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Many Cases Disposed of By Judge Everett Thompson in Term of Superior Court

Monday Morning Session Develops Into Divorce Mill

SEVEN DIVORCED

Criminal Docket Completed at End of First Day

Though Judge C. E. Thompson, of Elizabeth City, faced a crowded calendar at a term of Chowan Superior Court beginning Monday morning, there were no cases docketed of any special interest, so that quite a number were disposed of. Court was convened promptly at 9:30 o'clock, and little time was lost in selecting the grand and petit juries.

James L. Hassell was named foreman of the Grand Jury, the others serving with him being: E. L. White, A. M. Harrell, Henry B. Harrell, Louis Goodwin, John L. Parrish, Glenn Bunch, Henry Jordan, I. K. Blanchard, O. M. Eason, G. D. Cale, W. H. Dail, Vandy Nixon, J. T. Parrish, J. T. Layton, William E. Speight, A. L. Hobbs and C. S. Morgan.

In his charge to the Grand Jury, Judge Thompson complimented the men who served for not requesting to be excused from duty. Very few requests were presented, and the Judge said he hoped none would be greatly inconvenienced. He emphasized the fact that they are the guardians of the county, and while their powers and duties are many and varied, he pointed out that none the least of them is to see that criminals are punished, and at the same time guard against any unfounded accusation.

Judge Thompson, in quite a lengthy charge, rehearsed the formation of the court system and explained the various forms of lawlessness to be considered by the Grand Jury.

When the Grand Jury was sent to a room and the petit jury selected, Court developed into somewhat of a divorce mill, for while waiting for the return of any true bills seven divorce cases were heard. In six of these Herbert Leary represented the party seeking a divorce. Those granted divorces were:

Vernon McWilliams Boyce, colored, from Jesse Elizabeth Boyce.

Rosetta H. Taylor, colored, from Willie H. Taylor.

William Madrin, colored, from Claudie P. Madrin.

Mary Bonds Howell, colored, from Chester Howell.

J. R. Hare, white, from Elizabeth W. Hare.

Roy E. Peters, colored, from Mary H. Peters.

Olivia Meekins, white, from Ivan M. Meekins. This suit was transferred to Chowan from Pasquotank County, with George Spence as the attorney.

The criminal docket was completed Monday afternoon, and those cases disposed of included the following:

James Edward Perry, colored, was sentenced to 12 months on the roads on a charge of assault with a knife. He cut Larry Burke, another Negro. Willie Moore, colored, who was also involved in an attack upon Burke, failed to appear, and Judge Thompson ordered viscidis against the bond.

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Duke and Malone Dissolve Partnership

Ill Health Causes Manager Malone to Leave Hotel Joseph Hewes

Effective Wednesday of this week, Haywood Duke and W. G. Malone dissolved partnership as operators of Hotel Joseph Hewes, the action being taken due to ill health of Mr. Malone since assuming management of the hotel several months ago.

Mr. Duke, who is manager of King Cotton Hotel at Greensboro, was in Edenton Tuesday to execute dissolution papers and brought with him E. B. Schwartz, who will succeed Mr. Malone as manager. Mr. Schwartz has been assistant manager of King Cotton hotel before coming to Edenton and is well versed in the hotel business.

While in Edenton Mr. Malone has made many friends and he regrets to leave for another section of the State in the hope of regaining his usual health.

Plaque Unveiled On Sunday Afternoon In Baptist Church

103 Names of Men In Armed Forces Listed On Tablet

AT 5 O'CLOCK

J. L. Wiggins and Lloyd E. Griffin Speakers For Occasion

A special service in the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock has been announced by the pastor, the Rev. E. L. Wells, at which time a beautiful plaque will be unveiled containing the names of 103 boys from the church and congregation now in the service of their country. The plaque will be unveiled by Miss Mary Eliza White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank White, Sr., who has five brothers in service.

Speakers for the occasion will be J. L. Wiggins, chairman of the Chowan County Draft Board, and Lloyd E. Griffin, who has been the Sunday School teacher of a large number of those whose names appear on the plaque. Special music has also been arranged by the church choir, under the direction of Mrs. M. A. Hughes, and includes a solo by C. W. Overman.

The plaque will be hung in the vestibule of the church, where it can be easily seen by any who enter the church.

The public is invited to attend the service, which will take the place of the regular night service, and a special invitation is extended to men and women at the local U. S. Marine Corps Air Station.

Mrs. Zebulon Hopkins President Of Local Officers' Wives Club

Officers of New Organization Elected Monday Afternoon

At a meeting of a group of wives of Marine and Navy officers of the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station held in the USO Club Monday afternoon, an organization was effected and officers were elected.

Officers chosen by the ladies were as follows:

President—Mrs. Zebulon C. Hopkins.

Vice President—Mrs. H. L. Patterson.

Secretary—Mrs. M. E. Derryberry, Junior.

Treasurer—Mrs. H. M. Gregg.

The next meeting of the club will be held Tuesday, December 7, at 1 o'clock, in the USO Club, at which time plans for a Christmas dance will be discussed. All officers' wives are especially urged to attend this meeting.

St. Paul's Auxiliary Meets Next Tuesday

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church will meet on Monday afternoon, December 6, at 4 o'clock, in the Parish House. All women of the church are urged to attend, and a special invitation is extended to visitors and strangers in town.

Communion Sunday At Methodist Church

Services will be held in the Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when the pastor, the Rev. H. Free Surratt, will administer the holy communion and preach on the subject "Is the Christian Way Realistic?" Church school will be held at 9:45 a. m., and the pastor extends a friendly welcome to all.

Fight Tuberculosis . . .

Buy Christmas Seals

Three Etchings Of Edenton Included In Orr Collection

Court House, St. Paul's Church and Hayes Included In 11 Subjects

USED AT COLLEGE

Valuable Gift Given to Library at Woman's College

Gift of the artistically and historically valuable Louis Orr North Carolina etchings to The Woman's College library is announced by Dr. W. C. Jackson, dean of administration. Fund for purchase of the etchings was given by Mrs. Julius I. Foust, wife of the president emeritus, as a memorial to her parents, Cleveland and Caroline McNeill.

The completed collection will include five albums of five etchings each and one larger etching of the State capitol. Eleven etchings, two full albums and the extra etching of the capitol, have been finished and are in possession of the library.

An exhibit of the 11 etchings will open in the library Saturday and will be shown for the remainder of the month. Descriptive notes about the buildings and homes represented, illustrated books on North Carolina, biographical notes and portraits of the donor and her family will be included in the exhibition.

Subjects of the 11 completed etchings are the portico of the state capitol, a full view of the state capitol, two scenes from Orton plantation, near Wilmington; Chowan County Court House, St. Paul's Church and Hayes plantation, Edenton; Playmakers' theatre, Chapel Hill; the Market, Fayetteville; servants' quarters, Hillsboro; the inner court of Salem academy, Winston-Salem.

At the college, the Orr etchings will be used for exhibits and for instruction in art and history classes, according to Guy R. Lyle, librarian.

Representative Coming To Assist Farmers In Filing Income Returns

C. H. Robertson, of Greensboro, collector of internal revenue, has arranged to have a representative at the Edenton post office and the County Agent's office on Thursday and Friday, December 9 and 10, to assist farmers in filing federal income tax returns.

Special attention is called to the fact that all farmers having an income of at least \$624 net are liable for a return.

FIREMEN MEET TONIGHT
Fire Chief R. K. Hall wishes to remind firemen that the monthly meeting will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. Every member of the organization is urged to attend.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS SEALS GETS OFF TO GOOD START; LEADERS HOPE FOR \$750

Every Mail Bringing Batch of Contributions to Mrs. R. C. Holland, Treasurer; Booths In Operation at Air Station

Though Mrs. R. C. Holland, treasurer of the Chowan County Christmas Seal Sale, had no definite figures to release Wednesday relative to the amount received from the sale of the tuberculosis seals, she, as well as Mrs. J. A. Moore, is greatly pleased with the response to the letters which were sent out last week. The drive is off to a good start, according to both ladies, and Mrs. Holland, in every mail, is receiving a batch of letters containing contributions in return for Seals mailed.

Mrs. Moore expresses her appreciation for the interest shown in the drive and made special mention of Mrs. George I. Dail and Mrs. William Sexton, Jr., who mimeographed and sent the letters to those from whom contributions were expected.

Mrs. Moore was also greatly encouraged in the drive, due to Lieutenant-Colonel Zebulon C. Hopkins so generously allowing a booth to be installed at the U. S. Marine Corps Air Station for the sale of the Seals. This booth has been in operation since Monday, when the campaign was opened at the Base by Mrs. Hopkins, and the response has been very gratifying. The Seals have been on sale two hours daily at the Administration building and at the Post Exchange, where a wife of a Marine

Company 26, State Guard Called Early On Sunday Morning

Unit Goes to Williamston to Practice on Civic Disturbances

VERY SUCCESSFUL

Members of Local Outfit Alerted at Noon Saturday

Members of Company 26, of the State Guard, were alerted at noon Saturday and at 6 o'clock Sunday morning were called to Williamston on a practice maneuver, where the jail was protected from a would-be mob.

About 75 per cent of the Chowan unit participated in the maneuver, going to Williamston in private cars escorted by State patrolmen. All instructions were carried out by means of the State Highway Patrol radio system.

While the local Guardsmen knew they would be called, there was no information given as to where they would be sent or for what purpose. The first instructions were to go to Windsor, from where the orders were to proceed to Williamston, where the maneuvers to quell civic disturbances were used.

The results of the practice were very successful and were reason for many compliments from Major W. A. Blount, Jr., of Washington, N. C., Commander of the Second Battalion.

In the group were representatives from the units at Edenton, Elizabeth City, New Bern, Washington and Greenville, and after the drills, a barbecue dinner was served at the Williamston Athletic Field.

Patriotic Program In Methodist Church On Next Sunday Night

Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, in the Methodist Church, a patriotic play will be presented in which about 50 children will take part. The play is sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Education and is being directed by Mrs. W. C. Moore.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Ginning Of Cotton 65 Bales Ahead 1942

Cotton ginning in Chowan County prior to November 14, led last year at the same time by 65 bales, according to a report of F. W. Hobbs, special agent for the Bureau of the Census.

According to Mr. Hobbs' figures 4,740 bales were ginned in the county from the 1943 crop, prior to November 14, which compared with 4,675 bales from the 1942 crop at the same time last year.

Restricted Area In Sound Cause Of Dissatisfaction Among Group Of Fishermen

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM TUBERCULOSIS



Have YOU Bought Any?

2,500 Registrations For Sales Permit Books For Liquor

Restrictions Reduce the Number of Books Issued In Chowan

With registration for liquor permit book no. 2 ending Tuesday, approximately 2,500 of the books were issued by the Chowan County ABC Board. This number by far trails last year's initial registration when about 4,000 books were issued and which figure later jumped to around 6,000 for the year.

Of course, there are a number of reasons for the drop in the number of books issued this year, a major contributing factor being that there were more restrictions placed upon issuing the books. In the first registration a book was issued to residents of any county or state, while this year a resident of a wet county was obliged to secure a book in the county in which he or she resided, so that all of the 2,500 books issued went to residents of Chowan County or adjoining counties, where there are no ABC stores.

Another curb on the issuance of book came about due to the refusal to issue a book to any whose name appeared on the "black list." This list includes any who have been arrested or involved in any kind of trouble as the result of liquor.

The new sales permit books became usable Wednesday, but any who failed to secure a book must wait until the first part of January, for none will be issued during the month of December.

Another Game Of Football Planned

Hertford and Edenton Will Play Second Game Of Season Friday

Though last Friday's football game was expected to wind up the schedules for both Edenton and Perquimans High Schools, a game between the two schools has been arranged for next Friday afternoon, to be played on the Hertford gridiron at 2 o'clock. The game will definitely wind up the season for both Coach Max Campbell's and Coach Rockefeller Venter's boys.

Though the Hertford boys won last Friday's game 6 to 0, the two teams were evenly matched, so that Friday's game should be well worth seeing by any fans who enjoy a hard-fought and clean game of football.

Masons Will Elect New Officers Tonight

New officers for the year 1944 are scheduled to be elected at tonight's meeting of Unanimity Lodge, No. 7, A. F. & A. M. For that reason every member of the lodge is especially urged to be present.

S. C. Mills has been master for the year 1943, and is very anxious to see a large number at tonight's meeting.

ROTARY MEETING TODAY
Though the Rotary meeting was called off last Thursday on account of Thanksgiving, the regular meeting will be held today (Thursday) at 1 o'clock, in the Parish House. President R. N. Hines urges every member to make a special effort to be present.

Board of Conservation And Development Holds Meeting In Edenton

Use of Middle Third of Sound For Nets Results In Argument

Many commercial fishermen from both sides of Albemarle Sound and Chowan River assembled in the Municipal Building Monday afternoon when they were given a hearing by the Board of Conservation and Development. The meeting was the outgrowth of the Army and Navy restricting certain areas in Albemarle Sound for target and bombing practice, which virtually put fishermen in the area with no place to set their nets.

At present the law provides for fishing in two thirds of the Sound, with the middle third obliged to be kept open, and those affected by the government restrictions asked for the right to set their nets in the middle third to prevent being virtually put out of business.

This idea, however, met with opposition on the part of upper Albemarle Sound and Chowan River fishermen, who advanced the argument that setting nets in the middle third would prevent fish from coming up the Sound, thus vitally affecting their catch.

Those fishermen directly affected by the government restrictions argued that they should be allowed to use the middle third, adjacent to the restricted area, claiming that nets could be so set that they would not interfere with navigation. It was also pointed out that many pound nets are located near the practice grounds, so that the middle third was about all which remained to do any fishing.

Fishermen who use upper Albemarle Sound and Chowan River agreed that those directly affected by the government order were badly crippled, but maintained that the middle third should remain open to allow fish to move up and down the Sound. A suggestion was even advanced that fishing in the territory be abandoned altogether for the duration, the idea being that it would be as fair to one as it was to another, and besides due to the labor situation fishing would also be crippled this season.

Members of the Commission heard arguments by both sides and assured those present that despite the fact that they are working under abnormal conditions, they will endeavor to work out a plan as early as possible which will cause as little loss and inconvenience as possible. Members of the Commission present for the hearing were: Roy Hampton, chairman; J. L. Horne and Chas. H. Jenkins, Director R. Bruce Etheridge, Captain John Nelson, fisheries commissioner; D. M. Davis, assistant fisheries commissioner, and Cage Hayman, deputy commissioner, also attended the meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board went into executive session, but no definite action was taken pending further investigation as to whether or not the government will revise any of the area at present restricted.

Regular Meeting Of PTA Tuesday

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association will be held in the High School Library on Tuesday afternoon, December 7, at 3:45 o'clock. It is hoped that a large number of parents will attend. A special invitation to attend and join the P. T. A. is extended to all parents who have recently moved to Edenton. A prize of \$1.00 will be awarded to the room having the largest number of parents present.

Joseph Long Promoted To Lieutenant General

Friends will be pleased to learn that Joseph Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Long, has recently had another promotion in the U. S. Army. Young Long had been a major, but has now been elevated to a lieutenant-general. He is connected with the Finance Division of the 100th Division and is now taking part in maneuvers in Tennessee.