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Indexing System Of County Records In Perquimans Is Now Nearing Completion

Will Result In Easily Finding Much Information

FINE JOB

Tedious Project Was Begun About Two Years Ago

What was once a tedious task for lawyers and others who search land titles in Perquimans County, or those who search the records for any other purpose, for that matter, has become, through means of the new indexing system now nearing completion, a small and simple matter.

Within the next few months, when the job is entirely finished, those interested in the very early records, the oldest recorded instruments in the State of North Carolina, will be able to find without difficulty the record they are interested in.

Three well-bound volumes, covering the period between 1877 and 1938, are already in use, and those who have had occasion to use them are loud in their praises of the index system.

Where once it was necessary to drag down volume after volume and to make tedious search through many worn pages of only partially legible writing, in order to find the transfers of John Doe, every transfer made by John Doe and all the other Doses, between the years of 1877 and 1938, will be found in one section of the index, which gives so much information in a condensed form.

The three volumes of index, covering first grants, alphabetically arranged, give the name of the grantor, the name of the grantee, book, page, date, kind of instrument, and also a brief description including location as to township, and the acreage.

When the next three volumes, giving the grantee first and making a complete cross index system, are completed, the work on the old records, from 1685 to 1877, will be commenced. This work is already in shape for the typing.

George Washington's name appears as a grantee in one of the deeds. There are many, many other interesting documents, beginning with the first instrument recorded which names as consideration "ten thousand pounds of every way conditioned tobacco and cash," recorded in the year 1685, by Henderson Walker, who was Clerk in Albemarle before he was a deputy governor.

The work, which is a WPA project, done in conjunction with the county, under the supervision of Mrs. P. H. Small, is beautifully done. Miss Gussie Wood has done all of the typing, while those who have done the preliminary clerical work include Mrs. Jessie O. White, Miss Gladys Ward and B. G. Koonce.

Began two years ago, approximately nine months more will be required to complete the project, according to Mrs. Small.

The Register of Deeds will continue the index in the course of his recording, keeping it up to date.

Homemakers Course Postponed To June 1

The date of the opening of the home-makers course, to be conducted at the Agricultural Building this spring by Mrs. T. E. Harrell, teacher of home economics in the Perquimans High School, assisted by Miss Gladys Hamrick, home demonstration agent, has been postponed to Friday, April 1.

There will be six lessons, with instructions not only in cooking, but in interior decoration.

The home-makers class is sponsored by the Hertford Woman's Club.

Auxiliary Has Food Sale On Saturday

The ladies of St. Catherine's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church will hold a food sale at Robinson's Drug Store at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning.

There will be a variety of good home-made things, including cakes, pies, creamed corn, nut bread, and other delicacies.

The first three out of five items will be sold for a long time.

Honor Roll

The honor roll for Perquimans County Central Grammar School at Winfall, is as follows:

First Grade, Mabel Lane, teacher—Adrian Baccus, Jean Chappell, Betty Lou Eason, Lillie Bell Copeland, Mary Alice Copeland, Marie Rountree, Thelma White, Lelia Lee Winslow and Otis Winslow.

Second Grade, Mrs. Neva C. Morgan, teacher—Ann Hollowell, Timothy Clair Perry, Charles Clarkson White, George Alexander, Leon Harrell and Mildred Byrum.

Third Grade, Alma Leggett, teacher—Emmett Lane, Hillary Scaff, Leon Lane, Anne Proctor, Peggy Cook and Bobby Bundy.

Fourth Grade, Mrs. H. R. Winslow, teacher—Eugene Hurdle, Daphne Winslow, H. B. Miller, Roy Dale, Ray Kirby, Anne Faye Copeland and James Lamb.

Fifth Grade, Bertha Chappell, teacher—Helene Baker, Jean Chappell, Dotmegan Lane, Merrill Layden, Sybil Monds, Jack Parker, Mary Lina Raper, Faye Winslow, Mary Leland Winslow, Kader Franklin White, Doris Wilder, and Allene Yeates.

Sixth Grade, Cora Layden, teacher—Gaynell Miller, Mildred Trueblood, Thomas Griffin, Eula Marie Smith, Stella Mae Hall, John Ward, Novella Chappell and Nannie Mae Perry.

Seventh Grade, Lucile Long, teacher—Pauline Smith, Dorothy Faye White, Norma Winslow and Linwood Earl Sherlock.

Eighth Grade, Mrs. A. R. Winslow, teacher—Clara Smith, Thelma Elliott, Eula Mae Morgan and Medford Trueblood.

Ninth Grade, Margaret White, teacher—Stephen Elmore, Kathleen Nixon, Preston Copeland, Gladys Chappell, Cassie Winslow, Daryl Hurdle, Lina Winslow, Lloyd Lane, James Trueblood.

Tenth Grade, T. R. Ainsley, teacher—Lois Asbell, Lessie Stallings, Doris Miller, Artie Mae Hollowell, Evelyn Copeland, Maxine Harrell, Reba Madrey, Billie White, Robert L. Stevenson, Ola Bogue Whedbee, Mildred Bogue, Mattie Lou Turner, Eunice Mae Turner, Robert Morgan and Agnes Moore.

Many Attending Methodist Revival

Rev. D. E. Earnhardt Also Speaks at Court House

Large congregations are attending the revival services in progress at the Hertford Methodist Church and there is much interest.

Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, president of the North Carolina members of the national board, speaks at each evening service, and also conducts a short service each morning at 9:30 o'clock at the courthouse, when he speaks briefly and informally to the small group which gathers.

Dr. Earnhardt is a very interesting speaker and impresses his hearers with the fact that he has a real message.

Minstrel At Central School Friday Night

Perquimans County Central Grammar School will present "The Jubilee Minstrel" Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium.

There will be beautiful songs, given by black face comedians and chorus girls. A Negro play, "Stick To Yo' Word, Gal," will follow the Minstrel.

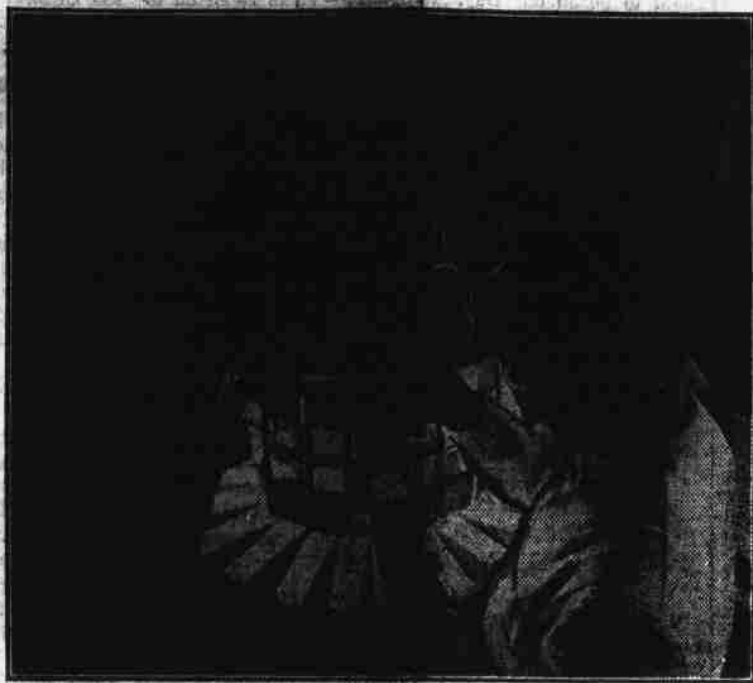
An evening of good wholesome fun and laughter is in store for everyone.

A small admission fee will be charged.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETS

The Epworth League met Sunday night with Bill Arnold in charge of the program. Those making talks were: Darward Reed, Hollowell Nixon, Charles Stokes, and Zach White. The standard sang a solo. Meeting adjourned with League benediction.

Science Beats the Sun



INDUSTRIAL engineers have now developed the device shown above. Consumers Information reports, to test colorfastness of fabrics, so that manufacturers can make sure in advance that their materials won't fade in the sun. Women never used to be sure that their dresses and draperies would retain their original

brilliance until they had actually been exposed to sunlight. But through the use of this machine, developed by industrial research experts, it is now possible to tell whether dyed fabrics will hold their color. This is just one more of the many examples of how industry helps the consumer.

14 Members Beta Club Expect Attend Raleigh Convention

Group Is Composed of Honorary Members Of Upper Classes

SEE SIGHTS

Prominent Speakers On Program During Meeting

Fourteen students of the Perquimans High School, members of the Beta Club, accompanied by their teacher, Miss Esther Evans, will attend the Beta Convention on Friday and Saturday in Raleigh, which will close on Saturday night with a grand ball at the Sir Walter Hotel.

The students, ten girls and four boys, are Nancy Coke Darden, Florence Darden, Anne Tullis Felton, Anne Penelope (Polly) Tucker, Blanche Moore Berry, Julia Broughton, Margaret Broughton, Mary Thad Chappell, Marguerite Ward, Alice Roberson, Charles Harrell, Watt Winslow, Zach White and Ray Jordan.

The Beta Club is composed of honorary members selected from the Junior and Senior classes of high schools, and functions like the larger civic clubs.

Dr. Sidney Hall, State Superintendent of Education of Virginia, is national president of the organization. North Carolina members of the national board include Dr. Frank P. Graham, of Chapel Hill; T. W. Long, of Cleveland; Robert Morris, of Troy; Clyde Irwin, of Raleigh, and Watkins of Winston-Salem.

Mayor George A. Iseley will welcome the visiting students and teachers at the opening session Friday night in the Virginia Dare Ballroom.

The visitors will be given an opportunity of seeing local points of interest Saturday evening, through the cooperation of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.

Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction in North Carolina, will speak at the breakfast meeting of the principals and teachers at 8 o'clock Saturday morning at the Carolina Hotel. Other speakers will include Dr. D. W. Daniel, of Clemson College; Dr. Hubert Potat, of Wake Forest College; Charles W. Phillips, of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, and Carl Goersch.

Composer

The friends of Miss Pattie Rogers got a real thrill in hearing the song, "Departed," written by the young girl, sung by Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, contralto, at the Parent-Teacher Association meeting last week. The song has been set to music and copyrighted.

Miss Rogers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rogers, who live near Hertford.

Town Criers Eager For Full Representation At Meeting To Be Held On Friday Night

SPEAKER



GOVERNOR CLYDE HOEV
Governor Clyde R. Hoev will deliver the address to the graduating class of Perquimans High School on the night of May 4, according to an announcement made Monday by F. T. Johnson, Superintendent of Schools in Perquimans.

McNider Only One To File For Office

Seeks Election to Succeed Self as Judge of Recorder's Court

James S. McNider, who filed notice of his candidacy for the position of Recorder's Court Judge on Wednesday, is the only person who has filed notice of candidacy for any position in Perquimans, according to L. N. Hollowell, Chairman of the County Board of Elections.

Mr. McNider was appointed by the Board of Commissioners to serve the unexpired term of Walter H. Oakley, Jr., who resigned some weeks ago, and has since that time occupied the office.

Mr. McNider had served two terms as Recorder's Court Judge in Perquimans several years ago, as a matter of fact, being the first person to hold the office here.

RECORDER'S COURT

Warren Hassell, the Negro driver of the automobile which struck and ran over the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Harris, on Sunday afternoon, was convicted in Recorder's Court on Tuesday of driving with insufficient brakes, and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the court costs.

The little girl, Mary Ann, who is two and a half years old, was uninjured as a result of the accident. As her father watched, she was knocked down by the car which was being driven very slowly, and the car passed over her. She had run out into the street in front of the Harris home on Grubb Street.

E. W. Spruill, charged with driving an automobile with improper license, was found not guilty.

Herman Jordan, Negro, convicted of assault was taxed with the costs. Eleanor Lee, Negro, found guilty of obstructing an officer, was taxed with the costs.

James Bullock, Negro, was found guilty of driving while drunk, driving with no operator's license and driving with improper lights. He was given a two-year road sentence, to be suspended upon certain conditions, fined fifty dollars and taxed with the costs.

Jimmie Williams, Negro, received a thirty-day sentence, to be suspended upon payment of the costs, upon conviction of being drunk.

Home for Spring Holidays
Miss Ona Mary Stephens and Creighton Stephens, Jr., students at Elon College, are at home for the spring holidays with their parents, Capt. and Mrs. C. G. Stephens. Miss Stephens has as her guest, a classmate, Miss Gwendolyn Tillman, of Bridgeport, Conn.

Every One of 72 Members Notified to Be Present

NO LONG SESSION

Three Important Matters Demand Serious Consideration

The first meeting of the entire body of "Town Criers" since November will be held at the courthouse on Friday night at 8 o'clock, with the chairman, Silas M. Whedbee, presiding.

Each one of the 72 members has been notified to be at the meeting and has also been advised as to the subjects to be taken up.

There will be no long-drawn-out discussions of various and sundry matters, such as characterized the first meetings of the group which was agonizing through the process of organization. As a matter of fact, only three subjects may be taken up at this meeting. Anything to be presented to the Town Criers must first be carried before the Board of Directors and there threshed out.

The three subjects to be taken up on Friday night are the fire hazard at the Hertford Grammar School; the sports and recreations committee report and the report of the planning committee.

That is so far as matters to be performed. A report of the organization's activities of matters performed since the last meeting, will, of course, be in order. Any new matters coming up will be referred to the Board of Directors.

Following is a list of the membership of the Town Criers, whose objective is to make Hertford a better place in which to live: D. J. Pritchard, R. S. Jordan, H. C. O'Neal, Dr. C. A. Davenport, Dr. T. P. Brinn, T. S. White, Charles E. Johnson, W. H. Pitt, Tim Gregory, J. E. Winslow, E. T. Jilison, A. W. Hefren, J. W. Zachary, J. G. Roberson, L. W. Anderson, Vivian Mathews, Hazel B. Mathews, W. T. Elliott, C. P. Morris, Simon Rutenberg, V. N. Darden, W. H. Hardcastle, R. M. Riddick, Walter H. Oakley, Jr., W. A. Williams, R. E. White, C. R. Tucker, T. W. Wilson, D. S. Darden, D. M. Jackson, A. A. Nobles, J. S. McNider, Dr. I. A. Ward, R. R. Malles, Morgan Walker, Hudson Butler, J. P. Perry, H. G. Winslow, W. M. Morgan, C. R. Holmes, J. W. Ward, J. C. Blanchard, E. Q. White, Silas M. Whedbee, E. S. Pierce, J. H. Towe, Lawrence Towe, Julian A. White, N. N. Trueblood, D. F. Reed, Z. A. Harris, E. M. Feilds, C. T. Skinner, H. S. Butler, Sammie Sutton, Jack Brinn, J. Moody Mathews, L. B. Gibbs, Edison Harris, John Broughton, Jr., Roy Bass, Henry Clay Stokes, Jim Bass, Louis Nachman, Jr., Marshall Owens, R. N. Hines, Robert Brinn, Crafton Mathews, Rouach Webb, Nathan Relfe, F. T. Johnson, T. S. White, Jr., and H. C. Sullivan.

Mother Mrs. Perry Buried Saturday
Mrs. Mary Jordan Lane, 74, wife of Wilson M. Lane, and the mother of Mrs. Tom Perry, of Hertford, died at her home near Chapanoke Saturday morning, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon and burial was made in the family burying ground.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Lane is survived by three sons, Otis J. Lane, of Chapanoke, Willie Lane, of Virginia Beach, Va., and James Lane, of Elizabeth City; four daughters, Mrs. William Winslow, of Suffolk, Va., Mrs. C. W. Peele, of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Thomas Perry, of Hertford, and Mrs. C. H. Copeland, of Edenton; three brothers, Joe Jordan, of Camden; Alex Jordan, of Winfall, and W. D. Jordan, of Creswell; 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

J. Granberry Tucker In Bank Building

J. Granberry Tucker, who formerly practiced law in Raleigh for a number of years, has permanently located in Hertford, his native home.

Mr. Tucker is occupying the office formerly occupied by Walter H. Oakley, Jr., in the Hertford Bank Building.

T. E. Raper Enters Contest For Judge Of Recorder's Court

T. E. Raper has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of Judge of Perquimans County's Recorder's Court in the June Primary.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL
Mrs. Ralph E. White, who underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis at the Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, on March 18, is recuperating at her home on Market Street.