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PROBABLE CAUSE RETURNED IN CASE CHARGING MAN WITH INTENT TO KILL

John Henry Phillips Is Bound Over to Superior Court

John Henry Phillips, 29 year old Negro, was bound over for action of the Superior Court following a hearing in Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning when Judge Charles E. Johnson returned a verdict of probable cause found in the case charging Phillips with assault with a deadly weapon, with intent to kill, causing serious bodily injury. According to State's testimony presented at the hearing, Phillips is alleged to have attacked Lena Key, 24 year old Negro woman, on the night of August 2, at the Piney Wood service station about five miles south of Hertford.

State's witnesses were Lena Key, Nicey Skinner, Negro, and Sheriff M. G. Owens. The Key woman testified that she and a number of other Negroes had ridden to the service station with Phillips but on her refusal to ride back to Hertford with him that Phillips assaulted her with a knife, cutting her over the left eye, on the arms, face and left hip. She stated he also kicked her in the head several times. She also testified that she was taken to the Chowan Hospital where 136 stitches were required to sew up her wounds. Nicey Skinner stated she saw Phillips attack the Key woman and that it appeared to her the woman was unconscious. Sheriff Owens told of investigating the affair and arresting Phillips on the basis of the facts uncovered by the investigation.

Other cases disposed of at this term of the Recorder's Court included those of Edward C. Turner, who was found guilty on a charge of reckless driving. Turner was given a 60 day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs of Court and the payment of \$200 for damages done to the car of Archie Riddick. Turner was involved in an accident with Riddick, near Belvidere late last month.

Francis Ward entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving without a license and paid a fine of \$25 and costs.

Robert Morrisette and Robert Davidson each paid a fine of \$10 and costs after pleading guilty to a charge of speeding.

Alva Bunch, W. J. Beal, Stencil Davenport, H. B. Lassiter each were taxed with costs of court for violation of the fish and game laws.

W. S. Hoggard was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs for catching undersized bass and having over the limit of fish caught.

Mrs. Rose Scott and Paul Drunet each entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding and paid a fine of \$5 and costs.

Frank White, Negro, was found guilty as charged of indecent exposure of his person. He was given a 30 day sentence suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10 and costs.

Joseph Stallings paid a fine of \$25 and costs after pleading guilty to a charge of reckless driving.

PTA To Hold Broom Sale Here Next Week

Brooms and door mats, manufactured by the Greensboro Industries for the Blind will be offered for sale by the Hertford Parent-Teachers Association, assisted by the Hertford Lions and Lionsess Clubs, September 22, 23 and 24, it was announced today by Mrs. D. M. Jackson, president of the Hertford PTA.

The sale will begin next Thursday and continue through Saturday with members of the three organizations conducting a house to house canvass and maintaining a booth at the Court House.

The products were manufactured by blind people at the plant which is operated so the blind may be self supporting.

Proceeds from the local sale will be used by the Parent-Teachers Association to purchase playground equipment for the Hertford Grammar School.

According to Mrs. Jackson the brooms to be offered during the sale are two inches longer than the average broom on the market, and it is made of kiln dried corn (straw) which prevents the stitching from getting loose and prevents twisting at the handle when it becomes dry after being used in a warm home.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Will Hoffer of Snow Hill announce the birth of a daughter born Friday, September 9th.

Town To Enforce Vacant Lot Law

Numerous complaints received during the past summer have caused the Town Board to dust off old time ordinance and call to the attention of residents of Hertford that there is a law which compels property owners, in Hertford, to keep vacant lots free of weeds and high grass, it was reported this week by Mayor V. N. Darden, and passed on by the meeting of the Town Board Monday night.

According to Mayor Darden, the ordinance calls for property owners to cut weeds from lots at least once each year, and in the event the property owner fails to do this the Town is authorized to have the weeds cut and add the costs to the landowner's tax bill.

While complaints have been made to the Town Board regarding several locations, the chief cause of trouble, it was reported, centers around lots lying in that section of town between the south side of Grubb street and the north side of Dobb street, extended and west of Woodland Ave.

Mayor Darden stated, following the action of the Town Board, that unless property owners have the weeds cut from such lots the Town will have the work done immediately and add the costs of the work to tax bills of the various owners.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A ten point program, designed to bring Britain's dollar crisis under control was reported reached at the conference being held in Washington by representatives of the U. S., Britain, and Canada. The program does not call for a loan to Britain but does propose a relaxation of tariff regulations to permit greater sales of British goods in North America, which in turn will provide Britain with more dollars.

North Carolina's ABC chairman, Robert Winston, is continuing his fight to dry up sources of bootleg whiskey within the state. Winston has requested liquor distillers to cooperate in his campaign by telling their distributors and exporters to quit selling whiskey to Tar Heel bootleggers. In July Winston succeeded in closing Maryland's doors to bootleggers when Maryland, acting on the chairman's request passed a law forbidding distributors to sell whiskey in any portion of a state where liquor is illegal.

After a lapse of 16 years, a portion of Germany, at least, had a democratic representative form of government. West Germany elected a House and Senate and these representatives in turn, this week, selected Theodor Heuss as president of the West German Republic. The chief administrative officer, known as Chancellor, is expected to be named later. The Chancellor served in the capacity as Prime Minister. While the presidency is more or less an honorary position with little power.

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Services Announced At Holy Trinity

Regular services will be resumed at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday, September 18, it was announced today by the Rev. E. T. Johnson, rector of the church. Holy communion will be celebrated each Sunday, except the first Sunday of the month, at 9 a.m. Church school at 10 a.m. and Prayer and address at 11 a.m.

County Board Hears Requests For Road Improvements

Commissioners Name Banks as County Service Officer

Members of the Perquimans Board of County Commissioners, meeting in regular session here Monday, heard a number of requests for improvement to county roads, and one for improvement of streets in the Town of Winfall.

A delegation, headed by Warner Madre, from Bethel Township, requested the Board to include about 3 1-2 miles of road, known as the Skinner Creek road, into the State's program for paving county roads. Mr. Madre told the Board members this road needed improvement and has about 15 families residing on it. The request for improvement of the road was approved by the board.

Complaining, and requesting relief, of conditions of streets in Winfall, a delegation of Negro residents appealed to the Board to take steps toward having the State Highway Department improve the drainage and repair of ditches and streets adjacent to their property with Winfall. The Board advised this group while it had no authority to act on the matter the members will attempt to start action toward improvement of the streets.

Upon the recommendation of the members of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion and the Garland H. Onley Post of the VFW, the Board appointed C. C. Banks to serve as veterans service officer in Perquimans County. Mr. Banks will be associated with the State's veterans office and will assist local veterans with problems concerning the Veterans Administration.

On a report made by I. C. Yagel, County Agent, repairs to a porch at the Agriculture Building was ordered made, and the Board authorized A. T. Lane to contract with Perry Roofing Company of Edenton to repair the porch.

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Jackson High Plays In First Game; Local Squad Improving

Perquimans High School football team will open its 1949 season in Hertford next Friday night, September 23, at eight o'clock, when Coach Ellie Fearing's Indians meet the Jackson High School eleven. Coach Fearing stated today that the opening game was arranged Monday and completes the schedule for the Indians this season.

Coach Fearing's charges played the Central High School team in a practice game here Wednesday, and following the contest, at which no scoring was kept, the Indians mentor stated he was well satisfied with the showing the Indians made against the Central eleven. Faced with the task of organizing and training an almost new team Coach Fearing has been molding a team together which shows promise of providing plenty of opposition to the Indians opponents this fall.

Spivey, Jordan, Berry, Kirby and Wood are the lettermen around whom Fearing is building the 1949 team. Archie Lane, Clinton Winslow, A. F. Lane and Robertson are showing up well in practice and a number of sophomores show promise of developing before the season is over, Coach Fearing stated.

"We will lack reserve power," Coach Fearing said, "but our starting eleven should prove themselves before the close of the season."

The opening game here next week with Jackson will mark the first time in a good many years that Jackson has played against Perquimans. While the Jackson squad remains of unknown quantity, it is believed they will be well matched with the local eleven and football fans can expect a fine contest for the opener this season.

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W. W. White Named As New Postmaster For Hertford; To Assume Duties Soon

Named Postmaster



W. W. WHITE

W. W. (Bill) White, former representative for Perquimans County, was on Wednesday recommended by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner to fill the vacancy of Postmaster at the Hertford Postoffice. Mr. White is expected to assume the duties of the office within the near future.

Local Soldier Home On Leave After Duty In Germany 8 Months

Thomas Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Perry, a member of the U. S. Air Force, arrived home this week for a 22 day furlough, after having served with the Air Force, in Germany, for the past eight months. Perry's duty in Germany was connected with the Airlift, which has been providing supplies to Berlin.

While in Germany Perry was stationed at Erdling, near the large city of Munich, and he stated that this part of Germany is mainly agricultural, the farmers growing such grains as wheat and barley. He added that conditions within Germany, at least the part he saw, showed no signs of much improvement during the eight months he was stationed there. He told of seeing people eating from garbage cans when he first arrived but these conditions are changing. Now the people of the Erdling area seemingly are improving their economic situation. Perry said most of the people there have money to buy clothing, food and even automobiles.

Speaking of the people he said that the majority seemed friendly but there was not too much fraternizing between the Germans and the American troops.

Town Board Meeting Held Monday Night

Members of the Hertford Town Board met in regular session here last Monday night and routine business matters held the attention of the Commissioners for more than two hours.

Mayor V. N. Darden reported to the Board that he had been advised that materials for the repairs to Woodland Circle and other streets in the town had been shipped and that the constructor is expected here this week to start improvement projects of town streets.

He reported that the State contract for improving Church Street had been held up, according to reports tendered him but that the resurfacing of this thoroughfare is expected to be completed before the coming winter.

The Board voted not to enlarge the house, owned by the town and now occupied by Tommy Miller, but to rent it as is when Mr. Miller moves into a house recently purchased by him. Rental of the property will be made on the basis of first come first served. It was reported two applications are already on file for the rental of the property.

Commissioner Henry C. Sullivan gave a report on the State Firemen's Convention held last month at Wrightville Beach and which was attended by four members of the local fire department.

In addition to the above the usual fiscal matters of bills were reviewed and ordered paid.

Recommendation Made Wednesday By Congressman Bonner

W. W. (Bill) White, former Perquimans County Representative, and prominent young business man of Hertford, has been named by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner to the office as Postmaster at Hertford, it was announced here Wednesday.

Congressman Bonner was in Hertford Wednesday surveying the situation surrounding the postmaster vacancy in the local office and announced following his investigation that he was recommending Mr. White for the post.

White will succeed James E. Newby, local postoffice employee, who has been serving as acting postmaster since the resignation of Silas M. Whedbee last December.

No date was announced for Mr. White to assume his new duties, but it was reported that the change in the office will be made at the close of the current postoffice quarter.

The announcement of Mr. White's appointment to the position as postmaster met the approval of the political and business leaders of the community. The new postmaster has been active in politics for a number of years and has served the Democratic party well.

At the present time Mr. White owns and operates the Hertford Cleaners, and prior to opening of this business he was engaged in the grocery and service station businesses. He told this newspaper on Wednesday that he is now making arrangements concerning the management of his cleaning business in order to be ready to give the local postoffice his full time when he assumes the new position.

He stated that as far as he knows, at the present there will be no changes in the present set-up of the local postoffice.

Plymouth Principal Heads Conference

The Albemarle Athletic Conference was reorganized for the 1949-50 school year at a meeting held at the Hotel Hertford Monday night with J. S. Fleming, principal of the Plymouth High School being elected president of the conference.

Mr. Fleming succeeds E. C. Woodward, principal of Perquimans High School, who headed the conference last year.

Jack Young, coach at Ahoskie, was elected secretary of the group.

Steps toward organizing a stronger conference, and the advancement of all sports, were taken when the group voted that members of the conference must participate in three major scholastic sports of football, basketball and baseball. Three schools members of the conference last year, were voted out because these schools do not participate in the three major sports.

An invitation was tendered to Tarboro High School to become a member of the conference, and it was agreed that one other school would be asked to join in order to make the conference an eight school group.

Members of the conference include Perquimans, Columbia, Plymouth, Williamston, Ahoskie and Scotland Neck.

Library Resumes Regular Schedule

Beginning Saturday, September 17, the Perquimans Library will resume its regular Fall schedule, it was announced today by Mrs. Silas M. Whedbee, member of the Library Board. The library will be opened Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p. m. and on Thursday from 7 to 9 p. m.

Mrs. Whedbee also reported that a number of new books, including Seven Story Mountain, Greatest Story Ever Told, Rest and Be Thankful, Calling Nurse Blair, The Kink's Horse and The Deer Stalker, have been added to the local library collection.

Central PTA Meeting

The Parent-Teacher Association of Perquimans County Central Grammar School will hold its first meeting of the school year Monday night, September 19, at 8 o'clock.

The Belvidere community will have charge of the program, the subject being, "My Child's School." Refreshments will be served. All patrons are urged to attend.