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Threshing Operators Must Have License

Complete and Accurate Record Must Also Be Kept

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J. W. Ward Furnishes License and Record Book

Under the 1935 Threshing Machine Law, all threshing machine operators, including peanut pickers and combines, in North Carolina are required to secure a 1935 license and record book for acres and bushels threshed for each farm. This includes combines and "own" farm operators.

Moreover, "A complete and accurate record of the acreages harvested and amounts threshed for each farm" must be kept by every person, firm or corporation engaged in threshing for others or for themselves.

A fee of fifty cents will be charged for the license, provided that operators who thresh their own crops only shall be exempt from any license cost.

Only a very small number of Perquimans farmers will be exempt from paying this license fee, as very few machines are used only on the owners' farms.

The license and record book is furnished by the State and may be had by applying to J. W. Ward, Register of Deeds, who is responsible for the execution of this law in Perquimans, and who will be glad to give any information desired in reference to the matter.

The purpose of the new law is to provide reliable records of acres and production of each grain crop and peanuts. The information is requested for Agricultural Adjustment Act programs.

While those operators of threshing machines used only on the farms of their owners are exempt from paying the fee, they are not exempt from securing license or from keeping records. All machines must be licensed and all operators must keep accurate records and make reports.

Under the old law peanut pickers were licensed but no charge was made for the license.

Colored Attacker Held For Superior Court

Matthew Banks, the fourteen-year-old Negro arrested in Portsmouth, Va., last week and brought to Hertford in connection with the alleged criminal attack on the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ivey, who lives near New Hope, was given a hearing before Justice of the Peace J. W. Darden in his office on last Saturday. The boy, who was not represented by counsel, plead guilty to the charge and no evidence was offered. Judge Darden ordered the boy held without bond and he was sent back to jail to await the action of the grand jury at the October Term of Perquimans Superior Court.

Banks was arrested at the home of his grandfather in Portsmouth, where he had gone shortly after the attack is alleged to have taken place on June 30.

W. M. Morgan Back From Furniture Show

W. M. Morgan, who attended the big semi-annual Furniture Exposition at High Point last week, reports that, although the furniture exhibits were more attractive this year than ever before, with a great variety of new and standard styles, the prices on furniture have advanced very little. Mr. Morgan bought extensively and shipments of the furniture which he selected from the grand displays will shortly begin to arrive.

Mr. Morgan recently celebrated his twenty-first anniversary in business in Hertford with a big sales event, which proved highly satisfactory.

John Newbold Stricken With Paralysis Stroke

John Newbold, one of the county's oldest and most highly respected citizens, is very ill at his home near Hertford.

Mr. Newbold, who has been in failing health for a long time, was stricken suddenly on Wednesday with a paralysis stroke. Late in the afternoon of that day he was in a state of coma and grave fears are expressed as to his condition.

W. A. WILLIAMS, WRECK VICTIM, IS RECOVERING

X-ray Pictures Taken to Determine Extent of Injuries; Suffering From Shock

The latest news from W. A. Williams, who was injured in the automobile accident on Sunday which took the lives of two men, including that of Mr. Williams' uncle, Dr. G. E. Newby, is encouraging, and he is expected to recover.

An x-ray examination of the young man on Tuesday disclosed that, in addition to severe lacerations about the face and head, a jaw bone and two ribs were broken. Another x-ray examination is to follow to determine whether or not the other jaw bone is fractured.

Mr. Williams, who was rendered unconscious by his injuries, did not regain consciousness until two hours after the accident. He is still in a very nervous condition and is suffering greatly from shock.

Mr. Williams' stepfather and his mother, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Rutenberg, who went to the bedside of their son immediately after the message was received in Hertford, returned home to attend the funeral of Mrs. Rutenberg's brother, Dr. G. E. Newby. Mrs. Williams, who also went to Tarboro on Sunday, is remaining with her husband.

John A. Harris Makes His Likely Last Visit

It is his "last go round", he says, and he says it with a gallant smile, albeit his voice breaks and sometimes a tear will fall. The trembling voice is not surprising, nor is the tear-dimmed eye when one considers that the old man is bidding goodbye forever to the scenes of his youth and to the friends he has loved so long.

For many, many years John A. Harris, who has reached the ripe old age of eighty-four, has come back home regularly for a visit among the scenes of his childhood. He grew up in Durants Neck. All the old families who lived in "The Neck" back in the old days, the Whedbees, the Newbys, the Leighs, the Winslows, and others, descendants of all of whom now live in Hertford, are among the cherished memories of Mr. Harris, and the young folks who bear these names now, as well as others, are as fond of the old gentleman as he is of them, for throughout the long years he has kept in touch with the life of Perquimans folks. He loves young people and is beloved by them.

Last year Mr. Harris did not leave his home in Florida for his customary visit to Perquimans. His friends missed him and inquired the reason. Many were grieved to learn that Mr. Harris was not well and that his wife was in ill health. Mrs. Harris passed away last spring. The old gentleman wanted to come back home once more, so last week, in company with his son John and his grandson John, he came back home to make the last "go round". He is calling on old friends here and there, everywhere receiving the welcome to which he is accustomed, everywhere leaving a feeling of sadness that perhaps it is for the last time that this friendly old man will drop in for the cherry word, the cordial grasp of the hand.

Mr. Harris has grown very feeble during the past two years. But his love of life, his interest in youth, his devotion to his friends and to his beloved old home, are characteristics so closely interwoven in his life that they will endure as long as life itself endures.

Return From Trip To Northern States

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Riddick and Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Jessup, who returned Saturday from a sight-seeing trip to Niagra, New York and other points, report a most delightful week. The somewhat inauspicious beginning of the trip, involving an accident on the dirt road detour between Hertford and Belvidere, wherein the car was turned over in a ditch where it remained for a couple of hours, seemed to bear out the old adage that "A bad beginning makes a good ending."

AT NAGS HEAD

Among the Hertford folks who are spending some time at Nags Head are Mr. and Mrs. W. F. C. Edwards, Miss Pat Edwards, Walter G. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitley, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson.

SUICIDE SUSPECT ABOUT 1800 DOGS FOUND IN WOODS BEEN VACCINATED

Young Man Thought to Have Killed Self Over Love Affair

CREEK DRAGGED

Sheriff and Friends Search Diligently For Missing Man

Richard Mansfield, the 24-year-old foster son of A. D. Thach, prominent farmer of the Yeopim community, is in the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, suffering from the effects of poison which he swallowed on Wednesday afternoon in a second attempt to end his life.

His mind unbalanced, the young man was found in the woods near the scene of his disappearance on Monday evening, after an all night and an all day search for the body of Mansfield, who was believed to have been drowned in Bethel Creek.

Late Sunday night a report was made to Sheriff J. E. Winslow that young Mansfield had disappeared. Several articles of the clothing he had been wearing, together with a pipe, a pocket knife and other small articles, had been found on the bridge across Bethel Creek, from which it was believed he had jumped to his death.

Sheriff Winslow, together with Deputy Sheriff L. L. Winslow and a large party of friends and neighbors of the young man, searched all night and all the following day, dragging the bed of the creek for the body. Members of the Coast Guard from Elizabeth City conducted a search for the body on Monday afternoon.

Late in the evening on Monday Mansfield appeared beneath a tree near the bridge. He was in a dazed condition and was leaning against the tree. He had tied a handkerchief about his neck and had torn a portion of his shirt into shreds, stuffing the bits of cloth into his mouth. He had apparently wandered about in the woods or hidden himself from the searchers.

A physician's examination and other investigation disclosed the fact that Mansfield's mind was affected and steps were immediately taken to have him placed in the State Hospital for the Insane at Raleigh. Meantime he was staying with his foster parents. On Tuesday afternoon he became ill, and the family detecting the odor of carbolic acid, a physician was called. Mansfield admitted that he had swallowed the poison several hours previously. He was rushed to the hospital, where examination failed to disclose any trace of the acid. It is believed that, instead of carbolic acid, the young man had taken a dose of a preparation used for dipping cattle, which contains a small portion of the acid.

Prosecutor Fined \$1 For Showing Up Late

Misunderstanding the hour set as the time for the re-convening of Recorder's Court in the afternoon on Tuesday, Walter G. Edwards, the Prosecuting Attorney, was some twenty minutes late, and upon his appearance Judge Walter H. Casey, Jr., adjudged the officer to be contempt of court and fined him one dollar, with the announcement that in the future all court officers and witnesses who are late will be fined a dollar. "I am going to break up this business of being late", stated Judge Casey.

The time for the re-convening of court had been set for 1:30 in the afternoon. When Mr. Edwards failed to appear the other court officials were asked what their understanding of the time had been, all agreed that the Judge had set 1:30 as the time. Mr. Edwards had understood the time to be 2 o'clock.

Only two cases had come up the morning session, involving Margaret Everett and James Adams, charged with assault. These two cases were dismissed.

In the afternoon Tim Thach, charged with the larceny of an electric light bulb from M. G. Harris, valued at 25 cents, was found not guilty.

Richard Stewart, who was tried for assault with a Deadly Weapon, Assault with Intent to Kill and Secret Assault, as a result of striking Jessie Whedbee with an axe, was found not guilty.

COMMISSIONERS WILL STUDY BUDGET FOR YEAR

At the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday the budget for the coming year will be passed upon. W. F. C. Edwards, County Auditor, who is staying at Nags Head, will return home for the meeting on Monday.

Dr. Newby Killed In Automobile Wreck

COUNTY WOMEN HOLD PLEASANT MEET SATURDAY

Those Present Enjoy Contribution Made to Program by Miss Kate Blanchard

The ladies who attended the quarterly meeting of the Perquimans County Home Economics Association on Saturday at the Community House in Hertford, were delighted with the contribution which Miss Kate M. Blanchard made to the program. Miss Blanchard, who is not only an accomplished musician but who has had much experience in teaching music appreciation, talked on "Our Folk Music". Since all folk songs grow out of the life of the people, she headed the list with the Indian music, then the Negro melodies. The oldest of the folk songs, she said, came from the mountaineers and the cowboy music, which has its own peculiar attraction.

By request, she explained and demonstrated the three aspects of music, harmony, melody and rhythm. Following the splendid talk, under Miss Blanchard's leadership, the group sang several folk songs.

As a result of Miss Blanchard's appearance, the women of the Perquimans County clubs expect to take up the study of music appreciation this winter and to feature the importance of music in the home.

The meeting was one of unusual pleasure for those present. Mrs. M. T. Griffin, president, presided.

During the business session the following new officers were appointed: Secretary, Mrs. Neil Sprull; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Charles E. White; Treasurer, Mrs. T. C. Perry. The nominating committee will present the names of nominees for the offices of a President and a Vice President at the next meeting, which will be held in October.

The menu committee for this meeting was named and includes Mrs. Preston Long, Mrs. L. J. Winslow and Mrs. J. B. Basnight.

Mrs. Thomas Nixon, President of the National Organization of Better Homes in America, read an interesting article on "Going Home Time". Mrs. Neil Sprull closed the program with an excellent article on "Child Training".

At the close of the business session and the program the ladies gathered about a long table and enjoyed a delicious lunch which included fried chicken, vegetables, salads, cake and iced tea.

A message sent out from the association reads "To the other clubs of the County: Join us in October. We believe you will enjoy it."

Whedbee Homestead Will Be Remodeled

The old Whedbee homestead in Hertford will be repaired and restored by the owner, Hon. Charles Whedbee, whose family will occupy the residence.

The interesting old house, one of the old structures of the town, contains ten rooms and is set on a large lot fronting on Church street, on Punch Alley and on Front street. The place has remained unoccupied for the past quarter of a century.

Frank Muth, of Edenton, will begin the work of restoration on Monday.

Lighted Pipe Causes Fire In Automobile

There was such a lot of smoke that Miss Eugenia Gregory naturally concluded there must be some fire. The smoke was puffing out of the windows of a car parked on the downtown section of Church Street on Saturday morning. Mack Gregory, whose attention was called to the smoking car, made an investigation and found that the cushion of the front seat of the car was burning, with a great hole already made in the upholstery. Mr. Gregory promptly extinguished the smouldering flames and removed the lighted pipe which the owner, a traveling salesman, had left on the seat when he left to call on his customers. A tiny spark from the burning tobacco had set the upholstery on fire.

220-Pound Bear Killed By Hunters

A two hundred and twenty-pound black bear was killed on Thursday by a party of hunters in Gates County. C. W. White, of Hertford, was a member of the party. Mr. White expects to join another bear hunt this week in the same section.

Was Returning From Visiting His Son In Rocky Mount

TWO DEAD

W. A. Williams Also Seriously Injured In Crash

The entire community was shocked and saddened at the tragic accident which took the life of Dr. George Edgar Newby, prominent physician and Perquimans County Health Officer, on Sunday, and caused serious injury to his nephew, W. A. Williams, the only son of Mrs. Simon Rutenberg.

Dr. Newby and Mr. Williams were returning from Rocky Mount, where they had visited the family of Dr. Newby's son, the visit being especially in honor of George Newby, 111, the infant grandson of the physician.

The accident occurred between Tarboro and Rocky Mount, when a car driven by R. L. Dunn, of Edgecombe County, sideswiped the car driven by Mr. Williams. Dr. Newby was instantly killed and Mr. Williams suffered severe lacerations and bruises and possible internal injuries, the extent of which has not been determined at this writing.

Both R. L. Dunn, driver of the car, and J. E. Hull, who was with him, were seriously injured. Mr. Hull died on Monday in the Tarboro Hospital. After an investigation by the coroner, when evidence of Dunn's having under the influence of liquor was found, he was ordered in the custody of the sheriff as soon as he is able to leave the hospital.

When the news of the tragedy was telephoned to Hertford, late in the afternoon, it spread like fire through the community, where hearts beat in sympathy with the stricken families. Mr. and Mrs. Rutenberg and Mrs. Williams left immediately for the Tarboro Hospital, and arrangements were made to bring home the body of the physician.

The funeral service for Dr. Newby, held at the home in Covent Barden, on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, was dignified and simple. Rev. B. P. Robinson, pastor of the Hertford M. E. Church, of which the deceased was a devoted member, conducted the service. One hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross", was sung by members of the Methodist Church Choir.

The casket was covered with a pall of Easter lilies, gardenias and other white flowers.

Burial took place in the family plot in Cedarwood Cemetery. The pallbearers were T. S. White, Jr., and Zack Toms, of Richmond, Va., Clinton W. Toms, Jr., and J. H. Buchanan, of Durham, Duke Morgan, of Morehead City, and W. H. Pitt, James Evert Newby and J. E. Morris, of Hertford.

Dr. Newby, who was 61 years of age, was a native of Perquimans County and a member of one of the most prominent families of the section, being a son of the late George Durant Newby and Mattie McMullan Newby. Except for a few years when he practiced his profession in Newport News, Va., he had spent his entire life in the county.

Surviving are his wife, who was the former Miss Ruth Toms, two children, George Edgar Newby, Jr., of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. W. C. Archie, of Wake Forest; one grandchild, George Edgar Newby, 111; one sister, Mrs. Simon Rutenberg, of Hertford, and two brothers, E. McM. Newby, of Hertford, and Bruce Newby, of Los Angeles, Cal. Another sister, Mrs. C. W. Toms, of Durham, died several years ago.

Among the out-of-town people attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. William C. Archie, of Wake Forest; George Edgar Newby, of Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Toms and Miss Isabel Toms, of Petersburg, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Toms, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Buchanan, and Mrs. J. H. Erwin, all of Durham; T. S. White, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Zack Toms, of Richmond, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Duke Morgan, of Morehead City; Dr. T. S. McMullan, Dr. M. F. Bussey, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weeks; Mrs. J. H. Aydtlett, P. G. Sawyer, G. D. Pendleton, S. W. Twiford, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bundy and P. W. McMullan, all of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. Graham White, Mrs. Sidney McMullan and Rev. C. A. Ashby, of Edenton; and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. King, of Weldon.

Alfalfa produces the highest quality of hay that can be grown in North Carolina, say livestock experts.