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## Wholehearted Response In Clean-Up Drive

### Judge Thompson Quickly Disposes of Cases In April Term of Perquimans Court

Jurist Makes Fine Impression With Court Attendants

ON TIME

Dignity, Dispatch, Thoroughness Characterize Actions

Holding court in Perquimans this week for the first time since his appointment to the Superior Court Bench in January, Hon. C. E. Thompson made a fine impression, presiding with that dignity which has always characterized his bearing, and discharging the duties of his new office with dispatch and thoroughness.

Opening court promptly on time on Monday morning, the entire criminal docket was cleared before the closing hour on Tuesday, and in addition a couple of civil matters had been disposed of.

A true bill charging Benjamin Thach with manslaughter was brought in by the grand jury on Tuesday, but the matter will not be tried until the November Term of Court. The bill of indictment charges Mr. Thach, who is a prominent young farmer of Perquimans, with killing Rice Miller on May 9, 1937. The charge grew out of an automobile accident in which Rice Miller, a son of J. K. Miller, who lives on the Hertford-Elizabeth City Highway, was killed, when the car which the young high school student was driving was in collision with a car driven by Mr. Thach.

The grand jury at the November Term of Perquimans Superior Court failed to find a true bill against Mr. Thach.

The first case tried on Monday was that of State against Alec Long, Negro, charged with the theft of a hog last December. The defendant, who had been convicted in Recorder's Court and sentenced to 12 months on the roads, appealed to Superior Court. A jury found him guilty and Judge Thompson imposed the same sentence the defendant had received in Recorder's Court.

The second case which came up was that against Elmer Chalk, charged with non support of his children. Judge Thompson remanded the case to the Recorder's Court for trial.

Floyd Sutton, Chapanoke Negro, was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to the roads for two years. Testimony tended to show that as a result of an assault which the defendant made on Charles Costen, Negro of the same community, Costen lost an eye and received a broken arm.

M. G. Owens was convicted of non support of his child, and required to pay the sum of \$2.50 per week for the support of his three-year-old son who is living with his mother at the home of her parents near Elizabeth City.

Addie Webb, Newtown Negro, tried on two charges, possession of liquor for the purpose of sale and possessing non-tax paid liquor, was found guilty of the latter charge and sentenced to serve 12 months in jail, it being stipulated that she be required to clean the courthouse and jail.

This case had come up from Recorder's Court on appeal, the judgment in that court being 6 months in jail, sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fifty-dollar fine and upon good behavior for a year.

In the matter of Hudson Butler, charged with simple assault, the Court directed a verdict of simple assault, judgment to be suspended upon payment of the costs.

In the matter of the caveat to the will of Dr. T. A. Cox, the will was proven in open court and admitted to probate.

In the matter of W. D. Landing, Sr., guardian of W. D. Landing, Jr., vs. Oliver White, in which the plaintiff sued for damages for personal injury of \$5,000, by agreement the plaintiff was awarded the sum of \$1,350. Young Landing was injured last summer while riding in the milk truck of the White Dairy.

M. T. Gregory, of Elizabeth City, who had been convicted in Recorder's Court of the charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

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### HOME LEADER



PAULINE GORDON

Miss Gordon as Home Manager and Home Furnishing Specialist, has won the esteem of club women all over the State.

### Hertford Ladies At P. T. A. Convention

Mrs. V. N. Darden Has Part on Program Two Days

Mrs. I. A. Ward, of Hertford, president of the Seventeenth District of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, is in Winston-Salem to attend the State Convention. Other Hertford women at the P. T. A. Convention are Mrs. F. T. Johnson, Mrs. V. N. Darden, Mrs. J. W. Zachery and Mrs. G. R. Tucker. Mrs. Darden, a former district president, is State Publications Chairman, and will have a part in the program on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Convention, which is the 19th annual convention of the N. C. Congress of Parents and Teachers, commences on Wednesday and lasts through Friday.

Mrs. J. Buren Sidbury, of Wilmington, who is completing her second year as state president, presides at all business sessions. Headquarters are at the Robert E. Lee Hotel.

The state enrollment of parents and teachers has passed the 60,000 mark, a figure that tops every southern state.

The high spot of the convention will be the banquet on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock on the Roof Garden of the Robert E. Lee Hotel. Governor Clyde R. Hoey will be the guest of honor and principal speaker.

### Grand Jury Report

Following is the report of the grand jury at the April Term of Perquimans Superior Court, returned on Tuesday:

Hon. C. E. Thompson, Judge Presiding.

We, the grand jurors for the term, respectfully make the following report.

We have visited the office of the Register of Deeds and found the office well kept and in good condition.

We have visited the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court and found the office well kept and in good condition with the exception of the floor in bad shape and in need of repair.

We are informed that the County Commissioners are planning to repair the floor at once. We have examined the records in this office and find that W. T. Shannonhouse, Trustee, has failed to file an annual report to the court. The several justices of the peace have each filed a written report as requested by law.

We have visited the Sheriff's office and found it well kept and in good condition.

We have visited the jail and found

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### Cleanup Proclamation

In observance of National Better Homes Week and for the advancement of the appearance and sanitation of the Town of Hertford, the Town Council has designated Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th as Cleanup Days in the Town of Hertford.

Now Therefore, I, Silas M. Whedbee, Mayor of the said Town of Hertford, hereby set apart and proclaim the days above mentioned as Cleanup Days, and call upon all residents and property owners of the town to clean up all premises occupied and controlled by them to the end that Hertford be made a cleaner and more presentable Town.

And I hereby notify the property owners that during the days above mentioned the Town will have in service an extra truck for the purpose of removing trash and ask all citizens having large amounts of trash to be removed to cooperate with the Town by calling the Town Office and notifying them when the trash is ready to be hauled off.

This April 16th, 1938.

SILAS M. WHEDBEE, Mayor

### Local Merchants Anxious To Serve In Clean Up Drive

Display Necessary Materials To Use During Week

Hertford merchants are taking next week's Better Homes campaign seriously, to the extent that the windows of the leading stores will be displaying home improvement items before Monday, when the campaign, which in Perquimans is being observed as Clean Up Week, gets underway in earnest.

For instance, W. M. Morgan, the Furniture Man, who says that to live out in the open is invigorating as well as delightful in summer, is featuring out-door furniture, showing a line of beautiful new gliders and other articles.

The Hertford Hardware & Supply Company is putting forward garden necessities, paints and general repair suggestions.

J. C. Blanchard & Company is displaying shoes, work clothes, lines, curtains and covers, as well as paints and cleaning agents.

Darden Bros., is promoting comfortable shoes.

Roberson's Drug Store is featuring first aid.

Gregory's 5, 10 & 25 Cent Store shows mops, brushes and other cleaning equipment and supplies.

R. S. Jordan is displaying his collection of Frigidaires, electric ranges and electric labor-saving devices.

Louis Winslow is calling attention to his radio repair service.

### Celebrates 25 Years Living In Hertford

Mrs. V. A. Holdren delightfully entertained her host of friends on Friday evening, the occasion being the 25th anniversary of her family coming to Hertford.

Circle No. 2 of the Hertford Baptist Church, of which she is a member, also met with her at this time. The Circle and her friends presented Mrs. Holdren with many lovely gifts. Mrs. L. B. Sitterson read the poem, "Anniversaries."

There are anniversaries and anniversaries, but to one who is our hostess tonight, goes more praise than is in our power to give.

Congratulations, Mrs. Holdren, we bless the day in which you decided to move to this town.

She has been faithful. She has been true. Always a guiding star in Circle No. 2.

For twenty-five years she has served ever on, never tiring, never complaining from dawn 'til dawn. She has a cheerful, sunny disposition. Her company is divine.

Just to walk in her presence And the sun begins to shine. Let us pause and think— What these twenty-five years have meant.

To every good deed in the world To every effort she has bent. She is a grand neighbor, kind to the needy and sick, and to the higher things of life she always tries to stick.

She's never a drawback, takes her part with a smile, and always a generous and cheerful giver to the last mile.

And so, Mrs. Holdren, we wish you health, joy, happiness on through

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### Closing Of School Now Little More Than Week Away

May 4 Terminates Uninterrupted 8-month Term

Only a little more than a week remains for the children of Perquimans to go to school, the schools closing on May 4, after an uninterrupted term of 8 months.

The graduation exercises of Perquimans High School will be held on Wednesday night of May 4, when Governor Clyde R. Hoey will make the address to the class.

This is the first time in the history of Perquimans that any governor of the State has made the address to a graduating class here, and it will be the first public appearance of Governor Hoey in Perquimans.

The first of the commencement exercises of the high school will be held on Sunday night, May 1, when Rev. D. M. Sharpe, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

This will take place in the auditorium of the school, the services beginning at 8 o'clock. A choir selected from high school students, under the direction of Miss Kate M. Blanchard, will sing. No services will be held at any of the Hertford churches at this hour.

On Tuesday night the class day exercises will be held. The exercises this year will take the form of a Gypsy play, "The Open Road," all the members of the class taking part.

The valedictorian of this class is Zach Toms White, a son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. White, of Hertford. The salutatorian is Miss Elizabeth Elliott, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Elliott, of Beech Spring.

On Wednesday night the graduation exercises will be held, when approximately 46 boys and girls will receive their diplomas, with T. S. White, chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Education, making the presentations.

From the class will be missing one member, young Clarissa Winslow, who died a short time ago.

After nine years of perfect school attendance, Mary Feild, a member of the class of 1938, missed the last few weeks of school, undergoing an emergency operation for appendicitis two weeks ago.

Peggy Sawyer, Bill Madre, Lois Asbell and James S. McNider, Jr., each of whom won a \$2.50 cash prize in the preliminary poem contest held on Friday of last week, will compete for an additional five-dollar prize, which two of the four will win, in the final contest to be held on April 29th.

Hon. James S. McNider, in order to stimulate the interest of the school children of the county in better reading, offered early this year twenty-five dollars in prizes, a five dollar prize to the winner in the primary grades and a five dollar prize to the winner in the high school, in addition to the ten dollars given the preliminary winners of the two elementary grades.

Elimination contests were held in each grade of each school, and in the preliminaries held last Friday Peggy Sawyer of the primary department of the Hertford Grammar School, and Bill Madre of the same department of the Central Grammar School at Winfall, were the winners, while at

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### Extra Efforts Put Forth In Town and County Assures Cleaner and Better Homes

#### DISTRICT AGENT



MISS PAULINE SMITH

Miss Smith is State chairman of Better Homes Week and is taking an active interest in beautification activities all over the State.

### Channel In River Likely Be Dredged

Congressman Lindsay Warren Asks For Survey to Be Made

Congressman Lindsey Warren lost no time in acting upon the suggestion of Postmaster J. E. Morris last week, and there is a possibility that the channel of Perquimans River at Hertford may be dredged out in the near future.

Mr. Morris was named chairman of a committee appointed by Directors of the Town Criers recently to petition the War Department through Congressman Warren to dredge the channel of the river. The recommendation was made by J. G. Roberson, chairman of the planning committee, at the last meeting of the Board of Directors of the civic organization.

Mr. Morris immediately wrote Mr. Warren, asking what steps to pursue, and by return mail received a reply in which Mr. Warren stated:

"I have today taken this matter up with the Board of Engineers requesting that the Division Engineer cause a survey to be made to ascertain if the river is up to the proper depth, and open for other purposes. Kindly let the 'Town Criers' know that I will see that this is attended to."

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Council, Civic Clubs and Business Men Endorse Campaign

LASTS ONE WEEK

Members of Demonstration Clubs Busy With Program

Cleanliness is next to godliness, Perquimans ought to be right good before the end of this Clean-Up Campaign which is being talked about so much.

Probably no movement ever received more whole-hearted support than the Clean-Up Campaign, which begins next Sunday and lasts through the week.

The week will be observed all over the nation as "Better Homes Week," and the idea of better homes as it is being stressed particularly through the home demonstration clubs of the county has caught the imagination of the people.

In Hertford Mayor Whedbee and the town council have given hearty support to the measure, turning over the facilities of the town in connection with the Woman's Club, which is jointly sponsoring the matter.

Extra carts will be put on to insure the hauling of all trash. The Town Criers, the Rotary Club, and all the business firms of the town, have endorsed the Clean-Up Campaign, and it is expected that there will follow the cleaning a good deal of painting and dressing up generally.

Out in the County the home demonstration club members, under the leadership of Miss Gladys Hamrick, home agent, who as County Chairman of the Better Homes in America movement is enthusiastically working, are visiting the service stations and asking receiving cooperation to clean up all unsightly places about the stations, and they are working along other lines, improving the premises of farm homes. They are also asking for help in removing from the highway unsightly signs which detract from the beauty of the scenery.

The figures are not all in, but there is every indication that when the whole story is told about the collection of cans, which is in the hands of the colored school children of the county, they will run into the thousands. Cash prizes have been offered to the child who collects and turns over to the school the largest number of tin cans.

Many property owners have not waited for the Clean-Up Campaign to actually open to paint. The Hotel Hertford has been undergoing a thorough paint job, inside and out and has taken on a very attractive appearance. Several homes have been painted also. Paint dealers are calling attention to the quality of their paints and the attractive prizes as an incentive to join in the Clean-Up movement.

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