

LITTLE TIME CONSUMED IN CLEARING CALENDAR FOR APRIL SUPERIOR COURT

Court Adjourned Tuesday Evening; Number Of Cases Continued

Little time was needed to clear the calendar of the April term of Perquimans Superior Court which convened here Monday morning with W. J. Bone of Nashville the presiding judge. The criminal docket was called immediately following the Judge's charge to the grand jury, and six of the criminal cases were continued at the request of both the State and defense attorneys.

The first case called was that of the State vs. Ike Stokely, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of hunting on Sunday. Stokely was fined \$10 and ordered to pay the court costs. In the trial of Harmon Young, which followed, the jury was unable to agree on a verdict in the case charging Young with hunting on Sunday. Judge Bone ordered a mistrial after the jury had deliberated more than four hours, then Solicitor John Graham requested a nol pros with leave in the case.

A nol pros with leave was taken in the case charging Gene Dail, Negro, with breaking and entering and larceny.

Cases continued were those charging H. A. Turner with carrying a concealed weapon and driving drunk; Joseph Elliott, charged with driving drunk; Waddell Hobbs, charged with driving drunk; Wayland White, Jr., charged with breaking and entering and Mrs. L. E. Craft, charged with issuing a worthless check.

The jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Richard Smith, Negro, who was charged on two counts, hit and run and assault with a deadly weapon.

Hoke Eason, Negro, charged with larceny of a bicycle, was released when the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in this case.

Only one civil case, that a divorce action, was disposed of by the court during this term. Three other divorce actions and a suit for damages were continued.

Gertie Dail, charged with assault upon Lizzie Williams, Negro, was found guilty by the jury. Judge Bone sentenced the defendant to 30 days in the county jail. This was the maximum sentence for this offense.

Robert Lee Allen, charged with three counts, reckless driving, manslaughter and hit and run, entered a plea of guilty to the third count, whereupon the State took a nol pros with leave in the first two counts. After hearing testimony in the case Judge Bone sentenced Allen to the State Prison for not less than three years nor more than five years. Allen was arrested following an investigation made last fall by State Patrolman and Sheriff M. G. Owens of an accident which resulted in the death of Archie Bemby, a Negro youth.

Court adjourned at the conclusion of the Allen case, which was the last case left on the calendar for the April term of court.

Red Cross Chairman Gives Drive Report

Perquimans County topped its annual Red Cross Roll Call quota by \$536, according to a report released this week by Robert L. Hollowell, Roll Call chairman. The county quota of \$825 assigned Perquimans was reached during the first two weeks of the drive during March. However, on request of the National Red Cross headquarters, the local drive was continued throughout the month to raise additional funds to help reach the national quota and community chairmen and solicitors making a house to house canvass finally reported the sum of \$1,361 for the county.

According to figures released by Mr. Hollowell, residents of the Town of Hertford contributed \$566.23 toward this amount, \$677.94 was received from members residing in the county and \$226.91 was reported by the colored division.

In making the final report on the roll call, Mr. Hollowell and Herbert N. Nixon, chairman of the Perquimans Chapter of the Red Cross, expressed their thanks and appreciation to the solicitors for the splendid job done in canvassing the county and to individuals who cooperated to make the drive completely successful.

The original quota of \$825 plus a percentage of the sum over this quota will be forwarded to the National Red Cross. The remainder of the collection will be placed in the treasury of the local chapter for Red Cross use in Perquimans County.

MASONS TO MEET

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

C. & D. Drivers Slow To Take New Exam

Time is growing short for local motorists whose last names start with the letter C or D to renew their driver's license, according to W. E. Nelson, local examiner, who stated this week that June 30 is the final date for C and D operators to appear and renew their license for a period of four years.

Applications reached a new low here last week, according to Mr. Nelson. Only a few motorists applied for examinations last Wednesday and Thursday. The examiner urges all motorists in this group to take time to renew their licenses before the last minute rush that always develops. Persons who fail to renew their license before the deadline face court action if caught driving after June 30 using an old permit as a license.

Town Board Votes To Borrow Funds For Water Tank Repairs

An ordinance calling for the Town of Hertford to borrow the sum of \$3,300 for the purpose of carrying out needed repairs to the Town's water tanks, was passed at a meeting of the Board on Monday night. Terms of the ordinance are published elsewhere in this issue of The Weekly. The need for additional repairs to the main water tank was discovered last week when workmen came here for the purpose of caulking one of the tanks and painting of both. A careful inspection revealed that the larger of the two tanks, which is also the older and which had not been repaired for a long number of years, was in need of extensive repairs if it was to be continued in use. Previous estimates on the costs of the original repairs were found to be inadequate to carry out the work needed and the Town Board in special session last week determined that a loan would be needed to finance the work.

Mayor V. N. Darden and Town Attorney Charles E. Johnson discussed the matter with officials in Raleigh who approved the loan and the steps taken on Monday were preliminary to floating the loan about the first of May.

Street projects were also discussed at the meeting of the Board this week and the Board was advised that some changes must be made in the Town's plan to lay curb and gutters on all streets of the Town. Beginning the project last year the Town has been putting in these curbs and gutters without costs to property owners but conditions which have risen during the past two years, as to cost of material and labor, may force the Town to abandon this plan and, after completing projects already mapped out, at least part of the costs may be assessed against property owners desiring curb and gutters on streets without these facilities.

A report was made by Clerk W. G. Newby that parking meters, installed in Hertford, six months ago, have yielded an income of slightly more than \$1,200 for the period. Broken down, each meter installed has brought in approximately \$213. After some discussion, the Board agreed to continue operating the meters for a second period of a six months trial, after which it was pointed out that the Town must definitely decide either to keep the meters or have them taken out.

Bible School Clinic Set For Next Monday

A Vacation Bible School Clinic for the churches of the Chowan Baptist Association will be held Monday, April 19, with the Corinth church in Elizabeth City. L. L. Morgan, State Sunday School Secretary, with his associate and primary worker, will assist in the clinic. All Baptist churches north of the Albemarle Sound are urged to send their workers to the clinic. A separate clinic will be held for churches in Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Beaufort counties.

The meeting begins at 10 A. M. and closes at 3:30 P. M. Leaders in the clinic are L. L. Morgan, Mrs. Myra Motley, Miss May Bomar, D. P. Brooks, Mrs. I. A. Ward, the Rev. Harry F. Bean, the Rev. C. W. Duling and Mrs. C. T. Doughtie.

Those attending the clinic will bring a bag lunch, which will be served picnic style. The host church will furnish drinks.

Two successful clinics were held last spring and it is expected that a large number of workers will attend the Corinth meeting.

Albemarle REA Gets Half Million Loan For Local Expansion

Senator William Umstead Notified Saturday of Loan Approval

The Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation of Hertford has received approval of a new loan of \$500,000 from the Rural Electrification Administration to finance improvements of existing lines and extension of new lines in Perquimans, Pasquotank, Chowan, Camden and Currituck counties, J. Wilson Jones, president of the board of directors, has announced.

"As a result of this loan, the co-op will be able to add new consumers to the system by extension to present lines. Construction will be pushed as rapidly as materials can be obtained and other pre-construction arrangements made," President Jones said. The co-op now has 373 miles of power lines which bring electric service to 1,123 rural consumers. Upon completion of its present building plans, the system will be increased to 741 miles of rural line serving 3,182 consumers, the president said. "It is our purpose to see that rural electrification in our area keeps pace with its advance in other sections of the country." Congress has indicated its interest in rural electrification by making more than a billion dollars available for loans since 1935. The great part of this is being utilized by rural electric cooperatives such as ours. This Federal rural electrification program has been a leading factor in raising the national level of electrified farms from 1 out of 10 in 1935 to 6 out of 10 today. We're going ahead with plans to serve the greatest possible number of rural people in our area. We operate on an area coverage basis—in other words, we hope to eventually bring service to every rural resident who wants electricity instead of only to those in our more thickly settled communities.

"The Rural Electrification Act requires that REA loans be made on a self-liquidating basis, and the cooperative received its new \$500,000 loan only after the REA had completed study of the application. This study indicated that the cooperative will be able to extend its existing lines and have adequate revenue from consumers power bills to meet operating costs and repay, with interest, all money borrowed from REA for its rural power facilities. Rates charged consumers by the cooperative are based on the actual cost of service.

"Since the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation was organized in 1945 it has received \$1,210,000 in loan fund allocations from REA, this amount including the loan just approved.

"The cooperative is allowed five years from the date of initial energization to reach a full and sound operational status before beginning to retire its loans. This is proceeding according to schedule."

VFW Installed New Officers Monday

New officers were installed at a meeting of the Perquimans VFW Post No. 8297 last Monday night. The installation services were held in the VFW Club room.

Eldon Winslow is the new commander of the local post, succeeding James Newby. Senior vice commander is Edison Harris; junior vice commander is Harry Overton, Jr., and quartermaster is Henry C. Stokes.

The new commander appointed Cliff Banks as post adjutant and R. Tim Brinn as chaplain.

Final plans for the holding of bingo parties at the VFW Club room were made at the meeting and it was announced that the bingo events will be conducted each week. The public will be invited to attend the parties. Supplies for the bingo games have been ordered and as soon as these arrive the post will begin holding the bingo parties.

Central PTA Meeting Set For Monday Night

The PTA of Perquimans Central Grammar School will hold its April meeting Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. The Cumberland and Bagley Swamp communities are in charge of the program. Their subject "How the Community Builds for World Security." The devotional will be conducted by the Rev. Coy Saunders, pastor of the Bagley Swamp Church. Special music will be rendered. Dr. T. P. Brinn is scheduled to speak on the topic of "Mental Health."

A. W. Hefren Named Chairman Of County Election Board

Preparation Made For Primary Election; Officials Selected

A. W. Hefren, chairman of the Perquimans County Board of Elections for the past four years, was elected to serve in the same capacity at a meeting of the Board held last Saturday. Other members of the Board are W. F. Ainsley and Cecil C. Winslow.

In addition to reorganizing the Board for the next two years, the members made plans for holding the primary election on May 29, naming poll officials for each of the six polling places in the county.

Registrars and judges named for the various precincts were: Bethel, E. Y. Berry, registrar; C. R. Ward and William E. Hobbs, judges. Nicamor, R. M. Baker, registrar; Archie B. White and W. T. Eason, judges. Parkville, Harry Barber, registrar; Mrs. Mary Barber and N. J. Smith, judges. Belvidere, J. M. Copeland, registrar; Linwood C. Winslow and R. H. Copeland, judges. Hertford, Mrs. Mary Koonce, registrar; D. J. Pritchard and W. A. Hoffer, judges. New Hope, Mrs. W. E. Dail, registrar; C. W. Umphlett and E. A. Turner, judges.

Registration books will be opened at each of the precincts for a period of three weeks prior to the primary for the purpose of registering eligible voters not already on the registration ledger. Individuals who have changed residence, from one precinct to another, since the last election will also have to register in the new precinct.

The chairman of the election board pointed out that Saturday, April 17, at 6 o'clock will be the final hour that candidates for local offices may file their names with the board and have names placed upon the ballots as candidates.

B & P Woman's Club To Meet April 16th

Working girls of Hertford, believing there is a need in Hertford for a civic organization of the women, have been looking into the opportunities which the Business and Professional Woman's Club has to offer, and as a result of a number of meetings a local group of women will meet Friday night, April 16, at 7:30 o'clock in the Agriculture Building for the purpose of organizing a local Business and Professional Woman's Club.

The object of the club will be to promote the interest of business and professional women, to bring a spirit of cooperation and to extend their opportunities. Local projects will be carried on by the club which will be for the betterment of every citizen of Hertford, it was pointed out by one of the young ladies organizing the group.

Membership in the club will be limited to business and professional women, as well as housewives, providing that no less than 75 per cent of the membership is actually engaged in gainful occupation. At the present the charter is open to anyone who wishes to join. After it is closed all new members must be accepted by the club.

Working girls desiring to join the club or obtain more information concerning it are urged to attend the meeting tonight, at which time Miss Ruby Bly, president of the Rocky Mount B & P Club, will be present to talk on the local organization.

Hertford Rifle Club Reorganized April 7

Reorganization of the Hertford Rifle Club, which was active from 1934 to 1938 and competing with clubs in North Carolina and Virginia, was completed at a meeting held last week when six Hertford residents met and selected officials for the local club.

The membership is composed of W. H. Oakley, Jr., Melvin G. Owens, James A. Leete, Harmon Young, Charles E. Johnson and Henry C. Sullivan. The first four members are president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and range officer, respectively. Present plans of the club call for the immediate construction of a rifle range here in the county and later the local group plans to hold matches with nearby rifle clubs.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hollowell announce the birth of a son, Robert Louis Hollowell, Jr., born Monday, April 12th, at the Medical Center, Elizabeth City.

TOWN OF HERTFORD ASSUMES AUTHORITY OF HARVEY POINT ON LEASE FROM NAVY

School Attendance Reaching New Low

Short attendance at Perquimans High School during the 1947 school year cost the school one teacher for the current year, and according to reports released this week by C. E. Woodard, principal, attendance at the school is again showing a decline for the present term.

The drop in attendance is attributed to a large number of absentees during recent weeks, and this poor attendance may have a bearing on the teacher allotment for the next term.

In order to meet all requirements as to teacher allotment regulations, parents are urged to cooperate by seeing that students attend classes regular during the remainder of the term.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

With an end to the coal strike in view, railroads this week were given permission to resume all operations, some of which had been cut to conserve coal. John L. Lewis still faced a hearing in a U. S. District Court on a charge of contempt, but from all reports the disagreement over which the miners had walked out was being settled.

Secretary of Defense Forrestal, testifying before a Congressional committee in regard to defense needs and a possible re-enactment of the draft law, told the committee that without doubt Russia has the knowledge of how to make an atom bomb, but he added that only time can tell how long it will take Russia to piece the knowledge together and actually produce a bomb.

Italian Communists were given a blow this week when Russia announced it refused to accept the suggestion of the United States, Britain and France for the return of the territory of Trieste to Italy. This action is expected to have a definite bearing on the Italian elections scheduled for next Sunday. The Communists are reported to be losing ground in Italy and this action no doubt will gain considerable strength for the non-Communist parties in the election.

A liquor referendum in North Carolina may become one of the main questions in the coming primary election. Three of the major candidates for the office of Governor have announced they favor such an election, in the event either one of them is elected to the office. Mayne Albright was the first of the candidates to take a stand on the question and he was followed by Charles Johnson and Kerr Scott all stating they favor such action.

Indians Win Third Game At Gatesville

Trouncing Gatesville by a one-sided score of 12-0 last Friday, the Perquimans High School baseball team continued to roll up an impressive record among the teams of the Albemarle during the present season. The local team continued to show an excellent form in hitting and both Rogerson and Winslow, pitchers for the Indians, displayed fine form in blanking the Gates County boys. Rogerson started the game and did the hurling for five innings before being relieved by Winslow. Elmore was the receiver until late in the game, when he was replaced by Spivey.

The game between the Indians and Edenton, scheduled for last Monday night, was postponed, because of inclement weather conditions.

Town To Erect Road Signs For Tourists

To assist motorists, especially tourists, many of whom become lost in Perquimans County by missing the Highway 17 turn at Dobb Street, the Town of Hertford will erect a number of highway signs on the south edge of Church Street, showing highway 17 directions for through motorists.

According to reports made to the Town Board, many motorists fail to follow 17 and usually wind up by driving all the way to Harvey Point before becoming aware that they are on the wrong road. The Town Board voted to erect the signs as a possible remedy for the situation.

Board Will Sub-Lease Number of Buildings And Tillable Land; Lease Revocable

Authority over the Harvey Point Naval Base will shortly pass to the Town of Hertford as result of action taken by the Town Board in a meeting held Monday night. The local board voted to lease the property from the Navy Department, under terms of a lease offered by Naval officials. The total cost to the Town of Hertford will be one dollar per year and according to the terms of the lease, the Town of Hertford is free of all liable as to loss or damage to any and all buildings located on the station. Under the lease the Town may, if it so desires, sublease any part of the station, profit from which will go into the general treasury of the Town.

The lease for the property was tendered to the Town late last week but no action was taken by the local board until Monday night, when it was voted unanimously by the board to accept the lease. Recent developments, handled by the Navy Department, enhanced the property for a site for industrial use. The Navy made arrangements for the electric facilities to remain intact and also the telephone line reaching the property. According to Mayor V. N. Darden, the lease is revocable upon notice given by the Navy Department at any time during the life of the lease.

Several individuals and at least one company, with plans for constructing prefabricated houses and other wood products, have contacted the Town Board for sub-leases of certain parts of the station. Representatives of the company met with the Board members Monday night and discussed terms of the sub-lease and requested that a number of the buildings be set aside for the company's use. A definite decision on the sub-lease by the company was expected to be handed the Town Board before this week-end. Rental of these buildings alone by this company will net the Town of Hertford a sizeable profit on the proposition during the year.

In addition to renting out the buildings on the base, the Board also plans to sub-lease the tillable land located on the base and individuals who desire to enter bids for leasing the farm land may do so by contacting W. G. Newby, Town Clerk, for full details. Bids for farming rights are to be submitted to the Board not later than April 30 of this year. It is estimated that between 100 and 200 acres of land on the property is suitable for farming.

Part of the base is expected to be used for recreational purposes by civic groups of the community. Some of the buildings will be reserved for the recreational use of such groups as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other civic organizations.

It is expected that the property will be turned over to the authority of the Town just as soon as the lease is forwarded to the Navy Department for final okay by the Navy officials. The Town assuming the authority will place the fence around the base in order and lock the entrance gate. No guards will be stationed at the property. However, it will be posted and no trespassing permitted without authority from the Town. Mayor V. N. Darden was appointed by the Board to serve as custodian of the property when it is turned over to the Town of Hertford.

Methodist Revival Closes On Sunday

A series of revival services being conducted this week at the Hertford Methodist Church by the Rev. A. C. Waggoner, pastor of the Reidsville Methodist Church, will come to a close with services next Sunday, it was announced today by the Rev. D. L. Fouts, pastor of the local church.

The remainder of the series schedule calls for services at the church Friday night at 8 o'clock and on Sunday at 11 A. M., and 8 P. M. There will be no services on Saturday.

Johnny Pike Seeks County Board Post

Johnny Pike, native of Perquimans County and a resident of Hertford Route 3, has announced his candidacy for the office as County Commissioner for Parkville township subject to the action of the Democratic primary election on May 29.

Pike will oppose George W. Jackson, incumbent, in the primary election as it is believed that Mr. Jackson will seek reelection to the position.

In announcing his candidacy Mr. Pike stated that if nominated and elected he will serve the county to the best of his ability.