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## County Mail Service Problem Arises With Commission Verdict

### Railroad Given Permission to Suspend Passenger Service

A new mail problem looms on the horizon for Perquimans County, with the decision handed down this week by the North Carolina Utilities Commission granting the Norfolk Southern Railroad permission to discontinue passenger service on its line between Norfolk and Raleigh and to discontinue all trains on Sundays.

Just what these problems will grow into, only time will tell. The railroad, in its petition to the Utilities Commission, pointed out that mail and parcel post service was expected to be continued but from an unofficial source. The Perquimans Weekly has learned that the Norfolk Southern may not maintain a regular train schedule, such as the one under which its passenger trains operated, but will operate its freight trains which, of course, will carry the mail on an irregular schedule, thus causing a delay in definite arrival and departure of mails from Hertford and other points served by the railroad.

A hearing on the petition presented by the Norfolk Southern was held in Raleigh on December 22, at which time the railroad requested permission to discontinue its passenger service and to discontinue all trains on Sundays. The Utilities Commission handed down its decision this week, granting the petition. No time was set for the railroad to begin its new operations, but it is expected that passenger service will be discontinued within the next few weeks.

A petition similar to the one presented to the North Carolina Commission has been presented to the Virginia Utilities Commission requesting the discontinuance of service in Virginia and, according to reports, the neighboring State is expected also to grant the petition.

With the discontinuance of passenger service and regular schedules by the railroad trains, it is expected that local mail service will be erratic for some time unless other means or methods can be arranged for handling of the mail.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Congress was back in session this week, and President Truman delivered a message on Wednesday outlining his 1948 foreign and domestic programs. He called for continued aid to Europe, tightening of economic controls for fighting inflation, continued rent control and other details which have been made known. The Republican-controlled Congress is expected to act on many of the President's recommendations, and the session is expected to be a stormy one with both political parties sparring for election results.

President Truman this week accepted a Republican proposal to push a Marshall plan through on a year-to-year basis, rather than appropriate a total of seventeen billion dollars over the 51 months plan. This plan calls for the present plans for spending 4.8 billions during the next 12 months for recovery work in Europe. The money allotted will be spent in the western countries of Europe cooperating with the United States plan for recovery.

A report released this week by the Treasury Department showed that the government rolled up more than a billion dollars in surplus during the first six months of the present year, and according to the report, government income is expected to exceed spending by the greatest amount in history.

## Schools Postponed Holiday Reopening

County school bells rang Wednesday morning, denoting the end of an extended holiday vacation. The year was extended a few days by the Board of Education to give the workmen to install the new heating system at the Perquimans School.

A heating unit arrived prior to the holiday, and it was believed that the unit could be installed during the holiday, but the project was delayed several extra days and the opening of schools was postponed to the first of the year to be completed.

## Third Candidate



WALTER W. COHOON  
Late last week Walter W. Cohoon of Elizabeth City announced his candidacy for Solicitor of the First Judicial District.

## L. B. Perry Passes At Elizabeth City, Funeral Held Monday

L. B. Perry, prominent resident of Pasquotank County and father of E. M. Perry, chairman of the Perquimans Board of County Commissioners, died at his home in Elizabeth City last Saturday. Death resulted from a stroke suffered in 1942.

A native of Durants Neck in Perquimans County, Mr. Perry achieved success in his native county as one of Perquimans County's most prominent business men with wide and varied interests, including lumber, sawmill, cotton gin, mercantile, farm and building interests.

Thirty years ago Mr. Perry moved to Elizabeth City to establish the L. B. Perry Motor Company, which he later relinquished to his son, J. Carter Perry, who has made it one of the leading Chevrolet and service agencies in Northeastern North Carolina.

In 1940, on March 2, Mr. Perry and wife, the former Miss Sallie Morgan, who survives him, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Surviving, besides his wife, are a daughter, Mrs. H. G. Winfield of Washington, D. C.; three sons, Earl M. Perry of Durants Neck, Milton V. Perry of Elizabeth City, and J. Carter Perry. There are six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Twiford Funeral Home in Elizabeth City at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning by the Rev. Allen P. Brantley, pastor of the First Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. J. Herbert Miller, District Superintendent. Burial was made in the family plot in New Hope.

Pallbearers were grandsons of the deceased, Harry, Roy, Lovell and Leslie Perry, and nephews, Ray C. Perry and A. C. Shannonhouse.

## License Examiner In New Location

R. G. Ward, auto license examiner for Perquimans County, announced Monday that, effective immediately, the license examining office will be located in the office of the Hertford Police Department over the Town office.

Mr. Ward stated he will be in Hertford every Monday and Tuesday from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. for the purpose of giving examinations to drivers. At the present time all motorists whose names begin with C or D are scheduled to take new examinations. The examiner will be in Gatesville at the same hours as listed above every Wednesday and Thursday.

Motorists whose names begin with A or B, who failed to take an examination during the period in 1947, may still apply for new licenses, but since it is a violation to drive without a license, these motorists are advised to get new licenses before operating cars.

## Senator Wm. Umstead Visitor In Hertford

Senator William Umstead was a visitor in Hertford last Friday, spending several hours here with friends and acquaintances. The Senator has announced that he will seek the nomination to the office to succeed himself in the primary to be held next May.

Mr. Umstead expressed regret that his visit here was curtailed due to the necessity of returning to Washington for the opening of the present session of Congress.

## Walter W. Cohoon In Race For Solicitor In First Judicial District

### Entry In Race Brings Number of Candidates to Three

Walter W. Cohoon of Elizabeth City has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of Solicitor of the First Judicial District of North Carolina in the May Democratic Primary election. The office is now held by John W. Graham of Edenton, who was appointed by Governor R. Gregg Cherry when Chester Morris was elevated to judge. Mr. Cohoon's announcement brings to three the number of candidates seeking the office. Mr. Graham, of course, will seek reelection and John F. White of Edenton has also announced his candidacy.

"As Pasquotank County Prosecuting Attorney for the past 15 years and as assistant to the solicitor in the Superior Court of Pasquotank County for the past eight years, my conception of public office has always been that public office belongs to the people and is a public trust," said Mr. Cohoon in his announcement.

"With this conception as my guide, I sincerely solicit the vote and support of the good people of the First Judicial District for the office of Solicitor, subject to the Democratic Primary. If elected, I promise to the people of this district a vigorous and impartial enforcement of the criminal laws of our State.

"The vote and support of each and every one will be greatly appreciated." Mr. Cohoon received academic and legal training at Wake Forest College. He has a wife and two children. He is a member of the Pasquotank Ruritan Club; Pasquotank Tribe, No. 8, Improved Order of Red Men; Elizabeth City Eureka Lodge, No. 317, A. F. & A. M.; member of the First Baptist Church of Elizabeth City and teacher of its Men's Baracca class.

## Inspection Lane To Be Installed Here

Perquimans County motorists will shortly have the opportunity of having their cars and trucks inspected in Hertford, it was announced here this week, when Mayor V. N. Darden reported that the Town of Hertford had given a contract to the State Motor Vehicle Department, with rights to establish and install one of the inspection lanes on Barrow Lane, which adjoins the town's parking lot.

George Dail, chief of the Inspection Division for this district, negotiated with Town officials on the plans for establishing the lane in Hertford. He stated that the State will hard surface a portion of the lane which will be used for inspection purposes, and work on installations will be started as soon as details can be worked out. Similar stations will be established in Elizabeth City and Edenton to afford easy means for motorists to comply with the State's new motor laws which call for inspection of all cars and trucks before the end of this year.

Garagemen of this community report many motorists are having their cars checked prior to inspections, and State officials advise all motorists to do just this in order that cars will be mechanically right at the time of inspection, thus saving the motorists time and trouble with a possible rejection which, of course, will mean a round trip to the inspection station.

## AAA Office Notified Peanut Quotas Off

W. E. White, secretary of the Perquimans County Triple A Committee, reported today his office has been notified by headquarters in Raleigh that 1948 peanut quotas will not be in effect.

Mr. White stated the ruling was made by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson, due to the world shortage of foods, fats and oils.

Peanut quotas was voted for the years 1948, 1949 and 1950 by peanut producers in a referendum conducted during December, but the action permitted the Secretary of Agriculture to suspend quotas during this year if shortages appeared sufficient enough to warrant suspension of quotas.

### SERVICE AT WOODLAND

The Rev. E. B. Edwards will preach at Woodland Methodist Church on Sunday, January 11, at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### OES TO MEET MONDAY

The Hertford Chapter of the Eastern Star will hold an important meeting Monday night at 8 o'clock at the lodge rooms in the Court House. All members are urged to be present.

## Twenty-two Cases In Recorder Court Here Tuesday A. M.

### Nineteen Speeding Violations Listed on the Clerk's Docket

Motorists operating cars on the highway in violation of the State's new motor vehicle laws are finding Highway Patrolmen enforcing the law in all phases, and witnessed by the fact that 22 more traffic cases were listed on the docket in the Perquimans Recorder's Court here this week. All cases were submitted and fines and costs assessed against the defendants.

Court itself was not in session, a number of cases being continued until next Tuesday, but the cases listed before were submitted and cleared from the docket.

Everett Prime, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs of court for driving without a license.

Ruth Brown paid a fine of \$12 and costs of court on a charge of speeding.

Charles Hutchins, Harry Bridges, Harry Flynn, James Hassett, William Visconti, Ernest Winsbough, Nathan Gross and Milton West each were fined \$10 and costs of court on charges of speeding.

Harry Swartz, Harry Fockler, William Myers, Peter Perfetti, Theodore Wilkinson, Harry Irvin, George Bago, Joseph Kauffman, Harry Schoenbery and Jessie Jordan each were fined \$5 and costs of court on charges of speeding.

Homer Weidlich was taxed with the costs of court on a charge of passing on a curve.

Charles Carter was fined \$10 and costs of court on charges of driving with improper lights.

A total of \$177 was collected in fines, this sum being assigned for the use of the Board of Education, as is all fines and forfeitures collected by the court.

## New Mail Service Halted—No Boxes

Silas M. Whedbee, Hertford postmaster, reported here Monday that new mail delivery service, scheduled to begin in the area incorporated into the Town limits in January, 1946, had been halted for reason that residents of the area had failed to put up mail boxes and house numbers, a regulation required by the Post Office Department.

In announcing the action, Mr. Whedbee stated that he and members of the local Post Office Department are anxious to place this new service in operation, but it is necessary that families residing in the area and desiring mail delivery comply with the regulations before the service can be carried out.

The postmaster requests all families desiring the delivery of mail at their homes cooperate immediately by installing mail boxes and house numbers. He stated the service would be placed in full operation when the required number of the residents of the area had complied.

## Indians Whip Jackets; Junior Varsity Loses

Coach Joe Levinson's basketball team, playing a non-conference holiday game against Elizabeth City last Friday night, came home with the long end of a 26-23 score. The Indians paced by Tucker, Pitt and Webb, who collected seven points each, led the Yellow Jackets throughout the game. The Indians' mentor changed his lineup slightly for the tilt with the Yellow Jackets with Lane starting at a guard spot. Winslow, Jordan and Laydon also showed action in the contest.

The Indians' Jayvees team did not fare so well against the Jacket Juniors and lost by a 26-19 count. Tilly was the spark plug of the Juniors, hitting for 14 points. Cannon tallied three and Hopkins four.

## New Beauty Shop To Open In Hertford

Installation of equipment has been completed and plans are being made this week for the opening of the Hotel Beauty Shop next week, it was announced today by Mrs. J. H. Bagley, owner of the new shop.

Mrs. Bagley stated that the shop will be a complete Helen Curtis Beauty Shop and Mrs. Stokes Leonard will be the operator-manager of the establishment.

Favors will be given all visitors to the show on opening day.

## Perquimans March Of Dimes Campaign To Be Staged During Week of Jan. 19-24

### County Board Holds Regular Session Mon.

Perquimans County's Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, and in the absence of Chairman E. M. Perry, whose father died Sunday in Elizabeth City, George W. Jackson was named as acting chairman for the meeting.

J. C. Morgan, superintendent of the county farm, reported to the Board that he had assumed management of the farm and requested a number of minor repairs be made to the out buildings situated on the farm.

The Board discussed the problem of revaluation of county real estate, but took no definite action regarding the matter. It was the consensus of the Board that either a revaluation may be ordered for next year or the Board might automatically increase valuation on all property by a certain percentage.

## Pickhardt-Bagley Wedding Solemnized At Baptist Church

In a beautiful double ring ceremony performed in the Hertford Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon, December 31, at 4 o'clock, Miss Mary Lou Bagley became the bride of William Lyon Pickhardt, Jr. The Rev. Charles W. Duling, pastor of the church heard the vows.

The church decorations were palms, ferns, snapdragons, chrysanthemums and ivy, interspersed with lighted candelabra.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, who rendered a program of nuptial music prior to the ceremony which included "Because," "To a Wild Rose," "L'Amour Toujours L'Amour." A vested choir composed of Ruth Tucker, Romona Divers, Charlotte Duling, Martha Lee Tilly, Joanne Trueblood, Annette Cannon, Catherine Ann Holmes, Howard Broughton, Reginald Tucker and Bobby Keaton, beautifully rendered "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms" and "Love's Old Sweet Song."

The traditional wedding marches were used, and during the ceremony "The Indian Love Call" was played softly.

The bride entered the church with her father, by whom she was given in marriage. She wore a Victorian style wedding gown fashioned with a high neckline with bertha trimmed in seed pearls and long sleeves ending in points over the hands. Her full length veil of illusion fell from a small crown-shaped cap of illusion and seed pearls. Her only ornament was a string of pearls, a gift of the bridegroom. She carried a white satin prayer book covered with a white orchid and showered with white ribbon and Stephanotis.

Miss Joyce Hill of Pulaski, Va., was maid of honor, and wore a gown of deep green velveteen, scalloped at the neckline and with long-waisted shirred bodice. She carried a nosegay of mixed flowers. Her headdress was of plumes.

Miss Jeanne Sturgeon and Miss Charlotte Andrews, both of Suffolk, Va., were bridesmaids. They wore gowns of deep purple velveteen identical to that of the maid of honor, and their headdresses were of plumes. Each carried a nosegay of mixed flowers.

William Lyon Pickhardt, Sr., of Chester, Va., father of the bridegroom, acted as his son's best man. Ushers were John A. Goodloe, Jr., of Chester, Va., and Lynn Chewning of Richmond, Va. The candles were lighted by the ushers.

The bride's mother wore a gown of wine crepe with black accessories. Her flowers were a shoulder corsage of white roses.

The bridegroom's mother wore a gown of black crepe with matching accessories. Her flowers were a shoulder corsage of red roses.

The bride's grandmother, Mrs. C. V. Williford, wore a black crepe dress and her flowers were white gardenias.

The bridegroom's grandmother, Mrs. W. L. Pickhardt of Chester, Va., wore a gray crepe dress and her flowers were gardenias.

Mrs. Charles Whedbee of Hertford and Mrs. Ocie Bland of Suffolk, Va., were mistresses of ceremony. Their flowers were corsages of pink roses.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was given at the home of the bride's parents at the Hotel Hertford. The entire lower floor of the hotel was decorated with white chrysanthemums and fern, and lighted tapers in silver candelabra.

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## Concentrated Drive Being Planned By County Committee

The annual March of Dimes, a campaign to raise funds to spearhead the fight against infantile paralysis, will be staged here in Perquimans County during the week of January 19-24, it was announced today by Silas M. Whedbee and Dr. T. P. Brinn, co-chairmen of the Perquimans County committee.

Plans for a concentrated drive to raise the local quota are now being mapped out by the co-chairmen, who will call a meeting of the general committee sometime next week. Details of the plans will be given at this meeting and solicitors will be advised as to plan for action.

It is believed that the committee will forego any special events pertaining to the annual March of Dimes but will concentrate on a house-to-house canvass as a means of local funds.

Mr. Whedbee and Dr. Brinn have served as co-chairmen of the March of Dimes for the past several years and have successfully conducted short drives, reaching local quotas in record time. They are hopeful that public response will again enable the Perquimans committee to bring the 1948 campaign to a close within the week allotted for the campaign.

Pointing out that 80,000 people were stricken with polio during the past five years, Mr. Whedbee stated the need for funds to continue the fight against this disease is great and that since the costs of fighting polio have, like other items, skyrocketed, a tremendous burden has been placed on the resources of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which this year celebrates the tenth anniversary of its founding by Franklin D. Roosevelt. Contributions to the 1948 March of Dimes help to guarantee that no infantile paralysis victim need go without care for lack of money despite the rise in cases and the increasing costs of medical and hospital expenses.

## Perquimans Divide Games With Moyock; Play Manteo Friday

Perquimans High School basketball teams resumed their rural conference competition Tuesday night when the Indian Squaws lost to the conference champions, Moyock girls, by a score of 33 to 20. The Indians, defending champs of the boys' teams, knocked off the Moyock boys 23 to 18 in what was a rather ragged game.

The games were the first conference tilts since the holidays began and both coaches of the Indian teams were not expecting too much smooth team work from the local squads. The Perquimans girls, which is practically an entire new team, made a creditable showing against the veteran Moyock girls and give promise of gaining revenge when the Moyock squad returns here for a game later in the season.

Horace Webb, lanky center of the Indians, led his team mates in gaining victory over the Moyock boys. Pitt and Tucker also turned in good games on the offensive. Winslow, Jordan and Lane led the defensive tactics for the Indians.

The Indians and Squaws will meet Manteo in conference games here Friday night, with the girls' game scheduled to start at 7:45 o'clock.

Coach Joe Levinson's junior varsity team opened its season play in the Albemarle Conference Thursday night with Weeksville Jayvees playing on the local court.

## Civil Term Superior Court Opens Monday

The January term of Perquimans Superior Court will open here Monday, January 12, it was announced today by Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt, who stated that Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland will be the presiding judge.

This term of court will be held for the purpose of hearing civil cases only, and Clerk of Court Pitt stated that a heavy docket is calendared for the week, and if all cases are heard, a lengthy session is expected.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Watson Winslow of Newport News, Va., a son, Robert Watson, on December 22 at Riverside Hospital.