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Slot Machines Likely Strike Snag Tuesday

Three Kinds Offered In Session of Recorder Court

A RACKET

Devices Attract Large Number of Men and Boys

That the operation of certain types of slot machines is illegal may be proven at the next session of Perquimans County Recorder's Court seems probable, the types being represented by three different kinds of coin operated slot machines which were offered in evidence by the State on Tuesday of this week when Henry Clay Sullivan, Morgan Walker and Hudson Butler appeared in court to answer to charges of operating gambling machines.

The statute passed at the last session of the General Assembly of North Carolina permits of pretty broad use of slot machines, with the result that all day long, in those places of the town where these machines are operated, men and boys hang around, dropping in their nickels and pennies, feeding into them the money which is necessary to pay off the employees of the big slot machine racket.

But the General Assembly did prohibit the operation of certain types, namely, those which the results are not governed by the exercise of skill. That the exercise of skill in playing the machine known as the "marble type" machine gets results is claimed by the devotees of this sport, although there are those who believe that the results of playing this type are also pure chance.

However, that the slot machine business is a racket is pretty evident from the fact that if one of the machines begin to "pay off" too much money a change is made, and that pretty quick. The man at the head of the works is wise enough not to trust everything to chance. He makes sure of his profits. That doesn't always set well with the fellow who was winning. A Hertford man was heard to say this week that he didn't feel that it was right to lock up the machine after he won over six dollars the other night.

Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., stated in open court on Tuesday that he believed the three machines introduced in evidence came under the prohibitive class of slot machines and stated that conviction of the charge of operating such carried with it a penalty of not less than twenty-five and not more than two hundred and fifty dollars.

However, Judge Oakey stated further that he believed that the agent who placed the machine, representing that the operation of that machine was legal, was more guilty than the man in whose place the machine was found. He cautioned the men not to listen to the interpretation of the law by such agents.

After hearing the evidence in the first case called, that against Henry Clay Sullivan, Judge Oakey stated that judgment would be deferred until next Tuesday, when Charles E. Johnson, Prosecuting Attorney, stated he expected to have the men who placed the machines brought into court.

The case against Morgan Walker, and that against Hudson Butler, were continued until next Tuesday also.

Two New Members Join Rotary Club

The names of two new members were added to the roll of the Hertford Rotary Club on Tuesday night, when R. M. Riddick and C. E. Johnson became members.

Mr. Riddick is cashier of the Hertford Banking Company and Mr. Johnson an attorney, is the recently appointed Prosecuting Attorney for the Perquimans Recorder's Court.

The Rotarians will attend the inter-city meeting to be held at the Virginia Dare Hotel in Elizabeth City on Monday night, when the three clubs, Edenton, Hertford and Elizabeth City, meet together.

ATTENDS FUNERAL MONDAY

C. P. Morris went to Goldsboro on Monday to attend the funeral of Ben Witherington, of that place. Mr. Witherington, who was district accountant for the Southern Cotton Oil Company, died on Sunday of pneumonia.

R. F. Tuttle At Hotel Assisting Tax Listers

R. F. Tuttle, Deputy Commissioner, will be at the Hotel Hertford Friday, March 13, for the purpose of assisting those who desire help in filing income returns.

Drawing Plans For Up-to-Date Theatre On Church Street

Rumors which have been current for the past month that Hertford is to have a new theatre which will be a credit to the community have been found to have been more than mere rumors.

Plans for the new theatre are actually being prepared by Fred Bishop, Richmond, Va., architect.

So there are very definite plans afoot to build a modern and up-to-date theatre in Hertford. It is to be under the management of W. T. Culpepper, J. H. Webster and their associates, and there is little chance that the plans will not be carried out.

Negotiations are being carried on at present between W. T. Culpepper, Elizabeth City theatre man, and his associates, and the owners of the lot on Church street next door to the store of the Hertford Hardware & Supply Company, for the purchase of this lot, though this deal has not actually gone through.

Club Women Plan Tour On April 16

The plans are all perfected for the bus trip to Washington to be made by a number of farm women of this county, Chowan and Gates counties, according to Miss Gladys Hamrick, Perquimans and Gates County Home Agent, who, together with the Home Agent of Chowan County, is conducting the tour. Miss Hamrick made a trip to Greenville this week to make the final arrangements for the buses.

There will be three buses, each with a capacity of 22, so that 66 passengers may be accommodated. The ladies will leave at an early hour on April 16, returning the following day, spending one night in the City. Miss Hamrick stated this week that the trip would begin at Edenton and the next stop would be Hertford, which would probably be at 5 o'clock in the morning. Two other stops will be made to pick up passengers, Belvidere and Sunbury, she said.

The trip is very inexpensive and doubtless many women of the County will avail themselves of this opportunity to make the trip to Washington while the cherry trees are in bloom.

Any one wishing to make reservations should see Miss Hamrick at once.

P. T. A. Meets At Beech Spring School

The birthday celebration of the 39th anniversary of the Beech Spring P. T. A. Association was held Tuesday evening in the school auditorium, with the president, Mrs. Wayland Howell, presiding. Mrs. Carson Howell acted as secretary.

A very interesting program, including the Candle Lighting Ceremony, was rendered. Practically every member of the Association present took part in the program. During the business session, Mrs. Wayland Howell was re-elected as president of the P. T. A. for another year. The birthday cake was sold for 80 cents, which amount will go as a birthday offering from our local P. T. A.

After the business session and program, dainty refreshments were served by the following hostesses: Mrs. Eddie Boyce, Mrs. Joe Perry, and Mrs. J. E. Perry.

The members present included Mesdames J. C. Howell, Wayland Howell, Earle Goodwin, A. E. Layden, J. E. Perry, Eddie Boyce, Joe Perry, W. A. Goodwin, C. B. Stallings, and Job Layden; Misses Alma and Sybil Howell, Callie Stallings, Elizabeth Nixon and Mary Davis; Messrs. A. E. Layden, Wayland Howell, J. E. Perry, Eddie Boyce, J. C. Howell, Joseph Perry, Preston Nixon and C. B. Stallings.

A pan with a little vinegar placed on the stove, or in the oven, will remove all odor of cooking.

FARM AGENT SAYS NEW PROGRAM BE MUCH LIKE LAST

Benefit Payments For Percentage of Base Planted

ONE PAYMENT

Expects to Call Meeting To Fully Explain Program Details

L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County Farm Agent, in discussing the new agricultural program this week stated that farmers who plant only 60 per cent of their cotton base and 80 per cent of their peanut base will receive benefit payments.

The 1936 program, according to Mr. Anderson, will be similar in many respects to the 1934 and 1935 programs. The recommended adjustment payment on cotton will be at the rate of 6 cents per pound on the acres left out of production, and the recommended payment on peanuts will be at the rate of 1 1/2 cents per pound on the acres left out of production.

Under the new plan cotton grants would be about \$12.00 per acre and peanuts about \$14.00 per acre. The payment would be made in one check after compliance had been established.

After the full details of this new program have been made clear, Mr. Anderson expects to call a meeting of the farmers of the county to be held at the Courthouse, when the program will be explained.

Drunken Driver Forfeits His Bond

When the case against A. F. Coburn, charged with operating a car while under the influence of liquor was called in Recorder's Court on Tuesday and the defendant failed to answer, Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., ordered that his cash bond of a hundred dollars be forfeited, and also that his name and address be sent to the Motor Vehicles Bureau of North Carolina, as well as to the Motor Vehicles Bureau of the State of Virginia, of which state the defendant is a resident, with the recommendation that his driving license be suspended.

The defendant was picked up on the highway between Hertford and Elizabeth City on Sunday, March 1, by Corporal J. M. Merritt and State Highway Patrolman Lane, and brought to the Perquimans jail. He was placed under arrest and his case set for trial on Tuesday of this week, and he was afterwards released under bond.

This is the first instance of a drunken driver forfeiting his bond rather than stand trial in Perquimans Court since Judge Walter H. Oakey, Jr., took the stand last summer that he would require any one convicted in his court of driving an automobile while drunk to serve a term in jail.

List Of Jurors For April Term Court

Following is the list of jurors drawn at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners last week, to serve at the April term of Perquimans Superior Court, which convenes on April 13:

E. W. Whedbee, W. E. Russell, S. D. Godfrey, B. P. Monds, S. M. Long, Ezum Whedbee, Howard Williams, Charlie E. Winslow, Nathan Q. Ward, L. R. Howell, Linwood Winslow, R. H. Harrell, Kader White, J. T. Bacus, W. E. Bagley, J. Ed. Lane, John E. Hunter, L. G. Howell, Clyde M. White, J. E. Cartwright, T. C. Babb, B. S. Hoskins, Jr., W. D. Perry, T. R. Winslow, F. M. Weeks, John L. Foxwell, Z. A. Harris, W. F. C. Edwards, Rufus T. White, W. S. Chappell, P. H. Ownley, Sr., Allan N. Winslow, E. S. White, W. J. Stanton, C. H. Ward, and Lawrence Tanton.

BELVIDERE GIRL ON HONOR ROLL AT CHOWAN COLLEGE

Friends will be delighted to know that Miss Merle Asbell, of Belvidere, a student at Chowan College, Murfreesboro, is numbered among those making the school's honor roll for the first semester. Approximately 40 per cent of the students made this honor.

SURVEY OF BLIND IN PERQUIMANS IS BEING MADE

Cards Widely Distributed Among Children In Schools

ASK COOPERATION

Program of Treatment And Training Will Follow

To reach every man, woman or child in the county who is blind or who is threatened with blindness, or who has any serious affection of the eyes, the North Carolina Commission for the Blind is making a survey this week, and every one who knows of any one afflicted with blindness or the threatened loss of sight is asked to cooperate.

William Lewis, representing the Commission was in Hertford on Wednesday in the interest of the work. Mr. Lewis left with F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Education of Perquimans, cards to be sent by the school children to the heads of each household throughout the county, both white and colored, asking their cooperation in this work. The cards merely ask the question "Do you know of any adult or child in your community who has seriously defective sight or is blind?" Blanks are left to be filled in with the names and addresses of such persons.

After the information is in the hands of the Commission, it is planned to follow up the survey with a program of treatment and training.

The North Carolina Commission for the Blind has only been in existence since last August. It is sponsored by the North Carolina Association for the Blind and other organizations, and a State appropriation has been made to carry out the plans.

The Commission's definition of blindness is: Any person who cannot see well enough to read ordinary print, even with the aid of glasses. However, any person with seriously defective sight should be reported, because medical attention may save his sight. The Commission asks that in the survey both races be included and that all ages be considered. It is stated that the financial status of the persons reported is not to be considered, because the Commission has some services which can extend to all economic groups.

Taxed Court Costs For Passing a School Bus

The case against Carlton Whedbee, charged with driving a log truck past a school bus while children were getting on and off, was dismissed upon payment of the court costs. The young defendant, who had never been in court before and who has a good record, testified that he did not see that children were getting on or off the bus, and that he is accustomed to seeing this bus standing at this particular spot beside the road, which is its regular parking place, every day. He testified that the bus was on the shoulder of the road, while the patrolman who made the arrest testified the bus was parked on the concrete. The patrolman was asked by Judge Oakey why, in that event, he did not arrest the driver of the school bus.

Judge Oakey remarked that a great many of the buses, school buses and passenger buses, park on the highways, which is illegal, and asked the patrolmen present in court to take notice of this condition in this county.

Mr. Whedbee was cautioned by the court that he should exercise more caution in passing a school bus, calling attention to the fact that it is a violation of the law not to stop before getting to within fifty feet of a school bus when children are getting on or off.

The case against Charles White, charged with allowing cattle to go upon the premises of a neighbor, was dismissed upon payment of the court costs. J. W. Smith, who swore out the warrant, testified that he notified Mr. White once to keep his cattle at home and when they went upon his premises a second time he swore out the warrant. The witness swore that Mr. White was a fine man and a good neighbor and said that he had nothing against him. He further stated that Mr. White offered to pay for any damage his cattle had done.

Mrs. J. T. Winslow, of Whiteston, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. F. Jordan, this week.

Illegal To Be Drunk On Hertford Streets

Claude Brinn On Undeclared Team At Virginia School

TO BE ENFORCED

Law Will Save Officers Many Embarrassing Situations

Claude Brinn, of Hertford, has participated in ten of the eleven consecutive basketball games won by the Fork Union Military Academy this season.

This team, which it is reported is the only undefeated basketball team in the State of Virginia this season, has played seven games with military schools and four with freshman teams of colleges.

Claude Brinn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosser Brinn, of Hertford.

Commissioners Defer Action On Leasing County-Owned Plot

The Board of County Commissioners took into account the attitude of the residents of the Town of Hertford and their possible objection, when R. D. Elliott appeared before the Board at their last meeting with a request to lease a small portion of the County-owned property to the west of the Perquimans River Bridge.

Mr. Elliott stated that he wished to place on the property a small railway for the purpose of pulling up small gas boats and other minor craft for repairs.

Some years ago a proposition was made to the Board that this property, a larger plot of the same, be leased to a certain oil company for the purpose of erecting a service station. At this time there was considerable objection, as town residents felt that a gas station at this point, which is just outside the town limits, might be a nuisance.

No member of the Board expressed himself as objecting to Mr. Elliott's proposal, although it was decided best to leave the matter until the next meeting in order to give the town residents an opportunity to express themselves.

Chowan Farmer Faces Embezzlement Charge

A warrant charging embezzlement was issued against R. H. Goodwin, well-known resident of Tyner, Chowan County, by W. H. Pitt, Clerk of the Superior Court of Perquimans County this week. The warrant, which has been served on Mr. Goodwin and is returnable at Perquimans County Recorder's Court on Tuesday, March 17, was sworn out by M. M. Elliott.

The charge in the warrant reads as follows:

"That R. H. Goodwin, being duly appointed administrator and agent of the W. C. Elliott estate, being appointed by the Court (then and there being of the age of 16 years and more) did unlawfully, knowingly, fraudulently, corruptly and feloniously embezzle, convert to his own use, take away and secrete, with intent to embezzle, certain funds in the amount of \$51.00, being the amount loaned to M. M. Elliott and charged to the W. C. Elliott estate, which amount was repaid but credit for same never given to the W. C. Elliott estate, and other amounts, which are in his hands as administrator of the W. C. Elliott estate."

M. M. Elliott is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Elliott.

Missionary Society Meets At Bethel

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Bethel Baptist Church was held with Mrs. J. P. Chesson Wednesday afternoon. The president conducted the devotional, and prayer was offered by Mrs. A. F. Proctor. A business session followed.

A very interesting program was given by Mrs. R. D. Creecy with several members taking part.

The April meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. W. D. Perry.

During the social hour the hostess served a delicious sweet course to the following: Mrs. M. N. Dail, Mrs. C. E. White, Mrs. Mary Hayman, Mrs. A. F. Proctor, Mrs. J. M. Fleetwood, Mrs. R. S. Chappell, Mrs. R. D. Creecy, Mrs. T. C. Chappell, Miss Gertrude Chappell, Mrs. S. W. Long, Mrs. M. T. Griffin, and a visitor, Mrs. Thomas Small.

New Ordinance Passed Monday by Town Council

TO BE ENFORCED

Law Will Save Officers Many Embarrassing Situations

To be drunk on the streets or in any public place in Hertford is now illegal. An ordinance was passed at the meeting of the Town Council on Monday night which reads as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person to be drunk upon the streets or in public places of the Town, under a penalty of \$2.00 for the first offense; \$5.00 for the second offense; and subsequent offenses at the discretion of the Mayor, up to \$50.00."

Any violation of the ordinance will be heard before Mayor H. G. Winslow.

Until this ordinance was passed it was not a violation of any law to be drunk on the streets of Hertford or in a public place unless the offender was disorderly. Perquimans was one of the few counties exempted from the statute governing the offense of drunkenness in the State.

There have been a number of arrests of persons charged with being drunk and disorderly and when the matter was heard in Recorder's Court a conviction could not be had because no witness would swear the defendant was disorderly. On numerous occasions special Night Officer M. G. Owens has been called to various places to arrest a drunken man, because of disagreeable conduct. However, when the case came up for trial he was only proven to be drunk, which ended the matter.

This situation is changed now, and even, though a man may not be disorderly, if he is found drunk on the streets or in any public place he may be fined from two to fifty dollars.

Rev. Howard Yow Piney Woods Pastor

The Rev. Howard Yow, of Greensboro, has taken over the pastorate of the Piney Woods Friends Church, at Belvidere, recently made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. F. C. White, who before her marriage some time ago was the former Miss Bertha V. Smith.

The new minister, who is a native of the City of Greensboro, received his education at Guilford College and at the Cleveland Bible Training School at Cleveland, Ohio. He is a young man of very attractive personality and has made a fine impression on the people of the community.

Piney Woods Church is the older of the two Friends churches in Perquimans. Located in a community which has for many generations been populated by Friends, it numbers among its members many of the most prominent families of the community. Within a short distance of the church was located the former Belvidere Academy, the Friends School which was long the leading school in this section. There are doubtless many members of this church who are descendants of those early settlers in Perquimans who followed the teachings of Fox and of Edmundson, the Friends ministers who visited Perquimans and preached in Hertford more than two hundred and fifty years ago.

Regular services are held at Piney Woods every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Visitors are cordially welcomed.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Copeland celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 8, at their home on Edenton Road Street. The children present were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Copeland and their children; Mrs. Heywood Goodwin and children; Mrs. J. O. Perry and son; Mr. and Mrs. Winifred Speight and son, and James Copeland. Miss Edith Corpew and Cecil Davis were out-of-town guests. A son, Morris Copeland, who is in the CCC, was unable to be present.

SUNDAY IN NORFOLK

J. E. Eaves, Louis and Adelaide Eaves, Mrs. B. M. Jones and Roscoe Lane, of the Bethel community, visited relatives in Norfolk, Va., on Sunday.