

## Recorder's Court Has Bicycle Rider As Traffic Violator

### Judge Explains New Law; Docket Heard at Session Tuesday

Bicycle riders, not familiar with the State's highway laws, will do well to become familiar with the entire statutes and obey them accordingly, lest they find themselves as defendants in Perquimans Recorder's Court. That was exactly what happened to a young lady this week. She was ordered to appear in court on a charge of riding her bicycle on the left side of the highway. That was okay some years back, but the lawmakers have changed the statutes and it now appears that bicyclists must ride on the right side of the road. The explanation of the law was made by Judge Charles E. Johnson, who continued judgment in the case of the young lady.

Recorder's Court convened here again this week after a two weeks' recess due to the illness of Judge Johnson, and the docket of the court was cleared in a session which consumed several hours.

The State took a nol pros in the case charging Edward Annunziata with reckless driving.

Zollar Van White, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of reckless driving and he was fined \$15 and costs of court.

Joseph McIntyre, Negro, was found not guilty on a charge of trespassing but received a 30 days sentence upon conviction on a charge of assault. Sentence was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10 and costs.

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

William Hanley was fined \$15 and costs on a charge of speeding.

Wesley Garlotte and Fred Wescott each entered a plea of guilty to passing on a curve, were ordered to pay the costs of court.

Jane Duffet was fined five dollars and costs for speeding.

Will Phillips, Negro, charged with assault, was released when the State took a nol pros with leave in his case.

Sonny Williams was taxed with the costs of court on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

Will White, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of using profanity on the highway. He was given a 30 day sentence, suspended upon payment of costs.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A lull has occurred in the tension over Berlin as representatives of the Western powers and Russia confer in Moscow over problems pertaining to the European situation. Some reports from Europe state that every indication points toward the Russians relaxing the blockade of Berlin, thus opening the door for further discussions of other problems arising between the East and West.

President Truman this week blasted the GOP controlled Congress which adjourned the special session last Saturday for failure to take adequate steps on legislation to ease the housing condition and place a brake on inflation. The President signed the housing act passed by Congress. A White House reporter stated Mr. Truman is expected to sign other bills later in the week.

Housewives in North Carolina are joining the nationwide strike against the high price of meats. Started in Texas last week, the war on meat prices has spread across the country. Housewives are calling friends and neighbors requesting them not to buy meat until prices are reduced.

State health officials stated this week that the polio epidemic has passed its peak. While 32 cases were reported in the State on Tuesday and the total number of cases reported thus far is 1,348, the officials point out that the disease is leveling off and the epidemic stage is over.

Agricultural experts predict bumper crops all over the United States this year, and state that the production of huge crops will tend to cause a drop in prices. Practically all reports show increased production in all crops excepting tobacco, which is reported to be off about 16 per cent.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Miller announce the birth of a son, Thomas Edward, born Sunday, August 1st.

## ABC Officers Find Huge Still In County

A 200-gallon copper pot type whiskey still which had just finished a run was broken up Saturday afternoon by State ABC Officers A. D. Baum and B. V. Halstead in Perquimans County near the Light Nixon's Fork, it was reported today.

The still, complete with eight barrels of mash, was located last Monday by the investigators but they waited until a run was in progress before making the capture. When they returned to the site after watching it all week the still has been moved.

After a search of the near-by area, Baum and Halstead found the still but the run had been completed and the operators were gone.

No arrests were made but the still was broken up.

## High School Grid Team Starts Drills On Monday Morning

Football games are just around the corner.

Joe H. Levinson, athletic director at Perquimans High School, today announced that football practice for candidates for the Perquimans Indians squad will begin next Monday morning, August 16, at 10:30 o'clock. All boys who desire to try out for this year's team are requested to report at the high school building at that time. They are also requested to bring with them tennis shoes and shorts, or sweat clothes.

Coach Levinson stated that practice sessions next week will be devoted to individual instructions and that a heavier schedule of drills will be in order the second week of the pre-school practice sessions. Both morning and afternoon drills are expected to be conducted later, providing a sufficient number of the candidates can report twice a day.

According to the Coach the Indian squad will have about one month's practice prior to the opening game of the season which is now tentatively for September 17. Some 80 boys are expected to report for practice sessions and prospects for the team, at this time, appear good. Although several of the outstanding players from last season graduated, Levinson will welcome back such veteran players as Symons, Pitt, Layden, Evans, Earl Winslow, Edward Lane, Jordan, Elliott, Futrell, Berry and a host of other candidates who gained valuable experience last season as reserves.

Plans are being made by Coach Levinson to start a junior varsity squad this year providing he can obtain some assistance in the coaching department.

Most of the Indians schedule for the 1948 season has been arranged the coach stated, with most of the opposition to be furnished by teams in the Albemarle conference. Non conference schools to be played include Edenton and Elizabeth City.

## Town Board Meeting Postponed Monday

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford, scheduled for last Monday night, was postponed to a later date due to the absence from the city of Mayor V. N. Darden and Commissioner B. C. Berry.

The Mayor and Commissioner, along with Charles F. Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Tucker, left Monday to attend the N. C. State Firemen's Convention held the first part of this week at Fayetteville.

## Indians Beat Rams Lose To Edenton

Hertford Indians gained a full game advantage over the Plymouth Rams in the battle for a place in the Albemarle League play-offs when the locals slammed out an 11-7 win in a game played on Memorial Field on Wednesday afternoon.

Led by Zeke Bells, who poled a home run in the fourth inning with the bases filled by team-mates, the Indians collected 12 hits off of three Ram pitchers. Watford started on the mound for Hertford and gave up five hits and six walks before being relieved in the sixth by Morton. Garman relieved Morton in the ninth.

Plymouth scored one run in the first, then the Indians tallied three. Plymouth added another in the fourth, then the Indians went to town, collecting nine hits and eight runs in this inning after two men were out. Plymouth counted three runs in the sixth and two in the eighth to make a total of seven.

A seventh inning home run by Bonbons with an Edenton player on (Continued on Page Eight)

## Albemarle League Season Closes With Games Next Thurs.

### Indians Playing For a Place In Play-off to Start August 23rd

Barring postponement of games scheduled, the Albemarle League will close the regular playing season next Thursday and the play-off for the championship will get under way the following Monday, it was announced today.

Hertford Indians are playing a fine brand of baseball in an effort to secure one of the positions in the play-offs. They dropped two games last week-end to Colerain, but came back on Sunday to hand Plymouth a 4-3 defeat, then trounced Elizabeth City in a two game series Monday and Tuesday. Thus, as of Wednesday morning, the Indians were still holding fourth place in the league standing, with Edenton, Colerain and Windsor practically assured of places in the play-offs.

Plymouth nicked Moe Bauer and the Indians for three runs in the game at Plymouth Sunday, but then Moe settled down and controlled the game thereafter. The Indians led by Bud Cayton at the plate, soon overcame the Rams' advantage and pushed across four runs to sew up the victory.

Cayton and Leroy Sires, Indian catcher, have been leading the local team at batting during the past two weeks and have given the other players inspiration in hitting power.

Russ Garman blanked the Elizabeth City Senators in a game at Elizabeth City Monday night. The final score was 8-0. Garman walked 10 and struck out 10, allowing the Senators two hits. The Indians nicked Tommy Reeves for a total of 12 hits and eight runs.

Morton did the pitching for the Indians in the Senator game here Tuesday and allowed eight scattered hits, gave up four walks but his teammates jumped on Lee, Senator hurler, for a total of six hits and two walks to score nine runs in the first and second innings. That was all for the Indians, but it proved enough to win the game by a 9-3 margin.

Harmon Young poled out a home run in the second inning of the game Tuesday night with two mates on bases.

Home games remaining for the Indians are Edenton here Thursday, Windsor here Friday, Plymouth here next Monday and Colerain here for the final game of the season next Thursday.

## Field Meetings Held In County Last Friday

Two field meetings on improved pastures were held in Perquimans County on Friday, August 6th. One was held on the farm of Roy S. Chappell in the Bethel Community. On this farm is a pasture fertilization demonstration consisting of 10 or 12 plots seeded with a mixture of white Dutch clover, lespedeza and Dallas grass. These plots demonstrate the results of different rates of fertilizer application. On some only lime was applied at seeding in 1945. The results clearly show that the application of fertilizer each year bring best results. Also on this farm there is an acre of ladino clover pasture and an acre of lespedeza pasture. The ladino pasture had been almost completely eaten off by army worms both Mr. Chappell said his stock would graze this pasture in preference to all other unless they were fenced off. He says it is the best pasture he has ever had. His ladino was seeded two years ago. He also has a small plot of Kentucky 31 fescue which was seeded last fall. Eighteen farmers attended the meeting on this farm.

The other meeting was held on the farm of Ellis Stallings in the Whiteston Community. Here the group observed the results of converting 1 1/2 acres of wasteland into profitable permanent pasture. On land which was formerly covered with weeds and broom grass Mr. Stallings, with proper liming and fertilization, established a good pasture of white Dutch clover, lespedeza and Dallas grass. Twelve farmers attended the meeting here.

J. Frank Doggett, Extension Soil Conservationist, from State College was present to discuss pasture problems and explained some experimental work being done in pastures. The number of farmers attending these meetings indicates growing interest in improved pastures in Perquimans County.

## Over 500 Cars Pass Through Inspection Lane In Three Days

### Bad Lights and Brakes Cause Many Rejections By Crew

State auto inspection lane 36 packed up and moved on to a new location after spending a busy three day tour here in Hertford. Members of the inspection crew stated they believed most of the cars in this county had been through the lane at least once during the number of times the lane had been in Hertford, but for the information of motorists who own cars of the vintage prior to 1936 and 1947 and 1948, August 31 is the deadline for having those cars inspected and owners are advised that Lane 36 will be in Elizabeth City August 21 through the 27th.

The next trip to Hertford for the inspection lane will be on September 21, which will be the only time during that month that the lane will be located in Perquimans County.

The inspection crew set up shop here last Saturday and immediately were flooded with cars whose owners desired to secure that coveted OK sticker. A total of 355 cars had been inspected up to five o'clock Monday evening and fully 70 per cent of these cars received rejection slips because of bad lights and insufficient brakes. The motorists immediately drove their cars to local garages for repairs and to have cars adjusted in order to pass the inspection lane examination.

More than 500 cars passed through the station during the three day stay here this time, the crew reported. Of 129 cars stamped with a red sticker, which denotes a rejection, 62 were rejected for headlights, 45 for insufficient brakes and 32 had bad steering gears.

A great many old model cars went through the lane this time as all 1936 and prior models as well as '47 and '48 models must be inspected before August 31 and this was the last trip here for the inspection lane before that deadline.

In this connection, it was reported if one of these models went through the inspection lane and received a red sticker, it could be operated until the lane comes back here again. If it has not been through the lane, however, it will have to be put up after August 31, or the driver will be subject to arrest.

The deadlines for inspection of other model cars are as follows: 1937 and 1946 models, by September 30; 1938, 1943, 1944 and 1945 models by October 31; 1940 and 1942 cars, by November 30; and 1941 and 1949 cars, by December 31.

## Scout Solicitors Asked To Report Sat.

All workers soliciting funds for the Boy Scout movement are requested to make reports not later than Saturday of this week, it was announced today by Robert Hollowell, chairman of the drive.

Local residents are being asked to contribute a sum of \$300 which is Hertford's quota of the West Albemarle District's budget. The entire budget amounts to \$1,800.

Mr. Hollowell stated that he hopes each of the solicitors can complete a canvass of the territory by next weekend, but the report asked for this week will enable the committee to gain some information as to the progress of the drive.

Headed by Mr. Hollowell, the drive is being conducted by the Rev. D. L. Fouts, Dr. A. B. Bonner, Corbin Dozier, Mrs. Archie Wood, Mrs. Corbin Dozier, Mrs. Julian A. White, Mrs. Elmo Cannon, Mrs. Fred Mathews and Mrs. T. W. Tilley.

## B & P Women's Club To Meet Friday 8 P. M.

All members of the Perquimans Business and Professional Woman's Club are urged to attend an important meeting of the club set for 8 o'clock Friday, August 13, at the Agriculture Building in Hertford.

A number of important items, including plans for charter night, election of a recording secretary and election of new members, are on the agenda for the business session.

## County Schools Got \$4,056 Worth Of Food

Wholesale value of foods received from the N. C. Department of Agriculture for Perquimans schools during the 1947-48 school year was \$4,056, according to information received here this week.

## Judge Richard Dixon To Speak Here Monday

Judge Richard Dixon of Edenton will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church next Monday evening, August 16, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held at the church.

Judge Dixon recently returned to his home in Edenton after serving several months as one of the judges of the American court in Germany in hearings conducted on war crimes.

All members of the local society are urged to attend the meeting and hear Judge Dixon.

## State Commission Says School Rooms Are Inadequate

Slightly less than half the elementary school classrooms in North Carolina are adequate in size, according to the elementary education committee of the State Education Commission.

This committee has completed a study of 305 elementary schools in 16 administrative units of the state by visits, check lists and examination of the files of the State Department of Public Instruction.

The committee found that only about half of the classrooms and halls are neat and attractive, adequate handwashing facilities are available in less than half the schools, only half the schools have adequate space for hanging pupils' wraps, and three-fourths of the schools have practically no space for science collections and adequate storage of instructional supplies. Chairs and tables for group work are available in only one-third of the schools.

Approximately two-thirds of these schools have adequate playground space, but only fifteen percent of the same schools provide play equipment. About one-third of the schools have beautified their outdoor surroundings with shrubs, trees and grass, the committee found.

"These findings demonstrate the importance of planning elementary schools as work centers for children," the committee said in a report to the Commission. "Future building plans should particularly give attention to provision of an attractive, healthful and spacious environment and to the need for building facilities which make possible a good elementary school . . . Present facilities can be improved through provision of play equipment and a more attractive and healthful environment."

Materials of instruction are available, the committee said, but are not used to any great extent. Community resources are quite generally neglected, and more opportunities are needed for creative expression by children in art, music and dramatics.

"The people of North Carolina have recognized the importance of elementary schools through high certification standards for elementary teachers, provision of a single salary schedule for all teachers, and provision of a school term of nine months for all children," the report said.

But it added, "Good elementary schools can be developed only if teachers have reasonable teaching loads. Great progress has been made in the past few years toward a reduction of the load of elementary teachers. More reduction is essential, however, if individual attention is to be assured. Far too many elementary teachers in North Carolina are teaching forty to fifty children."

The committee also pointed to the need for general instructional supervision, which it says is now afforded in only a few schools.

The elementary education committee is headed by Mrs. Gussie Parker of Clinton. It is one of fifteen committees taking part in the study of the public school system. The committees are reporting to the State Education Commission, which in turn will make recommendations for changes and improvements in the schools to the Governor and the General Assembly.

## Peanut Support Price Increased

Government support on peanut prices for 1948 have been slightly increased, according to unofficial reports from the U. S. Agriculture Department.

The support price for the Virginia type has been increased from 10.15 cents to 10.35 cents per pound, and the guarantee on the runner type was upped one-half of a cent from 9.25 to 9.75 cents per pound.

Good quality peanuts last season commanded prices above the support figures, but heavy rains during harvest time nearly wrecked the market and the price support schedule was not applicable in numerous cases.

## Postal Department Replies To Bonner On Mail Petition

### Congressman Asks For Recent Survey To Be Reconsidered

A petition filed recently by a number of local business men seeking improved mail service between Norfolk and Wilmington will be given personal attention by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, who advised this newspaper on Monday that he had presented the petition to the Postmaster General and requested reconsideration of a decision reached by the Postal Department in regard to mail service in this area, following a survey conducted at the time the Norfolk Southern Railway contemplated removal of mail and express trains.

In a letter to this newspaper Congressman Bonner stated, "Today I have presented to the Postmaster General a petition asking for Highway Post Office Service from Norfolk to Wilmington. In a conversation with the Postmaster General, he advised that a survey of the area had been made during the time the Norfolk Southern Railroad contemplated removing all passenger, mail and express trains. He stated as a result of conference and negotiations, a mail system was worked out whereby it was thought unnecessary to establish Highway Post Office Service, nevertheless I have requested that a reconsideration be given. Before this service could ever be established the Post Office Department must get additional appropriations from the Congress which I will support in the next session."

The petition for the Highway Post Office Service, which has the endorsement of Postmaster S. M. Whedbee and other postmasters of this area, if established, will mean additional service for mail patrons, plus faster service on several classes of mail handled by the various post offices of this district.

Present mail service in this area, according to reports, is good but the petition filed from here was an effort to obtain even better and faster service than now available.

## Legion Post Plans To Open Club Room At Harvey Point

### Officers Installed at Meeting Held Last Friday

Members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, meeting at the Agriculture Building last Friday night, installed officers for the new year and made plans for opening an American Legion Post club room at the Harvey Point Naval Base.

The Town of Hertford as lessee of the base base has offered the local American Legion Post the right wing of the hospital building as a club room to be used by the Legion members for meetings, social gatherings and other activities. After some discussion at the meeting last week the proposal was tabled until the next meeting, when it is hoped a larger number of members will be present to complete plans for opening the club rooms.

Installation of officers for the post was conducted during the business session and Clarence W. Phillips was installed as commander of the post, succeeding W. F. Ainsley, retiring commander. Phillips previously had been elected to the office of first vice commander, but when W. G. Hollowell, commander-elect, resigned the office due to pressure of other duties, the members voted to elevate the vice commanders, thus installing Mr. Phillips as commander; Noah Gregory, first vice commander and Stanley Sprull as second vice commander.

Other officers installed were: Francis Nixon, adjutant; V. N. Darden, finance officer; F. T. Johnson, service officer; W. T. Willoughby, chaplain; Wayland Butler, guardianship officer; Elliott Layden, athletic officer; W. G. Ainsley, historian; Fenton Hurdle and Jarvis Ward, sergeant-at-arms.

## Colonial Manager Transferred To Virginia

L. J. Davis, manager of the Colonial store in Hertford, has been transferred to the Colonial store at South Hill, Virginia. Mr. Davis will assume his duties as manager at the South Hill store on August 30.

He expects to move his family to South Hill about the time his transfer is effected.