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Tyrrell County Man Pays Damages Done To Electric Pole

Fourteen Cases Tried In Recorder's Court Before Judge Granberry Tucker

Fourteen cases, mostly simple assault and traffic law violations, were brought before Recorder's Court Judge Granberry Tucker in the first session of his new term here on Tuesday.

J. A. Prinner, Tyrrell County, submitted to charges of reckless driving and paid court costs, plus \$20 damages to the Norfolk and Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, and \$5 damages to the town of Hertford.

In a recent accident, Prinner crashed into a telephone pole in Hertford while driving a truck and he failed to list the accident within the allotted time.

Ben Cicero, alias Benjamin Riddick, Negro, of Winfall, was taxed with costs for assault with a deadly weapon, an iron bar, upon James Spellman, also a Negro.

Spellman paid costs on forcible trespass charges. A fight occurred between the two Saturday night in Winfall, when Cicero ordered Spellman out of his car.

Willie Williamson, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court, on charges of assault on Aubrey Baker. Baker was struck with tin cans thrown by the Negro as he entered his father's store.

A nol pros was taken to similar charges against Blue Blanchard Negro companion of Williamson, when the assault occurred.

Post Cooper, Negro, paid costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Calvin Banks, Elizabeth City Negro, was found guilty and taxed

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Weeksville No Match For Indians In Game Played Wednesday

The Perquimans High School basketball teams split a double-header with their conference foe, Weeksville, on the local court Wednesday night. The Indian Squaws were the losers 44-34, while the Indians overwhelmed the smaller Weeksville team by a one-sided score 48-20.

The girls' game was a real battle from the first whistle, Hertford and Weeksville each scoring eight points during the first quarter, and continuing the fast pace each team scored eleven points during the second quarter. The score at the half time was 19-19.

The Weeksville sextet, however, out shot the local girls during the third period, to run their score up to thirty points, while Hertford was held to three points.

The final quarter was fast throughout with Weeksville chucking in 14 points to the Squaws 12. Final score was 44-34, Weeksville.

Wally Mayes was high scorer for Hertford with 27 points and Mildred Gault scored seven. Reid scored 25 points for the visitors.

The game between the boys was rather rough from the start and numerous substitutions were made by both coaches.

The Indians outplayed the visitors from the start and the outcome of the game was never in doubt. . . it was just a case of how high the score would be.

Hertford started scoring immediately after the opening toss and ran up a 16-3 lead at the first quarter. This was stretched to 24-9 at half time.

During the second half the Weeksville boys spurred a bit and scored 10 points to Hertford's eight, but the Indians were still in front 32-15 at the third quarter.

During the final period the Indians turned on to score 16 points while they held the visitors to five and the final score was 48-20 in favor of the Indians.

This game is the third conference game played by the Indians and they were one and lost two. Both girls and boys teams will journey to Robyville Friday night and play another conference game with the school.

Most every one of the Indians made into the scoring column in the Wednesday. Byram was high scorer for the Indians with 20 points. Hillard got 16, Wood 1, and 4, Cannon 3, Blanchard 2, and 11 points.

Appeal Made For Boys To Register In Special School Classes

A special appeal is being made by Superintendent of Schools F. T. Johnson for out of school boys who are interested in enrolling for the free classes in general shop work and elementary electrical engineering to come to the school offices and register.

Classes can begin as soon as the minimum of ten students have been enrolled.

These classes, a branch of the National Defense Program, are gaining momentum all over the country, and it is expected that much interest will be shown in this county.

Boys between the ages of 17 and 24 are eligible to register for the special training, and are urged to see Mr. Johnson immediately.

Membership In Red Cross Grows As Drive Closes

Persons Who Were Unsolicited May Join at Local Postoffice

The Perquimans County Red Cross Roll Call officially closed last Saturday with a total of 200 memberships and \$211.35 as the amount raised by the local canvassers.

The Roll Call was directed by Mrs. C. P. Morris, who enlisted the aid of the Home Demonstration Clubs throughout the county to solicit each community in an effort to make this year's Roll Call the largest in the history of the drive here.

Although figures from last year were not available, both S. M. Whedbee, chapter chairman for Perquimans, and Mrs. Morris believe the memberships taken out this year exceeded those of any previous year.

Mrs. Morris was high in her praise of the canvassers who worked so diligently in making the drive a success and she expressed her sincere thanks to those workers.

A large part of the amount raised through local memberships in the Red Cross will remain in this county to be used by the local chapter and the remainder of the money will be sent to the national chapter for use in relieving suffering throughout the world.

The Red Cross will also play a large part in work among American youths who are in military training during the coming year.

Additional memberships that were taken out during the past week, and which did not appear in The Weekly last week, are: Town of Hertford, Simon's, Morgan Furniture Store, Rose's, Raymond Jordan, M. J. Gregory, J. E. Newby, Post Office, S. M. Whedbee, J. P. Hill, Bank of Hertford, R. M. Riddick, Davenport and Blanchard, J. E. Winslow, R. B. Jones, Mrs. S. M. Whedbee, H. B. Sedberry and Mrs. G. E. Newby.

Persons who wish to join the Red Cross, but were not canvassed, can join by seeing Mr. Whedbee at the Hertford Post Office.

Farmers Strong For Cotton Control Plan For Next Year

Farmers of Perquimans County cast an overwhelming vote in favor of cotton control for 1941. (The total vote in this county was 400 yeas to 1 no.)

L. W. Anderson, county agent, in discussing the election stated that the local farmers were very favorable to the Farm Program, especially toward cotton control.

Nationally the election went over in a big way. The number of votes cast for control was 761,117, while those opposed were 61,408. The results of the election will mean that cotton producers will operate in 1941 under the control plan and in return for their cooperation, the Federal Government will advance loans to farmers on their 1941 cotton.

Cotton prices, in all probabilities, will remain stable as the results of the vote.

According to the rules of the election, it was necessary for two-thirds of the eligible voters to favor the referendum if it was to be effective, but on incomplete returns, approximately ninety-two percent voted for control in 1941.

Town To Lease Site To Woman's Club For New Club House

Hertford Town Board Donates Uniform to Perquimans Band

The Hertford Town Board will lease a site to the Hertford Woman's Club for the construction of a new club house for the local woman's organization, according to a motion made at the regular meeting of the Town Board on Monday night.

Mrs. I. A. Ward, president of the Club, and Mrs. R. T. White appeared before the Board with the request that the Town let the ladies have a suitable site for the club house.

Mrs. Ward convinced the board of the need of such a building in Hertford and the Town Fathers agreed to let the Woman's Club use the plot of land where the old town office is now situated.

According to Mrs. Ward, the club house will be constructed with the aid of WPA and money raised by various methods by the ladies of the club. No definite plans have been made yet for the building. The ladies first desiring to gain the consent of the board for the use of the land before going ahead with their plans.

The board voted to donate one band uniform for the Perquimans Band during the session, and to give the town employees the same Christmas presents as were awarded them last year.

Rev. J. T. Cranford, of Winfall, appeared before the board to discuss the probabilities of the Hertford Fire Department lending assistance to the Town of Winfall in case of fire. The project of digging several wells in Winfall to furnish water for Hertford's new pumper was discussed, but the local board was of the opinion that this would not be feasible and suggested to Mr. Cranford that it might be possible for Winfall to erect a large water tower, or to make arrangements to furnish water for the booster tank carried on the new fire engine.

The local board assured Mr. Cranford that Hertford will at all times be ready to lend any assistance to Winfall that is possible.

Lions Contribute To Joy Fund For Unfortunate Kiddies

The Hertford Lions Club this week mailed a check for \$10 to Miss Ruth Davenport, County Welfare Officer, to be used as a nucleus for the foundation of a Joy Fund in providing happiness to the unfortunate children of Perquimans County who might otherwise have a cheerless Christmas without this aid.

Last year the Lions Club made a similar contribution to the welfare officer and 53 children found well-filled stockings on Christmas morning that might have otherwise been empty.

C. B. PARKER, RURAL MAIL CARRIER, TO RETIRE FROM POSTAL SERVICE JAN. 1

C. B. Parker, rural mail carrier out of the Hertford postoffice, will carry his last gatch of mail on December 31. Mr. Parker will retire from the postal service on January 1, after having served as rural mail carrier for 35 years, four months and fifteen days.

Beginning in the service on August 15, 1905, Mr. Parker estimates that he has traveled approximately 348,000 miles carrying the mails on routes 5 and 1 during this time. His first route was number 5 and covered a distance of 18 miles and in 1927 the postal officials consolidated routes 5 and 1 with Mr. Parker still the carrier. The distance over this new route was 62 miles. In 1929 an additional 7.44 miles was added to the route.

During the early part of his services as rural mail carrier, Mr. Parker traveled by horse back, then used a horse and cart, horse and buggy and finally arrived at the time when automobiles became the mode of traveling. During the time he has used a car for mail delivery, Mr. Parker has worn out eleven automobiles. Stuck as many as seven times during one day when "old Dobbin" had to be brought in to pull the car out of the mud. Mr. Parker says that the car is still the best way to make the rounds.

During the more than 35 years that

Navy Department Has Not Yet Chosen Site For Air Base

Information Regarding Tyrrell Not Official, According to Washington

The Weekly learned from high authority on Thursday morning that the Navy Department has taken no action in regards to the establishment of their new \$5,000,000 air base in Tyrrell County.

Our informant talked with Congressman Herbert C. Bonner Wednesday evening and was told that Captain C. E. Rosendahl, Naval official who inspected the sites, has been out of Washington all week and that the Naval Department would notify all concerned when the site was definitely chosen.

According to information given out on Wednesday it was stated that the North Carolina Highway Commission has been informed that the Navy will probably choose Tyrrell County for the site, and as the result of this gossip the Commission pledged themselves to build a hard surface road to the site offered in that county.

Norman Trueblood, acting in behalf of the Hertford Lions Club and other interested citizens of the county, submitted a prospectus of two land sites available for the proposed Naval Air Base to Captain C. E. Rosendahl for his consideration in choosing the location of this new Naval base.

Practically every county in eastern North Carolina is making a strong bid for this new project and it is not known as yet just where the base will be located, but The Weekly has learned from a high authority that Captain Rosendahl favors some site between the north of the Albemarle Sound and the Virginia State line.

Time for the definite choosing of the site has not been learned, but from indications it is believed that Naval authorities are anxious to begin the construction of the base soon.

The sites in Perquimans County submitted by Mr. Trueblood were the Nixon farm located between Hertford and Winfall on Route 17, and the J. H. Newbold farm located on the Pender Road. A complete prospectus of these properties was drawn up by Mr. Trueblood and mailed to Captain Rosendahl on last Friday.

Woman's Club To Offer Prizes For Christmas Decorations Of Homes

The Hertford Woman's Club will offer cash prizes for the most attractively decorated homes at Christmas.

Details of the plan are being worked out by a special committee composed of Mrs. S. P. Jessup, Mrs. I. A. Ward and Mrs. J. G. Roberson. Any one desiring to enter the contest is invited to get in touch with either member of the committee.

Judgment Awarded W. E. White Against Bus Company

A judgment was signed in Chowan Superior Court by Judge W. C. Harris on Monday against the Norfolk Southern Bus Company for \$9,991.57, which was awarded by a jury to W. E. White, parent of W. E. White, Jr., who was killed near Winfall some time ago.

It was brought out in court that the White boy and his mother boarded a Norfolk Southern bus in Edenton and when the bus stopped in front of the White home on the Hertford-Winfall road, the boy was allowed to get off the bus ahead of his mother and darting across the road was struck by another car going in the opposite direction.

The complaint against the Norfolk Southern Bus Company charged that the driver of the bus had been negligent in allowing the boy to get off the bus before his mother.

Argument Leads To Cutting Fray At New Hope On Saturday

Andrew Stevenson Is Charged With Assault With Deadly Weapon as Result of Fight

As the result of an argument which took place at New Hope on last Saturday night, one man is in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, suffering from a knife wound in the abdomen and another man is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

According to the story as learned by The Perquimans Weekly, Andrew Stevenson and Edward Layden were in an argument and were parted by onlookers, who asked the men not to have any trouble.

Stevenson entered a store located on one side of the highway, while Layden entered a store on the opposite side of the road. After several minutes had elapsed, Stevenson left the store to talk to a friend, when suddenly Layden appeared holding a pop bottle in his hand. Stevenson, it was related, attempted to get away from Layden by running around a gas pump, but finally the men tangled up and Layden was severely cut with a knife.

Layden was carried to the hospital, where it was necessary to close the wound with 25 stitches. Latest reports from the hospital indicate that he is getting along as well as can be expected.

A warrant charging Stevenson with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, was sworn out but he appeared at the courthouse on the charge before the warrant was served. Bond was set for him at the amount of \$300.

Probable cause hearing of the case will be heard as soon as Layden is able to testify, according to local court officials.

21 Uniforms Donated Perquimans Band By Local Business Firms

Superintendent of Schools F. T. Johnson announced Tuesday that funds had been raised to purchase 21 of the 25 uniforms needed for the Perquimans High School band.

Contributions for the band uniforms have been made by the business firms of Hertford, with the exception of three uniforms contributed by the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners and the Town Board.

Mr. Johnson said that he wished to thank all contributors and that he believed the necessary amount for purchase of the remainder of the uniforms will be forthcoming before the end of the week.

However, any person desiring to assist in this project may contribute to raise the total amount needed. Contributions made now will hasten the time when the local band can step out in uniforms that will be a credit to the entire county.

Iris Blooms In Dec.

Iris are blooming in Hertford. It might be just a freak of nature, or it might be a harbinger of an early spring, but nevertheless this beautiful flower bloomed last week in the yard of Mrs. Lille Goodwin, who brought the deep purple blossom to the office of The Weekly.

Perquimans' First Draftee Now In Army At Fort Bragg

Local Board Halts Mailing of Questionnaires Until After First of Year

Perquimans County's first draftee is in the army now.

George Butler, a volunteer through the local draft board, left Hertford on the 9:40 bus Tuesday morning en route to Fort Bragg, where he will be inducted into Uncle Sam's armed forces.

There was no special arrangements for the send-off of the volunteer on Tuesday, members of the local board, J. R. Stokes, W. G. Hollowell and W. W. Spencer, accompanied by J. C. McNider, Government Appeal Agent, met Mr. Butler at the draft board offices and accompanied him to the bus station. Several friends and acquaintances waved good-bye and good luck to their friend as the bus left the station.

The first man to enter service under the Selective Service Act was given his commitment papers and tickets for his trip to the camp. Tickets for meals were also issued by the local board. Butler, apparently, was glad of the opportunity to serve his country under this new defense program.

The county's first colored draftee, John Henry Phillips, is scheduled to leave Hertford this (Friday) morning for his induction into the army. The same procedure will follow in getting Phillips off to Fort Bragg as was the case of Butler.

The next call for men is not expected by the local board until some time after the first of the year. Perquimans County must furnish 50 men before June 30, 1941.

The local board has discontinued sending out questionnaires until after the first of January. Mr. Stokes, chairman of the board, stated that

Woman's Club Honor Past Presidents At Meeting On Tuesday

Mrs. I. A. Ward, newly elected president, presided at the December meeting of the Hertford Woman's Club, held Tuesday afternoon, when ten of the club's past presidents were honor guests.

Upon arrival each of the guests of honor was presented with a Christmas corsage and escorted to specially arranged seats. After the business session, the past presidents, including Mrs. W. L. F. Babb, Mrs. G. E. Newby, Mrs. J. J. Fleetwood, Mrs. W. E. White, Mrs. R. T. White, Miss Mae Wood Winslow, Mrs. F. T. Johnson, Mrs. R. T. Clarke, Mrs. J. G. Roberson and Mrs. J. O. Felton, were recognized by the presiding officer. Mrs. T. S. White gave a toast to the past presidents, written in verse, which was highly complimented. Mrs. Roberson responded for the past presidents.

Humorous readings by Mrs. H. C. Stokes and Mrs. W. E. White completed the program, following which refreshments were served.

Door prizes were won by Miss Mary Sumner, who received a ticket to the State Theatre, and Mrs. Brooks Whedbee, who received a custard set presented by R. S. Jordan's Electrical Store.

During the business session the Club decided to build a new club house, Mrs. Ward reporting to the club that the Town Board had agreed to give the Club the use of a lot on Grubb Street for the building. It was voted by the Club to go ahead with this project, providing the cost did not exceed \$1,500. Mrs. Ward reported to the club that the cost will be approximately \$1,100 for the Club's share.

The Club voted to send at least one Christmas basket and Club members were asked to send donations to Mrs. Tim Brinn, chairman of the Welfare Department, next Tuesday.

The president announced that there will be two door prizes awarded to members at all future meetings.

Lions Club Met At New Hope Last Friday

The Hertford Lions Club held its regular meeting last Friday evening at the New Hope Community House. The Club was served by the ladies of the New Hope Home Demonstration Club.