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Colored Bootlegger Is Finally Trapped

Simon Williams Has Long Been Able to Evade Law

NOW IN JAIL

Locked Up For Intimidating Witnesses For State

Simon Williams, Negro bootlegger and the King Pin of King Street night life, who appears to have terrorized Gosse Hollow residents, and whose activities were the object of a sweeping investigation conducted by local officers last week, is in the Perquimans County jail where he is held under a thousand dollar bond, having been arrested by Officer M. G. Owens on Wednesday afternoon. Williams is charged with interfering with and intimidating witnesses. He will be tried in Recorder's Court on Tuesday on this charge, and also on a charge of possessing liquor for sale.

That Simon Williams' cafe on King Street, the scene of so many affairs which sooner or later found their way into Recorder's Court, was the big bootlegging headquarters of the Negro section of the town has long been known, but officers have never been able before to catch Simon with the goods. Somehow, he has managed to keep his operations under cover since his return from the federal prison at Atlanta some years ago. His shop is said to be equipped with the most ingenious devices to protect his operations, including electric bells, sliding doors which open only from the inside, to protect those who drink in especially arranged booths, and other equipment.

Nobody who bought liquor from Simon would ever tell. Officers have searched the premises time and again but have been unable to get the evidence. Their efforts were renewed over the week-end, however, and their determination was rewarded with success.

J. T. Britt, Chief of Police, secured evidence against Simon last Saturday night and Simon was arrested for selling liquor, but when the case came up for trial on Tuesday witnesses reversed the sworn statements previously made and signed before officers. Two women, Roberta Jenkins and Cora Martin, were sent to jail for perjury by Judge Oakey, both being unable to provide the thousand dollar bond under which each was ordered placed. As a result of no evidence, the case against Simon was non-suited.

Right then began the investigations, when Silas M. Whedbee, acting prosecuting attorney, interviewed and secured sworn statements from numerous men and women whom Mr. Whedbee believed had knowledge of the case. The investigation continued through Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, resulting in a bench warrant against Simon Williams, charging him with interfering with and intimidating witnesses.

Meantime, on Tuesday night, Special Night Officer M. G. Owens, secured a search warrant, determined to find the liquor which he felt sure Simon had hidden. Mr. Owens took along Officer Britt and Deputy Officer C. E. Walker, and the three men searched for a long time before the cache was located. Simon had rebuilt a large writing desk, concealing cleverly arranged compartments, and in each one reposed a ginger ale bottle filled with whiskey. Thirty-eight of these were found, each in its own pigeon hole. The liquor was taken to the Court House to be used as evidence.

Simon was arrested and released under a bond of \$250.00.

It was after this he was jailed in default of a thousand dollar bond on the charge of interfering with and intimidating witnesses.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET DECEMBER 19

Meeting Week Earlier Due To The Christmas Holidays; Will Give Baskets To Poor

The December meeting of the Hertford Woman's Club will be held on Thursday, December 19, which is a week in advance of the regular meeting time. The meeting is held a week earlier because the regular meeting time falls in the Christmas holidays.

Preparations will be made at this time to send baskets to the needy at Christmas.

School Holidays Be Dec. 20 To Jan. 2

Christmas holidays for the schools of Perquimans County will begin on Friday, December 20, and will last until January 2, according to an announcement made this week by F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Education.

RED CROSS SIGNERS LAGGING IN DRIVE

Less Than 50 Percent Secured in the County According to Mrs. C. P. Morris, County Chairman

Mrs. C. P. Morris, chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call, reports that less than fifty percent of Perquimans County's quota of one hundred dollars has been collected up to the present.

The campaign has been extended to continue through next week, and everybody who wishes to join the Red Cross is asked to do so whether or not a personal call has been made. Any one who desires to make a contribution may, if it is more convenient than to give the dollar to one of the canvassers, leave the money at the office of The Perquimans Weekly. As has been previously stated, half of the money collected remains in the county for local work. The matter of using this fund to help to finance a course in home nursing for the senior class in the Perquimans High School, is being discussed, but as yet no definite plan has been made as to this.

Following are the names of those who have joined the Red Cross Roll Call up to the present. Additional names will be published next week:

Mrs. D. S. Darden, Mrs. Guy Newby, Mrs. T. J. Nixon, Jr., Mrs. Trim Wilson, Mrs. R. M. Fowler, Mrs. J. R. Stokes, Mrs. Isa Tucker, Mrs. V. N. Darden, Mrs. F. T. Johnson, Hotel Hertford, Mrs. T. P. Brinn, Mrs. R. T. Clarke, Mrs. R. M. Potter, Mrs. C. C. Winslow, Mrs. A. W. Heffren, Mrs. E. E. Payne, Mrs. T. S. White, Miss Mae Wood Winslow, E. T. Jillson, Mrs. E. T. Jillson, Mrs. R. A. Perry, Walter H. Oakey, Jr., Thomas Nixon, Mrs. Thomas Nixon, Charles Whedbee, Mrs. Charles Whedbee, J. E. Morris, Central Grocery, Morgan Walker, J. Broughton & Bro., Johnson, White & Co., Dr. Luther H. Butler, Simon Rutenberg, Mrs. J. E. Winslow, Mrs. Mattie Lister White, Fred Winslow, Mark Gregory, J. C. Blanchard & Co., Davenport & Blanchard, Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Jr., Mrs. C. F. Sumner, Sr., Mrs. G. T. Hawkins, Mrs. C. P. Morris, Mrs. V. A. Holdren, Mrs. E. L. Reed, Hollowell Chevrolet Co., Morgan's Modern Grocery, Mrs. P. H. Small, W. M. Morgan, Mrs. Clyde McCallum, Mrs. C. G. Stephens, and Miss Kate M. Blanchard.

Contributions were made by Miss Esther Evans, Miss Scott, Mrs. J. C. Blanchard and Miss Evelyn Riddick.

Jurors Drawn For January Term Court

The following jurors were drawn Monday by Master Howard Broughton for the County Commissioners, the jurors to serve at the January term of Perquimans Superior Court, which will be for the trial of civil cases only:

H. P. Hollowell, Wallace Bright, A. R. Winslow, Jr., H. G. Swain, J. P. Elliott, J. B. Whedbee, B. F. Bray, G. R. Tucker, L. R. Webb, W. F. Hollowell, E. Lee Hurdle, F. N. Mansfield, Nathan Mathews, Joel F. Hollowell, Dempsey A. Winslow, N. R. Elliott, T. R. Ward, Elvin Spivey, W. S. Long, Joshua C. Winslow, H. G. Baker, Arba Winslow, and R. Lee Layden.

Sunday School Class Meets Tuesday Night

The Judson Memorial Sunday School Class of the Hertford Baptist Church held its regular meeting at the home of Miss Marie Fowler on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Josiah Elliott had charge of the program. Dainty refreshments were served during the social hour following.

Those present were Mesdames Charles Johnson, Josiah Elliott, Sidney Layden, Tommy Miller, Bill Boyce, Marie White, Kermit Lane, and Misses Elizabeth Wood, Lucille Sutton, Madge Powell, Katherine Campen, Ellen Chappell, Amy Lane, Virginia Boyce, Edna Layden and Elizabeth Fowler.

MIMOSA TREES TO BE PLANTED SOON ALONG HIGHWAY

Civic Clubs Aid In Beautifying Streets In Town

PLANT 100 TREES

Mrs. B. W. Thach Contributes 50 Mimosa Trees

Mrs. B. W. Thach is contributing the mimosa trees which will be planted in Hertford next week.

A hundred trees are to be set out by the town of Hertford on the highway through the town, from the Perquimans River Bridge to the Perquimans High School, fifty mimosa trees and fifty dogwood trees.

A committee from the Civic Department of the Hertford Woman's Club, under the direction of Mrs. R. T. White, is designating spots at which the trees are to be planted. The Hertford Rotary Club will get the trees and the Town will have them planted.

There are large quantities of dogwood trees on privately owned property throughout the county, but it is probable that the trees will be taken from the county-owned property near Winfall.

A number of the home owners on the highway who wish to have crepe myrtle trees planted have expressed the intention of putting out crepe myrtles in front of their homes, at their own expense, and it is believed that many will do this, thus adding much to the beauty of the highway.

Perquimans High School Raises Fund To Buy China-Silver

The china-silver project went over big at the Perquimans High School. A campaign was instituted recently to provide china and silver for the high school to be used in the many affairs given each year by the school. Heretofore it has been necessary to borrow the china and silver, which is a great deal of trouble to those responsible for the articles.

The children were each called upon to contribute a small sum, and a very generous response was given, and silver and china to serve 150 persons will be purchased immediately.

Miss Jessup Expected Return Home Sunday

Miss Katherine Jessup is convalescing satisfactorily after an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Jessup, who had been stricken for a few days, was taken to the Protestant Hospital in Norfolk in the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day, where she immediately underwent an operation.

She is expected to return home on Sunday.

Session Of Recorder Court Held Tuesday

Pauline Ryan, colored, plead guilty to the charge of assault with a deadly weapon in Recorder's Court Tuesday. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of one-half the court costs.

Joseph Harrell, colored, plead guilty to larceny and was sent to the roads for thirty days.

Sadie Grizzle, colored, plead guilty to the charge of being drunk and disorderly, and was sentenced to thirty days on the roads, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of ten dollars.

Weldon Mabin and Mock Rountree, charged with affray, were found not guilty.

Elihu Key, colored, plead guilty to the charge of assault, and was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the road sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fifteen dollar fine.

William Reed was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon. Prayer for judgment was continued for one year upon payment of the court costs.

Roberta Jenkins and Cora Martin, witnesses in the case against Simon Williams, who made statements on the witness stand contradicting a previously sworn statement signed before officers, were ordered sent to jail by Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., to await trial at the April term of Perquimans Superior Court for perjury. Bond was fixed in the sum of \$1000 each. Roberta Jenkins was later released from jail following further investigation by the court.

EDWARDS MAKES FIGHT TO HOLD PROSECUTOR JOB

Attorney Tells Commissioners They Have No Jurisdiction

MOTION DENIED

Claims Oakey Acted Illegally; Whedbee Now Prosecutor

In spite of the vigorous protest of W. G. Edwards, through his attorney, J. R. Edwards, of Greenville, the Board of County Commissioners, at their regular meeting on Monday, made a temporary appointment of a prosecuting attorney for Perquimans Recorder's Court, to serve in the place of W. G. Edwards, who was forbidden indefinitely to serve as prosecuting attorney by Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., on November 19, said appointee, Silas M. Whedbee, to act as prosecutor until the Superior Court acts upon the appeal of Mr. Edwards in the matter now pending. The next session of Perquimans Superior Court will convene in January.

W. G. Edwards was elected prosecuting attorney in 1934 and served as such until November 19, 1935, at which time Judge Oakey read an order in open court which set forth that, whereas W. G. Edwards had appeared in open court on November 12 in an advanced state of intoxication, and that despite warning from the bench his condition became progressively worse during the day until it became necessary to adjourn court before the business of the session had been completed, and because of several similar occurrences during the past year, that great discredit and unfavorable reflection had been cast upon the court, that the said W. G. Edwards was adjudged in contempt of court and forbidden indefinitely to practice at the bar of Perquimans Recorder's Court. Silas M. Whedbee, the former prosecuting attorney, was requested by Judge Oakey to act in the capacity of prosecuting attorney pending the action of the Board of County Commissioners, which Board was requested to fix the compensation of Mr. Whedbee.

Upon the reading of the order by Judge Oakey, J. R. Edwards, representing his brother, noted an appeal to Superior Court. At the next session of Recorder's Court, on November 26, J. R. Edwards, representing the former prosecuting attorney, appeared with his brother and tendered W. G. Edwards' services as prosecutor and requested Judge Oakey to find as a fact that Mr. Edwards was not intoxicated on this occasion, and to further find that he was not intoxicated on November 19, when the order was made. Judge Oakey refused to go into the matter and again requested S. M. Whedbee to prosecute the docket.

The position taken by the attorney for the former prosecuting attorney, as he stated his case before the Board on Monday, is that Judge Oakey had no legal right to forbid the prosecutor to act indefinitely as prosecuting attorney; that he could only forbid him for one term at the time, and that the Board of Commissioners had no right to take any action in the matter. Mr. Edwards stated and reiterated the statement that it was a matter which was not the responsibility of the Board and that the Board was merely borrowing trouble and taking into consideration something they did not have anything to do with.

Before making any statement in the matter, Mr. Edwards asked the Board if they intended removing his brother from office, stating that unless they did so he would have nothing to say. The chairman, E. M. Perry, answered that, as Mr. Edwards had already been removed from office by Judge Oakey, the Board would not find it necessary to do anything further in the matter than to make the appointment of a prosecuting attorney.

Charles Whedbee, attorney for the Board, after Mr. Edwards' statement that it was not the Board's responsibility to make such appointment, said, "I will advise the Board that it is up to them and their duty to do so."

During the rather lengthy discussion of the matter before the Board of Commissioners, when Mr. Edwards was insisting that it was the Recorder's privilege only to forbid the prosecuting attorney to practice at one term at a time, Chas. Whedbee remarked that it would be a very unpleasant situation if the Judge of Recorder's Court were placed in the

Board Of Education Plans Large Schools

Woman's Club Is Offering Prizes For Decorations

The Hertford Woman's Club is offering prizes for Christmas decorations. A prize will be given for the prettiest outside, living Christmas tree; a prize will be given for the most attractively decorated window or door, outside decorations, and a prize for the most attractively decorated store window.

LOCAL POST OFFICE ANXIOUS RENDER BEST OF SERVICE

Postmaster Morris Offers Timely Suggestions To Patrons That Will Help

In an effort to render a better service to the hundreds of people mailing Christmas packages and greeting Postmaster J. E. Morris and the Post Office force are asking that the patrons of the office also help in making the service they receive this Christmas the very best, and is offering the following suggestions to the patrons, which if followed will absolutely insure a better service to every person sending or receiving Christmas mail.

Don't wait until the last week to mail your packages. The volume of mail increases more than 200 percent during Christmas, which makes it impossible to render an efficient service if everyone waits until the very last to mail.

Wrap and tie your parcels well. Use strong twine and heavy paper. Always tell the postal clerk whether your package contains perishable or fragile articles, so that he may mark the package, which will insure better handling. Parcels 100 inches in length and girth combined, and weighing not over 70 pounds can be mailed. After the parcel is securely wrapped then comes the most important part of the senders duty, which is a well written or printed address which is easy to read, and also your return address.

If the parcel you are mailing is valuable it will be well to insure or register the package or letter. The fee for insurance and registration is very small, but protects you against loss. Dressed fowl may be sent in the mails for short distances, provided they are well packed so that no leakage will occur. It is strongly suggested that a special delivery stamp be used in mailing such articles. A special delivery stamp guarantees delivery of the article immediately after it reaches the office of addressee.

In order that the patrons might familiarize themselves with the rules governing the mailing of Christmas greeting cards and letters, the rules are quoted below:

Greeting cards not in envelope. one cent.

Greeting cards in envelopes not sealed, and bearing only the name of sender and a simple greeting. 1 1/2 cent.

Any card or letter with any writing except as quoted above, envelopes whether sealed or unsealed, 3 cents.

It is especially urged by the Postmaster that patrons wishing to either mail or get parcels from the Post Office, avoid the hours between 12 o'clock Noon and 2:30 P. M., as much as possible, as the heavy incoming mails between now and Christmas makes it necessary that the windows to the Post Office be closed for at least an hour between these hours.

Always bring your package notice when calling for a package.

Rev. D. S. Dempsey Has Special Sermons

Rev. D. S. Dempsey, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, has announced two interesting topics on which he will preach next Sunday:

"How To Get Rich" is the subject of the sermon to be delivered on Sunday morning, and in the evening the subject is "How To Be Happy." The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

WEEK OF PRAYER

The Week of Prayer service was held Tuesday afternoon at the Baptist Church at Chapanoke. A very interesting program was given by the following ladies: Mrs. Johnnie Bray, Mrs. J. C. Wilson, Jr., and Mrs. Arthur Bogus.

Would Increase Capacity at Belvidere Winfall and New Hope

THREE SCHOOLS

Plan Would Eliminate Five Small Schools In County

Three big schools to take the place of the numerous small schools scattered throughout that section of the county north of the Perquimans River, is the present plan of the Board of Education, the members of which appeared before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday and requested the Board to approve the application for a loan of fifty thousand dollars, instead of the forty-six hundred and fifty dollar loan previously approved.

It is the purpose of the Board of Education to build larger buildings at Winfall and Belvidere, where two new buildings are necessary, than was previously provided for, and to improve and enlarge the school at New Hope, and to have these three schools take care of all the children in that section of the county north of the Perquimans River.

This plan will make the New Hope school a six-teacher school, instead of the three-teacher school it now is, and the three schools, Woodville, Snow Hill and White Hat, will be consolidated with this school.

The Whiteston school will be consolidated with the Belvidere school, and the Chapanoke school will be consolidated with the Winfall school.

The Board of Commissioners approved the plan.

Only One Donation For Will Rogers Fund

Mrs. R. T. Clarke has made the only contribution made in Hertford to the Will Rogers Memorial Fund, according to information given out by the Hertford Banking Company, which is custodian for the fund in Perquimans.

The campaign which originally was announced to end on Thanksgiving Day, has been extended to December 15, so there is still time to contribute to this fund if any so desire.

Turkey Supper At Parish House Friday

The annual bazaar and turkey supper will be served at the Parish House on Friday at 6 o'clock.

There will be the usual turkey supper, also a chicken salad plate, with hot coffee, at attractive prices.

Home-made pound cake and devil's food cake will also be served. Home-made candies will be sold, as usual.

Hand-made articles, including practical things such as pillow cases, aprons and other plain articles, will be sold.

The public is invited.

Bishop Darst Be At Holy Trinity Sunday

The Right Reverend Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will make his annual visitation to Hertford next Sunday and will preach at Holy Trinity Church at the 11 o'clock service on Sunday morning.

Bishop Darst is always given a warm welcome in Hertford, where he has preached regularly each year for the past twenty years, and where he has many friends.

A cordial invitation to hear Bishop Darst is extended to the public.

Former Residents Move To Hertford

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Elliott, Mrs. R. D. Elliott and Darius Elliott, former Hertford residents, who have recently been living at Weldon, moved back to Hertford last week. Mr. Elliott, after spending a few days in Hertford, left Monday for California to begin work on the job he recently accepted with the Fritz Ziebarth Electrical Engineers, which company is constructing a transmission line between Boulder Dam, on the Colorado River, and Southern California. Mrs. Elliott will join her husband in the West sometime in the spring.

Visits Parents at Bethel
Miss Annie Wilms Curtis, of Norfolk, Va., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Curtis, at Bethel.