

County Commissioners File Answer To Tax Books Suit Brought About By Sheriff

Defendants State Outstanding Taxes Too Large To Accept In Settlement

An answer to a complaint filed in Perquimans Superior Court last week by Sheriff M. G. Owens, in which he seeks a writ of mandamus ordering the County Commissioners to release to him the 1950 tax books, was filed with the clerk of court here Wednesday by attorneys for the defendants.

In the answer the defendants, County Commissioners E. M. Perry, A. T. Lane, George Jackson, T. M. Twine and R. S. Chappell, and Tax Supervisor J. W. Ward, state that they "admit parts of the complaints which state that Owens is the duly elected sheriff but the defendants deny most of the complaint and further state in the answer that the 1949 tax books were turned over to the Sheriff in October, 1949, at which time Sheriff Owens assumed the obligations of carrying out all laws pertaining to the collection of the 1949 taxes. The defendants add that Owens had not complied with these obligations on October 2, at which time they called upon him for settlement of the 1949 taxes.

The answer to the complaint stated: "On or about October 2, 1950, M. G. Owens as Tax Collector was called upon to make full settlement for all taxes for the previous year; that at that time the 1950 tax books had been prepared and was ready to be turned over to the plaintiff upon his settlement of 1949 taxes as required by law. That on that date the plaintiff came before the defendants to make a purported settlement; that said purported settlement was in truth and fact no settlement at all and one which the Board could not legally or morally accept and fulfill the duties as Commissioners. That as part of the settlement offered by the plaintiff were uncollected taxes of various and sundry persons, firms and corporations. The sum of which amounted to \$5,700, and including the taxes of M. G. Owens, the plaintiff, and many other persons well known and recognized of financial worth aggregating the sum of \$3,000, which said plaintiff desired the Board to declare as insolvents and accept in settlement, which the Board could not

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Building Dedicated At Bethel Church Homecoming Sunday

More than 400 persons gathered at the Bethel Baptist Church last Sunday for homecoming, during which another milestone of the church was passed with a dedication of the church's new educational building. In a roll call of guests and former members of Bethel Church now living in other communities, more than twenty churches were represented.

The Rev. E. G. Willis, pastor of the church, presided over the program. Others taking part were the Rev. E. L. Wells, the Rev. R. D. Stevenson, the Rev. J. T. Byrum and the Rev. J. R. Byerly. Music was rendered by the church choir, Mrs. Howard Matthews, and Mrs. F. T. Matthews and pianist, Miss Kate Blanchard.

A history of the church, since its organization in 1806, when a division from the Yeopim Baptist Church was made, giving important events recorded, names of pastors through the years, names of outstanding laymen connected with the church in other years, and outlining, step by step, the progress of Bethel Church, was delivered by W. T. Willoughby of Hertford.

Mrs. M. T. Griffin, treasurer of the building committee, told of the building of the Sunday School rooms, for which plans discussed for several years were put into effect in March of 1949, when church-owned standing timber was felled to provide lumber. Actual construction, she reported, began in July of 1949, with the building completed with a total cash outlay of only \$6,700.00, to provide the church with an educational building whose cost had been estimated to run about \$15,000.

She explained how free labor donated by members and gifts of materials to the church from its membership and friends had made this possible. The whole building is now equipped with a hot air heating plant, the church has a Baptist choir, and new interior lighting, has running water and new furniture for the Sunday School Department.

District Officer To Meet With Jaycees

Clarence Winstead, vice-president of the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, for the Seventh District, will be a guest speaker at a meeting of the Hertford Jaycees, to be held next Wednesday night at 7 o'clock at the Hacienda, it was announced today by Durwood Reed, Jr., president of the local group.

Mr. Winstead will speak to the Hertford Jaycees on the purpose and functions of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Plans are now being formulated by the local Jaycees for a presentation of a black-face minstrel show, with the cast to come from Jaycee membership. The show will be presented by the organization as a project to raise funds to carry out civic projects now under consideration.

Mrs. B. G. Koonce has been asked to serve as director for the show, and Talmadge Rose, Emmett Landring and Jarvis Ward compose a committee named to handle arrangements for the production.

Indians Score Win Over Edenton Aces In Game Last Week

Perquimans Indians upset the dope bucket last Friday night when they trounced their old rivals, the Edenton Aces in a football game played on Memorial Field before a large crowd of fans. The final score was 7-0.

Perquimans took the lead in the game on the second play of the third quarter when A. L. Lane slashed off the right side of the line and scampered 55 yards for a touchdown. Lane was given fine blocking by Walker, Sumner and Thatch.

In the try for the extra point, Walker went through the line to make the point good and the score stood at 7-0.

The Indians played heads-up ball throughout the contest, displaying fine defensive work and a driving offense which had Edenton off balance the whole game.

In the first half Perquimans dominated the play with a ground and air attack but several fumbles proved costly to the Indian drive when these fumbles were recovered by Edenton. The Indians were marching for a TD in the final minutes of the second period and had the ball on Edenton's nine yard line when the half ended.

Edenton, playing without the services of one of its star backs, threatened seriously to score in the final period, after having blocked a Perquimans punt. The Aces moved the ball from the 40 yard line to the eight yard stripe with two minutes of play remaining. The Indians tightened their defense at this time and on four tries Edenton gained only two yards, the Indians then took over the ball and the clock ran out.

Thatch, Sumner, Winslow, Shackelford showed best on the defense for the Indians while Towe, Morris, Williams, Walker and Lane were outstanding on the offense.

Cannady was outstanding for Edenton, and did a nice job of running the ball for the Edenton team.

Perquimans meets another conference opponent next Friday when the team goes to Columbia for a contest with the Wildcats. The Indians will play at home again on Friday, November 10.

Layden Services Held Wednesday P.M.

Robert Lee Layden, age 54, a native and life long resident of Perquimans County and of Hertford, Route 3, died in the Albemarle Hospital Monday morning at 10 o'clock after a lingering illness. He was a retired farmer, son of the late R. T. and Mary Burgess Layden and the husband of Mrs. Mary Harris Layden of Hertford, Route 3.

Besides his wife he is survived by one son, Ralph Lee Layden of Elizabeth City, two daughters, Mrs. Franklin Williams of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Edgar Berry of Hertford, Route 3; one brother, Harry H. Layden of Elizabeth City; a sister, Mrs. Yvette Layden of Elizabeth and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the Twiford Funeral Home in Elizabeth City Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Singletary, assisted by the Rev. C. V. Cowan.

Ag. Secretary Says Home Processing Of Crops Is Needed

L. Y. Ballentine Speaks At Rural-Urban Program Of Rotary

"Liberal production and better processing of crops at home is the secret of a sound economic farm industry," L. Y. (Stag) Ballentine, North Carolina Secretary of Agriculture told members of the Hertford Rotary Club and their farmer friends at a meeting held Tuesday night at the Hacienda.

Mr. Ballentine was the guest speaker at the meeting of the club, which was observance of the club's annual Rural-Urban night. Special guests of the club were farmers of the county.

In opening his talk Mr. Ballentine stated that Civic organizations are doing a great job of cementing relations between farmers and town people by providing events which gives a better outlook to each on the other's problems.

Continuing Mr. Ballentine stated, "early in the history of our country our fore-fathers must have believed this nation to be a paradise but the time has come when we now must conserve our resources if we are to provide continued progress; some resources have been exhausted but these can be restored and conserved."

Pointing out that farming success is not due entirely to the type of crops grown but to the application of processing these crops at home and the conservation of resources and providing an outlet for the crop after the harvesting, the Secretary urged careful consideration of these points.

He stated areas using these methods are better off, economically, than those not using them.

Mr. Ballentine told the group that his department has planned and hope to establish a peanut research farm somewhere in this eastern area, for the purpose of carrying out additional research for the advancement of this crop. Funds for this project will be requested from the next General Assembly, he stated. He also stated that growers of the edible type of peanut are now working for the adoption of a program whereby the edible type peanut will be given special consideration by the Federal Government in order to provide a separate production program, such as used for the Idaho potato.

Audit Of Town's Books Shows Assets Increased Slightly During the Past Year

HD Clubs Observe Achievement Day

Fall Achievement Day for Perquimans County Home Demonstration Clubs was held on Thursday last week, with Miss Ruth Current, State Home Agent, as speaker, using as her topic, "The Music Appreciation Program."

The Whiteston Club received a gavel for having highest achievement during the past year. The gavel was presented to Mrs. William Winslow, who is president of the club. Approximately 175 members were present for the Achievement Day program.

Mrs. Fred Matthews, president of the County Council, presided over the meeting, which opened with a song, "Song of Peace," followed by devotion by Mrs. M. T. Griffin. The High School Glee Club sang "Trees" under the direction of Miss Dorothy Maynard. Mrs. Verona J. Langford, who is the district agent, was also at the meeting and gave greetings. Presentation of reading certificates was made by Mrs. J. B. Basinger, and presentation of perfect attendance certificates was made by Mrs. John Symons. Twelve members participated in a fashion show of remodeled garments. A tea followed the meeting with eight clubs in charge.

Hertford PTA Meets Next Thursday Night

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Hertford Grammar School will meet Thursday night, November 9, at the regular meeting time in the auditorium of the school. Mrs. Louis Howell, program chairman, will present a program entitled Education, a Process of Growing. All members and patrons of the school are urged to attend.

County Interest In General Election Running At Low Ebb

Board Of Elections Select Precinct Officials For Election

Little interest in being manifested throughout Perquimans County in the General Election scheduled to be conducted next Tuesday, according to reports heard during the past week, and a small vote is expected to be cast here. Ideal harvesting weather is expected to keep many people from the polls, and as usual, the general election will be anticlimax to the primary last May.

All preparations for the election have been completed by the Board of Elections, according to W. F. Ainsley, chairman of the board, who announced today that officials for the various polling precincts will be the same as those who served the primary.

Polling places at the six voting precincts will be open from 6:30 A. M. to 6:30 P. M., for the balloting. Ballots will be delivered to the registrars next Monday.

Democratic nominees for State and County officials who will appear on the ballots are: U. S. Senate, Willis Smith, Congressman, Herbert C. Bonner, District Solicitor, Walter Cohorn, State Senate, J. Emmett Winslow and William Copeland, County Representative, C. R. Holmes, Sheriff, M. G. Owens, Clerk of Court, W. H. Pitt, County Treasurer, Max Campbell, County Coroner, Dr. C. A. Davenport, County Commissioners, A. T. Lane, R. S. Chappell, William C. Chappell, Earl Hollowell and Ervin Turner. Recorder's Judge: Chas. E. Johnson; Board of Education: Mrs. T. P. Brinn, Edgar Morris and Clarence Chappell.

Officials for the primary as named by the County Board of Elections, are: Hertford Township, Mrs. B. G. Koonce, registrar; D. J. Pritchard, Mrs. J. H. Satchell and W. A. Hoffler, judges; Bethel: E. Y. Berry, registrar, Charlie Ward, Sr., and J. B. Perry, judges; Belvidere: J. M. Copeland, registrar; M. Baccus and L. C. Winslow, judges; Nicanor: R. M. Baker, registrar; Tom Eason and Archie White, judges; Parkville, Harry Barber, registrar; Mrs. Harry Barber and Nelson Smith, judges; New Hope: Mrs. W. E. Dail, registrar; S. D. Banks and E. A. Goodman, Sr., judges.

Audit Of Town's Books Shows Assets Increased Slightly During the Past Year

Total assets of the Town of Hertford amount to \$429,511.04, according to the annual audit of the Town's books, as released this week by the firm of Wall and Williams, which recently completed an audit for the Town.

The summary of the audit, as it is published in this week's issue of your hometown paper, shows that the receipts for the fiscal year 1949-50 included these as the major items; taxes, \$23,870.84; light and water \$84,196.83; ice sales, \$6,425.53; parking meters, \$2,471.37.

Against these receipts were listed the following expenditures for the same departments, street department, \$17,491.49; street and other improvements \$10,741.66; police and fire departments, \$10,209.08; light and water expenses, \$50,817.22; ice, \$7,861.80, and parking meters, \$1,071.38.

Comparing the summary with the report for the last year, one finds that total receipts for the town were up about \$5,000; tax collections were about \$1,000 more than 1949, light and water receipts increased slightly more than \$3,000, ice sales decreased \$2,700 and parking meters brought in \$200 less.

On the debit side of the report, street repairs were higher than the previous year, due to improvements made in 1949-50, and light and water expenses, which included the costs of current, were up more than \$4,600. With ice sales off, the costs of ice production was down \$1,000.

During the year \$15,000 was paid on the town's bonded indebtedness which now stands, according to the report at \$80,000.

In releasing the report to the Town Commissioners, the auditing firm reported that the financial condition of the Town is in good shape and commended the Board for the improvement of the financial situation over the years.

MASONS WILL MEET TUESDAY Perquimans Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Perquimans County Court House.

CRIMINAL DOCKET IN SUPERIOR COURT EXPECTED TO CONSUME ENTIRE TERM

Legion Units Hold Joint Meeting Thursday

Plans for an Armistice Program, to be conducted here Saturday, November 11, including a parade, were completed at a joint meeting of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion and the Hertford Unit of the Legion Auxiliary which was held at the Agriculture Building Thursday night.

C. R. Holmes was a guest speaker for the meeting and gave an interesting talk on world conditions on the approach of Armistice Day, 1950.

James P. Snipes, Post Commander, presided over the business session and at the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

Winslow-Perry Vows Solemnized Sunday At New Hope Church

On Sunday afternoon, October 29, at 6:00 o'clock, Miss Janice Ann Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Toney Perry of Durants Neck, became the bride of Billy Lee Winslow, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Winslow, of Belvidere, in a candlelight ceremony at the New Hope Methodist Church.

The Rev. Earl B. Edwards, pastor of the New Hope Methodist Church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The ceremony was performed before a background of palms, ferns, tall candelabra with tall cathedral candles and aisle stands of white gladiolus and snapdragons.

Prior to the ceremony, Mrs. Rufus M. Riddick, Jr., of Hertford, presented a program of nuptial music. Miss Ruth Tucker of Hertford was soloist. Her selections were "Because," "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life" and as a benediction to the ceremony "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown of bridal white satin, fashioned with a sheer yoke framed in front with bead embroidery and long sleeves ending in wedding peaks over the hands. The snug basque bodice which buttoned up the back with tiny self covered buttons was accented by the full gathered skirt forming into a graceful court train. Her fingertip veil of illusion fell from a cap dotted with seed pearls. She carried an arm bouquet of white roses showered with stephanotis.

Mrs. George E. Fields, Jr., sister of the bride, as matron of honor, wore a gown of green, styled with a snug bodice topped by a satin bolero. The full marquisette skirt accented the waistline encircled by a satin sash. She wore a bronze ostrich tip in her hair. She carried a round bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums tied with fall shades of ribbon.

Miss Willie Mae Chappell of Belvidere (Continued on Page Eight)

Answer Filed In County School Suit

An answer to a complaint filed in Federal Court by a group of Perquimans County Negroes, naming members of the Board of Education and the State Board of Education as defendants, has been filed for the defendants by Attorneys John Hall and William B. Umstead and Attorney General Harry McMullan, it was reported here this week.

The answer, filed with the clerk of the Federal Court at Elizabeth City, on October 27, denied certain allegations made by the plaintiffs and set forth facts concerning the county school system and the present building program, which when completed will place the school system of this county on par with any system in North Carolina.

Whatever action now follows, in regards to this lawsuit depends upon the course taken by the plaintiffs.

Church To Hold Bazaar on November 14

The women of the Hertford Methodist Church will hold a bazaar and turkey supper on Tuesday evening, November 14, in the educational building at the church, beginning at 5:30 o'clock. Tickets for the supper are now on sale and can be purchased in advance. The public is invited to attend.

Judge W. C. Harris Presiding; 14 Cases Disposed of Wednesday

The October term of Perquimans Superior Court opened here last Monday morning with Judge W. C. Harris of Raleigh, presiding. It appeared to court officials that the term would run throughout the entire week, with little chance of any civil actions being disposed of, as the criminal calendar consisted of 28 cases.

Upon the selection of a grand jury, Judge Harris told this group that it was their duty to pass upon all bills presented by the Solicitor and in addition as trustees of the county the Grand Jury should carefully investigate the various county properties and offices to determine that the citizens of the county should know that county business was being handled properly.

Judge Harris said, "People want to know what tax money is being used for and by your investigation you can inform them."

Commenting upon school buildings as public property, Judge Harris stated that he understood that this county will hold a bond election to provide funds for new schools. He added that he hoped this bond election will be passed so the buildings can be constructed and thus outside criticism can not be leveled at counties of North Carolina, for lack of proper schools.

In calling the criminal calendar five cases were disposed of when the state took a nol pro in the cases of Henry Mathews, charged with assault with a deadly weapon and Raleigh White, charged with forgery. The case of Paul Morris, charged with driving drunk, was continued. Booker T. Harrell, charged with driving drunk, failed to appear for trial and his bond was ordered forfeited. The bond of Elaine Alexander was ordered forfeited when she failed to appear for trial on charges of being drunk and interfering with an officer.

Cases disposed of on Monday were those of Gilbert White who was found guilty on a charge of driving drunk. He was given 6 months suspended sentence and ordered to pay a fine of \$150 and costs.

Henry Jones, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving drunk. He was fined \$150 and costs of court.

Willis Jessup was ordered to pay the costs of court on a charge of unlawfully passing a school bus. Prayer for judgment was continued in this case.

Judge Harris ordered a juror withdrawn and a mistrial in the case in which Roosevelt Vaughan, Negro, was charged with unlawful burning of grassland. The jury, after deliberating for several hours reported they could not reach a verdict.

Much of Tuesday was consumed in hearing the case of Gilbert Eure, charged with driving drunk. The case went to the jury at about 4:30 Wednesday.

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PTA Members Now Taking Renewals For The Weekly

Members of the Parent-Teachers Association of the Hertford Grammar School and the Central Grammar School are now acting as subscription agents for your home-county newspaper, The Perquimans Weekly, and are accepting renewals and new subscriptions to this newspaper. The PTA groups will conduct a drive between now and November 18 in which they hope to contact every person in the county to give them the opportunity to renew their subscription to The Weekly.

By renewing his subscription with a PTA member, a subscriber will be paying his subscription in advance and at the same time helping the PTA to raise additional funds for various school programs carried out by the Parent-Teachers Association.

The management of The Weekly wishes to advise all subscribers that no notices of expiration of subscriptions will be mailed out to subscribers whose subscriptions expired during August, September, October, or will expire in November and December. These subscriptions can be renewed through the PTA and if not renewed by the end of the PTA drive, November 18, will be stricken from our mailing lists.

Post Office regulations will not permit a newspaper to mail papers to subscribers whose subscriptions have expired.

If your subscription has expired... help the PTA by renewing it today.