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## Judge Tucker Gives Squirrel Shooter 4 Months Sentence

### Bill Thatch Convicted Of Assault In Shooting Case

A day-long session was necessary to clear the docket in Recorder's Court on Tuesday when Bill Thatch, Negro, of the Beech Spring section, was tried for assault with a deadly weapon upon Robert Harrell, young white man, and Lindsay Nixon, Negro, both of the same community.

The defense counsel attempted to show that Thatch was not liable for his actions in the frequent shot gun shootings that took place on January 13, when Thatch shot at Harrell and Nixon. According to Thatch's testimony, he had gone squirrel hunting and while in a woods, known as Picard's Woods, he came upon a still and consumed about a quart of the bootleg mash and from that time on . . . he remembered nothing that took place.

The State showed that Thatch walked up to young Harrell, near the Baker store, and after cursing him turned and walked away for about 75 yards, then shot at Harrell. Later a PWA truck, loaded with men, passed Thatch on the roadside and he "blazed" away at the truck, hitting Nixon.

After denying the defense a postponement of verdict and judgment, Judge Granberry Tucker sentenced Thatch to four months on each count, sentences to run concurrently, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs of court in each case. He was also placed on probation for one year.

Washington Howlett submitted to the court on a charge of operating a vehicle without proper brakes and paid the costs of court.

Ashley Fleetwood was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly, resisting an officer and possession of non-tax paid liquor. He was sentenced to 60 days on the roads which sentence was suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior for one year.

William Everett, Negro, of Hertford, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon.

Theodore Cox, Negro, plead guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon Dummy Felton and was taxed with the costs of court.

Percy Winslow, Negro, was found not guilty of the charge of disposing of mortgaged property. Winslow was cited for failure to pay for a suit of clothes but testified the suit had been stolen from him and that the mortgage had been paid prior to court opening.

Three Negroes were found guilty of simple assault over an incident that took place at the Savoy, a Hertford Negro gathering place, and they were taxed with the costs of court.

The Negroes, McKinley Jones, Welton Maben and Alphonso Hudson, were warned by Judge Tucker that the Court was "getting tired" of having cases brought to court from the happenings at the Savoy and unless there was a change in the behavior of the patrons of the place, some heavy sentences will be imposed on the cases.

## No Indication That Influenza Will Close County Schools

Although there are more than 250 mild cases of influenza in Perquimans County, according to a report by Dr. C. A. Davenport, there is no indication that the County schools will be closed on account of the epidemic.

Superintendent F. T. Johnson reported Wednesday that school attendance had picked up considerably since Monday when a total of 30 was absent at the high school.

A check on the attendance list at the High School on Wednesday showed the normal percentage present for classes.

Mr. Johnson stated that a thorough record on the other schools in the county was not at hand, but it is believed that the flu is not affecting the children as greatly as it is the adults.

## Basketball Games Postponed Until Thursday Night

The basketball games scheduled for Tuesday night between the Perquimans Indians and the teams of the Central High School were postponed until Thursday night of this week. Illness among the players of the Central School team caused the postponement.

The Perquimans teams will travel to Weaverville on Friday night to play a return game with the boys and girls of the Pasquotank school.

## Episcopal Ladies In Two Day Convention At St. Paul's Church

District diocesan delegates to the 58th annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Council of the Diocese of East Carolina, began a two days' session at St. Paul's Church, Edenton, Wednesday and lasted until after the luncheon period Thursday afternoon. More than 150 representatives from different Episcopal parishes were in attendance, crowding the Hotel Joseph Hewes and overflowing into many private homes of local parishioners.

The gathering, always an important one to the Auxiliary, had for its theme "God, the Source of Power," and among the principal speakers were Bishop Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, and Bishop Edwin A. Penick, of Raleigh, as well as Rev. C. A. Ashby, of Edenton, and Rev. W. R. Noe, diocesan secretary, of Wilmington.

Bishop Darst, also, held noon day prayers Wednesday, and Wednesday night Bishop Penick was in charge of the evening service. After again conducting noon day prayers Thursday, Bishop Darst delivered an address on the work of the diocese. Foreign missionaries from China and the Philippines also spoke at the two sessions, as did Mrs. A. H. Sterne, of Atlanta, the provincial chairman of missions and church extension.

Actually the session got under way Tuesday night at a small dinner for the executive board held in the Rose Room of the hotel, and resumed at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at the church. Mrs. Louis J. Poisson, of Wilmington, the diocesan president presided over the sessions and other officers took part in the proceedings, also. Officers were chosen for the ensuing year today.

Luncheons were served for the delegates by the ladies of the Methodist and Baptist churches each day in the Parish House.

### Music Class Honor Roll

Mrs. R. M. Riddick announces the following named students are honor roll students for the present month: Piano—Sammie Sutton, Joan Trueblood, Pat Morris, Peggy Sawyer, Madeline Phillips, Minnie Raze Dail, Catherine Perry, Aleene Yeates, Dorothy Faye White, Doris Byrum, Harriett Lou Layden, Belle Landing, Katherine White, Ida Lee White, Barbara Winslow.

Flute—Howard Pitt, James Assad, Joan Trueblood, Jean Webb Phillips, Nathan Spivey, Betty Jean Winslow, Edna King, Sammie Sutton, Henry Baker, Percy Rogerson, Charley Perry.

Drums—Clarence Thomas Madre, Peggy Sawyer, Irving White.

Grand Honor Roll  
The Grand Honor Roll for the first four months of the term follows:  
Piano—Sammie Sutton, Pat Morris, Harriett Lou Layden, Dorothy Faye White, Doris Byrum, Katherine White, Barbara Winslow.

Flutes—Howard Pitt, Joan Trueblood, Jean Webb Phillips, Nathan Spivey, Betty Jean Winslow, Edna King, Percy Rogerson, and Charley Perry.

Drum—Peggy Sawyer.

## Hertford Furniture Dealer Attends Show At High Point

W. M. Morgan, Hertford Furniture man, left Tuesday to attend the winter furniture shows at High Point, N. C. He was accompanied on the trip by B. C. Berry.

Mr. Morgan stated on his return he would have something to say about future deliveries and prices on furniture.

## Ten Questionnaires Mailed Out By Local Draft Board

### Harold Wiggins, Negro, Leaves For Fort Bragg Monday

In anticipation of a call for a greater number of men in the future the local draft board is continuing to mail out a number of questionnaires each week in order to build up a reserve of men ready for call.

Ten questionnaires were mailed to registrants during this week and brings the total mailed up to 278. Two hundred and forty-one men have already been classified by the local draft officials and the count now shows that there is a total of 54 in Class One. Twenty-four of these are white men and twenty are Negroes.

Word was received by J. R. Stokes, chairman of the board, that Joseph Perry has been accepted in the Army. Perry was a replacement for Francis Jessup, who failed to pass the physical examination given at Fort Bragg.

Harold Wiggins, a Negro volunteer, will leave Hertford Monday, January 27, for Fort Bragg. He will be the final man called to fill the quota asked for during this month. The next call for men is expected to come about February 17. Bernice Woodard, also a Negro volunteer, has been designated by the local board to be the alternate for Wiggins.

There still remains a total of 848 men in Perquimans who have not yet received their questionnaires, but these will be mailed within due course and the men given classification in order that the county may fill its quota of 50 men for the army service by June 30 of this year.

With the Negro volunteer leaving next Monday, a total of eight men have been sent to Fort Bragg under the Selective Service Act by the local draft board . . . that leaves a total of 42 men who will be called by the summer date.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Spear, of Hertford, Route 3, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son on Friday morning. The youngster weighed nine pounds. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

## Lions Club Learns Blimp Base To Be Considered Shortly

The Hertford Lions Club committee which has been working toward bringing the proposed Navy Blimp base to Perquimans County informed The Weekly today that it has received information from an unimpeachable source in Washington that the proposed blimp base item has been included in the budget with the approval of the Navy Department and will be considered along with the appropriation bill to be presented to the present session of Congress.

This news would indicate, regardless of past news stories regarding the blimp base being out of favor with the Navy Department and little chance of it being established, providing Congress acts favorably on the item that some section of Eastern North Carolina will be the site of the \$6,000,000 project.

### 868 Applications Made For Payments In Farm Program

A total of 868 applications for conservation payments have been received at the County Agent's office, according to L. W. Anderson, County Agent. Of this number 841 applications have been forwarded on to Washington and the remainder will be sent as soon as some necessary signatures are obtained.

Nine hundred and twenty seven farms in Perquimans County were eligible to make applications for these payments due to their cooperating with the provisions of the National Farm Program, but 59 disqualified by overplanting on crops.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Chappell, at their home near Belvidere, on January 15, a daughter, Doris Faye. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

## Mary Elizabeth White Weds Joseph E. Perry Sunday, January 19

### Ceremony at Home of Bride's Parents; to Reside in Norfolk

A wedding of interest throughout Perquimans County was solemnized Sunday morning, January 19, at 11 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. White, where in the presence of near relatives and a few friends, their attractive daughter, Mary Elizabeth, became the bride of Joseph Ervin Perry, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perry, of Hertford.

Mrs. J. L. Nixon, of Winfall, aunt of the bride, was mistress of ceremonies.

Mrs. J. A. Chappell, of Norfolk, Va., also an aunt of the bride, presided over the gift room. Both Mrs. Nixon and Mrs. Chappell wore costumes of lovely shades of blue with corsages of gardenias.

At the appointed hour, Roscoe M. White, of Norfolk, Va., brother of the bride, ushered the guests and the bridal party into the marriage room, with its pleasing and effective decorations of palms, ferns, cathedral candles and baskets of white gladioli.

Miss Mary Louise Chappell, of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, cousin of the bride, played the wedding music. She was gowned in an aqua marine blue alpaca dress with touches of brown, and her flowers were Talisman roses. Following the entrance of the guests, Miss Chappell played "Bells of St. Mary."

While Mrs. Benton White, the bride's sister-in-law, lighted the candles, Mrs. Roscoe M. White, of Norfolk, Va., also a sister-in-law of the bride, sang "O Perfect Love" and "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life."

Mrs. Benton White's dress was of slate blue with daboroot, and she wore a corsage of Radiant roses. Mrs. Roscoe White was attired in soft black velvet with white Irish Point lace, and her flowers were a shoulder corsage of American Beauty roses.

Miss Esther Perry, of Hertford, sister of the groom, was maid of honor and the bride's only attendant. Miss Perry's frock was ashes of roses with touches of wine, and her flowers were pale pink rosebuds.

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## Suffolk Prepares To Entertain At Peanut Festival

The stage is all set at Suffolk, Va., where the first annual Peanut Festival will be held, beginning next Tuesday and lasting for two days, in a salute to American-grown peanuts.

Festival officials expect thousands of people to witness the series of events which will include a colorful parade, the coronation of the festival queen, four dances and an address by the Secretary of Agriculture. All officials of counties and towns in the peanut belt have been invited to attend.

Miss Alice Roberson, daughter of Mrs. J. G. Roberson, will represent Hertford as one of the princesses during the festival.

The festival will open on Tuesday with a tour of peanut plants and other interesting places in the Suffolk section, a number of carnival events and the Peanut Planters Ball.

Wednesday's big events will be the parade, the speeches and coronation of the festival queen. A dance will climax the day's affairs.

The National Peanut Festival will be an outstanding event of National Peanut Week.

### Funeral Services For New Hope Man Held Sunday

Funeral services for William E. Wood were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the New Hope Methodist Church, with the Rev. H. L. Hendricks, assisted by the Rev. J. D. Cranford, officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the J. B. Leigh Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City.

Active pallbearers were: S. T. Perry, I. C. Butt, R. L. Robbins, H. H. Butt, L. H. Jones and G. H. Hunter.

Burial was made in the New Hope Church Cemetery.

## Trueblood Re-elected Officer In Railway Association

At the annual meeting of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Employees Relief Association held in Norfolk, Va., last week, Norman Trueblood, agent for the company here, was re-elected vice president for the Northern Division of the road, covering that portion of the road from New Bern to Norfolk. A banquet was served to all members at the Pythian Castle. A business meeting followed the banquet, after which a floor show was put on by the Miss Skelton School of Dancing.

## Time Extension In Celebration Of President's Birthday

The President's Birthday Celebration program has been extended to February 10, according to word received Wednesday from the State chairman by S. M. Whedbee, local chairman for the celebration.

Mr. Whedbee stated that he believed the extension of time is due to the influenza epidemic which is raging over the country and has been for the past several weeks, and in accordance with the word received here that local plans for raising money to aid in the fight against Infantile Paralysis will be extended to take in the date set by State headquarters.

At the present time the March of Dimes and the dance which was to be the main feature of the local celebration will be postponed until a date early next month. Mr. Whedbee announced that he will issue a new schedule for the program next week.

The dance committee is now working toward securing an orchestra for the President's Ball and it is believed that one will be secured that will enable the program officials to clear a nice profit for the project.

The Boy Scouts and school children of the county will be in charge of the March of Dimes and it is highly probable that the dime raising will start the first week in February.

### Parent-Teachers Met At Winfall Monday

The Parent-Teachers Association the January meeting at the school building in Winfall on Monday evening of the Central Grammar School held in.

The Rev. J. D. Cranford gave the devotional and made a short talk. After a brief business session, Mrs. Eddie Harrell, program chairman, presented a program on Home Education. Mrs. Jack Benton, Mrs. Edna Harrell and Miss Frances Maness and a group from the Snow Hill Demonstration Club, gave the program.

Following the meeting, the Association gave a miscellaneous shower complimenting Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Ainsley, who were married on December 20.

Dainty refreshments were served.

### New Feed And Seed Company Opened By J. O. Felton

J. O. Felton, formerly of the firm of Reed and Felton, has opened the Farmers' Feed and Seed Company at the location of the old Reed and Felton plant on Grubb Street.

Mr. Felton will act as manager of the new firm and will carry a complete line of Wayne feeds and seeds. He invites all of his friends to come in and inspect the lines for sale by the company.

### Lions Club Meeting

The Hertford Lions Club will hold its regular meeting at the Hotel Hertford on Friday night.

Envoy Cooke of the Salvation Army will give an illustrated lecture on the Salvation Army's summer camps for under-privileged children. All members are urged to be present.

### Rotary Club Meet

The Hertford Rotary Club held its regular meeting at the Hotel Hertford on Tuesday night. Several items, including the coming inter-city meeting, were discussed.

## Forty Veterans Sign For Membership In American Legion

### Roy McMillan Makes Speech to Legionnaires at Meeting

Approximately forty World War Veterans of Perquimans County signified their intentions of becoming members in the American Legion at a district meeting held here on Tuesday night.

About seventy-five veterans from Manteo, Elizabeth City, Edenton and Perquimans County were present at the enthusiastic meeting and heard Roy McMillan, of Raleigh, give a brief talk on the American Legion and its purposes.

Mr. McMillan is an outstanding leader in Legion work and a leading candidate for the post of State commander for the year 1941-1942. The First District, comprised of the posts in this section of North Carolina, went on record at the meeting Tuesday night as favoring the candidacy of Mr. McMillan as the next State commander.

F. T. Johnson who, along with J. E. Winslow and B. C. Berry, has done considerable work toward the establishment of a local post of the Legion welcomed the visiting Legionnaires to Hertford and then turned the meeting over to District Commander I. P. Davis of Manteo.

A. N. Darden, local veteran, was chosen as secretary of the meeting, and Richard Dixon, of Edenton, introduced the speaker, Mr. McMillan.

In his talk on the American Legion Mr. McMillan stated that the background of the Legion was the American Soldier . . . going back to the first pioneers that strove through the West to establish this great nation . . . then on down through the years . . . and the wars the American Soldier had fought and won . . . The American Soldier, a peaceful man, but one that would fight for right.

The program of the Legion, Mr. McMillan said, was formed around the unselfish service to others, among which was Child Welfare and hospitalization, Community Service, Education and Youth Activities. Especially was the work with youth stressed in order that the young people might learn to play the game as well as to gain the sport.

Among other things that Mr. McMillan said were aims of the Legion was the work toward adequate national defense, one that would give America the world's largest Navy and the world's largest air force, as well as a land force equal to any emergency; also the Legion's work toward 100 percent Americanism, and its constant fight against un-American activities.

Following the speech by the State officer, J. E. Winslow made a motion that a local post of the Legion be formed in Perquimans County and this motion was seconded by V. N. Darden, whereupon the District Commander, Mr. Davis, called for the local veterans to sign for membership.

After the enrollment was completed, it was decided that an organization meeting will be held shortly and officers chosen for the local post. Veterans will be notified by the local committee when a date is set for the meeting.

The members have been assigned the number of 266 as the official number of the local post.

## Horse And Mule Clinic Likely Be Held Early In February

According to L. W. Anderson, Perquimans County Farm Agent, a preliminary survey is being made of the county before definite plans are made for the holding of a horse and mule clinic in the county.

Tentative plans had called for the clinic to be held next week, but in order to give proper notice to all farmers and owners of animals interested in a local clinic, Mr. Anderson is lining up these parties before setting a definite date for the various communal clinics.

At the present time, and if a desirable number of animal owners signify their wish for such a clinic, plans now call for the clinics to be held at New Hope, Belvidere, Hertford and Bethel during the early part of February.