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## Two Convicts Fail In Escape Attempt Here Last Monday

### Eleven Cases Before Recorder's Judge On Tuesday

Two youthful prisoners of the Gatesville Prison Camp were given additional terms of six months by Judge Chas. E. Johnson in Perquimans Recorder's Court last Tuesday morning after the prisoners had attempted an escape from their work gang as it passed through Hertford. The youths entered pleas of guilty to charges of attempting to escape from the prison.

Ozell Nance and Raymond Denny, while being transported back to the camp, jumped from the truck when it stopped for a red light at the corner of Church and Grubb Streets. Denny was recaptured almost immediately on the Court House Green. Nance evaded immediate apprehension and stole a car owned by Mrs. J. V. Grunwald; driving the car through several counties and was captured by State Patrolmen at the Midway Service Station in Bertie County. Nance waived hearing on charges of larceny and will be tried at the April term of Superior Court for the theft of the car.

A unique judgment was rendered

in the case in which James Monks was charged with reckless driving. The youth entered a plea of guilty to the charge and he was ordered to pay a fine of \$50 and costs, the fine to be suspended upon condition the defendant voluntarily surrendered his driving license for a period of two weeks.

Carroll W. Ward also entered a plea of guilty to charges of reckless driving and driving without a license. He was given a 30 day jail sentence, to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$40 and costs of court.

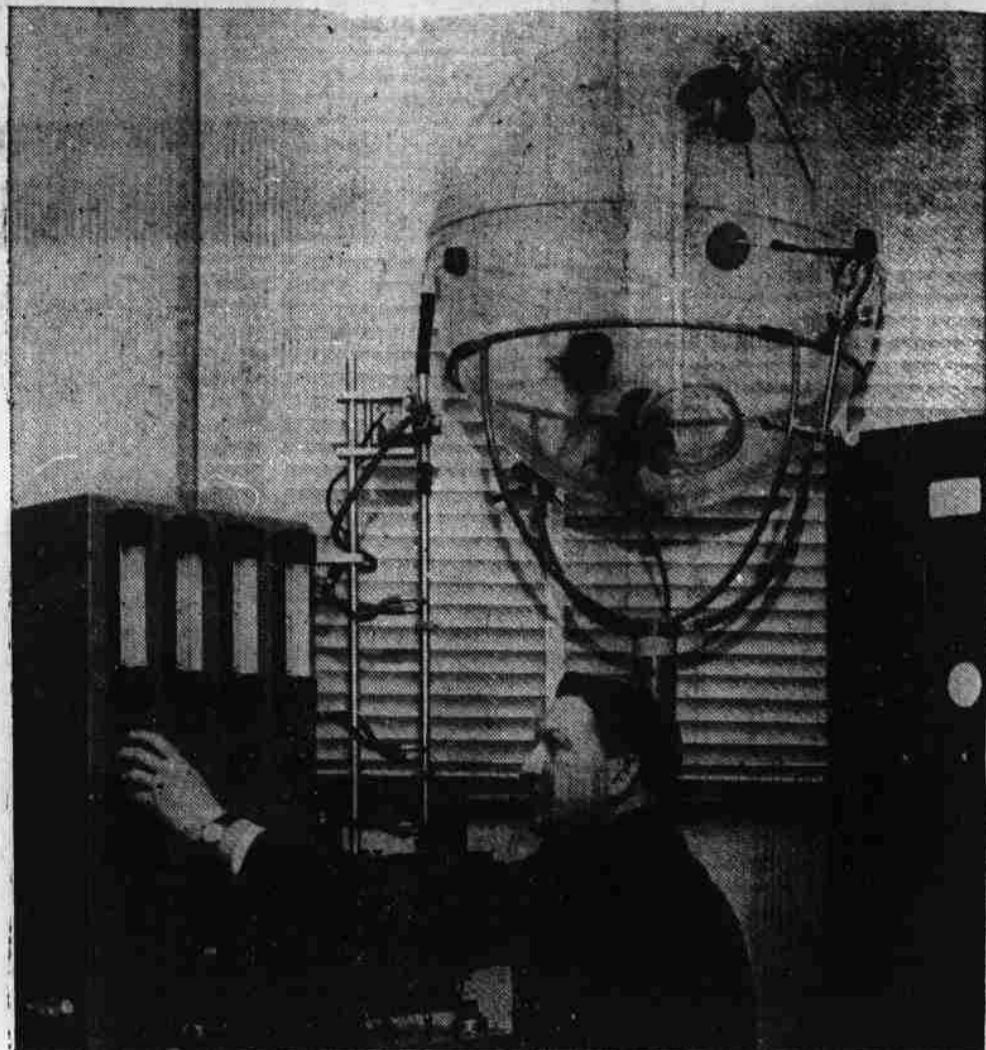
James Tucker, Negro, was given a 60 day jail sentence after pleading guilty to charges of larceny. The sentence was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs.

William Billups, Negro, was fined \$15 and costs after having entered a plea of guilty to larceny.

Tyler Vick, Negro, was found guilty of operating a truck without proper equipment. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs.

A fine of \$2 and costs were taxed against Larry Norman, Negro, who submitted to charges of being drunk.

Submitting to charges of speeding, Michael Imperato paid the costs of court, and Robert Wood and Lois Mayer paid fines of \$5 and costs of court.



**GERM COUNTER**—which may give instant warning of enemy biological warfare attack—is adjusted by its inventor, Nelson E. Alexander, Army Chemical Corps electrical engineer, at Camp Detrick, Md. The device, known as an aeroscope, measures and counts airborne dust and moisture particles. Public health agencies may use it to trace the source of such pollutions as smog.

## Seventy Two Make Honor Grades At Perquimans High

A total of 72 students at Perquimans High School won scholastic honors during the fourth grading period, and were listed on the school honor roll, it was announced by E. C. Woodard, principal.

The period honor roll, given by classes, follows:

Eighth Grade: Vickie Johnson, Jo Davis Towe, Letitia McGoogan, Ethel Sutton, Shirley Tarkenton, Dottie Cartwright, John Matthews, Beverly Tucker, Ray Winslow, Wynda Lynn Chappell, Carolyn Lewis.

Ninth Grade: Jake Myers, Richard Wheeler, Jean Edwards, Nancy Lane, Beth Skinner, Myra Skinner, Johnny Stoner, James Chappell, Patsy Elliott, Alma Jane Godfrey, Rachael Spivey, Jean Hunter, Kay Matthews, Tommy Matthews, Dan Winslow.

Tenth Grade: Carolyn Kay Howell, Jo Anne Matthews, Doris Jean Morgan, Sandra Stallings, Don Baker, Marcia Divers, Edgar Fields, Charles Johnson, Philip Phillips, Shelby Overton, Charles Whedbee, Sylvia Copeland, Evangeline Saunders, Lillian Hoffer.

Eleventh Grade: Wallace Baker, William Byrum, Marjorie Byrum, Peggy Chappell, Annie Lou Lane, Bobby Matthews, Jean Stallings, Sarah Sutton, Ann White, Lois Violet Winslow, Nancy Bagley, Willie Mae Dail, Jane Stallings, Jo Pat Stokes, Judy Winslow, LaClaire Winslow.

Twelfth Grade: Patricia Biggers, Jo Butt, Barbara Edwards, Mary Frances Eure, John Hill, Joseph Layden, Ann Thatch, Joanna Williford, Louise White, Ray Lane, Charles Smith, Billie Carole Divers, Peggy Harrell, Julia Ann Stokes, Emilie White, Celia White Griffin.

## Observation Tower Nearing Completion

Construction of a new post for the Perquimans County Ground Observation Corps has been started, according to a report made this week. The new observation tower is located on the county lot, adjacent to the Public Health Center, and is constructed of structural steel. The tower will be 30 feet high, overall, with a room 8x8 with glass windows for use by observers. Louis Tarkenton is supervising the construction, which is expected to be completed about April 1st.

With the establishment of this new permanent observation post, in a convenient location, officials of the local Observation Corps are hopeful more individuals will volunteer for duty at the post. More observers are needed to man this post and individuals willing to serve are asked to call Mrs. Marion Swindell, leader of the unit.

## Winfall Election Date Is May 3rd

Preparations are now being made for electing officials for the Town of Winfall, in an election to be held on May 3, 1955, it was reported early this week by Nathan Matthews, Mayor of the town.

Details concerning the election were discussed at a meeting of the Winfall Board held Monday of last week, at which time J. F. Hollowell, Sr., was appointed by the Board to the office as clerk, filling a vacancy caused by the resignation of D. L. Barber, Jr.

Five residents of Winfall have already indicated they will be candidates for offices at the election in May. Nathan Matthews has announced his candidacy for the office of Mayor, while Elijah White, D. R. Trueblood and D. L. Barber, Sr., are candidates for offices of Town Commissioners. J. F. Hollowell, Sr., will be a candidate for the office of Town Clerk.

It has been announced that April 14th is the final date for individuals to file their names with the clerk of the Winfall Board as candidates for the offices up for election.

## District TB Seal Quota Surpassed

The annual Christmas seal sale campaign for the local four-county health district has gone over the top, Mrs. Gladys Cropsey, executive secretary, told the executive meeting of Pasquotank-Camden-Perquimans-Chowan Tuberculosis Association held here last week.

A total of \$10,218.25 has been turned in so far in the four counties which had a goal of \$9,600.

Dr. Allan Bonner of Hertford, president of the association, presided over the meeting and Dennis Morgan of Elizabeth City, treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,129.29 in the District Tuberculosis Association and \$411.01 in the X-ray fund.

It was announced that a total of 1,763 chest X-rays had been made since last April with 83 of them being made in the Chowan Hospital. The report showed that 92 of the X-rays were from school and college, 61 from the cancer clinic, 114 from the Negro prenatal clinic, nine midwives and three from the orthopedic clinic. A total of \$2,155.98 has been spent on chest X-rays by the association since April.

## Junior Class Host To Seniors At Prom Last Friday Night

In the midst of a gaily decorated gym, the Junior Class of Perquimans County High School, entertained the Senior Class at a prom on Friday, March 11, under the direction of Mrs. Joann Stallings assisted by Clarkson White, Junior sponsors. An oriental garden scene was carried out in the decoration scheme with a rock wall around the sides of the gym with flowers in the background. Hanging from overhead were Japanese lanterns of assorted colors.

There was a beautifully decorated arch inside the doorway. Here guests were greeted by the coolies, Charlie Johnson and Edgar Fields, who checked hats and coats. The geisha girls, arrayed in Japanese kimonos and carrying fans and Japanese umbrellas, passed out toilet hats to the boys and oriental fans to the girls. Geisha girls were Joanne Matthews, Mabel Keel, Ann Sawyer and Shelby Jean Overton.

Cafe-type tables were arranged around the dance floor and were adorned with brightly colored tablecloths and a centerpiece consisting of miniature umbrellas and fans.

Lending atmosphere to the dance was a flower-covered bridge with a small pond underneath and an old-fashioned wishing well covered with ivy and red roses.

An hour intermission was enjoyed by all when they were served buffet style from a table attractively arranged with silver candelabras and a punch bowl. The varied menu consisted of punch, breaded ham biscuits, chicken salad sandwiches, ham sandwiches, olive and cheese open face sandwiches, salted nuts, potato chips, deviled eggs, and cup cakes.

Immediately after intermission, Sammy Jennings, master of ceremonies, announced the figure composed of the officers of the Junior and Senior classes.

Officers with their escorts were: Wallace Baker, president of the Junior Class, with Lois Byrum; Melville Williams, vice-president, with Jo Pat Stokes, secretary; Seth Morgan, treasurer, with Rachel Spivey; Charles Smith, president of the senior class, with Evelyn Ann Stanton; Mary Frances Eure, vice president, with Joe Butt; Carolyn Faye Eure, secretary, with Billy Elliott; Emily White, treasurer, with Ray Lane.

At 11:30 the balloon bag was opened and 100 balloons floated across the dance floor.

Everyone enjoyed dancing to the music furnished by the 14-piece orchestra from Ahoskie.

Special guests included the high school faculty, Board of Education and the high school committee.

## Youth Revival At Baptist Church April 1 Through 3

A Youth Revival will be conducted at the Hertford Baptist Church beginning Friday night, April 1, and continuing through Sunday evening, April 3, it was announced here this week.

Four services, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, and Sunday morning will be conducted by youths of the community, with a special minister leading the revival.

## Newby Gives Notice Of Retirement Plan To Hertford Board

### Central PTA Meets Next Monday Night

The PTA of the Perquimans Central Grammar School will meet in the cafeteria of the school next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. The Bagley Swamp Community, with Mrs. Percy Trueblood as chairman, will present the program.

Guest speaker for the program will be the Rev. D. B. Cruise, pastor of Peoples Methodist Church, who will also show films of a trip he recently made through the Holy Land.

Patrons and friends of the school are invited to attend.

## County Bond Sales Reported For Feb.

R. M. Riddick, U. S. Savings Bonds Chairman for Perquimans County today announced the purchase of Series E and H Bonds totaling \$19,762.50 during the month of February. This brings the Savings Bonds sales total for the January and February period to \$34,631.25 which represents 23% of the county's 1955 quota.

A monthly sales report compiled in the Greensboro Savings Bonds office of Walter P. Johnson and released by State Chairman of U. S. Savings Bonds Advisory Committee, W. H. Andrews, Jr., showed that sales during January and February for the entire state amounted to \$10,637,417.50 which is an 18% achievement toward the 1955 state quota and a 21% increase over 1954.

This month's report based on Federal Reserve figures reveals a continued drop in redemptions which was 5% less during the first two months of this year than for the corresponding months of a year ago. The net increase of sales over redemption reflected the biggest net gain for any two months period since 1948.

## Hertford Firemen To Receive Awards For Past Service

### Senior Class Play Here March 24th

Twenty-one members of the Hertford Fire Department are to be awarded with past service emblems, designating five, ten and twenty year membership in the organization, it was announced last Monday night during the meeting of the Town Board.

Henry C. Sullivan, advising the Board of the plan to honor the local fire fighters, pointed out the State Firemen's Association has awards to be made to 25 year men, but recognition for lesser service is left to local departments.

Plans are now being made for the presentation of the awards on Thursday night of next week, at which time the wives of the firemen and other special guests will be invited to attend a special meeting in honor of the local firemen.

Twenty-year pins will be awarded to W. F. Ainsley, B. C. Berry, Bill Boyce, Mayor V. N. Darden, Bill Fowler, Jim Newby, Herbert N. Nixon, C. T. Skinner, Sr., Henry C. Sullivan, C. F. Sumner, W. B. Tucker and Silas M. Whedbee. Ten-year emblems will be awarded Fenton Britt, Clinton Eley, Edgar Fields, Pete Howell, Tommy Miller, Francis Nixon and 5-year emblems will be awarded Noah Gregory, C. T. Skinner, Jr., and Jim Bob White.

The awards will not denote the exact number of years of service with the local fire department, but will designate a minimum of service by the recipient.

It was also announced that John Beers and Ralph Sasser have been elected to membership as volunteer firemen of the Hertford Department.

The Rev. Ralph Knight will preach at the Chappell Hill Baptist Church at 8 o'clock Sunday afternoon, March 20. The public is invited to attend the services.

## County Red Cross Chairman Calls For Solicitor Reports

Perquimans County's annual Red Cross Roll Call has reached the half-way mark toward the goal of \$1,076 it was reported Wednesday by Mrs. Jack Burbage, chairman of the drive, who stated reports made by team captains indicate between \$500 and \$600 has been collected in the membership campaign.

Progress reports have been made by Bobby Elliott, chairman for the business district, and Mrs. Glenn Matthews, chairman for the Hertford residential section, and Mrs. M. B. Taylor, co-chairman for the colored division.

Mrs. Burbage issued a call to all Red Cross solicitors urging them to complete the canvass of their territories, if at all possible, by Saturday of next week in order that the county drive can be brought to a successful close. Solicitors are also requested to make contribution reports to their team captains as rapidly as possible so these reports might be forwarded to area headquarters of the Red Cross.

The National Red Cross is attempting to keep a continuous chart of the progress of the 1955 drive, and failure on the part of any solicitor to make progress reports to team captains handicaps the national headquarters in tabulating the advancement of the drive.

It was the desire of the Perquimans chapter for the 1955 drive to be brought to a close within two weeks of the starting date, but since this date has passed by, the local officials are urging the volunteer workers to complete the job by Saturday, March 26.

## Telephone Company Gets Rate Increase

The State Utilities Commission handed down a ruling Tuesday granting the Norfolk & Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Co., of Elizabeth City permission to raise its service rates by \$101,000 annually. The company had sought rate increases amounting to \$159,165.

The higher rates will be effective on bills rendered by the company beginning April 1. The phone company said the increase was necessary to meet higher costs of operation and to attract capital.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Byrum of Norfolk, Va., announce the birth of a daughter, born March 15th.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A proposal to cut individual income taxes this year was voted down by the Senate Tuesday by a vote of 50-44. The proposal was attached to a bill extended excise and corporation taxes and had been passed by the House. The bill, minus the amendment concerning income taxes, now goes to a conference between the House and Senate for further consideration. Reports from Washington indicate a hot debate is expected but see slight chance for the tax cut proposal becoming law.

The Air Force announced Tuesday the development of its newest missile weapon, the Falcon, to be used as an interceptor against enemy bombers, and claims the weapon is the best self-operating unit yet made. The claim states the Falcon is an "air-to-air" missile which will intercept enemy bombers before the bombers can reach their targets.

Telephone service throughout nine Southern states was interrupted somewhat this week by a strike of operators and other workers but emergency crews attempted to keep service as near normal as possible under strike conditions. The strike was called over negotiations for a new contract between the union and the company.

A U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, sitting at Richmond, Va., ruled this week segregation in public parks and playgrounds is unconstitutional. The ruling reversed a decision previously handed down by a Federal Court in Baltimore, Maryland, following a hearing concerning parks and playgrounds in that state.

## Training School PTA Holds Annual Supper

The PTA of the Perquimans Training School held its annual covered dish supper at the school last Monday night, and netted approximately \$50 from the event. Parents from all parts of the county participated in the meeting and all enjoyed the program consisting of music and numbers given by each community. The PTA will observe a Founder's Day program at its April meeting.