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## April Term Perquimans Superior Court Opens Monday, Docket Lists 38 Cases

### Judge C. E. Thompson To Preside; Session Expected All Week

The April term of Superior Court will convene in Perquimans County next Monday morning, April 15, with Judge C. E. Thompson, presiding, according to W. H. Pitt, clerk of the court.

The docket released today by Mr. Pitt shows 38 cases listed for trial. Sixteen of these make up the criminal docket while 22 are listed as civil actions. There is some prospect that the criminal docket may be completed quickly but the civil suits, expected to be tried, will consume considerable time.

Among the cases to be tried during the criminal session are those of Sidney Goodwin, who is charged with kidnapping, John Grant and Lawrence Clayton will be given hearings on charges of robbery.

Marie Bowen, Isaac Johnson and George Ferebee, Negroes, will be tried on two counts each, breaking and entering and larceny. This trio was apprehended by local police last week after they had broken into the J. C. Blanchard store. Johnson and the Bowen woman have confessed to their part in the crime.

The civil docket for this term of court is larger than usual due to the fact that the January term of court was suddenly adjourned when news of the death of the sister of the presiding judge was received here.

The jurors who will serve at this term of court are: Milton Dail, Sr., Ward Hunter, Joseph A. Winslow, Alvin Winslow, Vivian Matthews, John Boyce, S. P. Perry, Nathan Sawyer, W. B. Stallings, G. E. Wood, Basil Copeland, W. L. Sawyer, William Copeland, Willie Lamb, W. L. Wood, Sr., S. M. Egan, Preston Layden, John T. Lane, Jr., William Nixon, Charles S. Elliott, T. Silas White, George A. Riddick, Hugh E. Perry, Robert Elliott, Alphonse Dail, T. P. Bryson, E. H. Cannon, C. S. Madsen, Winford Lane, Roy W. Gentry, W. J. Harrell, John Lassiter, Arthur Pierce, W. P. Lane, E. Q. White and E. D. Matthews.

## Rotary Club Elects New Directors Tuesday

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club elected directors for the new club year, at a meeting held Tuesday night. The new directors are Dr. A. B. Bonner, W. H. Hardcastle, Max Campbell, W. F. Ainsley, R. C. Murray and Henry C. Sullivan.

Officers of the club will be chosen from the board of directors at the meeting next week.

A large number of members of the local club are making plans to attend the International convention to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., the early part of June.

## Dr. Mixon To Preach Convention Sermon At Elizabeth City

The sermon of the annual Regional Training Union Convention for Chowan and west Chowan Associations is to be preached by Dr. F. Orion Mixon, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh. Dr. Mixon will be remembered as the N. C. State Chairman of the Crusade for Christ in 1945 and is one of the most outstanding ministers in the state. His subject is—"Christ Above All In Our Hearts." Dr. Mixon will deliver his message during the Saturday morning session of the convention which meets with Blackwell Memorial Church in Elizabeth City on April 26-27. The convention comprises four sessions, beginning at 8:30 Friday afternoon and extending through Friday night, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon.

Training Union Members and workers will be interested to learn that a series of Christian Living Conferences has been scheduled for the Friday afternoon session. These conferences will be led by outstanding workers in the region. The conference for ages 9 to 13 will be led by Miss Josephine Hair, Educational Director of the First Baptist Church of Ahoskie while Mrs. John Senterfit, Young People's Leader of Edenton Baptist Church, will lead the conference for ages 14 to 25; and Rev. J. B. Folds, pastor of the Aulander Baptist Church will lead the conference for Adults, Pastors and General Officers. These conferences under such able leadership are designed to be very helpful in every day living. Another series of conferences dealing with the methods and practical side of the training union work is scheduled for Saturday morning.

For the first time in the history of the convention a Hymn Festival has been scheduled for the Saturday afternoon session of the convention. The purpose of the festival is to cultivate a deeper appreciation, proper interpretation and rendition of the gospel hymns. It is to encourage a more active participation in the singing of the gospel hymns. Vocal groups from various churches of the region will demonstrate good use of hymns and will be judged by competent judges.

Because of war conditions and regulations it was not possible to hold the convention last year and for this reason training union members, workers and friends are looking forward to the renewal of the convention in Elizabeth City at the Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church on April 26-27. The public is cordially invited to attend any and all sessions of the convention which will be both interesting and helpful.

## Mrs. F. N. Mansfield Injured In Accident

Mrs. Freeman Mansfield, wife of F. N. Mansfield of Route 1, Hertford, received a broken arm and suffered other serious injuries in an automobile accident which occurred at 8 o'clock Sunday night on the Centef Hill road, near the Chowan County line.

Mrs. Mansfield, with other members of her family was returning home after a trip to Wilmington, and had stopped at the point of the accident to meet her husband. As she started across the road a car driven by Earl Riddick struck the Mansfield truck, which in turn hit Mrs. Mansfield. She was knocked down and unconscious at the time.

Reports from Albemarle Hospital, where she was taken following the accident, says she is doing as well as could be expected.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Fuller announce the birth of a son, David Doves, born April 7th at Watts Hospital, Durham. Mrs. Fuller is the former Miss Patricia Stephens.

## Representatives Of Eight Counties At HDC Meeting Thurs.

### All Day Session Held at High School; Local Clubs Hosts

Representatives and members of Home Demonstration Clubs from eight Northeastern Counties, representing the sixteenth District Federation, held their annual Federation meeting at the Perquimans County High School Thursday. This all day session opened at 10:30 o'clock with prayer by the Rev. C. W. Duling. Mrs. George Jackson, representing the Perquimans Clubs, welcomed the visitors and Mayor V. N. Darden welcomed the group to the Town of Hertford.

Greetings to the club members were issued by Mrs. A. W. Pierce, president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. Following a brief business session, a quartet, Mrs. Fred Mathews, Mrs. Howard Mathews, L. W. Anderson and C. W. Overman, rendered a selection of songs. This was followed by reports from the various county clubs. Reports were heard from Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Hertford, Gates and Dare.

Following announcements made by committee groups luncheon was served by members of the Perquimans County club.

During the afternoon session which began at 2 o'clock, reports were made by committee groups, followed by a report of Jane S. McKimmon Educational Loan Fund, given by Mrs. Byron Sawyer of the Pasquotank Club.

The principal address of the meeting was delivered by Hon. Thomas J. Pearsall, widely known farmer and representative of Nash County. The theme of Mr. Pearsall's talk was on the work being carried out by the Home Demonstration Clubs of this District and State. The speaker was introduced by Miss Pauline Smith, Northeastern District Agent.

Installation of officers for the District followed the speech by Mr. Pearsall.

Mrs. T. M. Griffin served as a member of the Resolution Committee and Mrs. E. M. Perry was a member of the Gavel Committee. 4-H girls of Perquimans County served as registration assistants, ushers and pages for the meeting.

## Athletic Committee Lays Plans To Finish H. S. Memorial Field

Plans for completion of the Perquimans Memorial Athletic field were discussed at a meeting Monday night of the committee handling this project. It was disclosed that \$1500 was needed to complete the field according to plans originally made by the group, and members of the committee agreed to make a canvass of the county for contributions to raise this sum.

The money to be raised will be used in the construction of a grandstand for baseball spectators, a bath house for players, and other minor work which remains to be done to the field.

Volunteers, among the group which met Monday, assumed the responsibility of raising \$950, leaving \$550 to be assumed by other committee members but it was pointed out that since this project is a county affair, all residents are urged to take a hand and contribute a portion of the amount needed to complete the field.

The committee plans starting immediately on the task of raising the money and persons contacted are asked to give what they can to help complete the job in order that the field can be dedicated as a living memorial to the youth of this county who served in World War II.

## Central PTA To Meet Monday Night At 7:30

The Parent-Teachers Association of the Central Grammar School will present a mock wedding, Oh Promise Me, Willie, at its meeting next Monday night, April 15. The meeting will start at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Claud Bullock will make a short talk on Together toward a Better World Understanding. Others listed on the program are Mrs. F. C. White, Norma Winslow and Mrs. E. S. White.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hendley announce the birth of a son born Saturday, April 6th in Charlotte. Mother and son are getting along nicely.

## Quiet Democratic Primary In County Expected This Year

### Seven Candidates Have Filed; Two Days Remain For Filing

Indications are today that the Democratic primary to be held May 25 will offer no hotly contested races for office. With only two days remaining for candidates to file with the chairman of the board of elections, several offices remain without candidates.

A. W. Hefren, chairman of the election board, stated that only six candidates have filed their intentions of seeking office. These are E. Leigh Winslow, for representative, M. G. Owens, for sheriff, Dr. C. A. Davenport for coroner, Max Campbell, for treasurer, R. T. Brinn, for commissioner of education and Carroll Ward and Julian A. White for the board of health.

Other incumbent county officials whose terms expire this year, are expected to offer for renomination before the filing deadline at six o'clock Saturday, April 13. These officials include those of the four other county commissioners, and the clerk of court.

Despite the lack of contests for local offices there is a three way race for the State Senate, with Charles H. Jenkins, of Ahoskie, Lorimer Midgett and Phil Sawyer, both of Elizabeth City, seeking the two seats at stake.

Little interest has been shown thus far in the contest for the seat in Congress for the First District between Herbert C. Bonner and Dr. Robert L. Humber, however, this race is expected to pick up some before primary day.

Mr. Hefren announced today that the board of elections will meet next week for the purpose of naming registrars and judges for the primary, and that the officials would be instructed as to their duties regarding the election.

## Indians Split Games With Central Hi And Elizabeth City Nine

Perquimans High School's baseball team won its opening game from Central High School by a one-sided score, 14-4, last Friday night, then lost a tough battle to the Elizabeth City High School on Tuesday afternoon. The score was 6-1.

Paul Smith, pitching both games for the Indians turned in an excellent record for the two trips to the mound. He struck out nine Central batters, in five innings, and then against Elizabeth City he struck out nine during the nine inning tilt. Against Central he allowed two hits and against Elizabeth City four.

The entire Indians team played well in both games, however, in the scrape with Elizabeth City errors proved costly to the local boys, and some bad base running cost the Indians the game. Twice the Indians had the bases loaded and both times two of the Indians were found on the same base and were tagged out to retire to the side.

George Wood, veteran catcher for the Indians, played well in both games as did Chester and Earl Winslow and Josiah Smith, who was holding down second base. L. E. Elliott, trying out for the team for the first year, has been playing well at first base. Ward, Lane, Hollowell and Webb have shown up well in the outfield.

Against Central the Indians scored in every inning of the game with the exception of the fourth. They tallied four runs in the first, five in the second and one in the third and two in the fifth and sixth.

At Elizabeth City the Yellow Jackets scored twice in the third, then the Indians pushed in a run in the sixth. Elizabeth City came back to score two more in this inning and two again in the eighth.

## Two County Students In College Festival

Two Perquimans County students at Louisburg College will take part in the college's annual May Day Festival, according to announcement made this week.

Ida Lee White, daughter of Mrs. L. S. White, senior at the college, was recently chosen by the student body as an attendant for the May Court, and Dorothy White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. White has been chosen to serve on the publicity committee for the May Day Festival. The event will take place May 4.

## Telephone Patrons Register Complaints With Officials At Meeting Monday Night

### Baseball Meeting At Edenton Tonight

Baseball representatives from Hertford, Elizabeth City, Edenton, Ahoskie, and other nearby towns, interested in the formation of a baseball league for this section of the State, will meet at the Courthouse in Edenton Friday night for the purpose of working out plans regarding a league.

A. W. Hefren of Hertford is serving as temporary chairman of the group and he will preside at the meeting tonight.

Just what action will be taken at the meeting tonight is still unknown, several of the towns represented, it is reported, favor placing an all-paid team in the field while other communities desire the league to be formed of local talent players.

Indications are, however, that Hertford will have a semi-pro team this summer if plans for a league do not materialize.

## Town Of Hertford To Withdraw Aid To Health Department

Members of the board of commissioners for the Town of Hertford, meeting on Monday night, authorized W. G. Newby, Town Clerk, to notify the Secretary of the State Board of Health that the Town was withdrawing its financial support to the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden District Health Department effective June 30.

During the past three years, while the Perquimans Health Department has been in operation the Town of Hertford has paid twenty five percent of the costs assessed against Perquimans County for its portion of the costs of the district health department.

The action taken by the Town Board has been under consideration by the members for some time and was finally acted upon in order to give the State Department sufficient notice in advance prior to the setting up of a budget for the next fiscal year.

One of the reasons, given by the board, for the action, it was pointed out was the fact that since the Health Department is operated through a tax levy, and the people of the Town of Hertford are assessed a proportional part for the County's payment for this operation that the citizens of the Town should be relieved of the additional burden of having to pay twice for the maintenance of the department.

In addition to the action taken regarding the Health Department the board handled the usual financial matters and other routine business before adjourning the meeting over to hearing complaints registered by telephone patrons of the town.

## Treasury Agents Get Still And Sugar

Treasury agents, operating out of Elizabeth City, captured a 200 gallon copper pot still, 400 gallons of mash and 400 pounds of sugar in a raid conducted last Saturday morning in the Belvidere section.

Along with the above the officers conducting the raid took possession of a mare mule used by one of the two youths arrested at the site.

According to the officers, the distillers had recently operated their outfit with an oil stove, which had been discarded for a wood furnace when the stove wore out.

Hearings were held before Thomas Markham, U. S. Commissioner, for Wayland White, Jr., and Daniel Hurdle, who were charged with operating the still. Both were placed under bond pending hearing in federal court.

## Four Cases Tried In Recorder's Court

Four cases were disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court here in a short session Tuesday morning. Robert and Mary Williams, Negroes, paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

Will Sawyer, Negro, was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the court costs on a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding.

Edward Harvey, Negro, was assessed with the court costs on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Levy Revels, Negro, pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He paid the costs of court.

## Phone Official States Service Conditions Is Unknown To Office

Dis-satisfaction over the telephone service being received by phone customers in the Town of Hertford reached a climax here Monday when a large number of the customers gathered at the meeting of the Board of Town Commissioners to voice complaints to representatives of the phone company. The utility officials came to Hertford at the request of the Town Board, whose members have been receiving complaints for weeks.

The chief complaint registered by customers was the one dealing with a long delay in hearing the dial tone when customers sought to use their phones. Another one was the trouble customers have in reaching long distance operators at Elizabeth City and Edenton. Harry Dewey, manager of the telephone company stated that his office was unaware of the dissatisfaction over the local service and that complaints called into the office had not been received by him or the official handling complaints.

Mr. Dewey denied that the local dial system is not equipped with sufficient mechanical gadgets to handle the traffic of the local office. He stated that his company had just recently employed an expert to check the local exchange and a report made by this expert disclosed sufficient equipment to handle local traffic. The company official stated that the number of calls placed each day through the local system varied with a peak load being about 2800 calls, in recent weeks, while during the time the Harvey Point Naval Base was in operation between five and six thousand calls a day were handled.

Despite his report that the local dial system is so equipped to handle all calls placed here without delay, Mr. Dewey was unable to state why any such delays, as has occurred, should happen. He did state that the number of calls that could be made at one time over the local system was 25. Twenty local calls could be made and five long distance calls.

Regarding the trouble experienced by customers in getting better service between Hertford and Edenton, Mr. Dewey stated another circuit is being installed between the two points which should make for quicker service.

## Legion Auxiliary Holds First Meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post held its first regular meeting last Friday night at the Agriculture Building in Hertford. The meeting was presided over by the President, Mrs. Mary C. Brinn. Opening prayer was given by the chaplain, Mrs. Eula M. Cranford. After the roll call and minutes were read a treasurer's report was made by Mrs. Thelma Hollowell and the membership report was given by Ruby B. White. Various committees were appointed by the president and Poppy Day sales were discussed.

The Auxiliary voted that all Gold Star mothers would be accepted as honor members with dues paid by the Auxiliary.

The members decided to limit all meetings to one hour's duration, and mention was made of the District meeting that would be held in Washington, N. C., on April 18, and all members were urged to attend.

## Four Vets Discharged, Four To Take Exams

Four more Perquimans County Veterans reported at the local draft office during the past week and filed their discharge papers with the local board, Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the board, stated Monday. The veterans who reported this week were Oscar Jones, Jack Kanoy, and Carl Lewis White, and Wained Hurdle, colored.

Mrs. Sumner announced that two selectees will leave Hertford next Monday for Fort Bragg to undergo preinduction examinations. The two who have been ordered to report are Gale Winslow, Herbert Lane. On April 17 Norman Godfrey and Barney Higgins will leave for induction into the army.

### DISCHARGED FROM SERVICE

Harry Overton who has just returned from the Pacific Area has received an honorable discharge from the service.

### ACCEPTS POSITION

Francis Nixon, recently discharged from the U. S. Army, has returned to his position at the Towe-Webb Motor Company.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Iran has requested the Security Council of the United Nations to retain the question involving that nation with Russia on the agenda of the meeting now being held at Hunter College in New York. Russia has proposed that the matter be dropped by the council, since, Russia claims, the matter has been worked out by the respective governments. The United States and Great Britain are expected to side with Iran and work toward the UN solving the problem.

The House Military committee this week approved legislation extending the Selective Service law for a period of nine months, however, under the terms of the extension of the law, which was due to expire May 15, fathers and essential farm workers will not be inducted into the army. This action is expected to aid the Army's present enlistment campaign to maintain the size of the army at slightly more than one million men by July. Action is also being sought in Congress for raising the base pay of members of the armed forces in order to increase the number of enlistments for definite periods.

Loretta Brozak, charged with kidnapping little Terry Taylor, niece of Henry Clay Sullivan, from her Charlotte home, several weeks ago, won several months reprieve from prosecution in North Carolina, when her lawyer succeeded in trying up extra-territoriality. Authorities believe the girl will not face trial on the charges before June.

A new plan for the unification of the armed forces of the United States was revealed in Washington this week. However, the new plan calls not only for the grouping under one leadership of the army, navy and air force, but all forces dealing with the defense of the nation. Under the plan a single department would be created for common defense and the armed forces would be under the direction of this single department.

Reconversion continues to be held up because of strikes. Reports this week indicate that the Government may take some action in relieving the conditions brought on by the coal strike, following changes made by both coal operators and the union that each was stalling in the effort to settle the strike.