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April Term OF Perquimans Superior Court Will Open In Hertford Next Monday

Judge C. E. Thompson Makes First Official Appearance

MIXED TERM Ten Cases Each Listed On Criminal and Civil Dockets

Hon. C. E. Thompson, of Elizabeth City, will make his first official appearance in Hertford on Monday, when he presides at the April Term of Perquimans Superior Court.

Judge Thompson, well known and very popular in Perquimans, where he has practiced in the courts over a period of many years, was appointed Judge of the First Judicial District by Governor Clyde R. Hoey, to succeed Hon. Walter L. Small, in January.

This is a mixed term, for the trial of both criminal and civil actions, and despite the fact that it is the first term of court since November for the trial of criminal actions, only ten state cases appear on the docket, with a like number appearing on the civil calendar.

Of the state cases six are appeals from Recorders Court, four being transferred from the Recorder's Court to the Superior Court by Judge James S. McNider when he was appointed to the office of Judge of the Recorder's Court because of the fact that he had represented the parties in the lower court, all involving minor offenses.

The first case appearing on the criminal calendar is that against M. T. Gregory, convicted in Recorder's Court of driving while drunk, and sentenced to jail for a period of three months, and appealed.

Addie Webb, Negro woman, convicted of illegal possession of liquor in Recorder's Court and sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$50.00, is also appealed.

The case of Alec Long, Negro, convicted of larceny and receiving, is also up on appeal.

The case against Floyd Sutton, Negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was transferred. The case against C. D. Burrows, charged with forgery, was transferred, as was also that against Elmer Chalk, charged with non-support, Adele Foster, Negro, charged with larceny, and Lester Hurdle, Negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

The case against Dillard Simpson, convicted in Recorder's Court of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to jail 30 days, was appealed. The case against M. G. Owens, charged with non-support, was remanded from Pasquotank.

The civil actions on the calendar are as follows:

Wednesday, April 20
R. E. Chappell vs Jordan Nixon et al.
J. T. Brinn vs White & Co., et al.
Sallie J. Kirby vs S. P. Jessup, administrator.

F. C. White vs L. P. Chappell.
Hollowell Chevrolet Co. vs Joseph H. Small et al.
J. K. Miller, Ad'm' vs Benjamin Thach.

T. O. Lamb vs Hettie Lamb.
Louise W. Howard vs D. F. Reed et al.

Thursday, April 21
Robert Hurdle vs Bert Willis et al.
Caveat to Will of T. A. Cox.
Minnie L. Felton vs J. E. Stokes.

Archie Lane Is Out For Commissioner

Archie T. Lane, prominent Perquimans County farmer, has announced his candidacy for nomination to the office of county commissioner. Mr. Lane, who is 38 years old, is a native of the county and is a very successful farmer of the Ballahack community. He is public spirited and civic minded and is interested in the progress of the county.

Jewish Holiday Begins On Friday

The Jewish Feast of the Passover will begin on Friday of this week, continuing for eight days. This is one of the big feasts of the Jewish calendar. During the period the Jews will enjoy unleavened bread, and eat only kosher foods.

FIRST TRIP



JUDGE C. E. THOMPSON
Many friends will welcome Judge C. E. Thompson when he presides over Perquimans Superior Court next week. It is Judge Thompson's first appearance in Court since he was appointed to fulfill the unexpired term of Judge Walter Small.

Ban On Fishing Is Lifted For Two Days

Permission Is Given to Fish Easter Sunday And Monday

Anglers who have suppressed their desires for an excursion to their favorite fishing grounds during the current closed season will have the opportunity of indulging in this sport with the temporary lifting of the ban during the Easter holiday period. J. D. Chalk, commissioner, Division of Game and Inland Fisheries, Department of Conservation and Development, has announced.

The lifting of the closed season restriction will apply to all sections of North Carolina and to all species of fish found in inland waters of North Carolina, beginning Saturday, April 16, at midnight and extending to Monday, April 18, at midnight. The privilege applies only to legal methods of fishing in the inland waters.

Commissioner Chalk announced that the exception this year follows the custom of the past several years during which the sportsmen have exhibited a wholesome spirit of cooperation in the observance of the fishing and hunting laws.

Fishermen who land any unspawned female fish during the period of grace are urged to release such fish carefully after dampening their hands. The taking of one fish which has not spawned, according to the commissioner, would result in the destruction of possibly several thousands of eggs and many mature fish in future years.

"We sincerely hope," said Commissioner Chalk, "that the sportsmen of North Carolina will enjoy themselves during the period of grace. The people have shown an increased amount of interest in our game and fish laws and the Department has never in its entire history been given such fine cooperation. We believe this exception will reflect an even better cooperative attitude and that the fishermen will not abuse this privilege by taking unspawned female fish and that they will observe strictly the remainder of the closed season and other inland fishing regulations."

Easter Dance On Monday At Walker's

The Easter dance at Walker's on Monday night promises to be a very enjoyable affair, with an orchestra which local dancers say is the best appearing here yet, furnishing the music. Joe Davis and his ten music makers, of Washington, N. C., are scheduled to make their first appearance on this occasion in Hertford.

The dance is scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock and to continue until 2.

VISITORS AT BELVIDERE

Murray White, of Winston-Salem, and Vivian White, of Biscoe, were guests of their father, F. C.

Gypsy Trial Draws Big Crowd Tuesday To Recorder Court

Nomads Give Mrs. T. C. Lane the Scare of Her Life

GET MONEY Sentence Provides Opportunity to Take to Highways

The glamour which surrounds the name of Gypsy probably was responsible for the crowd which filled the court room on Tuesday morning to hear the trial involving three members of the band of these roving folks which have camped in this vicinity recently, one of whom not only gave Mrs. T. C. Lane, of Hertford, a most terrible fright, but took from the elderly woman all the money she had in the house as well as a couple of new blankets, returning for more money only to fall into the hands of the law.

"If a colored woman did a thing like this we would send her to the roads," stated Judge James S. McNider, in sentencing the woman found guilty of larceny. "If a white person did such a thing he wouldn't stop outside the penitentiary," he continued. "But these people expect us to overlook this sort of thing."

Judge McNider, it seems, wasn't inclined to entirely overlook the matter. Even P. G. Sawyer, of Elizabeth City, who represented the three Gypsies, told the Court that "The Gypsy probably overstepped the bounds of the law."

Judge McNider called attention to the fact that good roads and automobiles had drawn people so much closer together, and stated that the public must be protected from those who would prey upon others.

The Gypsies, two women and a man, all apparently very youthful, traveling in a good looking automobile, stopped near the home of Mrs. Lane, on Grubb Street on Thursday morning. Only one of the trio left the car. Diana Prizzas, a not uncomely young person who wore, instead of the colorful and picturesque costume often affected by the Gypsy, a neat gray coat suit, rang the door bell and when Mrs. Lane appeared stepped inside. Mrs. Lane was surprised when the Gypsy asked the loan of a man's handkerchief. Mrs. Lane hadn't a man's handkerchief, she told the Gypsy. The ruse had worked and the Gypsy had learned there was no man in the house.

After that it was a simple matter to bulldoze Mrs. Lane into turning over to her four dollars and ten cents, all the money she had in the house. It wasn't all she had, insisted the Gypsy—"I can see it in your eyes." She also said "There are one hundred and five devils and a witch following you day and night, and if you don't get your money, every cent of it, and put it between your bed and mattress and lie on it, you will go blind, or else you will go crazy, within six months."

That afternoon the Gypsy returned. "You have something new here, something in bright colors, like a table cloth—and I've got to have it," she said. She insisted on going up stairs to look, and up there she found two beautiful new blankets, in pretty bright colors, and she took them away, in spite of Mrs. Lane's protests.

"You have three days in which to get that money, every penny you have, and put it between your bed and mattress," said the Gypsy before leaving this time. "I will be back here Monday at 10 o'clock." There was something sinister in the admonition which followed. "And let that glass of water stay in that dark corner." In that glass of water, from which the Gypsy woman had drunk, she had dropped a strand of hair plucked from Mrs. Lane's head.

Mrs. Lane, testifying at the trial, said she was so frightened she didn't know what to do, scared almost to death. But she said she poured that glass of water out, nevertheless. Next day she reported the matter to Sheriff Winslow, who began a search for the Gypsy.

When Monday morning came Mrs. Lane, dreading the return of the Gypsy, had her daughter with her when she arrived. A telephone call brought the Sheriff post haste and the woman and her two companions were taken into custody and placed in jail.

When all the testimony was in for the prosecution Judge McNider allowed the motion as to non suit for

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Steamer Carolina Lost Saturday In Albemarle Sound

High Gale Plays Havoc With Major & Loomis Barges

CREW ESCAPES Doubtful If Owners Will Salvage Sunken Tug Boat

Whether or not the steam tug Carolina, which sank in Albemarle Sound on Saturday afternoon during a high gale, will be salvaged by its owners, Major & Loomis Company, of Hertford, or whether only the machinery will be removed from the sunken tug, has not yet been decided by the Company, according to officials.

The three barges and all the logs which were being towed by the tug at the time of the accident which resulted in the loss of the tug, were saved. Two of the barges broke loose in the gale. These were located and were towed to the mill on Sunday. Later in the week the third barge was found. This one was being pumped out on Wednesday, preparatory to bringing it with its load of logs to Hertford.

It was the tearing loose of one of the barges which resulted in the sinking of the tug. The after bits were torn out of the tug by the wrench, leaving holes so big that it was impossible to prevent the tug filling with water. It sank in half an hour after this occurred, according to Tommy Miller, one of the crew.

When word reached Hertford on Saturday afternoon that the tug had sunk near the mouth of the river, there was fear expressed for the lives of the members of the crew, which included two Hertford men, Carl Perry and Tommy Miller. The skipper, Capt. Earl Davenport, the engineer, James Latham, and the cook, Everett Holmes, all live in Elizabeth City.

The first news heard here came from a fisherman from Harveys Neck, immediately opposite Durants Neck where the men went ashore, who reported that he had seen the Carolina near the mouth of Perquimans River, and that he had looked in another direction and within a very short time he looked again in the direction where he had seen the tug and it was not there.

Searchers went in both directions, to Harveys Neck, where nothing was visible, and to Durants Neck.

Meantime, the crew who had escaped from the sunken tug had landed on the Durants Neck side and had walked a mile to the home of Louis Stallings. It was Mr. Stallings who brought them to Hertford. The searching party en route to Durants Neck met Mr. Stallings' car but were unaware that the boat crew were in the car and continued on down to the sound.

Gatesville Students Banquet In Hertford

A group of very charming visitors were in Hertford on Monday night. They were the boys and girls, representing the juniors and seniors of the Gatesville High School, school authorities and others, who enjoyed a banquet served by the Hertford Woman's Club at the Community House, after which they attended the show at the State Theatre.

Mrs. K. R. Newbold Observes Birthday

Mrs. K. R. Newbold observed her 79th birthday on Tuesday. Many friends called to congratulate the beloved woman, and there were many letters and cards in her mail that day, for Mrs. Newbold is one of the most delightful of women, and young and old alike are numbered among her many friends.

SUNDAY AT BELVIDERE

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph White, of Belvidere, had as their guests on Sunday Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Banks, and their small grandson, Don Ray, and Miss Geraldine Farrar, of Virginia Beach.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Sawyer, of Old Neck, announce the birth of a son on April 8. Mother and baby are getting on nicely. Mrs. Sawyer was formerly Miss Ruby Lee Cartwright, of Snow Hill.

Filling Station Operators Little Impressed With Idea Of Keeping Open Sundays

A Dream

Mrs. Tommy Miller, of Hertford, relates that on Wednesday night of last week she dreamed that she was walking and that she picked up from the ground her husband's watch. In her dream she continued to walk and came abruptly to the shore of a stream where she saw the steam tug Carolina. She says that there appeared to be nobody on the boat, but that as she watched it slowly sank below the surface of the water.

The Carolina did sink in Albemarle Sound on Saturday afternoon, and Mr. Miller, with the rest of the crew, escaped in a life boat.

His watch, which Mrs. Miller gave him last Christmas, was left on the tug.

Elizabeth City Host To District Rotary Conference May 2-4

Entertainment Includes Jaunts to Neighboring Towns

FEATURES

Host Club Challenges Other Rotary Soft Ball Teams

"Carolina's calling you to Elizabeth City," is the message sent out this week to every Rotarian in the 187th District in a folder issued by the Elizabeth City Rotary Club, host to the 1938 District Conference on May 2, 3, 4. Aside from Elizabeth City, Edenton, Hertford and Manteo, the District comprises Rotary clubs in Virginia.

Beginning Monday evening with an informal get-together party, followed by a dance, the program is ideally timed for those who may wish to do a bit of fishing at Oregon Inlet, where the blues are usually biting in early May, before or after the conference.

Other entertainment features include visits to historic spots such as Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island, where in 1587 Virginia Dare was born; to the Wright Memorial on Kill Devil Hill under the shadow of which the first successful airplane flight was made in 1903; to Hertford, where repose in the Perquimans County courthouse, a copy of the first deed that ever went on record in the State, and to Edenton, one time seat of government in colonial North Carolina.

Local entertainment in the form of bridge luncheons, teas, theatre parties and golf have been provided, the Elizabeth City Country Club having been thrown open to all Rotarians and Rotaryans for the duration of the conference free of charge. Tuesday afternoon a boat trip on the Pasquotank River has been arranged for the Rotaryans.

Also the Elizabeth City Rotary Club has a soft ball team which is eager to cross bats with any club in the district.

Entertainment features of the program have been worked out under the direction of Dr. J. W. Selig, entertainment chairman, in collaboration with Mrs. Fred Lowe, ladies' entertainment chairman.

Pageant Friday At Methodist Church

A sacred pageant, "The Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross," will be given at the Hertford Methodist Church on Good Friday night, with Mrs. B. G. Koonce directing.

Miss Elizabeth Knowles will be the reader; Rev. D. M. Sharpe, historian; R. S. Monds, Jr., soloist, with Mrs. R. M. Riddick, pianist. Others taking part will be Jeannette Feilds, Lila Budd Stephens, Ruth Wilson, Florence Darden, Polly Tucker, Alice Roberson, Mary Thad Chappell, Mary Wood Koonce, Katherine Jessup, Ann Sallie Felton, and Ruth Hollowell.

Town Council Grants 30-Day Trial Period as Experiment

WANT REST Gulf Station Only One To Be Open Next Sunday

There appears to be a very definite sentiment among the service station operators of Hertford against keeping their stations open on Sunday, with one exception. And, although the Town Council at their meeting on Monday night decided to permit the service stations of the town to remain open on Sundays for the next thirty days, at the expiration of which time it will be decided from the sentiment of the people what regular course to pursue, only one service station will be open for business next Sunday, the Gulf Station operated by Hudson Butler and Roy Bass.

Mr. Butler appeared before the Town Council on Monday night, stating that he had been requested to do so by his employers, the Gulf Refining Company, and requested that he be allowed to keep his station open on Sunday.

After considerable discussion of the matter, it was decided that by allowing all stations to sell gas and oil on Sunday for a thirty-day period the sentiment of the town could be definitely determined, and it was so ordered.

The stations will be requested to be closed during the church hour in the day, and to discourage Sunday night loafing it was decided that all the stations must close promptly at 7 o'clock in the evening.

While the drug stores of Hertford have for the past two years been allowed to remain open on Sundays, except during the hours for the regular church services, there was enacted about four years ago an ordinance prohibiting the sale of gas and oil on Sundays, practically the only commodity handled by the service stations not permitted to be sold. For, even during the period when Hertford was supposed to be governed by laws more or less of the blue variety, it was always legal to sell tobaccos on Sunday, specifically so set out in the ordinance which proscribed that no "goods, wares, soft drinks, whether bottled or loose, or merchandise of any kind shall be traded or sold in the Town on Sunday, except in cases of sickness or death, under a penalty of two dollars for each offense; provided this section does not apply to milk or ice dealers, or newsboys, or drug stores which confine their Sunday sales to drugs, tobaccos, newspapers and periodicals; and provided further that hotels be permitted to sell tobacco to their guests."

When the law was repealed with respect to selling soft drinks, etc., some four years ago, the proprietors of the only two drug stores in the town were desirous of opening on Sunday, considering this preferable to being requested at all hours of the day on Sunday to open up for special sales of drugs and other commodities.

With four of the five service stations of the town opposing the sale of gas and oil on Sunday, it remains to be seen what will be the outcome of this effort on the part of the Gulf people to keep open for business.

Mark Hathaway, manager of the One Stop, the Shell station, states that he will not open next Sunday.

Vivian Mathews, of Bill & Viv's Standard Station, stated that his station would not be open during the thirty-day period and that by the expiration of the period he would announce definitely what would be done.

Heywood Butler, manager of the Texaco Station, states that he will not be open on Sunday.

Joe & Bill's Sinclair Station will not be open on Sunday, said Bill White, one of the managers, in response to a query from this newspaper.

MISS FEILD IMPROVING

Miss Mary Feild, the young daughter of Mrs. D. M. Feild, is convalescing satisfactorily at the Norfolk General Hospital following an operation for appendicitis last Saturday. The young girl was carried to the hospital on last Friday. She will probably be able to return home on Saturday or Sunday.