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Special Veniremen Summoned To Serve At November Term Of Superior Court

Court Officials Expect Term to Be Concluded Friday

The Fall term of Perquimans Superior Court convened here Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge Chester Morris presiding, and it was found necessary to summon a special venire of fifty residents to serve as jurors at the term of court. The original list of 36 jurors were quickly exhausted when 18 of these were selected for the Grand Jury and eight were excused from service. An additional venire of 25 residents were ordered drawn by Judge Morris. Then later W. H. Oakley, Jr., requested a special venire for the hearing of one of his clients. He and Solicitor John Graham later agreed that this special venire would come from Perquimans County instead of an adjoining county and names were drawn immediately.

The special venire drawn included Linwood Harrell, Harold Copeland, James Stokely, J. W. Halsey, Thomas Copeland, W. W. Owens, Leroy Goodwin, James Hunter, James Russell, Lucius Winslow, D. E. Bateman, Elliott Layden, T. M. Twine, Vernon Ward, Mrs. Kathryn Lane, J. C. Wilson, W. P. Lane, Miles Dail, Wayland Howell, Mrs. Mary Turner, George C. Eure, William Hobbs, Mrs. Linwood Godfrey, Claude Winslow, Kenneth Bateman, W. B. Stallings, W. M. White, B. H. Mathews, George Hall, Ralph Perry, Troy Elliott, Dallas White, Louis Spivey, George Fields, Lofton Hail, J. V. Rountree, George W. Nowell, Clinton Eley, H. H. Butts, Linwood Godfrey, Harry Barber, H. E. Kirby, Mrs. J. W. Harrell, E. Earl Winslow, R. W. Biggs, C. D. Spivey, Jack Winslow, Z. A. Harris, W. M. Spivey and Janette Thach.

During the opening session of court, divorce was granted to Mrs. Ceelia Dean and to Mrs. Margaret Hurdle. W. D. Hobbs entered a plea of guilty to charges of reckless driving. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$125 and costs of court.

Ira Pones, Negro, was ordered committed to the roads for 12 months for violation of the terms of his suspended sentence received last year on a conviction of non-support.

Court reconvened on Wednesday morning after having been in recess all day Tuesday. The first case called was that of the State vs. Robert Winslow, who was charged with first degree burglary. The State accepted a plea of guilty to a charge of breaking and entering and judgment in the case was reserved for the time being upon request by defense counsel, W. H. Oakley, Jr.

Considerable time was consumed in the selection of the jury in the case against Wayland White, Jr., who was charged with breaking and entering.

The case came to an abrupt close late Wednesday afternoon after the State had presented its evidence, when upon motion by defense counsel W. H. Oakley, Jr., Judge Morris ordered that a verdict of not guilty be entered in the record. According to the Judge, the State had failed to connect the defendant with the alleged crime and the defendant was ordered released.

With the ending of this case Wednesday, it appeared to court officials that the term might come to a close Friday evening. Only three criminal cases remained to be heard and it was believed these will be disposed of by this afternoon.

No cases on the civil docket are expected to be heard other than some divorce cases which are uncontested.

County Board Meets In Short Session

Members of the Board of County Commissioners met in routine business session last Monday morning in the office of the Register of Deeds instead of their regular meeting place because Superior Court was in session in the court room.

The meeting was next to the last regular session for the present board, reorganization of the Board will take place with two new members following the regular business session the first Monday in December.

Hertford PTA To Meet November 11

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Hertford Grammar School will hold its November meeting at the school building Thursday, November 11, beginning at 8 o'clock.

An interesting program, featuring a movie on Child Guidance, will be shown. All patrons of the school are urged to attend.

Help! Help!

During the past few weeks we have been mailing out notices of subscription expirations to our subscribers, but on last Wednesday we ran into a situation which calls for help. On that date we received payment for a one year subscription to The Weekly, but the subscriber forgot to write down the name and address on the notice which was returned along with the money.

In order that proper credit be given to this subscriber, we will greatly appreciate it if he or she will kindly let us know his or her name and address.

Subscribers who have received notices of expiration and not yet mailed in their renewals are urged to do so, as expired subscriptions will be dropped from the mailing lists very shortly.

Teenager Held For Juvenile Court On Charges Of Robbery

Freddie Lee, 13-year-old Hertford Negro, is awaiting hearing in Perquimans Juvenile Court on charges of breaking and entering the Hertford Cafe and stealing approximately \$100 in cash. The youth was apprehended by local police officers Monday afternoon and admitted the offenses of which he is charged.

According to an officer of the court the youth will be committed to the State Industrial Training School.

The robbery of the cafe took place sometime Sunday night between 9:30 and 10 o'clock, and according to a report, the youth entered the cafe by opening a window at the rear of the building and slipping through bars placed across the windows. The loss of the money was discovered by Sam Hourmouzis, owner of the cafe, later that night.

Seventy-five dollars of the money taken was recovered by the local officers.

The youth was apprehended when a second youth appeared at the Hertford Hardware Company and attempted to purchase a rifle with a \$20 bill. A report of this transaction was made to Sheriff M. G. Owens and upon questioning this second youth stated he was sent to the store by the Lee boy. When taken into custody the youth readily admitted committing the robbery.

Lions To Launch Drive For Blind

Members of the Hertford Lions Club will launch an Aid to the Blind campaign beginning this week-end and continuing through Saturday, November 20, it was announced today by Dr. I. A. Ward, chairman of the committee in charge of the drive.

The club will use a direct mail plan to secure funds to assist the club in carrying out its chief project of aiding the blind. Seals will be mailed out to residents of the county, who in turn are requested to remit the sum of one dollar or more for the purchase of the seals.

Dr. Ward stated that the slogan for the drive will be "Be Thankful You Can See." Self addressed envelopes will be forwarded along with the seals for the convenience of returning contributions to the Lions Club Fund.

All money collected during this drive will be retained in the treasury of the Hertford Lions Club to be used by the club to aid Perquimans residents in need of glasses or eye treatment. The Lions have as one of their major projects aid to the blind and recently have supplied glasses to several needy residents of the county.

Achievement Day Scheduled Friday

Annual Achievement Day will be observed by members of the various Home Demonstration Clubs in Perquimans County on Friday, November 5, it was announced today by Miss Nina Braswell, County Home Agent.

The club members will meet at the Agricultural Building in Hertford and the program, which will feature John T. Biggers, County School Superintendent, as the principal speaker will begin at 2 P. M.

Edenton Aces Win Grid Contest From Perquimans Indians

Local Team Meets Columbia In Conference Game Today

Edenton High School's football team maintained its undefeated record here last Friday night when the Aces trounced Perquimans High by a score of 18-4. The game was a renewal of the old rivalry between the two schools, but this year's contest was without the thrills of past games.

Neither team showed much in the way of a powerful offensive and Perquimans failed to threaten after losing the ball to the Aces in the second period. The Indians' defense appeared to be superior to Edenton's and while the Aces tallied 18 points, only one touchdown came through the efforts of the Edenton team.

Perquimans won the toss and elected to receive, but after failing to gain kicked to Edenton. The Indians stalled the Aces and forced the visitors back beyond the goal line for a safety, which gave Perquimans a two-point lead. During the second period the Indians appeared to be on the way to a touchdown but Edenton intercepted an Indian pass and raced to the five yard line and carried the ball over on the next play for a touchdown. The try for point was bad and Edenton led 6-2. Perquimans received the kick-off after the goal and began another determined march toward pay dirt, but another intercepted pass by Wheeler, who ran back 65 yards, gave Edenton its second touchdown and rolled the score up to 12-2. The Indians, fighting back, stalled the Aces deep in their own territory, and on an attempted punt, the Indians caught Habit back of the goal line for another safety. This made the score 12-4 in favor of Edenton.

Neither team developed much in the way of an offensive during the second half. The final score came when Wheeler raced 65 yards on a fake kick and then a pass by the Aces scored the final touchdown. The try for extra point was bad and the final score was 18-4. Symons and Jordan played a fine game on the defense for Perquimans, while Lane and Spivey were the Indians' main offensive guns.

The Indians travel to Columbia today, where they will meet the Columbia team in another conference game.

County Officials All Re-elected Tuesday

Democratic candidates for Perquimans County offices were re-elected without opposition in the general election held Tuesday. Of the approximate 1,100 votes cast for national candidates, some 950 were voted for local candidates. J. W. Ward, candidate for register of deeds, polled the highest number of votes on the county ballot, receiving the total of 945.

Residents of the county voted for two of the four amendments to the Constitution and against two. They voted for the first 312 to 277 and for the fourth 346 to 138. They voted against the second and third amendments 296 to 228 and 433 to 136.

Balloting for local candidates for offices named was: Walter Cohoon for Solicitor 924; for State Senator, J. E. Winslow 939; W. I. Halstead 847; for Representative, C. W. Phillips 922; for Recorder's Judge, Charles E. Johnson 921; for Register of Deeds, J. W. Ward; for Treasurer, Max Campbell, 919; for Board of County Commissioners, R. T. Brinn 922, R. S. Chappell 920, George W. Jackson 911, E. M. Perry 913 and T. M. Twine 910.

Davenport Funeral Conducted Monday

Mrs. Bessie Davenport, 85, mother of Dr. C. A. Davenport, died at her home in Mackeys Sunday afternoon after a two-year period of declining health.

She was a charter member of the Mackeys Methodist Church and served the church for fifty years as a Sunday School teacher and took an active part in all church activities.

Surviving are four sons, W. B. A. E. and J. E. Davenport, all of Mackeys, and Dr. Carlton A. Davenport of Hertford.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of the Rev. B. E. Bingham. Burial followed in the Davenport Cemetery near Mackeys.

Murder Indictment Follows Shooting Last Sunday Night

Dewey Overton Charged With Killing of Man Near Winfall

George Dewey Overton, Perquimans County Negro, faced a charge of murder in Perquimans Superior Court following the shooting and killing of Willie Hurdle, Negro, at E. H. Simon's country club on the Winfall-Belvidere highway Sunday night at about 10:30 o'clock.

Overton was arrested and placed in jail about two hours after the shooting took place by Sheriff M. G. Owens and State Patrolman H. L. White.

The Grand Jury, serving at the fall term of Superior Court, returned a true bill charging murder against Overton on Monday morning.

Motive for the shooting was not established by questioning of the prisoner. However, according to Sheriff Owens, Overton stated that he shot Hurdle, he didn't know how many times, after Hurdle had assaulted him (Overton) with a knife. This statement was given the sheriff after the arrest of Overton at the home of James Harris, Negro, near New Hope. Sheriff Owens reported that Overton stated that earlier Sunday he and Hurdle had engaged in a tussle and that Hurdle acted angry at him but there was no fight up until the time of the shooting.

Overton reported that after he had shot Hurdle he went to a doctor's office and was treated for wounds in the left shoulder and hand.

There were a number of eye witnesses to the shooting which took place at about 10:30 P. M. Hurdle was brought to Hertford and died from the wounds about 45 minutes later.

Different versions of the shooting were related to the officers, it was learned Monday afternoon. Some of the witnesses, according to a report, stated that Overton shot Hurdle after Hurdle had assaulted Overton with a knife at the Simon's place. Others contended that Overton entered the establishment and went to Hurdle, drawing a gun and saying that he (Overton) was going to shoot Hurdle, then fired the pistol.

Jury Recommends Padlocking Tavern

The Grand Jury of the November term of Superior Court, in making its report to the Court, recommended that the Negro Country Club, located near Winfall, be permanently padlocked and due notice of this recommendation was observed by the Court and proceedings to close the establishment are expected to be started by Solicitor John W. Graham.

The jury further recommended that the vaults in the Register of Deeds office and the Clerk of Court's office be enlarged, within the next 12 months. Inspection of the Court House by the Grand Jury disclosed these vaults to be too small for depositing county records.

Headed by L. N. Hollowell, who served as foreman of the Grand Jury, the body reported it had inspected the schools and other county buildings and found all of them to be in good condition, excepting some repairs needed at several of the Negro schools. The group commended Mr. Allen for the excellent condition of the county school buses.

The Grand Jury reported it had consulted with Sheriff M. G. Owens and requested that more official attention be given to the matter of selling beer on Sundays in Perquimans County, it appearing to the Grand Jury that some places are guilty of breaking this law.

Registrars To Get S. S. Certificates

Mrs. Ruth Sumner, clerk of the Perquimans draft board, announced Tuesday that she had received notice that Selective Service Headquarters is making an effort to secure certificates to be issued to registrars who assisted in the registration for the draft last August and September. These certificates, according to Selective Service Officials, will be issued to registrars who devoted a given amount of time and effort to the work.

Mrs. Sumner also announced that of the three youths given medical examinations last month one had been accepted for military service.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN GIVEN COMMANDING MAJORITY IN GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY

R. M. Riddick Resigns From Draft Board

R. M. Riddick, chairman of the Perquimans Selective Service Board, has tendered his resignation from the Board, according to advices received here by W. H. Pitt, Clerk of Court, who is a member of the committee charged with selection of Draft Board members.

State Selective Service headquarters notified Mr. Pitt of Mr. Riddick's resignation, which became effective November 15, and requested the local committee to select a new board member immediately.

It is understood that Mr. Riddick who served as a member and chairman of the Draft Board during the war years, had accepted reappointment to the Board only for such time as it took for the reorganization of the local board under the new Selective Service law.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Latest tabulated figures show that about 47 million voters went to the polls last Tuesday to participate in the national election and more than 22 million of these cast their vote for President Truman, who was leading Dewey, Thurmond and Wallace in 28 states, having 304 electoral votes. Dewey had about 18 1/2 million votes with 189 electoral votes. Thurmond was the apparent victor in four states. Led by President Truman, the Democrats made a clean sweep of practically the entire nation.

Democratic candidates were elected to the House and Senate in sufficient number for the Democrats to capture the majority in both houses of Congress. Along with this, on state levels 30 Democratic candidates for Governor were elected. Only 18 Republicans will hold office as Governors in various states. The Democrats will have 52 members in the Senate and 242 members in the House. Thus President Truman will have a working majority in Congress when the new members are seated.

Reports from Washington indicate that President Truman may clean house among his official family after next January 20. Reports say that he will accept the resignations of a number of Cabinet members and other office holders who were only lukewarm to his candidacy for re-election.

Local Youths Win 4-H Contest Awards

Virginia Long and Horace Layden, members of 4-H clubs in Perquimans County were recently named county winners in a 4-H club contest conducted by the Agricultural Extension Service on Better Methods for Electricity. The two local youths were also named territorial winners in the same contest and received gold watches as prizes along with a trip to the 4-H congress held in Raleigh this week.

Miss Long is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Long of Route 3, and Layden is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Layden of Route Two.

The contest was based upon use of electricity to ease farm work. The project selected by Horace Layden was use of electric to water stock, while Miss Long selected use of electric to ease the work connected with laundrying.

Golden Anniversary Observed Last Sunday

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lane delightfully surprised Mr. and Mrs. Lane Sunday at their home with a three course dinner in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

The dining table was covered with a white linen cloth and centered with a three-tier wedding cake decorated with gold and green flowers and 50 gold candles.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Claud Long and children, Emily Fay and Claud, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Walton Lane and daughters, Nancy and Emily Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Lane and children, Winston, Jr., and Annie Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Long and son, Irwin, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William White and daughter, Bettie Lou, and the honorees, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lane.

Democrats Win Majority In Congress; Local Vote 6 to 1 For Truman

President Harry S. Truman was re-elected President in the general election last Tuesday by a commanding majority of the electoral votes. His opponent, Thomas E. Dewey, conceded the election to President Truman at 11:15 Wednesday morning, after it became apparent that the States of Ohio and Illinois, with their huge bloc of electoral votes, were in the Democratic column.

The returns from the 48 states were incomplete up to this time, but at the time Dewey conceded the election the score stood with Truman ahead in 28 states with 304 electoral votes, while Dewey led in only 16 states having 189 votes.

North Carolina gave President Truman an overwhelming majority judging from incomplete returns.

Henry Wallace and Strom Thurmond proved to be also-rans, excepting Thurmond's votes received in Alabama, Mississippi and South Carolina.

Here in Perquimans County President Truman was given a better than six-to-one majority. Truman's total vote in Perquimans was 843, Dewey 135, Thurmond 74 and Wallace 2. Approximately 1,100 voters went to the polls in Perquimans and the vote by precincts was as follows: Hertford, Truman 455, Dewey 57, Thurmond 19, Wallace 1. Bethel, Truman 89, Dewey 5, Thurmond 4. Parkville, Truman 124, Dewey 19, Thurmond 14, Wallace 1. Belvidere, Truman 45, Dewey 32, Thurmond 13. New Hope, Truman 89, Dewey 9, Thurmond 7. Nicanor, Truman 41, Dewey 13, Thurmond 17.

On the State ticket the Democrats swept Perquimans. J. M. Broughton received 900 votes to his opponent's, John Wilkerson 73. Congressman Herbert C. Bonner was re-elected by a vote of 896. W. Kerr Scott outdistanced his opponent, George Pritchard, 916 to 53. Chester Morris received 908 votes in this county as candidate for Judge of Superior Court. The Progressive party candidates received two votes in the local balloting.

Thirty-seven Listed On H. S. Honor Roll

Thirty-seven students of Perquimans High School were listed on the honor roll of the school at the close of the first grading period, according to the list released this week by E. C. Woodard, principal. The 12th grade led all other classes for scholastic honors, having 11 of its members winning a place on the honor roll.

The honor students by classes were: 8th Grade—Emily Ann Sumner, Mollie Wheeler, Billy Chappell, Betty Davis, Molly Lee Yeates, Ina Faye Butt, Shirley Eure, Kay Stanton, Mable Martin Whedbee, Janie Winslow.

9th Grade—Thomas Sumner, Marguerite Butler, Jay Duling.

10th Grade—Ethel Frances Elliott, Doris Faye Allen, Calvin Butt, Christine Thatch, Mary Sue Cook.

11th Grade—Marjorie Perry, Connie Upton, Betty Jean Winslow, Ruby Lane, Dorothy Britton, Ruth Haskett, Claire Hunter, Pat Phillips.

12th Grade—Tim Perry, Clarkson White, Mary Lou Butt, Anne Hollowell, Pearl Hunter, Marietta Jolliff, Pat Morris, Marie Rountree, Peggy White, Lelia Lee Winslow and Thelma White.

Schools To Observe Education Week Nov. 7

Perquimans County schools will observe American Education Week November 7 through 13 and a cordial invitation has been issued to the public to visit the two grammar schools and the high school.

All class rooms at the Hertford Grammar School will be open on Thursday evening, immediately following the meeting of the PTA. Exhibits of class room work and equipment will be on display for inspection.

Speaking of the observance, Miss Thelma Elliott, principal at the Hertford Grammar School, said, "Good schools are the birthright of our American children. They are the training grounds of freedom and democracy. Visit your schools during American Education Week. America's future depends on American schools. Let's make our schools strong."