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## Prisoner Given Two Years On Roads For Destroying Property

### Nineteen Cases Heard By Recorder Judge on Tuesday

Perquimans County Recorder's Court had its busiest day in months Tuesday when nineteen cases were disposed of in a day long session. Cletus Saunders, a prisoner of the county awaiting trial at the April term of Superior Court, was given a two-year road sentence on a charge of destroying property. The charge was brought after Saunders had broken the cot in his cell and attempted to break jail last Thursday. In his attempted jail break Saunders attacked Police Officer R. A. White, but was subdued by Mr. White before he could make his get-away. Charges of secret assault and attempting to break jail are pending against Saunders and these will be heard by Superior Court.

Other cases disposed of included those of Fred L. Sawyer, who paid a fine of \$10 and costs on a charge of speeding.

James Hopkins was taxed with the costs of court for driving with insufficient brakes.

Joseph Zerrella was fined \$10 and costs on a charge of speeding.

Frank Luck, Jr., entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and court costs.

Charlie Williams, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court on a charge of failure to dim headlights on oncoming cars.

Joseph Keller was assessed the court costs on a charge of speeding.

Henry Blum was fined \$10 and costs of court for speeding.

Joyce Wiggins was ordered to pay the court costs for speeding.

Fleet Cooper, Negro, was ordered held for a hearing before the Superior Court after Judge Charles

charged with assault with intent to kill.

Harry Peters, Jr., pleaded guilty to a charge of speeding and paid a fine of \$10 and costs of court.

Probable cause was found in the case of Raymond Bateman, charged with assault with intent to kill.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case charging Lee Stepany and Clarence Hudson, Negroes, with larceny.

Sidney Altne paid a fine of \$30 and costs after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Russell Winslow, Negro, was fined \$100 and costs of court after being found guilty of using illegally a driver's license, driving with insufficient brakes and speeding.

Herman Winslow, Negro, was fined \$50 and costs for permitting his operator's license to be used illegally.

Milton Perry, Negro, was taxed with the costs of court on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

James Green, Negro, was given a 60-day road sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs, after being found guilty of larceny.

Adam Clark, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to being drunk and disorderly and paid the costs of court.

## Box Supper Held By 4-H Boys And Girls

The 4-H County Council sponsored a box supper at the High School Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. Approximately sixty 4-H boys and girls from the sixth through the ninth grades attended. All schools in the county were represented.

Following the supper a recreation period was conducted by Miss Hazel Shaw, assistant home demonstration agent, Miss Frances Maness, Perquimans County home demonstration agent, and I. C. Yagel, assistant farm agent.

Proceeds from the supper go to the county 4-H Club treasury.

Boxes were auctioned by F. T. Mathews.

## Soil Conservation District Drew Plans For 86 Farmers

During 1946 the Albemarle Soil Conservation District helped 86 farmers prepare conservation plans. These plans were made on a total of 8,969 acres of farm land. Conservation farmers improved or rebuilt drainage systems on approximately 1200 acres and seeded 67 acres of temporary and permanent pasture. The District held two demonstrations to show ditch construction with dynamite. One field tour was made to a Soil Conservation District in Virginia to observe ditching with construction machinery.

Many other conservation practices were established by farmers in Perquimans County who worked with the District.

This District is composed of Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck Counties. A. T. Lane of Perquimans County is Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the District.

## Sheriff Probing Station Robbery

Thieves broke into the service station owned by Cecil Sawyer, located on Route 17 sometime between the hours of 10 o'clock Saturday night and five a. m. Sunday morning, and looted the store of some fifty to sixty dollars' worth of merchandise, according to Sheriff M. G. Owens, who is investigating the theft.

According to Sheriff Owens, the thief or thieves used a flat instrument to pry open a door of the station to gain entry. The break-in was discovered by Jeff Pierce.

Mr. Sawyer stated he did not know definitely the total loss for in addition to merchandise taken, the pumps of the gasoline tank had been broken and it was believed a quantity of gas was also stolen by the robbers.

Only minor clues were discovered by the Sheriff during his preliminary investigation, but Mr. Owens stated he is continuing the probe of the robbery on these clues.

## Indians Lose; Squaws Win Over Weeksville

Perquimans High School divided a twin basketball bill with Weeksville last Friday night when the Indian Squaws won a two point victory from the Weeksville girls and the Indians lost a four point decision to the Weeksville boys. Both games, played on the local court, were nip and tuck from the opening whistle to the closing seconds.

The Squaws opened the preliminary game by jumping into a 7-5 lead during the first quarter and maintaining this lead 13-10 at half time. They gained an additional one point advantage during the third quarter and were ahead 22-18 at the beginning of the final canto. Weeksville outscored the Squaws 12-10 during this period but the Perquimans lead was sufficient to assure victory.

In the boys game the Indians trailed the Weeksville basketekers throughout the entire game but spurted during the last quarter into what appeared to be a winning drive but time ran out before the Indians caught the much improved Weeksville outfit.

Weeksville held an 8-3 lead at the close of the first period but the Indians cut this to a three point advantage in the second quarter and trailed by only three points at half time. During the third period the Indians faded and permitted Weeksville to rack up ten points while they collected only five. The Indians out shot the visitors in the final period 13-9 but failed in the final minutes to overtake the Weeksville lead. The final score was 36-32 in favor of Weeksville.

## HD Clubs Adopt Goal To Promote Better Health Program

### Committee Named to Lead National Home Week Program

Mrs. J. D. Stott was the guest speaker at the January meeting of the County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs held Thursday, January 23. Mrs. Stott, formerly a resident of Japan for a number of years, gave an interesting account of experiences she underwent while living in that country.

With good health foremost in the minds of the people of North Carolina, the Home Demonstration Clubs are cooperating in all efforts to promote better health for the State. The following goals have been adopted as the clubs' club health program: To have every club family produce, store and conserve an adequate food supply for the year; planning and serving better prepared and more appetizing meals; 74 per cent of club families to make and fill a canning budget; all members practice improving health habits; improving poultry feeding, housing and sanitation; 13 result demonstrations in gardening; cooperate with Health Department on program; all 4-H members to be examined by nurse; 13 Home Demonstration families installing water systems and all homes with screens.

Plans were made at the County Council meeting for the observance of National Home Demonstration Week, May 5-10 and the following club members were appointed to complete plans: Mrs. J. B. Bass girl, food and nutrition project leader; Mrs. H. S. Lane, home garden project leader; Mrs. Milton Dail, poultry project leader; Mrs. Carl Godwin, dairy project leader; Mrs. Pallen Lane, food preservation leader; Mrs. M. T. Griffin, health chairman; Mrs. T. E. Madre, home beautification; Mrs. C. P. Quincy, clothes project leader; and Mrs. C. W. Reed, education chairman.

Mrs. M. T. Griffin, county health chairman, gave an interesting report on the Infantile Paralysis Foundation. She urged all club members to contribute toward this worthy cause.

## Miss Helen Winslow Weds Robert Hewitt

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Winslow of Belvidere announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen Catherine, to Robert Hewitt, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hewitt of Elizabeth City, Route 3.

The ceremony, marked by quietness and simplicity, was performed at the Methodist parsonage of Hertford, Saturday afternoon, January 25, at 5 o'clock by the Rev. B. C. Reavis.

The bride was attired in a slate blue gabardine suit with matching plumed hat and black accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations with baby's breath and fern. She had as her maid of honor her sister, Miss Lina Winslow. Her dress was of gray gabardine with nail head trim. Her corsage consisted of salmon pink gladioli and fern.

The groom had as his best man his brother, Charlie Hewitt of Elizabeth City, Route 3.

Other members of the wedding party were Mrs. Charlie Hewitt, Miss Myrtle Winslow, Murray Dail and Eugene Winslow.

Immediately following the ceremony the bridal couple left by motor for Florida. Upon their return they will make their home at Elizabeth City, Route 3, where the groom is engaged in farming.

## John H. Harrell Dies Suddenly At Edenton

John H. Harrell, 68, of Chowan County, brother of Mrs. Charles Johnson and Mrs. Olivia Hobbs, died suddenly at his home Monday afternoon of a heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home with W. J. Berryman officiating, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Francis. Interment was in Beaver Hill Cemetery in Edenton.

## Trueblood To Head New Traffic Agency

Capt. Norman N. Trueblood, on terminal leave from the U. S. Army, has been named to head a newly established traffic agency for the Norfolk Southern Railway Company. The office is to be located in Elizabeth City.

Prior to his entry into the army, Mr. Trueblood was agent for the company in Hertford.

## Indians And Squaws Divide Double Bill With Columbia High

### Local Teams to Play Gatesville Netters Here Tonight

Perquimans High School basketball teams divided a doubleheader with the Columbia High School Tuesday night when the Indian Squaws won a 28-24 thriller from the Columbia girls and the Indians lost to the Wildcats by a 45-32 margin. The games were played on the Columbia court.

Both games were interesting and the outcome was in doubt until the final quarter of each game. The Columbia girls jumped into a slight lead during the first quarter of the preliminary game and held a 5-4 lead. The Squaws came back strong in the second canto and racked up eight points to lead 12-11 at half time. The Squaws added eleven more points and were ahead 23-17 at the beginning of the final quarter. Columbia outscored the Squaws in this period 7-5, but were unable to overcome the Perquimans lead gained in the third period. The final score was 28-24 for Perquimans.

The boys game opened fast with both teams playing carefully and it was nip and tuck throughout the first period. Perquimans scored first to hold the lead for seconds but Columbia then took the lead and it was a see-saw battle through the quarter with first one team, then the other holding the lead. Columbia finally gained a 13-9 advantage at the close of the period. Columbia racked up 11 points during the second period and held Perquimans to eight and enjoyed a seven point lead at half time. The Wildcats increased this margin by two points during the third period and held a nine point 31-22 lead at the beginning of the final quarter. The Indians rallied at the beginning of the fourth period and closed the gap to six points but the Wildcats then turned on a shooting spree and raked in 14 points for the period while Perquimans collected 10 and the game ended with a final score of 45-32 for Columbia.

The Indians and Squaws will play a return game with Gatesville High School on the local court Friday night. The first game is at 7:30.

## Water Specialist Checks Town Supply

R. W. Luther, water specialist and chemist for Elizabeth City completed a check of the water supply for the Town of Hertford last Friday, according to Mayor V. N. Darden, who stated the specialist reported the local supply satisfactory in every detail.

The specialist not only checked the water but also the water plant and its machinery and approved the plant along with the supply.

Reports, wholly unfounded based upon the specialist's report, had circulated last week that the local water supply was causing an illness among the residents of the town. According to Mayor Darden, Mr. Luther reported there was no foreign substance whatever in the water to cause an epidemic of any type.

## Perquimans To Join Athletic Conference

F. C. Woodard, principal of Perquimans High School, today announced the school has been elected to membership in the Albemarle High School Athletic Association and will participate in baseball and football with the other members of the conference.

The membership includes, Columbia, Plymouth, Scotland Neck, Windsor, Robersonville and Williamston. Rules adopted by the association are similar to those of the State Association.

The baseball schedule as announced by the secretary of the conference calls for the opening game to be played on April 1, with Columbia playing at Hertford. Each team will play two conference games with the remaining members for the championship of the conference.

The football schedule, also released by the secretary, lists the Indians playing at Scotland Neck, Windsor, Plymouth and Williamston, with Ahoakie and Columbia playing at Hertford.

## MASONS MEET TUESDAY

Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night.

## Local Farm Values Show Good Increase

Farm values in Perquimans County increased almost a million dollars during the past five years and farm products increased more than a million and half dollars, during the same period, according to a report released recently by the census bureau in Washington.

According to this report farm values jumped from \$3,411,501 to \$4,264,900 and value of products jumped from \$1,139,181 to \$2,859,598.

## Bill Before House Would Permit Town To Lease Property

A bill, introduced in the General Assembly last Friday by Representative E. Leigh Winslow, will grant authority to the Town of Hertford to privately lease property held by it for public use; it was pointed out this week by the Institute of Government.

The bill was introduced specifically to permit the Town of Hertford to lease to the Hertford Locker and Packing Company the town-owned and operated cold storage room, for use in connection with the new freezer locker plant now being constructed here. The terms and conditions of the lease would be agreed upon by the town commissioners.

The Locker Company is constructing its freezer locker, building on property adjoining the town property and by obtaining a lease on the cold storage room will have greater facilities for serving the patrons of the freezer locker company. According to reports the locker company will maintain the cold storage room in a first class condition and assume all costs pertaining thereto, in addition to paying a yearly sum for the lease.

## Dog Loses Life In Fire; Saves Family

A small puppy owned by the Edden Lane family valiantly gave his life in order to save the lives of his owners when the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lane burned to the ground last night of January 22. The puppy, trapped in an upstairs room, advised the family with his barking and enabled Mr. and Mrs. Lane to rescue their two children, son and daughter, while the blaze raged through the night.

Mrs. Lane, who was sleeping in a room on the first floor of the home, was awakened by the dog's snoring and she immediately rushed to her husband and they rescued their children and rushed from the blazing home.

The fire had gained such headway by the time the family was aroused only a few items of kitchen furniture was saved by the family and neighbors who arrived to help combat the fire.

A later search for the puppy, after a no avail, it had perished in the fire.

The blaze was discovered at about 10:30 o'clock and had gained such headway efforts to extinguish the fire were futile, however, the flames were controlled and outbuildings were saved.

## Chappell Services Held Last Thursday

Funeral services were conducted last Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Piney Woods Church for Watson C. Chappell, 69, of near Belvidere, who died in a Norfolk hospital last Wednesday. The Rev. Claude Bullock officiated and was assisted by the Rev. Mrs. Fernando White and the Rev. R. M. Walker. The church choir sang Abide With Me, Will the Circle be Unbroken and Kneel at the Cross.

pallbearers were Joe Lamb, Fred Smith, Robert Hendren, Herbert Chappell, Adrian and Charles Smith, all nephews of Mr. Chappell.

Burial followed in the family plot near Belvidere.

Survivors include three sons, Eugene of Hampton, Va. and Alphonso and Edgar Chappell of Belvidere; one daughter, Mrs. H. P. Green of Gates county, one brother, W. R. Chappell and one sister, Mrs. Benjamin Winslow, nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

## ACCEPTS POSITION WITH STATE BAPTIST CONVENTION

Miss Bertha Mae White has returned to Wake Forest after spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. White. She has completed her studies at Wake Forest and has accepted a position with the State Baptist Convention.

## Health Department Plans TB Clinic For County This Year

### Program Outlined to Rotary Members at Club Meeting

A tuberculosis clinic for Perquimans County is being planned by the Pasquotank-Perquimans-Camden Health Department, it was revealed here Tuesday night by Dr. Z. P. Mitchell, District Health Officer, who was guest speaker at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club.

Dr. Mitchell stated that the clinic would be planned for some time next summer and all persons 14 years of age or over, who desired, would be given X-ray examinations.

The function of the Health Department, Dr. Mitchell told the Rotarians, is preventive medicine; that the department treated only venereal disease and gave immunization for other communicable diseases such as diphtheria, smallpox and typhoid.

He added that he knew of no county or city in the State that had abandoned a health department once such a program had been organized in the community.

The control of communicable disease was one of the main programs carried on by the department and this is done through education and immunizations. During 1946 there were three cases of diphtheria in this district, one case of typhoid fever and no cases of smallpox. Six thousand vaccinations were given by the local department, three thousand to residents of Perquimans County.

In discussing the planned TB clinic Dr. Mitchell pointed out that tuberculosis had been greatly reduced the last 50 years and in 1946 the death rate from TB for Perquimans County was 50 per cent of 100,000 persons. The State rate was listed as 75 per cent of each 100,000 persons.

Another part of the department's program, it was pointed out, is school health and the department checked health of 1,200 school children during the past year and 200 had been reported made up of the school children.

The Health Department is planning a Bureau of a kind for good health in North Carolina, by which it is estimated that 125 per cent of the school children during the year will be vaccinated against measles.

## Civic Clubs Raise \$2301 For H. S. Band

Efforts on the part of members of the Hertford Rotary and Lions Clubs to raise \$3500 for the purpose of fully equipping the Perquimans High School band with instruments, uniforms and music is making headway according to W. H. Pitt and A. H. Edwards, representing the two clubs.

A total of \$2301 has been received into the fund according to a report made this week. This amount was raised through contacts and the special drive conducted by the Lions.

The executive directing this drive state it is their aim to continue efforts to raise the entire amount originally estimated as needed to equip the band fully.

Reorganized only last year, the band has gained considerable recognition throughout the eastern part of the State as one of the best high school bands for its size to be found anywhere.

## Bishop Wright To Preach Here Sunday

The Right Rev. Thomas Wright, D. D., Bishop of this diocese will deliver the sermon at the evening services at Holy Trinity Church Sunday February 2, at eight o'clock, the Rev. E. T. Jilson, rector of the church announced today.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at eleven o'clock Sunday morning with the rector officiating.

The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

## Special Agent Makes Report On Cotton

Willie M. Harrell, special agent, this week reported that 875 bales of cotton were ginned in Perquimans County from the 1946 crop, prior to January 16. This was compared with 1,540 bales ginned from the 1945 crop for the same period of time.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

An effort on the part of certain interests to scrap the OPA sugar control formula was halted by a U. S. Court of Appeals on Tuesday, when the Court ruled out an injunction that would halt OPA from limiting industrial users of sugar to amounts set up under the war-time formula. Further hearings on the proposals have been set for February 7th.

Republican leaders in Congress stated this week that promises for reduction in taxes and slicing of government budget would be kept. However the tax cut might not be as great as the twenty per cent originally promised. Congress has moved slowly in the work of adopting the budget as well as on legislation regarding labor. It is reported by many Washington observers that this careful handling of fiscal and domestic problems will continue on the part of both Democratic and Republican Congressional leaders.

A bill was introduced in the State Senate this week calling for revision of the drunk driving penalty. Under the new bill a person convicted of driving drunk would be liable to a fine of not less than \$200 and a license would be revoked for two years. For second offense the bill provides for a penalty of 90 days in prison in jail and fine of \$500 to \$1,000 and the license would be revoked permanently.