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Superior Court To Convene For Mixed Term Next Monday

The April term of Perquimans Superior Court will convene here next Monday, with Judge Joseph Parker presiding, for a one-week mixed term. Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt stated 13 cases are docketed on the criminal calendar while eight civil cases are listed for trial.

Eight defendants are involved in the 12 criminal cases including Fred Bryant, charged with driving without a license and driving drunk; Alfred Bunch, charged with driving drunk; Johnnie W. Chappell faces charges of reckless driving and manslaughter; Josephus Shambry is charged with breaking and entering where a person was asleep; Billie Umphlett, Craig Foster and Eddie Sutton are charged in six counts with breaking and entering and larceny, and Phillip Harrell is charged with disturbing the peace.

The civil calendar is made up of the following cases: Re: Perquimans Drainage District No. 4, Lockwood Lassiter vs. B. D. Pierce; Curlee Felton vs. J. H. Lilly; J. Hugh White vs. Otis J. White; Baker Oil Co. vs. Malan Construction Co.; Charles Lightfoot vs. Ernest E. Morgan; Portsmouth Paving Co. vs. C. T. White; J. C. Carroll vs. H. Gregory.

Drawn for jury duty at this term of court were: Elliott Layden, W. Jarvis Ward, James J. Copeland, James Dail, Fenton Euse, J. B. Eure, Elton Layden, Edward Nixon, William N. Layden, Mary Etta Walters, Walton Wood, Osh White, Joseph C. Layden, Joseph Proctor, Joseph Aycock, Willis R. Baccus, Thomas P. Byrum, W. Ray White, Charles A. Ward, W. A. Elliott, William C. Elliott, Walter Nowell, Elsberry Whedbee, Jr., Emmett Stallings, John Byrum, Jr.

Harvey Chappell, James Rountree, W. Haywood Smith, Seth Long, Sr., Clinton Perry, Melvin Chappell, Thomas Russell, J. L. Curtis, Linford L. Winslow, R. Raymond Stanton, Robert Harrell, Craffon Russell, James O. Copeland, McCoy Phthisic, Sterling Colson, Hazel B. Mathews, Lloyd Layden, Arthur Copeland, Clyde Lane, Tilden Whitehurst, Charles A. Perry, Roy S. Chappell, Sr., John D. Lane, Aubrey Dail, Samuel Moore.

Perquimans Union School PTA In Meeting Monday

The monthly meeting of the Perquimans County Union School Parent-Teacher Association was held April 10 in the school auditorium with James Turner presiding.

Following the reading of the minutes, a short business session was held. The treasurer reported that \$155 was raised in the Queen's Contest staged at the March meeting.

Mrs. I. E. Rogerson, school treasurer, made a report of the receipts and disbursements of school funds from September, 1960, to March, 1961.

As a climax to the health projects sponsored by grades 4-5, Dr. W. R. Thomas of Winfall addressed the group. He admonished parents to avail themselves of the services of the local health department and encouraged a closer relationship between parents and teachers as a means of securing the maximum mental and physical health for children.

Parents were invited to visit the classrooms and see the health displays. Miss D. M. Jennings fifth grade class was awarded first prize in the health display contest held on April 8. Mrs. Rogerson's fourth grade class and Miss Sharpe's sixth grade class tied for second place in the contest.

At the next meeting a telethon, a record player and a radio will be given to holders of membership cards with lucky numbers. This presentation will conclude the health drive.

This Week's Headlines

Russia announced Wednesday it had successfully launched a man into space and returned him safely to earth after the missile in which he was riding had made a trip around the earth. This announcement followed earlier rumors the Soviets had tried such a test which proved a failure. The Soviets made no announcement concerning an unsuccessful test.

Washington reports say President Kennedy is taking a firmer stand on foreign policy than the previous administration. The reports say the President is meeting with top allied leaders to stress the point the U. S. will deal directly with Russia without immediate assistance from the Allies.

A high Nazi official, Adolf Eichmann, went on trial for his life this week in Israel, charged by that government for crimes against humanity while he served under Hitler. The Israel government has taken every precaution to safeguard Eichmann during the trial which the former Nazi claims is illegal, since Israel was not established as a nation until years after the alleged crimes occurred.

President Kennedy's proposal to raise the minimum wage to \$1.25 got the approval of a Senate committee on Tuesday, and the matter now goes to a joint House-Senate committee for an agreement since previous House action increased the wage only to \$1.15.

Town Completes Rate Reduction To Commerical Users

Hertford Town Board, meeting here Monday night, completed adoption of new electric power rates to all consumers served by the Town of Hertford. Rates adopted Monday night will affect commercial users and permit a drop of about five per cent on previous bills.

The new commercial rates follow a pattern closely used by the City of Elizabeth City with each commercial user being assigned a schedule according to the amount of horse power used in the business. The new rates become effective immediately and will be reflected in bills mailed out the first of May.

New rates for residential users were placed in operation last month and according to Town Clerk R. C. Elliott resulted in a lesser utility bill for most consumers.

Other matters handled during the meeting included a recommendation by Commissioner Henry Sullivan that the U. S. Corps of Engineers be requested to clear the Perquimans River around Hertford of all old pilings and other stumps as a project to beautify the waterfront. After a hearing a report concerning burial methods being used in the colored cemetery, the board referred the matter to the District Health Department for a ruling on the matter and withheld action pending word from that department.

The board also adopted a motion instructing the Town Clerk to advertise all delinquent 1960 taxes due the Town of Hertford and to sell these tax liens on June 12, 1961.

BAKE SALE

Members of the Saint Catherine's Auxiliary will hold a bake sale Saturday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock in the old bank building on Church Street, April 15.

Mrs. Bray Elected President Of PTA At High School

The Perquimans High School PTA held its last meeting of the school year Thursday night of last week with Carroll Williams presiding.

Dr. Harold White gave the devotional after which the secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and Mrs. Wallace Hobbs gave a treasurer's report. New officers for the PTA were elected with Mrs. Frank Bray being named president, Dr. Harold White, vice president, Mrs. Jack Brinn, secretary, and Mrs. Floyd Mathews, treasurer.

Mrs. James A. Auman gave a report on the recent study course and Mrs. Jack Brinn reported on activity of the Better Schools Committee. The PTA voted to contribute \$5 to the committee.

E. C. Woodard, school principal, conducted the program, the theme of which was "Today's Dream Tomorrow's Reality." He showed a film, The Sixth Chair, which dealt with guidance council work in schools. He summarized the program by pointing out North Carolina ranks 9th in pupil population and 41st in money spent per pupil in the nation.

Old Book Of Laws Given N. C. Library

A rare book of early North Carolina laws, estimated to be valued at \$500 has been presented to the State Library in Raleigh by Silas M. Whedbee in memory of his father, Charles Whedbee.

Published in Edenton in 1791, the worn, leather-bound book is "Laws of the State of North Carolina," edited by James Iredell, at that time associate justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. The gift by Mr. Whedbee was welcomed by the State Library inasmuch as the library had been attempting to secure such a volume but lacked necessary funds to acquire one.

Feed Grain Signup At ASC Office

The ASC office announced today that the sign-up period for the Feed Grain Program will begin Thursday, April 13, and continue through June 1, 1961. The sign-up will be held at the county office.

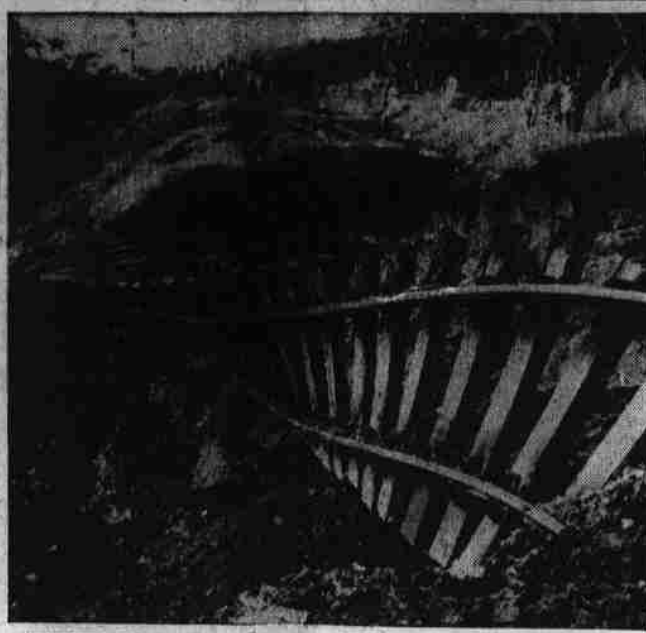
George Bellmon, Perquimans County ASC office manager, said that considerable interest has been shown in the program by county farmers and it is expected that many will want to participate. Payment rates and corn base acreages were mailed Wednesday, April 12, and farmers may sign up after they receive this notice.

Bellmon stated that the county has not been given an allocation and that any farmer with a corn or grain sorghum base acreage is assured of an opportunity to participate in the program.

Approximately one-half of the payment to participating farmers for corn or grain sorghum acreage retired in 1961 will be made two or three days after the farmer signs up. The balance will be paid after the acreage is measured in June. The 1961 feed grain program recently authorized by Congress is a voluntary program designed to stop the buildup of the feed grain supply that is now at an all-time record high level.

The program offers all producers of corn and grain sorghum an opportunity to work together and in cooperation with their government in the task of improving the feed grain situation. Carryover stocks and production of feed grains are so high at this time that to continue our present trend is dangerous to the whole livestock.

MASONS TO MEET
Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.



TWIST OF FATE—This railroad track is testimony to nature's power as it hangs over a deep gorge near Trowek, Java, Indonesia. The twist was caused by a landslide triggered by an earthquake.

County Exhibits Scheduled At Albemarle Craftsman Fair In Elizabeth City Next Wed.

The third Albemarle Craftsman Fair, co-sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs of the Albemarle area and the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, will be held in Elizabeth City Wednesday and Thursday, April 19-20 from 1 to 9 P. M. each day in the new National Guard Armory, just off Ehringhaus Street, behind the A & P grocery store.

The two main features of the Fair will be the booths in which the craftsmen will demonstrate their skills and the exhibition which will show various rooms in a home that have been completely furnished with craft items, it was reported by Miss Edna Bishop, chairman of the fair.

In the booths the craftsmen will transform the simple things used by the craftsmen into works of beauty and usefulness. Cones become holiday decorations, metal bowls become bowls of jewelry, etc. The main purpose for the demonstrations is to interest other persons in the various crafts, which, it is hoped by the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, will develop into many money-making projects within the Albemarle area. Also included in each of the booths will be items for sale, which the craftsmen have made or are in the process of making. In many instances it will be possible to buy the item you will watch being made.

There will be twenty outstanding demonstrations this year, including the following: Perquimans County, aluminum etching, Mrs. E. J. Proctor; wood turning, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Dillon; "My Busy Book," Mrs. Wil (Continued on Page Two)

Short Docket In Recorder's Court

Eight cases were disposed of during Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court, and one defendant, Robert Roulhac, Negro, charged with improper parking, was ordered apprehended and held for a bond of \$100 when he failed to appear in court to answer to the charge.

Costs of court were taxed against Fred Colson and James Robertson after each had submitted to charges of failing to observe a stop sign. Lawrence Miller and Welton Lilly, Negro, submitted to charges of driving trucks which exceeded the height limit and each paid the costs of court. Joel Perry paid the costs of court after submitting to a charge of having no flag attached to the end of a load on his truck.

Jesse Simpson, Negro, paid the court costs on a charge of improper use of dealer's plates. Clyde Nixon, Negro, was given a 30 day sentence, to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs after he was found guilty on charges of being drunk and disorderly.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case in which Grant Dail, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to charges of assault.

ROTARY TO MEET
Hertford Rotary Club will meet Tuesday evening at 6:15 o'clock at Elliott's Cafe.

Cancer Crusade To Start In County Monday, April 17

The sound of ringing doorbells will signal the start of the 1961 crusade of the American Cancer Society in Perquimans County on Monday, April 17.

Volunteers of the Perquimans County unit of the American Cancer Society will call on homes of friends and neighbors to distribute educational leaflets which could save their lives, according to Joseph H. Towe, Jr., chairman of the Perquimans County Cancer Crusade.

"I hope every door in the community will be open to welcome our crusaders in April," Mr. Towe said. "If everyone followed the advice contained in the leaflet to be left in each home, more than 85,000 lives could be saved. This is the number of men, women and children who die of cancer in the United States each year but who could have been saved by heeding the simple advice stressed in the American Cancer Society's educational program."

Mr. Towe said the best protection against cancer was to have annual health checkups and to get speedy medical attention at the earliest sign or suspicion of any of cancer's seven danger signals.

Pointing out that at least one-half of all those who get cancer could be cured through early detection and proper treatment, Mr. Towe said that the American Cancer Society could make this goal a reality if it had enough funds to do the job. "The society was mainly responsible," he said, for the dramatic rise in the cancer cure rate. Twenty years ago only one out of seven who developed cancer was saved; today it is one out of three. With adequate public support and personal action it could be one out of five.

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Board Seeks Laws To Change County Fiscal Operation

Twelve Complete First Aid Course Sponsored By Club

Members of the Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club met Thursday night, April 6, at the Municipal Building for its regular monthly business meeting when the president, Miss Hulda Wood, presided. Mrs. Alice T. Owens, treasurer, gave her report.

Mrs. Dora T. Riddick, who was one of the judges for the Health Speaking contest at the King Street School, gave an interesting report on that project. Mrs. Roxanna C. Jackson gave an informative report on the Health Exhibit contest held at the Perquimans Union School. The club sponsors these programs, which are promoted by the Pasquotank-Perquimans Camden TB Association for better health.

Mrs. Essie W. Burbage, Health and Safety Chairman, reported twelve members of the First Aid Classes, taught by Dick Brewer, completed the course. She said she felt those who did not complete the course, however, gained from having been enrolled and attending as many classes as they could.

A report from the Membership Committee showed it is making a survey of employed women and will have that report ready for the next meeting.

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Sheriff Recovers Safe Stolen From Store At New Hope

A safe weighing between 500 and 600 pounds stolen from the Turner and Caddy store in New Hope sometime Sunday night, was recovered by Sheriff J. K. White about noon Monday near Five Bridges in Parkville Township, some 20 miles from the scene of the theft.

Sheriff White, assisted by SBI Agent P. E. Epps, conducted a wide search of all roads in New Hope Township looking for clues and the safe. It was finally discovered on a roadside in the Parkville section of the county.

Sheriff White reported the safe had been opened, the thieves ripped its bottom and chipped out the concrete base to obtain access to the contents of the safe, which in addition to between \$200 and \$300 in currency, consisted of valuable papers, checks and savings bonds.

The sheriff reported all but about \$150 of the money contained in the safe was missing when it was recovered but most of the papers were left by the thieves. One \$75 savings bond was listed as missing, as was a gold stamp worth \$20. Forty dollars in Boy Scout funds, kept in the safe, was also missing when a check was made of the contents by Sheriff White and Ervin Turner.

The officers said the robbery occurred probably during or immediately following the rain storm Sunday night. The thieves gained entry into the store through a window and took the safe from the building by way of a rear door. Sheriff White said at least two persons were involved in the theft and that they tumbled the safe from the store for a distance of about 50 yards to either a station wagon or truck.

He also stated it was believed the theft was the work of people who knew what they were doing, since the bottom of the safe was ripped away to gain entry rather than efforts being made to open the safe door by its combination.

Woodville Fire Causes \$2500 Loss

A fire believed caused from an overheated stove resulted in a \$2,500 loss to a house in Woodville Tuesday morning.

Fire Chief R. C. Elliott reported the damage might have been less had the fire department received an earlier call to the scene. He reported the person calling for the department had difficulty making a telephone call to the department, having had to wait about 10 minutes to get an open telephone line into Hertford.

Fireman John Beers received burns while fighting the fire which had gained considerable headway by the time the fireman reached the scene.

The house was owned by Kenneth Bateman and was situated near his home in Woodville. Fire Chief Elliott said the blaze destroyed two rooms in the dwelling and the remainder of the house was damaged from smoke and water.

BPW Club Music Festival Friday

A Jazz Concert featuring music of the "Roaring 20's" and the "Early 30's" will be presented Friday night, April 14, at 8 o'clock in the Perquimans High School auditorium under the direction of Mrs. Georgia Roberts. Sponsored by the Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club, an ensemble of four pianos and an organ will be made up of some of Mrs. Roberts' pupils from all over the county.

People of all ages are invited to come on out for an evening full of fun and music. Tickets may be purchased from any BPW member or performer.

County Commissioners meeting here Friday night in special session with State Senator J. Emmett Winslow and Representative Archie T. Lane, Sr., adopted resolutions requesting the local legislators to introduce bills in the General Assembly placing Perquimans County under a general statute which authorizes the Commissioners to set fees collected by county offices and to pay county officials salaries.

A second bill will call for authority to the county board to set up a tax department for Perquimans County to replace the present four tax collectors. This department, headed by an employee to be appointed by the commissioners, would handle all tax collections during the year.

In conference with county officers, the commissioners agreed such action called for by the bills will become effective at the conclusion of the present terms of the various officers unless otherwise agreed to by the officials. The bill pertaining to the tax department, if ratified, will become effective on the first Monday in December, 1962.

The resolutions were given to the legislators following a conference in which the commissioners pointed out it was the desire of the board to modernize the fiscal operations of the Perquimans County government, and that the proposal had met with agreement from the elective officials who now receive compensation on a fee basis rather than salary.

The commissioners pointed out there has been no discussion concerning salaries to be set for various offices but that a study will be made of other counties to determine a fair and equitable system to be installed in Perquimans.

Soil Stewardship Week Observance Set For May 7-14

During the period May 7-14, Soil Stewardship Week will be observed in churches of all faiths throughout the nation. Soil Stewardship Week is sponsored by the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts. The 307 districts for North Carolina, which include every acre of privately owned farm land from Manteo to Murphy, invite your special attention to man's obligation to be a good steward in his use of God's gifts of soil, water, plants and wildlife.

The Soil Conservation District supervisors of Perquimans County are furnishing material on Soil Stewardship Week to the ministers in the county and asking that they present this subject to their congregation.

The good steward of the soil seeks no quick gain from his work, nor temporary advantage. Instead, he is motivated by considerations of a different and more lasting nature, the well-being and regard of his family, the improvement of the community in which he lives with his neighbors, and the knowledge that his aspiration and personal standards of accomplishment must be tested over the years by his work in the fields and in his community.

Your attention is invited to a few statistics listed below:

1950—U. S. population, 151,200,000; crop land per person, 3.1 acres.

1959—U. S. population, 175,000,000; crop land per person, 2.8 acres.

1975—U. S. population, 228,000,000; crop land per person, 2.2 acres.

2000—U. S. population, 335,000,000; crop land per person, 1.6 acres.

1. Net gain of 1 person every 12 seconds.

2. 2,700 acres each day taken out of production for highways, airports, factories and other utilization developments.