

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The 81st Congress met this week and organized under Democratic leadership, then heard President Truman deliver two messages, one on the State of the Union, and the second which called on Congress to enact laws to carry out the Presidential program promised during the campaign last summer. It was reported that the economic message would request restoration of the excess profits tax, a repeal of the Taft-Hartley labor law, economic regulations which might be invoked if necessary to curb inflation and continuation of the cold war against Communism.

In Raleigh, where members of the 1949 General Assembly met, one of the first actions taken was a meeting of representatives from some 50 counties, at which time plans were made to fight a possible vote on the liquor question. Governor W. Kerr Scott has pledged himself to request a referendum on the question and the representatives of the wet counties are taking the stand that the ABC system is the best means of controlling the bootlegger.

A bi-partisan drive developed in Congress this week to peg the price support of six basic farm crops at 90 per cent of parity. A bill was introduced to repeal the new farm law which permits these prices to drop to as low as 60 per cent of parity. The crops included are wheat, corn, cotton, tobacco, peanuts and rice.

Western states were hit for a second time with a blizzard this week, and traffic was tied up in several states, including Nebraska, South Dakota and Kansas. Motorists and trains alike were stalled due to weather conditions and schools were closed. Fifty-nine persons were killed and more than 300 injured in tornadoes that ripped across sections of Louisiana and Arkansas early this week.

## Miss Annette Cannon And Robert Keaton Married December 26

On Sunday afternoon, December 26, at 4 o'clock in the Hertford Baptist Church, Miss Mary Annette Cannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cannon of Hertford, became the bride of Robert Keaton, Jr., son of Mrs. Robert Keaton of Colerain and the late Mr. Keaton.

The ceremony, beautiful in its dignity and simplicity, was performed by the Rev. C. W. Dilling, who used the double ring ceremony.

The church was decorated with white gladioli, anapdragons, chrysanthemums, poinsettias, palms and lighted tapers. Mrs. Fred Mathews, sister of the bridegroom, rendered a program of wedding music prior to the ceremony and the traditional processional and recessional—wedding marches were used. During the ceremony Miss Frances Elliott sang "O Promise Me" and "Because."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory satin wedding gown, fashioned with a marquisette yoke and a bertha of Vicennes lace. The long sleeves fell to points over her hands and the basque bodice, buttoned up the back with tiny covered buttons. The full skirt fell beneath a peplum of self same lace and formed a circular train. She wore a finger tip veil of imported illusion arranged from a tiara of pearlized orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of bride's white roses and valley lilies centered with a white orchid.

Miss Juanita Harrell of Norfolk, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a lovely creation of white moire taffeta with fitted bodice and hoop skirt and carried an arm bouquet of red carnations.

The bridesmaids were Misses Janice Perry and Willie Mae Chappell. They wore dresses exact replicas to that of the maid of honor and carried arm bouquets of red carnations with matching flowers in their hair. Mrs. C. E. Tucker was mistress of ceremonies.

Bilton White was best man. The groomsmen were Jack Symons and Floyd Benton.

The mother of the bride wore a dress of brown crepe with matching accessories and a corsage of yellow roses. The bridegroom's mother wore a dress of purple crepe and a corsage of pink roses.

MISSON WILL MEET FRIDAY  
The Women's Mission Society of the American Legion will meet Friday at 7:30 o'clock in the Agri-cultural Building. All members are urged to attend.

## Probable Cause Found By Recorder's Judge In Costen Manslaughter Case

### County Court Holds Long Session After a Week's Recess

A verdict of probable cause was found by Judge Charles E. Johnson, presiding over Recorder's Court here Tuesday, in the case charging Jackson Costen, Negro, with manslaughter in connection with the death of Kenneth Jordan. Jordan died December 18 from injuries suffered in a highway accident which occurred near the causeway north of Hertford. Costen was also found guilty on charges of operating a car without a license and hit and run. He was found not guilty of charges of driving drunk and a second charge of driving without a license. He was sentenced to 90 days on the hit and run charge and 60 days on the charge of driving without a license. Both of these sentences were to be suspended upon payment of fines totaling \$75 and costs. Bond on the manslaughter charge, which will be heard at the April term of Superior Court, was set at \$2,000. Costen was represented at the hearing this week by W. H. Oakley, Jr., and W. E. Jones.

This week's session of Recorder's Court was a lengthy one, with a number of cases being carried over from last week when court recessed.

Fines of \$15 and costs of court were taxed against Russell Hennessey and Robert Johnson, who entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding.

Twelve defendants, William Daugherty, Maralin Mattlin, Harvey Butler, Paul Hill, Carmen Cito, John Combs, Henry Taylor, Joseph Cohen, James Lieberman, Herbert Rosen, David Persons and Bertie Warren, entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and paid fines of \$10 and costs of court.

Alexander Nelson, Lester Jones, Ernest Craddock and Matthews Straus each paid a fine of \$5 and costs on charges of speeding.

William Sutton was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs after pleading guilty to a charge of driving without a license.

Entering a plea of guilty to a charge of driving with insufficient brakes, Johnnie Phillips paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Raymond Bateman was assessed the costs of court on a charge of assault.

Costs of court were taxed against Duke Fleming on a charge of being drunk.

Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of court costs in the case charging Robert Jenkins (Continued on Page Eight)

## Tax Listing Gets Under Way This Week

Tax listing for 1949 taxes got under way in Perquimans this week with the five township list takers beginning the task of setting down individuals' property to be taxed during the current year.

A schedule for each tax lister for the entire month is published elsewhere in this issue of The Weekly and residents of the county are urged to note the location of the tax lister in each township and to appear before him prior to January 31 in order to comply with the tax laws.

Little activity was reported up to noon Wednesday by the tax listers. A few residents had listed up to that time. However, the task is just beginning and the listers believe the heavy part of the work will, as usual, come toward the closing of January.

## Local Police Office Moved To Darden Bldg.

Hertford Police Headquarters were moved from above the Town office to the Darden Building late last week, it was announced by Mayor V. N. Darden. The old police headquarters will be used by S. M. Whedbee, lawyer, who resumed practice here this week.

Mayor Darden stated that the phone number of the local police will remain unchanged and residents calling police headquarters should dial the usual number.

## Accents Position At Mexico City

Jesse Parker Perry, who has been instructor at VPI at Blacksburg, Va., for the past semester, has accepted a position with the Rockefeller Foundation as assistant to the supervisor and will be located at Mexico City, according to an announcement made here this week.

Mr. Perry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Perry of Hertford, and is married to the former Miss Sarah Brinn. The couple expect to move to Mexico City some time in February.

## MARCH OF DIMES CHAIRMAN NAMED

Silas M. Whedbee, who has served as co-chairman of the Perquimans County March of Dimes for the past several years, will head the campaign which will open here about January 15, it was announced today. Mr. Whedbee will be assisted in the direction of the drive by Dr. T. P. Brinn and Max Campbell.

The committee announced that complete plans for the local campaign will be released within a short time, along with names of neighborhood solicitors who will conduct a house to house campaign in an effort to raise the county goal of slightly more than \$2,000.

The County quota for this year's campaign was increased over last year because of the depletion of the treasury during the epidemic last summer, and the public is urged to bear in mind the urgent need for additional funds and to increase contributions accordingly.

## S. M. Whedbee Will Open Law Offices

### Graduate of University Resumes Practice In Hertford This Week

Silas M. Whedbee, who resigned as Postmaster of the Hertford Post Office, effective December 31, announced today that he will resume the practice of law here this week. He will open offices on the second floor of the building occupied by the Town of Hertford office.

Mr. Whedbee served as Postmaster here for ten years, from November 1938 until his resignation last week, being associated with his father, the late Charles Whedbee. In making the announcement concerning the opening of his law office, he stated that he had contemplated the action for some time prior to his resignation as postmaster.

He graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1922 and received his law degree in 1924. He then returned to his home town to practice. On arrival, he became active in public and civic affairs and served as County Prosecutor from the time Recorder's Court was founded here in 1927 until 1936. During this time he also served as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee.

In 1936 he was elected as Mayor of Hertford and retained this position until he was named Postmaster in November 1938.

He was chairman of the Perquimans County Chapter of the American Red Cross from 1935 until 1945. Since that date he has served as co-chairman of the Perquimans March of Dimes program, and recently assumed the direction of the Hertford Troop of Cub Scouts.

## Local Legislators Attending Assembly

Perquimans County's State Senator and Representative J. Emmett Winslow and E. Leigh Winslow left Tuesday for Raleigh for the opening of the 1949 General Assembly.

Perquimans County will be represented in the State Senate for the first time in twenty years. The last Senator from this county was the late Charles Whedbee, who served as State Senator in 1929. J. Emmett Winslow was elected to the office in the election November 2 after having won the nomination along with W. I. Halstead of Camden in the primary last May. This will be Mr. Winslow's first session as a member of the State Senate. He served as Sheriff of Perquimans County for 14 years prior to leaving that office in 1946.

E. Leigh Winslow will be no newcomer to the General Assembly. He represented the county at the session in 1947 and returned to Raleigh with much experience gained from the previous session. He was elected to the office in a special election held on November 30, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Clarence Phillips.

PREACHING AT WOODLAND  
The Rev. E. B. Edwards will preach at Woodland Methodist Church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The public is invited.

## Crop Insurance Program Under Way County Agent Says

### Charlie Vann Is Named Secretary; Offices to Be Opened

Early indications point to a successful program of the Federal Crop Insurance project which is to be offered to Perquimans County farmers during 1949, it was reported this week by I. C. Yagel, who stated that the local committee is proceeding rapidly with plans in setting up the program.

Charlie Vann has been appointed secretary of the project and offices for the program are expected to be opened in Hertford, in the Smith building, corner of Church and Market streets, just as soon as arrangements can be completed for the lease of the office space.

Numerous farmers throughout the county, Mr. Yagel reported, have expressed interest in the plan, and it is likely that many will sign up under the program.

The committee in charge of the plan is composed of John T. Lane of Belvidere, Julian A. White and Jack Brinn of Hertford.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation as operated within the United States Department of Agriculture insures farmers against the loss of investment of certain crops should excessive rain, drought, diseases, insect, wind, hail and other unavoidable causes of damage bring the return of the crops below the amount of insurance specified in the policy. Administrative expenses are paid through Federal appropriation and premiums charged are used exclusively to pay losses to farmers.

Perquimans County is one of three counties in the United States being offered this full program during the current year. The plan offers protection on peanut, cotton, corn and soybean crops.

## Jayne Mansfield Weds Joseph Ward

The marriage of Miss Margaret Jayne Mansfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Mansfield of Hertford, to Joseph Hurley Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ward of Edenton, was solemnized Friday afternoon, December 24, at the Bethel Baptist Church, with the Rev. E. G. Willis, pastor, officiating. The double ring ceremony was used before a setting of white gladioli, chrysanthemums, fern, evergreen and burning tapers in tall candelabra.

Miss Pat Phillips played the wedding music and Mrs. Lester B. Layden sang "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride and bridegroom entered the church together. The bride was attired in a white wool dressmaker's suit with brown accessories. She carried an orchid showered with Stephanotis on a white prayer book.

Miss Louise Mansfield, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a ballerina length dress of white brocade satin bodice and black faille skirt with matching accessories, and carried a nosegay of red roses and white chrysanthemums.

Scott Harrell was best man. The ushers were Paul Chappell and Yates Parrish.

The bride's mother wore a black crepe dress with black and white accessories and wore a corsage of red carnations. The mother of the bridegroom was attired in grey with black accessories. She wore a corsage of red carnations.

Mrs. Irvin Long was mistress of ceremonies.

Following a wedding trip to Florida, the newlyweds are making their home with the bridegroom's parents.

Following the rehearsal on Thursday evening prior to the ceremony, the bridal couple was entertained by her parents at a cake cutting. The dining room was decorated with holly, mistletoe and pine and lighted with white burning tapers. The table, covered with lace, displayed a two-tiered wedding cake. After first being cut by the bride and bridegroom, the cake was served by Mrs. Irvin Long, who was assisted by Mrs. James Thatch and Misses Marjorie and Madelyn Phillips.

## W. S. C. S. TO MEET

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of Woodland Church will meet with Mrs. W. M. Mathews on Wednesday, January 12, at 2:30 P. M.

All members are urged to be present and visitors are welcome.

## James Newby Named Acting Postmaster For Hertford; Assumed Duties January 1st

### GOVERNOR SCOTT GIVES PROGRAM

Governor W. Kerr Scott, speaking before a joint session of the 1949 General Assembly in Raleigh on Thursday, advanced a 15-point program for his administration. He urged complete cooperation between his office and the General Assembly in order that the State government can carry out public service programs.

Outlining his program to the Legislature, Governor Scott told the General Assembly that he campaigned with definite proposals for the expansion and improvement of the public service and he will work toward that end.

His program, as outlined to the General Assembly, calls for improved highway systems, especially as to secondary roads, State aid to counties for the construction of school buildings, increased electric and telephone service, increased salaries to State employees and he urged the Legislature to present the liquor question to the people in a State-wide referendum without delay.

## R. C. Murray Installed As Masonic Master

### Services Conducted at Meeting Tuesday In Lodge Hall

Installation services for officers of Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., for the year 1949 were conducted at the lodge hall Tuesday night before one of the largest attendances ever reported. R. C. Murray was installed as Master; Dr. A. B. Bonner, Senior Warden; C. R. Vann, Junior Warden; J. S. Vick, Treasurer; Cecil Winslow, Secretary; R. R. White, Senior Deacon, and J. S. Bass, Junior Deacon.

Installation services were in charge of Charles M. Griggs of Elizabeth City, who was assisted by J. S. McNider acting as marshal.

A large number of visiting Masons from Edenton and Elizabeth City attended the meeting.

W. F. Ainsley, retiring Master, was presented with a Past Master's Jewel and he in turn presented the lodge with a set of marble slabs for officers' pedestals.

Following the installation services the new Master furnished a Brunswick stew supper to the members and visitors.

Lodge committees will be named by the new Master at the next meeting of the group.

## Stallings Funeral Conducted Sunday

Mrs. Cora Virginia Stallings, 70, died Sunday morning at 1 o'clock at her home in Perquimans County after a lingering illness.

She was the daughter of the late James E. and Eliza Jane Evans Hunter and the wife of the late Tallie Stallings.

She is survived by two sons, Alton and Talmadge, both of Perquimans County; four daughters, Mrs. Mary S. Bacon and Mrs. Virginia Garland, both of Mecklenburg, Va., Mrs. Nellie Lee Jones of Chowan County and Miss Ida Stallings of Perquimans County; four brothers, Lenwood, Abbott, Clarence and James, all of Perquimans County; one sister, Mrs. Elgin White of Elizabeth City; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Lynch Funeral Home in Hertford, starting at 3 o'clock.

Burial followed in the Cedar Wood Cemetery.

## Cage Teams Resume Play After Holidays

Coach Joe Levinson's high school basketball teams resumed inter-school competition this week after having enjoyed a two weeks holiday. The Indian boys and girls teams played at Elizabeth City on Thursday night, returning games played here earlier in the season, and on Friday night of this week the boys and girls teams will play at Plymouth, meeting the Plymouth High School teams in regular conference play.

Next week the Indians are scheduled to meet Jamesville at Jamesville on Friday night, but Coach Levinson stated that he is endeavoring to schedule a game to be played on the local court for next Tuesday night.

## Former Postmaster S. M. Whedbee Resigned December 31st; Few Changes Scheduled

James E. Newby, 38 year old veteran of World War II, and an employee of the Hertford postoffice for the past 14 years, assumed the position of acting Postmaster of the Hertford Post Office on January 1, following the resignation of Silas M. Whedbee. The appointment of Newby to the post as acting postmaster was announced by Herbert C. Bonner, Congressman for this District.

Mr. Whedbee, who has served as Postmaster since November, 1938, stated that he had contemplated resigning for several months in order to resume the practice of law. His resignation was tendered during December and the change over in the local office became effective last Saturday.

The new acting Postmaster began working at the local Post Office as a clerk in 1934 and entered the Postal System, under civil service in 1936. He has been chief clerk of the local office for the past several years. During the war he served in the U. S. Navy for three and one-half years, seeing duty with the Fleet Post Office in several parts of the world.

Mr. Newby is married and has one child.

No immediate changes in the local Post Office set-up are expected to be made, according to the new acting Postmaster. He stated that some changes will be necessary, however, and these are expected to see Henry Stokes moved up to acting clerk and Ray Haskett is expected to be named to serve as substitute clerk and carrier.

## Local BPW Members Attend Party For New Lady Senator

A special invitation was issued to members of the Perquimans Business and Professional Women's Club by K. Frances Scott, M.D., of Northampton, Mass., president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs to a luncheon honoring Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, a former member of the board of directors of the National Federation, on the occasion of her taking the oath of office as a United States Senator, which was held in the Congressional Room of the Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C. Bowls of red, white and blue carnations were used to decorate the tables.

Dr. Scott presided at the meeting which was opened with the Rev. F. Firgil Wood, Episcopal minister in Washington, D. C., giving the invocation. After the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung, she introduced Senator Smith, the guest speaker, who chose to talk on "Woman's Future." Later, she presented her with a bouquet of telegrams sent from 222 clubs from all over the United States, congratulating Senator Smith on her achievement, and wishing her success in her new office. The telegrams were formed to look like lilies and were tied with a green ribbon. The program was broadcast over the NBC network.

Mesdames Lawrence Towe, J. H. Bagley and Tom Perry represented the local club. They were seated next to the speaker's table with members from the Ohio, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Washington, D. C., BPW clubs. They received special recognition as members representing the State of North Carolina along with Mrs. John A. Nixon of Sanford, first vice president of the North Carolina Federation of BPW Clubs.

Mr. Towe accompanied them to Washington.

## County Board Holds Meeting On Tuesday

Members of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners held their regular January meeting last Tuesday instead of Monday due to the fact that the New Year's holiday was observed here Monday.

The Board conducted a routine meeting and handled fiscal matters brought to its attention.

A short discussion concerning the laxness in which the rabies law is being enforced was held, but no action was taken except a warning was issued to all dog owners that failure to comply by listing dogs for taxation and having them vaccinated by the rabies inspection leaves dog owners liable to court indictment.