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## Recorder's Court Has Busy Session Tuesday

### Colored Man Owes Life To Bag of Flour, Which Checked Bullet

J. H. Brown, of Chowan County, tried in Recorder's Court Tuesday, charged with reckless driving, was found guilty and fined \$25.00.

Henry Whedbee, colored, of New Hope Township, probably owes his life to the bag of flour he was carrying home to his family on the night of the 9th of this month when the shot aimed at his head only caused a slight flesh wound because he threw up the bag of flour in front of his face as he saw his assailant raise the gun.

Bill Sessoms, also colored, and also of New Hope, charged with shooting Henry Whedbee with attempt to kill, was held for probable cause by Judge Walter H. Oakley, Jr., in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, after a hearing.

The shooting is alleged to have occurred at the home of Ellis Hoffer, at New Hope, where both men were visiting on the evening of the 9th of November. According to Whedbee's testimony, he stopped in at Ellis Hoffer's house and Sessoms was there. Sessoms left shortly afterwards and probably half an hour afterwards Whedbee started home. As he stepped on the front porch from the door of the house he saw Bill Sessoms standing beside the steps at the edge of the porch and saw him throw up something in his hands, and he held the bag of flour he was carrying up before his face. He said he didn't hear the discharge of the pistol but felt the burn and that he fell.

Ellis Hoffer testified that he heard something like the sound of shot as Whedbee fell and called out "I am shot. Bill shot me."

Mr. S. D. Banks, prominent New Hope resident, testified that he brought Whedbee to town to the doctor and that he saw a place which looked like where the bullet entered and another place which looked like where it came out.

Sheriff J. E. Winslow testified that he visited the scene of the shooting that night and saw blood on the floor; that Whedbee pointed out to him where he was standing and also showed the spot where Bill Sessoms stood, and stated positively that he could identify any one he knew at that distance.

Sheriff Winslow further testified that he had talked with Sessoms on several occasions since his arrest the day following the shooting, and that Sessoms has told two different tales as to where he was at the time of the shooting.

It was also testified by Whedbee that he and Sessoms had had some trouble last summer, and that it was only this fall that Sessoms had commenced to speak to him.

When Mattie Eason, a colored woman of the New Hope section, appeared in Recorder's Court on Tuesday charged with perjury, things looked pretty bad for Mattie just at first. It seems that sometime ago Mattie appeared before Justice of the Peace J. W. Darden and swore out a warrant against John Ivey, stating that John threatened to blow her heart out with a pistol, showing her the gun, and that when John Ivey was brought before the Justice of the Peace for hearing, Mattie refused to testify to the statements, resulting in John Ivey's acquittal.

Mattie had no lawyer to defend her, although it was explained to her that upon conviction she would be sent to the penitentiary.

Mattie took the stand and told a straightforward story of fear of John Ivey, who threatened her before the warrant was sworn out, and who, she said, afterward told her what he would do if she testified in court against him.

Judge Walter H. Oakley, Jr., immediately took steps to have Ivey brought into court, and a bench warrant was issued against him. John Ivey, it seems, has for some time terrorized the neighborhood, with everybody afraid to testify against him in court. But there is a suspended sentence of 30 days against him.

John Ivey was brought into court and Judge Oakley informed him that the case pending against him was continued until next Tuesday, and that the suspended sentence imposed on August 14 of 30 days on the road would go into effect. Ivey is held in jail awaiting trial.

Clyton Sutton, tried in Recorder's Court on Tuesday morning for assault on Mary Taylor, both colored, was given a fine of \$10.00 upon conviction.

## Perquimans Weekly Early This Week

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday coming on Thursday, the Perquimans Weekly this week was printed on Tuesday instead of Thursday as usual, in order that our readers in the country would receive their copy before Thanksgiving. Otherwise, due to no mail delivery on Thanksgiving, the paper would not be received in time for readers to take advantage of the advertisements offering tempting merchandise for the holiday.

In our desire to get out the paper early, we necessarily have sacrificed the news content, but we assure subscribers that this will be improved upon next week. THE EDITOR.

## Bishop Darst To Preach Here Sunday Evening

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will make his annual visitation to Hertford and will preach at Holy Trinity Church next Sunday evening.

Bishop Darst, who needs no introduction to Perquimans County people, is always received with a glad welcome in Hertford.

He is a forceful and eloquent preacher and always has a message which is helpful and inspiring.

The public is cordially invited to hear Bishop Darst on Sunday night.

## To Vote On Bankhead Act On December 14th

The date of the referendum to decide whether or not the Bankhead Act shall continue in force for another year has been set for December 14th. The time for voting will be between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 6:00 P. M., and the special voting places will be announced later, with the names of the pollholders.

Thanksgiving holidays for the Perquimans schools will begin Wednesday afternoon and last through the week. Only one session will be held on Wednesday.

## Special Eighth Grade Renders Good Program

Eleanor Jordan had charge of the chapel program put on by Special Eighth Grade of the Perquimans High School, the teacher of which is Mrs. T. L. Jessup, on Monday morning. The Scripture reading was by Annabel Hollowell.

After the devotional exercises, Mrs. W. E. White gave some humorous readings, and an impromptu speech was made by William Harcastle on Thanksgiving.

There was a lot of inspiring singing by the entire school.

## Many Attend Heinz Supper Thursday

The Heinz supper served at the Community House on Thursday night by the Hertford Woman's Club was a delicious meal, both palatable and nutritious, and there were expressions of appreciation heard on every hand. Between sixty and seventy were served and the number would probably be doubled if the affair could be repeated.

Morgan's Modern Grocery was the sponsor of the affair and the entire proceeds were turned over to the Woman's Club, who served the meal. An entertainment program in charge of Miss Kate M. Blanchard, included a solo by Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, popular contralto, a tenor solo by J. M. Newbold, a reading by Mrs. W. E. White and original reminiscences charmingly related by Mrs. Howard Pitt.

## TO GO TO DUKE HOSPITAL

J. N. Twine, Route One farmer, will go to Duke Hospital this week for treatment. Mr. Twine expects to be able to return home in a week or ten days.

James Lightfoot and Johnnie Nixon, colored youths, convicted of an affray, were found guilty. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs, to be divided between the two, and upon good behavior for 2 years.

## HIT OR MISS

High up on the list of things I have to be personally thankful for are my friends, all of them. My friends mean a lot to me. But at this Thanksgiving season I believe I am more particularly thankful for those friends who have given or sent a subscription to The Perquimans Weekly. It works two ways. I am thankful for such friends and I am grateful to the friends.

You know that is one thing absolutely essential to a newspaper, subscriptions. You've just got to have subscribers or else there isn't any newspaper. So in my effort to have a real newspaper in Perquimans County I certainly do feel a lot of gratitude to those of my friends who have helped me on the way. Thanks a lot.

One of the pretty young things looked up from her newspaper to ask "What is an octogenarian, anyhow?" "I don't know," answered her companion, as she smoothed on another layer of lipstick, "but they must be a sickly lot. I never read of one in the papers that he ain't passing out."

Somebody is always reminding a certain woman of Hertford who likes to whistle that "A whistling woman and a crowing hen is neither fit for God nor men." But there is another line which runs "A whistling woman and a flock of sheep are the best property a man can keep."

I've never planted cotton in my life, and I couldn't plant any next year if I wanted to, so I cannot vote in that referendum to decide whether or not to continue the Bankhead law, but if I were eligible to vote I should certainly vote for its continuance. It seems to me it is a whole lot better not to be able to sell all of your cotton tax free and get a really good price for what you can sell, than it is to have a lot of cotton, tax free, and get no price for it. Cotton farmers have realized so much more this year than they did two years ago, even after paying that tax.

One woman told me there was only one objection to The Perquimans Weekly, and that was it took her too long to read it. Well, I hope that will be the mildest of the kicks.

The funniest thing I have seen lately which wasn't meant to be funny, is Joe Towe, Jr., snapping his finger at his puppy. The youngster is about nine months old, and those soft fingers won't make one bit of sound, but when he calls the pup he tries to snap his fingers.

Now and then a witness or a defendant in court, when called upon to take the customary oath, takes the Bible as it is handed to him, and immediately kisses the Book. This invariably provokes the mirth of the old and seasoned attendants. It is, however, a rather refreshing indication of no familiarity with court proceedings, which somehow reflects creditably upon the man who makes the error.

## Through Capitol Keyholes

By BESS HINTON SILVER

**LIFE AND LIMB**—While sentiment for a State automobile drivers' license law is growing as a result of increased accidents taking tolls of life and property, there is one big obstacle confronting legislative action. It is money. Senator Allen H. Gwyn, of Rockingham County, introduced such a bill in the 1933 General Assembly but it didn't get to first base. The reason was that Raleigh, Winston-Salem and other cities have drivers' license laws for revenue purposes.

Enactment of a State law would have knocked the cities out of their mazzas and some of them were then in default. The same situation will confront the coming legislative session and supporters of the drivers' license are agreed that it must be designed for safety and without thought of money beyond the cost of operation.

**BIG QUESTION**—How many eligible voters in North Carolina? You guess. Here's what a brief check of the registration book in one Raleigh precinct showed. Of 444 names checked 99 of them were found to be either duplicates or the names of persons dead. The Capital City is to have a new registration soon but what about books in other cities and counties of the State? The question has been raised in Raleigh as to how many persons in the State have their names on books at two or more voting places and how many deceased persons are still recorded as eligible voters. Out of it all may grow a movement for State-wide registrations at regular intervals.

## Highway Route Through City Planned To Relieve Traffic

### Announce Engagement Of Miss Lucille White

At a beautiful party given by Mrs. Julian A. White, at her home in Hertford, on Friday night, the engagement of Miss Lucille White, of Hertford, and Mr. J. F. Jernigan, of Norfolk, Va., was announced.

The house was tastefully decorated with cut flowers and potted plants, and five tables were arranged for rook. Mrs. G. W. Barbee was the winner of the high score prize. Miss Lucille White won the prize for low score, and was also presented with a guest's prize.

When the hostess served a delicious salad course there was found attractively arranged on each plate a peanut shell tied with white ribbon, and in the shell was a slip of paper containing the announcement.

Those present, besides the honoree, included Mesdames Howard Pitt, Claude Withrow, Charlie Skinner, Sammie Sutton, Cecil Winslow, L. L. Winslow, Oscar Felton, Durwood Reed, Hurley Hoffer, J. L. White, J. H. Towe, Jr., G. W. Barbee, A. R. Winslow, Jr., Chas. E. Johnson, Crafton Mathews, Tommy Sutton G. R. Tucker, Carlton Cannon, Fenton Britt, and John Hill, and Misses Blanche Everett, Catherine Britt, Nellie Fields, Edna Fields and Naomi Divers.

The bride-elect is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin White, of Hertford, and is very popular with a large circle of friends. She is a member of the school faculty of the Belvidere school. Mr. Jernigan, who is manager of an A. & P. store in Norfolk, Va., is a native of Suffolk, and has many friends in Hertford, where he formerly managed an A. & P. store.

### Nathan Trueblood Hurt In Motorcycle Accident

Nathan Trueblood, who lives near Bagley Swamp, was slightly injured when thrown from his motor cycle on Saturday night on the highway near Winfall.

Morgan Walker, of Hertford, who was driving along the highway about 7 o'clock, saw a light in the ditch by the roadside, which he found to be an overturned motor cycle. A short distance down the road the young man was found, unconscious. He was taken to the office of Dr. C. A. Davenport, where he was given first aid after the physician had ascertained no bones were broken.

He regained consciousness on Sunday.

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT BAPTIST CHURCH THURSDAY

There will be special Thanksgiving Day Services at the Hertford Baptist Church on Thursday morning, at 10 o'clock, with the pastor, the Rev. L. M. Dixon, conducting the service.

**MONEY AND MUD**—Advocates of diversion of highway funds point to the large surplus in cash on hand while farmers and others living on the secondary roads point to the mud-holes, bumps and dilapidated bridges over which they must drive. The surplus came about because of limitations placed on the highway department by the last Legislature and not because motorists are paying more money than can be spent in building and maintaining roads. The money was collected to provide a highway system for use by those who kicked in but as a result of the legal restrictions motorists are having to pay about all they can and ride as best they can.

**SPLIT GRAVY?**—The executive order from Washington commanding the Home Owners Loan Corporation not to accept additional applications for loans on homes has thrown the fear of unemployment in the hearts of many employes of the HOLC hired help will find themselves with nothing more to do than twiddle their thumbs without the accompaniment

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### W. O. SAYS:

"Business of congratulating Mrs. Mattie Lister White upon the appearance of Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Perquimans Weekly, a sprightly eight-page newspaper filled with Perquimans County news and advertisements. It is a most creditable paper. Mrs. White, editor, is an experienced and capable newspaper woman who has the confidence and well wishes of her town and county. That she is a woman of courage and enthusiasm of a high order is evidenced by her determination to undertake the publication of a weekly newspaper in a town noted for its newspaper failures. May her industry, her ability, her courage and enthusiasm be rewarded with success, is the cordial wish of THE INDEPENDENT."

### Chapanoke P. T. A. Meets With President

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Chapanoke school met on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. C. P. Quincy, president, presiding, and with Mrs. J. C. Wilson acting as secretary.

On the program, which was most interesting, were Miss Cora Layden, who gave an interesting reading. This was followed by a reading by Mrs. C. P. Quincy, after which Mrs. J. C. Wilson read a poem written by Mrs. B. G. Koonce, of Hertford.

Following the first part of the program several school children entertained. Louise Bright read "Thankful," and "Our First Thanksgiving" was read by Minnie Elliott. After this there was a song by the school, and a story "Wee Little Pumpkin" by Mattie Meade Alexander.

Several boys and girls took part in a most interesting Thanksgiving play. There were a large number present at the meeting.

### Belvidere Garden Club Holds Regular Meeting

The Garden Club held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 21, at the home of Mrs. F. C. White. Miss Olive Layden gave the devotionals. After the business was transacted the following program was given: The First Thanksgiving, Mrs. J. M. Copeland; Poem, Thanksgiving, Dorothy White; Riddles, Miss Emma White. Mrs. Elwood White, of Bagley Swamp, gave a demonstration on rug making with wool.

Those present were Misses Clara, Margaret, Lucy and Emma White, Olive Layden, Dorothy White, Anna Forbes, Vivian Maude Chappell, Bertha Smith, Mrs. S. M. Winslow, Mrs. Nathan Ward, Mrs. Linwood Winslow, Mrs. Norman Winslow, Mrs. F. C. White, Mrs. Elwood White, Mrs. J. M. Copeland, Mrs. D. P. Layden and Mrs. W. T. Smith.

### Rev. B. P. Robinson Returned To Hertford

Rev. B. P. Robinson returns to the Hertford M. E. Church for the fourth year of his pastorate, and Rev. J. W. Dimette returns to the Perquimans circuit.

There were no changes in the ministers in this immediate vicinity, with the return of these two ministers and of Rev. M. O. Stephenson to the Chowan Circuit, which includes Anderson Church, near Hertford.

Much gratification has been expressed that the Conference did not transfer either of these ministers to other fields this year.

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### Raleigh Engineer Recommends Improvement

That Dobb Street will be paved and a portion of Church Street widened to provide a highway route through the Town of Hertford of a sufficient width to take care of the traffic more adequately, in the near future, is practically assured.

S. H. Williams, of Raleigh, an engineer of the State Highway Department, which body has recommended the improvement, was in Hertford on Friday and appeared before the Board of Town Commissioners, which met in special session.

After going into the matter thoroughly it was agreed that the most feasible route was to widen Edenton Road Street from the entrance of the highway into the town to the intersection of Dobb Street, to pave Dobb Street to Church, make a wide swing from Dobb into Church Street at the intersection, and to widen Church Street from the Postoffice to the Perquimans River Bridge.

This plan will provide a highway of a minimum width of 30 feet all the way through the town, and will divert much of the through traffic from the school district.

The Town Commissioners passed an ordinance granting the State Highway Department permission to construct the highway as outlined above.

### Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Entertain At Home

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wheeler entertained at a delightful party on Saturday night at their home on Edenton Road street.

Novel and interesting games were played, after which dainty refreshments were served.

Those present included Mrs. Wheeler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Trotman Miller; Miss Virginia Boyce, Miss Myrtle Boyce, Mrs. Marie White, Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Miller, Mrs. Absulla Miller, Mrs. A. H. Spivey, Mrs. Elizabeth Ridolfi, Mrs. Dick Potter, Johnnie Howell, Buster Copeland. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bass, Miss Mildred Bass and Rowland Bass, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Charles White, of Elizabeth City, Jolland Rosewell, of Ocean View, Va.

### Dr. Richardson Speaks At Ballhack School

Dr. H. R. Richardson, of the State Board of Health, was the principal speaker on a most interesting program of the meeting of the Ballhack School P. T. A. on Wednesday night. Dr. Richardson was introduced by F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, who with Mrs. Johnson was present at the meeting.

Mrs. Singleton Lane, president, presided over the short business session, with Mrs. Palen Lane acting as secretary.

The program included a reading by Mrs. Bennie Monds, a solo by Miss Ruth Hurdle, and a Thanksgiving Health play by school children.

During the delightful social hour at the close of the meeting, the social committee, with Mrs. Ruby Lane as chairman, served ice cream on banana split and games were played.

### HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH THURSDAY

There will be the celebration of the holy communion at Holy Trinity Church in Hertford on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, when the regular Thanksgiving Day Service will be conducted, with the Rector, the Rev. E. T. Jillson, conducting the service.