies to the county tax listers, who will begin listing property for 1961 taxes on January 3.

The board is also expected to confer with representatives of the Board of Education concerning the construction of school buildings, provided for under the bond election held November 2.

Board Of Education Met On Wednesday

Members of the Board of Education were entertained with a Christmas dinner on Wednesday night by Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. John T. Biggers, prior to the board's December business meeting.

Guests at the dinner besides the board members were Miss Thelma Elliott, Tommy Maston, E. C. Woodward and Max Campbell.

During the business session which was presided over by D. H. Eure, in the absence of the board chairman, C. C. Chappell, Sr., reports were given on the meeting of the State School Board Association attended by Mrs. Mary R. Brinn, W. H. Mathews and Mr. Biggers.

Plans were discussed and approved for the board committee to proceed with efforts to secure additional land next to the Perquimans Union School for the expansion of this school.

Mr. Mathews also reported on improvements to Memorial Field and stated the committee hopes to have this athletic field disked and leveled.

Charles M. Harrell also reported to the board on the progress of establishing an industrial training class in sewing and stated applications for admission to the class are now being accepted.

Officers Capture Huge Still; Two Defendants Fined

ATU officers from Elizabeth City, accompanied by Sheriff J. K. White, captured a huge 500 gallon capacity still in the Burgess section of Perquimans County Thursday night of last week and took into custody three men found in the vicinity.

In Recorder's Court here on Tuesday Kenneth Gordon and Cornelius Sharp, Negroes, entered pleas of guilty to charges of manufacturing non-tax-paid liquor at the still. Each was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs or serve 60 days in jail. Linwood Proctor, charged with possession of materials designed to manufacture liquor, was found not guilty by the court when evidence appeared to show Proctor was at the scene of the still operation.

Other cases heard by the court this week included those in which Charlie Whidbee, Negro, was found guilty of passing a school bus engaged in leading children. He was fined \$15 and costs.

James Harris, Negro, charged with driving a car with view obstructed, failed to appear in court to answer to the charges. He was apprehended and held for a bond of \$50.

Allen Hunter submitted to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign and he paid the court costs.

A fine of \$25 and costs were taxed against R. A. Lassiter who submitted to a charge of reckless driving.

Carlton Perry, Negro, submitted to a charge of driving without a license. He paid a \$25 fine and costs of court.

Charlie Midgett, Negro, was taxed with the court costs on a charge of driving with an expired license.

Cursie Alexander, Negro, paid the costs of court on a charge of improper parking.

Edward Towns, Negro, submitted to charges of driving with an expired chauffeur's license. He paid the court costs.

Leslie Jackson, charged with using an expired license, submitted and paid the court costs.

Police Report Is Given For November

Hertford Police made a total of 23 arrests during November, according to a report given the Town Board Monday by Police Captain B. L. Gibbs. Heading the charges, were 10 cases of persons being drunk; 5 miscellaneous traffic arrests were three speeders caught and two arrests made on charges of disorderly conduct. The department answered 74 calls, investigated six accidents, extended 71 courtesies, reported 16 lights out and found two bicycles which still remain unclaimed. The police car traveled 2,481 miles, using 230 gallons of gas.

A new ordinance, regulating the purchase and display of town licenses for automobiles, was adopted by the Hertford Town Board during its regular meeting held here last Monday. The ordinance, which is published elsewhere in this edition of your hometown paper, requires every automobile owner residing within the town limits to purchase and display on his car a license issued by the Town of Hertford. The license must be displayed on or before February 15 of each year. Failure to comply with the ordinance means a possible fine up to \$25 and 30 days in jail, or both. The new ordinance becomes effective January 1, 1961.

Other actions taken by the board during the meeting included voting Christmas gifts to employees of the Town. The gifts are to be the same as last year, equal to about one day's pay for each employee.

Fire Chief R. C. Elliott reported to the Commissioners the firemen of Hertford will hold a barbecue chicken dinner on Thursday night at the Hertford Grammar School, and he also invited members of the board to attend. Wives of the firemen will be guests for the supper.

Due to a conflict, the Board voted to void a contract awarded to an auditing firm to conduct the annual audit of the books of the Town of Hertford and awarded the contract to R. E. Aiken, Jr., who had reported to the board he will start work on the audit December 14.

Mayor V. N. Darden gave a progress report to the Commissioners on the renovation of the town's water filter plant, and stated progress has been slow, somewhat but he anticipates the work will be completed about January 15. Meanwhile, town employees continue to flush water mains to reduce foreign substances in the water supply which Mayor Darden pointed out will be cleared completely when the filter plant is placed in operation.

It was also announced the Board will make a study of the town's rates for electric power to determine a possible reduction of these rates following completion of the annual audit of the town's fiscal books.

Christmas Service At Baptist Church

On Sunday morning, December 18, at 11 o'clock the combined choirs of the Hertford Baptist Church will present their program of special Christmas music. The program will include: "Christmas Means Thinking of Jesus" by Geoffrey O'Hara and Warren Angell, Bobby Overton, soloist; "Angels We Have Heard on High" — Traditional, Trio Mrs. George Baker, Mrs. Charles Johnson and Ann Elliott. "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" by Robert MacGimsey, Bobby Overton, soloist; "Lullaby to the Christ Child" — Polish Carol; "The Wondrous Story" by H. R. Palmer, Mrs. Reginald Tucker, soloist; "Go Tell It on the Mountain" — Traditional American Spiritual, Mrs. Hinton Roundtree, soloist, and "Silent Night" by Franz Gruber, Ann Elliott, soloist.

On Sunday evening, December 18, at 7:30 o'clock, the young people of the Hertford Baptist Church will present the Christmas pageant "Unto Us," under the direction of Mrs. Dan Berry. Those participating in the program are Carlyle Woodward, Donald Chesson, Guy McCracken, Donald Madore, Charles Fowler, Mrs. Gill Underwood and Ike Perry.

The Hertford Baptist Church extends a cordial invitation to all for both services.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. James Arthur Terrell of Scottsdale, Arizona, announce the birth of a third child, second daughter, Elizabeth Dawn, born Thursday, December 8. Mrs. Terrell is the former Miss Katherine Allen Nixon.