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## ESCAPED JAIL PRISONER RETURNED TO CUSTODY AFTER FOUR HOURS FREEDOM

### Dennis Forbes Picks Jail Locks In Getaway on Sunday Night

Using a piece of bailing wire and a pop opener to unlock doors, Dennis Forbes, a prisoner in Perquimans County jail, awaiting trial at the October term of Superior Court, escaped from the jail about 9 o'clock Sunday night but was back in custody of local authorities before 1 A. M., Monday morning.

After escaping from the local jail Forbes went to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Forbes, in Elizabeth City. On his arrival there his parents returned him to Hertford and turned him over to the Hertford police.

Forbes is in jail awaiting trial at the next term of Superior Court; he is being held on seven charges, being unable to raise bond set following an appeal of a road sentence meted out by the Recorder's Court.

In a statement given to Sheriff M. G. Owens on Monday, Forbes said that he had found the piece of wire in his cell. He spent about three weeks tinkering with the lock of his cell and finally learned how to unlock the cell door with the wire. He then fashioned a key for the front jail door from a metal pop opener and used this instrument to escape Sunday night. He added that he had walked away from the jail and left Hertford, walking about seven miles toward Elizabeth City before getting a ride in a car. On arrival to Elizabeth City he went immediately to the home of his parents and told them he had escaped from the jail here.

According to Forbes his parents told him that they were bringing him back to the local authorities, which they did. He was out of custody about four hours.

In closing his statement to Sheriff Owens, Forbes said that he was glad that his parents had returned him to jail as he thought he had gotten himself into more trouble if he had not been returned to custody.

## Changes Made In Polio Regulations

The District Health Department has made some changes in regulations governing polio quarantine, it was announced Wednesday by Miss Audrey Umphlett, County Health Nurse.

Miss Umphlett reported that the isolation period has been reduced from 14 days to seven days, providing fever has subsided, but this period is extended in the event that fever of a suspect does not subside.

The quarantine period of contact persons has also been reduced from 14 days to seven days from the date of last exposure.

A number of inquiries have been made at the local health office during the past week regarding the time period for both isolation and contact quarantine, and these changes are reported in order that the public may fully understand the changes made.

## School Principals To Meet Tuesday

Special meetings of all principals of county schools will be held in the office of the superintendent of schools next Tuesday, August 29, it was announced today by J. T. Biggers, Superintendent. Mr. Biggers said that principals of all white schools will meet at 10:30 A. M., while principals of Negro schools will meet at 2 P. M. All school principals will resume their duties this week and may be found in their offices at the various schools by persons desiring to discuss matters with the principals concerning the new school term, Mr. Biggers said.

## Summer Holidays End On August 30

Half-holidays, observed by Hertford stores and business houses on Wednesdays during the summer months, will come to an end on Wednesday, August 30, it was announced here this morning.

Most stores in Hertford will resume their schedule of business hours on Wednesdays beginning the week of September 4.

## ATTEND REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Berry and son, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dill and son, Jay, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. and son, and Mrs. B. J. and son, of the Berry family reunion, will be held at the home of Mrs. Berry on Tuesday, August 29.

## Board Of Education To Meet August 30

Members of the Perquimans County Board of Education will meet next Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock, instead of holding its regular meeting on Monday, September 4, it was announced today by J. T. Biggers, County School Superintendent.

Mr. Biggers stated that several items of importance, including some changes in county school bus routes, will be handled by the Board during the meeting. Final plans for opening the Fall term of school will also be made, Mr. Biggers stated.

He added that any person having business to discuss with the Board is requested to appear at the meeting Wednesday night.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Communist forces have been stalled in their drive for the Korean city of Taegu by the U. S. and South Korean troops. Reports from the war front during the past week have indicated a strengthening of the U. N. forces, and it appears that six attacks by U. S. planes is beginning to effect the Red Supply line. Increased equipment for the U. N. troops have enabled the defenders to take a heavy toll of Red forces. By mid-week Americans and South Koreans had stopped the Red offensive on all sectors and started a slow advance, which had gained one-half mile of territory for the U. N. troops.

Additional ground troops for the Korean fighting men are expected on the front shortly as England, France and other U. N. members have announced they are sending men to Korea immediately in answer to General MacArthur's appeal for more men to assist the Americans and South Koreans.

Cost of living has increased more than one per cent since June 15, it was reported this week by the Government, and some officials point to even higher prices in the days to come. Prices are highest in two years despite official claim of large supply. Increased prices on meat, fresh fruit and vegetables are reported responsible for the gain during the past month.

Personal income dropped in North Carolina last year, according to a report which revealed that Federal tax payments from North Carolina decreased during 1949. The State, with an estimated 2.69 per cent of the national population, paid 2.90 per cent of the Federal tax bill for the year. Increased tax schedules for this year are expected to take a larger amount from Tar Heels than collected in 1949.

A Washington report issued Wednesday stated that Defense Secretary Johnson told a Congressional committee he expects the Korean war to be settled by February, 1951, providing UN plans for the campaign are carried out according to schedule.

Heated debates were carried out in the United Nations this week when Russia demanded that the United States withdraw its troops from Korea, continuing its line that the U. S. was responsible for the aggression. Chief U. S. Delegate Warren Austin called the Russian charges "appalling" and revealed that Russian shells had been captured in Korea. Britain's representative also lashed out at the Russian delegate by saying that Russia was supporting North Korea rather than working for peace.

## Donkey Ball Game Scheduled Tonight

Plans are completed and teams have been selected for the donkey baseball game to be played at Memorial Field Friday night under the sponsorship of the Parkville Township Baseball Club. It was announced today by Marvin White, chairman of the committee arranging the game.

The game will be played under the lights, beginning at 8 P. M., and proceeds from the contest will be used by the civic club to construct an archway from the Perquimans Grammar School to the bus lane, to provide shelter for school students during bad weather.

MARSHES WILL MEET TUESDAY  
Perquimans Lodge, No. 194, A. O. U. W. will meet next Tuesday night.



AVIATION ENGINEERS WORK KOREAN STYLE—Before adequate modern equipment was available, a small detachment of U. S. Army Aviation Engineers supervised Korean laborers in repairing this damaged runway. Supplies for the ground forces in the front lines were airlifted to this strip and then sent to their destination by truck and rail. Standing in the left foreground is Captain William Turner, in charge of the Engineers in this South Korean

## Football Practice Being Held Daily At Memorial Field

### Coach Fearing Reports 25 Candidates Out For 1950 Team

More than 25 candidates have answered the call for the 1950 football tryouts being held at Perquimans High School Memorial Field each afternoon by Coach Ellie Fearing, and other students are expected to start practicing with the opening of schools next week.

The grid sessions got under way last week and drills have been held daily since the organization meeting. Coach Fearing has been giving the players plenty of calisthenics and practice in passing and running, also much work has been done on pass defense.

Fearing stated that the prospects for this year's team appear brighter than last season. He has a large number of players who gained experience last season, and supplemented by a number of new candidates the Indians are expected to show increased offensive and defensive strength.

The coach attended a clinic at Williamston on Monday of this week where 1950 rules were explained and discussed and some time will be spent next week having the members of the Indian team digesting the changes in the regulations.

Coach Fearing announced Friday that practice sessions will not be held next Monday and Tuesday but that the team will resume drills next Wednesday.

The Indian squad will miss a number of veterans this season but will sport a new attack as Coach Fearing expects to switch to a T formation offense.

At the present the Indians' first game is scheduled for September 22, to be played at Farmville, but Coach Fearing stated he is attempting to schedule a home contest to be played on Memorial Field on September 15.

## Officers Named To Head Wildlife Club

Officers for the Perquimans County Wildlife Club, for the year 1950-51, were elected at a recent meeting of the organization, and an ambitious and constructive program for the club is being planned for the coming months.

New officers of the club are Charles Hene, president; J. A. Winslow, vice-president; Jack Kanoy, secretary-treasurer; E. L. Topping, publicity chairman. Members of the executive committee, with each township in the county being represented by two members are, Jack Brinn and Josiah Elliott, Jet Rountree, L. L. Winslow, Charles White, Tim Mathews, S. D. Banks, Dutch Spears, W. H. Smith and Henry Biddick.

The next meeting of the Wildlife Club will be held on Friday, September 8, at the Court House in Hertford and a special invitation is issued to all residents of the town and county to attend. The club officials are working toward increased membership in the group and hope interested persons will attend the meeting next month to learn something of the purposes of the Wildlife Club.

## REVIVAL SERVICES

A series of revival services is being conducted nightly at the Berea Church of Christ. Rev. George Bonjura, president of Roanoke Christian College, of Elizabeth City, is the visiting minister. The public is invited to all services.

## State Department Official To Speak At Rotary Meeting

### Arrangements Being Made For Speech on September 26

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club will have an opportunity to hear pertinent facts on the Economic Implications of the Korea Situation at their meeting on September 26, when an official of the U. S. State Department comes here to address the Rotarians.

Herbert N. Nixon, president of the local club, announced today that arrangements are being completed for the club to have as its guest speaker John A. Loftus, advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs.

Mr. Loftus is scheduled to make a series of addresses in this area during the week of September 25 and will come to Hertford on Tuesday, September 26, according to arrangements made with the State Department.

A graduate of Catholic University and Johns Hopkins University, Mr. Loftus has held teaching positions in the economic field at Kansas and Holy Cross College. During the years 1939-42 he also served as economic consultant to business firms, chiefly on Middle East matters. From 1943 to 1947 he served in the Department of State in the Office of International Trade Policy and later as chief of the Petroleum Division. From 1947 to 1950 he has served as professor of economics at the School for Advanced International Studies in Washington, D. C.

He has also attended a number of international conferences. In 1946 he was the economic advisor for the U. S. delegation at the Paris Peace Conference in 1947 he was the United States delegate for the International Labor Organization Petroleum Industry Conference, held at Los Angeles, and he was a member of the United States delegation at four Anglo-American Oil Conferences in 1944, 1945 and 1946.

## R. C. Murray Resigns Draft Board Post

R. C. Murray, member of the Perquimans Draft Board since its reorganization several weeks ago, has tendered his resignation as board member. It was announced this week by Mrs. Edna Winslow, Clerk of the Board.

A meeting of the board had been planned for this week but Mrs. Winslow announced this meeting will be postponed until the membership is complete.

As yet the local board has received no orders from State Headquarters for selection, however, it is believed that an order for men will be received here, possibly for the month of October.

Several registrants, listed as delinquent last week, have been located by the Board and Mrs. Winslow reported Monday that this Board now has no list of delinquent registrants. She cautioned all registrants, however, to report any change of address or other change in draft status to the Board immediately, in order that files of all registrants can be kept complete at all times.

## ROTARY MEETING

The Hertford Rotary Club will meet next Tuesday night at 8:15 at the Hotel. All members are urged to be present.

## State Engineer Passes On Construction Of Vocational Building At High School

### Hertford Scouts To Pitch Model Camp

Boy Scouts of the Hertford Troop will set up a model Scout Camp on the town lot, in Hertford, next Wednesday, it was reported today by Charles Skinner, Scoutmaster, who said that residents of the town and county are invited to visit the site Wednesday afternoon for an inspection of the camp.

The scouts will pitch their tents and other equipment for the purpose of giving the public an opportunity of seeing a model camp. Handicraft work, done by the local Scouts, will also be on display, it was reported.

## Report On Youth Projects Made At Conference Friday

Perquimans County reports on projects conducted for children and youth which will make up a part of the North Carolina report to be given at the White House Conference in December of this year, were made here last Friday at a meeting held in the Agriculture Building under the chairmanship of Mrs. T. P. Brinn.

Local youth leaders present for the county conference included Mrs. Brinn, Mrs. W. C. Cherry, Miss Thelma Elliott, Mrs. J. P. Chesson, Miss Marjorie Chesson, Miss Rebecca Swindell, Miss Audrey Umphlett, Mrs. Nina B. White, Miss Martha Barnett, Mrs. Clarence Dail, Mrs. Fred Matthews, Miss Virginia Battersby, C. Edgar White, Mayor V. N. Darden, E. C. Woodard, G. C. Buck and E. L. Topping.

Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Negro County Home Agent and Mrs. E. E. Rogerson represented the Negro division at the county conference.

Miss Swindell outlined the purpose of the county conference to those present and explained the background of the White House Conference for youth, which was started in 1908, by President Theodore Roosevelt, to bring about a well planned program for advancement of the nation's children. From these conferences, Miss Swindell reported, have come child labor laws, growth in Public Health, and projects for homeless children.

The purpose of the local meeting was explained by the County Chairman, Mrs. Brinn, who said that the state authorities desire reports from any and all groups carrying out projects for youths, and she requested these reports be filled out and handed to her by the end of this week.

Reports on local projects were made by Mrs. Clarence Dail, representing the County 4-H Clubs, Mrs. Brinn, who told of Girl Scout work in the county, and the Red Cross Swimming classes for children. Miss Thelma Elliott reported on projects as carried out through the schools.

Edgar White, County Superintendent of Welfare, reported on the part his department plays in youth work and conditions within the county.

## Eula Marie Smith Weds Josiah Smith

Miss Eula Marie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Smith, became the bride of Albert Josiah Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith, in a ceremony performed in simple dignity, on Sunday, August 12th, at three thirty P. M.

The marriage vows were spoken by the Rev. James M. Smith, uncle of the groom, at his home.

The house was tastefully decorated with arrangements of cut flowers and silver candelabra, adding a soft glow to the scene.

The bride was attractively dressed in navy blue sheer, with navy and white accessories, and a corsage of red roses.

A large number of relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony.

The young couple are both graduates of Perquimans High School.

After a trip to Washington, D. C., they will make their home at Hertford Route Two.

## REQUEST FOR CHAIR

The Business and Professional Women's Club Sick Room Committee reported today that it has been requested to furnish a wheel chair for a resident of the county. The club's two wheel chairs have been loaned out and the committee requests anyone having a wheel chair which they will permit the club to use temporarily to contact Mrs. D. M. Jackson.

## Plant Now Under Control of Board of Education; Bonds Hold

Perquimans High School's vocational-agriculture building, under construction here during the past year, was officially accepted into the county school system on Tuesday of this week when W. T. Duff, Engineer for the State School House Planning Commission, inspected and passed on the construction of the building.

Several minor jobs remain for the contractors to do before the building is finally completed and Mr. Duff ordered additional work be done to the roof covering the dressing rooms and the agriculture department. Aside from this the State Engineer approved the plant for use by the Board of Education and ordered funds released for final payment of the construction.

Mr. Duff stated, "for a building of this size, I think you have received an excellent construction job." He praised the builders on the type of work carried out throughout the building.

Although release of funds for final payment for the construction was authorized by Mr. Duff, he pointed out that bonds posted by the architect and contractors remain good for one year and in the event any defects show up in the building the bonds of those responsible will be in force to make any adjustments necessary.

Construction of the building was under the direction of J. L. Batton of Edenton, who started the building last winter, it was completed by May and since that date workmen have been putting on the finishing touches to the plant.

Bleachers remain to be placed in the gymnasium, and these are expected to arrive within the next two weeks. The Board of Education is installing 500 seats in the gym, and room remains for an additional 500 seats expected to be added as needed.

With the State approval of the building it is now under control of the Board of Education and will be used starting with the opening of school next week. All agricultural classes and classes in physical education will be conducted in the new building.

## Varied Docket In Recorder's Court Tuesday Morning

A varied docket consisting of nine cases was disposed of in Perquimans County Recorder's Court Tuesday morning, with Judge Chas. E. Johnson presiding.

Charged with speeding, William Worsley and Charles Steel, entered pleas of guilty and paid the costs of court.

Robert Corell was fined \$5 and ordered to pay the costs of court after he had entered a plea of guilty to a charge of speeding.

Costs of court was taxed against Leonard Davis on a charge of unlawful passing of a car. The defendant entered a plea of guilty.

A. P. Barnes entered a plea of guilty to a charge of issuing a worthless check. Prayer of judgment was continued in the case upon condition that the defendant pay the costs of court and the amount of the check.

Alphonzo Taylor, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of non-support of his three children. Prayer for judgment was continued in the case upon condition that the defendant pay the costs of court and \$10 per week for the support of the children.

R. B. Thach was found guilty on a charge of assault on Pat Webb, Negro. He was taxed with the costs of court. Barry Coleman, charged with the same offense was found not guilty.

Paul Hartwell entered a plea of guilty to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign. He paid the costs of court.

## Perquimans Beach Theft Is Reported

Thieves broke into the sleeping quarters of William I. Lowe at Perquimans Beach, Saturday night and made away with a small amount of cash. It was reported Monday by Sheriff M. G. Owens, who is investigating the crime. The Sheriff stated that he has several clues as to the identity of those who broke into the place and that he is investigating these.