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## CAMP PRISONER STILL AT LARGE; THREE CAPTURED

### Sheriff Winslow Continues Searching For James Howell STOLE CAR

### Believed to Have Crossed Convict's Trail Many Times

Sheriff J. E. Winslow and his deputies, together with prison officers, have been working day and night on the job of capturing the convicts who escaped from the Woodville prison farm on Monday, September 23. Bloodhounds were used in tracing the men. To date only one of the desperate criminals who were serving long-time terms when they beat up a prison guard and escaped, is at large. He is James Howell, serving the shortest term of any of the escapees, 17 years for holdup and assault.

Again and again the officers have crossed the trail of Howell. They believe he slept in an abandoned stable on the Nathan Winslow farm at Belvidere on Sunday night. On Monday night Raymond Winslow's car was stolen from the yard of the home near Belvidere. The burned wreckage of the car was found some seven miles away, in the Chappell Hill section of the county. Officers believe Howell to have been the thief.

Two of the captured convicts are in hospitals suffering from gunshot wounds received during the manhunt.

The first man captured was Harry Ross, taken by Sheriff J. E. Winslow as he lay on the ground in a cornfield near Sunbury, on Thursday. He was taken back to the prison camp. Ross, together with the other three convicts, had abandoned the car they had stolen, from the garage of Joel Hollowell, at Winfall, on Wednesday night.

Late that night Marvin Parker was shot down as he fled from officers in the woods near Gum Mill. Parker is still in the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City.

Will Brown, alias Ezzie Steele, serving a life term for rape, sentenced in 1925, was shot when he disregarded repeated commands of officers to halt on Sunday morning, after an all night search had been conducted in the vicinity of Hickory Cross. Having received wounds from shots fired on Thursday night when Marvin Parker was taken, in addition to the wounds received at the time of his capture, Brown was given treatment at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City and afterwards carried to the State Hospital in Raleigh.

## Fire Prevention Week Observed Oct. 6 to 12

The Fire Department of Hertford, together with the fire departments of every town in the United States, has been asked to cooperate in stressing the matter of fire prevention next week, the week set apart by the nation as Fire Prevention Week.

The proclamation of Governor Ehringhaus proclaiming Fire Prevention Week in this State appears elsewhere in this newspaper and calls attention to the methods whereby all citizens as well as all civic organizations may assist in fire prevention.

A bulletin issued by the Insurance Department of the State of North Carolina sets forth that the fire loss in North Carolina in 1934 in protected and unprotected areas (the lowest in ten years) was in excess of eight million dollars; that not over sixty per cent of the burned property was insured; that at least eighty per cent of these fires could have been prevented.

It is also stated that from information obtained in the United States fifty-six per cent of all fires in homes in 1933 started in the basement; that in North Carolina dwelling fires carry the greatest loss of life by fire.

## High School Likely To Get New Teacher

Increased enrollment and average daily attendance at the Perquimans High School may result in the school getting a much needed teacher, according to Superintendent F. T. Johnson.

Perquimans High last year lost a teacher. The school has felt the loss very keenly. A teacher to teach history and science is greatly needed. Application is being made for such a teacher.

## REVIVAL SINGER



W. J. DANIELS  
W. J. Daniels, of Edenton, who will have charge of the music during the revival services to be held at the Hertford Baptist Church next week.

## Bill Jessup Had Red Letter Day At Duke

Yesterday was a red-letter day in the life of Bill Jessup, Duke freshman from Hertford. The boy got into Duke's first tilt of the season with Oak Ridge. That wasn't what made the day such a big one for the yearling, but he probably will never forget it. After the contest, won by the Blue Imps, 13 to 0, Jessup confided to Eddie Cameron, Duke backfield coach: "I've been playing football four years and during that time I have played every position on the team, but today's the first time I've ever been on a winning team. It sure is a good feeling."

—Durham Morning Herald.

## Financial Assistance Offered To Students

Funds have been made available for a program of financial assistance for single young men and women between the ages of 16 and 25 who were on relief rolls in May, 1935, and who are unable to attend school for want of money for text books, carfare, lunch and other essentials, from the beginning of the individual institution's fall term and after September 1, 1935, to the end of its spring term, not later than June 30, 1936.

Four white boys or girls and sixteen colored of Perquimans County are entitled to this aid, according to regulations furnished Superintendent F. T. Johnson by the NYA of Washington.

A total of \$120 per month has been allotted to this county for this purpose, each youth helped to receive not more than \$6 per month.

The regulations set forth that only those boys and girls who are in earnest and are willing to work for an education will be eligible to receive this fund.

Any one wishing to make application for this fund may apply to F. T. Johnson, superintendent of education, who will supply the necessary information and furnish blanks for the application. A certificate will be necessary from the proper authorities that the family of the applicant was receiving relief from the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in May, 1935.

Applications will be received until October 12, which date is the dead line.

## Robert Riddick Dies Suddenly Wednesday

Robert Riddick, 77, died suddenly at 8 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, October 2, at his home at Nicanor. Mr. Riddick, who had been in Hertford the day before, was sitting up in a chair when the end came.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. Burial will take place in the family burying ground.

Mr. Riddick, who was a prominent farmer, is survived by four sons, Robert Riddick, Jr., John Riddick, Sammie Riddick and Henry Riddick, all of the county.

## SILVER TEA THURSDAY

A silver tea will be given by the ladies of St. Catherine's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Thomas Nixon, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

## DURANTS NECK RESIDENTS PRESS ROAD PROJECT

### Delegation Will Again Appear Before Commissioners

### TALK TO WOOD

### Petition Is Signed By About 1,000 Citizens Of County

Among the important matters to be brought before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday is that of the road building project through Durants Neck. The committee which appeared before the State Highway and Public Works Commission in Raleigh on September 6 will, in accordance with the suggestion of that body, appear at the meeting of the Commissioners on Monday and ask for the official endorsement of the Board of the project to pave the road from New Hope to Concord, a distance of approximately five miles.

This committee, representing the residents and property owners of Durants Neck, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners in August, at which time the Board declined to endorse the petition presented, stating as their reason for refusing that the Board had already endorsed a project to pave the road from New Hope to the State Highway leading to Elizabeth City. The statement was made that to endorse the project to build the road through Durants Neck might result in the Highway Commission's refusal to build any road.

The Durants Neck people were not content to let the matter rest here and immediately set to work to find out the sentiment of the people of the county in the matter. They went at once to Edenton and interviewed Julien Wood, a member of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, setting forth to him that the proposed road through Durants Neck is a county project and not merely a community project, in that it would give the residents of this section an outlet to New Hope, from which point there is a hard-surfaced road leading to Hertford. It was pointed out, also, that the residents of Durants Neck are frequently, in winter, when the weather is bad, cut off from outside communication and unable to reach the county seat.

A petition asking for the building of the Durants Neck road and signed by approximately a thousand citizens from all sections of the county was presented to the State Highway and Public Works Commission on September 6, at which time the committee was told to return to Perquimans and secure the official endorsement of the county commissioners before proceeding further with the matter.

The individual signatures of four of the five commissioners have already been set to the petition, and it is believed the Board will act favorably in the matter next Monday.

### MRS. T. P. BYRUM DIES

Word was received in Hertford on Wednesday of the sudden death of Mrs. T. P. Byrum of Edenton. Mrs. Byrum died suddenly Tuesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. H. Bradshaw, in Norfolk, Va., where she was visiting.

Mrs. Byrum was the step-grandmother of W. T. Elliott and Mrs. W. C. Dozier, whose father, J. R. Elliott, died on Monday.

## Drug Store Proprietor Puts Taboo On The Slot Machine

The slot machines have all been removed from Roberson's drug store in Hertford, and no more of the machines will be set up in the place, according to the proprietor, J. G. Roberson.

The removal of the slot machines from the drug store is not the result of any action of an officer. As matters now stand, these machines are legal, in fact.

The machines disappeared one day last week from the store and when the proprietor was approached for an explanation he merely replied that he did not wish to have the machines in the store. Pressed for a more specific statement, Mr. Roberson stated that he did not believe the slot machines represented a good moral influence. "I am not any saint," he said, "I don't want you to get the idea that I am preaching." He reiterated the statement, however, that he did not want the slot machines and wasn't going to have

## PREACHER AT BAPTIST REVIVAL



REV. BEECHER L. RHODES  
Rev. Beecher L. Rhodes, of Norfolk, Va., a former pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, who is coming for a series of revival meetings in the church, which will begin next Sunday.

## Governor's Proclamation

Whereas the destruction of life and property by fire is a matter of concern to every one, and

Whereas the reduction of fire waste can be effected in direct proportion to the amount of care exercised by all people, and

Whereas the President of the United States for the benefit of the American People as a whole and with the view of arousing the people of the United States to the importance of eliminating our enormous fire waste, has proclaimed the week of October

### Fire Prevention Week

Therefore, I, J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of October 7-11 to be Fire Prevention Week in order that people of this State in every community shall individually and through our various

organizations, discover and correct existing fire hazards, promote measures of public and private protection, extend instruction in fire prevention among adults, as well as school children and arouse the people generally to the need for habits of greater care, and to this end I appeal to our citizens to thoroughly cooperate with the various fire departments throughout the State and I request that every Mayor issue a proclamation. I earnestly solicit the cooperation of Chambers of Commerce, Civic and Women's Clubs, and the press.

Done at our City of Raleigh, this 21st day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand and nine hundred and thirty-five.

J. C. B. EHRLINGHAUS,  
Governor.

## Filling Station Fire Of Incendiary Origin

That the fire which partially destroyed the Shell service station on the outskirts of Hertford, on the Edenton Highway late Wednesday night was of incendiary origin was evident from the broken locks on the charred doors.

Blood hounds were put on the tracks found in the rear of the station near where cigarettes, supposedly a part of the loot taken from the station, was found, on Thursday morning.

The small gas station operated by Anderson Blanchard nearby had been broken into and a carton of cigarettes was missing.

The fire at the Shell station owned by the Winslow Oil Company destroyed all evidence of what may have been stolen, except the cigarettes found outside.

Gas had been pumped up in the tanks, indicating an attempt had been made to steal gas.

The tracks in the rear of the station led into a field.

## BAPTIST REVIVAL TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Rev. Beecher L. Rhodes of Norfolk, Secured to Preach During Series Of Meetings

Revival services at the Hertford Baptist Church will begin on next Sunday, when the Rev. Beecher L. Rhodes, of Norfolk, Va., a former pastor of the church, will conduct the services. The music will be under the direction of Jim Daniels, of Edenton.

Prayer services are being held in the church each morning this week, from 7:30 to 7:55. At this writing the congregation has increased each morning, according to Rev. D. S. Dempsey, the pastor. Mr. Dempsey extends a cordial invitation to all praying people to attend these early morning services.

The series of meetings, beginning October 6, will probably last only one week, according to Mr. Dempsey.

There will be two services each day during the week. The morning service will begin at 7:45 and close promptly at 8:30. The evening service will begin at 7:30.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

## One Of Oldest Houses In County Destroyed

Fire destroyed one of the oldest houses in the Parkville section of Perquimans County on Monday afternoon, when the residence occupied by Mrs. Ella Hobbs and owned by her daughter, Mrs. George Bright, was burned to the ground.

The fire originated near a chimney, presumably the roof having caught from a spark which fell from the chimney. Cotton pickers discovered the blaze. Most of the furniture and personal belongings of the family were saved.

The fire departments of Hertford and Elizabeth City responded to a call sent in shortly after the fire was discovered.

### MR. WILLIFORD VERY ILL

C. V. Williford is critically ill at his home at the Hotel Hertford. Mrs. Williford, who has been very sick with an attack of malaria, is somewhat improved.

## JUDGE CONTINUES STAND AGAINST DRIVING DRUNK

### Jail Sentence Imposed On Elizabeth City Man

### CAUSES COMMENT

### Blames Negligence of Courts to Increase of Violations

Reiterating his determination to do everything possible in his court to prevent so much slaughter on the highways, Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., whose recent action in sentencing to jail a man convicted in Perquimans County Recorder's Court of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor has been the subject of a great deal of editorial comment in North Carolina and Virginia newspapers, on Tuesday of this week imposed an unconditional jail sentence on A. S. Armstrong upon conviction of a similar charge.

"A dangerous pastime, this driving automobiles on the highways while under the influence of liquor," said Judge Oakey in the course of his remarks in connection with the sentencing of Armstrong, an Elizabeth City garage employee, arrested on September 15 at Winfall, where his car left the road and crashed into a fence as he failed to make a curve.

"The citizens have two privileges now," stated the justice, who made the statement at the former trial that it was as dangerous to drive a car while under the influence of liquor as it would be for a man to run up and down the streets shooting a gun with his eyes shut. "They have got the privilege to drink and they have got the privilege to drive. But the State and society does not give a man the privilege to do both at the same time, because it is dangerous to his fellow man."

Commenting on the fact that there has been an increase in the drunken driving charges recently, Judge Oakey remarked that he did not know whether it was due to the return of legal whiskey or not. "I believe," he said, "that it is due in a large measure to the negligence of the courts in overlooking such things."

The judgment of the Court, which was appealed by defense counsel, was a fine of fifty dollars, 60 days on the roads, driver's license revoked for a period of six months, the balance of the jail sentence to be suspended upon the defendant serving ten days in jail.

## Seasons Announced For Hunting Game

J. H. Newbold, Game Warden of Perquimans County, has been notified by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development that, under an amendment to the Federal regulations the open season of shooting doves in North Carolina is from September 21 to January 5. The shooting hours for doves are from 7 a. m. to sunset each day during the open season.

Open season for shooting squirrels began on October 1 and will end on January 15.

The season for shooting quail begins on Thanksgiving Day and ends on February 15.

The bag limit for squirrels per day is 10, with no limit for the season. The bag limit for quail per day is 10 with a season limit of 150.

The season for the shooting of ducks and geese begins Nov. 20 and continues until December 19, with a bag limit of 10 and a possession limit of 10.

Hunting license may be secured from the following places in Perquimans: At Hertford Hardware & Supply Co. and at Joe & Bill's Service Station, in Hertford; at Roy Chappell's, Bethel; at L. J. Winslow's Store, Belvidere; at R. M. Baker's Store, Whiteston; at Mrs. Erma D'Orsey's Store, Chapanoke; at Stephen Perry's Store, New Hope.

## Club Women Urged Attend Ahoskie Meet

Mrs. F. T. Johnson, president of the Hertford Woman's Club, is very anxious that as many club women as possible attend the district meeting at Ahoskie on October 12, and requests that any woman desiring to go get in touch with her at the earliest possible date. A prize will be given the club with the best representation at the meeting.