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Woman Sentenced For Burning Child

Testifies She Wanted to Stop Boy From Stealing

For inflicting burns on the body of her own child, Mary Jackson, a colored woman, who said her home was at Mt. Vernon, New York, but who has been living in Hertford for several months, was sentenced to jail for thirty days Tuesday in Recorder's Court.

Mary Jackson was arrested by Chief of Police Britt, who received information that the woman, after severely beating her eight-year-old son had burned his hands. Upon investigation, Mr. Britt found that the child had not only been burned slightly on both hands but that he had received a more severe burn on his chest. The woman was locked up in jail, and when brought into court on Tuesday the two witnesses who testified against her, in addition to Chief Britt, included the son, Frank Jackson, and a twelve-year-old boy named James Brickhouse, who was present when Frank was burned.

The two little boys were asked by Judge Oakey if they understood the oath they took. The demeanor of both children was quite appealing. The younger child, when asked if he knew what would happen to you if you swore to a lie said "You will go to the devil." The older boy, asked if he knew what it meant to take the oath said, "The Lord doesn't love ugly." Judge Oakey remarked, upon James' leaving the stand, that he had been the best witness in court that day.

James Brickhouse said he was in the room when the woman took her little son by his wrists and held his hands against the stove, after whipping him. Asked by the woman if the boy did not fall against the stove, he answered, "Yes, you both fell."

The woman testified that the child was her own, and that she had done everything she could to prevent his stealing, and that she often went hungry to feed him and take care of him. She admitted that she told him that maybe if she burned his hands he would stop stealing, but that he was fighting against her and fell against the stove, and insisted that she did not mean to burn him, that she would not have intentionally burned her child. She said she stole a nickel from her the day before, and that once he stole her watch and carried it to school and gave it to another boy.

The boy was placed in the hands of the Welfare Officer, to be cared for by the family with whom he is now staying, during the woman's stay in jail.

Dr. Blanchard Visits Perquimans Weekly

Dr. Julian Blanchard, of New York City, who spent the Thanksgiving holidays with the family of his brother, J. C. Blanchard, in Hertford, was a visitor to the office of The Perquimans Weekly on Saturday.

Dr. Blanchard is intensely interested in everything connected with the place of his birth, and he has collected a great deal of valuable data concerning the early history of Perquimans. After considerable urging a promise has been secured from Dr. Blanchard that he will, at some time in the near future, write, from some of the interesting bits of information which he has gleaned here and there, something about Perquimans for publication in The Perquimans Weekly.

Large Congregation Hears Bishop Darst

A large congregation heard Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, when he preached at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, in Hertford, on Sunday night. Included in the number were a number of Edenton people, among them being the Rev. C. A. Ashby, Rector of St. Paul's, Edenton.

Bishop Darst announced that it was his present intention to visit Hertford again sometime during next spring. For a long time the Bishop has only visited this parish annually.

The Bishop's sermon delivered on Sunday appears on another page of this newspaper.

Four new 4-H clubs have been organized in Wilson County.

NEW PROSECUTOR HAS FIRST COURT SESSION

Full Session of Perquimans Recorder's Court Is Held

W. G. Edwards, the new Prosecuting Attorney for Perquimans, sworn in on Monday, had a full docket in his first session of court held on Tuesday.

The first case to come up was that against W. E. Spruill and Paul Stallings, both local men, and Lonnie Phelps, of Elizabeth City. Mr. Spruill was originally charged with assault with a deadly weapon and with being drunk and disorderly, and the other two with being drunk and disorderly. The State took a noli prosequi as to the assault with a deadly weapon charge and the defendant pleaded guilty to simple assault.

Witnesses testified that Mr. Spruill attacked Mr. Phelps with an automobile crank and also with an oil container. Mr. Phelps, testifying in his own defense, swore that Mr. Spruill cut him in the back with a pocket knife, inflicting a wound which he had to have a physician dress, and exhibited his coat and overcoat which he said had been cut through.

Mr. Phelps was acquitted. Mr. Stallings was found not guilty of the charge of being drunk and disorderly but was found guilty of transporting liquor when the evidence disclosed that he took two drinks in a public place, and he was fined ten dollars.

Mr. Spruill was convicted of being drunk and disorderly and with simple assault, and was fined twenty-five dollars.

Witnesses testified that all of the defendants had been drinking.

Cost Of Commercial Course Is Lowered

The cost of the commercial course recently inaugurated in the Perquimans High school has been reduced, according to an announcement made last week by Superintendent F. T. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson has succeeded in securing Federal funds used in industrial education to apply on the expenses of this course, making a substantial reduction for the eight month term.

The cost of the typewriting and shorthand course, which was formerly three dollars per month, has been reduced to two dollars; and the bookkeeping course, formerly two dollars, may now be had for one dollar per month.

Christmas Pageant At Baptist Church

There will be a Christmas pageant given at the Baptist Church on next Sunday night, to which the public is cordially invited.

Those taking part in the pageant are Grady Morgan, Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Anne Barcliff, Gussie Wood, Ray Jordan, Margaret Broughton, Mrs. F. T. Johnson, Mrs. Shelton Sutton, Jean White, Bessie Copeland, Martha Elizabeth Jordan, Mrs. Jake Jackson, Lucille Sutton, Mary Lou Perry, Sarah Ward, Hazel Lane, Mrs. Reginald Tucker, Mrs. Norman Elliott, Clavys Perry, Fred Campen, Cleveland Buck, David Broughton, Zack Harris and Eldon Winslow.

MISS BROUGHTON TO ATTEND WEDDING IN NEW JERSEY

Miss Katherine Broughton, of Hertford, who is a student at Duke University this year, expects to spend Christmas at East Orange, N. J., where she will attend the wedding of Miss Jane Fox, of East Orange and Mr. Truman Dodson, III, of Bethlehem, Pa. Miss Broughton will be a bridesmaid at the wedding, which will take place on December 27th. After the wedding, Miss Broughton will spend the remainder of the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Broughton, in Hertford.

NEW YORK HUNTING PARTY REGISTERED AT HOTEL

Registered at the Hotel Hertford this week are four men from Amityville, N. Y., who are regular visitors to Hertford every fall. They are Cliff Baxter, Rufus Ireland, Gus Renssler and Dr. Lowden. For something like twenty years two or more of the party have visited Perquimans regularly to hunt birds.

Four Chatham County farmers produced 600 bushels of hay for sale this year.

FOUR COUNTY OFFICERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

Sworn In at Meeting of Commissioners On Monday

Among the county officers sworn in on Monday at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners were four new officers, W. H. Pitt, Clerk Superior Court; W. G. Edwards, Prosecuting Attorney; John O. White, Commissioner for Hertford Township, and J. C. Baker, Commissioner for Belvidere Township.

A resolution adopted by the Commissioners at this meeting contained the following provisions:

That J. E. Winslow, Sheriff of Perquimans County, has made a satisfactory settlement with the Board of County Commissioners for the 1933 tax levy of Perquimans County;

That J. E. Winslow, Sheriff of Perquimans County, be directed to turn over any and all funds or taxes that he may collect, or which may come into his hands as Sheriff, daily, to the Treasurer of Perquimans County;

That Jacob L. White, Treasurer of Perquimans County, be directed to deposit each day all funds coming into his hands as treasurer of Perquimans County, into the Hertford Banking Co. That the Hertford Banking Co. has placed with the First & Citizens National Bank of Elizabeth City, N. C., ten thousand dollars U. S. Treasury bonds for the security of the deposits made to said Hertford Banking Co., and that said collateral is hereby approved and said Hertford Banking Co. is hereby named as depository for the Perquimans County funds.

Relief Wages Reduced From Former Scale

The wages to be paid by the Emergency Relief Administration on projects in Perquimans County has been considerably reduced from the former scale.

The cut in the wage scale for men represents approximately a ten cent per day cut, with particular reference to unskilled labor.

For women's work the cut is from five to ten cents per hour.

Both men and women will be paid for unskilled labor 20 cents per hour. This includes unskilled workers in all the branches of industry.

Brick layers will be paid 50 cents, semi-skilled bricklayers 30 cents, and unskilled 20 cents.

Carpenters will receive 40 cents, semi-skilled carpenters 25 cents, and unskilled 20 cents.

Plumbers will receive 50 cents per hour, semi-skilled 30 cents.

Electricians, iron workers, plasterers, roofers, will receive 50 cents, the scale running down to 20 for the unskilled.

Painters will receive 30 cents, helpers 30 cents, unskilled 20 cents.

Truck drivers will be paid 25 cents for driving 1-2 ton truck, over that size will receive 30 cents.

All unskilled labor will be paid 20 cents per hour instead of 30 cents as was formerly paid.

The highest rate to be paid per hour to women is 40 cents, which includes bookkeepers, dietitians, and recreation directors. Canning laborers, clerks, janitors, soup makers, are to receive 20 cents per hour, while those receiving 30 cents include attendance officers, junior stenographers, cutters and pattern makers in sewing room and nursery schools. The women receiving 35 cents per hour will be senior stenographers, bookkeeping clerks, librarians, teachers in schools for domestics.

In Auto Wreck Enroute To Spend Holiday Here

Mrs. Elmo Cannon's guests for Thanksgiving narrowly missed, not only reaching Hertford for Thanksgiving dinner, but a more serious and tragic fate.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Barfield, of New Bern, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moore and their two children, of Bennettsville, S. C., all of whom are relatives of Mrs. Cannon, left New Bern on Thanksgiving morning to spend the day here. About 30 miles from New Bern they met with an accident, when their car turned over twice.

Nobody was seriously hurt but the car was out of commission. The owner of the car could not, of course, carry the party further. The other man went back to New Bern for his car and the party continued on their journey, reaching Hertford about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, instead of at 12, as they had planned.

Pollholders Named For Bankhead Vote

HIT OR MISS

"I don't care to hold any post mortem, either over the case or over the hogs," said Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., when there was some argument between counsel at the conclusion of one of the cases in Recorder's Court on Tuesday. It had been remarked that the five certain hogs about which some controversy centered were dead and buried.

That it was just a friendly fight, was the decision of Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., when Sadie Grisholm, who was charged with assaulting Mary Perry with a pitcher, and with his fists, and with breaking the pitcher, was tried in Recorder's Court on Tuesday.

Sadie, by the way, is a man. According to Mary's testimony, it was quite a row, with Sadie throwing the pitcher at her, turning her a somersault, knocking her down with a blow from his fist and then, in her own words "he picked up his foot to stamp me in the face." It was then her sister and another girl pulled him away.

After that, according to Mary, she ran out of doors, and Sadie filled his pockets with bricks and chased her over the field, throwing bricks as he ran. There was a lot of plain and fancy cussing interspersed between blows, according to Mary, who repeated the words in detail and with apparent zest.

Mary, commonly known as "Pinky," said she had been in court before, several times before, in fact. She admitted that she wasn't afraid of Sadie and said she had no hard feelings against him. The case was dismissed upon the payment of the costs.

Thomas Sumner, Jr., ("Tommy" for short) isn't always frightened when he says "I sca'ed." "Tommy," who, by the way, isn't yet ten months old, began saying "I sca'ed" when he became frightened at a dog. It didn't take the youngster, who is a great favorite in Hertford, long to catch on to the fact that everybody thought he was smart, so now when "Tommy" wants to be especially cute he says "I sca'ed."

Attorney: Had you been drinking? Witness: Well, I had had one drink about three hours before.

Attorney: How much did you drink at that time? Witness: Well, there were five of us and we killed a pint.

Mrs. L. A. White's Christmas fruit cake is ok. It might not be out of place right here to say that I shall be glad to sample other cakes. I don't know of but one way to judge a cake.

Hertford stores are taking on a festive air, with their gay Christmas decorations and their interesting displays of beautiful and useful articles for Christmas gifts. Just take a look around in the various Hertford stores and find out what these enterprising merchants have prepared for you by way of helping you select your Christmas presents this year. Better look in Hertford before deciding to go further to do your Christmas shopping.

County Commissioners Draw Court Jury List

The following list of jurors was drawn on Monday at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, to serve at the January Term of Perquimans Superior Court, which will convene on January 14, for the trial of civil cases:

Tom Deal, Obed B. Winslow, John E. Hunter, Nereus W. Chappell, R. E. Perry, C. E. Stallings, Elmer R. Winslow, E. M. Perry, V. A. Holden, Jesse T. Winslow, C. E. Lane, H. P. Lane, C. T. Rogerson, E. T. Phillips, C. E. Sutton, Josiah Winslow, F. T. Evans, W. H. Barber, Charlie E. Winslow, J. T. White, E. F. Forehand, J. E. Perry, Parkville, E. S. Long and Ernest W. White.

TURKEY SUPPER THURSDAY

The ladies of the Episcopal Church will hold their annual bazaar and turkey supper on Thursday night of this week at the Parish House. There will be attractive articles of hand work for sale and supper will be served at 6:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Election To Be Held December 14 In Various Precincts

The men who will be in charge of the voting in the various precincts in the County on Friday, December 14th, when the referendum to decide whether or not the Bankhead law shall continue in force, are as follows:

At Nicanor Precinct: John T. Lane, H. L. Williams and J. R. Joffitt.

At Belvidere Precinct: George W. Nowell, W. T. Smith and J. M. Copeland.

At Bethel Precinct: B. W. Thach, A. T. Lane and Joshua White.

It will be observed that the voting will be held at the regular voting precincts, and attention is called to the fact that farmers in each township must vote in the precinct for that township.

Following is outlined those who are eligible to vote on this matter, irrespective of sex or color:

Any person who signed a 1934-1935 cotton acreage reduction contract; any person who is or was eligible for tax exemption certificates in 1934; any person who presents proof that he owns and has a present right to produce cotton on cotton farm, or any person who signs and files a witnessed written statement that he has made arrangements to produce cotton on a cotton farm in 1935 (that is, has entered into a lease or share cropping agreement to grow cotton on a cotton farm in 1935) shall be deemed eligible to vote on the continuation of the Bankhead Act for the crop year of 1935.

Ellie Sutton Ordered To Leave County

Ellie Sutton, tried in Recorder's Court on Tuesday upon the charge of resisting and obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duty, was found not guilty and the case was dismissed.

John Ivey, colored, for whom a bench warrant was issued by Judge Oakey at the last session of Recorder's Court, was tried upon the charge of intimidating a witness. The charge grew out of a case against Mattie Eason, colored, who was charged with perjury. Some weeks ago Mattie swore out a warrant against John Ivey, of the New Hope section, in which section she also resides, charging that John Ivey had threatened to shoot her heart out. When the case was heard before Judge J. W. Darden Mattie failed to reiterate the statements she had sworn to, and the case against John Ivey was dismissed. Then Mattie was brought into Recorder's Court charged with perjury. She was not represented by counsel, and when Judge Oakey asked her why she failed to testify against Ivey she stated that he had threatened her after the warrant was sworn out and told her if she testified against him he would kill her. A warrant was immediately sworn out against Ivey and he was brought into court. The case was, however, continued until this week.

Ivey was found guilty of intimidating a witness and was sentenced to six months on the roads, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of the costs and good behavior for two years, or upon condition that Ivey leaves Perquimans County for a period of two years, and upon the condition that he not be found on or near the premises of Mattie Eason for two years. The defendant was given until January first to leave the County.

14 FROM PERQUIMANS COUNTY WOMAN'S COLLEGE GRADUATES

Miss Laura Coit, secretary of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, has recently made a review of the 42 years of the institution's history, listing the number of students from each county attending the school during that time.

Perquimans County's contribution to the population of the college since 1892 has been 79, of which number 14 were graduated.

REV. L. M. DIXON LEAVES

Rev. L. M. Dixon, former pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, left with his family on Tuesday for Ahoakie, where Mr. Dixon has accepted a call to preach.

Eleven surveys for rural electric power lines have been completed in Greene County.