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## Committee Seeks To Name Bomber

### SPECIAL VENIRE FROM GATES COUNTY CALLED FOR JURY SERVICE IN COURT

#### Special Perquimans Venire Exhausted In Chappell Case; Civil Term Off

A special venire of seventy-five jurymen from Gates County were called to serve at the April Term of Perquimans Superior Court, after a special venire of 100 men, called to serve in the case of State against Chappell et al had been exhausted here on Tuesday afternoon.

The Court opened Monday morning with Judge Walter Bone of Nashville, presiding, and the docket contained seven cases. Judge Bone charged the Grand Jury "to see that law is being enforced in spite of the fact that we are engaged at war." He stated there might be a tendency to relax in law enforcement, but stated that this very thing caused the downfall of many countries and warned the local jurors to see that law is enforced here.

Little time was consumed in disposing of all cases on the docket, with the exception of the three charging Gaither Chappell with rape, and Sherman Copeland and Percy Winslow with assault on a female with intent to rape.

The first case tried by the Court involved Wilson Ferebee, Negro who was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Ferebee was found guilty, after the jury had deliberated about ten minutes and he was sentenced to 12 months on the roads.

Inaac Johnson, Negro, was found guilty of forgery and he was sentenced to 12 months on the roads. The jury, after deliberating four and one-half hours, found Daniel Hurdle, 19-year-old youth, not guilty of manslaughter. Hurdle was involved in an accident last October 17, which cost the life of Robert Barnes, 61, Negro. The State contended that Hurdle was driving a car while under the influence of liquor at the time of the accident. The case was started Monday afternoon and was given the jury about noon on Tuesday.

Immediately after the noon recess Tuesday, the Court began the case charging Chappell with rape. After four regular jurors and talismen had been disqualified, the Court began calling upon the special venire, which came to court Tuesday morning on summons of the Sheriff Monday night. Out of the 106 names drawn from the jury box, Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow summoned some 71, the rest being out of the county or sick. The Court exhausted this group of men by five o'clock Tuesday afternoon and at that time only four jurymen had been passed by both the State and the defense.

The first man chosen for duty was J. N. Byrum. He was passed by both sides after approximately twenty-five of the jurymen had been questioned. (Continued on Page Six)

### Rotary Club Elects J. Henry Newbold As President Of Club

J. Henry Newbold was elected as president of the Hertford Rotary Club at a meeting of the local club held Tuesday night. Mr. Newbold will serve during the coming year.

Other officers elected included Jonas Futrell, vice president, and W. F. Ainsley, secretary and treasurer. Members of the board of directors for the club are: J. Henry Newbold, Dr. C. A. Davenport, Jonas Futrell, Howard Pitt, E. Leigh Winslow and W. F. Ainsley.

A large number of the local club members will attend a district meeting of Rotary to be held in Rocky Mount on April 24 and 25, it has been announced.

The officers elected at the meeting Tuesday night will be installed within a very short time, Secretary Ainsley announced.

#### SPECIAL SERVICE AT BETHEL CHURCH SUNDAY MORNING

A special service will be held at Bethel Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when Miss Clifford Barrett will talk to the congregation. Miss Barrett is a returned missionary from China and her message will be of much interest. The public is invited to attend.

#### Stamp Booths

In connection with the Second War Loan Drive, now being made to raise 13 billion dollars for the Treasury Department, the Perquimans County Woman's Division of the War Savings Staff, under the direction of Mrs. J. G. Roberson, will establish War Stamp Booths on the streets of Hertford during April to make it easier for citizens to purchase the stamps. The booths will be staffed with members of the Women's War Savings Staff, assisted by members of the Girls' 4-H Clubs of the county. The booths will be placed on the streets on Friday and Saturday of this week and on as many other days throughout the month as possible.

Mrs. Roberson is urging all children and adults who have started War Stamp books to complete these books during April and then turn them in for War Bonds.

Each one will count toward the Perquimans goal and will swell the total in the bomber campaign.

The booths will be moved from time to time, Mrs. Roberson announced, and will be easily accessible for all who wish to purchase War Stamps.

### Mayor Darden And Commissioners Have Filed For Re-election

#### Registration Books Will Close Saturday; Election May 4

Mayor V. N. Darden and Town Commissioners Z. A. Harris, W. H. Hardcastle, B. C. Berry and M. J. Gregory filed their candidacy with Town Clerk W. G. Newby for re-election to office in the coming Town election, following a meeting of the Town Board Monday night.

From all indications the present Board will have no opposition in the election. No other candidates had filed with the Town Clerk up to Wednesday night. The deadline for filing was sundown Thursday. There is little interest in the election and it is expected that the number of votes cast will be small.

The Board was in short session Monday night, little business being brought before it with the exception of final plans for holding the election on May 4. The Board stated registration books will be closed Saturday at seven o'clock, and issued a statement to those wishing to vote in the election and who are not registered to comply with this ruling by that time. Mrs. B. G. Koance is the registrar for the election and is at the courthouse this week for the purpose of registering those who wish to vote. Persons already on the books need not register again.

#### Musical Program To Be Presented Monday P.C.C. Grammar School

A musical play, "Major Scale Takes Command," will be presented at the Perquimans County Central Grammar School at Winfall on Monday night, April 19. Several selections will be rendered by the school's Rhythm Band.

The program will be under the direction of Mrs. R. R. White, music teacher. A very entertaining evening has been promised those attending. This date is also the final meeting of the school's P. T. A. for the year. New officers for next year will be installed during the program.

#### Violates Probation Sentenced To Jail

Leland Ward, who was given a three-year road sentence at the November 1942 Term of Superior Court, was this week ordered committed to jail to serve sentence for violating his probation. Ward was originally tried for assault with a deadly weapon.

Judge Walter Bone ordered the sentence upon claim of the Probation Officer that Ward had violated probation by driving on the highways after his driving license had been revoked.

### Funeral Services Conducted Sunday For Joe T. Elliott

#### County Resident Died Saturday From Self Inflicted Wound

Joseph T. Elliott, 57, died Saturday at his home near Winfall as the result of a self-inflicted wound from a .22 rifle.

Coroner Dr. C. A. Davenport made an inspection of the body, but no inquest was ordered. The Coroner stated that evidence indicated suicide.

Mr. Elliott's sister, Mrs. Alice Stallings, told officers that her brother had come to her home Saturday afternoon and had given her all of his money except some change, telling her that he was afraid that some one was trying to break into his house. He asked her to keep the money until he called for it.

Finally he gave her his car keys, saying he was going to walk home. He then asked to borrow her husband's gun to protect himself from anyone who might enter his home.

After his departure, Mrs. Stallings, thinking something was wrong, went to her brother's home and discovered him lying on the bed with a bullet hole through his head.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. James Smith, pastor of the Bagley Swamp Church. Combination choirs of the Winfall and Bagley Swamp Churches sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "In the Sweet Bye and Bye."

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. W. E. Dean of Fentress, Va., and Mrs. Stallings; four brothers, W. H. Elliott of Chapanoke, E. H. Elliott of Portsmouth, Va., Oliver Elliott of Winfall, and Anthony Elliott of Hertford, and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Warren Cartwright, Henry Cartwright, Jodie Love, Rufus Proctor, Troy Elliott and Roy Elliott.

Interment was in the Griffin Cemetery.

### Seek To Establish Soil Conservation District In County

L. W. Anderson, County Farm Agent, announced this week that he is getting up a petition seeking to establish a Soil Conservation District, to include Perquimans and Chowan Counties, and to be known as the Albemarle Soil Conservation District.

The movement followed a meeting held last week and attended by Mr. Anderson, relative to the drainage of the Bear Swamp area. Mr. Anderson stated this project would be carried out regardless of whether a soil conservation district is established in this county or not.

However, the main program of the District, if it is formed, will be to carry out a drainage program throughout the counties. It is possible that if the Conservation District is formed that other counties of the Albemarle will be included in the district at a later date.

In connection with getting up the petition, Mr. Anderson said, meetings pertaining to the plan will be conducted in three communities of the County during this month. The first meeting will be held at the Agricultural Building on Monday night, April 26, at 8:30 o'clock; the second at Belvidere Community House, at 8:30, on Tuesday night, April 27, and the third at the New Hope Community House, at 8:30, on Wednesday night, April 28.

A representative from the State Soil Conservation Service will conduct hearings and explain the program at each meeting.

All farmers of Perquimans County are invited to attend the meetings and if sufficient interest is shown, Mr. Anderson stated a referendum will be held to determine the wishes of the farmers of the county.

#### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Lieut. (jg) and Mrs. Robert Hollowell announce the birth of a daughter, Diane Lucruda, born April 10th, at the Maternity Hospital, Providence, R. I. Mrs. Hollowell is the former Miss [Name obscured]

### Grand Jury Report Recommends Repair To County Schools

#### Some Buildings Reported to Be In Sorry Condition

The Perquimans Grand Jury for the April Term of Superior Court, at the close of its duties, informed the Court that they had visited the public buildings of the county and found several of the school buildings in a deplorable state of repair. The jury recommended repairs being made at the New Hope white and colored schools and that the situation at the Winfall colored school be remedied. The Grand Jury, in its report to the Court, stated that the conditions are a "disgrace to the county and the officials responsible therefor."

Judge Bone commended the Grand Jury for its service during the term of court and instructed the clerk of court to mail a copy of the report to the County Board of Education and the County Board of Commissioners.

Several administrators were found to be delinquent by the jurymen when they inspected the clerk of court's office, and the Court informed the Clerk to notify the delinquents and unless reports were made, to place the administrators in jail until such time as the reports are made.

The Grand Jury also recommended some repairs to the various rooms in the Courthouse and at the State Prison Farm and at the County Home. They announced to the Court that they had found the various offices of the Courthouse to be in good condition.

It was also recommended that several of the busses at the Central Grammar School be placed in good repair. It was stated that two of the busses are in bad condition.

Julian White served as chairman of the Grand Jury and other members were: Meador Harrell Dennis Winslow, Raymond Winslow, J. M. Sutton, Reuben Stallings, H. F. Long, Trim Sawyer, Alphonso Williams, Sam Riddick, W. L. Madre, F. T. Matthews, Albert White, A. D. Weston, A. W. Hefren, J. T. Winslow, J. W. Jackson, Jr., and James Rountree.

The Grand Jury completed its duties early Tuesday afternoon.

### Draft Rule Changes Announced By Office Of Selective Service

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Perquimans Draft Board, stated this week that the local Board had not received any further instructions other than those received last week, relative to additional changes in draft deferments.

However, officials of the Selective Service in Washington, on Tuesday, announced several changes to be noted. Mainly among these were that registrants who became fathers prior to last September 15, were now given a draft-deferment status due to parenthood. Previously Selective Service recognized only those children born prior to December 7, 1941. Fathers are now the only registrants deferred solely because of family relations.

Local Boards, according to the announcement, have been notified to class as 1-A all men not engaged in farming, or who are not essential, personally, in essential positions. These new rulings do away with the class of 3-B, which contained registrants with family relations and who held essential jobs. Men in this class who can not qualify for a classification of 2-A or 2-B, will be classed as 1-A. All class 3-A men excepting fathers, will also be reclassified.

The preferred draft-status of farmers, whose 2-C and 3-C classifications were left intact, was emphasized in the regulations.

#### Wind Breaks Large Window Local Bank

The high wind which rose suddenly here Tuesday night caused approximately one hundred dollars worth of damages at the Hertford Bank. The wind ripped loose the awnings of the building, breaking the rods of the awnings which smashed through a large plate glass window. The crash could be heard for some distance.

### WAR FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDEAVORING TO ACCOMPLISH TASK DURING DRIVE

#### Receives Wings



LIEUT. WILLIAM N. TUCKER  
Lieut. William N. Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Tucker, of Hertford, recently graduated from Moon Field, Texas, and received his wings on March 20th. He is now stationed at Westover Field, Mass. He was one of ten in his class chosen to fly one of the Army's newest fighting planes. During his training Lieut. Tucker scored an average of 35.8 above the expert gunners.

### Welfare Supervisor To Direct Sale Of Easter Seals Here

#### Miss Sarah Brinn to Start Drive Friday of This Week

Miss Sarah Brinn, Perquimans County Welfare Supervisor, will again head the annual sale of Easter Seals in this county. She announced that sale of the Seals will get underway here today (Friday).

Miss Brinn stated that a contest will be conducted between the Girl Scout Troop and the Boy Scouts, who will assist in the drive, and that a prize will be awarded to the troop reporting the largest sale of tags. These tags are used in addition to the regular Easter Seals to raise money for aiding crippled children, not only in this county but also the State.

Half of the proceeds received from the sale of Seals here are retained in the county for local chapter work, and the remainder is forwarded to the State Society. Miss Brinn stated that at the present time her department is unaware of any child in need of treatment, or assistance from this fund, but requested information of any person knowing of any cases which needed attention.

The sale of Seals will be continued until Easter Sunday, Miss Brinn said. The local chapter, at the present time, has a sum of money on hand to render aid to local children in need of treatment, but the Welfare Supervisor is urging the residents of the county to purchase Seals again this year in order that the fund may be continued for future use. A clinic for the children is conducted in Elizabeth City under the direction of Dr. R. B. Raney, of Duke Hospital.

Over one hundred dollars were raised here last year through the sale of Easter Seals and Miss Brinn is hoping the response this year will be as great, if not greater, than was obtained during the last year's drive.

#### Red Cross War Fund Now Stands At \$3516

Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman of the Red Cross War Fund Drive, stated today that additional contributions, made during the week, have swelled the total fund for Perquimans County to \$3,516.08. These contributions were reported by Mrs. T. E. Madre, \$5; W. E. Dail, \$10; Colored Division, \$1.50, and S. M. Whedbee, \$2.

The chairman said a few reports remain to be made and she thought the total might reach \$3,525. This sum is considerably over the quota of \$2,700 assigned to the county at the beginning of the drive.

### Second War Loan Off to Good Start; Committee Urges Public to Buy Bonds

The Perquimans County War Finance Committee, composed of groups from all over the county, as well as the Woman's Division of the War Savings Staff, has decided to sponsor a "bomber drive" in connection with the Second War Loan campaign now in progress.

The local committee, which includes representatives from all home demonstration clubs and all civic organizations in the county, on contacting State officials learned that a bomber will be named for Perquimans County, providing the citizens of Perquimans purchase \$175,000 worth of war bonds during the month of April. This bomber will be one of the large types now so successfully fighting the Axis. If the county should sell as much as \$125,000 worth of bonds during the month, a small bomber will be named Perquimans. Members of the committee are working toward a goal which will give the county the right to have one of the larger bombers named "Perquimans."

According to R. M. Riddick, chairman of the committee, and Mrs. J. G. Roberson, chairman of the Woman's Division Staff, the plan is being welcomed throughout the community and much enthusiasm is expected to develop from the idea before the campaign closes this month.

Thus far, early reports from the finance committee members show the response during the Second War Loan Drive is splendid. During the first two days of the drive in Perquimans, the total bond sales amounted to between 75 and 80 thousand dollars. The quota given the county for the drive is \$125,000. The committee believes it possible that the county can and will oversubscribe the quota by a great figure.

A house-to-house canvass is being made by the solicitors, Mr. Riddick stated, and reports are coming into the local bank each day from various parts of the county.

Because Perquimans County has made such an excellent record each month on the sale of the Series E War Bonds, Mr. Riddick announced that the State authorities are giving the county a concession toward the bomber fund and allowing all sales during the present drive to count toward that fund.

The Treasury Department is offering seven different types of bonds during this second War Loan Drive and each is a splendid investment for all types of investors. Bonds range in price from \$18.75 up to a million dollars.

Perquimans residents are urged to get behind the bomber drive and buy as many bonds as possible during this month. Orders for bonds are being taken by solicitors in all sections of the county, but in case any person is missed, he is urged to buy bonds from the bank or post-office.

### Prominent Resident Of Whiteston Died Wednesday Morning

Jesse Rountree, 88, prominent resident of the Whiteston Community, died at his home at 7:45 o'clock on Wednesday morning, after an illness of three weeks.

Mr. Rountree was a native and lifelong resident of this county. He was a member of the Bethany Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife; three sons, Jimmie M. Rountree, Jesse V. Rountree and Claude M. Rountree all of Whiteston; five daughters, Mrs. T. L. Winslow and Mrs. E. W. White of Belvidere, Mrs. J. E. Winslow of Sunbury, Mrs. J. L. Lane of Winfall, and Mrs. E. C. Winslow of Chuckatuck, Va. Thirty-five grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services, under the direction of the Lynch Funeral Home, were conducted at the home Thursday afternoon by the Rev. A. G. L. Stephenson, pastor of the Bethany Church, assisted by Mrs. Lizzie White.

Burial was made in the family plot.