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## Recorder's Court Disposes Of Varied Docket On Tuesday

### Traffic Violators Head List Of Defendants Heard

A varied docket, consisting of 12 cases, was disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here Tuesday morning with Judge Chas. E. Johnson, presiding.

A fine of \$10 and costs of court was assessed against Rufus Spellman on a charge of violating regulations on a burning permit. Spellman entered a plea of guilty to the charge, which alleged the defendant failed to notify neighboring landowners that he intended starting a fire in a woodland area.

James Taylor and Samuel Jones entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and each paid the costs of court.

A fine of \$10 and costs was taxed against Robbie Smith who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding.

James Green, Negro, charged with non-support of his children, was found guilty and sentenced to 30 days in jail; sentence suspended upon payment of \$15 per week for the use of the children. A performance bond of \$200 was ordered by Judge Johnson.

William Freeze entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving without a license. He was fined \$25 and costs of court.

Alphonso Felton, Negro and Johnnie Chappell, charged with reckless driving, each entered a plea of guilty and each was ordered to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of court.

A verdict of guilty was returned against Ray Perry, Jr., charged with driving drunk and he was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs. Perry, through his attorney, W. G. Edwards, noted an appeal to the Superior Court. Johnnie Stokely, Negro, charged with reckless driving, was found guilty. He was given a 30 day jail sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs of court.

Carlton Perry, Negro, paid the costs of court after pleading guilty to a charge of passing a school bus while it was unloading children.

Garland Bunch, charged on several accounts with assault and trespass, following an affray near Belvidere late last week, was released into the custody of his wife, pending admittance to a Veterans Hospital for observation and treatment. Bunch entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault on Alphonso Cartwright. In releasing the defendant into his wife's custody Judge Johnson returned a judgment whereby any person offering or giving Bunch liquor prior to his admission to a hospital will be in contempt of court.

Three traffic cases were continued until the next term of court.

## Census Workers To Be Selected Soon

F. Webb Williams, District Supervisor for the Census to be taken beginning about April 1, visited Hertford on Tuesday and announced that the 18 census employees assigned for Perquimans County will be named very shortly. Mr. Williams stated that he has received a large number of applications for the positions and added that he expected more prior to examinations for the jobs which are to be given later.

Perquimans County will have one crew leader and 12 enumerators, Mr. Williams announced.

A school for the crew leaders will be conducted at Washington, N. C., for a period of one week beginning March 6, and following this school advisory meetings for the enumerators will be held in each county.

Mr. Williams stated that the workers will consume two to three weeks counting heads in the county and gathering other information concerning the census and that the work of the crew leader will consume about four weeks.

## Health Department Adopts New Hours

The District Board of Health, meeting in regular session last week, voted to adopt the five-day week for offices of the district, on a trial basis ending July 1.

During the meeting the shortage of nurses for the health district was discussed at length but no action was taken on the matter.

An audit of the Health Department books was ordered for near the end of the fiscal year.

## CHOIR DIRECTOR



PROF. THANE McDONALD

Prof. Thane McDonald, head of the Music Department at Wake Forest College, will present a short organ program at Hertford on Saturday afternoon, March 4, at 3:45 o'clock in the First Baptist Church.

Prof. McDonald's program will be followed by a concert to be given by the well known Wake Forest College Choir at 4 o'clock in the church.

A gifted organist and choir director, Prof. McDonald and his choir will present a total of 25 concerts during the winter and spring months.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The United States broke diplomatic relations with Bulgaria this week, following long weeks of tension between the two nations. In announcing the break a United States note said that Bulgaria was not a fit member of the family of nations. A report stated that the break between the two nations followed a Bulgarian charge that U. S. officials used its legation as a spy center.

Reports from Washington on Wednesday stated that little progress was being made toward negotiating contract between coal operators and miners. Meanwhile, miners over the nation have refused to work until a contract has been signed. The U. S. coal pile has been dwindling and industry is expected to suffer severely unless the mines are again placed in operation immediately. The nation has only a few more days coal supply and it is estimated that several days will be needed for coal to start moving to supply centers after the miners return to work.

News from Raleigh this week indicated that Willis Smith, prominent attorney and formerly of Elizabeth City, may enter the political race for the U. S. Senate against Senator Frank Graham. Smith is reported to have stated he will make a decision on the matter this week. Meanwhile, Senator Graham launched his campaign for election by opening headquarters in Raleigh on Tuesday.

Great Britain is awaiting the outcome of its election held Thursday, which is expected to decide the fate of the Socialist government for the next several years. Led by Winston Churchill, the British Conservative party waged a fierce campaign to recapture the control of the government.

## Hertford Group At 4-H Clothing School

Twelve Home Demonstration Club clothing leaders and eight 4-H Club girls from Perquimans County attended a 4-H Clothing School which was held in Elizabeth City on Tuesday, February 21.

Miss Jane Gibbs, Extension clothing specialist, was in charge of the meeting, which included talks on the 4-H Leader and the Clothing Program, Fabrics We Will Be Wearing in 1950, and Points on Shopping.

Miss Ada Mae Marshall, teen-age stylist for Simplicity Pattern Company, spoke on How to Put on a Fashion Show and ended the program with Costumes and Conduct for the 4-H Modern Miss, which was a fashion show using Pasquotank 4-H models.

## WEEK OF PRAYER

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Hertford Baptist Church will observe a week of Prayer for home missions starting Monday night, February 27 at 7:30 P. M., Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 P. M., and Wednesday night at 7:30 P. M. All services will be held at the church and the public is invited to attend.

## Mrs. Alice Futrell Mrs. Tom Skipsey Resign School Posts

### Board of Education Selects Mrs. Whedbee as Teacher

Mrs. Alice E. Futrell, member of the Perquimans County Board of Education, for the past four years, tendered her resignation at a meeting of the Board held February 15, it was announced today by J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent.

In tendering her resignation Mrs. Futrell stated, "I have enjoyed working with the Board of educational advancement in Perquimans County and will miss the business and professional contact enjoyed at every Board meeting, however, circumstances and other duties outweigh this pleasure and responsibility."

The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation without planning to fill the vacancy immediately.

At the same meeting Mrs. Tom Skipsey tendered her resignation as a teacher at Perquimans High School, effective immediately, and this resignation likewise was reluctantly accepted and Mrs. Silas M. Whedbee was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Skipsey.

A request, made by patrons of the Hertford Grammar School for the construction of a concrete play area at the school was granted by the Board.

Mr. Biggers stated that plans for calling for bids and starting of construction at the Union School in Winfall and the Hertford Negro school simultaneously were adopted by the Board.

A proposal to construct a kitchen in connection with the vocational building at the Perquimans High School was tabled at this meeting.

## Central PTA Holds Founders Day Meet

Founder's Day was observed by the Parent Teacher Association of Perquimans County Central Grammar School at the meeting held Monday night, February 20, in the school auditorium.

The Whiteston community, with Mrs. Archie White as chairman, presented the program. The opening song was "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." Mrs. Roy Winslow led the devotional followed by a playlet, "The Modern Prodigal," with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lassiter, Miss Lucille Lane and Ellsberry Lane taking part. An interesting Founder's Day radio program was given by Mrs. Merrill Winslow, Mrs. Crafton Winslow, Mrs. Dempsey Winslow, Mrs. Nathan Riddick, Mrs. Ralph White, Miss Pearl White and Miss Johnnie White. A Founder's Day collection was taken.

Mrs. M. D. Lane, president, presided during the business session. The secretary, Mrs. Elijah White, read the President's Message and the minutes of the last meeting.

Mrs. Wendell Benton announced that the Whiteston community, with Mrs. Charlie White as chairman, would have charge of the March Study Group. The meeting adjourned with the singing of "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds."

The third and fourth grades, Mrs. E. B. Edwards, teacher, received the attendance award.

## Mrs. William Madre Dies Wednesday Night

Mrs. William Madre, 80, widow of the late William Madre, died unexpectedly at her home in Hertford Wednesday night. Time of death was not determined as Mrs. Madre was found dead at about 11 o'clock P. M.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. I. A. Wainwright, of Richmond, Va., and one sister, Mrs. L. W. Norman of Hertford.

The body was removed to the Lynch Funeral Home pending funeral arrangements.

## Farm Program For Negroes March 1st

A three hour agronomy school for Negro farmers has been planned for Wednesday, March 1, at 1 P. M., in the office of the Negro Farm Agent, it was announced today by W. C. Stroud, Negro Farm Agent.

Specialists from State College Station in Raleigh will be present to assist with problems and recommendations on production of corn, cotton, peanuts and soy beans and Negro farmers of the county are urged to attend.

## Plans Completed To Open Red Cross Drive In County On Monday

### Quota Set At \$1,395 By Chapter Officials In Meeting Here

Plans were completed this week by officers of the Perquimans Chapter of the American Red Cross for the annual Roll Call for members which will get underway here on Monday with solicitations being made in the announced by Henry C. Stokes, Jr., chairman of the campaign. Canvassing of residential districts will start on March 1.

Drive plans call for Mr. Stokes and Robert Elliott to head up the committee in charge of soliciting the business district, while Mrs. Julian A. White will serve as chairman of the house to house canvassers in Hertford. Mrs. Nina B. White, County Home Agent, will direct the canvass in rural communities, W. C. Stroud and Minnie B. Taylor will serve as co-chairmen for the Colored division.

"Efforts will be made to conduct a short concentrated campaign which will result in obtaining our quota within a reasonable time," Mr. Stokes said.

The quota assigned Perquimans County is \$1,395, about half of this amount will be turned over to the National Headquarters while the remainder is retained in the local treasury for expenses of the county chapter.

During the past year the Perquimans Chapter carried out a number of local projects, including the swimming classes at Harvey Point, and these somewhat depleted the surplus in the chapter treasury. Thus the quota for this year's campaign is slightly higher than for the campaign last year.

Individuals are urged to give wholehearted support to the Red Cross drive and help Perquimans achieve its quota. Mr. Stokes stated that it is quite possible that solicitors may fail to contact every individual in the county during the campaign but he added that those missed by solicitors may contribute to the fund by mailing contributions direct to the Red Cross chairman or leaving the contribution at the Post Office in Hertford.

## Indians-Creswell Divide Cage Games

Perquimans High School's basketball teams divided a double-header with the Creswell boys and girls here Monday night when the Indian Squaws trounced the Creswell girls by a 40-20 margin and the Indians lost by a 44-39 score.

Janice Perry led the local girls in the one-sided victory over the Creswell lassies, scoring a total of 28 points. Davenport had 12 points for the losers. Perquimans held a 19-10 edge at the first period and jumped this to a 28-10 advantage at half time. The local girls coasted to victory during the second half.

Coach Ellie Pearing's Indians had an off night with their shooting and were unable to keep abreast of the fast driving boys from Creswell. The Tyrrell County boys took a nine-three lead in the first period and led 20-8 at half time. Perquimans outscored Creswell during the last half but the lead maintained during the first half was sufficient for the visitors to capture the victory.

The Indians lost a one-point decision to Scotland Neck in the Albemarle Conference tourney at Williamston last Thursday and were thus eliminated from the play. The score was 39-38. Ahooskie, with victories over Columbia and Williamston, captured the conference championship.

## Pat Phillips Wins Speaking Contest

Pat Phillips, a senior at Perquimans High School, won the County Oratorical Contest conducted this week by the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion. Other students taking part in the contest were Marvin White, Wade Jordan and Louis Dawson.

The subject for the speaking contest was "The Constitution," and as winner of the county event Miss Phillips will compete against the winner of the Pasquotank contest on next Tuesday night at the Agriculture Building in Hertford for district honors. The contest next Tuesday will start at 8 o'clock and the public is invited to attend.

Judges for the contest held here this week were Superintendent of Schools J. T. Biggers, the Rev. C. W. Duling and the Rev. Ben O. Merritt.

## Patrolman Reports On Three Accidents

State Highway Patrolman B. R. Inscoe made reports Monday on three highway accidents occurring in the county during the week-end. Wayland White, Jr., and Floyd Monks received injuries when a car in which they were riding turned over on highway N. C. 37 Saturday night. Damage to the car was estimated at \$150. The accident happened about one mile from Belvidere.

Herman Dixon, Negro, driving a Pontiac car, failed to make the curve on Church Street leading to the Perquimans River bridge at about 11:30 Saturday night and his car came to a stop astride the girder of the bridge. Nixon told Patrolman Inscoe he was traveling about 40 miles per hour and didn't have time to apply his brakes. Damage to the car was estimated at about \$250.

Edward Alvin, driving a Buick, turned over on the curve at the west edge of Winfall Saturday night and damaged his car considerably, but he and other occupants of the car escaped injury. Damage to the car was estimated at \$225.

## Mary Inez Chappell Becomes Bride Of Charles M. Harrell

In an afternoon ceremony, Sunday, February 12, at the Bethel Baptist Church, Miss Mary Inez Chappell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Chappell, became the bride of Charles Manning Harrell, son of Mrs. Charles M. Harrell and the late Mr. Harrell of Hertford. The double ring ceremony was used with the Rev. E. G. Willis, pastor of the bride officiating.

The church was decorated with ferns, palms, white gladioli and lighted tapers in seven branch candelabras. Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, pianist, rendered a program of nuptial music. Edward Jordan, soloist, sang, Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life and I Love You Truly. As the marriage vows were exchanged Indian Love Call was played softly.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown of bridal white Duchesse satin, fashioned with a yoke flared in sheer marquisette, and encircled by an applied band of Chantilly lace edged with a bertha of self same lace. The long sleeves ended in wedding peaks over the hands. The snug basque bodice which buttoned up the back with tiny self-covered buttons, was accented by the bouffant skirt forming into a sweeping train. Her finger tip length veil of delicate French illusion, was arranged from a tiara of pearls and bugle beads. She carried a white prayer book covered with a white orchid and showered with stapanotis which were tied with satin ribbon. Her only ornament was an opal necklace, gift of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Elliott Layden, cousin of the bride, was matron of honor. She was dressed in a gown of pink satin with fitted bodice, sheer marquisette yoke with bertha edged in pink lace. Her hoop skirt was caught at intervals with pink flowers. She wore a pink satin bonnet with matching mitts and carried a round bouquet of mixed flowers.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. Irwin Long and Mrs. Bobby Elliott. They wore identical gowns of aqua satin with fitted bodice and sheer marquisette yoke. Their hoop skirts were caught at intervals with matching flowers. They wore matching bonnets and mitts and carried bouquets of mixed flowers.

Little Carolyn Paige Long, cousin of the bride was flower girl. Her white satin gown was made similar to the bride's and she carried a nosegay of mixed flowers.

Mr. Harrell had as his best man, Tommy Leigh of Newport News, Va. The groomsmen were R. S. Chappell, Jr., brother of the bride, and Charles Skinner, Jr.

Mistresses of ceremony were Mrs. J. W. Ward and Mrs. Lawrence Towse. The brides mother wore a dress of (Concluded on Page Six)

## Few Fans Turn Out For Baseball Meeting

Less than a dozen baseball fans turned out for a meeting called for last Monday night at the Court House in Hertford, and local persons interested in promoting a baseball team in Hertford during the summer are now wondering if there is sufficient interest in the sport in this community to proceed with tentative plans for fielding a team.

Representatives of Hertford will attend a meeting of the Albemarle League at Windsor next Monday night and will plan to continue in the league in the event that the league adopts a drastic step towards reducing the operational costs as compared to the past two seasons.

## 21 Volunteers Give Blood To Red Cross Program On Tuesday

### Large Number Fail To Keep Appointments With Bloodmobile

Perquimans County residents contributed only 21 pints of blood to the American Red Cross blood program when the bloodmobile visited Hertford Tuesday this week. The county quota for the program is 100 pints of blood every three months.

Charles M. Harrell, chairman of the local Red Cross committee in charge of the program, reported that officials in charge of the bloodmobile unit expressed the opinion that unless more interest is shown in the program by local residents that Perquimans will be dropped from the project.

A total of 73 persons signed up to donate blood for the program this week but it was reported only 21 filled their appointments and only nine notified the committee as being unable to fill the appointment. Individuals who donated blood this week were Herbert Nixon, Richard Spivey, Bobby Holmes, Zack Harris, Ashley Fleetwood, W. F. Elliott, Tim Perry, Jr., Mrs. W. H. Oakey, Jr., Miss Molly Oakey, Miss Dorothy Oakey, Mrs. W. H. Pitt, G. R. Mathews, C. H. Twiddy, J. B. Perry, Mrs. Charles Whedbee, Mrs. W. G. Wright, Mrs. Manie Zachary, Mrs. J. A. Bray, Mrs. Reginald Tucker and Mrs. J. Vann Roach.

Headquarters for the bloodmobile was set up at the Hertford Methodist Church, with Mrs. W. C. Cherry as chairman of the canteen committee assisted by Mrs. Charles Campen and Mrs. J. A. Leete. Miss Audrey Umphlett was in charge of the nurses group composed of Mrs. Charles Murray, Mrs. John Bray, Mrs. Frank Skinner, Mrs. C. A. Davenport and Miss Leary.

Mrs. T. P. Brinn served as chairman of the registration and receptionist committees and she was assisted by Mrs. Arthur Wood, Mrs. Willis Jessup, Mrs. Sidney Jessup, Mrs. Robert Applewhite and Mrs. Reginald Tucker.

The bloodmobile will visit this county again during the month of May and efforts will be made to create additional interest in the program by that time. Miss Margrave, Field Representative for the Red Cross will speak on the program before members of the Perquimans Home Demonstration Clubs at a meeting to be held in Hertford on March 25.

## Sheriff M. G. Owens To Seek Relection In May Primary

Sheriff Melvin G. Owens today announced his intentions to seek reelection to the office as sheriff of Perquimans County, subject to the decision of the voters in the Democratic Primary to be held in May.

Sheriff Owens is the first county candidate to announce for the 1950 political campaign which will effect all officers of the county with the exception of the Register of Deeds.

In making his announcement Sheriff Owens stated, "I will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff and seek the support and votes of the people of Perquimans in the coming primary."

Mr. Owens has served as sheriff for one term, being elected to the office in 1946. Prior to that time he served as deputy sheriff for a number of years and his tenure in this position was interrupted while he served in the army during the war.

## March Of Dimes Fund Now \$1,344

With six to eight solicitors yet to be heard from, James E. Newby, chairman of the Perquimans March of Dimes campaign, reported on Tuesday that contributions to this campaign now stands at \$1,344.55.

Funds reported during the past week amounted to \$255.49; these reports coming mostly from rural communities turning in contributions for the first time. However, additional reports were received from solicitors of the Hertford business and residential sections.

In making his report this week, Mr. Newby said, "We still have a few returns to be made and these may push our total above the \$1,400 mark. I want to take this opportunity to thank the public for its generous response to the appeal and to each solicitor who had a part in making the 1950 March of Dimes drive a success."