

## Edgecombe Court To Hear Arguments On VEPCO Rate Hike

Attorneys representing eight North Carolina towns and the Virginia Power & Electric Company will present arguments to the Edgecombe County Superior Court in the matter of an increase in power rates granted the power company by the State Utilities Commission, it was reported here this week.

Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton, with five other towns who buy current wholesale from the Virginia Electric and Power Company have appealed a decision of the State Utilities Commission which allowed VEPCO a rate increase in a ruling of June 1.

The towns charge discrimination in the assignment of rates, and have charged the State Commission with conducting a private hearing on the matter with VEPCO representatives to which attorneys of the protesting towns were not invited.

Meanwhile, the communities which have been delinquent in their bills to VEPCO for over a month have decided to pay up, but each payment is clearly identified as "paid under protest."

The combined municipalities have signified their eagerness to fight their protest against the rate increases to a conclusion.

For this they have employed William C. Lassiter, Raleigh attorney, who specializes in utility matters, to represent them collectively.

The case will be heard in Superior Court and regardless of the victor there, will almost surely go before the State Supreme Court.

The State Utilities Commission will either be upheld in its action or will be instructed by the courts to rehear it.

An appeal that the case be reheard last month was denied by the Commission.

## Banks Installed As Post Commander Of American Legion

Clifford C. Banks, Perquimans County Veterans' Service Officer, was installed as Commander of Wm. Paul Stallings Post, No. 126, the American Legion, at a meeting held Thursday, August 12, at the Agriculture Building, W. F. Ainsley, past Division Commander, was the installing officer and C. F. Sumner served as marshal.

The following officers were also installed to serve the Post for the year 1954-55: Vice Commanders, W. J. Ward and C. T. Skinner, Jr.; Adjutant, Julian C. Powell; Finance Officer, V. N. Darden; Chaplain, W. T. Willoughby; Sergeant-at-Arms, B. C. Berry; Historian, W. F. Ainsley, and Service Officer, C. C. Banks.

The following committee chairmen were elected to serve during the Legion year: Membership, F. T. Johnson; Rehabilitation, Shelton G. Chappell; Child Welfare, J. E. Winslow; Americanism, C. F. Sumner; Community Service, R. Ralph White; Oratorical Contests, J. R. Webb; Boys' State, J. C. Powell; Athletic, W. J. Ward; Public Relations, C. T. Skinner, Jr.; Security, M. G. Owens; Economic, Harry V. Chappell; Graves Registration and Memorial, B. C. Berry; Boy Scouts, T. P. Brian.

Announcement was made that two members of the Hertford Post of the American Legion had been elected as delegates to the National American Legion Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., August 29 to September 3rd. B. C. Berry, past Commander, will represent the First Legion District and W. F. Ainsley was elected as a delegate-at-large from the State.

The next meeting of the Legion Post will be held Thursday, September 2nd, at 7:30 P. M. at the Agriculture Building in Hertford.

## 30 Candidates Out For Football Drill

Some 30 candidates for the 1954 Perquimans High School football team answered the first practice call, issued last Monday by Coach Ike Perry. The students were issued equipment and instructions by the coach, and then put through some drills aimed at conditioning the legs and feet of the players for more strenuous practice later on.

Coach Perry expressed satisfaction at the number of candidates reporting for the first drill, and stated he expected at least another 15 youths will be trying out for the team by the time school opens in September.

The drills will be held at the school gymnasium.

## Scenes From Perquimans Farmers' Day



Perquimans County Farmers' Day, observed here under the sponsorship of the Farm Extension Service and public-spirited citizens on August 11, was one of the most successful events ever staged here. The program, featuring exhibits and farm demonstrations, drew a crowd estimated at around 2,000.

## FARMERS' DAY PRIZE WINNERS LISTED

Final checks completed by the local Farm Extension Service revealed about 2,000 people attended the first annual Farmers' Day program held in Hertford on Wednesday of last week. Weeks of hard work on the part of the committees promoting the event produced hundreds of favorable comments on the exhibits and demonstrations.

Prize winners for the various events and exhibits were reported as follows by R. M. Thompson, County Agent:

Thomas Ed Chappell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Chappell, won the tractor rodeo contest which created a lot of interest. He was awarded a \$15 prize. Second place and a \$10 prize went to Joe Rogerson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rogerson and third place and \$5 went to Charlie Umphlett, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Umphlett.

Winners in the exhibitions, in which prizes were: First, \$1; second, 75c; and third, 50c were:

Women's Division: Department 'A' Clothing—infant's dress, first place, Mrs. L. B. Elliott; second place, Mrs. Ned Nixon; infant's slip, second place, Mrs. Ned Nixon; child's cotton dress, first place, Mrs. Lloyd Owens; second place, Mrs. Lloyd Owens; child's wool coat, second place, Mrs. Sybil Morgan; child's slip, second place, Mrs. Sybil Morgan; child's cotton suit, second place, Mrs. Joshua Sutton; house coat, first place, Mrs. M. T. Griffin; second place, Mrs. M. T. Griffin; house dress, first place, Mrs. Walton Lane; second place, Mrs. Oliver Winslow; pocketbook, second place, Annie Lou Lane; best dress, first place, Annie Lou Lane; second place, Ann Lane; third place, Nancy Lane; wool suit, second place, Mrs. Joshua Sutton; third place, Mrs. Joshua Sutton; fourth place, Mrs. Joshua Sutton; fifth place, Mrs. Joshua Sutton; sixth place, Mrs. Joshua Sutton; seventh place, Mrs. Joshua Sutton; eighth place, Mrs. Joshua Sutton; ninth place, Mrs. Joshua Sutton; tenth place, Mrs. Joshua Sutton.

Department 'B' Canned Goods—Apples, second place, Jo Ann Mathews; applesauce, first place, Louise Chappell; second place, Mrs. Fred Mathews; third place, Mrs. Claude Winslow; figs, second place, Mrs. J. A. Sutton; peaches, first place, Mrs. Claude Winslow; second place, Jo Ann Mathews; pears, second place, Annie Lou Lane; carrots, second place, Jo Ann Mathews; tomatoes, first place, Mrs. A. E. Layden; second place, Jo Ann Mathews; third place, Mrs. Oliver Winslow; soup mixture, first place, Jo Ann Mathews; second place, Mrs. Louise Winslow; beans, first place, Mrs. Louise Winslow; second place, Jo Ann Mathews; string beans, first place, Jo Ann Mathews; second place, Jo Ann Mathews; third place, Mrs. Warner Madry; squash, second place, Jo Ann Mathews; green peas, second place, Mrs. A. E. Layden; corn, first place, Nancy Lane; second place, Ann Lane; third place, Mrs. John Hurdle; lima beans, first place, Jo Ann Mathews; second place, Nancy Lane; cucumber pickles, first place, Mrs. Warner Madry; second place, Mrs. Claude Winslow; third place, Mrs. Oliver Winslow; bread and butter pickles, first place, Jo Ann Mathews; second place, Mrs. Claude Winslow; peach pickles, second place, Mrs. Harry Overman; post pickles, second place, Nancy Lane; best pickles, first place, Louise Chappell; second place, Mrs. Mildred Howell; watermelon rind, second place, Louise Chappell.

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Chappell; chocolate cake, second place, Jo Ann Mathews; other filling, second place, Jo Anne Mathews; best decorated, Mrs. Warner Madry, first place; second place, Jo Ann Mathews and Annie Lou Lane; doughnuts, second place, Louise Chappell; ice box cookies, second place, Mrs. Claude Winslow; other cookies, second place, Mrs. M. T. Griffin; sea foam candy, first place, Mrs. Claude Winslow; second place, Mrs. Anderson Layden; mints, second place, Mrs. John Hurdle; pie, Mrs. Claude Williams, second place.

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## Nine Cases Heard By Recorder Judge

Nine cases were listed on the docket of the Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday with Judge Chas. E. Johnson presiding.

Costs of court were assessed against John Boyce, Stephen Feiertog and Mildred Frank, each of whom entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding.

James Roberts submitted to charges of driving a vehicle of greater width than permitted by law and he paid the costs of court.

A fine of \$25 and court costs were levied against Lura Banks, Negro, who submitted to driving a car without a license.

Eddie Bannard, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs on charges of allowing his car to be driven by an unlicensed operator. He entered a plea of guilty.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of John Rogers, Negro, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of larceny, upon condition Rogers be out of the county within five hours.

Wadie Lee Winslow, Negro, was found guilty of assault. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$25.

F. N. Poe, Jr., entered a plea of guilty to charges of driving without a license. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

## Board Of Education Meets Tonight At 7

The Perquimans County Board of Education will meet in special session tonight, August 20, promptly at 7 o'clock. It was announced this morning by J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools.

Among other matters to be handled during the meeting will be the employment of a school mechanic to fill the vacancy left by W. E. Allen, who resigned his position here to accept a similar position in Durham County.

## Man Charged With Theft Of Four Hogs

A warrant charging Heber Alligood, 32, of Creswell, with the theft of four live hogs from the Hertford Livestock and Supply Company on the night of August 11 was secured here Monday by Sheriff M. G. Owens.

The Sheriff reported he had investigated the theft, which was reported by Henry Clay Stokes, on August 12, and following his investigation he charged Alligood with the theft of the hogs, valued at \$176.96.

Alligood was released on bond of \$500 for appearance in Recorder's Court on August 24.

## Indians - Colerain In Five Game Series In League Play-off

The Perquimans Indians finished the regular Albemarle League season Monday night, getting credit for two victories over Edenton on forfeits. Edenton threw in the sponge after losing to Colerain last Saturday night and finished in last place. The Indians, playing five hundred ball for the season, winning 20 games and losing 20 games, finished in third place, back of Elizabeth City and Colerain.

Perquimans divided games with the Albies last Friday and Saturday, winning a 6-2 decision in a game played in Hertford and losing 10-9 in Elizabeth City on Saturday night.

Vernon White hurled the Indians to the win on Friday, striking out nine, giving up three hits and walking three batters. John Copley did the pitching for the Albies, allowing four hits, walking three and fanning three. Perquimans tallied two in the first, one in the second and three in the seventh. The Albies scored once in the second and sixth.

Curtis was the winning pitcher in the Saturday contest, while Winslow and Chappell did the mound duties for the Indians. Morris and Christgau led the Indians in an 11-hit attack but the locals were unable to overcome a five run lead the Albies picked up in the first inning.

The league play-off began last Tuesday night with Elizabeth City playing Rocky Hook and Perquimans (Continued on Page Seven)

## Special Polio Drive Scheduled August 27

A special campaign to raise emergency funds for the National March of Dimes Foundation will be conducted throughout Perquimans County during the week of August 23-27, it was announced today by Mrs. John T. Biggers, county fund chairman.

In rural communities of the county the drive will be carried out with the cooperation of the Home Demonstration Clubs, under the direction of Miss Kimsley Perry, Home Agent, with collections being made through the churches and club meetings.

A house to house canvass will be made in Hertford on Friday evening, August 27, by a number of volunteer solicitors. Residents of Hertford who desire to donate to this emergency fund are asked to burn a porch light as a signal for the solicitors.

In announcing the details for the drive, Mrs. Biggers stated this campaign has been called for by the National Foundation because funds budgeted for patient care and research have been depleted and additional donations will be needed for the National Foundation to continue this year work.

There is no set quota for this drive but the public is urged to give generously for this worthy cause and help provide the monies so badly needed by the Polio Foundation.

## State Adopts Split Season For Doves

North Carolina has selected a split season on doves for 1954, it was reported here by Hugh Robertson, Game Protector, who stated the first season begins September 10 and runs through September 29; the second season begins December 10 through December 29. The daily bag limit is eight, possession limit eight. Hunting shall begin at 12 o'clock noon each day and end at sunset.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Several new popular novels have been put in circulation this week in the Perquimans County Library. They are: Ponder Heart by Eudora Welty; Jody by James Street; and Rebellion Road by Helen Topping Miller. New non-fiction titles are: We Chase Cape Cod by Corbett, MacLean; Pampadour by Mitford; How to Make a Poster and Anyone Can Draw, two books which will prove helpful to all persons interested in drawing.

## New Mail Schedules Now In Effect At Local Post Office

A new system of mail schedules affecting practically all of North-eastern North Carolina, became effective at the Hertford Post Office last Monday, August 16. Mail which was formerly dispatched both north and south each morning and afternoon, is now dispatched northbound at 7:30 A. M., and southbound at 2:45 and 4 P. M.

Congressman Herbert Bonner has prevailed upon the Post Office Department to supplement these services by having Hertford included on a star route which runs between Suffolk, Va., and Edenton. The present schedule calls for this bus to arrive in Hertford at about 11:30 A. M., and leave on a return trip to Suffolk via Edenton at about 5 P. M.

W. W. White, Hertford Postmaster, stated Monday the local office, as yet had not received complete information as to time of arrival and dispatch covered by the new schedules.

The inclusion of Hertford Post Office to the Edenton-Suffolk star route will correct to some extent the curtailment of service as called for under the original changes decided upon by the Post Office Department; it will provide an incoming mail from the west and the north during the morning hours, but will not provide patrons of the local office with a dispatch service to the south during the morning.

A large number of patrons of the Hertford Post Office, especially business individuals who are affected the most, have protested against the changes now in effect. These individuals, well pleased with the service as it was prior to August 16, are hopeful a schedule similar to that may be restored.

The Post Office Department notified Congressman Bonner these changes were ordered to permit savings to the Department on the operation of Post Office busses and star routes.

## TU IS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Congress moving toward adjournment, possibly this week, voted Tuesday to outlaw the Communist Party, making it a criminal offense to hold membership in the party. Reports indicate the President may veto the bill if it retains sections calling for fines or imprisonment of Communists. One report said the Administration does not object to a measure outlawing the party, stripping it of legal rights but frowns on any criminal liability for party membership.

Congress completed action on the controversial farm bill early this week, giving President Eisenhower one of the greatest legislative triumphs since he became President. This bill, along with the new tax law, which was signed earlier, are reported as being the most important programs secured by the Administration during the present session of Congress.

Motor Vehicles Commissioner Ed Schedit reported Wednesday, following a conference with high officials, that the State Highway Patrol will proceed as usual in arresting individuals for violations of the Motor Vehicle laws, especially drunken drivers. A recent ruling of the Supreme Court has caused confusion among law enforcement officers as to procedure to be followed in making arrests, and it is believed the matter will not be cleared until the next General Assembly.

Coffee prices, which have climbed steadily for months, dropped 10 cents a pound on the wholesale market last Tuesday. Reports predict the drop in wholesale prices will be reflected at the retail level within a short time. However, the announcement states the outlook on coffee prices at present is uncertain.

## Vernon White Signs Contract With Giants

Vernon White of Hertford, former pitching star for Perquimans High School and presently starring on the Indian team in the Albemarle League, has signed a professional baseball contract with the New York Giants, it was reported late last week.

White, a left-hander, made a fine record while attending the local high school and is currently one of the leading pitchers in the Albemarle circuit. He attended N. C. State College during the past year.

He will report to the Giants farm training camp in Florida next spring and is expected to be assigned to the Kitty League, a Class D organization.