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## Youth In Custody Pending Investigation Of Charge Of First Degree Burglary

A 17-year-old Perquimans County Negro is being held in an undisclosed jail while officers continue investigating the charge of first degree burglary and assault on a retired and well known white school teacher. Sheriff J. Kelly White identified the victim as Mrs. Etta Walters, who lives alone just across Walters' bridge on the Harvey Point road at the municipal limits.

Charged with the crime is Joseph Gilliam, Jr. Sheriff White said that Mrs. Walters heard someone trying to break into her locked bedroom about 4:45 o'clock Monday morning. She used a telephone beside her bed to call for police assistance.

Immediately upon completion of the call Gilliam allegedly broke through the door into her room, choked her and knocked her to the floor. In a matter of minutes Hertford Policeman Charles Elliott reached the residence and caught Gilliam inside the house.

Additional details were withheld pending a more complete investigation, Sheriff White said. Sentiments against Gilliam was running strong to the extent that Sheriff White felt it best to remove him to another jail.

## Draft Office Is Closed For Holiday

The Perquimans County Selective Service System office is closed for the holidays. The office will remain closed until January 2, 1962, at which time it will resume its usual part-time schedule of Mondays and Thursdays, open 8:30 A. M. until 3:30 P. M.; Tuesdays, 8:30 A. M. until 12:30 P. M.

Margaret Scaff, Clerk of the Local Board advises anyone becoming 18 during the period the office is closed should report on January 2 for registration.

The clerk announced Perquimans County does not have an Induction Call in January. However, the county does have a quota of seven registrants for physical examination.

## School Holidays Began Wednesday

Perquimans County Schools closed Wednesday afternoon for an eight day vacation in observance of the annual Christmas holidays. It was reported today by J. B. Biggers, school superintendent.

Mr. Biggers said classes will resume on a full time basis again on January 2.

## Commissioners And Tax Takers In Meet Monday

Perquimans County Commissioners met here last Monday in special session and conferred with the tax list takers on the procedure for listing property for 1962.

Minutes and supplies were provided for the list takers who will start their duties on January 2.

Instructions issued by the commissioners were as follows: A few more copies of the handbook on property listing will be published beginning next week to advise property owners where each list taker may be located.

The Board during the meeting set the date for its January meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 2, 1962.

## Eleven Cases In Recorder's Court Session Tuesday

Eleven cases, concerned mainly with traffic violations, were disposed of during Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court, presided over by Judge Chas. E. Johnson.

Henry Alfred Felton entered a plea of guilty to driving on the wrong side of the road and no brakes. He paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

William Alphonso Bowser was taxed with the costs of court for allowing an unlicensed operator to operate a motor vehicle on the highways. The following were taxed with the costs of court for having improper mufflers: Floyd Ray Dail, Thos. Mallory, Floyd Wilson White.

Archie McClain Godwin, Jr., and William Lawrence Jennings were taxed with the costs for failure to observe a stop sign.

James Wallace Hinton entered a plea of guilty to driving on the wrong side of the road and paid the costs of court.

William Oscar Felton entered a plea of guilty to reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident. The court ordered him to be sent to the roads for 60 days or pay a fine of \$100 and costs of court.

Prayer for judgment was continued until January 16, 1962, in the case of Horace Greely Williams, who was charged with reckless driving.

George Alric Umphlett, charged with abandonment and non-support, was ordered to pay \$50 per month for the use of his wife and the costs of court.

Billy Edward Woolard was ordered to pay the costs of court on the charge of driving too fast for conditions.

## School Committee In Meeting Monday

Perquimans District School Committee held its quarterly meeting Monday afternoon in the office of the superintendent of schools with principals and the supervisor attending.

Each principal reviewed the progress achieved thus far in the county schools this year and told of plans for the remainder of the term.

Superintendent Biggers told the group the Board of Education intends to review the set of policies now in force for schools and any recommendations concerning changes in these policies should be reported prior to February 1.

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## the NEW KING



ACCORDING to legend, even the beasts of the field bowed their heads in praise and worship of the new King on that first Christmas.

The ageless story of Christmas is once again being told throughout the world, and as in years past, the words are as wonderful to hear as when they were first told.

We are happy to take this opportunity to wish you well. Christmas is the best season of the year, and it recalls the best things to mind. Because your friendship is priceless to us, we take much pleasure in saying:

BEST WISHES AT CHRISTMAS

## The Editors

### County Seal Sales Now Stand At \$940

According to the latest report from Mrs. Roxanna Jackson, chairman for Perquimans Seal Sale, \$940 of the \$1,000 quota has been realized so far from citizens in Perquimans County.

Mrs. Jackson praised the work of the volunteers and contributors and said many letters are still out, having been overlooked due to the Christmas rush.

Mrs. Jackson said Mrs. M. B. Taylor reported Bay Branch A. M. E. Zion Church, under Mrs. Reba Hurdle collected \$3.00 and Leigh's Temple \$4.00, with Dolie Spellman in charge of collection.

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### This Week's Headlines

Faced with a problem of observance of its charter calling for prevention of force in settlement of disputes between nations, the United Nations this week reached its lowest ebb as an organization to halt outbreaks of small wars. Indian triggers off the action by overrunning Portuguese territory, following by claims in other Asian areas. The U. S. calls for UN support of the charter, but Russia vetoed censorship of India.

President Kennedy was called to Palm Beach, Fla., Tuesday when his father suffered a stroke. Washington reports the illness of the elder Mr. Kennedy may cause cancellation of the talks scheduled this week between the British Prime Minister and the President.

Secretary of Agriculture Freeman, it is reported, has okayed a proposed new farm bill which is aimed at reducing the huge surplus of produce which now costs millions of dollars in storage rates. The plan, according to reports, calls for rigid enforcement of acreage allotment and also marketing of produce.

### HOLIDAY DANCE

The Student Council of the Perquimans High School will sponsor a New Year's dance on Friday night, December 29, at the teen-age center from 7:30 to 11 P. M. A small admission will be charged. Dress will be semi-formal. Everyone is invited to attend.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

There will be a Christmas program conducted at the Chapel Hill Baptist Church on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

### County Producers Vote For Control

Perquimans County cotton and peanut producers voted overwhelmingly in favor of proposals in the referendums held on December 12, according to George Bellmon, ASCS Office Manager.

The cotton vote was 175 in favor to 5 against while the total of the peanut assessment plan carried 204 to 8.

Mr. Bellmon also made the following announcements concerning the ASC program:

Applications for payments covering conservation practices performed under the 1961 ACP are being prepared and submitted for payment. Farmers should begin receiving checks within the next few days.

January 15 through January 30 is the initial sign-up period for filing a request under the 1962 ACP for carrying out a spring conservation practice. Prior approval is necessary before starting the practice.

The following practices are approved conservation practices which may be performed during the winter and spring:

1. Sowing a permanent pasture and/or cropland pasture (Must be sown between February 15 and April 15).
2. Liming Material on Farmland (Soil Test is required)
3. Forest Improvement—Forest Tree Planting.
4. Open Ditch Drainage—Tile Drainage—Farm Ponds.
5. Summer Annual Legumes (Soybeans and Lespedeza).

### BASKETS FOR UNFORTUNATE

The NFA Chapter of Perquimans County Union School with the aid of other students and teachers, sent out 120 baskets to unfortunate people of this county. These baskets contained fruit, vegetables, canned goods and other general basic foods.

## Baptists To Hold Musical Program Here Next Sunday

On Sunday, December 24, the combined choirs of the Hertford Baptist Church, under the direction of the Rev. Norman B. Harris and Mrs. J. Ellie White will present a program of Christmas music at the morning worship service at 11 A. M., and the Training Union Department of the church under the direction of Mrs. Royce Vickers will present a pageant entitled "The Christmas Story" at 7 P. M.

Included in the morning musicale by the combined choirs will be "Christmas Means Thinking of Jesus" by Warren Angell and Geoffrey O'Hara; "Angels We Have Heard on High," arranged by Martha D. Waller, Mrs. George Baker, Mrs. Fred Matthews and Mrs. Howard Matthews, trio; "The Wondrous Story" by H. R. Palmer, Mrs. Reginald Tucker, soloist; "Love Came Down at Christmas" by Edwin T. Karhu; "Come to the Stable With Jesus," Bobby Overton, soloist; "Rise Up Shepherd and Foller," arranged by John W. Work, Norman B. Harris, soloist; "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" harmonized by Michael Praetorius; "Go Tell It on the Mountain," arranged by William J. Reynolds, Miss Gail Johnson, soloist, and "Silent Night," arranged by Arthur R. Gerecke, Mrs. Dilbon Young singing the soprano obligato.

Those participating in the evening's pageant include Mrs. Ike Perry, the mother; Margo and Robin Perry, the children; Sidney Ely, Angel Gabriel; Margaret Ainsley, Mary; Price Monds, Joseph; James Jordan, Tommy Keel, L. B. Sitterson, Roy Vickers and Steve Williams, shepherds; Dorna Outland, Rita Jordan, Moni Divers, Billy Robertson and Earl Bass, angels; George Baker, Dick Brewer and Dan Berry, wise men, and Mrs. J. Ellie White, organist. The pageant's music will be sung by the Carol, Concord and Church Choirs, the Men's Chorus and Bobby Overton, soloist.

The pastor, the Rev. Norman B. Harris, extends to the public an invitation to come and enjoy the blessings of these programs and services.

## Appliances Taken At Hertford Motors

Thieves broke into Hertford Motor Company Wednesday night of last week and made off with a number of television sets, radios, a record player and some money.

Perquimans County Sheriff J. Kelly White said that entry to the building was gained by the front door. Missing were three new portable General Electric television sets, a new transistor and a table model radio, a used record player which

## Edenton Captures Wins Over Indians

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Edenton's girls built up a 19 to 9 first half lead. Spencer with 17 points and Morgan with 14 led the winners. Cox had 8 and Hurdle 6 for Perquimans.

The Edenton boys led 31 to 11 at intermission. Hollowell and Ross had 8 points each, Dale 7 and Wright and Fry 6 apiece for the Aces. McGoogan turned in 11 tallies and Francis Combs 7 for Perquimans.

The Indians closed out their pre-holiday schedule playing the junior varsity and varsity in Elizabeth City Tuesday night. They will resume play following the holidays by traveling to Ahoskie for an All-Marle Conference game on Friday night, January 5.

## Teacher Education Classes Conducted Next Month

Acting under authority enacted by the last General Assembly, the Perquimans Board of Education has completed arrangements for a series of special in-service teacher education classes which will begin here January 4, it was announced today by J. T. Biggers, superintendent.

Mr. Biggers said some 50 teachers in the county system have signed up for the series of classes which will be held at the Hertford Grammar School and the King Street School.

The classes will be on the subject of social studies, featuring Modern World Affairs. The purpose of the classes will be for the upgrading of teachers' knowledge and each teacher taking the course will receive credit of one unit which can be used to upgrade certificates or for renewal purposes.

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## Christmas Open House At Agriculture Building Draws Crowd Over 400

### Christmas Theme Is Program For Hertford P.T.A.

Members of the PTA of Hertford Grammar School held their December meeting Thursday night of last week with Mrs. Charles Murray presiding.

Miss Elliott's 7th grade presented a program consisting of Christmas plays and music which was conducted by Mrs. Henry Stokes. After the program the president recognized three past presidents, Mrs. Jack Brinn, Mrs. R. S. Monds and Mrs. Robert Hollowell who were presented with past president pins.

Reports were given by the various committees of the unit, which indicated the PTA projects for the year are being achieved according to plan.

February was set as a date for the next meeting of the PTA unit, and following adjournment the parents were invited into the classrooms where a social hour was enjoyed by all.

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## Kiddies Enjoy Visit By Santa

Last Saturday was Santa Claus Day in Hertford and the annual visit of the "Old Gentleman," sponsored by the Hertford merchants in cooperation with the Hertford Fire Department and Jaycees, drew a large number of kiddies, young and old.

Shortly after 1 P. M. the children started gathering for the appearance of St. Nick, who showed up at about 2 o'clock. Santa seated himself on a throne and proceeded to greet many of the children who wished to give some last minute instructions about gift suggestions for Christmas.

Firemen and Jaycees aided Santa Claus by passing out gifts of fruit and candy, which were furnished by the local merchants.

The 1961 Christmas Open House featured trims aplenty for doorway, mantel, tree and table. Over 400 people visited the exhibit at the Agricultural Building on December 6, displayed by Perquimans County Home Demonstration Clubs. Mrs. Warner Madre, president of the County Council, and Mrs. J. E. Wood, Jr., County Foods and Nutrition Leader, along with crafts leaders, steered the planning for the event.

Door decorations were displayed by the Bahiahack Club. Outstanding door decorations included "O Holy Night" cut from plywood backed with lighting. A ukela painted and banked with greenery decorated one door, with another being decorated with a Christmas tree.

The base was a long handled dust pan and heavy wire, covered with Christmas greens and decorated with bright colored ornaments. A tiny Santa peeped out from the base of the tree.

Aprons were made and displayed by Mrs. E. N. Miller—"Stitch In Time For Christmas" was the title of the Burgess Club display, which included many different items that could be made for Christmas gifts.

The piano was banked with magnolia branches and tall red candles. Wifail Club contributed this Christmas idea.

Mrs. John Lane, Sr., displayed several of her dried arrangements with a Christmas motif.

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Education that this course will enable the teacher to gain greater depth of knowledge and understanding and thus become a more able teacher in his or her field.

The instructor for the course for white teachers will be Dr. Charles Price from East Carolina College and the first session will start Thursday, January 4, beginning at 6:30 and lasting until 9:40 P. M. There will be five sessions in all and teachers will be given credit for one unit.

Dr. G. A. Anguizola will be the instructor for the classes for Negro teachers and the first session will start Thursday, January 11, with hours being 7 to 9 P. M. There will be eight sessions for this group of teachers.

Mr. Biggers pointed out these special classes will be conducted at no cost to the county since the Legislature authorized funds for the project.