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Recorder's Court Had Varied Docket At Session Tuesday

Defendant Taxed With Costs For Following Fire Truck

For violating a Hertford ordinance which prohibits motorists from following too closely behind a fire truck, Roy Ward was taxed with the costs of court in Perquimans Recorder's Court here Tuesday morning. Ward was arrested on the charge after he had followed behind the fire truck enroute to a fire last week.

Other cases disposed of in Recorder's Court this week included those of George Roegner, Irvin Rubin, Charles Mitchell and Richard Sugie, all of whom entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding and paid fines of \$10 and costs of court.

Costs of court were taxed against Charles Simmons and John Hill who entered pleas of guilty to charges of speeding.

Johnny Staten, Negro, was found guilty on three counts, driving without a license, driving after license was revoked and temporary larceny. He was given a 90 day sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$200 and costs.

Oecil Haynes entered a plea of guilty to driving with improper brakes and paid a fine of \$5 and costs.

G. S. Goodwin, charged with trespass, was handed a 30 day sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10 and costs.

Daniel Robinson, Jr., failed to appear to answer a charge of trespass and his bond of \$100 was ordered forfeited.

Vernon Edward, Negro, submitted to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign and paid the costs of court.

Robert Hall submitted to a charge of driving with insufficient brakes and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Emma Akeley, Negro, was taxed with the court costs on a charge of driving with insufficient brakes.

Robert Conley, Negro, submitted to a charge of driving with improper brakes and paid a fine of \$5 and costs.

William Basnight, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to driving without a license and paid a fine of \$30.

County Men Leave For Legislature

Perquimans County's two representatives to the 1951 North Carolina Legislature, Senator J. Enmett Winslow and Representative Carroll R. Holmes, left Tuesday for the opening session of the General Assembly at Raleigh.

This will be the second session of the Legislature for Senator Winslow who was re-elected as Senator for the First District last November, and will be the first session for Representative Holmes, who likewise, was named to the office in the general election in November.

The General Assembly opened Wednesday, after members held preliminary meetings Tuesday night ironing out leadership positions of the two branches of the Assembly.

White Rites Held Thursday Afternoon

Funeral services for Retha Lee White, five-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie B. White of Whiteston, who died Wednesday morning at eight o'clock, after a long illness, were conducted at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Up-River Friends Church, by Mrs. Elizabeth White.

Surviving besides the parents are four sisters Mary Frances, Patricia, Marjorie and Thelma White; one brother, Lyndon White, and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Winslow.

Burial was in the Up River Friends Cemetery.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Miller announce the birth of a son, born Thursday, December 21 at the Albemarle Hospital.

Severely Injured

Mrs. C. T. Skinner is a patient in the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, following a slight accident last week, when she received a back injury.

Rehospital

M. Newby was admitted at the Albemarle Hospital Tuesday for observation and treatment.



FORTY TONS OF SUPPLIES DROPPED FOR KOREAN FIGHTERS—Ten C-119s of the U. S. Far East Air Forces Combat Cargo Command recently airlifted 80,000 pounds of ammunition and supplies in one day to troops of the Korean First Division. Left, members of the Army's 11th Airborne Division "Kicker" crews (assistant jump masters) lash vital freight before the take-off. Right, multi-colored parachutes blossom into the skies as the food, medicine and shooting stuff is eased to the earth.

Hertford Mills Joins In Celebration Of Golden Anniversary

This year the Wesson Oil and Snowdrift People, who comprise one of the largest industrial families which serve Southern agriculture and the nation's consumers, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the manufacture of their premium shortening, Snowdrift.

The employees of the Hertford Mill, which has been an integral part of the industrial life of Hertford since 1935, form an important branch of the great Southern industry that is Wesson Oil and Snowdrift today.

Here, for years, an ever-increasing bulk of cottonseed has been brought in from the fields of the South. Here, men and machinery have refined from the fruitful seed a steady flow of vegetable oil for American and world markets.

The progress and growth of such products as Snowdrift and Wesson Oil really began more than 50 years ago. For to tell the story of these nationally-known products, is to recount the history of the cottonseed oil industry in the South.

Prior to the developing of the crushing industry, cottonseed had no cash value. With each 100 lbs. of cotton fiber, the cotton plant yields approximately 160 lbs. of cottonseed—not more than 18 lbs. of this seed are needed to plant the following year's crop. While the crushing mills made possible many uses of the cottonseed cake and meal, it was the cottonseed oil and its by-products that were destined to pay great dividends to the Southern farmer. Cottonseed oil is used almost entirely as a food, and the most important single use of cottonseed oil is the manufacture of shortening.

Snowdrift was the first of the quality shortenings containing cottonseed oil to appear on the grocery market, at the turn of the century. It is today a fine product—still the favorite shortening of millions of American housewives.

But edible cottonseed oil was made possible by the great determination of one man. Had it not been for a renowned chemist named David Wesson, housewives today might still be cooking without Wesson Oil and Snowdrift. Although the nutritional properties of cottonseed oil have always been present, American consumers shunned its use for shortening and salad oil. In 1899, "Doc" Wesson, then employed by the predecessor company of Wesson Oil and Snowdrift, sent a container of cottonseed oil to the president of his company with this note: "I am sending you a sample of that odorless and flavorless cottonseed oil I promised you. Try it out and let me know what you think of it." The president did, and one year later "Snowdrift"—a white, fluffy shortening made largely with cottonseed—appeared on the market.

It was the Brooklyn-born David Wesson's process—a means of shooting steam through cottonseed oil in a vacuum to render it appetizing—plus the business acumen and know-how of Southern refinery men that gave rise to a typically American major industry—the cottonseed oil industry, which today returns a large part of the Southern cotton farmer's total cash income.

The Wesson Oil and Snowdrift Company produces Wesson Oil, Snowdrift, and well-known shortenings for bakers. The company's wholly-owned subsidiaries make Blue Plate mayonnaise, margarine, salad dressing, sauces, spices, coffee, tea and peanut butter and pack a large share of the shrimp canned in the United States. Yet, the company's principal industry is the processing and distributing of cottonseed oil and its by-products. It is the nation's oldest and largest firm operating hard by the farmer's elbow. (Continued on Page Eight)

J. R. Jarvis Named To Draft Board

Perquimans County's Draft Board was completed this week with an announcement that J. R. Jarvis, a resident of Hertford, had been appointed as third member of the local board.

Other members of the board are Cecil C. Winslow and Joshu Sutton.

Appointment of Mr. Jarvis to the board was made by the committee composed of W. H. Pitt, Superior Court Clerk, John T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools and W. F. Ainsley, chairman of the Board of Elections.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

In Washington the 82nd Congress convened Wednesday to begin the task of shaping the policies of this nation for the months ahead. The 81st Congress adjourned Tuesday, after having passed several measures to provide funds for the emergency. The new Congress is expected to continue the study of the defense needs of the nation and will, in all probability, vote increases in taxes to help defray the higher costs involved with building up the national defenses.

Governor W. Kerr Scott, addressing the opening session of the North Carolina General Assembly this week in Raleigh, called upon the legislators to continue the State's "go forward" program by providing ways and means for improvement of the state's rivers and harbors, continuation of rural electrification, rural telephones and the primary road system. Governor Scott reported on the progress of the secondary road program and stated the program is progressing rapidly at costs lower than estimated.

On the war front in Korea, Chinese Communists have broken through UN defense lines north of Seoul, and the South Korean government fled the city. Communist troops were reported only eight miles from the capital, and pressing forward with overwhelming superiority in manpower. UN troops, reports state, have taken a tremendous toll of Communist lives in the battle which has raged since New Year's day.

Russia has replied to a note tendered by the United States, Britain and France for a meeting of the Big Four to iron out tension on the international problems, but reports from Washington state the reply, while apparently approving the request, is so framed to be only additional propaganda for the Russians. Diplomatic officials of the Big Three are now studying the reply for the purpose of determining if such a meeting will ease the international tension.

County Boards To Meet Next Monday

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners will hold its regular January meeting in the Court House next Monday, January 8. The meeting was postponed from the regular first Monday because of the New Year's holiday.

Members of the Perquimans Board of Education will also meet next Monday at 10 A. M., in the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Friday evening, January 5, at 8 P. M., at the Agricultural Building. All members are urged to attend.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Newby, Jr., of Charleston, W. Va., announce the birth of a son, Guy Stokes Newby, born December 17.

Charles F. Sumner Retires As Local Mail Carrier

Capt. Charles F. Sumner, Hertford mail carrier for the past 28 years and three months, was retired January 1, 1951, it was announced here this week.

Mr. Sumner began his duties as the first mail carrier in Hertford on October 1, 1922. He served under six postmasters during his years of service, these being Hilary Winslow, J. P. Jessup, Edgar Morris, S. M. Whedbee, James E. Newby and W. W. White.

Adhering to the postal adage that the mails must go through, Mr. Sumner worked through three hurricanes, and one tornado during his years of service. He missed only two days of mail delivery, and this was due to extremely heavy snows.

He is proud of his record of 27 years without having any reports against him for infraction of postal regulations, nor complaints lodged by any patron of his route.

His route, which he walked each day, measured 15 miles, and it is estimated that during his career as mail carrier he covered distance equal as about five times around the world.

During his years as postal employee he saw the local mail service grow each year, both as to the volume of mail handled here and the number of people taking advantage of the service. Prior to his appointment to the local Post Office Department he served six and one-half years with the U. S. Army, attaining the rank of Captain.

On receipt of the notice of his retirement Mr. Sumner said, "During all the time I was mail carrier my fellow employees and patrons of my route have been pleasant and cooperative to work with, and I greatly appreciate the experience I have had during my service with the local post office."

Wright Funeral Conducted Tuesday

Mrs. Minnie Jones Wright, 65, wife of Herman L. Wright, of South Norfolk, Va., died at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Gatling, at Bethel, Perquimans County, Sunday at 10:20 A. M., after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the Lynch Funeral Home here Tuesday at 1 P. M. Burial followed in the Riverside Cemetery in South Norfolk.

She was a native of Perquimans County and daughter of the late William Thomas Jones and Mrs. Edwin Berry Jones. She had lived in South Norfolk for a number of years.

Surviving in addition to her husband and Mrs. Gatling, are one daughter, Mrs. A. L. Curing of South Norfolk, two brothers, Edwin Berry Jones and William Norman Jones both of Norfolk, another sister, Mrs. Edward Goff of Los Angeles, Calif., and two grandchildren.

Indians And Squaws Meet Gatesville Friday

Coach Elbert Fearing's basketball teams at Perquimans High School will resume play, after a holiday layoff, when the Indians and Squaws meet the Gatesville boys and girls in a double header at the new Indian gym Friday night.

The local girls and boys have been putting in some hard practices this week in preparation for the games remaining on the schedule, and are expected to chalk up two more victories in the games tonight.

Special Election On School Bonds To Be Conducted In Perquimans Tomorrow

Special Survey

Dr. William A. Smith, Chief, Tuberculosis Section, State Board of Health, will send an X-ray unit to our district on the above dates for a special program. It will be sponsored by the Tuberculosis and Health Associations and Seal Sale committees in the four counties, and will be paid for from Seal Sale funds.

All Senior High School students, contacts of active cases and families of those found in last year's survey to have lung pathology, and other groups are to be X-rayed. The general public may also be X-rayed if desired.

The complete schedule and plans will be released soon. In the meantime, the Seal Sale funds are urgently needed and should be sent in.

Funeral Services For W. G. Hollowell Held Wednesday

Willie Grover Hollowell, 53, postmaster and businessman of Winfall, died suddenly at 1:15 P. M., Monday, at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Jimmy Earnhardt, in Edenton. Death was caused by a heart attack.

A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of the late John and Alice Trueblood Hollowell. A veteran of World War I, Mr. Hollowell was a member of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion, and served as a member of the local Draft Board early in World War II. He was also a member of the Parkville Ruritan Club, Woodmen of the World and Cedar Grove Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Thelma Miller Hollowell; two brothers, Earl B. and Joel F. Hollowell, both of Winfall; four sisters, Mrs. J. M. Matthews, of Elizabeth City, Mrs. E. Whitley, Portsmouth, Va., Mrs. A. D. Scheffler, Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. Ora Perry of Kinston.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock at Cedar Grove Methodist Church with the Rev. J. S. Craffin officiating.

Pal bearers were Julian Mathews, Toss White, David Trueblood, A. R. Winslow, Jr., Sprout Whedbee and Tom White.

Burial was in Hollywood Cemetery in Elizabeth City.

Benton-Lane Vows Spoken December 19

The marriage of Miss Gail Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lane, of Hertford and Floyd Edward Benton, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Benton, of Route Three, took place Tuesday night, December 19, at 7 o'clock at the Hertford Baptist Parsonage. The Rev. C. W. Duling officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a street length dress of aqua taffeta with matching gray accessories. Her corsage was a purple throated orchid.

Miss Louise Jordan was the bride's only attendant, while best man was Colon Butler.

The ceremony was performed before a group of close friends and relatives.

Hunting Season Comes To Close

Eldon Winslow, Perquimans County Game Protector called attention to local hunters, today, that the season for hunting deer, bear and squirrel closed January 1, and the season for duck and geese closed Friday, January 5, at four o'clock.

Mr. Winslow also announced that 1951 fishing license are now on sale at agencies throughout the county.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Nachman, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, born Thursday, December 21, at Chowan Hospital. Mrs. Nachman and small daughter have returned home and are getting along nicely.

SCOUTS MEET FRIDAY

The Hertford Troop of Boy Scouts will meet Friday night at the Court House. Scoutmaster Charles Skinner urges all members of the troop to be present for this meeting.

Polling Places Will Be Open From 6:30 A. M. Until 6:30 P. M.

Perquimans County voters will participate in a special election, to be held Saturday, January 6, to determine whether or not the county shall issue bonds to provide funds for the county school building program.

W. F. Ainsley, chairman of the County Board of Elections, stated today that polling places in the six precincts of the county will be open from 6:30 A. M., to 6:30 P. M., during which time voters may cast ballots on the proposal.

Election officials for the various precincts have been issued the special ballots to be used in the election and all is in readiness for the voting.

The special election was called by the Board of County Commissioners, seeking authority to issue the bonds, for the Board of Education, to raise funds to finish the school building projects scheduled by the Board of Education.

The amount needed to complete the program is \$175,000; of this sum four building projects will be finished and some \$10,000 to \$12,000 will be used to purchase equipment for the schools and new lunchrooms.

Among the four building projects, for which the funds are needed, are two lunchrooms for white grammar schools, a five classroom wing, and heating plant for the Hertford Colored School, and three additional classrooms for the Union School at Winfall.

County authorities propose, if the bond issue is approved, to finance the repayment of the bonds over a period of 25 years, which will mean a small increase in the tax levy to finance the payment.

During recent weeks members of the Board of Education have met with civic groups throughout the county and explained the issue; a large number of these groups have gone on record as approving the election and also the bond issue.

County Man Injured At Elizabeth City

W. D. Perry, Jr., owner and operator of a saw mill on the Hertford-Edenton highway, suffered serious but not critical injuries Tuesday afternoon at about 3 o'clock, when a truck he was driving had a collision with a Norfolk Southern train near the Foreman Lumber Company in Elizabeth City.

Perry, according to a report, was enroute to the Foreman Lumber Company with a load of sawed timber and had started across the railroad tracks when the front of his truck was struck by an oncoming train. Perry was partly out of the cab when he was picked up. The train came to a stop almost immediately. The truck was smashed and the lumber scattered.

Taken to the Albemarle Hospital, Mr. Perry was reported suffering from a number of fractured ribs, numerous cuts and bruises.

Rotarians To Fete High School Gridders

Plans were completed at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club held last Tuesday night for the local Rotarians to entertain members of the Perquimans High School football team, its managers and cheer leaders, at a supper to be held at the municipal plant in Hertford on next Wednesday night.

H. N. Nixon, president of the club, A. W. Hefren and W. H. Oakley, Jr., form a club committee in charge of arrangements for the entertainment.

Hertford Javcees Plan Show Jan. 19

Members of the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday night at the Hacienda, and discussed plans for presenting their home talent show here on February 2.

The arrangements for the show, as yet incomplete, will be announced along with the cast within a few days it was reported by D. F. Read, Jr., president of the group.

LEGION MET THURSDAY

The William Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion met Thursday night, January 4, at the Agriculture Building, with Commander James Snipes presiding over the business session.