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## Criminal Docket Expected To Consume Entire Week Of Superior Court Term

### Grand Jury Indicts Truck Driver Involved In Highway Death Last February

Perquimans County Superior Court officials indicated late Wednesday that it was apparent the criminal docket of the April term of court will consume practically the entire time allotted for this court. Some 20 criminal cases were listed when court convened Monday morning with Judge Chester Morris, presiding.

Following his charge to the Grand Jury, Judge Morris called the court calendar and five cases listed were marked as continued until the next term of court. These cases were those of John H. White, Negro, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, Roosevelt Smith, Negro, charged with trespassing and larceny; Jesse Felton, Booker T. Harrell and Lester Keel, all charged with driving drunk.

One case, that of Lemiah James, Negro, charged with driving drunk, was completed Monday. The defendant entered a plea of guilty and he was ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

A jury returned a verdict of guilty against Troy Elliott and Joseph Elliott, on two counts, that of possession of non-tax paid whiskey and transporting of the same. This trial was delayed somewhat, when on motion of defense attorney, W. H. Oakley for a motion of non-suit because of an error in the warrant, a juror was withdrawn and the case was retried, later in the day.

Harry Powell, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and he was sentenced to 20 months on the road.

Because of the lack of jurors Judge Morris ordered a special venire of 12 jurors drawn in open court and Sheriff M. G. Owens summoned these men for jury service on Tuesday. Drawn for service were John G. White, Jr., C. C. Banks, Thomas Winslow, Linwood O'Grady, Stephen Perry, William Eugene Winslow, James Campen, Thomas Harris, T. W. Nixon, J. V. Roach, W. D. Perry, Sr., and E. K. Whedbee.

The case of Charlie Meads, charged with driving drunk was completed about noon Wednesday and went to the jury for a verdict. After about 20 minutes deliberation the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

On Tuesday the Grand Jury returned a bill of indictment against Trannis Spellman, charging him with manslaughter in connection with the

## Peanut Acreage Subject Of Meeting Last Friday Night

Peanut allotments for Perquimans County producers was aired at an unofficial meeting of some 60 farmers held last Friday night at the Agriculture Building in Hertford. According to reports, the meeting was called by several individuals in an effort to try for a rearrangement of acreage allotments for 1950.

Local opinion, concerning the farm program, was determined during the meeting, however, little was accomplished in regard to making changes in allotments already set up for this year. It was reported that some individuals, attending the meeting, proposed that part of the acreage already allotted should be taken from producers and given to farmers who have no allotment for this year, due to the fact that they have permitted their peanut allotment to lapse.

According to reports heard, since the meeting, a number of producers who did not attend the discussion Friday night, have expressed themselves as opposed to any such movement. Likewise, it is reported that officials connected with the Farm Program have stated there is no hope that changes can be made in the Farm program this late in the season, and it is very likely that the national program could be rearranged on a county basis.

A petition, it was reported, was drawn during the meeting, asking on the proposals made, but since Friday it is also reported a number of those signing the petition have requested that their names be taken off the petition.

The peanut acreage allotment for 1950 has been a subject of discussion among county farmers for weeks but according to a check with officials connected with the program there appears little chance will be made.

## Library Circulation Shows Good Increase

Perquimans residents are making increased use of the county library, according to reports made at a meeting of the Library Board held last Tuesday. Mrs. Addie Jones told the Board that books circulated within the town of Hertford during February and March totaled 2,801 and that the County Bookmobile circulated 1,839 books throughout the county communities during the same months.

The Library Board announced that new books are being received, and that it is the hope of the Board that more and more residents will make use of the Library facilities, especially the Bookmobile.

It was pointed out that the Board is endeavoring to have the Bookmobile service every community in the county, and individuals, not now served by this unit, are requested to ask the Board for service in their communities, if they desire.

## Nowell-Atkinson Vows Spoken Here Saturday, April 5

Miss Anne Hope Atkinson, daughter of Mrs. William Alford Atkinson and the late Mr. Atkinson, of Elizabethtown, N. C., became the bride of Joseph Warren Nowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nowell, in a double ring ceremony on Saturday, April 5, at five o'clock P. M. at the Hertford Baptist Church. Dr. L. H. Dawson, assisted by the Rev. C. W. Duling, officiated.

Wedding music was rendered by Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, organist, and Miss Dorothy Maynard, vocalist, who sang "Because" and "Oh Promise Me."

The bride was escorted by her uncle, Robert Keith Melvin. She wore an original gown of white satin with a sheer neckline yoke trimmed in seed pearls with a pleated bertha of white satin. The princess lines of the bodice fitted to the skirt which had a pleated peplum with bustle, followed by a formal court train. Her fingertip veil of illusion was held in place by a cap of white satin and seed pearls, caught at the side with clusters of lily of the valley. Her bridal bouquet was white calla lilies.

Miss Enid Atkinson of Wilmington, only sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Her gown was lime green taffeta made with a fitted bodice, with a bertha and a sheer neckline yoke, followed by a full skirt. She carried a bouquet of snapdragons and roses, with matching headband of flowers.

Bridesmaids were Miss Hatty Nowell of Norfolk, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Virginia Battersby. They wore identical gowns of orchid taffeta fashioned like that of the maid of honor with similar bouquets of flowers with matching headbands of flowers.

Best man was the bridegroom's brother, Walter Nowell. Ushers were Francis Nixon, Jack Symons of Hertford and Jack Anderson of Durham.

The bride's mother wore a dress of navy with matching accessories. Her corsage was red roses with valley

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## Trash Collection Days Announced

Mayor V. N. Darden today reminded residents of Hertford that trash collection within the town of Hertford will be made on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week, and he called on local residents to assist the street department in maintaining cleaner streets by observing the collection days.

He requested the cooperation of town residents by asking that they place trash on the streets only on collection days, thus assisting to keep the town streets clean.

He pointed out that any trash placed on the streets other than collection days, must remain until the date for regular trash collection. He asked that this system is for trash collection only and does not include garbage collection.

## Senior Class Play Next Tuesday Night

Announcement was made here today by E. C. Woodard, principal at Perquimans High School, that the play to be presented by members of the Senior Class of the school will be given next Tuesday night, April 25, instead of on the date planned originally.

## Indians Score Two More Victories In Baseball Contests

### Local Team Has Outstanding Scoring Record For Year

The Perquimans High School Indians continued their rampage on the baseball field during the past week by chalking up two more victories at the expense of Scotland Neck and Columbia. Perquimans handed Scotland Neck a 11-0 defeat last Friday afternoon, then came back to trounce Columbia in a five inning contest Tuesday by a score of 32 to 0.

The wins were number five and six for the Indians for the season, without a single loss. In fact, Coach Elie Fearing's charges are making what is probably the outstanding record among high school baseball teams this year. They have scored a total of 97 runs in six games as against only one run, scored by the Williamston team. They are holding a commanding lead in the Albemarle Conference and look like sure bets to cop this pennant for the third straight year.

Earl Rogerson did the mound duty for the Indians in the Scotland Neck game and gave up five hits, while his teammates collected 11 runs on 15 hits. Rogerson displayed great control and in one inning struck out three batters on ten pitched balls.

The contest here Tuesday with Columbia was a run-away from the opening inning and was called at the end of the fifth frame with Perquimans having scored 32 runs on 26 hits. Bright did most of the hurrying for Perquimans against Columbia and struck out four. He had six hits for six times at bat. Benton, Winslow, Walker and Tilley hit home runs for the Indians.

Perquimans jumped into a nine run lead in the first frame, added seven runs in the second, six in the third, four in the fourth and seven in the fifth.

Coach Fearing will take his team to Ahoskie for a return game with the Hertford County team next Tuesday, then on next Friday the Indians will play Plymouth here on Memorial Field. The Indians have defeated both of these teams this season and are expected to continue their victory march in both contests.

## Central PTA Plans Picnic Supper Meet

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Perquimans County Central Grammar School was held Monday night, April 17, in the school auditorium with a very good attendance.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "Long, Long Ago." The Cumberland and Bagley Swamp communities, with the Rev. Coy S. Saunders as chairman, were in charge of the program, using the subject, "Highest Advantages." The Rev. B. O. Merritt conducted the devotional, followed by a duet, "Wonderful Lord," by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peabody, accompanied by Mrs. Dennis Winslow. A recording, "Meet Your Mind," by Dr. William C. Menninger, gave many interesting points concerning mental health.

The president, Mrs. M. D. Lane, presided during the business session. The Objects of Parent-Teacher Associations were read in unison.

Mrs. Elijah White, secretary, read the president's message and minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Dennis Winslow gave the report of the treasury. It was announced that a picnic supper will be served at the meeting in May. Mrs. A. R. Cook asked that each room have a safety display at that time.

J. P. Snipes told of the work accomplished by Dr. E. T. Koonce, State Health Dentist, during his two weeks in the school. Mr. Snipes announced that the Pre-School Clinic will be held at the school May 1 at 9 A. M. Due to the absence of Mrs. E. B. Edwards, historian, Mrs. Elijah White read her report, "The History of Perquimans County Central Grammar School Parent-Teacher Association."

Best wishes were extended to Mrs. Edwards during her illness. The meeting closed with a short recreational period led by the Rev. Carl Yow.

The first and second grades, Mrs. Mary White, teacher, received the attendance award.

**HOLD FISH FRY**  
Members of the Hertford Rotary Club held a fish fry at the municipal plant in Hertford last Tuesday night. The next one will be held next Tuesday at the same place.

## Legion Auxiliary Committees Named At Meeting Thurs.

### Members Urged to Renew Membership Before Deadline June 1

The Auxiliary of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion met on Thursday, April 13, at the Agriculture Building with Mrs. B. C. Berry, unit president, in charge of the business session. Fourteen members were present.

After the colors were advanced by Mrs. W. G. Hollowell, the preamble was quoted in unison, then prayer was led by Mrs. Ethel Perry. The minutes were read by Mrs. Hollowell and the treasurer's report was given by Mrs. J. R. Webb.

It was voted that the unit will send two girls to Girl's State, and will send cards to the sick. Mrs. Hollowell gave a report on the district meeting held in Elizabeth City on April 3, which was attended by seven members from Hertford. It was announced that the Department books will close June 1, and all members are urged to renew membership prior to that date. The last Thursday night of each month was designated as meeting night for the unit.

Mrs. Berry appointed the following committees: Membership, Mesdames Sarah White, chairman, Elizabeth Snipes, Edla Webb, Thelma Hollowell, Annie M. Baker, Shelton G. Chappell, Elinor Wilder; Child's Welfare, Mesdames Grace Morris, chairman, Pick Sumner, Mary Brinn; Music, Mrs. Ruby White, chairman; Rehabilitation, Mesdames Ida Lee Chory, chairman, Elsie Gregory, Doris Ainsley; Community Service, Mesdames Helen W. Winslow, chairman, Helen Skinner, Carroll V. Ward; Ways and Means, Mesdames Elizabeth Snipes, chairman, Edla Webb, Lanette Darden; Americanism, Mesdames Helen Skinner, Mary Reed, Alice Roach; National Defense, Mrs. Thelma Hollowell; Publicity, Mrs. Madge Towe; Girl's State, Mrs. Alice B. Putrell; Program, Mesdames Sybil Broughton, chairman, Bertha Lane; Gold Star Mothers, Mesdames Lillie Vann, chairman, Elsie Gregory, Lucille Long White; Poppy Sales, Mesdames Lesie White, chairman, Edla Webb and Ethel Perry.

At the conclusion of their meeting, members met in joint business discussion with the American Legion Post.

## Officers Elected By Hertford PTA

The regular meeting of the Hertford Grammar School Parent-Teacher Association was held in the school auditorium April 13 at 8 o'clock, with the president, Mrs. D. M. Jackson, presiding. The meeting opened with the hymn, "God of Our Fathers" being sung in unison. In the absence of the secretary, Mrs. T. P. Brinn read the minutes and the monthly message from the State PTA president.

During the business session the following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Mrs. W. C. Cherry; vice president, Mrs. J. A. Leete; secretary, Mrs. Silas Whedbee and treasurer, Mrs. Joe Towe. The association voted to send a check for \$25 to Bert Ainsworth in appreciation of his untiring efforts with the members of the band. It was also decided to give \$5.00 to the National PTA headquarters Building in Chicago. Since the PTA sponsors the Girl Scouts of this county, the association agreed to buy four troop flags to be presented to the Scout troops at a later date. Mrs. Jackson urged all parents to cooperate both financially and physically when called on to help construct the concrete play area on the school yard.

The Ballshack community, with Mrs. Lawrence Perry as chairman, presented a most interesting program, the subject being "Highest Advantages." Mrs. Perry gave the devotional, which was taken from the Gospel of Saint Matthew, and then she led in prayer. Miss Katharine Goodwin and Miss Shirley Goodwin sang a duet, "The Old Rugged Cross." The Rev. Paul Lemons very ably discussed "What We Ought to Do For the Spiritual Development of the Child."

At the close of the meeting, door prizes were won by Mrs. Cecil White and the Rev. Paul Lemons.

**MASONS TO MEET**  
Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet next Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the lodge room in the Court House. All members are urged to be present.

## Twenty-eight Candidates Seek County Offices Through Democratic Primary

### Mrs. Alethia S. Hill Died Tuesday Morning

Mrs. Alethia Sample Hill, 72, died Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at the home of her sister, Mrs. O. L. Lane, in Elizabeth City, after a lingering illness.

She was born at Woodville, the daughter of the late William J. and Ellen Davenport Sample. She was the wife of the late John T. Hill.

She is survived by one other sister, Mrs. J. S. Tuttle of Norfolk and one sister-in-law, Mrs. Mae Sample of Elizabeth City, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. Ben O. Merritt, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church. Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery.

## County Committee Starts Drive For Baseball Funds

A drive to raise \$2,000, to offset fixed expenses for a Perquimans County baseball club in the Albemarle League was started here last Friday when a group of fans, previously named to the club committee, met and voted to continue efforts to give this county a baseball team during the coming summer. The funds raised will be used to pay League appropriations of \$60 per week, buy uniforms and other equipment and post a forfeiture bond with the league president.

The committee, meeting last Friday night, voted to field a team and make efforts to provide funds for these fixed expenses, however, it retained its opinion that salaries for players will come only from the gate receipts.

Sidney Blanchard, chairman of the committee, named Henry Clay Stokes, J. W. Dillon, Charles M. Harrell, Cecil Winslow, Joe Towe, Tim Matthews, Charlie Umphlett, Steve Perry, Tom Eason, A. R. Cooke and Archie T. Lans as a finance committee to conduct the drive for funds for the team.

Mr. Blanchard, A. W. Hefren, Edgar Morris and Julian A. White were named to a committee to seek players for the organization.

Henry C. Stokes, Jr., and A. R. Cooke were named to the county committee for the club.

It was the opinion of the committee members that Perquimans should make every effort to place a team in the field this summer, and that this team will be self-supporting providing funds will be made available to pay the fixed expenses imposed by the league. These expenses cover payment of a \$250 annual salary to the league president and fees for two umpires at each game.

The county committee will meet again on Friday, April 28 at which time the finance committee is to report on progress of the fund drive.

## Census Workers Completing Task

Perquimans County Census takers, who have been canvassing the county since April 1, in connection with the counting of individuals and gathering other pertinent information are nearing completion of the task according to Walter G. Edwards, County Crew Leader.

Mr. Edwards reported this week that the crew has completed about 75 per cent of the job and that he believes the remainder of the work will be finished within the next week or two.

Call-backs, returning to homes for information, Mr. Edwards said, have consumed much time and slowed the workers in the job of gathering information needed. He expressed himself as pleased with the job being done by the crew and also thanks the public for the cooperation rendered to the census workers.

## School Principals Re-elected To Jobs

County School committees which met here this week re-elected E. C. Woodard as principal at Perquimans High School, James Snipes as principal at Central Grammar School and Miss Thelma Elliott as principal at Hertford Grammar School.

John T. Biggers, County Superintendent, stated today the committees will meet again next week for the purpose of electing the members of the faculty at the various schools.

## Number of Contests Develop With Last Minute Filing

A total of 28 persons filed their candidacy for county offices with the Perquimans Board of Election, prior to the deadline last Saturday afternoon, it was announced by W. F. Ainsley, chairman of the Board. With the large number of candidates in the field, a number of contests are scheduled for the primary to be held May 27.

Four nominations for offices are certified with only one candidate trying for the office. These are Clerk of Court, with W. H. Pitt, being the only candidate; county treasurer, with Max Campbell the candidate; Judge of Recorder's Court, Charles E. Johnson, candidate, and County Coroner, Dr. C. A. Davenport, candidate.

There are four candidates for the Board of Education to fill four memberships and thus Mrs. T. P. Brinn, Mrs. A. R. Cook, Edgar Morris and Clarence Chappell will be certified as the nominees.

J. Emmett Winslow is a candidate for re-election to the office as State Senator for the First District. He is one of three candidates seeking the two seats at stake.

There are four candidates seeking the nomination for Sheriff. Those having filed for the office are Melvin G. Owens, Herbert N. Nixon, J. Kelly White and Nathan Trueblood.

Carroll R. Holmes and E. M. Perry are candidates for the office of Representative. This race developed last Thursday when Perry, present chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, filed for the office. Holmes announced himself as a candidate several weeks ago.

Five contests developed for membership on the Board of County Commissioners when a total of 13 citizens filed for the office. One candidate from each township will be nominated in the primary. Seeking the nominations are George Powell, Archie T. Lane and Joe Towe, for Hertford Township; Freeman Long, Roy Chappell and Charles R. Ward, for Bethel; Charlie Umphlett and E. B. Hollowell, for Parkville; W. A. Chappell and Irvin A. Turner, for New Hope; Shelton G. Chappell, W. A. Winslow and William C. Chappell, for Belvidere Township.

Roy Chappell, incumbent commissioner for Bethel and Charles Ward, filed for the Board from Bethel late last week. Chappell has served as commissioner for a number of terms. Ward is active in civic affairs and is engaged in the garage business in Hertford. E. B. Hollowell, Parkville township resident and prominent farmer, was also among those who filed Saturday, as was William C. Chappell, from Belvidere. Mr. Chappell has long taken an active interest in public affairs and is widely known throughout the county. Winslow, the third candidate from Belvidere, is also widely known throughout the county.

Edgar Morris and Mrs. A. R. Cook filed as candidates for the Board of Education on last Saturday. Mrs. Cook is seeking re-election to the Board and Morris is a candidate for the position held by Julian A. White who announced he was retiring from the Board.

## County Club Women At District Meeting

Ninety-two club women from Perquimans County attended the District meeting of the Home Demonstration Clubs held at Central High School on April 18.

Miss Iris Davenport, Editor of Woman's Department of Southern Agriculturist, who was guest speaker had as her subject "You Are Important."

Mrs. Verona J. Langford, Eastern District Agent, installed the 1951 officers. Mrs. N. D. Chappell of Belvidere, was installed as District Secretary.

Those serving on committees from Perquimans County were Mrs. W. E. Dail, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Mrs. Henry Elliott served on the time and place committee, and Mrs. Sara Jane Banks served on the nominating committee. Three of the Perquimans County women, Mrs. William Winslow, Mrs. Tommy Matthews, and Mrs. J. B. Basnight participated in the District Report which was in the form of a passing parade.

**OES TO MEET MONDAY**  
The Hertford chapter of the order of Eastern Star will meet next Monday night at eight o'clock in the lodge rooms. All members are urged to be present.