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Calendar Released For November Term Of Superior Court

Short Session Forecast With Only 21 Cases Listed

Indications are that the November term of Perquimans Superior Court, which will convene here November 1, with Judge Chester Morris presiding, will be a short one, judging from the calendar released this week by Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt.

Court will recess on Monday evening until Wednesday morning because of the national election which will be held on Tuesday, November 2.

The calendar listed a total of 21 cases to be heard at the term of court. Eight of these cases are listed on the criminal docket and 13 are civil actions. Six of the civil actions are for divorce.

Barring unforeseen additions to the criminal docket, all criminal cases are expected to be disposed of within a short time, possibly by noon Wednesday, November 3, while little time is expected to be consumed in disposing of the civil calendar.

Cases listed for hearing by Mr. Pitt are as follows: Criminal docket, State vs. H. A. Turner on two counts, driving drunk and carrying a concealed weapon, State vs. Wayland White, Jr., charged with breaking and entering, State vs. Joseph Elliott, charged with driving drunk, State vs. Waddell Hobbs, charged with hit and run and driving drunk, State vs. Mrs. L. E. Craft, charged with issuing a worthless check, State vs. Mabel Stihem, charged with driving drunk, State vs. Willie Williams, Negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

The civil calendar is listed as: Anna Holly vs. Council Holly. Thomas J. Riddick vs. Martha Riddick.

Dallas Gilliam vs. Odell Gilliam. Cecelia Dean vs. Robert Dean. Margaret Hurdle vs. John Hurdle. Raymond Bateman vs. Martha Bateman.

Ruth Beasley vs. J. C. Blanchard & Company. Norfolk B. & L. Corp. vs. Annie Jessup.

Raymond Boyce vs. L. L. Smith. William Chappell vs. D. N. White.

C. J. Hinson vs. Mrs. Brooks Whedbee.

C. A. Davenport vs. Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation.

N. N. Trueblood vs. John Gibson.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

U. S. Air Force officials announced this week plans to winterize the aircraft serving Berlin, which indicates these officials have little hope that Russia will lift the Berlin blockade. Plans for winterizing the operations calls for special training for several hundred U. S. airmen who will volunteer for the service during the coming winter months.

The United States answered Russian demands for disarmament by a speech made before the United Nations by U. S. Representative Warren Austin. Mr. Austin told UN delegates that the United States had disarmed too fast following the end of World War II, and now must rearm itself against Russia's constant drive for world power. Austin stated that the Russian proposal for disarmament was nothing more than empty propaganda by a country that looks to war as a means of achieving a Communist world.

Candidates of major political parties are swinging into the final stages of their campaign prior to the national election November 2. President Truman is touring Northeastern States this week, while GOP candidate Dewey is speaking in the Middle West. Reports from national sources stated that there is a definite swing away from Wallace, at some points, and this switching of strength is to President Truman.

The Cleveland Indians won the baseball world championship this week by defeating the Boston Braves in the final game of the series 4-3. The Indians won four games to Boston's two. It was the first series for Cleveland since 1928.

W. M. S. TO MEET

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church will meet Monday night, October 18, at 7:30 o'clock at the church. All members are urged to attend.

Ben Lane Injured In Accident Wednesday

Ben Lane, 50, of Route Two, suffered injuries in a highway accident that occurred Wednesday at about 12:20 P. M., on Route 17 about two miles north of Hertford. Lane was taken to the Albemarle Hospital for observation and treatment.

According to eye witnesses to the accident, Lane was crossing the highway at an intersection directly in front of an approaching bus and failed to complete the crossing before being struck by the bus, which was owned by the Seashore Transportation Company.

Patrolman H. L. White investigated the accident.

Rat Control Drive Scheduled To Start In County Oct. 29th

Residents of Perquimans County will soon have a chance to participate in an all out fight against rats, according to I. C. Yagel, County Agent, who today announced plans for a rat killing campaign being sponsored by the 4-H Clubs of the county.

Friday, October 29 is the day set as execution day for Mr. Rat and plans are announced as follows:

Fortified red squill, the poison which will be used, is harmless to people and domestic animals, cats and dogs, but has proven deadly effective on rats in control campaigns which have been conducted for several years. The bait will be prepared in 3-pound packages at \$1.00 each and 1½-pound packages at 50 cents each. Complete instructions for using bait will be furnished with each package.

In order that the proper amount of bait may be prepared, it is necessary to know in advance the number of people who wish to participate in the campaign, says Mr. Yagel. Orders and deposits for bait will be accepted at the county and home agents' office or the Negro farm and home agents' office. Those wishing to obtain bait on October 29 should send in their orders by Saturday, October 11. On October 29 the bait will be distributed at various stations over the county as nearly convenient for everyone as possible. Large farms will need two, three or maybe more packages to properly do the job. A 3-pound package is sufficient for the average size farm, a 1½-pound package is for very small premises.

The Town of Hertford is also cooperating in the drive and residents of Hertford can place their orders with Mayor V. N. Darden, as well as the County Agent.

Rats travel from farm to farm and from building to building, therefore it is necessary that every resident cooperate for the greatest good in this campaign, to make it most effective.

It is estimated that rats cause thousands of dollars worth of damage in Perquimans County, in addition to carrying deadly human diseases.

"Let's make an all out attempt to rid our country of these enemies," urges Mr. Yagel. "Send in your bait orders at once."

Handbooks Mailed Out This Week

W. E. White, secretary of the Perquimans County PMA, reported that Perquimans County Handbooks of Conservation Practices for 1949 were mailed to producers this week. The book contains soil building practices selected by representatives of agricultural agencies in Perquimans County and approved by the State Production and Marketing Administration. This Handbook contains certain provisions of the 1949 Agricultural Conservation Program which are applicable to farms in Perquimans County.

The 1949 program year begins January 1, 1949, and ends December 31, 1949. However, on any farm for which the 1948 program has been completed, practices may be performed after September 30, 1948, for credit under the 1949 program. Payment will not be made under the 1949 program for any part of a practice carried out for credit under the 1948 program.

Each farmer should confer with his County or Community Committeeman to plan how the program can be of the greatest assistance in obtaining the maximum conservation on his farm.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Prestonmonds of Tyner announce the birth of a daughter, Peggy Jean, at the Chowan Hospital on Tuesday, October 5. Mrs. Monnds is the former Miss Ruth Peele of Edenton.

Indians Tangle With Plymouth Eleven Here Tonight

Local Gridders Favored To Win Following Defeat at Ahoskie

Perquimans High School's football team will match talents with the strong Plymouth Panthers in the second home game of the season here Friday night at 8 o'clock. Coach Joe Levinson, mentor for the Indians, is expected to start the game with the same bunch of players which started previous games this season. Despite the 26-6 defeat handed the Indians by Ahoskie last Friday night, the local gridders are expected to take the field with a slight edge over Plymouth.

With the heaviest part of their schedule now coming up, the Indians have stepped up their practice sessions to get in top shape for Plymouth this week and then Williams-ton and Edenton.

The Indians, probably suffering from a slight case of over-confidence, received their first set-back of the season last Friday at Ahoskie. The Hertford County boys were out to avenge a defeat suffered here last season at the hands of the Indians, and after recuperating from a score racked up by the Indians during the first three minutes of play, the Ahoskie gridders started rolling and wound up with a 26-6 victory.

Perquimans outplayed Ahoskie from the statistic angle but failed to run the pigskin over the goal line, which proved costly with the final whistle giving Ahoskie the victory. The Indians held an edge over Ahoskie in ground tactics but poor air offense and defense gave the Ahoskie team the scoring advantage. The game last Friday opened with the Indians receiving the ball on the kick-off and shortly thereafter Pete Spivey smashed through the Ahoskie line for 50 yards to score a touchdown for Perquimans. The try for extra point was missed and the Indians led by a score of 6-0. Ahoskie took the lead 7-6 in the second period when Umphlett skirted his right end and ran for a touchdown. He kicked the extra point. A pass gave Ahoskie its second touchdown and the Hertford Countians scored again when they intercepted an Indian pass and raced for the goal line. The try was good and the score stood 20-6 for Ahoskie at the close of the third quarter.

The breaks went against Perquimans again in the fourth period when an attempted pass from Boyce to Pitt was intercepted by Ahoskie's Williams, who made a 50-yard dash for a touchdown. The kick for extra point was blocked by Symons.

11 Speedsters Get Tickets To Court

Fifteen cases were disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning, with the majority of the cases being citations for speeding. Eleven of the defendants entered pleas of guilty to speeding charges and paid fines and costs of court.

Bernard Wittkamp, Richard Redden, W. J. Baxter and Jack Turken each were assessed costs of court on charges of speeding.

Louis Levin, George Rathmeyer and Walter Nicholson each paid a fine of \$5 and costs for speeding.

Roland Hunter and Linwood Dail were fined \$10 each and costs of court after entering pleas of guilty to charges of speeding.

A fine of \$15 and court costs were taxed against Charles Proctor for speeding.

Elsear Babriant entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding and driving without a license. He paid a fine of \$30 and costs of court.

Stanley Gainer and Alfred Forbes were assessed the costs of court on charges of passing on a curve.

D. E. Greer was taxed with the court costs on a charge of fishing without a license.

Ira Jones, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to being drunk on the streets of Hertford. He was given thirty days on the roads, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$18.50 and costs of court.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The Auxiliary of the American Legion will hold an important meeting Friday night, October 15, at 8 o'clock at the Paragon Beauty Shop. All members are urged to be present.

Three Volunteers To Fill Draft Call For Local Board

Board In First Meeting This Week; Registrants Classed

Perquimans Draft Board will in all probability fill its call for three men to report for physical examination on October 19 with volunteers, according to Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Board, who reported Tuesday that four Negro youths, all of Winfall, had volunteered to appear for the examination next week. The youths volunteering were David James, James Jones, Clifford Johnson and Benjamin Riddick.

Local Board No. 72, which is the Perquimans Board, met for the first time last Monday night in the offices of the Board to confer on business of the Board. A large number of questionnaires were reviewed and registrants were classified. Registrants who received classification numbers will receive notification of their class within the next day or so, Mrs. Sumner stated.

Local Draft Boards have been notified by State headquarters of Selective Service that names of registrants selected to fill calls for physical examinations will not be made public. However, names of registrants selected to fill induction orders will be released for publication the day before induction is scheduled.

In connection with the classification of registrants the Perquimans Board has been advised by State headquarters that there is little evidence of shortage of farm labor, excepting in dairy farming, and that deferments upon these grounds were likely to be unnecessary.

The order from State headquarters regarding this advice was released as follows: "In view of the general farm labor situation, it appears that there will be little justification for agricultural deferments. Our advisors pointed out that in most instances where a deferment is necessary, it would be more of the nature of a hardship case than it would be a need of occupational deferment."

To be entitled to Class II-C classification, the registrant must meet the requirements of Parts 622.13 and 622.10 of Selective Service Regulations. In view of the above advice, it would appear that very few registrants, if any, can meet these requirements.

The views of State Selective Service office were released after advice furnished it by representatives of principal agricultural agencies in North Carolina.

County Crop Outlook Reported As Good

The outlook for crops in Perquimans County this fall appears very good at this time, according to reports received this week from an official of the local ACA office. Barring unsettled weather conditions over an extended period of time, the official stated, the peanut, soy bean and corn crops should turn out fine.

Reports on the peanut crop varies somewhat, but generally speaking the prospects for the crop are excellent. Some fields were reported dug too soon and these had insufficient time to mature. However, peanuts dug during last week and this week are reported as in fine shape and matured more than those previously dug. Prices for peanuts are expected to be good.

The picture for corn and soy beans, however, is not as good as for peanuts. Yields on both the latter are expected to be larger than previous estimates and the price outlook is not as good as for peanuts. Storage problems are expected to arise from the large corn and soy bean crop, and the ACA official stated this storage problem will likely affect the prices on corn and soy beans.

Masons Plan Dinner Meeting Next Thurs.

Members of the Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will hold their annual dinner next Thursday evening at the Hertford Methodist Church. Members of the Hertford Chapter of Eastern Star will serve the dinner.

Five members of the lodge, J. E. Winslow, A. M. Godwin, Thomas E. Gregory, Earl Copeland and Claude D. White, will be presented certificates commemorating their 25th year of membership in the Perquimans Lodge.

Named Supervisor For Lunch Rooms

Mrs. Edna Winslow has been appointed as supervisor of the lunch rooms at Perquimans High School, Hertford and Central Grammar Schools, it was announced today by John T. Biggers, school superintendent.

Beginning her new duties this week, Mrs. Winslow will coordinate the activities, keep the records and plan menus for the three lunch rooms, with the aim of offering the children a more pleasing lunch than has been offered heretofore.

Funds for payment of the salary of the supervisor will be provided by the lunch rooms.

Business Houses Urged To Petition For Mail Service

Merchants and officials of business houses in Hertford are being urged today to write letters of petition to Postmaster S. M. Whedbee relative to having the Hertford Post Office assigned additional employees which will permit the delivery of parcel post within the Town limits, it was announced by committees representing the Hertford civic clubs sponsoring the project of obtaining additional mail service here.

Reports from various committees reveal that already a large number of letters from Hertford residents have been received and are being readied for presentation to the Post Office Department, but it is necessary that business houses join in the campaign, too, by pointing out the need for such service to the business interests. Only a few business men have as yet shown interest in the project by writing a letter to the Postmaster, and it is the hope of the civic club representatives that each and every business house in Hertford will signify its desire for this service by writing a letter immediately.

W. F. Ansley, president of the Hertford Rotary Club, which sponsored the project, stated that other data concerning the need for the service here is being prepared, and just as soon as all letters are recorded and this data compiled the official petition for the service will be sent to the Post Office Department for its consideration.

Town Board Meets In Routine Session

Members of Hertford's Town Board met in a routine session here Monday night and discussed plans for the completion of the Grubb Street widening project. Construction crews are now working on the resurfacing of the street and crewmen are laying curb and gutters along the street. Work on sidewalks will be started as soon as curb and gutters are completed.

W. O. Hunter appeared before the Board and requested that a sidewalk be constructed along Grubb Street near the town limits, and the Board advised Mr. Hunter to secure a petition from the property owners and upon receipt of this petition the Town will construct the sidewalk, with property owners paying approximately two-thirds of the costs and the Town one-third of the cost.

The Board went on record as recommending that all residents of the Town cooperate in the rat killing campaign being sponsored by the 4-H clubs of the County, which begins October 29. Pamphlets and orders for the rat bait have been secured by the Town and will be distributed in order that Town residents may order bait from the County Agent.

County Tax Books In Hands Of Sheriff

Tax books for the payment of 1948 taxes, both on personal and real property, are now open and payments are being accepted, it was announced today by Sheriff M. G. Owens, who stated the tax books were turned over to him for collection purposes last week.

A discount of 1/2 of one per cent is allowed on taxes paid during October, the Sheriff stated. However, taxes are payable at par during November, December and January.

Central PTA Meets Monday Night At 7:30

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Central Grammar School will meet at the school auditorium in Winfall next Monday night, October 18, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced today. An interesting program has been arranged and all members are urged to be present.

Registration For General Election Now In Progress

Books Will Be Open For Two Weeks; Absentee Ballots Available

Registration books for the general election on Tuesday, November 2, will open Saturday and remain open for the next two weeks, or through Saturday, October 23, it was announced this week by A. W. Hefren, chairman of the County Board of Elections. The Saturday before the election, October 30, will be challenge day.

The registrars are required to be at the polling places each of the Saturdays during the registration period from 9 A. M. until sunset, Mr. Hefren said.

It is not necessary for citizens who have registered and voted in recent general elections to register again, according to the chairman, but those who have moved from one precinct to another or who have become of age since the last election will find it necessary to register in order to be eligible to vote in the election next month.

Very little interest has been shown in the general election thus far. The Democratic nominees for county offices have no Republican opposition, but there are contests for district and State offices; and there are four parties on the national ballot, the Progressive and Dixiecrats, or State's Rights parties being the new entries. In addition, there are five constitutional amendments of State-wide interest to be voted on.

Absentee ballot applications and other forms for the general election on November 2 may now be secured from the chairman of the County Board of Elections, A. W. Hefren, at his office in Hertford. They are available to voters who will be out of their home precincts on election day or to those who will be unable to attend the polling places on account of illness.

Men in the armed forces may secure absentee ballots upon application by themselves or members of their immediate families. Application should be made immediately so that the ballot may be returned by election day.

Rev. Duling Elected H. S. PTA President; Group Met Tuesday

More than 50 parents and teachers gathered at Perquimans High School last Tuesday night and organized the High School Parent-Teacher Association by electing officers, paying dues and setting the fourth Thursday evening of each month as the time for the PTA meeting.

The Rev. C. W. Duling was elected president of the group; C. R. Holmes, vice president; Mrs. Henry Stokes, secretary and Mrs. E. J. Proctor, treasurer.

Plans and aims of the organization were discussed at the meeting this week and E. C. Woodard, principal of the school, spoke briefly outlining what the school expects from parents, and Mr. Holmes talked on what the parents expect from the school.

A well arranged program is being planned for the next meeting, and patrons of the school unable to attend the meeting held Tuesday are urged to make plans to be present and to join with the present membership in forming a strong PTA organization for the local high school.

Local Teachers To Attend District Meet

Perquimans County schools will operate on a half day schedule next Tuesday, October 19, in order to permit county teachers to attend the Northeastern District Teachers meeting scheduled to be held at Greenville, beginning at 2:30 P. M.

John T. Biggers, school superintendent, stated that local schools will open Tuesday at 8:45 and dismiss at 12 noon. This schedule will enable local teachers to attend the district meeting. Earl Funderburke of Elizabeth City will preside over the meeting at Greenville.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. John Danchise announce the birth of a son, born last Thursday, October 7. Mrs. Danchise before her marriage was Miss Mary Proctor.