

Grand Jury Reports County Buildings And Schools Maintained In Good Condition

Extra Jurors Drawn For April Term of Superior Court

The April term of Perquimans Superior Court convened here Monday morning with Judge Leo Carr of Burlington presiding.

Court activities moved along at a fast pace and it was found necessary to draw a special venire of 15 jurors for the term. The names drawn for service were Crafton Winslow, Holland Hurdle, R. H. Copeland, J. T. Morris, T. L. Winslow, Jesse White, L. D. Lamb, Quinton Hurdle, P. J. Boyce, Emerson Asbell, N. W. Bateman, Thomas Winslow, L. E. Umphlett, E. T. Phillips and Chester Butts.

Three cases on the criminal docket and four divorce actions were disposed of up to Tuesday noon, when the hearing of George Dewey Overton, charged with second degree murder, was started.

The Grand Jury completed its work and made a full report to the court late Tuesday afternoon. The Grand Jury was composed of J. C. Howell, as foreman, E. L. Hurdle, Jr., Velean Winslow, Joshua Sutton, A. D. Thach, Willie Winslow, Louis Proctor, Russell Baker, Morden Stokely, R. H. Copeland, Aubrey Umphlett, H. C. Koffler, Emmett Long, James Rountree, Guy Webb, Marvin Caddy, W. S. Evans and R. D. Creech.

The report of the Grand Jury follows:

"We, the Grand Jury for the above Term of Court respectfully return the following report:

"We have passed on all bills sent us by the Court.

"We visited the County offices and found them well managed and in good condition with the exception of lack of space for filing records in the offices of the Clerk and Register of Deeds. We recommend that the vaults in these two offices be enlarged at once. All accounts of administrators, executors and guardians have been filed according to law. All justices of peace in the County have made written reports.

"We examined the County Jail and found that the improvements recommended in the last Grand Jury report have been made.

"We visited the Prison Camp and found it in excellent condition.

"We visited the County Home and found it to be in excellent condition with the exception that the roof of the keeper's home needs painting and one of the inmate's rooms needs painting.

"We visited all of the schools in the County and found them all in fair condition with the following exceptions:

"Woodville colored school needs repairs to floor.

"Hertford colored school needs two sets of doorsteps.

"We find that most of the recommendations as to the schools made by the former Grand Jury are being carried out and we wish to commend the superintendent of schools, Mr. J. T. Biggers, for his interest and work.

"We, accompanied by two Highway patrolmen, examined all the school buses in the County and all were found in good condition with the exception of Bus No. 9, which is now being repaired."

New Hope Church Host Monday To MYF

New Hope Methodist Church was the scene Monday night for the district meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Elizabeth City District. Hundreds of youths from the churches in this area assembled to elect officers, hear speakers and enjoy recreation and a pot luck supper.

The session got under way at 5 o'clock with directed games and contests by the Rev. Troy Barrett of Durham, who is Conference director of youth work. Supper was served at six o'clock, followed by a talk given by the Rev. Robert Bradshaw, pastor of the Wilson Methodist Church.

The meeting, it was reported, was one of the best ever held and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those attending.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans County's Recorder's Court was in recess this week because the April term of Superior Court convened here Monday morning. Judge Charles E. Johnson reported that all cases on the recorder docket had been set for hearing next Tuesday, April 23.

Don Helms To Speak At PTA Meeting Mon.

The Parent-Teacher Association of Central Grammar School will hold its regular meeting Monday night at 8 o'clock.

The Winfall community will have charge of a very interesting program, the subject being "Recreation—How Do They Use Their Leisure Time?"

Don Helms, director of the Boys' Club in Elizabeth City, will speak on this subject.

All parents are urged to attend and the public is invited.

Perquimans Indians Trowned Edenton Nine Last Thursday

Joe Levinson's Perquimans Indians scored all their runs in the first four innings and staved off two Edenton threats to conquer the Aces 8-5 before some 300 fans last Thursday night in the Edenton park.

Bill Winslow, the pride of the Perquimans pitching staff limited the Aces to five scattered hits in registering the victory. Winslow fanned 10, walked six and hit one, with errors figuring prominently in the Aces' scoring.

Albert Lassiter making his first start since he broke his leg in a football game last fall, gave up five hits and six runs in the first three innings, but received poor support from his mates. Willard Goodwin, John Ward and Earl Goodwin followed Lassiter to the mound and silenced the Indians' war whoop after the fourth inning. Ward gave a creditable showing, giving up one hit in his two innings.

Earl Goodwin pitched the last two frames and fanned four of the seven men to face him.

Calvin Bright, Perquimans left fielder, proved to be the hitting leader of the night, banging two doubles and a single for a perfect night. Al Benton and Howard Pitt had two hits each to follow. Earl Goodwin got two of Edenton's five hits, both of them doubles.

Perquimans scored three times in the opening frame on two Edenton errors, a fielder's choice, a walk and Pitt's triple to left center. They added another in the second on two singles and an error and two in the third on two walks, a double and an error and their final two in the fourth on a walk, two hits and an error.

After the fourth they were limited to two base hits.

Edenton got one in the first and two in the third and had to wait until the ninth to pick up their final two, which came on four errors, a wild pitch, a single and a fielder's choice.

The Indians continued their string of victories when they trounced the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets on Memorial Field Wednesday night by a score of 16-4. Bill Winslow went the route for the Indians and aside from a few bad moments in the fourth inning, when the visitors scored their four runs, pitched an excellent game.

Miss Virginia Long Weds Cyril Winslow

Miss Virginia Mae Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth W. Long, Sr., of Route 3, Hertford, and James Cyril Winslow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Winslow of Belvidere, were united in marriage Saturday afternoon, April 16, at 4 o'clock in the Baptist parsonage at Hertford. The Rev. C. W. Duling performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a two-piece fitted beige suit, with navy accessories and white gloves, with a shoulder corsage of red roses.

Miss Norma Frances Butt of Hertford was maid of honor. She wore a two-piece aqua suit with black accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Elwood Long, brother of the bride, served as best man.

The bride's mother wore a light blue two-piece suit with black accessories and a corsage of gardenias. The bridegroom's mother wore a green two-piece suit with black accessories.

Immediately following the ceremony, the bridal couple left for a short wedding trip.

The couple returned Sunday morning for an enjoyable wedding dinner at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

After dinner the couple arrived at the home of the bride's parents for the wedding supper, which was served at 6 o'clock by candlelight and enjoyed by everyone.

Hertford Lions Club Holds Anniversary Party Last Friday

State and National Officers Present For Big Event

Members of the Hertford Lions Club, their wives and guests, headed by Walter C. Fisher of Ontario, Canada, gathered at Harvey Point last Friday night to observe the tenth anniversary of the local civic club. Mr. Fisher was the principal speaker of the evening. The guest list included zone, State and International officers of the organization.

The meeting was called to order by William Cox, president of the Hertford club, followed by group singing and pledge of allegiance to the flag. G. C. Buck, past president of the club, offered the invocation. Cox then introduced Norman N. Trueblood, Counselor of Lions International, who acted as toastmaster.

R. R. White, zone chairman, gave an address of welcome to the visitors and guests and pointed out the meeting was being held to create understanding and good fellowship. The response to the welcome was given by William Privott, Jr., of Edenton.

A highlight of the event was Fisher's presentation of awards to local and other Lions members and his talk encouraging Lions to be leaders in their club area where effort to create an international understanding between men and nations must begin. "A thing which is so vital to world security today."

During the banquet Fisher presented several awards for outstanding achievements made by members individually and presented the first Lions auxiliary charter to be given to a Northeastern North Carolina group to the Hertford Club.

Also presented were a metal desk lion to President William D. Cox of the Hertford Lions Club. This award was made on behalf of Lions International as a token of appreciation for the successful participation of the Hertford club in the Melvin Jones Drive in January.

Other awards were presented to A. T. Lane, Norman Trueblood, R. R. White and J. Alvin White for a perfect attendance score for the past 10 years. Five year perfect attendance awards went to Luther B. Sitterson, William Cox, Sidney Blanchard, W. W. Trueblood, Thomas P. Byrum, W. L. Sumner, F. A. McGoogan and W. S. Butler.

Ten year charter monarch chevrons were awarded to Joseph Towe, Norman Trueblood, Dr. I. A. Ward, Julian White, R. R. White, Charles Willford and J. L. White. Ten year old monarch chevrons went to A. T. Lane and C. D. White.

Red Cross Chapter Plans Swim Project

Herbert N. Nixon, chairman of the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross, announced today that the local chapter is now conducting a survey to determine the number of children of the county planning to participate in swimming classes to be conducted by the Chapter at Harvey Point during the coming summer months.

Mr. Nixon stated, "We are attempting to determine the number of children that will take these swimming instructions in order that we may know the number of instructors we will need and to make our plans accordingly."

In conducting the survey, the local Red Cross chapter is asking each school child to bring a written consent of his or her parents to school. These confirmations from the parents will be tallied and plans for the classes will be based upon the number of children planning to attend the course.

The Red Cross Chapter has already made plans to send instructors to Red Cross schools for training. Two and possibly three local persons will be selected by the Chapter to serve as instructors at the local beaches during the swimming classes periods to be conducted during June, July and August.

Mr. Nixon urges parents who desire to grant permission to their children to take part in these classes to give the child written permission so it may be turned over to the Red Cross officers.

MASONS WILL MEET TUESDAY

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A.F. & A.M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Diamond Plans For Albemarle Team Are Moving Successful

Local Directors Pleased With Progress Made To Date

J. E. Morris, business manager of the Perquimans Baseball Club announced today that a meeting of all baseball fans of the county will be held at the Court House in Hertford next Wednesday night, at 8 o'clock. He stated that complete plans for the team for the 1949 season will be announced, along with the roster of all players to be used by the local team. He urges that all fans turn out for this meeting.

Directors of the Perquimans Baseball Club, who have been developing plans for fielding a team in the Albemarle League during the coming summer, are well pleased with results reported to date, according to Edgar Morris, business manager and A. W. Hefren, president of the club.

Mr. Morris, assisted by Acting Manager Bud Cayton, Jack Brinn, Henry Stokes, Lawrence Towe and other interested fans, have been active in lining up prospective players for the local team. They report that four players have been signed for the Perquimans club. These are Sires and Begeron, both of Duke University, who played here last year. A pitcher by the name of Collins and an outfielder named Williams.

A number of players for the local club were drawn from a league pool at a meeting of the league directors held last Monday night, but according to Mr. Morris, there is no indication, as yet, that these players will be available or will play for Hertford. These players are college boys who have indicated a willingness to play in the Albemarle League at salaries set by the league directors.

Financially, plans for the local club are also moving along satisfactorily. Unofficial reports from members of the club's finance committee indicate that approximately \$1,500 has been subscribed for the club. The directors have set a goal of \$2,500 to be raised for the use of the club for materials, lights and upkeep of the ground. It is the plan of the directors to operate the club in paying players' salaries from the gate receipts.

The drive to raise funds for the club will be continued until the full \$2,500 goal has been reached. However, the directors are hopeful that the amount will be raised within the next week or ten days.

Helen Marie Asbell Weds Wm. T. Elliott

The marriage of Miss Helen Marie Asbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Asbell of Edenton and William T. Elliott, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Elliott of Hertford, was solemnized April 14th at five o'clock in a candlelight ceremony at the home of Mrs. Jim Morgan, Star Route, Edenton, aunt of the bride.

The room was beautifully decorated with palms and fern with white gladioli and snapdragons extended from the mantel in a triangular fashion.

The Rev. R. N. Carroll officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a skipper blue suit with white and navy accessories and a corsage of white baby orchids.

The bride's attendants were cousins, Miss Mary Cobb Dickens of Nashville, N. C., as maid of honor, who wore an aqua suit with brown and white accessories and a corsage of red roses and Miss Joan Cobb of Edenton as bridesmaid, who wore a navy suit with white accessories and a corsage of red roses.

The best man was the bridegroom's father, William T. Elliott of Hertford.

The mother of the bride wore a navy blue dress with matching accessories and a corsage of red roses. Mrs. William T. Elliott, mother of the bridegroom wore a navy blue dress trimmed with pink and navy accessories. Her corsage was of pink roses.

The bride and bridegroom left immediately after the reception for a wedding trip. At present they will make their home in Hertford with the bridegroom's parents.

Both are employed at the Marine Corps Air Station, Edenton.

NAMED EDITOR

Mrs. Virginia White Transou, formerly of Hertford, has accepted the position as editor of the Renfor Herald at Yadkinville.

Criminal Docket Crowds Out Civil Actions At April Term Superior Court

Wildlife Club To Hold Meeting April 29

Members of the Perquimans County Wildlife Club will hold a meeting at the Court House in Hertford on Friday night, April 29, at eight o'clock, it was announced today by Edgar Fields, president of the club.

Purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers for the club for the coming year and to hear a review of the activities of the wildlife organization.

Clyde Patton, Director of Wildlife Resources Commission, will be the guest speaker at the meeting. All members of the local club are urged to make plans to attend.

PMA Office Requests Potato Growers To File Form May 1

W. E. White, secretary of the Perquimans PMA committee, announced that the final date for applying for eligibility for price support under the 1949 potato price support program is May 1. He added, however, that all measurements of potato acreage must be completed by May 1. A payment of a service fee will be made at time of application for eligibility is filed in the County PMA office, Mr. White said.

The amount of service fee per acre will be one cent times normal yield in hundredweight for the county with the minimum amount of \$3.00 per application. The State office has requested the county office to have the Irish potato acreage measured on all commercial farms whether or not the grower has applied for eligibility, on all non-commercial farms on which growers will apply for eligibility and on other farms where the grower's eligibility for price support may be effected.

The support price for Irish potatoes for 1949 is \$1.75 cwt. for June and \$1.60 cwt. for July and August.

The county PMA office is requesting all producers planting one acre or more of Irish potatoes for commercial use, although they will not apply for eligibility for support price, to please notify the PMA office at once.

Bethel Ruritans Plan Ladies' Night

Members of the Bethel Ruritan Club held their regular dinner meeting last Wednesday night at the Colonial Tourist Home on Grubb Street, Emmett Long, president, presiding.

During the business session plans were made to move a small school building purchased last fall by the club from the Perquimans Board of Education to Bethel where it will be converted into a community building. The building committee reported that the foundation for the building had been completed and that the next thing in line was the moving of the building.

A committee was appointed to make preparations for the observance of ladies night which will take place at the May 11 meeting.

Express Embargo Lifted Tuesday

The embargo on all rail and express shipments between New York City and Hertford, which has been in effect since March 9, due to a slow down strike in New York, was lifted today. Express shipments are again normal, it was announced by G. W. Trueblood, local Railway Agent.

Quick delivery of parcels and packages shipped by this method has resulted in the company being able to lift the embargo, Mr. Trueblood said.

Revival Services At Methodist Church

A series of revival services will be conducted at the Hertford Methodist Church, beginning Monday evening, April 25, it was announced today by Rev. D. L. Fouts, pastor of the church.

The Rev. M. W. Lawrence, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Elizabeth City will do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Eastern Star's will be held Monday night at 8 P. M., May 2nd. All members are urged to attend.

Murder Case Consumes Much Time; Drunken Driving Cases Are Completed

Officials of the Perquimans Superior Court saw little chance of the entire calendar for the April term of court being cleared by the time court adjourns Saturday. The criminal docket consumed most of the week and only a few of the civil cases are expected to be called for hearings.

The court convened Monday with Judge Leo Carr presiding and three criminal cases and four divorce actions were completed at Tuesday noon. A nol pros was taken by the State in the case charging Herbert Hurdle with trespass and on motion by the defense the case of Claude Small, Jr., charged with drunken driving was continued.

The first of two major cases got under way Tuesday afternoon when the hearing of George Dewey Overton, Negro, charged with murder in the second degree began. The State used several witnesses, including Sheriff M. G. Owens, in presenting its case against Overton, charged with slaying Willie Hurdle, Negro, on the night of October 31 last year. Hurdle, according to State's evidence, was shot three times and died from wounds received by the gunshot. Assisting Solicitor Walter Cohoon in prosecuting this case was Robert Lowery. The defense attorneys were Silas M. Whedbee and Forrest Dunstan. The defense used a large number of witnesses and built up its evidence to show that the shooting was done in self defense.

Evidence in this case was concluded late Wednesday afternoon and the attorneys concluded their pleas to the jury early Thursday morning. The case went to the jury shortly before noon Thursday.

Cases remaining to be disposed of when this newspaper went to press were those against Jackson Coston, Negro, charged with manslaughter, the State versus Kyree Copeland, charged with non-support and the State versus Willie White, Negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Three cases in which the defendants were charged with driving drunk were disposed of on Monday and Tuesday morning. Mabel Stithem, represented in court by Attorneys Walter Edwards, entered a plea of nolo contendere. She received a four months jail sentence, suspended upon good behavior for two years and that she pay into the court the sum of \$100 and court costs.

Carol Saunders was found guilty as charged for driving drunk. He was fined \$100 and court costs and his license was revoked for one year. Saunders, in his defense, contended he was not driving the car but that its owner, Frank Dawson, was at the wheel at the time of arrest. Solicitor Walter Cohoon advised the jury that in the event Saunders was found guilty of the charge that he, Cohoon, would direct the arresting Patrolman to arrest Dawson on a charge of permitting his car to be operated illegally.

A verdict of guilty was returned in the case charging Joseph Elliott with drunken driving. Elliott was represented by Attorney W. H. Oakey, Jr. Judge Carr fined Elliott \$100 and costs and revoked his license for one year.

It was believed by court officials that the manslaughter case against Coston would take most of Thursday and that the other two cases would not be heard before Friday. There is little likelihood that any of the major civil actions will be heard at this term of court.

Two Local Bills Ratified By G. A.

Two local bills, affecting Perquimans County, presented before the Legislature have been ratified, according to a report released by the Institute of Government. House Bill 1143, which will authorize the County Commissioners to divide delinquent tax collections between the debt service fund and the general fund, was ratified April 15 and Senate Bill 395, which amends the law pertaining to appointment and salary of the clerk of the recorder's court passed the third reading in the House on April 15. This latter bill authorizes the County Commissioners to appoint a clerk of the recorder's court and to pay a salary of not less than \$50 nor more than \$150 per month to the clerk.

Up to the present time the clerk of the recorder's court is also clerk of the Superior Court and acts in the capacity as clerk of the court on a fee basis.