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EARLY MORNING FIRE LAST SATURDAY TAKES LIVES OF AGED HERTFORD COUPLE

Second Victim of Fire Dies In Hospital Tuesday Evening

W. H. Curtis, 77 year old Hertford resident was burned to death in a fire which destroyed his home here last Saturday morning and his wife Mrs. Risca Curtis, 76 suffered burns so serious that she died early Tuesday evening in the Albemarle Hospital.

The fire which was discovered about two a. m. last Saturday gained headway so fast that rescuers were unable to remove the aged man from the blazing inferno but Mrs. Curtis was rescued and removed to the hospital for treatment.

Curtis who had been an invalid for a number of years, was reported to have fell from his wheel chair at about two a. m. Saturday morning and Mrs. Curtis called to a neighbor, Louis Taylor, to assist her in replacing her husband in the chair. When Taylor arrived at the home he discovered the interior in flames and barely rescued Mrs. Curtis without injury to himself. It is believed that a kerosene lamp was overturned when Curtis fell from the chair, starting the fire.

The body of Curtis was removed from the smoldering ruins after local firemen had battled more than two hours extinguishing the fire. The fire gained such headway the firemen were unable to save the Curtis house which was totally destroyed but managed to keep under control the blaze which caught a house next door owned by Dr. I. A. Ward. Damage to the neighboring house was estimated at about \$500.

The fire was reported to the fire department by Charles Harrell, Kermit Mizelle and Robert Nixon, who saw the flames in the sky as they crossed the Perquimans River bridge at two a. m., returning from a business meeting in Elizabeth City.

Funeral services for Mr. Curtis was conducted earlier this week by the Willford Funeral Home of Edenton and services for Mrs. Curtis were held at the Lynch Funeral Home Thursday morning at 11 a. m. with the Rev. D. L. Fouts officiating. Mrs. Curtis was survived by one daughter, Mrs. E. L. Torrey of Norfolk and one son, Lee Turnage of Hertford.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Mounting tension over the coal and steel strikes, which are biting into the nation's economy more and more, resulted in federal mediator C. S. Ching this week dumping the problem into the lap of President Truman. Word from Washington indicated that no final decision on the matter had been reached but reports stated that messages from industry and private sources were being sent to President Truman requesting action before the situation brings about individual crisis and possible economic collapse.

Congress adjourned late last week after a long session, leaving many important problems to be worked out when the law makers convene next year. Following the adjournment, President Truman made public what may be one of the toughest problems for Congress to solve next year. In the facing of a mounting deficit the President called for increased taxes to be enacted at the next session of Congress but with next year being an election year it is doubtful if any tax increase is voted.

A shake up in the top ranks of admirals of the Navy appeared in the offering according to a report from Washington this week, following a meeting of the joint chiefs of staff. This was the first announcement since the public row over the defense policies, and the report stated that the meeting of the chiefs was one of harmony. Top ranking Admiral Denfeld is expected to be removed from his position on the staff and replaced by the Vice Admiral Sherman.

NEGRO 4-H CLUB NEWS

The Negro 4-H boys and girls of Perquimans County have been reorganized into 4-H club work for 1949-50 and have pledged to make this year's work one of the best in the history. Every school in the county as a 4-H club with a large enrollment, released by farm and home agent.

The 4-H leaders and officers are asked to meet with the Farm and Home agent Saturday, October 29 at 10 o'clock a. m. in the county agent's office. The purpose is to organize a 4-H County Council.

School Paper Given National Rating

Members of the staff of the Perquimans High School newspaper, the PerCoHi Tattler have been advised that their paper has been given a national rating and the staff's application for membership in Quill and Scroll, national editorial organization, has been accepted, it was announced today by R. W. Baugham, faculty advisor to the PerCoHi Tattler.

The recognition by Quill and Scroll is one that the students of the high school have been working toward since the organization of the school paper several years ago, and is an honor that the staff of the paper can well be proud of in achieving in so short a time.

Hertford Rotarians Hear Talk On County 4-H Club Activities

J. K. Butler, Jr., assistant County Farm Agent, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club held Tuesday evening at the Colonial Tourist Home. Mr. Butler gave an interesting talk on the work carried out in this county by members of the 4-H Clubs.

Pointing out that the county clubs have a total membership of some 300 children between the ages of 10 and 20, Mr. Butler told the Rotarians that each of these members were required to select and carry out a 4-H project each year, and to keep records on the progress of the project.

"Our purpose in developing and operating 4-H clubs," Mr. Butler added, "is to train the children in responsibility of the future. We feel that the 4-H training will enable each of the children to be better citizens and better farmers in the future."

During the business session of the meeting which was presided over by Robert L. Hollowell, president of the club, it was announced that the Rotary Club will sponsor a presentation of Sunshine Sue, and her radio show here on December 15. The show will be given at the Perquimans High School auditorium. Davir Hervey and Charles Henc were named to a committee handling the arrangements of presenting the production.

Tentative plans were also made by the club to present a home talent show in Hertford sometime during the month of January. Arrangements have been made with a national producing company, which will send a director for the show in Hertford, the cast of the show will be recruited entirely from local talent at a later date. Herbert Nixon and W. F. Ainsley were named as a committee to handle the arrangements for this event.

Plans Made For Long Range HD Program

Plans for a long range home demonstration program, including the year 1950, are now being drawn, it was reported today by Mrs. Nina B. White, County Home Agent, who stated a program planning committee has been appointed to conduct a series of interviews for the purpose of determining a number of common problems upon which the demonstration clubs can base their work and bring about a better understanding of community life.

Members of this committee are Mrs. Archie White, Mrs. Howard Hunter, Mrs. M. T. Griffin, Mrs. Henry Elliott, Mrs. P. E. Lane and the home agent and assistant agent.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP TO HOLD HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Winfall are sponsoring a Halloween party at the home of Marvinna White, near Monday night, October 31 at 7:30 P. M. There will be a fun show, minstrel and bingo games for all. Refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited to attend.

GLEE CLUB AT BEREAS

The Roanoke Bible College Glee Club will sing at Bereas Church of Christ on Route three, Hertford at 7:30 Friday night October 28, it was announced today by Mrs. Delvin Eure. The public is invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BANQUET

The Judson Memorial Sunday School class of the Baptist church will hold their annual banquet Tuesday evening, November 1, at 7 P. M. at the Hotel Hertford.

County Red Cross Chapter Organized For Coming Year

Officers and Directors Selected This Week; Program Planned

Perquimans County's chapter of the American Red Cross was reorganized for the year 1950 during the past week when Miss Janet Cox, general representative for the National Red Cross visited Hertford to assist in the selection of officers and directors for the local organization.

The official board of the county chapter is made up of officers, committee chairmen and board members at large.

New officers named this week are Charles Henc, county chairman; Clifford Banks, vice chairman; W. A. White, secretary; Mrs. Robert Applewhite, treasurer; Rev. C. W. Duling, home service; J. T. Biggers, disaster; E. C. Woodard, safety services; Charles Harrell, blood program; James E. Newby, 1950 fund chairman; Henry Clay Sullivan, vice chairman; Mrs. Charles Johnson, Junior Red Cross chairman; Mrs. Ruby A. White, public information chairman.

Board members at large are Mrs. J. H. Towe, C. P. Morris, A. W. Hefner, Mayor V. N. Darden, Max Campbell, Frances Nixon, Edison Harris, Mrs. Lawrence Towe, Archie T. Lane, Delvin Eure, Robert Hollowell, Charlie Vann, Fred Winslow and Mrs. W. G. Hollowell.

Various programs to be handled by the county Red Cross chapter during the coming year were discussed in meetings with the field representative and these will be announced at a later date.

Charles Harrell, chairman of the Blood Bank program, now underway stated that more volunteers are needed to help put this program over. The blood bank unit will come to Hertford for the first time November 22, and this county has been assigned a quota of 100 pints of blood for this visit of the unit.

Details of the annual Red Cross fund raising campaign will be announced early next year, just prior to the opening of the drive.

Central Grammar PTA Membership Drive Successful

Perquimans Central Grammar School's Parent-Teachers Association has achieved an outstanding record in its annual membership drive, it was reported today by James Snipes, principal, who reported that the PTA membership reached the 200 per cent mark late last week.

"The 200 per cent in PTA," Mr. Snipes said "means that every parent or guardian of every child in the school has joined PTA."

This record is one of the few held by any school in the State, as records show usually only three or four PTA organizations in the State boasts of a 200 per cent membership.

Mr. Snipes stated he believes the Central Grammar PTA is the first in this district to achieve the record.

Peanuts, Soy Beans Harvesting Underway

Ideal weather conditions of the past two weeks have helped to speed the harvesting of peanuts and soy beans now underway in the county. Picking of peanuts began slowly this week, and as yet, a quality trend has not been established, but soy beans have been moving to market rapidly and local warehousemen say the quality is good.

Prices on both peanuts and soy beans are reported to be good.

Harvesting of the crops has not advanced to the point as yet to determine production records but unofficial reports indicate the production on all crops will fall below normal yield.

LIBRARY RECEIVES NEW BOOKS

Another shipment of new books has been received at the Perquimans Library and these books are now ready for use by patrons of the library, it was announced today by Mrs. Addie N. Jones, Librarian. Titles of the books are How to Restore Antique Furniture, These Our People, The Violet Men, The Golden Apples, The Scarlet Bird, The Seventh Step, The Plum Tree, Spin A Silver Dollar. New juvenile books include The Mystery of the Lost Valley, Stories to Read and Tell, and Johnny Maple Leaf.

Indians To Tangle With Old Rivals In Game Friday Night

Edenton Aces Hosts Tonight; Jordan Injured Last Week

The Perquimans High School football team, smarting under four straight defeats, will travel to Edenton Friday night to tangle with its old football rival the Edenton High School. Coach Ellie Fearing said Tuesday that the Indians have been going through a series of strenuous drills this week in preparation for the contest with Edenton, and all the players, excepting Bob Jordan, are reported in good condition for the game.

Jordan was injured in the game at Williamston last Friday night and is not expected to see action for several weeks. First reports stated the stellar linesman for the Indians had suffered a broken neck, but X-ray pictures and observation at a hospital revealed that the injury was less serious.

A large crowd of local fans are expected to journey to Edenton Friday to witness the contest between the Indians and Aces, a rivalry which has been carried out for a long number of years, with the teams about even on the number of games won and lost. Edenton boasts of a good record thus far this season, having defeated Elizabeth Greenville, Roanoke Rapids and Tarboro, however, the Indians are determined to break in to the win column; again this season and Friday may be the night for this.

The Indians dropped their conference contest to Williamston last Friday night by a 13-0 score, after having played the Green Wave on even terms through the entire first half. Williamston came back strong in the third quarter and started an air attack that swept them to a touchdown and the score went 6-0. The Indians fared in their defense tactics during the final period and permitted the Green Wave to roll across the goal line for their second touchdown and a conversion which made the score 13-0 in favor of Williamston.

County HD Clubs To Hold Achievement Day Program Nov. 2

Mrs. Verona J. Langford, Home Agent for the eastern District, will speak at the Perquimans Home Demonstration Fall Achievement Day meeting on Wednesday afternoon, November 2, at the Agriculture Building it was announced today by Mrs. Nina B. White, County Home Agent.

During the Achievement Day program exhibits by all clubs in the county representing subjects discussed during the year, will be shown. The Hopewell Club will give the county report of achievements.

Following the program the Snow-Hill-White-Hat club will be hostess at tea.

County Schools Observe Holiday

Perquimans County Schools are enjoying a school holiday today while members of the faculty of the various schools attend a district teachers' meeting being held at Greenville.

A last minute change in plans for the district meeting caused local school officials to change the school schedule for today. As announced last week the authorities had scheduled a half day session for today but with the change in plans as announced from the Greenville local superintendent returned to the original schedule and announced a full holiday for the county schools.

MINNIE WILSON CIRCLE TO PRESENT PAGEANT

A pageant, The Challenge of the Cross, will be presented at the Hertford Methodist Church next Sunday night, October 30, at eight o'clock, by members of the Minnie Wilson Circle, under the direction of Mrs. B. G. Koonce. The public is invited to attend.

PTA HALLOWEEN PARTY

The annual PTA Halloween party at the Hertford Grammar School will be held Friday night beginning at 7:30 P. M., at the school, it was announced today by Mrs. D. M. Jackson, president. An interesting program including contests and games have been arranged for the evening and the public is cordially invited to attend.

TWENTY-SIX CASES LISTED ON CALENDAR FOR SUPERIOR COURT TERM NEXT WEEK

Garden Club Topic Of Meeting Today

Efforts to organize a Garden Club in Hertford will be made at a meeting to be held Friday afternoon at 3 P. M. in the Agriculture Building in Hertford it was announced today by Mrs. I. A. Ward.

Mrs. W. T. Culpepper of Elizabeth City, district superintendent of State Garden Clubs, will attend the meeting for the purpose of explaining the aims and objects of the organization.

All ladies of the town and county interested in a Garden Club for this community are urged to attend the meeting this afternoon.

Recorder's Court In Long Session Hears Eight Cases

A varied docket consisting of eight cases was disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here Tuesday with Judge Charles E. Johnson presiding. Lengthy testimony presented in a number of the cases consumed considerable time and court continued until late afternoon before completing the calendar.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of Mrs. Anna Saunders, charged with reckless driving, after the State and defense had presented considerable evidence to the court. Mrs. Saunders was charged with the offense following an accident on the Center Hill road when a car which she was driving collided with a horse cart driven by Ray Perry, Negro.

Jean Magrath entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving without a license and paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

Arnon Davis was fined \$10 and costs after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding with a truck.

Pleading guilty to a charge of speeding Romer Hendrix was ordered to pay the costs of court.

Albert Logan, charged with speeding, entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

Costs of court were taxed against William Riddick, who entered a plea of guilty to driving with improper lights.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case charging Horace Reid, Negro, with assault with a deadly weapon.

A nol pro's was taken in the case in which Aaron Saunders, Negro, was charged with trespass.

Judge Johnson announced that the conclusion of the court that the Recorder's Court will recess next week because the courtroom will be used for the Fall term of Superior Court.

County 4-H Clubs Install Officers

The Perquimans County 4-H Club held its first County Council meeting last Monday night, with Hary Lee Winslow, retiring president, presiding over the business session.

New officers elected and installed during the meeting were: Horace Layden, president; Ronald Butt, vice-president; Janice Yagel, secretary-treasurer; Delma Ann Hurdle, John Hill, and Billy Baker, program committee; and Pat Rush, song leader.

It was announced that the annual 4-H Achievement Day will be held on November 22 at the Hertford Grammar School.

Following the business session a number of new members were initiated into the Council.

Wildlife Officials Heard At Meeting

District and state officials of the N. C. Wildlife Federation were the principal speakers at a meeting of the Perquimans Wildlife Club held at the Court House last Saturday night. The meeting was presided over by R. M. Riddick, Jr., president of the local club.

Many county sportsmen heard the speakers outline the program for conservation of wildlife resources in this state.

A feature of the program was the showing of a film, entitled Wildlife in Slow Motion.

SPEAKS AT UP-RIVER CHURCH
Rev. James Coney, Yearly Meeting Superintendent of Friends in Portland, Maine, gave an address on Stewardship at Up-River Friends Church Friday night. He was introduced by Rev. Philip Griffin of Goldsboro, N. C.

Criminal Docket Has 12 Cases Set For Trial During Term

The regular Fall term of Perquimans Superior Court will open here Monday morning with Judge Q. K. Nimocks, of Fayetteville, presiding, it was announced today by W. H. Pitt, clerk of court, who stated that the court calendar has a total of 26 cases to be disposed of during the term. Twelve of the cases are listed on the criminal docket and 14 are listed as civil actions.

A total of forty veniremen have been drawn for jury duty at this term of court.

Of the criminal docket Mr. Pitt stated that two of the defendants, Troy Elliott and Joseph Elliott are charged with possession of non-tax paid liquor; Clifton Shambry is charged with carrying a concealed weapon, W. O. Hunter is charged with hit and run; Willie Sutton and W. Rush are charged with breaking and entering; Norman Gatling is charged with speeding; Bill Wiggins is charged with reckless driving; Roy Sutton and Sterling Miller are charged with larceny.

The civil calendar lists the following cases: Dallas Gilliam vs Odell Gilliam; Howard Collins vs Gene Collins; Georgianna Roberts vs Carl Roberts, Hannah Tucker vs Andrew Tucker, Raymond Boyce vs L. L. Smith; William C. Chappell vs D. M. White et als; Chesapeake Auto Co. vs W. L. Bagley; Richard Payne vs James Rogerson; N. W. Chappell vs Elbert Chappell, et als; Roland Gilliam vs H. C. Stokes; Josiah Chappell vs Winfred Chappell; Thelma C. Riddick vs Fred Winslow, et al; Sidney Layden, Jr. vs T. B. Sumner; W. O. Hunter vs D. F. Hopkins.

The jurors drawn for this term of court include: Walter Nixon, J. Clifford Morgan, Charles Mathews, Eddie Harrell, L. N. Stallings, Lawrence Winslow, Luther B. Sitterson, Linwood Trueblood, O. L. Laney, John Lassiter, Lee L. Proctor, Mrs. J. M. Copeland, Johnnie Hollowell, Sidney Lane, Clement Griffin, Noah P. Gregory, Jessie E. Chappell, Jacob L. White, Sr., Simon Rutenburg, Mrs. Charles Willford, Clyde Lane, A. W. Lane, Wm. F. Tarkenton, E. A. Goodman, Jr., Hilton White, Alton Stallings, Talmadge Stallings, Ralph Miller, James R. White, Charles Murray, Charles Mansfield, J. H. Stallings, Herman Monds, Ralph Layden, John D. Chappell, George C. Eure, Mrs. Mattie Dail, Thomas K. Morgan, J. M. Mathews and Arthur Copeland.

Repairs to the Perquimans County Court House which have been underway for the past two weeks are near completion, it was reported here today. Workmen have been installing new gutters and drains for the roof, and repairing the belfry and painting this part of the building and are expected to complete their work shortly.

Court House Repairs Nearing Completion

Other recent renovations of the building was the painting of the offices of the Register of Deeds, Sheriff, and the Board of Education.

Bovanizer Resigns As Town Policeman

Allan Bovanizer, a member of the Hertford Police force for the past two years, has tendered his resignation to the Town Board, it was announced this week by Mayor V. N. Darden, who stated that the resignation, effective November 1, has been accepted.

Bovanizer, who succeeded to the force when Joe Layden resigned, did not reveal his reasons for resigning the force. He has served as night policeman since his appointment to the position.

MRS. LEROY GOODWIN

Mrs. Leroy Goodwin, 75, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rennie Dail, on October 22, after an illness of several weeks. Death was due to heart failure.

Mrs. Goodwin is survived by three sons Ernest Goodwin of Newport News, Leroy Goodwin, and Raymond Goodwin of Sunbury; two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Bunch of Ahoakie and Mrs. Rennie Dail; also 15 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. L. E. Hollowell of Edenton and one brother, Levi Privott of Suffolk.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at Center Hill.