

## Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict Of Unavoidable Accident In Chappell Case

### Final Rites For Belvidere Resident Held Monday Afternoon

A coroner's jury, which was assembled here Tuesday afternoon to hear evidence pertaining to the accident which resulted in the death of Mrs. Maude Jessup Chappell, 55, last Saturday night, returned a verdict that death resulted from an unavoidable accident.

Mrs. Chappell, a resident of Belvidere, Route One, apparently was killed instantly last Saturday night at about 11:45 o'clock when she was struck by a truck being driven by Raleigh White of Hertford. According to testimony given at the inquest Mrs. Chappell had alighted from a bus, on Highway 17, about two-thirds of a mile south of Hertford to go to the home of her brother, T. J. Jessup, who resides adjacent to this point. Mr. White stated that he was returning from Edenton at the time of the accident and had just passed the bus when suddenly he saw an object in the roadway, about the middle of the right-hand lane as he approached Hertford. He stated that he was about 20 feet from the object when he first noticed it. He continued that he applied the brakes of the truck and swerved it to the left side of the roadway but was unable to avoid striking Mrs. Chappell.

Testimony given by Mrs. Raleigh White and her daughter was substantially the same as Mr. White gave. Patrolmen B. R. Inscow and H. L. White, who investigated the accident, told the coroner's jury that their investigation indicated that the victim was in the middle of the right hand lane at the time of the accident and that the truck evidently had been driven in a manner which showed the driver was attempting to miss striking the victim.

Funeral services for the victim were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Whiteville Grove church by the Rev. J. W. Davis. Burial followed in the family cemetery.

Mrs. Chappell is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Brooks Lewis of Smoke City, Md., Mrs. Thurman of Trotville, N. C., Mrs. F. M. Matthews of Norfolk, Mrs. Jack Porter of Nashville, Tenn., one sister, Mrs. T. M. Twine of Belvidere and one brother, T. J. Jessup of Hertford.

## Directors Named For Baseball Club

Prospects for summer-time baseball, with Hertford supporting a team in the Albemarle League, appeared brighter here this week following a meeting Wednesday night when a large number of local fans gathered at the Court House and expressed much interest in promoting a local team.

A. W. Hefren, who was elected to serve as president of the club, presided over the meeting and a nominating committee, appointed last week, reported that a directors' committee of 25 was suggested and named the following residents to this committee: A. W. Hefren, Steve Perry, E. M. Perry, Earl Morse, Henry C. Sullivan, J. T. Biggers, J. H. Towe, Fred Mathews, Dr. T. P. Brinn, Tom Eason, Fenton Eure, James Sawyer, Claude White, Cecil Winslow, A. R. Cooke, H. J. Smith, Josiah Elliott, Jack Brinn, A. T. Lape, W. G. Hollowell, C. P. Morris and R. R. White.

During the meeting Wednesday night, league rules and plans for conducting the business end of the local club were discussed. It was pointed out that strict observance of league rules will be followed in holding players' salaries to a minimum, and it is expected that gate receipts will pay this portion of the expense. It was agreed that a sum of \$2,500 will be needed to defray other expenses of the club for the summer.

The directors met following the open meeting of the fans and made plans for conducting a drive, to start about March 15, during which efforts will be made to raise the amount needed for these expenses.

Another meeting of the directors has been set for March 15.

## Polio Fund Still Short Of Quota

Perquimans County is still short of its quota in the 1949 polio campaign, it was reported today by Silas Whedbee, chairman of the drive. Mr. Whedbee stated that it was his belief that a couple of reports yet to be made will enable the county to reach its \$2,200 quota.

## Kay Stanton White Monogram Queen

The Monogram Club of Perquimans High School closed its annual contest for the selection of a Monogram Queen here Tuesday evening, and a final tally of votes cast revealed that Miss Kay Stanton White won the honors for 1949.

As the winning contestant, Miss White received a corsage of red roses and a string of pearls from the Monogram Club and a bracelet given by Wright's and another bracelet given by W. M. Divers & Son.

Crowning of the Queen took place at chapel services held at the school Wednesday morning, and the Queen was escorted to and from her classes on that day by her escort, Pete Spivey and Monogram President Bob Layden.

The event came to a close with a Monogram Queen party held at the VFW Club Wednesday night.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Despite the economic picture, which in recent weeks indicates a downward trend in prices, President Truman has again called upon Congress to give him standby authority to regulate controls over prices, wages and scarce commodities. Reports from Washington point out that Congress appears reluctant, at this time, to enact any legislation along these lines.

In Raleigh, the General Assembly apparently is going to let Governor Scott propose any new taxation which might be enacted by the Legislature. In his speech to the Assembly last week Governor Scott advised the lawmakers, in advocating a bond issue to provide funds for schools, that new taxes could be levied on a number of items. This week, according to an announcement from the Capital, the Finance groups of the Assembly will suspend their joint sessions to give the Governor time to submit any bills, pertaining to the matter, which he desires.

The United States and Hungary have been waging a diplomatic battle during the past week with both nations expelling representatives from their respective Capitals. A report from Washington stated that a formal break with the Hungarian government is unlikely.

Reports from London during the past week announce that the condition of King George remains serious and that there is a possibility that at least part of the King's duties may be delegated to Princess Elizabeth.

State Revenue Commissioner Edwin Gill told the Joint Appropriations committee this week that the State's general fund will likely receive three millions dollars more this year than estimated in November. He also stated that this year may be the peak year of the postwar swollen economy.

## Large Attendance At PTA Meeting Thursday

Attendance at the Hertford Parent-Teachers Association Founders Day meeting was among the best for the year, it was reported following the meeting last Thursday night. Approximately 80 parents and patrons of the school attended the event.

An impressive program, presented by Mrs. J. H. Towe, and honoring PTA founders Alice McLelland Burney and Phoebe Apperson Hurst, featured the Founders' Day meeting. The program opened with candles of a cake being lighted in memory of the founders, then a quiz program relating to Parent Teachers Association was conducted by Mrs. Towe. Children of the school responded with the answers.

During the business session it was reported that a large number of PTA members plan to attend a concert at Edenton Friday afternoon and will carry many of the children of the school to the concert, which is being given especially for school children of this area.

## Central PTA Meets Next Monday Night

The Parent Teacher Association of Central Grammar School will hold its regular meeting Monday night at 7:30 o'clock.

A Founders Day program will be given by the Belvidere Community. Rev. A. H. Outlaw, of Elizabeth City, will speak on the subject "Second Half Century in Child Welfare."

## School Bus Drivers Instructed On New Safety Regulations

### School Authorities Conduct Meeting on Rules Last Friday

Drivers of Perquimans County school buses were handed a stiff set of rules last Friday afternoon which are to be strictly adhered to by all drivers in the future, it was announced this week by John T. Biggers, County School Superintendent.

Mr. Biggers reported that a meeting of all drivers was held last Friday at which time numerous complaints, which had been received by school authorities, were aired before the drivers and instructions were issued that further complaints may mean the suspension of the school bus driver reported as violating safety regulations.

In addition to all bus drivers and Mr. Biggers, the meeting was attended by E. C. Woodard, principal, and W. E. Allen, school mechanic. The meeting was in the form of a clinic during which the bus drivers were advised as to precautions that must be observed for the safety of school children being transported to and from schools.

Checks made by Mr. Biggers and other school officials had revealed that some of the complaints made regarding bus drivers were all too true and it was the results of these checks which brought forth the action taken at the meeting last week.

In addition to the regular driving regulations under which school bus drivers operate, the following rules were handed the drivers: Each driver must stay at least 100 yards behind any school bus in front; no school bus is to pass another; buses are not to be driven in excess of 20 miles per hour within the Town of Hertford, over the Perquimans River bridge or causeway; all buses to come to a complete stop at railroad crossings and road intersections.

Safety for the children was stressed during the meeting and all bus drivers willingly agreed to comply with the additional rules. The public is also requested to cooperate by making complaints to the superintendent on cases of safety violations on the part of school bus drivers.

## Indians And Squaws Win Over Columbia

Perquimans High School closed out its basketball season in the Albemarle Conference last Friday night when the local girls and boys overwhelmingly defeated the boys and girls from Columbia. The Indian Squaws had an easy time winning from the visiting girls by a 31-16 count. Chappell, Perry and Winslow led the local scoring while Holmes and Butt played best on the defense for the Squaws. Perquimans led at half time 18 to 11.

In the boys' game Howard Pitt and Bob Jordan showered the hoop for the Indians with a total of 37 points to lead the Indians in a 54-24 win over the Wildcats. Jordan was high point getter for the Indians with 19 while Pitt racked up a total of 18 points.

The Indians jumped into a one-sided 18-5 lead during the first period, added ten more points in the second canto to lead 28 to 11 at half time. Edward Lane, Bob Layden and Bill Pegram showed a lot of improvement in floor work and shooting.

Coach Joe Levinson used his entire squad of boys in the contest and each one gave a fine account for himself. The Indians rolled up 26 more points during the second half, while holding the Columbia boys to a total of 18 points.

The contest was sweet revenge for the Indians, who suffered a one-point defeat at Columbia two weeks ago.

## Fire Warden Issues Warning On Permits

J. W. Nowell, Perquimans County Fire Warden, today issued a reminder to county residents that the State burning permit law requires every individual to obtain a burning permit from a fire warden or an assistant before starting a brush fire during the fire season which is now in progress.

According to Mr. Nowell, a permit must be obtained before any individual starts or causes to be started any fire in any woodland area under the protection of the State Forest Service, or within 500 feet of any such protected area.

The fire season started February 1 and will continue until June 1, Mr. Nowell said.

## Town Board Names Allan Bovanizer To Police Force Here

### Mayor and Attorney to Check Costs of Electricity

Hertford's Town Board filled the vacancy in the local police department here Monday night, in regular meeting, when it named Allan Bovanizer to the position left vacant by the resignation of Joe Layden. Bovanizer was one of six or seven applicants for the position and was appointed to the department after the board members had conducted a discussion relative to each applicant. The new member of the police force is a veteran of World War II and served with the Navy for more than three years, during which time he had considerable duty on the Shore Patrol.

Mrs. Lawrence Towe, president of the Perquimans Business and Professional Woman's Club and Miss Inez Chappell, both representing the club, appeared before the board and requested that the board take action to install street names and house numbers on each street within the town. The Board advised the club representatives that this project has been under consideration for some time but financial conditions, at the present, will not warrant the program being carried out immediately.

Mayor V. N. Darden and Town Attorney Charles E. Johnson were authorized by the Board to contact members of the governing boards of the towns of Edenton and Elizabeth City in regards to the high costs being charged for electricity by the Virginia Electric and Power Company. The object being to induce these towns to join with Hertford in protesting the excessive demand charges which the Utility Company has been adding to the Town's electric bill, in addition to the contract charge for the electric power. Mayor Darden revealed to the Board members that for the month of January the VEP charges for local electric current was \$1,093.97 with a demand charge of \$862.96 and a coal clause demand charge of \$802.53, making the total cost of the month's electric current \$2,759.46. It was pointed out that unless some relief is forthcoming from these excessive charges by the Utility Company that the Town Board will be faced with a necessity to increase rates charged local consumers.

## B & L Stockholders Elect 11 Directors

Stockholders of the Hertford Building and Loan Association held their annual meeting at the Court House in Hertford last week and re-elected eleven directors to serve the association during the coming year. Directors elected were A. W. Hefren, C. P. Morris, J. P. Perry, J. W. Ward, Charles E. Johnson, Max Campbell, V. N. Darden, Dr. C. A. Davenport, Claude White, Julian White and R. M. Riddick.

A financial report for the Association based upon business conducted by the Association during the past year revealed that loans made by the Building and Loan had shown an increase and total assets have also increased during the past 12 months.

Officers of the Association, elected by the directors, are A. W. Hefren, president; C. P. Morris and J. P. Perry, vice presidents, and Max Campbell, secretary and treasurer.

## Farm Meeting Set For February 23rd

All Perquimans County farmers who are interested in growing corn and soybeans are urged to attend a joint meeting of farmers and veterans at the Perquimans High School Wednesday, February 23 at 7:00 P. M. E. R. Collins, Extension Agronomy specialist, will be present and lead a discussion on the more recent developments in corn and soybean production. He is expected to show some interesting pictures featuring work done with these two crops in North Carolina. This promises to be an interesting and profitable discussion.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray announce the birth of a son, Charles Frederick Murray, Jr., born Wednesday, February 9, at the Chowan Hospital. Mrs. Murray and son have returned home and are getting along nicely.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wendell S. Benton announce the birth of a daughter, Phyllis Diane, on February 8th.

## EXTENSIVE REA CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR THIS AREA

### AAA Office To Mail Out Peanut Quotas

W. E. White, secretary of the Perquimans Triple A, announced today that his office will mail out 1949 peanut quotas to local farmers just as soon as forms have been oked by offices at Raleigh.

Mr. White pointed out that the quotas fixed for this year were based on a formula whereby acreage planted during 1946, 1947 and 1948 were added together and divided by three. Individual allotments will be based upon these figures, Mr. White said, and added that farmers who planted no peanuts during these three years will be permitted to plant only one acre of peanuts in 1949.

Perquimans County's total acreage for 1949, the secretary stated, amounts to 585 acres.

## Defendant Appeals Verdict Given In Court Case Tuesday

Carol Saunders, convicted on a charge of drunken driving in Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday noted an appeal to the Superior Court through his attorney, Phil Sawyer, at the conclusion of the trial, which lasted several hours at this week's session of the county court. Testimony given by State's witnesses alleged that Saunders was driving a car owned by Frank Dawson at a time the car was in an accident on highway 17 on February 10. The defendant testified that he was not driving the car at the time of the accident but that the owner of the car was the driver. Judge Charles Johnson returned a verdict of guilty in the case and fined Saunders \$100 and costs of court.

Other cases heard at the session Tuesday included those of Jasper Hassell, who was taxed with the costs of court on a speeding charge.

Preston Thach, Negro, was found guilty of a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. He was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the court costs.

Rufus Nichols, Negro, was taxed with the court costs on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

George West was ordered to pay the costs of court on a charge of disposing of mortgaged property.

David Inhaber entered a plea of guilty to a charge of reckless driving and paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Bertha Eiler and Sam Berkowitz each entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding and paid fines of \$25 and costs.

Milo Greene was fined \$15 and costs for speeding.

Orrin Ryan, Louis Masasiki, Benny Dorfmann, Charles Willis, Irene Conway, Winton Libby, Charles Brown and John Kaminski each entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding and paid fines of \$10 and costs.

G. L. Tubman was ordered to pay the costs of court for speeding.

The bond of Willie Johnson was ordered forfeited when Johnson failed to appear in court to answer charges of driving while licenses were improperly displayed.

## Fence Erected Across Court House Grounds

Parking on the Court House Green came to a halt last week following action taken by the County Commissioners, who authorized a no parking sign to be erected and also that a fence be erected across the Green, facing Front street.

The sign, installed early last week, was practically sufficient to stop the parking practice. However, the fence was erected this week and it is now a certainty that the parking will stop completely.

Further beautification of the Green is expected when work is started on the removal of a number of dead or diseased trees now standing around the Court House.

## Citizenship Meeting At New Hope Feb. 25

Wade Marr, of Elizabeth City, will be the guest speaker at a county-wide citizenship meeting, sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs of Perquimans County, to be held at the New Hope Community House, Friday night, February 25th commencing at 7:30. This will be the first of a series of meetings to be held in the county, in the interest of better citizenship. Mr. Marr will speak on citizenship as it concerns residents in the county. The public is invited to attend.

## 226 Miles of Lines to Be Built; Local Payroll To Expand

An announcement made here this week that the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation will shortly begin construction work on 226 miles of additional rural electrification lines in this immediate area is expected to increase local employment, raise payrolls here and add much to the demand for more housing in Hertford.

C. E. Welch, superintendent of the construction company, which has the contract for building the new lines arrived in Hertford this week to set up headquarters for the company and begin hiring of some 40 to 50 men to be used on the project. Incidentally, he is also seeking a number of houses and apartments which will be needed to house members of his crew and their families.

Men desiring to seek employment with the firm will find the company's headquarters located in the Barbee warehouse, directly across from the Norfolk-Southern railroad, on Dobb Street.

Work on the project, according to Mr. Welch, is expected to get underway about March 1, and he estimated that the project will take three months to complete. Additional lines expected to be added to the set-up may cause an extension in the time it will take to complete the construction.

The lines to be built under the contract, Mr. Welch stated, will lie in Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank and Camden counties. However, the headquarters for the entire project will be maintained here in Hertford.

The company estimates that it will have a weekly payroll of around five thousand dollars when the construction gets fully underway.

## Annual Red Cross Roll Call Starts Here March First

An announcement was made here this week by Herbert N. Nixon, chairman of the Perquimans chapter of the American Red Cross that the annual Roll Call campaign will start in this county March 1. Mr. Nixon stated that Charles R. Vann has been named to act as Roll Call Chairman. The quota for this drive, Mr. Nixon reported, is approximately eleven hundred dollars. A slight increase over the goal given the county last year.

Mr. Vann is now mapping plans for the annual drive, lining up neighborhood solicitors who will conduct a house to house canvass for Red Cross memberships. He expects to have all plans for the campaign completed, ready for the drive to start, by late next week.

In announcing the dates for the annual campaign, Mr. Nixon stated that the local Red Cross chapter has completed its budget for the coming year and that the slight increase in the Roll Call quota is due to the need by National Headquarters for additional funds over last year.

He pointed out that the plans for 1949, for the local chapter, includes the employment of a swimming instructor, who will be stationed at Harvey Point during the summer months as a life guard and instructor of swimming classes to be sponsored by the county chapter.

## S. S. Officers And Teachers Hold Dinner

Officers and teachers of the Sunday School of the Hertford Methodist Church held a dinner meeting, last Wednesday evening, in the Sunday School Auditorium at the church. Edgar Fields is Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Forty five members and guests were present, including Mr. and Mrs. Wade Marr of Elizabeth City. Mr. Marr was the guest speaker for the event.

J. R. Jarvis, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, acted as toastmaster. During the program each member introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his duties as an officer or teacher of the department.

### MISSION STUDY MEETING

A county wide mission study class will be held at the Baptist Church Thursday, February 24, beginning at 10:30 A. M. The Rev. Charles Duling will teach the mission book. Lunch will be served by the county ladies.