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THE TIME IS CONSUMED IN CLEARING CRIMINAL DOCKET IN SUPERIOR COURT

Grand Jury Concludes Work on Monday; C. E. Thompson Presided As Judge

The November term of Perquimans Superior Court opened here last Monday morning with Judge C. E. Thompson, of Elizabeth City, as presiding judge.

Little time was consumed in empaneling the grand jury and clearing the criminal docket of its seven cases. Shelton G. Chappell was named as foreman of the grand jury, and board completed its task late Monday evening. The grand jury report to the judge and the court stated that the group had inspected county buildings and property and found all of it in good condition. It passed on all matters sent from the court and no bills were returned for action at the present term, other than was on the docket.

Some delay was noted in getting underway with the criminal cases due to the absence of State Highway Patrolmen, who were witnesses in some of the cases. These patrolmen had been called to Greenville by their superior officer and returned here Monday afternoon.

The first case called was that of Wallace Hughes, charged with assaulting his wife. He entered a plea of not guilty but other than making a plea to the jury in his own behalf, no defense was offered. He was found guilty and sentenced to two years on the roads. Sentence was suspended upon payment of costs and the defendant was placed on probation for five years.

William Mansfield and W. M. Mansfield waived trial by jury and were found guilty of the charge of illegal sale of beer. Each was given a 30 day suspended road sentence, and William Mansfield was ordered to pay the court costs. Each was placed on probation for two years.

The jury found Herman Layden not guilty of a charge of driving drunk, but found him guilty of reckless driving. Judge Thompson sentenced him to six months on the roads, sentence suspended upon payment of costs and the sum of \$219.41 to Mrs. Basil Copeland for damages to car involved in an accident with Layden's car. Layden was placed on probation for five years.

The State took a nol pro in the case charging Alphonso Lane with driving drunk and reckless driving. The jury found Winslow Petteway, Negro, not guilty of transporting non-tax paid whiskey.

Earl Spence and Sterling Miller, Negroes, charged in two counts of stealing water pumps and Buddy Costen, Negro, charged on one count of larceny, were given 12 months on the roads on each count, suspended upon payment of costs and the paying to T. Silas White and Crafton Russell the cost of the pumps taken. (Continued on Page Six)

Former Resident Dies At Home In Charlotte

William M. Miller, 48, son of the late George W. Miller, died suddenly following a heart attack, at his home in Charlotte, on October 21. He was a native of Perquimans County, but had made his home in Charlotte for the past 16 years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Belle Godwin Miller; three sons, S. B. Miller of Aberdeen, Md., W. M. Miller, Jr., of Jackson, Miss., and Merrill Miller of Charlotte; three daughters, Irene, Gladys and Leanne Miller, all of Charlotte; one brother, E. N. Miller; three sisters, Mrs. C. B. White, Mrs. J. L. Nixon and Mrs. Julian Chappell, of Norfolk, Va., and two grandchildren.

Cotton Report Shows Decline In Ginning

Cotton ginning of the 1943 crop in Perquimans County showed a decline this year, as compared to the 1942 crop, according to Willie M. Harrell, special agent, who stated this week that 8,044 bales of cotton were ginned up to October 19, as compared to 8,658 bales for a similar period in 1942.

FALL FEDERATION MEETING NEXT FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Miss Frances Maness, County Home Agent, announced today that a Fall Federation meeting will be held at the Hertford Junior School auditorium next Friday afternoon, November 12, at 2 o'clock.

The Rev. W. G. Reavis will be the guest speaker and a devotional service featuring mothers, wives and grandmothers having children in the armed forces has been planned.

Farm Bureau Leaders Pleased With Progress Of Membership Drive

Perquimans County's Farm Bureau leaders are well pleased with the response received from letters mailed to prospective members during the last few weeks, urging membership in the bureau for the present year, according to Archie T. Lane, president.

Mr. Lane stated that the membership drive is coming along and many persons have signed thus far, but stated that the local group still needs more members to really carry out the program planned for the coming year.

Persons who have been approached, but who have not joined, are advised that they may still do so.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The three power conference, concluded early this week in Moscow, achieved a hard hitting plan of attack against the common enemy, and in brief agreed on united action to bring the war to an end, establish an international organization to keep the peace, regulate post-war armament, create a democratic Italy and punish all German war criminals. The results of the conference were announced Tuesday and immediately the Nazis began the task of trying to belittle the work in an effort to strengthen German position with the subjugated nations.

It is believed by Washington and London officials the conference was a success and will lead to a meeting between Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin, during which closer cooperation between Russia, Britain and the United States will be gained.

The victorious Red armies have breached the Dnieper River line, trapped the Germans in the Crimea, and threaten to cause a general rout of all German forces along the Southern Russian front. Thousands of Germans were reported drowned on Tuesday when the Red forces captured Kakhovka and forced the Nazis to escape across the flooded Dnieper River. It is estimated about 100,000 Germans are trapped in the Crimean area from which they have no escape.

American and British forces in Italy have started a successful drive against Rommel's forces north of Naples, and it is reported the American break through on this line may swing the battle for Rome. American flyers based in the Mediterranean blasted German plane factories in Austria during the week and reported heavy damage.

American naval forces drove off a Jap force from the Bougainville sector during this week, when the Japs attempted to hamper the Allied invasion operations in that area. The Japs fled under heavy attack from American ships.

On the home front this week thousands face a coal shortage due to a general walk-out on the part of soft coal miners. President Roosevelt has assigned Harold Ickes as manager of all mines and ordered miners back to work. However, few had returned on Wednesday, and reports were no action had been taken to settle the strike. British Ambassador Lord Halifax, in a press conference, reported the situation in Europe was such that "anything might happen," saying the German position is bad. The Ways and Means Committee is still considering a new tax bill and reports several changes in the Treasury Department plan.

Draft Board To Call Ten White Men For November Induction

The Perquimans Draft Board will shortly mail induction papers to ten white men to report for induction examination on November 23, to fill the November call for men from this county, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Board, announced today.

No call for colored registrants has been received as yet, but the Board has been notified that the call for the November call for white men, and about fifty percent higher for colored registrants than in October.

Area Rent Director States Regulations Are Misunderstood

Cites Points Showing How Adjustment Is Made By Office

The Elizabeth City Rent Control Office which also serves Hertford and Edenton has been made increasingly aware that some misunderstanding exists with reference to the manner in which rent increase could be obtained from that office, it was stated today by Thomas J. Markham, Director-Attorney.

One of the rumors which has apparently gained considerable momentum, especially in the town of Hertford is that where a tenant and his landlord jointly apply to the Rent Office for an increase of rent that a rent adjustment would be made. This is utterly untrue, Mr. Markham said. The only manner in which a landlord can obtain an increase in rent is to petition the Area Rent Office by forms provided for by that office. In this petition he states his reason for believing that he is entitled to an increase and his reason must be one of those stated in the Rent Regulation. Under no circumstance is a rent increase granted because a landlord thinks his rent is too low. This is not new, nor has it ever been a ground for an adjustment of rent, Mr. Markham said.

Another case of misunderstanding on the part of landlords is that rents are reduced if a tenant applies for a decrease. This is equally untrue, said Mr. Markham. The Rent Office is required to review all Registrations and where the rent is higher than the rents generally prevailing on March 1, 1942, the Rent Office must reduce the rent. Rarely do tenants complain of high rents, and reduction of rents is almost an automatic procedure with the Rent Control Office if they are higher than the rent generally prevailing on March 1, 1942.

Any payment made by the tenant to the landlord in connection with the use or occupancy of a housing accommodation is rent according to the Rent Regulation therefore, landlords are prohibited by the Regulations from accepting more than the Maximum Legal Rent, regardless of the manner in which it is collected. In other words, no tenant should pay his rent and then be required or agree to pay any additional amount on the side. To do so is a violation of the Rent Regulation by both the landlord and the tenant.

Indians Beat Alumni 12-7 In First Game; Seeks Game Today

The 1943 football version of the Perquimans Indians outplayed and out-passed a squad composed of former Perquimans players to win the first football game of this season by a score of 12 to 7 last Friday afternoon.

The game, witnessed by a fair crowd of spectators, was hard fought and very cleanly played throughout.

The Indians scored twice during the first half and both tries for extra point were bad. The score at half-time was 12-0. The Alumni scored their touchdown near the end of the game after Joe Nowell had completed an end run for thirty yards. The Alumni scored on a pass, Wilson to Nowell. Their try for extra point was good and the final score was 12-7.

The Indians scored first on a pass from Mayes to Wood and the second touchdown was made by Berry, who carried the ball off tackle for twenty yards.

The entire Indian squad of twenty boys was used in the game, while the Alumni played Reed and Lassiter at ends, Berry and Beder at tackles, Elliott and Perry at guards, Spivey at center, Riddick, Winslow, Wilson and Nowell in the backfield.

The starting lineup for the Indians was Roberts and Trueblood, ends; Murray and Eure, tackles; Eure and Winslow, guards; White, center; Mayes, quarterback; Keaton, Wood and Berry as backs.

The Indians were scheduled to meet the Columbia High School eleven on the local field Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, but due to some mix-up on the Columbia schedule, the Tatarbugs will be unable to keep the date, and the local authorities are now attempting to schedule a game for the Indians for this afternoon.

National Pulpwood Committee Sponsors Special Pulp Month

Pulp Mill Officials Explain Need For More Pulp Cutting

November 11 to December 11 has been designated as a month during which Chowan County is asked to cut a cord of extra pulpwood for every boy and girl in the service of their nation. There are over 600 men and women now in the armed forces, so that over 600 more cords of pulpwood are expected. A recent campaign throughout the pulpwood producing area of the nation has been very effective in staving off a serious shortage of pulpwood used in manufacturing vital war materials, but there is still more needed. In fact a minimum of 13,000,000 cords are necessary for war and essential civilian requirements for the remainder of 1943.

Governor J. M. Broughton realizes the seriousness of the pulpwood situation, and in a recent proclamation endorses the new U. S. Victory Pulpwood Campaign, urging every farmer, or any other individual, to utilize any possible available time to cutting pulpwood.

"This community has a great opportunity to show our boys and girls in the armed forces that we're behind them 100 per cent and that while they are fighting at the front we are working at home to keep pace with our production of war material," said T. W. Earle, manager of the Wood and Land Department of the N. C. Pulp Company at Plymouth, in connection with the new pulpwood drive.

"We may not have the huge war plants that are found in large manufacturing cities," he continued, "but we do have an essential war industry that is just as important to the war effort as the production of planes, tanks and guns. It's the cutting of pulpwood."

"Many of us, because of age or family responsibilities, are unable to join the actual attack on the Axis in Europe or the South Pacific. But that doesn't mean we can't have a hand in winning—and shortening—the war. Our country needs every man, some of them for fighting, but the majority to keep the combat troops supplied with supplies in good condition and on time."

"That's where pulpwood comes in. Without the thousands of military products into which it is made, our (Continued on Page Six)

Funeral Rites For Crash Victim Held Friday Afternoon

Funeral services for Johnny Elliott, 21, who was killed instantly in an automobile accident Wednesday night, October 27, were conducted at the home of his brother, Murray Elliott, on Friday afternoon, by the Rev. Frank Cale.

Elliott, who had recently received an honorable discharge from the Army, and Troy Elliott were driving south on Route 17, near Edenhous Beach, south of Edenton, when their car was in collision with a truck carrying two unidentified Negroes. Johnny Elliott was killed instantly and one of the Negroes later died. Troy Elliott is still in the hospital, his condition being reported as being serious.

Surviving the youth are two brothers, Murray and Freeland Elliott, and three sisters, Thelma and Mary Elliott and Mrs. George Winslow, all of Perquimans County.

Interment was made in the family plot.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. MAMIE ELLIOTT OVERTON

Funeral services for Mrs. Mamie Elliott Overton, wife of A. L. Overton, were conducted at the graveside in Bethel Cemetery on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by the Rev. John T. Byrum. The Bethel Church choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Abide With Me."

Pallbearers were A. M. Copeland, George C. Parker, J. B. Basnight, Josiah Proctor, Sidney Layden and Louis Proctor.

Mrs. Overton died at her home near Burgess on Tuesday, October 26, at 4 o'clock, after an illness of several weeks.

She is survived by her husband, A. L. Overton; four children, Steve, Jim, Della and Linda Overton; one sister, Mrs. Shelton Long, and one brother, Lloyd Elliott, of Wilmington.

PERQUIMANS COUNTY WAR FUND QUOTA REACHED THIS WEEK, CHAIRMAN STATES

Tests For Training Program To Be Given At H. S. November 9

Qualifying tests for civilians for the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College Program will be conducted at the Perquimans County High School on Tuesday morning, November 9, from nine until eleven o'clock, F. T. Johnson, superintendent, announced today.

This test is for men not now in any reserve or other branch of the armed services. Any high school graduate or senior is eligible. Any youth who took the test for the V-12 program last year may take this test, Mr. Johnson said.

Young men wishing further information about the tests are requested to see Mr. Johnson before next Tuesday.

November Quota For Tires, Stoves, Cars Announced By Board

Perquimans County's quota for tires, tubes, stoves and automobiles, to be rationed during the month of November, was announced this week by Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the War Price and Ration Board, as follows:

Tires, 82 Grade 1 passenger; 67 Grade III, and 88 tubes; 43 truck tires and 46 truck tubes; 79 coal and wood heaters; one oil heater; 16 wood or coal cook stoves and four oil-burning cook stoves. Two new automobiles are allotted this county.

Tire certificates issued by the Board last week were:

Grade I—Mrs. Lessie Evans, 1; V. B. Miller, tire and tube; C. J. Stallings, tire and tube; David Harrell, 2 tires and 1 tube; Hazel Stallings, tire and tube; L. E. Winslow, tire; E. E. Morgan, tire and tube; J. A. Capone, tire and tube; Charlie Colson, 2 tires and 2 tubes; A. E. Miller, 2 tires and 2 tubes; R. S. Chappell, tire and tube; William McLaughlin, 2 tires and 2 tubes; L. C. Winslow, 2 tires and 1 tube; V. C. Dale, tire and tube; David Cox, tire and tube; J. C. Long, tire.

Grade III—H. F. Healing, tire and tube; George Skinner, 3 tires and 3 tubes; Raymond Trueblood, 2 tires and 2 tubes; S. H. Manley, tire and tube; A. J. Holmes, 2 tires and 2 tubes; J. T. Wood, tire and tube; R. W. Turner, tire; Sterling Colson, 2 tires and 2 tubes; E. L. Richey, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Wright Deming, tire and 2 tubes; L. G. Felton, 2 tires and 2 tubes; C. W. Williams, tire and tube; Crafton Winslow, tire and tube; Isaac Whedbee, tire and tube; Blount Eure, tire and 2 tubes; F. W. White, 3 tires and 2 tubes.

Truck Tires—Major-Loomis, 10 tires and 10 tubes; J. R. Layden, tire and tube; W. J. Moore, 2 tires and 2 tubes; Nathan Riddick, 2 tires and 2 tubes; R. P. White, 4 tubes; Milton Dail, 2 tires and 2 tubes.

Ernest E. Morse was issued a certificate for a new car.

Commissioners In Session On Monday

The Board of County Commissioners, unable to meet in their usual room because the Superior Court was in session during this week, met on Monday in the office of the sheriff and conducted routine business matters.

The Board appointed R. L. Knowles as delinquent tax collector for taxes unpaid for the years 1941 and 1942. With no important business being presented to the members, the Board adjourned after a short session.

DR. PERRY TO LEAVE LOCAL HEALTH UNIT

Dr. D. C. Hackett, County Health Officer, announced this week that the State Health Board has ordered Dr. Perry, assistant to Dr. Hackett, to report to Savannah, Ga., for duty on November 12, and that Dr. Perry will be replaced by a woman doctor, who will assist Dr. Hackett in performing the duties of the Health Department of Perquimans, Pasquotank and Camden Counties.

Every effort was made to retain Dr. Perry on the local staff, but the change has been consented to by the governing bodies of the three counties and Mayor V. N. Darden and E. M. Perry, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners were consulted regarding the change in personnel.

Final Reports To Be Made By Saturday Will Show That County Is Over The Top

The Perquimans County War Fund goal, set at thirty-five hundred dollars, is expected to be reached before the end of this week, according to J. Emmett Winslow, chairman of the County Committee.

Returns from each of the five townships have been received by the committee treasurer, Julian White, who reported \$3,266.79 on hand as of Wednesday morning. Inasmuch as the total expense and national quota for the campaign here is slightly under the \$3,500 mark, the goal is expected to be met readily.

On the basis of the reports made to Wednesday only Belvidere Township had met its quota, assigned at the beginning of the drive. However, sufficient contributions had been collected for Hertford Township to meet its quota of \$1,500.

The reports made by township chairmen were as follows: W. E. Dail, New Hope, \$251.50; Miss Frances Maness, Hertford, \$708.42; C. E. White, Bethel, \$248.25; Dr. E. S. White, Belvidere, \$476.32; George Jackson, Parkville, \$516.82; V. N. Darden, chairman of the initial gifts committee, \$1,065.48. Three hundred and fifty dollars of this amount, contributed by Major-Loomis & Company was assigned to the Parkville quota, thus that township's amount totals \$866.82, slightly under its \$1,000 quota.

Several of the solicitors report that additional contributions are still outstanding and these will be collected and reported before Saturday.

King Williams and W. R. Privott, chairmen of the colored division, are now soliciting funds and collections from these will be reported later.

Names of all contributors will be carried in The Perquimans Weekly, beginning with next week's edition.

Mr. Winslow today expressed his thanks to all the solicitors who took part in the drive, the county committee and all contributors for the splendid showing made here. He said, "We had a big job to do and it was done well, and shows the people of this county are back of the job of lending help to those serving the country and our allies."

Ration Office To Issue Book Number 4 About November 15

Persons who failed to apply for their War Ration Book Number Four, when they were being issued through the county schools last week, may receive one by applying at the offices of the local ration board in about two weeks, Mrs. Helen Davenport, clerk of the board, stated today. Persons are requested, however, not to apply for the books at the present time, as the board is now engaged in issuing A cards for gasoline and kerosene stamps and no Number Four books will be issued until this matter is completed.

Ration Book Four was issued through the schools five days during last week, under the supervision of F. T. Johnson, superintendent of schools, who announced that a total of 10,000 books were issued by his forces.

Commissioned As Captain In Engineers

Leonard W. (Red) Carr, who was employed as construction superintendent at the Harvey Point Naval Air Station, has been commissioned a captain in the Army Corps of Engineers, according to an announcement received here this week.

While employed by the Virginia Engineering Company, and a resident of Hertford, Captain Carr also managed and lived at the Trailer Camp.

CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR COMING WEEK

The Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered every Sunday first at Harvey Point Air Station at 8:30 a. m., second at St. Ann's Church, corner of North Broad and Albemarle Streets, Edenton, at 11 a. m., and third at Windsor War Prisoners' Labor Camp at 4:30 p. m., announced the Reverend Father Francis J. McCourt, pastor and chaplain.

Every Sunday evening, choir practice 7:30 to 8:10 p. m., rosary, sermon, benediction in St. Ann's 8:15.

Week-morning mass in St. Ann's at 8 a. m.

Confessions Saturday 7:30 to 8:30 p. m., every morning before mass. Everybody invited to all St. Ann's services.