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## Damage By Storm In Perquimans Is Slight

### Winfall Negro Loses Life In Albemarle Sound

### BOAT SINKS

### Major & Loomis Company Suffered Most Loss

Though there was little property damage in Perquimans from the storm which struck this section early Friday morning and which in spite of the ominous and oft-repeated warnings which came in over the radio throughout Thursday night and early Friday, could not compare with the storm of 1935, one Perquimans life was lost, when Charlie Littlejohn, Winfall Negro employee of Major & Loomis Company, drowned in Albemarle Sound.

Littlejohn was employed as operator of the barge loader, Ash, which was being towed in the rear of the barge loaded with cypress logs which the steam tug "Carolina" had in tow. Capt. T. W. Ferry, Master of the "Carolina," who had had no warning of the hurricane, encountered the rough weather in the sound near the mouth of Little River, early Friday morning. The hawsers which connected the loader with the barge were snapped in two by the force of the wind and the loader with its sole occupant was cut adrift in the raging waters of the sound, the "Carolina" being powerless to return to attempt a rescue.

Proceeding toward Hertford, up the river, the tug went aground about five miles from Hertford, as a result of the abnormally low tide caused by the wind. Two men, Carl Perry and Tommy Miller, were dispatched in a small boat to Hertford to report the loss of the loader. The telephone service having been disrupted by the storm, it was necessary to carry the message by automobile to Elizabeth City in order to request the Coast Guard there to look for the missing man.

It was the tug "Carolina," however, which located the wreckage of the Ash, having gone in search of the lost loader and the barge which it had lost in the sound. The loader, Ash, battered to pieces and sunk, was found near Dewys Point, in Tyrrell County, on Saturday. Littlejohn's body was not recovered until Monday afternoon.

The property loss in Hertford from the storm which swept the coast for hundreds of miles and destroyed property to the amount of millions, was very small, with the exception of the losses sustained by Major & Loomis Company in connection with the loss of the loader and logs. The damage to Town property, involving electric light poles and equipment damaged or destroyed in the storm, will not exceed \$200.00, according to R. N. Hines, Superintendent of Public Utilities.

W. M. Morgan, whose store had recently had a new roof, lost approximately \$50 by the torrential rain beating through.

An electric sign outside the store of Simon Rutenberg was destroyed. The crops of the county were harmed, though not to the extent that it was feared they might be. According to the best reports available, the damage to all crops will probably not exceed ten per cent.

## Woodville Society Meets At Nixonton

The Women's Missionary Society of Woodville Baptist Church met on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert Stanton, at Nixonton, with Mrs. H. B. Swaine being assistant hostess. The meeting was opened by singing "Have Thine Own Way Lord." Mrs. H. C. West led in prayer, and the president, Mrs. M. R. Griffin, led the devotional.

Those taking part in the program were Mrs. Ralph Mercer, Mrs. Johnnie Bray and Mrs. Mary Bray.

After the regular business was over, a social hour was enjoyed, and the hostesses served delicious ice cream and cake.

The guests were: Mrs. Ralph Mercer, Mrs. M. R. Griffin, Mrs. H. C. West, Mrs. G. W. Gregory, Mrs. Edward Gregory, Mrs. Johnnie Bray, Mrs. Mary Bray, and a visitor, Mrs. Clyde Small.

**MRS. UMPHRETT SICK**  
Mrs. Frank Umphrett is very sick and is being cared for at her home. She has been ill for several days.

## WHITE HAT CLUB FORMED TUESDAY

### Mrs. Mattie Barcliff Elected President of Thirteenth Club Organized During Year

The White Hat Home Demonstration Club was organized Tuesday afternoon by Miss Gladys Hamrick, Agent, who was very much pleased by the initial meeting.

Mrs. Mattie Barcliff was elected president of the new club, which is the thirteenth club to be organized since Miss Hamrick began her work in the county a year ago. Mrs. Thomas Eure is vice president, and Miss Hazel Ainsley is secretary of the new club.

The members are Mesdames Freeman Umphlett, Watson Eure, Harrell Miller, Freeman Harrell, Felton Eure, Edward Benton Ben Corbett, Herman Caddy, Thomas Eure, A. M. Riddick, J. P. White, Mattie Barcliff, E. D. Matthews V. A. Caddy, Earl Russell, Raymond Eure, Edward Miller, Hazel Hoskins, Delwin Eure, and Miss Hazel Ainsley.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday, October 20, at 2:30 in the afternoon, at the White Hat School.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN IN NEED CLOTHING

### Unable to Attend Classes; Miss Davenport Will Collect and Deliver Any Wearing Apparel

Miss Ruth Davenport, Perquimans County Welfare Officer, reports that there are a number of school children in the county who do not have proper clothing to enable them to attend school. Any one who has any clothing which they are willing to give to these children are requested to notify Miss Davenport, who will be glad to collect the articles and deliver them to the needy children.

While there are many articles of clothing made in the WPA sewing rooms of the county for distribution, there are no sweaters, underwear, shoes or socks. There are also no suits for boys above ten years of age among these supplies.

## Three Cases Consume Entire Morning In Court On Tuesday

The entire morning was taken up with the trial of three cases in Recorder's Court on Tuesday.

The most interesting case grew out of an automobile accident which occurred on the Elizabeth City highway on Wednesday of last week, when a Ford V-8 truck with a trailer attached and a 1929 Essex coach, were in collision, and the truck was turned over. The driver of the coach, Mrs. Jessie Bains, and the driver of the truck, William Costen, Gates County Negro, were each charged with traffic law violations by State Highway Corporal G. I. Dail, who appeared as a prosecuting witness.

Mrs. Bains plead guilty to the charge of driving without an operator's license and was fined ten dollars. She was found not guilty of the charge of reckless driving.

Costen was found guilty of reckless driving and also of driving with insufficient brakes, and was fined twenty-five dollars.

"It is a miracle," said Judge Walter H. Oakley, Jr., "that two or three were not killed in the accident."

Judge Oakley cautioned Costen that he could not legally drive a truck with a trailer attached at a rate of speed in excess of 30 miles an hour. Costen had admitted that he was driving from 45 to 48 miles an hour but stated that he believed the speed limit to be 40 miles.

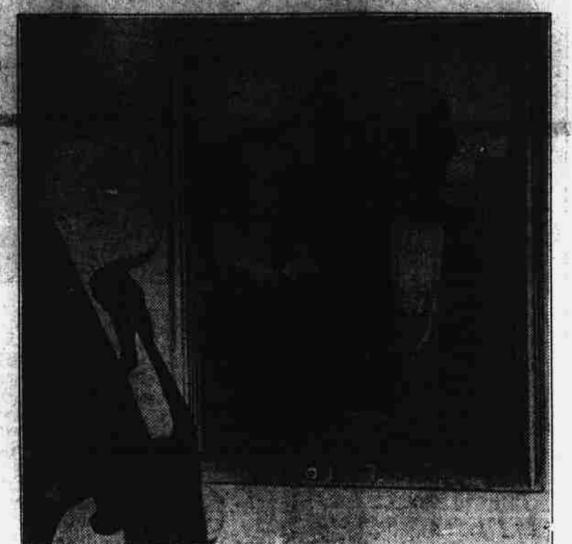
Judge Oakley also cautioned Mrs. Bains that she must not drive a car without an operator's license. He further told her to make sure that she gave the proper signal when stopping or making turns.

Charlie Williams, Winfall Negro, was found guilty of larceny and was sentenced to the roads for three months, the sentence to be suspended upon the payment of the costs and a ten dollar fine, and upon good behavior for the period of two years.

William Winslow, colored, who was found guilty of larceny, appealed to the Superior Court.

**TO SPEND WINTER HERE**  
Mrs. J. B. ... is here to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. T. B. ...

## Markham Scores Modern Art



"It was 'last,' said Edwin C. Markham, 84-year-old poet, when he eyed Grant Wood's 'American Gothic' at the Texas Centennial Exposition in Dallas. He declared it belonged to a rapidly vanishing era and the author of 'The Man With The Hoe' much preferred Millet's famous painting of the same name.

## RIVER'S BOTTOM COUNTY'S CHILD IS LAID BARE BY TERRIFIC WIND WELFARE AGENT SUBMITS REPORT

### Water Lower Than Any Resident In Hertford Remembers

### OIL SALVAGED

### Men and Boys Search Bed of River For Lost Articles

Of all the odds and ends uncovered on the bottom of Perquimans River when the tide, carried out by the terrific east wind which swept this section on Friday was lower than it has ever been in the memory of the oldest residents of the county, probably the most valuable bit of salvage was the barrel of cylinder oil found by John Boyce.

The river bottom laid bare to the channel revealed, to a depth of nine feet below normal, huge stumps of cypress trees which had grown close to the channel's edge.

Scattered about on the bottom of the river were bits of refuse which had sunk below the surface of the water, much of which had presumably lain in the bed of the river for years.

Boys and men tramped about on the more solid spots and many interesting objects were picked up.

At the foot of the wharf property of Reed & Felton, wholesale gasoline and oil distributors, John Boyce discovered what proved to be an unopened barrel of cylinder oil. It was imbedded deep in the mud at the spot where it sunk ten years ago when it was dropped overboard at the wharf while a boat was being unloaded. The job of lifting the heavy barrel of oil proving to be too much of an undertaking, an opening was made in the top of the barrel and the oil pumped out, forty-five gallons of it, in perfect condition, the estimated value of which at today's market price is approximately twenty-five dollars.

While the circumstances of the losing of the barrel of oil had been forgotten, D. F. Reed remembers distinctly the happening.

## No Answer To Last Cry

A piercing scream broke the stillness of the night, the shrill cry of a woman in distress. The Negro, Charlie Littlejohn, heard the cry. It came from the burning building. A woman, helpless, and all but cut off by the flames which crept steadily upward, was in that building, on the upper floor.

Charlie didn't know who the woman might be. It was nobody he knew. But he answered that cry of distress. Rushing into the smoke-filled building, he groped his way blindly up the stairs, stumbling toward that distressing cry. He found her at last, but not before the stealthy tongues of flame had reached her clothing. Fighting for breath and beating out the fire as he groped his way down and out to safety, Charlie saved the woman's life.

She was only a girl, a young colored girl, slight of frame and very frail. Rebecca Elliott was her name.

She was a Winfall girl, working in Norfolk, ten years ago. Charlie Littlejohn saved her life, and after she recovered from the dreadful burns which have left scars that she will bear the rest of her life, Charlie and Rebecca were married.

Five years ago they came to Winfall, back to the home of Rebecca, and Charlie got a job with the Major & Loomis Company.

Rebecca screamed again last Saturday night, a shrill and piercing cry, this time not for her own safety, but because they had told her that Charlie was gone. She had gone down to the bridge to wait for tidings of her husband, who had been on the barge loader "Ash" when it broke loose from the tug "Carolina" in the sound during the storm on Friday morning. The "Carolina" (Continued on Page Four)

## Lower Power Rates Claiming Attention

### HERTFORD MUSIC CLUBS TO ATTEND DISTRICT MEETING

### Representatives Scheduled to Appear On Program; Plan to Organize Two Senior Clubs

The music clubs of Hertford, under the leadership of Mrs. R. M. Riddick, who is director of Junior Music Clubs of the Northeastern District of North Carolina, and of Miss Kate M. Blanchard, will be well represented at the annual meeting of the Northeastern District of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs to be held at Manteo on Saturday of this week.

Howard Broughton and Reginald Tucker, representing the Melody Makers Club, will sing a duet; Miss Mary Feild and Miss Mary Louise Chappell, of the Chaminade Club, will give piano numbers; Misses Anna Penelope Tucker, Blanche Moore Berry and Maude Keaton will sing a trio; Miss Jean Newbold will give a soprano solo, and Elizabeth Darden will play the piano. There will also be a chorus from the Perquimans High School Glee Club to take part in the program.

The first meeting of the then new district of Northeastern Carolina was held in Hertford last October, with representatives present from all of the Albemarle counties, as well as from across the Sound.

An effort is being made on the part of Mrs. V. A. Ward, of Robertsonville, who is Director of Senior Clubs in the District, to have a full representation from all of the music clubs in the district present at the meeting in Manteo, and Mrs. Ward has offered a prize to the club which totals the largest attendance based on the number of miles traveled.

Hertford has four junior music clubs and plans are on foot to organize two senior clubs this fall.

## LINDSEY WARREN ON DEMOCRATIC RALLY PROGRAM

### Meeting Set For Tuesday, October 13, in Perquimans High School Auditorium

Tuesday, October 13, is the date set for holding the big Perquimans County Democratic Rally.

The program, which is being arranged by Mrs. B. G. Koonce, will be given in the auditorium of the Perquimans High School at 8 o'clock in the evening. A small admission fee will be charged, the proceeds to go toward the National Democratic Campaign fund.

In addition to an address by Congressman Lindsey Warren, Mrs. Koonce plans special music for the occasion and a very elaborate Roosevelt pageant which will depict interesting scenes in connection with the program of the New Deal.

## Newlywed Honor Guest At Party

Mrs. E. M. Feilds, who before her recent marriage was Miss Evelyn Webb, of Durant's Neck, was honored at a delightful card party and miscellaneous shower on Thursday evening given by Miss Vida Banks.

The home was tastefully decorated with fall flowers. Mrs. W. K. Barcliff was the winner of the prize for high score. The bride was presented with many attractive gifts, and at the close of the evening an ice course was served.

Those present included, in addition to the guest of honor, Mesdames J. W. Jackson, M. M. Spivey, T. A. Hurdle, Cliff Banks, L. R. Webb, W. K. Barcliff, E. G. Banks, J. H. Gregory, R. R. Perry, C. W. Haskett, Dan Simpson W. J. Meads, W. M. Divers, S. D. Banks, Irving Turner, and Misses Bill Hurdle, Jessie Mae Banks, Mary Webb, Rebecca Webb, Maude Simpson, Ruby Small, Maude Ewell Meads and Janet Meads.

## Mrs. Riddick Attends Music Club Meeting

Mrs. R. M. Riddick, accompanied by Mrs. I. M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. C. J. Sawyer, of Windsor, attended a board meeting of State and District officers of the Music Clubs of North Carolina held in Raleigh on Thursday. Mrs. Riddick who is Director of Junior Clubs for the Northeastern District of the Federation of Music Clubs of North Carolina, was the guest of Mrs. J. S. Correll, State President, while in Raleigh.

### Matter Discussed By Officials and Other Citizens

### 5 AND 12-CENT RATE

### Some Taking Unfair Advantage By Having Two Meters

The matter of a reduction in the electric power rates for the Town of Hertford has been up for discussion among the town officials and other interested citizens, and in connection with the matter H. G. Winslow, Mayor, told a representative of this newspaper this week that it has been reported to him that there are several persons in Hertford who are taking an unfair advantage of the two-meter system which is in use in Hertford and are plugging in on the power meters in their homes for lights.

The price of electric current in Hertford for lighting purposes is 12 cents per kilowatt. Special rates of 5 cents per kilowatt are made for power current and those who have installed power meters in their homes get the advantage of this special rate. Generally speaking, owners of electric refrigerators are the only householders who have these power meters. On this special meter it is permissible to use radios, irons, cleaners, toasters, ranges, fans and any other power appliances but this does not apply to lights.

R. N. Hines, General Superintendent of Public Utilities, who was asked whether or not he was aware that owners of power meters were pursuing this practice of plugging in for light on the power meter, said that he knew that the condition did exist to some extent and that he realized the unfairness of the practice. Mr. Hines further stated, however, that in the cases which had come under his observation he did not believe the offenders had plugged in on the power meter for lights with any desire to get a lower rate, but that they had simply used plugs which happened to be conveniently located.

The matter will have to be investigated, Mr. Hines said, as it is obviously unfair for light current to be sold at two prices, and he expressed the hope that those persons who are plugging in for lights on power meters will make arrangements to discontinue doing so at once, as it will be unpleasant for all concerned when the check-up is made and the matter is brought to their attention.

## Game Warden Urges Hunters Get License

Perquimans County Game Warden, J. H. Newbold, has announced that hunting license may now be secured and suggests that all those who expect to shoot wild game this fall get their license before the opening of the hunting season.

The season for shooting squirrels opens on October first. Quail and turkey may be shot until November 20th, and the open season for shooting ducks is from November 26 to December 25, with certain restrictions.

The county license costs \$1.10. Those who wish to shoot anywhere in the State must pay \$2.10 for such license. It is necessary, in addition to the hunting license, to have a federal stamp, the cost of which is a dollar, to shoot ducks. This may be secured at the local postoffice.

Hunting license in Perquimans may be purchased from the Game Warden, who lives on Route 1, near Hertford, and for the convenience of the general public from the following places of business: Hertford Hardware & Supply Co., and Joe & Bill's Service Station, in Hertford; Postmaster L. J. Winslow, at Belvidere; Stephen Perry, at New Hope; R. M. Baker's Store, at Nicanor; Fred Winslow's Service Station at Winfall; Mrs. Irma D'Orsay, at Chapanoke, and from Roy S. Chappell, at Bethel.

## HOST AT THEATRE PARTY

Howard Pitt, Jr., celebrated his fifth birthday on Thursday evening by entertaining at a theatre party given at the Hertford Theatre, his guests including Pat Morris, Carlton Davenport, Lindsey Reed and Charlie Umphlett. After attending the show the children were served ice cream at Robertson's Drug Store.