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Recorder Finds Probable Cause After Hearing Evidence In Murder Of Worker

Defendant Is Placed In Jail To Wait Trial At April Court

Probable cause, on a charge of murder, was returned in Perquimans Recorder's Court last Tuesday against a transient Negro worker, Samuel McCulley, of Memphis, Tenn., who was charged in a warrant drawn by Sheriff M. G. Owens of stabbing to death a fellow worker, Robert McKissick of Cleveland, Ohio. McCulley was returned to jail, following the hearing, to await trial at the April term of Superior Court.

Oscar Haynes, Negro, was held as a material witness in the case, and Judge Chas. E. Johnson ordered Haynes confined to jail pending an investigation by Solicitor Walter Cahoon.

Sheriff Melvin Owens said that McCulley plunged a four-inch knife blade into McKissick's chest just above the heart and the Negro died instantly.

The slaying occurred about midnight Friday and resulted, Sheriff Owens said, during an argument over Bertha Lee Chambless, Negro of Clearwater, Fla., who lived with the two men on a farm one mile East of Hertford on the Harvey Point road.

Haynes testified during the preliminary hearing that he also lived in the house with McKessick and McCulley and that on the night of the murder he had come to Hertford, later returning to the house prior to the trouble between the other two men. He said he had gone to bed and got up again when he heard trouble between McKessick and McCulley. He testified he saw the two fighting and later saw McCulley with a knife in his hand. He testified that he told McCulley he was sorry McCulley had done what he did and that McCulley replied he was sorry, too, but that he had to do it.

The Negroes, transient workers, had been living in this section about 10 days.

Local 4-H Clubbers Win State Honors

Lois Violet Winslow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Winslow, of Belvidere has been declared State Winner in the 4-H Better Grooming Project. Her record has been sent to Chicago for National Competition, where two winners will be chosen.

Lois Violet is the first girl in Perquimans County ever to be declared a State winner.

Bobby Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, of Belvidere, has been declared State Health Improvement Winner. As a result he will have an expense paid trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago the latter part of November. Bobby was declared State Health King in 1951. Since that time he has continuously worked on his Health Improvement project.

Legion Units Hear District Officer At Joint Meeting

Commander John A. Holmes of the First District, was guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion and its Auxiliary held Thursday night of last week at the Hertford Grammar School cafeteria.

Mr. Holmes spoke on the origin and growth of the American Legion, pointing out the assistance the organization had given to veterans, their families and children. He stressed the need for veterans to work together in securing world peace and making America a stronger nation.

Holmes was introduced by Commander C. C. Banks of the local Post, along with other guests from Edenton, J. L. Chestnutt and Robert L. Pratt.

Auxiliary President Mrs. Helen Skinner introduced Mrs. Chestnutt, District Committeewoman who spoke briefly on the work of the auxiliary. Mrs. James Cozzens of Edenton was also recognized. Mrs. Skinner gave a report on the district meeting conducted at Jackson and also announced the local Legion Auxiliary has a 100 per cent membership.

The meeting closed with a short talk by Dr. B. B. McGuire, District Health Officer, on the program being carried out against tuberculosis.

Street Department Preparing Roadways For Resurfacing

Hertford Street Department employees are now preparing the roadways of a number of streets in Hertford which are to be resurfaced by the State Highway Commission in the near future, it was reported this week.

Streets which are to get a new surface are Church Street from the Perquimans River to the south edge of the town limits, Grubb Street from Church to Charles Street, Edenton Road Street from Grubb to Dobb Street and Market Street from Church to the railroad.

It has been reported work orders for these projects have been approved and State crews will arrive here soon to complete the jobs. The project for Market Street will be a town improvement while the resurfacing of the other three streets will be done by the State inasmuch as these thoroughfares are part of the State farm to market system.

While the projects have not been announced as approved as yet, it is also reported the State crews will resurface the highway leading from Hertford toward Center Hill and Highway 37 from Hertford to Belvidere at about the same time they are resurfacing the streets in Hertford.

Central PTA Meets Next Monday Night

The PTA of the Perquimans County Central Grammar School will meet in the school cafeteria Monday night, November 15 at 7:30 P. M. Mrs. Russell Baker of the Whiteston community will be in charge of the program. The topic for the month is "Ways of Fate." After the meeting, there will be open house and everyone is invited to attend.

TO ATTEND CHURCH

The members of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary will attend the Methodist Church services Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, November 14. All members are urged to attend.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The U. S. Senate convened last Monday for the purpose of considering charges against Senator McCarthy. Reports from Washington indicate the Wisconsin Senator will be censured by the body, but not before long arguments, mainly by Senators friendly to McCarthy. Washington also reports that while the Senate convened specifically for the McCarthy matter it may consider a number of other matters. However, the Senate cannot act on any problem during this session which requires action by the House since the House is not in session.

President Eisenhower filled two import offices this week, appointing John Marshall Harlan of New York to the Supreme Court bench and Joseph Campbell as Comptroller General. Harlan succeeds to the post left vacant by the death of Justice Robert H. Jackson, while Campbell fills the vacancy caused by the retirement of Lindsay Warren. Both appointments must be approved by the Senate.

Russian Mig planes in an attack upon a U. S. B-29, flying in Japanese territory last Sunday, damaged the U. S. plane forcing it to crash resulting in the death of one U. S. airman. Ten of the crew of the B-29 were rescued after bailing out of the plane. Protests have been lodged with Russia concerning the incident, and of course, Russia denied blame for the situation. Washington opinion is the incident has not caused further deterioration of U. S.-Russian relations.

In a simple ceremony in Raleigh Tuesday afternoon Luther Hodges became Governor of North Carolina. Elected Lieutenant Governor in 1952 Mr. Hodges succeeded to the Governorship at the death of Governor William B. Umstead. The new Governor is a businessman, having sought political office for the first time when he ran in 1952. Nearly 500 persons, including many State officials, gathered in the Hall of the House in Raleigh to witness the new Governor taking his oath of office.

PCHS Students Have Successful Mag Drive

Seniors of Perquimans High School recently completed their annual sale of magazine subscriptions, and reported a very successful drive. Sales totaled $1,349 with Ray Lane and Carolyn Faye Elure being declared top salesmen for the drive. Ray was winner of first prize awarded for boys while Miss Elure was second. A number of students won free tickets to see ice show held in Raleigh.

Achievement Day Observed By County HD Club Members

Perfect Attendance Certificates Presented To Thirty

On November 4th, the Home Demonstration Clubs of Perquimans County held their annual Fall Achievement Day, with Mrs. E. J. Proctor, president, presiding. The devotional was given by 4-H Club members. They were Wallace Baker, Clarence Chappell, Jr., Annie Loue Lane, Nancy Lane, Kay and Julian Howell. Burgess Club gave the county report by the use of posters.

The program was a pageant given by the clubs illustrated Patriotic, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Romantic, Spiritual, jazz, folk and Church music. The narrative was written by Mrs. Fred Matthews, County Music Leader. Miss Clara Mason, Assistant Home Agent, was narrator for the occasion.

Perfect attendance certificates were awarded to the following: Beech Springs—Mrs. J. P. Chesson, Sr., Mrs. W. H. Lamb; Ballahack—Mrs. Singleton Lane, Mrs. Freeland Elliott; Belvidere—Mrs. Jerome Hurdle; Helen Gaither—Mrs. Colon Jackson, Mrs. Ed Harrell; Hopewell—Mrs. M. T. Griffin; Burgess—Mrs. Frank Ward, Mrs. J. R. Proctor, Mrs. Sidney Layden, Mrs. Walton Lane. Mrs. J. B. Basnight; Whiteston—Mrs. Linwood Winslow; Winfall — Mrs. Raymond Stanton, Mrs. Bill Bagley, Mrs. Joe Hollowell; Chapanoke—Mrs. Wallace Bright, Mrs. L. B. Elliott, Mrs. Emmett Stallings; Durants Neck—Mrs. Robert Sutton, Mrs. Robert Spivey; Snow Hill-White Hat—Mrs. Essie Benton, Mrs. Elmer Wood, Sr., Mrs. John Elmer Wood, Jr., Mrs. Wally Knight, Mrs. Jack Benton; Bethel—Mrs. E. T. Goodwin, Mrs. J. C. Hobbs, Miss Blanche Goodwin.

Reading recognition was given to Mrs. M. T. Griffin, Mrs. J. B. Basnight and Mrs. W. H. Lamb.

Hostess clubs for a tea following the meeting were: Belvidere, Whiteston, Durants Neck, Chapanoke, Winfall.

Superior Court Concluded Friday

The November term of Perquimans Superior Court, with Judge Q. K. Nimocks, presiding, was concluded about 11 o'clock last Friday morning with all but two criminal cases being disposed of at the term.

The cases in which Roosevelt Sheard and Horace Reid, Negroes, are charged with rape, were continued until the April 1955 term of the court.

Two cases remaining on the docket were disposed of Friday morning. Beezer Davenport, who was found guilty on a charge of reckless driving, noted an appeal to the Supreme Court after he had been sentenced to the roads for four months, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of court costs and the sum of $400 to William Sawyer for damages done a truck owned by Sawyer.

Wayland Cooper, Negro, charged with murder, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of involuntary manslaughter. He was sentenced to prison for five years but the sentence was to be suspended on the following conditions: that the defendant be of good behavior for five years and placed on probation for five years, and that he pay the costs of court and the sum of $10 per year for the use of Eula Randolph.

Mrs. Griffin Named District Chairman

Mrs. M. T. Griffin, Route 2, Edenton, is serving as Chairman of the 25th District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. She was a delegate to the National Home Demonstration Council in Washington, D. C., on October 31st through November 4th. A special one day meeting on civil defense was planned for Friday, November 5th. The delegates returned to Raleigh on November 6th by way of Charlottesville, Va. At this meeting the leaders of the Home Demonstration Clubs all over the country discussed plans and goals for the coming year.

Kimsey Perry New Polio Fund Chairman

Announcement was made here Tuesday that Miss Kimsey Perry, Perquimans Home Demonstration Agent, has accepted appointment as chairman of the County March of Dimes Fund Committee, succeeding Mrs. John Biggers who resigned the post last week.

Miss Perry will assume the chairmanship immediately, it was reported, and will begin at once plans for the annual March of Dimes campaign to be conducted in January.

County Given $1300 Goal In Annual TB Association Drive

Jarvis Ward To Serve As Chairman Of Local Committee

A $9,600 goal has been set for this year for the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden-Chowan Tuberculosis Association.

Individual county quotas and chairmen were announced today by Dr. Allan Bonner, president, as follows: Pasquotank, $5,500, Mrs. Charlotte Fearing; Perquimans, $1,300, W. Jarvis Ward; Camden, $800, Mrs. Vincent Leary; and Chowan, $2,000, Mrs. J. A. Moore.

The association plans to raise the funds through sales of Christmas Seals to be mailed later this month. Money raised by the association is used for case finding rehabilitation, research and education.

Dr. Bonner said 2,992 chest X-rays were made under the program in the district last year.

The association president reviewed advances made in the fight against tuberculosis during the past few years. He said that until 1954 victims of tuberculosis had very little chance of recovery.

"Since then, new drugs have opened a way of combatting the disease," he added.

Dr. Bonner pointed to the contribution associations have made in finding cases early.

"The earlier we can find cases, the earlier they can be cured and released from sanitoriums," he declared.

Umstead Funeral Conducted Tuesday

Governor William B. Umstead died last Sunday morning in a Durham hospital, a victim of pneumonia which overtaxed a weakened heart. He died at the age of 59 and at the height of a career of public service during which he served as Representative, Congressman and U. S. Senator.

Final rites for the Governor were conducted Tuesday morning at the Trinity Methodist Church in Durham.

Mr. Umstead was elected Governor in 1952 and assumed the duties of the office in January of 1953. He suffered a heart attack shortly thereafter and the heavy obligations of his office, which he carried out despite failing health, provided no opportunity for recuperation.

Mr. Umstead was the third Governor to die in office, since the State began electing Governors by popular vote back in the early 1800's. John W. Ellis died in 1861 and the second was Daniel Fowle who died in 1891.

Luther Hodges of Leaksville, who was elected Lt. Governer in 1952, assumed the duties as Governor, succeeding Mr. Umstead by taking the oath of office late Tuesday afternoon.

School Groups Plan For Education Week

American Education Week is observed each year early in November. This week, November 8-14 has been set aside for its observance this year. The schools of Perquimans County, as has been their custom, are planning various activities for the week.

The Perquimans County Central Grammar School will observe American Education Week by having Open House following the PTA meeting, next Monday night, November 15.

The Hertford Grammar School will observe it, following their PTA Thursday night, November 11, with Open House.

The high school is having homeroom programs each day, assembly on Friday with a special program and open house on Wednesday afternoon, November 10.

Awarded Bonds As Contest Winners

The Keel Sisters, Mable, Jean and Jane, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Keel, of Hertford, participated in the fourth annual talent show sponsored by the Scotland Neck Lions Club, on November 4th.

There were three winners out of 16 contestants. The Keel Sisters winning second place with their song and dance act, and were awarded a $50 savings bond and a gold cup. They were accompanied at the piano by Miss Peggy Harrell.

MEETING CHANGED

The meeting of the Judson Memorial Sunday School Class, planned for Tuesday, November 9, has been changed until Thursday, November 18, at the home of Mrs. Clinton Eley. All members are urged to attend.

Perquimans Indians To Play Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets Here Friday Night

Town Board Holds Routine Meeting

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford met Monday night in regular meeting at the Municipal Building. After hearing a request for improvement of a drainage ditch which runs from near King Street to the Perquimans River, the Board decided to further investigate the matter before reaching a decision.

Mayor Darden reported to the Board extensions to sewer and water lines were being made to serve the new Highlawn development.

No action was taken following a discussion concerning an addition of more parking space in front of the Post Office. It appeared the Board believed the adding of the space was not in the public interest.

Heavy Docket In Recorder's Court At Session Tuesday

Increased activity on the part of the State Highway Patrol, in a drive to curtail highway accidents, and a week's recess resulted in a heavy docket in Perquimans Recorder's Court last Tuesday. A total of 26 defendants were cited to court on charges of speeding.

Entering pleas of guilty to speeding charges and paying the costs of court were: Bennie Roig, Edgar Riggins, R. J. Helms, Jack Lennox, D. F. Kowalezk. Chauncy Eskola, James Honberger, Stephen Elsasser, S. J. Garruto, Ruth Emery, Edward Laird, Robert Smith, Tom J. White, A. E. Orino, Howard Deihl, Willie Miller Kenneth Campbell, Robert Cappock, Clinton Riddick, Frank Sesti, Robert Burton, Dennis Daniels and Beverly Alligood.

Fines of $10 and costs were assessed against H. S. Klein, Thomas Gallagher and George Armstrong, who entered pleas of guilty to speeding.

Hugh Cooper, Columbus White and Levy Revells, Negroes, paid fines of $2 and costs after submitting to charges of being drunk.

John James, Negro, was taxed with the court costs on a charge of driving on the left side of a highway. He entered a plea of guilty.

Miss Kate M. Blanchard submitted to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign and paid the costs of court.

Walter Knight was fined $25 and costs of court after submitting to a charge of reckless driving.

Roosevelt Davis, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court after pleading guilty to charges of failing to dim ligths on his vehicle.

Henry Downing, Negro, charged with being drunk and resisting an officer was ordered to pay a fine of $50 and costs of court. He entered a plea of guilty.

George Haggen, charged with passing a vehicle on an intersection, submitted and paid the court costs.

John Chappell was found guilty on assault and destruction of personal property. He was ordered to pay a fine of $25 and costs and repais to a car owned by G. A. Ward.

Bank To Pay Out Christmas Checks

Around 400 checks, amounting to approximately $25,000 will be placed in the mails next week by the Hertford Banking Company; the checks going to individuals who joined the bank's Christmas Savings Club last year, it was announced today by R. M. Riddick, president of the bank.

The total savings through this plan were slightly less than last year, according to Mr. Riddick.

New savings clubs for 1955 will be opened at the local bank immediately after this year's checks have been placed in the mails. The new club will run for a period of 50 weeks.

Building & Loan Offers New Stock

The Hertford Building and Loan Association is now selling stock shares in its 69th series of savings stock, it was reported today by Max Campbell, Secretary of the Association.

Individuals may purchase as many shares of this saving stock as desired at the rate of 25 cents per share per week for a period of 350 weeks, at which time the stock matures at 100 dollars per share value. Interest paid on these savings shares is at a rate in excess of four per cent.

Full details concerning the purchase of savings shares in the Building and Loan may be secured from the secretary at the Building and Loan office.

Contest Is Last Home Game Of Season For Local Gridders

Coach Ike Perry's Perquimans football team will close out its home games of the season when the Indians play a strong Elizabeth City team on Memorial Field in Hertford Friday night. Game time is eight o'clock.

The Yellow Jackets will be out to avenge the defeat they suffered at the hands of the Indians last season, but the game promises to be one which will satisfy the fans. The Indians are expected to be in good shape for the contest and will have added strength with the services of Eddie Overton, who has been on the injured list, and Wayne White. White played for the first time last week, being out of the line up all season because of injuries.

Perquimans chalked up its third victory of the season last Friday night, defeating Spring Hope at Nashville by a score of 7 to 6. The game originally was scheduled to be played at Spring Hope, but was changed to Nashville because of the condition of the playing field.

All of the scoring was done in the first half with Spring Hope tallying in the first quarter after its fullback had raced 55 yards on an off-tackle play. The extra point was blocked by Arnold Chappell which proved to be the deciding factor of the game.

Perquimans traveled 50 yards in two plays just before the half, for the winning touchdown. A Paul Matthews to D. A. Carver pass play, starting at midfield, carried to the Spring Hope 10 and on the next play Paul Matthews passed to Tommy Matthews for the touchdown. Billy Baker scored the extra point on an option play for the game-deciding marker.

The only other threat by either team was in the fourth period when Perquimans recovered a fumble on the Spring Hope 10 but Spring Hope intercepted an Indian pass to stop the drive.

Paul and Tommy Matthews led the Indian offense play, while Williams, Overton and Arnold Chappell were the standouts on defense.

Highway Report For October Given By Road Commissioner

J. Emmett Winslow, Commissioner of the First Highway Division, today said that 22.05 miles of road improvements had been completed by the State Highway Commission in his division during the month of October.

In Martin, State highway forces put down a bituminous surface treatment and graded two 16 to 18-foot wide secondary roads at the following locations: From US 64, 1.2 miles east of Robersonville to intersection of paved county road 1.0 mile southeast of Robersonville for a distance of 1.1 miles; and from intersection of paved county road 0.2 mile east of NC 171 and 0.5 mile south of Jamesville, south to intersection of unpaved county road for 3.3 miles.

A sand asphalt wearing surface was laid on an 18-foot wide secondary road in Pasquotank County from Weeksville east and south 5.6 miles to intersection of unpaved county road. The work was done by State highway forces.

In Perquimans, State highway forces placed a sand asphalt base and graded an 18-foot wide secondary road from intersection of paved county road 1.3 miles southwest of Chapanoke, west to intersection of unpaved county road for 2.1 miles. Sand asphalt base was placed on another 18-foot wide secondary road in Perquimans from NC 37 in Belvidere north to the Gates County line near Joppa for a distance of 9.95 miles. State highway forces did the work.

Rotary Club Meets Next Monday Night

The regular meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club next week will be held at the Hotel Hertford on Monday night instead of Tuesday night, it was announced by Henry C. Sullivan, president of the club. The Rotarians voted to change the date of the meeting in order not to conflict with the annual banquet of the Masonic Lodge, which will be held Tuesday night at Winfall.

Chowan High School To Hold Talent Show

The PTA of Chowan High School will sponsor a talent show in the high school auditorium, near Tyner, on Friday night, November 19, beginning at 8 o'clock. A delightful program of varied talent has been planned according to the committee in charge, and the public is invited to attend.