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## Restraining Order Served On Town In Property Dispute

### Mayor and Commissioners Commanded to Appear In Edenton to "Show Cause"

A restraining order signed by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, in S. P. Jessup, plaintiff, vs The Town of Hertford, A. W. Hefren, Vivian N. Darden, W. H. Hardcastle, Mark Gregory and Z. A. Harris, defendants, was filed in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court Tuesday.

The defendants named are the mayor of Hertford and the four town commissioners.

"Now, therefore," the order reads, "the defendants named above, and each of them, are commanded to be and appear before his Honor, John J. Burney, at the Court House in Edenton, at 11:00 A. M., on Saturday, April 6th, 1940, then and there to show cause, if any they have, why the restraining order prayed for in this cause should not be granted—the defendants, their agents, servants and employees in the meantime to be restrained from doing or committing any of the threatened acts, as alleged in the complaint, and particularly from entering or trespassing upon the property of the plaintiff, as described in the complaint, and from erecting, constructing or placing thereon a sidewalk or other structure whatsoever, or from removing or otherwise destroying or interfering with any of the ornamental shade plants, shrubs, bushes, flowers or vines now being or standing upon said property."

The order was served upon the defendants Tuesday.

The complaint alleges that Mr. Jessup is the owner in fee simple of the house and lot bounded on the north by Grubb Street, on the east by the Perquimans River, on the south by the J. P. Jessup property, and on the west by Front Street. It states further that "the plaintiff's residence fronts on Front Street, being situated in close proximity thereto," but that a considerable distance intervenes between the northern wall of his residence and his northern boundary.

The complaint further alleges that the town has trespassed in the matter of removing several posts set by Mrs. Jessup for the purpose of erecting a garden fence, in the face of the immediate protests of the plaintiff's wife, and that the town has placed an unsightly tool house and two electric power poles on the property.

It states further that the town is threatening more trespass by destroying the shade plants, bushes, flowers, etc., and to erect a sidewalk on the plaintiff's property from Front Street to the River within two

## Fourth Candidate Announces Will Seek Seat In House

### Walter Edwards, Local Attorney, Enters Hottest Election Contest In Years

The fourth candidate to appear in Perquimans "Hottest-Race-For-Representative" is W. G. (Walter) Edwards, local attorney and Army Reserve aviator, who today announced that he is a candidate.

Said Mr. Edwards, a son of County Accountant W. F. C. Edwards, "After due consideration, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate to represent Perquimans County in the General Assembly, subject to the Democratic Primary.

"I shall do all in my power to keep paramount the best interests of the people of the county.

"I shall need the help of the people and shall earnestly seek and welcome any suggestions or advice on any and all matters affecting their welfare."

The newest candidate, a former county court prosecutor, is unmarried, lives here in Hertford with his parents and is 37 years old. Mr. Edwards is seeking a public office for the first time.

Other announced candidates for the office, are the incumbent representative, J. T. Benton, Mrs. Mattie Lister White, former newspaper editor, and Joe Campbell, Perquimans Weekly partner.

## Farm Bureau Meet And Barbecue At School Saturday

### Arnold, and Holland to Be Feature Speakers; Non-Members Are Also Invited

A barbecue dinner on the athletic field at the High School will follow a county-wide meeting of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Irvin Nixon, secretary of the Bureau.

Speakers for the occasion will include E. F. Arnold, state executive secretary of the Farm Bureau, and R. C. Holland of Edenton, president of the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative Association.

Members of the State College Agriculture Extension Service are also expected to be present. Members and non-members of the county farm bureau are urged to attend the meeting as well as every business man in the county.

The principal purpose of the meeting, Mr. Nixon explains, is to enlarge the membership of the Perquimans County Farm Bureau, with a view toward giving all possible support to a movement for control of the peanut crop in order that government aid might be had in improving peanut prices.

J. E. Winslow, State president of the Farm Bureau, and W. H. Dail, both of Greenville, will also speak.

Says Mr. Nixon, "This is an excellent chance for us farmers in the county to take a few hours off and learn what is going on outside of Perquimans County."

## Seal Sale Drive To Close Saturday, Not Up To Last Year

### Director of Easter Seal Sale Tells of Direct Case Where Local Child Benefitted

The Easter Seal Sale for Crippled Children is on in full force. The drive cleared \$33.48 last year, \$16.74 of which was retained in Perquimans County, according to Miss Ruth Davenport, county welfare officer, who directed the drive.

The money kept at home helps to buy amneses and to pay for operations and for transportation to and from hospitals and clinics.

The remainder is used by the central division to pay for the clinics held in the different sections of the State to operate the orthopedic hospitals and to provide treatment.

Miss Davenport tells of a direct case where the Society for Crippled Children was responsible for a vast improvement in the life of one of Perquimans County's crippled children.

Sadie Ellis was born in 1927. Her knees were doubled under her body and her legs were still the size of an infant's when she reached nine years of age.

Though her father was a day laborer and there was no money in the family to provide treatment, and though the neighbors said "Don't do it—your child will die," the mother decided to let her go to the Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia. There the limbs were straightened and put in casts. She stayed there for eight months and was taught to walk with the aid of crutches.

After six months lighter casts were placed on the limbs, and in 1937 for the first time in her life Sadie went to school and to Sunday School on her own legs . . . without being carried.

"Sadie is twelve years old now and in the third grade; she makes a grade every year, and the deformed legs are growing into proportion with the rest of her body.

This is one of the many cases that could not have progressed so favorably without the aid of the Crippled Children's Society, says Miss Davenport. "But treatment is expensive, there are casts to be changed, and trips to be made to and from clinics, and special shoes to be bought. That is where the money from Easter Seals is spent."

The local drive so far, scheduled to close Saturday night, has cleared \$12.25. The director urges everyone to buy as many seals as they can possibly use.

## No Grounds Found For Probable Cause In Shooting Case

### Melinda Shot In Her Kitchen; Defendant Marries Prosecuting Witness

In a hearing at Tuesday's session of Recorder's Court, no grounds for probable cause were found against Paul Archie, Hickory Cross Negro, charged with feloniously and maliciously assaulting Melinda Eason, Negro, with a shotgun.

Melinda was shot. Well, Melinda was shot in the worse place. It bothers her about sitting down. But only one pellet from a shotgun load penetrated Melinda's flesh, so Judge Tucker was inclined to believe that Paul wasn't really shooting at Melinda; he was shooting to scare away the dogs or something.

Melinda, in a hearing that went on for several hours as Attorney J. S. McNider represented the defendant, testified that she was standing in the kitchen of her home when she heard the shotgun blast and felt the shot strike her.

The shot came through the door, across the table, and Melinda turned around and stooped over just in time to keep it from striking her probably in the stomach. She said that Paul told her he was shooting at dogs.

Melinda hinted at trouble with Paul sometime before Christmas (the shooting took place last Friday night. It had something to do with chickens. But Paul's wife who was with him in court Tuesday couldn't keep quiet. She muttered and fumed. Even her brown fur coat and fashionable black hat trembled in outrage and indignation.

But only one shot from a shotgun load struck her, so Judge Tucker couldn't find grounds to hold the defendant for trial.

Of the case of Sidney Parsons, Jr., charged with rape, and scheduled for trial Tuesday, Prosecutor Charles Johnson said, "Due to the fact that the defendant has married the prosecuting witness, and a wife cannot testify against her husband, the State is asking a nol prosee. The State has no evidence on which to proceed."

The nol prosee was granted. The persons concerned are Negroes.

Pompey Pettifoot, Goose Hollow Negro, was given his choice of going to the roads for three months or going to the county home to live. Pettifoot, grey-haired and crippled, was convicted of stealing again; this time an amount of money gained by the pickpocket method from another Negro.

Since Pettifoot has no visible means of support and is physically unable to work, Judge Tucker changed to an order the advice he had given the defendant on a similar occasion. Pettifoot decided to choose the county home in preference to the roads.

In the final case of the session, Rachel Webb, buxom Goose Hollow Negro, was found guilty of possessing non-taxpaid liquor. She drew a 30-day sentence to be suspended upon payment of a \$25 fine and the costs of court.

## Structure Work Is Going Ahead On Center Hill Road

### Grading Contract to Be Re-let on April 2nd; Winfall Project Still Awaits Hearing

Structure work is going ahead on the Center Hill-Hertford Road, according to engineers in the State Highway and Public Works Commission office here.

The grading contract is scheduled for re-letting on April second, the first bid having been rejected.

The Winfall Highway project, the one to eliminate the curves in the village of Winfall and run a new Highway 17 from the end of the causeway to the county home, is still hanging fire.

It is understood that no action will be taken on this road until a hearing can be arranged and held.

The project struck a snag when Winfall residents balked at the prospect of being taken off U. S. 17. They objected to the point of circulating one or more petitions. Later the county commissioners registered a protest with the State Highway Commission and the matter has not been dealt with further.

## NYA Helps Clothe County's Needy; Wants More Space

### Will Enlarge to Take In Cooking; 17 Girls Are Now on Administration Projects

A local project which starts with a small grant from the county for purchase of the raw material and ends with salaries paid by the State and Federal governments, is known in almost every locality as the National Youth Administration.

Right now, eleven girls quartered in the telephone offices in the Robertson Drug Store building, and working under Mrs. Mae Morgan Fleetwood, foreman, are busily turning out twenty colorful "Gone With the Wind" costumes for the waitresses to wear at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet on March 28th.

Five more girls are assigned to various county offices for clerical work, and one is assigned to a library . . . all under the National Youth Administration.

"It isn't a relief project," Mrs. Fleetwood said. "These girls are being trained; some for home-making and some for the business world."

But in the course of being trained, the youthful workers, since NYA came to Hertford on December 18th last year, have produced a wide assortment of rugs, dresses, babies' wear, bed clothes, etc., which, in turn, are distributed to the county's needy by the welfare department. The girls are all between 18 and 25 years of age.

The quarters are cramped, and the local NYA is looking for a larger place. If they can find a larger place the class will expand to take in cooking and house-keeping. Each girl turns in a part of her salary to pay the rent. Miss Eva Mae Lassiter, of Kinston, district superintendent, will help with outfitting the new place for cooking and home-making.

Mrs. Fleetwood, who works under Mrs. Mary Fearing, of Elizabeth City, district supervisor, guided The Weekly reporter into another room.

The walls were covered with tooth-brush holders, handkerchief bags, laundry bags; the floor was covered with rag rugs; several tables were laden down with items of wearing apparel.

Mrs. Fleetwood pointed to a table in the center of the room. "This," she said, "is a table of baby clothes. We've just gotten them ready for distribution. There are nine dresses, nine kimonos, nine gowns, 12 petticoats, two baby blankets, a number of little shirts, and bibs and bands."

There was a lacy work of art on another table. "It's a luncheon set," the foreman said.

The "Gone With the Wind" costumes for the banquet comprise about six days work, but before they were started the eleven girls had already manufactured a large number of rugs, dresses, outing gowns, aprons, towels, pajamas, chair covers, pillow cases, sheets and combination suits for children.

"Where does the material come from?" the reporter asked. "All of it is bought right here in Hertford," Mrs. Fleetwood answered. (Continued On Page Eight)

## Two Piano Pupils To Take Part In Music Festival Contest

Ethel Frances Elliott and Anne Mathews, piano pupils of Mrs. R. M. Riddick, Jr., will take part in a Music Festival Contest in the Edenton High School on the morning of Saturday, March 23, at 9 o'clock.

The contest will be sponsored by the State Federation of Music Clubs, and all who are interested are invited to go over to Edenton and listen to the young musicians of the Northeastern District.

Below is given the honor roll for Mrs. Riddick's piano and Junior Band pupils:

Piano—Ethel Frances Elliott, Mary Annette Cannon, Pat Morris, Margaret Anand, Peggy Sawyer, Mimmie Ray Dail, Anne Mathews, Dorothy Faye White, Harriet Lou Layden, Doris Byrum, Ida Lee White, Belle Landing, Della Evans, Barbara Winslow, Florence Winslow.

Flute—Joan Trueblood, Jean Webb Phillips, Martha Lee Till, Nathan Spivey, Clarence Thomas, Madre, Lindsey Reed, Marvin Simpson, Julian Broughton, Othus Boyce, Mary Ruth Wood.

Harmonica—Aubrey Baker, Kermit Lane, Archie Richard Nobles.

Drums—Bobby Jordan, Lauder Copeland.

Ukulele—Lloyd Bagley, Barbara Gault, Mary Proctor, Maxine Landing, Myrtle Norman Elliott.

## HOW THE HOME POLITICAL FRONT SHAPES UP AT PRESENT; ELECTION BOARD NAMED

### School Safety Patrol Convicts Auto Driver

The High School Bus Safety Patrol is operating enthusiastically and with results . . .

P. D. Hobbs, on testimony of two members of the patrol, was convicted in Recorder's Court Tuesday of failing to stop while passing an unloading school bus.

One member testified that he alighted from the bus, stepped to his station in front of the bus, and held up his hand to signal the auto driver to stop. The car did not stop and the patrolman took down the license number and turned it over to the State Highway Patrol.

Mr. Hobbs was directed to pay the costs of court. The two members of the patrol were wearing the Sam Browne belts and their badges as they appeared in court Tuesday.

## New Legislation Theme At Meeting Held In Edenton

### Local Officials Attend Session Held Monday Afternoon; Adopt a Program

Members of the League of Municipalities, the State Association of County Commissioners and Municipal Employees' Association from 12 northeastern counties met in the Court House in Edenton Monday afternoon, at which time the legislative program was approved to be presented at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Included in the program is a movement to do away with the "graveyards" for old automobiles along principal highways as well as large signs, both of which are eyesores to travellers. Another request will be to require permits for improvement to property outside corporate limits of towns, which will boost valuations on the tax books.

Encouragement of county zoning is also included in the program, which will protect those who invest money in improving their property by not allowing erection of undesirable buildings near it. More effective drunken driving laws are also included in the program, on the premise that more teeth in the law are needed and less winking at present laws.

Opposition is also registered to homestead exemption or any other exemption which will raise the tax rate. Objection is also made to the use of local revenue to balance the state budget, especially the intangible tax, which it is thought should be used locally.

Another feature is the requirement to show a receipt; that poll tax has been paid before getting an automobile license, the final request being for an act to enable the collection of taxes not collected.

Mayor J. H. McMullan, of Edenton, extended a brief address of welcome to the visitors. During the meeting, at which many questions were asked, Patrick Healy and W. H. Newell, of Raleigh, C. C. Ward, of Rocky Mount, Mayor Jerome Flora of Elizabeth City, spoke.

Mr. Ward presented the legislative program outlined, while Mr. Healy's remarks principally had to do with the problems of road building and maintenance.

Local officers who attended the meeting were Mayor V. N. Darden, Commissioners Mark Gregory and A. W. Hefren; Dick Hines and Chas. E. Johnson also attended.

## Mr. Nachman Slightly Hurt In Accident

Louis Nachman, Sr., suffered a slight back injury on the Belvidere Road Tuesday night when his car overturned as he swerved to avoid striking a pedestrian walking in the roadway.

## Broughton To Deliver Commencement Address At School

J. M. Broughton, Raleigh attorney and gubernatorial candidate, will make the Commencement address at the High School on the evening of May 10th, according to announcement by F. T. Johnson, superintendent of county schools.

## Survey Shows State Politics Rank Second In Interest Here; Representative Race In Limelight; Commissioners Announce

L. N. Hollowell, Cecil Winslow and Dr. E. S. White comprise the county board of elections. They're to hold a meeting some time this week and elect a chairman, and attend to other business.

On the home front in the meantime, the political puddle is going through all the stages long applied to enthusiasm surrounding an election year. It was only lukewarm a few weeks ago; since then it has simmered, bubbled, and now it stews.

There have been no filings. It isn't time yet. But from advance warnings, invariably inaccurate, there will be no less than seven candidates seeking Perquimans County's lone seat in the House of Representatives.

Three have actually announced as this is written, but when the paper goes to press it is quite likely that two more will have made announcements concerning the same office.

It is permissible to name the ones who have publicly voiced their intentions: Mrs. Mattie Lister White, Joe Campbell and the incumbent representative, J. T. Benton. It is not a wise move to name those who have not announced. The tidings must be awaited at their pleasure.

Two others, to make it a quintet, are saying "I'm going to run." Both can be accepted in all seriousness, but until they give the "Go" signal, it is not a good policy to make their announcements for them.

Not a small amount of interest in the contest regarding Perquimans' seat in the House accompanied the announcement of Mrs. White. The first woman to run for office in Perquimans County has picked the hottest election year in decades for her debut into county politics.

Mr. Benton is rounding out his second term, and Joe Campbell, partner in The Perquimans Weekly announced simultaneously with Mrs. White last week.

Gossip has it, and it may be a fact when this is published, that at least two lawyers and a seasoned politician will enter the handicap to bring to a grand total six candidates bidding for the office.

A local business man was mentioned frequently several days ago in connection with the race, and likewise a prominent county farmer. Neither has been heard from definitely.

## Homecoming Day April Seventh At Baptist Church

### Training Union On In Rich Square Today And Tomorrow; Local Girl on Program

The First Sunday in April is Homecoming and Roll Call Day at the Hertford Baptist Church. Efforts are being made now, according to the pastor, the Rev. J. F. Stegall, to get the information to all absentee members, urging them to come home for the service that day.

According to Mr. Stegall, the program will probably include the reading of the Church Covenant, a history of the Church, and Communion Service. The different parts on the program have not been assigned.

The Regional Training Union Convention will be held in Rich Square in Northampton County today (Friday) and tomorrow, and several young people from Hertford are planning to attend. Miss Dorothy Elliott of Hertford, will have a part on the intermediate program Saturday afternoon.

All territory northwest of the Chowan River to the State line is included in the Union and approximately 300 delegates will be in attendance. The church there will entertain the delegates with lodging for Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning.

The convention, according to Mr. Stegall, starts at three o'clock Friday afternoon and closes at three o'clock Saturday afternoon, including service Friday night and morning service Saturday morning.

Dr. B. W. Spillman, Sunday School lesson writer of Kinston, will be the principal speaker at the Saturday morning session.