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## Two Year Sentence Given Negro Woman Assaulting Officer

## Manslaughter Charge To Be Heard April Term of Court

Recorder Judge Charles E. Johnson, announcing that it is and will be the policy of his Court to mete out heavy penalties to offenders who resist officers of the law, sentenced Mary Blount, colored, to two years in jail for interfering with officers in performance of duty and assault with a deadly weapon. The woman was found guilty of the two counts, after Patrolmen Fentress and Payne testified she attacked them while they were in the act of arresting Percy Winslow, colored.

Winslow also resisted the officers and escaped, but is now being sought for trial. The State took a nol pro on a charge of secret assault against the woman, and the verdict of the court was that she be confined in jail 12 months on each of the two counts of which she was found guilty. An appeal to the Superior Court was noted and bond was set at \$500.

The case of Percy Winslow, charged with manslaughter, was set for preliminary hearing at the April 11 term of Recorder's Court. A case charging Winslow, Gaither Chappell and Sherman Copeland with assault will also be heard on April 11.

Fate White, Negro, was found guilty of obtaining money under false pretense and was given a 60-day suspended sentence upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs.

John James entered a plea of guilty and paid the court costs on a charge of speeding.

Willie Riddick, Negro, paid costs of court, after pleading guilty to driving with insufficient brakes.

James Ward was taxed the costs of court for driving after his operator's license had been revoked.

Ben Butts, Negro, charged with trespassing, requested a trial by jury and his case was moved up for hearing at the April term of Superior Court.

Harrison Hurdle, Negro, was taxed with court costs, after pleading guilty to driving without license.

James White, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding 70 miles per hour and was taxed with court costs and had his license revoked for one year.

Allen Wichee, Jr., was fined \$15 for driving without license.

Mathew Gillikin entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding and was fined \$25 and costs.

Thomas D. Nixon was fined \$30 and ordered to pay court costs, after pleading guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

## Sale Of War Bonds During March Lags Behind County Quota

Sale of war bonds in Perquimans County during the month of March lagged way behind the quota, according to R. M. Riddick, chairman of the War Finance Committee, who stated that his committee is hopeful that residents of the county will, during the coming month, return to the procedure of buying bonds regularly.

"It is hard to say just what caused the drop-off in the sale of bonds," Mr. Riddick said, "maybe too many of us think that the war is nearly won and there is no further need to buy bonds."

That is far from the point, for at the present time our government needs every penny it can raise to provide the funds needed to win the final victory and one of the many ways of seeing that the government gets this money is for everybody to buy bonds every month, the chairman concluded.

Perquimans County has one of the best records in the State for meeting its war bond quotas, and the local War Finance Committee hopes that the record will be upheld during the coming months.

### ARRIVES IN U. S.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. White, Sr. have received word that their son, Major T. S. White, Jr., recently arrived in New York, after being stationed overseas. Major White is expected to visit his parents soon.

## Historical Society Seeks Service Data

The State Historical Commission seeking information on Perquimans County's members of the armed forces during World War II, requests that parents and friends of men and women now serving the nation, clip the questionnaire appearing elsewhere in this issue and after filling in the questions, mail it to Mrs. Mattie Lister White, Hertford, N. C. The information will be used to compile a record of North Carolinians and their service rendered during the present conflict.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Russia's hard-driving Ukrainian Army this week smashed Hitler's line in southern Russia and drove into Axis territory for the first time. Reports from Moscow indicate that Red troops have advanced several miles into the Rumanian province of Bukovina, threatening to split the Axis forces into two parts at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains. Red troops captured the Russian seaport of Nikolayev, which leaves the Germans in possession of the major city of Odessa in the south. German troops are reported fleeing toward this point as a possible escape route from the Reds.

Hitler, attempting to strengthen his Balkan position, has taken over Rumania and Bulgaria as well as Hungary. A Russian sea force was reported to have sunk a German convoy removing troops from the Russian territory by the way of the Black Sea. While the news from Russia continued good throughout the week, reports from Italy stated that the Allies have been stopped at Cassino. Little fighting, other than artillery duelling, has been reported since early this week. It was learned that a long tunnel connecting Cassino and the Axis forces to the rear, permitted the Nazis to keep reinforcements coming into the fighting area hindered little by Allied flyers and artillery.

Prime Minister Churchill, in radio address last Sunday, stated that the Nazi army had been devitalized by Russian forces. While he made no predictions regarding the war in Europe, he did say that the fight against Japan is progressing better than was expected. He added that the menace of the German submarines has been overcome.

In the Far East Jap forces are continuing their drive into India. Allied troops, it has been reported, are resisting strongly and it is thought that the Jap invasion has spent its force. British commandos are reported smashing back at important Jap positions in Burma.

A neutral report this week stated that the Germans had executed 300 Italians in Rome in reprisal for a bomb attack and street fighting in which 24 German officials were killed. The street fighting started, it was reported while Fascists were parading in celebration of Fascism's 25th anniversary.

American and British airmen, stationed in England, continued heavy bombing raids against German cities and positions on the invasion coast. Churchill, in his speech Sunday, announced that American air forces now in England are as large as the RAF itself, and it is now possible to conduct heavy attacks against the Germans at the will of the High Command.

## Miss Dorothy Dail Weds Earl J. Riddick

The marriage of Miss Dorothy Mae Dail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dail, to Earl J. Riddick, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Riddick, of Hertford, N. C., took place Saturday evening at 9:30 o'clock, at the Methodist parsonage in Hertford, with the Rev. B. C. Reavis officiating, the impressive ring ceremony being used.

The bride wore a two-piece wool suit of delphinium blue with navy accessories. Her only attendant was Miss Elizabeth Winslow, who wore a two-piece wool suit of delf blue and harmonizing accessories. Thomas Harrell was best man.

After a short wedding trip to unannounced points, the couple will reside in Hertford, until Mr. Riddick is called into service.

## Red Cross Chairman Issues Appeal For More Contributions

## Over Two Thousand Dollars Still Needed To Reach Quota

Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman of the Perquimans County Red Cross War Fund drive, today issued an appeal to residents of the county for additional contributions to swell the small collections thus far reported in this drive.

Mrs. Morris announced that only \$2,969.76 had been contributed up to Wednesday noon of this week, while the county's quota has been set at \$5,300. This leaves nearly \$2,400 yet to be collected.

In issuing the appeal for more contributions the chairman stated, "The Red Cross War Fund drive is scheduled to close March 31, and our committee is hopeful that sufficient contributions will be made by Friday to put us over the top. However, we can not reach this quota unless our folks realize the serious need for this drive and make contributions at least twice as great as last year."

"We are asking every person who has not yet given to the Red Cross to contact a solicitor and give today," Mrs. Morris said. "To those who have given we are asking that they give again to help this cause."

Persons who do not know the solicitors in their neighborhoods can make their contributions by taking them to the Hertford Post Office and leaving them with Silas M. Whedbee.

According to the reports of the various community solicitors, there have been few contributions during this drive that equal double the amount given in last year's drive. The Red Cross, in starting the 1944 War Fund, announced that the budget calls for expenditures almost double those of 1943, and asked that each person give at least twice as much to the Red Cross this year.

The Weekly joins with the chairman and urges its readers to help put this drive over by making additional contributions before the drive is officially closed. Your gift may help some boy from Perquimans County... think it over and make that extra contribution today.

## Central PTA Elects New Officers At Meeting Monday

The Parent-Teacher Association of Perquimans Central Grammar School met on Monday night, March 20.

In the absence of the president, T. R. Ainsley presided. The devotional message was read by Miss Johnnie White. Marjorie Rebecca and Thelma White sang a duet.

The subject for the month was "Protecting With a Normal Home Life." An interesting talk was given by L. W. Anderson. The President's message was read by Mrs. J. Van Roach, secretary pro tem. The audience sang "America." A health program emphasizing Valuable Foods was given by the combination fourth and fifth grades. Those taking part in this program were: Barbara Ann Benton, Marjorie Whedbee, Robert Morris Winslow, Ben Miller, Marvina White, Amy Van Roach, Margaret Symons, Walter Humphlett, Virginia Mae Long, Billy Godfrey, J. B. Owens, James Thomas Hall and Allen Saunders.

There was a report from the nominating committee, and the following officers were elected by the Association:

President, Mrs. A. R. Cook.  
V. President Mrs. Howard Hunter  
Secretary, Mrs. Dempsey Winslow.

Treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Stanton. Reports were given by the standing committees.

The picture for having the largest per cent in attendance went to the fourth and fifth grades, Miss Lucille Long's room.

The group was dismissed by the Rev. J. D. Cranford.

### RECEIVES PROMOTION

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Phillips, Sr., that their son, E. A. Phillips, Jr., has been promoted to Staff Sergeant in the U. S. Air Force. Staff Sergeant Phillips is stationed somewhere in Italy.

## Director For Local USO Center Arrived In Hertford Tuesday

## Dedication Services Are Postponed to Sunday, April 16th

Abe Martin, who has been serving as temporary director of the Hertford USO, announced this week that he had been informed by his regional supervisor of the appointment of Edgar J. Hill as permanent director of the Hertford center.

Mr. Hill arrived in Hertford on Tuesday to assume his new duties. He recently graduated from the USO Training Institute in New York City and prior to taking this training, he was music director for the Blairsville, Pennsylvania, schools.

The director is married and has two children and expects to move his family to Hertford just as soon as available housing can be located.

The USO rooms are expected to be opened very shortly. Contractors are now completing their work and the director stated that the center would be open for the use of service men as soon as possible after the contractors finish.

Due to delay in completion of the building, however, dedication services, which had been tentatively set for April 2, have been postponed until April 16.

The Rev. B. C. Reavis, chairman of the Dedication Committee, stated this week that his committee is now working on the program for the occasion and hopes to announce the name of the speaker very shortly.

The USO center is rapidly nearing completion. The center is divided into a reception hall, with snack bar, a quiet room and a social hall. It is being furnished completely by the United Service Organization with tables, chairs, radio and phonograph, tennis tables, writing desks, lamps and reading tables.

## Committee Raises \$250 For Musical Units For Troops

Mrs. Thomas Nixon, who served as chairman of a local committee cooperating with the North Carolina Federation of Music in raising funds to purchase musical units for use by U. S. troops abroad, announced this week that the local group had raised a total of \$250 for this purpose.

This sum will purchase two of the units which will be shipped to some station overseas for entertainment of our troops.

Mrs. Nixon expressed her appreciation to the solicitors who made a canvass of the county for raising the funds and to those who contributed so generously.

Mrs. Nixon announced the contributors as: Major-Loomis, Hertford Oil Company, Towe Motor Company, Southern Cotton Oil Co., A Friend, Walker's, Simon's, J. W. Ward, Charles Payne, Mrs. Jake White, Robertson's, M. J. Gregory, Jordan Barber Shop, Cannon's, Central Grocery, Paragon Beauty Shop, Davenport & Blanchard, Fred Winslow, Darden Brothers, J. E. Winslow, Leigh Winslow, Home Demonstration Clubs, Hertford Banking Co., Hertford Grammar School, Rupert Ainsley, Frances Fowler, J. S. McVider, Winfall School, Mrs. Will White, Mrs. Thomas Nixon, Mrs. Silas Whedbee, Mrs. James Bryant, Mrs. I. A. Ward, Hertford Baptist Church, Mrs. W. Trueblood, Mrs. Frances White, Mary Lassiter, Miss Kate M. Blanchard, Mrs. Lindsay Winslow, Mrs. B. C. Reavis, Mrs. C. P. Morris, Mrs. A. W. Hefren, Mrs. Russell Jarvis, Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Mrs. W. H. Pitt, Mrs. Julian White and Miss Grace Knowles.

## Ginning Report Shows Decline In '43 Crop

A census report, issued this week by Willie M. Harrell, special agent, shows that 4,019 bales of cotton were ginned in Perquimans County from the crop of 1943, as compared with 4,608 bales from the crop of 1942. This report shows a decline of nearly 600 bales in the crop last year.

### AT GREAT LAKES STATION

Charles Clifford Banks left Friday, March 24, for Great Lakes Naval Training Station in Chicago, Ill.

## Library Circulation Shows Increase In Feb.

At a meeting of the Perquimans Library Board held Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Addie Jones, librarian, reported a total of 2,339 books placed in circulation during the month of February.

Mrs. Jones also reported a total of 43 new registered borrowers since the first of February, and 42 new books added for use by the patrons.

During the past week all books at community libraries, located at New Hope, Woodville, White Hat, Winfall, Belvidere, Burgess Hopewell and Bethel, have been changed and borrowers will find an entirely new set of books at these stations.

## Nita Nola Newbold Becomes Bride Of Lieut. Wm. Stehlin

The marriage of Miss Nita Nola Newbold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Newbold, and Lieut. (JG) William Stehlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stehlin of Canon City, Colorado, was solemnized on Friday evening, March 24, at 6 o'clock, in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

The Rev. E. T. Jilson performed the ceremony. Miss Kate Blanchard played the wedding marches and before the ceremony, Lieut. E. H. Wachter sang "O Perfect Love."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown of white brocade, fashioned with sweetheart neckline, long sleeves ending in points over the hands, tight fitting bodice, caught with tiny bows at the waist with the fullness of the skirt forming a sweeping train. Her finger tip veil of imported illusion fell from a Juliet cap of seed pearls and fresh camellias. She carried a white prayerbook showered with white camellias and freesias.

The bride's sister, Mrs. William Edward Griffin, matron of honor, wore a gown of rose marquisette over taffeta, made with sweetheart neckline, bracelet length sleeves, shirred bodice trimmed with accordion pleated ruffles and bouffant skirt. She carried a bouquet of mixed garden flowers.

Lieut. Commander P. F. Parshley, of Hertford, Conn., was best man. Ushers were Lieut. T. C. Maine, Lieut. J. H. Bissell, Lieut. L. T. Franks and Lieut. Rodney Thursby. The bride's mother wore a two-piece dress of powder blue and a corsage of orchids.

The church was decorated with ferns, calla lilies and white gladioli. Mrs. T. B. Sumner was mistress of ceremonies.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mrs. Newbold and Mrs. J. Emmett Winslow entertained the wedding party and out-of-town guests at a buffet supper at the home of Mrs. Winslow. The house was attractively decorated with white candles, snapdragons, freesias and spring flowers.

The guests were greeted by Miss Betty Winslow. Mrs. T. B. Smith and Mrs. J. M. Vail directed guests to the dining room, where a buffet supper was served by Mrs. O. B. Perry and Mrs. Hollowell Nixon. Mrs. Clyde McCallum poured coffee.

The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Perry, Miss Nelle Perry, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Vail, Mrs. John Newbold, Mrs. Hollowell Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Smith, Miss Helen Willis, Miss Katherine Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Warren, of Edenton; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Griffin, Sr., Miss Betty Griffin, Mrs. Charles Ward, Jr., and Miss Carolyn Small, of Elizabeth City; Mrs. Tom Wilcox, of Norfolk, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Newbold, of Newport News, Virginia.

## Game Warden Gives Fishing Season Dates

J. H. Newbold, County game warden, announced today that he had been advised by the State Commission of the dates of closing and reopening of the season for warm water fishing.

According to the announcement, the season will close April 11 and remain closed through May 19, in all counties east of Alleghany, Wilkes and Rutherford.

### PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Stephens received word last week that their son, Craton Stephens, has been promoted from first lieutenant to captain. Captain Stephens is a bombardier in the U. S. Air Corps and is stationed in the Caribbean area.

## Draft Boards Seen Speeding Induction Young Men 18 To 26

## Local Board Receives Calls For 45 Men During April

Members of the Perquimans County Draft Board attended a meeting held in Elizabeth City on Tuesday, and heard officials of Selective Service discuss and explain new regulations on the draft, which are expected to speed up the induction of youths between the ages of 18 and 26.

A directive issued late last week in Washington by General Hershey indicates that all youths, excepting those engaged in farming and who have the required number of war units may face pre-induction examination immediately.

Local boards were told to pay no heed to the expiration date of deferments of youths in this age bracket, but to classify them as 1-A or otherwise as rapidly as the review is carried out; to order up for pre-induction examination all men under 26 who hold occupational deferment and who have not been examined during the past 90 days.

It is likely, also, judging from this directive, that the local board may also reclassify many registrants in 4-F, placing these in either 2-A or 2-B, according to their occupation. This action will eliminate many 4-F classifications and will also tend to freeze the registrant to his present job.

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the local board, announced this week that calls for 15 white men for April 15, and 30 Negroes for April 6 have been received. This number of men will be ordered to report for pre-induction examinations on those dates.

The action taken by Selective Service in ordering strict review and practically no deferments for youths 18 to 26, unless passed on by the Manpower Commission results from the great need of the Armed forces to meet the quotas deemed necessary to carry out the war plans against the Axis.

## Waste Paper Drive Will Be Continued By Local Lions Club

Excellent progress has been reported by the Hertford Lions Club with their waste paper drive started here this week. Charles Vann, chairman of the committee, stated that the members have already collected a large amount of paper and hope to collect even more before the drive closes a week from next Saturday.

The Club is storing the waste paper temporarily in an old building on Grubb Street, and will, after collecting the waste paper for two weeks, arrange for its removal to a pulp mill for production into material for the war effort.

Residents of Hertford are requested to assist in the drive by bundling up their waste paper and leaving it on their porches on Saturday of this week and Wednesday and Saturday of next week, when Club members will again canvass the town for waste paper. The truck being used for collection will cover every street, but stops will be made only where paper is placed on porches and can be seen by the men collecting the material.

## Funeral Service For Mrs. Etta Smith Lane

Mrs. Etta Smith Lane, 77, died at her home on Grubb Street at 4:30 o'clock Monday morning, following a lingering illness. She was the widow of the late Jesse Lane.

Surviving are one brother, John R. Smith of Holland, Va.; one sister, Mrs. John Baccus of Perquimans, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Lynch Funeral Home. Interment followed in Cedarwood Cemetery.

### WINS CITATION BAR

Marvin Lee Simpson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Simpson, of Hertford, has been promoted from S-2 to AMM 3-c, and recently received a Presidential citation bar for submarine patrol service in the Atlantic.

Mr. Simpson volunteered in the Navy two and a half years ago and has seen much action at sea during that time. He is now stationed on detached duty at Norfolk.