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## J. W. Ward Appointed Tax Supervisor For Year 1936

### Commissioners Also Appoint County's List Takers

BEGIN APRIL 1

### Will Seek to Place More Taxable Property On Books

J. W. Ward, Register of Deeds, was appointed Supervisor of Taxation by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, and the list takers appointed were as follows: Hertford Township, Edgar Feilds; Bethel Township, Charles W. Parker; Parkville Township, N. R. Elliott; Belvidere Township, E. L. Chappell; New Hope Township, L. R. Webb.

In order that the work of the tax listers may be more effective and the tax lists more complete, so that there shall be as little loss as possible to the county through failure of property owner to pay taxes, the Commissioners expect to make arrangements for the list takers, who will begin their work on April 1, to be on the job at regular hours during every working day of the entire month.

A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be held on March 16, when instructions will be given to the list takers by the Supervisor and the Commissioners.

That in some instances it is inevitable that tax evaders get by without paying taxes on their property is believed to be true. It is difficult to get an accurate list of all of the taxable property. Each year there are brought to light bits of property here and there, in many cases real estate, on which taxes have not been paid for years. However, it is believed that if the people in the county are given notice of the exact time and place of the sitting of the tax lister, so that they can be sure of finding the officer, there will be considerably fewer persons who fail through carelessness to list their property. The tax listers will be asked to use great diligence in seeing that all taxable property in their respective townships is listed.

## Herman Ward On Daily Tar Heel Staff

Herman Ward, student at the University of North Carolina from Perquimans County High School, has recently been promoted on the staff of The Daily Tar Heel, official daily newspaper of the University.

Herman has been working on the paper for the past year contributing articles and writing account of the major events of the campus. His promotion is one of the first of the year.

Besides working on the newspaper Herman is an active member of the Sophomore Cabinet, Phi Assembly, and Foreign Policy League.

The foregoing item was sent to The Perquimans Weekly from the News Bureau of the University.

The young student from Perquimans who is doing such outstanding work at the University is the son of Register of Deeds J. W. Ward and Mrs. Ward.

## Missionary Society Meets At Church

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford M. E. Church held its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening in the Sunday School room of the church, with Mrs. Chas. Skinner, vice-president, presiding.

In the absence of the regular program committee, both members of which were sick, Mrs. H. C. Stokes took charge of the program, and those taking part were Mesdames J. C. Blanchard, Durwood Reed, Howard Pitt, and Miss Mary Wood Koonce.

## New Winfall Plant Soon Be Completed

The new mill which Fred Winslow is building in Winfall will be ready for operation in about a week.

The plant, which is located on King Street, will include a grist mill, as well as a hammer mill for grinding corn, feed, etc., and probably other equipment.

Life is to be fortified by many friendships. To love and to be loved is the greatest happiness of existence.—Sydney Smith.

## Riot Quelled At Woodville Camp

Kid Jones Williams, the Negro convict at the Woodville Prison Camp, who received a sentence of six months in Perquimans Recorder's Court on Tuesday, participated in the riot which occurred at the Camp on Wednesday, when Lamarr Faison, long-term Negro convict, was probably seriously injured when he was shot in the left shoulder by the camp superintendent, Capt. J. M. Tolar. Capt. Tolar shot to prevent the convict, who is said to be a desperate character, striking Corporal J. M. Merritt, of the State Highway Patrol, over the head with a club. Corporal Merritt and Patrolman G. I. Dail were assisting in quelling the riot, which is said to have started when Williams refused to obey orders at the Camp.

Faison, who was taken to the Central Prison at Raleigh, after the shooting, is serving a term of sixty years.

## Schools Of County Will Begin Saturday Sessions This Week

There will be no school holiday on Saturday. For a number of weeks the children of Perquimans are going to have to attend school on Saturday, in order to make up for the time which they lost because of the severe weather conditions and the dangerous roads sometime ago.

The Saturday school begins this week.

That plans are being made to arrange the school day to accommodate the farmers of the county was learned this week. While definite arrangements have not as yet been worked out, Superintendent F. T. Johnson expects to arrange that the school day shall begin earlier in the morning than heretofore, so that the children may get home in the early afternoon, which will be a great convenience to those parents who need their children to help with the work on the farm.

## Meeting At New Bern Friday To Plan For Eastern Tourist Trade

A sectional meeting of vital interest to Eastern North Carolina will be held at New Bern at 10:30 A. M., Friday, March 6th, in the Hotel Gaston, at which time plans will be discussed and adopted for the purpose of securing a greater volume of tourist traffic through the Coastal Plain. Originating with the Goldsboro Merchants Association of which Mr. W. C. Denmark is executive vice president, the idea has received a fine degree of commendation and approval from Chambers of Commerce, Civic Clubs, hotels and business interests generally.

A wide invitation is being extended to such interests and all other professional and business classifications to participate in the conference. It is planned to adopt definite objectives and lines of procedure, in order to secure for the Eastern section of North Carolina, a proper proportion of the advantages and benefits which accrue from tourist traffic. The attractions which Eastern Carolina possesses are many and varied. These will be stressed at the conference to the end that there may be adopted general plans and ideas which may be closely and diligently followed. It is hoped and expected that the attendance will be of such nature as to manifest the general degree of interest which the plans are entitled to receive.

It is a fact that Eastern Carolina possesses many points of allurements which appeal to tourist traffic on an all year basis. It is proposed to capitalize upon such advantages so that the greatest degree of success will attend the effort. It is hoped that public and professional men individually, and accredited delegations from commercial and civic organizations will attend. Those who will do so are invited to communicate with the New Bern Chamber of Commerce so that the session which will begin promptly at 10:30 A. M., Friday, may be featured with a large and representative attendance.

When fish is to be served as the main dish at a dinner allow one-half pound for each person.

## PRISONER TRIES TO FREEDOM FROM LOCAL JAIL

### Negro Gradually Cutting Hole Through Brick Wall

### NEARLY THROUGH

### Attempt, However, Was Thwarted By Fellow Prisoners

"Burr-r-rr, burr-r-r, chip, tap, burr-r-rr." There was something disturbing in that sound which awakened Will Denis Harrell as he slept on his cot in the Perquimans County jail on Thursday night. Will Denis became wider awake, as the sound persisted. Sometimes it stopped altogether, but in a moment it would begin again, "burr-r-rr, chip, tap, tap, tap."

The man was wide awake now, awake and listening. There was something ominous in that sound. Few sounds are heard at three o'clock in the morning within the walls of the jail, unless, perhaps, some drunk is lodged there for the night.

It couldn't be any one trying to break in. Folks do not break into jails. Then what?

Will Denis crept from his cot to that of Claude Chappell, the young white man who is awaiting trial at the April term of Superior Court. "Mr. Chappell," he whispered, "do you hear that?"

Young Chappell was awake in a moment. "Yes," he whispered back in the darkness. "What is it?" There were a few more whispered words between the two and then, slowly, quietly, creeping over the stone floor, they began to descend the narrow stairs which leads to the first floor of the jail.

And there they could see, though dimly at first, by the pale light which filtered through the bars of the window above where the man was kneeling at his secret labor. Swiftly, stealthily, he was cutting his way to freedom through the brick wall. The two men were upon him before he was aware of their proximity, and in no time they had him sprung in his cell and the bolt was shut.

The prisoner, a Negro named Marvin Williams, who had been sentenced on Tuesday to six months on the roads upon conviction of an assault charge, had managed somehow to secure a large screw driver, with which he had cut through four of the five layers of brick in the wall. The opening would have been quite large enough for a man's body to pass through. He must have labored throughout the night.

In court on Tuesday, convicted of a charge of damaging county property in an attempt to break jail, he was given an additional 6 months on the roads.

Both the men who thwarted the escape of Williams are awaiting trial at the April term of court. Young Chappell, a well-mannered, bright-faced youngster, is charged with having fired the service station which he was operating for the Winslow Oil Company, and which burned to the ground on Christmas night.

Will Denis Harrell, colored, appealed from a judgment of the Recorder's Court, where he was convicted of the larceny of chickens.

## Farm Women Plan Tour To Washington

Miss Gladys Hamrick, Home Demonstration Agent of Perquimans, and Miss Rebecca Colwell, the Home Agent of Chowan, will organize a party of farm women from the two counties to go on a sight-seeing bus trip to Washington City in April.

The party will leave home on Friday, the 17, returning on Sunday. That the trip is to be made while the cherry trees in Washington are in bloom is an added inducement to take the trip.

## Date Of Next Mass Meeting Is Delayed

No announcement has as yet been made as to the next mass meeting to be called by the town council for the consideration of the proposed improvements for the town, the preliminary discussion of which took place at a meeting on Monday night of last week.

Preparation of the estimates which must be in hand before the next meeting is called is delayed by the illness of W. C. Dozier, who is suffering with an attack of influenza.

## NOBLES SELECTED TO INSPECT DOGS FOR PERQUIMANS

### All Dogs Must Be Vaccinated According To Law

### 50c PER DOG

### Law Calls For Only One Dose Regardless of Size

A. A. Nobles has been appointed Rabies Inspector for Perquimans County, the appointment having been made on Monday at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners. The work, which was not begun until late last year, was divided between Mr. Nobles and G. C. Buck.

The work this year is to begin on April first, and all of the dogs of the county must be vaccinated for the prevention of rabies, in accordance with the statute passed at the last General Assembly.

Mr. Nobles was instructed by the Board on Monday that only fifty cents may be charged for vaccinating any dog in the county, no matter what the size of the dog may be, as this amount is all that is allowed by law.

There was a great deal of complaint in the county last year by dog owners who were required by the rabies inspectors to pay a dollar for vaccinating dogs weighing more than a certain number of pounds.

This came about by the fact that the directions printed on the package in which the serum is packed states that a dose of twice the amount which the State provides as a dose is required for dogs weighing over 40 pounds. It was because of these directions the inspectors gave the extra quantity to the larger dogs.

Mr. Nobles was instructed on Monday that if any one wished to have the double quantity administered to his dog he would have to bear the extra expense.

Of the fifty cents charged, twenty-five cents is used to pay for the serum and the tag, the other twenty-five retained by the rabies inspector. The entire amount of fifty cents is credited on the dog tag when the owner pays the same.

Not all of the counties of the State complied with the statute last year, but Perquimans was one of the counties which did, as was also Chowan. The adjoining county of Pasquotank did not, however, have its dogs vaccinated last year. In Perquimans there were approximately two thousand dogs vaccinated last summer.

## Many Enjoy Concert By Music Pupils

A very appreciative audience heard the concert given under the direction of Miss Kate M. Blanchard on Friday evening by the young people of her piano classes and of the glee clubs of the Hertford Grammar School and the Perquimans High School.

Piano solos were played by Anne Tullis Felton, Ruth Hollowell, Nancy Coke Darden, Florence Darden and Zack White.

There were vocal solos given by the following boys, Durwood Reed, Clarke Stokes, Jack Anderson and George Feilds. A vocal trio was sung by Anna Penelope Tucker, Alice Roberson and Blanche Moore Berry.

The entire group taking part included Maude Keaton, Blanche Moore Berry, Julia Broughton, Mary Thad Chappell, Celia Blanche Dail, Mary Sumner Feild, Eugenia Gregory, Mary Morris, Lila Budd Stephens, Dorothy Strange, Anne Penelope Tucker, Alice Roberson, Nita Newbold, Shirley Elliott, Elizabeth Caddy, Margaret Broughton, Florence Darden, Nancy Coke Darden, Anne Tullis Felton, Marjorie Buck, Ruth Hollowell, Frances Newby, Ruth Winslow, Dalton Strange, Dorothy Trueblood, Geneva White, Evelyn Long, Helen Mae White, Marjorie Mathews, Eloise Keaton, Bettie Lordley, Pat Edwards, Margaret Chappell, Gene Newbold, Mary Belle Delaney, Elizabeth Darden, Zack Toms White, Jack Anderson, George Feilds, Francis Nixon, Clarke Stokes and Durwood Reed.

### Mr. Gregory Improves

M. J. Gregory, who had the misfortune to break his right arm in a fall on the snow some five weeks ago, was delighted this week to have the splints removed from the injured arm.

## Commissioners Authorize Issuance \$500,000 Bonds

### Special Offer On Perquimans Weekly For Limited Time

For a limited time only you may become a subscriber to The Perquimans Weekly, or you may renew your subscription at the special rate of \$1.00 per year. This offer will be open until April 1, after which time the price will be \$1.25.

Take advantage of this opportunity to subscribe to Perquimans County's only newspaper.

## New Beauty Parlor In Blanchard's Store Nearing Completion

Workmen are rushing to completion the extensive improvements which are being made in the store of J. C. Blanchard & Company. Quarters are being prepared on the second floor for the new beauty parlor which will shortly be in operation, and also for the showing of a portion of the ladies' ready-to-wear which will be removed from the first floor.

Mr. Blanchard has purchased very attractive furnishings for the beauty shop, with modern and up-to-date equipment, and two operators will begin work as soon as the equipment and furnishings are installed.

## Beautiful Homes Mold Character

Beauty in one's surroundings becomes a part of one's life, character, and personality. It should not be set apart for only occasional enjoyment.

The homemaker who can select and arrange furnishings to make a room beautiful is an artist, said Miss Pauline Gordon, extension specialist in home management at State College.

"If your home has charm and distinction, it must be comfortable and convenient, soothing to the mind and productive of an inner contentment," she stated.

"Have you ever entered a room that has gaudy flowered walls, showy lace curtains bright rugs, over-decorated vases and lamps? What type of person do you expect to find living in such a room?"

"And what kind of people do you think would live in a room with soothing ivory walls, soft mellow lights, rugs with subdued and harmonious coloring, quiet draperies, comfortable chairs in front of a fire, plenty of books, and a few good pictures?"

If your home is to be pleasant and attractive, it must be "homelike," Miss Gordon pointed out. The woman who has a home of charm must make it liveable.

Do not overcrowd a room with furniture, or hang pictures all over the walls. Objects which have no practical use should be placed in a room only when needed to bring in color and interest.

Furnishings should be grouped for convenience. In the living room should be a place for conversation, a place for reading with adequate well shaded lights, a place for writing, and maybe a place for singing or playing music. The room as a whole should be restful and pleasant.

## R. F. Tuttle Assists In Making Tax Returns

R. F. Tuttle, deputy commissioner for the second district, will be at Hotel Hertford on Friday, March 12, for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their State income tax returns. Mr. Tuttle is required to be in Hertford only one day, and those desiring his services should see him as early as possible.

For the second district, will be in his office at his home, 105 West Queen Street, on March 14 and 16 for the purpose of assisting taxpayers in filing their State income tax returns. Mr. Tuttle is required to be in Edenton only two days and those desiring his services should see him as early as possible.

Those required to file a return are all unmarried persons or a married woman who had an income of at least \$1000 during 1935 and married men who received as much as \$2000 during 1935.

The return must be made on or before March 16 under a penalty for failure to do so.

## Will Refund Road and Bridge Bonds of County

### 4% INTEREST

### Refinancing Means Saving of \$10,000 Per Year

For the purpose of effecting a saving in the interest on the bonded indebtedness of the county, the Board of Commissioners on Monday authorized the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$500,000.00 for refunding road and bridge bonds of Perquimans County of a like amount, the six per cent bonds now outstanding against the county to be retired and the new issue sold at a lower rate of interest.

County Attorney Charles Whedbee, who drew the order, in discussing the steps so taken by the Board, called attention to the great saving to be made by the county, remarking that if the bonds were sold at the rate of 4 per cent, instead of 6 per cent, it would result in a saving to the county of approximately ten thousand dollars per year.

Formal notice of the order authorizing the bond issue by the Commissioners appears in this issue of this newspaper.

## Thieves Again Make Haul At Winfall

Thieves again broke into and robbed the Winfall Service Station at Winfall on Sunday night. This is about half a dozen times this station has been robbed within recent years, two of the robberies having occurred this winter. Something like four cartons of cigarettes, a box of cigars and a quantity of gasoline constituted the haul of the thieves on Sunday night.

While it is impossible to say just how much merchandise was stolen, according to D. R. Trueblood, who, together with J. V. Roach, operates the station, it probably amounted to no more than ten or twelve dollars' worth. One of the gas tanks was broken open and some gasoline was taken.

Vic Stallings, who works at the station, and who went down to open up on Monday morning, discovered that the front door had been broken open and entrance gained into the station, and notified the operators. No clue as to the identity of the thief or thieves was found.

## Demonstration Agent Plans Organization Of 4-H Club For Girls

Miss Gladys Hamrick, Home Demonstration Agent, is planning to organize a 4-H Club for girls at the Perquimans High School next week.

Girls of 13 to 21 years are eligible to membership in these clubs, which afford an opportunity not only to be trained in many interesting phases of home work, but entitles the members to participate in numerous interesting contests.

A project for the year will be selected after the club in Perquimans is organized, Miss Hamrick said, and either one of several may be selected. Those mentioned by Miss Hamrick were home furnishing, food, clothing, dairying, poultry and gardens.

Each year there are State-wide contests conducted with worthwhile prizes awarded to the winners. A health contest will be conducted shortly, according to Miss Hamrick, the winner to be given a trip to Raleigh. Details of this contest will be given out later.

In the summer there will be a canning contest.

The two girls in the Perquimans Club who show the greatest interest in the work will go to Raleigh in July to take a short course given to the boys and girls of the 4-H Clubs of the State.

### MRS. HAWKINS SICK

Mrs. G. T. Hawkins is quite sick at her home on Grubb Street.

### Miss Tucker Improving

The condition of Miss Eva Tucker, who has been quite sick, is reported as improved.