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## NEW COUNTY OFFICERS SWORN IN AND ASSUMED DUTIES MONDAY MORNING

### County Accountant Reports Finances In Good Condition

Perquimans County's official family changed on Monday, when officers elected at the general election last November were sworn into office and began their duties this week. The only change from the previous administration was George W. Jackson succeeding E. U. Morgan as a member of the board of commissioners.

The officials sworn in Monday were: Register of Deeds, J. W. Ward; Recorder's Court Judge, E. Johnson; treasurer, Jacob L. White, and Commissioners E. M. Perry, L. L. Winslow, R. T. Brinn, Charles White and George W. Jackson.

The board of commissioners organized at a meeting Monday afternoon and chose E. M. Perry as chairman of the board. Mr. Perry has served in this capacity for the past several years.

Charles Whedbee was named by the board to serve as county attorney, and the following were appointed as list takers for their respective townships: John O. White, Hertford; Roy S. Chappell, Bethel; Carroll V. Ward, Belvidere; Ray Elliott, Parkville, and Seth Long, New Hope.

The position of solicitor of the Recorder's Court was not filled at the meeting of the board Monday, but it was announced that C. R. Holmes, who has served as solicitor during the past year, was not seeking the office due to his position with the OPA Rent Control office.

County Accountant W. F. C. Edwards reported to the new board that the finances of the county are in good condition, better than at any time in the past several years. A large surplus was reported in the general fund and also in the debt service fund, and outstanding indebtedness on county school property is at a low figure.

J. W. Ward announced today that the list takers will begin their task of listing property the first day of January, as in past years, and urged the public to list property early and avoid the last minute rush.

## Men's Bible Class Enjoys Fish Fry

The Young Men's Bible Class of the Hertford Methodist Church enjoyed an outing in the form of a fish fry at the city plant last Thursday evening. This class is very active in the interests of the church in general and aids much in the movements for good in the town and community. A marked increase in interest and attendance is being shown. In addition to the regular members of the class, several other men who are interested in the class and its work were present for the fish fry.

L. C. Winslow is president of the class and C. T. Skinner is secretary. V. N. Darden and J. R. Jarvis constituted the committee that arranged for the outing. The Rev. B. C. Reavis, pastor of the church, is the teacher of the class and all servicemen and others who are not in church school elsewhere are invited to attend the class, which meets each Sunday at 10 a. m.

As the pastor, the Rev. B. C. Reavis, has announced, next Sunday being Universal Bible Sunday, he will use "Ten Reasons Why I Believe the Bible to be the Word of God" as the subject of the sermon at 11 a. m. "Our Allies of Faith" will be the subject of the sermon at 7:30 p. m.

## High School Honor Roll Announced

The first quarter of the school year at the Perquimans County High School ended Friday, November 24, and during the past week the students received their reports.

To get his name upon the Honor Roll a student must average B plus, or more upon each subject. At the end of the first quarter these students are upon the Honor Roll:

Post-graduate: Eula Mae Morgan.  
11-A: Bill Murray, Lillian Goodwin, Myrtle Whedbee, Marjorie Rebecca White, Esther Winslow and Joann Winslow.

10-A: Molly Oakey and Kadar White.

9-A: Reggie Tucker, Laurastine Britton, Doris Buit, Peggy Cook.

8-B: Madelyn Phillips, Eugene Hurdle.

8-1: Lella Lee Winslow.

8-3: Lindsey Reed, Mary Lou Out, Betty Ruth Chappell and Pat Morris.

## 1921 Library Books Circulated In October

Mrs. Addie Jones, librarian, reported at a regular meeting of the County Library Board, held November 28, that 1921 books were circulated during the month of October. Forty-two new borrowers signed up at the library and that 120 new books were purchased; 88 for adults and 32 for juveniles.

The Library Board named a representative to appear before the Board of County Commissioners to appeal for larger quarters to house the County Library, and to request that the appeal be considered as an item in post-war planning.

Miss Helen Gaither was appointed by the Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Josiah Elliott as a member of the Library Board.

Notice was issued that the library will be closed from December 22 to December 27, for the Christmas holidays.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Despite heavy resistance from strong German forces, American troops under General Patton this week have forged ahead in the conquest of Germany. The American Third Army advanced steadily in the Saar area and threatens to capture the important city of Saarbrücken. The First and Ninth Armies, while fighting steadily, have not been as active this week as the Third Army. The British and Canadian forces on the far north end of the Western front likewise have not been attacking in force as has the Third Army this week.

A report from sources in Berlin says that Himmler has made an agreement with the German generals to keep Hitler in the background and to permit the generals to run the war. Nothing has been heard from Hitler in weeks and reports say he is held up in one of his retreats, possibly fearing further attempts on his life. From reports on the fighting fronts, it is indicated that Hitler no longer controls the German armies, but that the generals are now running the defense of Germany and possibly this has resulted in the renewed German vigor shown during the past few weeks fighting.

Heavy fighting continues all over the Pacific area, the Japs are fighting fiercely to hold the Philippines, but U. S. forces are slowly knocking out the enemy. U. S. B-29s have bombed Japan proper several times during the past week, and heavy damage has been reported to Jap war plants. The bombers, stationed on Saipan, one of the recently captured islands, are within bombing range of most of Japan. U. S. Naval forces have taken a terrific toll of Jap shipping during the past week, but the Nippons still attempt to re-inforce their garrison on Leyte.

A shake-up in the U. S. State Department was made this week, following the appointment of Edward Stettinius as Secretary. Most of the men who served under Mr. Hull tendered their resignations and Joseph Grew, former ambassador to Japan was named as Under-Secretary. Mr. Stettinius, this week, issued a statement that power politics, as played in Europe during the past 20 years, will be frowned upon by the United States. He said that the peoples of Italy and other countries in Europe should be permitted to choose their own governments without outside interference.

The Treasury Department announced this week that corporations are purchasing their full share of bonds during the Sixth War Loan, but that the drive for individuals is slow. The Department urged every person to buy an extra \$100 war bond this week.

## Masons Choose New Officers Tuesday

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., elected officers to serve during the coming year at a meeting held in the lodge rooms Tuesday night.

Archie T. Lane was elected as Master for the new year. C. C. Winslow was chosen as Senior Warden, M. H. Umphlett as Junior Warden, L. E. Stinson as treasurer and J. S. Vick, secretary.

## Two Negro Fugitives In Police Custody, Returned For Trial

### Recorder's Court In Short Session Tuesday

Percy Winslow and Wilson (Snookybox) Ferebee, Negro fugitives, are in the hands of local police authorities, after being captured this week. They will be given hearings in Recorder's Court next week on charges of assaulting police officers, and Ferebee will also be tried for breaking and entering.

Winslow, sought by the police since last March, was captured by officials at Mineola, New York, and was returned here Monday by Sgt. George Dail and Charles Payne, State Highway Patrolmen.

Ferebee, sought in connection with the robbery of Darden Brothers Store, Reed Oil Co. and E. L. Reed Store, and assaulting Mr. Payne and Police Officer Tommy Miller, walked into the Courthouse shortly after adjournment of Recorder's Court on Tuesday morning and gave himself over to Sheriff J. Emmett Winslow. He was carrying the revolver snatched from the hands of Officer Miller in the fight in the Ferebee house two weeks ago, but stated that the gun owned by Mayor Darden had been stolen from him.

Ferebee and other defendants, out on bond, faces charges growing out of the disturbance in Goose Hollow two weeks ago and will face trial at the next session of Recorder's Court. It was stated here Tuesday that Ferebee admitted breaking into the three stores and also implicated Dennison Revels, Negro youth, in the robberies. Revels has denied that he participated in the breaking.

Perquimans Recorder's Court disposed of four cases here on Tuesday morning in what turned out to be a short session for the court.

E. S. Davenport entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding and paid the costs of court.

Len Rountree, Negro, was found guilty of possession of non-tax-paid liquor and was fined \$100 and ordered to pay court costs.

Lillie Mae Thach, Negro, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, and Judge Charles E. Johnson suspended judgment on condition of good behavior.

Eugene Woodley, Negro, was found guilty of driving with improper brakes and ordered to pay court costs.

## Little Relief From Tire Shortage Seen During This Month

December tire quotas, announced this week by the local OPA office, are expected to give little relief from present shortages, particularly of commercial tires. A small increase is noted in passenger-type tires, but this is expected to be offset by the back-log of applications and new ones being made.

Certificates issued during the past week by the local board were given as follows:

Passenger: Pete Lilly, 2; Walter Nowell, 2; Joe White, 2; Joseph Ballance, 2; Clinton Eley, 2; Alton Stallings, 2; J. H. Stallings, 1; C. M. Bembry, 2; E. L. Goodwin, 2; Andrew Bonner, 2; Ellis Winslow, 2; D. L. Reed, 1; Wm. H. Hausdoerffer, 1; Joe Moreschi, 2; G. A. Weil, 1; Stanley Jacksonobel, 1; Mrs. Alice Futrell, 2.

Truck: Nathan Riddick, 1; Noah Felton, Jr., 3; W. L. Jessup, 2, and L. L. Winslow, 1.

## Christmas Seals Still Available

Mrs. C. A. Davenport, chairman of the Perquimans County Christmas Seals campaign, stated today that the sale of the Seals is progressing nicely, but that a large number of persons have been inquiring where Seals may be purchased.

Anyone desiring to purchase Seals may call Mrs. Davenport at 3251, and the Seals will be delivered. She also announced that a booth will be set up in Roberson's this week and that Christmas Seals will be sold at this booth.

The public is urged to continue buying Christmas Seals to aid the Tuberculosis Association to raise the money to fight this disease.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. William Tarkenton, Hertford, Route 1, announce the birth of a son on December 2nd. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

## High School Opens Basketball Season Here Friday Night

### Weeksville to Furnish Competition In First Game

Perquimans High School will open its 1944 basketball season Friday night, when the Weeksville High School comes here for the first game in the Rural Conference series. The Indians, champions of the Albemarle last year, will be out to retain their title this year, according to Coach Max Campbell, who stated that although his squad of veterans have had little court practice since the close of the football season, he expects a victory over Weeksville.

The court game will get under way with the Perquimans girls meeting the Weeksville girls at 7:30 o'clock at the high school auditorium, and this game is also expected to be won by the local sextet, who have been practicing for three weeks under the direction of Miss Janice Lister, coach.

Coach Campbell announced the schedule for the local high school now consists of 12 conference games with teams of the Albemarle, and that he hopes to schedule additional games with Edenton, Elizabeth City, Chowan and possibly one or two other schools.

The Indians have been practicing the court game only one week, but with veterans of last year's squad, Dan Berry, George Wood, Cecil Winslow, Edward Mayes and Thurman White, all back in uniform, and these backed by Joe Nowell, Buck Wilson and Robert Holmes, the Indians' opponents should face tough competition throughout the year.

The schedule of conference games for the year was announced this week as follows:

Dec. 8—Weeksville here.  
Dec. 13—Shiloh away.  
Dec. 15—Central here.  
Jan. 5—Moyock away.  
Jan. 10—South Mills here.  
Jan. 12—Poplar Branch here.  
Jan. 19—Weeksville away.  
Jan. 26—Central away.  
Feb. 2—Moyock here.  
Feb. 7—Shiloh away.  
Feb. 9—South Mills away.  
Feb. 16—Poplar Branch here.

## Chappell Resigns As Draft Board Member December Call Off

Thad C. Chappell, member of the Perquimans Draft Board for the past two years, tendered his resignation from that Board this week, and the local Board now has but one member, J. R. Futrell.

Due to the lack of members, the call for four white men to report for induction on December 14, has been cancelled, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Board.

It was announced that the local Board will not meet again until the two vacancies which now exist are filled.

It was reported in this paper last week that Perquimans County is the only county in the State behind in filling its draft quotas. This announcement is an error. Perquimans is not the only county behind in filling quotas, but it is far down the list of those counties who have failed to fill quotas.

## Central PTA Reports 539 Members Signed

The Parent-Teacher Association of Central High School met last Monday night. Mrs. Dempsey Winslow conducted the devotional.

The chairman of the membership committee, Miss Alma Leggett, reported 539 members. Five rooms reported 100 per cent memberships of families represented. Prizes were given to these rooms. First prize for members was given to the Fifth Grade. Prizes were given to Joseph Barber, Bobbie Smith and Evelyn Ann Stantors for soliciting the greatest number of members.

The lunch room committee reported that the lunch room had opened. More than 400 cans of fruits and vegetables have been donated by the parents.

Mrs. J. E. Winslow, District director, gave a report of the District meeting at South Mills.

Mrs. Blair, State Field Worker for P. T. A., gave an interesting talk on the Program of Schools at War. She also gave a brief history of the Congress of Parents and Teachers.

## SALE OF E BONDS DURING SIXTH WAR LOAN STILL SHORT OF COUNTY QUOTA

### USO Cantata To Be Presented Dec. 24th

Hertford's USO Club will present its Christmas Cantata, "The Shepherd's Christmas," on Sunday afternoon, December 24, at 4:30 o'clock, at a location to be named later, Edgar J. Hill, Club director, announced today.

Mr. Hill and Miss Margaret Pearson are directing the efforts of the choir, composed of members of the Baptist, Methodist and Holy Trinity churches of this city, and from all reports, the cantata will be one of the best ever presented here. Miss Kate Blanchard will be at the organ and soloists for certain of the cantata numbers will be Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Sgt. Esther Holcomb, U. S. M. C. W. R., and Miss Pearson.

A silver offering will be taken at the service to help defray minor expenses connected with the cantata, after which the balance of the offering will be turned over to some worthwhile project in Hertford, possibly for the furnishing of Christmas baskets for the needy.

## Chaplain Alexander Guest Speaker At High School Chapel

Before a most appreciative audience, Chaplain R. L. Alexander, U. S. N. R., of Harvey Point Air Station, was the guest speaker at chapel services on November 30, at the Perquimans High School.

From March, 1943, until September, 1944, the Chaplain said, he was aboard an aircraft carrier, the name of which he did not disclose, but which, he stated, is of the Essex class and has been making history in attacks upon the Gilbert Islands, Marshall Islands, New Guinea, and other points in the Pacific War Zone.

Throughout his talk, Chaplain Alexander stressed two things: the spirit of quiet heroism prevalent among the American fighting men and their deep faith in prayer. By way of illustration, he spoke of two of his outstanding experiences while aboard ship.

The first of these was one which took place during the last week of November, 1943, during a heavy bombing attack by the Japanese. It was a burial at sea service for five men who had given their lives, quietly, heroically, to save the lives of their shipmates. Throughout the entire service the carrier was subject to air attack.

Two other days to which the speaker referred were June 20-21, 1944. On the 19th, the Japanese came out of cover to launch an unsuccessful attack upon Task Force 58. On June 20, the Task Force shot down 407 Jap planes, more planes than had ever been shot down in any day, in any war. The next day the American planes launched an attack; by dark many of them had failed to return. The following morning fear for the safety of the men had reached its height when there came the message that many of the planes had run out of gas and that the men were afloat upon rafts.

Immediately smaller ships and float planes were dispatched to their rescue. Practically all were brought back. Upon their return, a special church service was held. He has never, the Chaplain declared, heard the Doxology sung as the men sang it that day. Prayer, he added, is all important on rafts in the Pacific.

Prior to entering the Navy in July, 1942, Chaplain Alexander was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Lumberton, N. C. He is now on leave of absence from his church.

## Jurors Drawn For January Term Court

The out-going board of county commissioners drew the names of 24 men to serve as jurors at the January Term of Superior Court, before adjourning their meeting on Monday.

The jurors drawn were: L. J. Winslow, Ben E. Smith, Wilson Reed, W. L. Sawyer, Albert White, John Elliott, W. D. Perry, T. J. Stallings, J. R. Jarvis, Walter Dail, D. E. Winslow, O. J. Lane, D. C. Umphlett, J. S. Stallings, A. D. Weston, S. D. Banks, Henry Belch, Will R. Chappell, Dan Williams, W. O. Lamb, Asa Stallings, J. L. Cartwright, C. P. Morris and C. T. Jordan.

MASONS WILL MEET TUESDAY  
Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night.

## Sales Total 40 Thousand Dollars Up to Tuesday Morning

This week has been designated as Pearl Harbor Week, by officials of the Treasury Department, who urge the public to room in the men in our armed forces by purchasing Series E bonds this week in recognition of the victorious battles our army and navy have made since December 7, 1941.

R. M. Riddick, chairman of the local War Finance Committee, reported on Tuesday that Perquimans County residents have purchased \$40,000 worth of Series E bonds since the opening of the Sixth War Loan, but that we are still short of our Series E bond goal by some \$25,000. Mr. Riddick and other members of the War Finance Committee attended chapel exercises at the two grammar schools and at Perquimans High School on Tuesday and urged the students of the schools to take an active part in securing sales of Series E bonds during the rest of the Sixth War loan period.

The Colored division of the War Finance Committee has also been working diligently during the past two weeks to sell Series E bonds to the Colored residents of Perquimans.

Sale of bonds other than the Series E type have been fairly good, Mr. Riddick reported, but in order for the County to meet its overall Sixth War Loan goal we must purchase Series E bond amount set at \$65,000. The chairman stated that he has hopes that the public will join wholeheartedly in the nation-wide Pearl Harbor Week drive and that sales of Series E bonds this week will swell the local total past the goal.

Up to Tuesday noon of this week the chairman had had no reports from various township solicitors, who are expected to sell the bulk of the Series E bonds during the present drive, and Mr. Riddick requests all solicitors to report to him as soon as possible, in order that the totals may be checked.

According to reports, the prizes being offered by local merchants and the War Finance Committee are stimulating the solicitors striving to win one of the prizes, but as yet all solicitors have a fine chance to win one of these awards, and they are urged to keep up the good work.

## Hertford PTA Meet Held Thursday Night

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Hertford Grammar School met Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the school auditorium and had as their guest speaker Chaplain R. L. Alexander, USNR, Harvey Point.

A report was made by the Lunch Room Committee showing conditions relative to that project at the local school. More than 175 children are being served at the school this year, as compared with only 70 last year, and it was announced due to this large increase the PTA is handicapped in serving the children due to lack of proper equipment such as dishes, bowls, spoons, forks and cooking utensils.

The children are being served a splendid luncheon each day. The hot balanced meal consists of meat, vegetables and fruit and one-half pint of milk. The lunch room has two paid helpers and these are assisted by volunteers, mothers of children enrolled at the school, who give an hour a day once a week.

## Chaplain To Speak At Baptist Church

R. L. Alexander, U. S. N., chaplain at the Harvey Point Air Station, will speak at the regular morning worship hour at the Hertford Baptist Church on Sunday, December 10. Chaplain Alexander will speak on the duties of a chaplain aboard a U. S. Aircraft Carrier.

A native of North Carolina, Mr. Alexander is a former pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lumberton. He is now on leave for the duration. The public is cordially invited to the service Sunday morning.

## Register Of Deeds Issues 82 Marriage

J. W. Ward, register of deeds, reported Monday to the county commissioners that he had sold a total of 82 marriage licenses since January 1, the number being slightly larger than in past years, but still far under the total of some nearby counties.