

TRUCK DRIVER FREED OF MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE BY JURY IN SUPERIOR COURT

April Term of Court Adjourned Thursday By Judge Morris

The April term of Perquimans Superior Court convened here Monday with Judge Chester Morris of Currituck presiding. A total of 21 cases were listed on the criminal docket, and there was little hope of any cases, other than a few divorce actions, being disposed of on the civil calendar.

A nol pros was taken by the State in the cases in which Booker T. Harrell, Negro, was charged with driving drunk, and Bleeker Alexander was charged with being drunk and disorderly.

In the first case tried, that of Roosevelt Vaughn, Negro, charged with setting fire to woodlands, a directed verdict of not guilty was ordered by Judge Morris.

A verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury in the case of Joseph Armstrong, Negro, charged with driving drunk.

The case of Trannis Spellman, Negro, charged with manslaughter, in connection with a log truck-school bus accident, which resulted in the death of Irene Foreman, in February, 1950, was started late Monday afternoon. The case went to the jury about 11 A. M. Wednesday morning and a verdict of not guilty was returned by the jury some 40 minutes later. Spellman was released by the Court.

On Tuesday Solicitor Walter Cochran took a nol pros in the cases in which Roosevelt Smith, Negro, was charged with trespassing and larceny; Maurice Saunders was charged with reckless driving and James Langston was charged with driving drunk.

The case of Posie Moore, charged with driving drunk, was continued until the next term of Superior Court.

The Grand Jury returned no true bills in the cases in which John Grant was charged with breaking and entering; and Myrtle Harrell was charged with being an accessory after the fact. Not a true bill was also returned in the case in which Jack Keel was charged with assault.

Two more cases, those of Paul Morris, Jr., and Gilbert Eum, Jr., both charged with driving drunk, were heard Wednesday afternoon. The jury deliberating the Morris case reported at five o'clock it was unable to reach a verdict and Judge Morris ordered the members to return Thursday to continue deliberations.

The Eum case was expected to reach the jury sometime Thursday morning. This left six criminal cases on the docket at the recess of the court Wednesday night.

Near the close of the Wednesday afternoon sessions Judge Morris ordered T. J. Bass to be placed in jail because Bass had entered the court room in a drunken condition.

BPW Club's Second Annual Safety Drive To Open April 23

The Perquimans Business and Professional Woman's Club will sponsor its second annual bicycle and safety contest during the week of April 23 to 28, it was announced here today.

Plans for the contest were completed at a business meeting of the Club members, held last Friday night at the home of Mrs. Viola Nachman.

The contest will be divided into five categories, with a large number of prizes to be awarded winning entrants. The categories, any or all of which school children may enter, are Bicycle Scrapbooks, Safety Posters, Slogans, Bicycle Parade and Safe Riders. The first three of these contests will be carried out through the schools in the county, and children entering are advised that all scrapbooks, posters, and slogans must be turned in to teachers by Thursday, April 26.

A mammoth bicycle parade will climax the safety campaign, and will be held in Hertford on Saturday April 28, weather permitting. The parade will be under the supervision of the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce.

All contests, conducted in connection with the safety campaign, will be divided into classes, it was announced. Children in grades one through three, will be in group 1; children in grades four through seven, will be in group 2, and students in grades eight through 12 will be in group three.

Complete instructions regarding the rules of the contest may be obtained from any child, desiring to enter, from his teacher, and the prizes will be awarded a certain number to each group and each individual contest.

Grand Jury Report

The grand jury, at the April term of Perquimans Superior Court, made its report to the Court at 12:45 P. M. Wednesday after having passed on all bills sent by the court and completed inspections of county offices and properties.

Inspection of county offices led the grand jury to report all were in good, clean condition and all records and files in order; the grand jury reported minor repairs needed at three school buildings, and a thorough cleaning of the Court House attic.

The jury reported the jail in good condition inside and out, and the interior exceptionally clean.

On examination of the County Home the grand jury reported it was shocked to find it in such dirty and poor condition and recommended the entire interior be painted, screens installed and new furnishings installed in each bedroom. Also recommended was repairs to the porches, heating and lighting systems and periodical inspection by County Commissioners and Health Department.

M. J. Gregory signed the report as chairman of the Grand Jury.

Senior 4-H Clubbers To Conduct Beauty Contest April 26

Miss Perquimans County of 1951 will be picked by out-of-county judges on the Senior 4-H Club's program Thursday, April 26, at 8 o'clock in the Perquimans High School auditorium. The program, which was worked up by the Senior 4-H Club members with 4-H Clubber Bobby Smith as chairman, is the result of senior 4-H Club members' determination to have a record player and microphone for recreation purposes. All money from the sale of tickets, which can be bought from any 4-H Club member, will go toward the purchase of a combination record player and microphone. 4-H'er Bobby Smith stated that any club or organization that wishes to help with the sale of tickets and making the program a success would have the privilege of using the machine in their organization.

The program will consist of a short play by eighth graders Virgil Copeland, Billy Baker, Barbara Edwards, Phyllis Trueblood, Carolyn Eure and Joanna Williford. Also other high school organizations will contribute to the program.

The winner of the beauty contest will be selected and crowned that night and will be presented a cup with her name and Miss Perquimans County of 1951 engraved upon it. Those entering the contest are as follows: Irene Hunter, Bettie Ann Matthews, Janice Sumner, Earlene Chappell, Frances Sutton, Janice Yagel, Barbara Lee Sawyer, Suzanne Towe, Marion Elliott, Eva Russell, Emily Ann Sumner, Nellie Cartwright, Margaret Butler, Shirley Copeland, Nonie Lou Lane, Barbara Butt, Mary Dunsom, Mary Beth Perry, Louise Jordan, Katherine Hurdle, Kaye Stanton, Sally Overton, Marion Elliott, Elizabeth Proctor, Doris Faye Allen and Virginia Gay.

Rites Monday For Mrs. Joyce Harrell

Mrs. Joyce Brattain Harrell, 60, widow of the late Charles M. Harrell, Sr., died last Saturday morning at 7:30 o'clock at the Albemarle Hospital after a long illness.

She was a native of Davidson, the daughter of John Eli and Mary Honeycutt Brattain.

Survivors are a son, Charles M. Harrell, Jr., a daughter, Mrs. Joyce Gray, of Alexandria, Va., three sisters, Mrs. Cyrus Colvin of Davidson, Mrs. Sumpter Templeton of Mooresville, Mrs. George Smith of Cornelia, and a brother, W. A. Brattain of Charlotte.

Funeral services were conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the graveside in Cedarwood Cemetery by the Rev. A. L. Chaplain, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church. Pallbearers were John Wilson, Walter and Page Brattain, T. S. Mitchell and T. J. Harrell.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell S. Benton announce the birth of a daughter, Wendy Mae, on April 10.

Nine Candidates Seed Nomination For Town Office

Large Vote Expected to Be Cast In Primary On April 30

Nine candidates are seeking the nomination to represent the Town of Hertford as Mayor and Commissioners at the primary election to be held on Monday, April 30, it was reported today by W. G. Newby, Town Clerk, with whom the candidates had filed for office.

The list for candidates include all members of the present board. Mayor V. N. Darden is seeking re-election and he is opposed by T. E. Raper, who filed as a candidate for the office last Thursday.

Seeking posts as Town Commissioners are incumbents B. C. Berry, M. J. Gregory, W. H. Harcastle, Henry Clay Sullivan, and three residents seeking the office for the first time, W. Ray White, Robert L. Hollowell and Edison Harris.

Interest in the election has been on the upswing for the past few days and a representative vote is expected to be cast in the primary on April 30. Registration books for the primary close this Saturday and Mrs. B. G. Koonce, registrar, stated several new names were added to the books. Challenge day for the election will be observed next coming Saturday.

Only one polling place will be opened for the town election, this is in accordance with past procedure, and this voting precinct will be located in the Court House. The polls will be open from 6:30 A. M., until 6:30 P. M.

There are no individual contests in the Town election concerning the offices as Commissioners, that is no one candidate is running against another, but the commissioners will be nominated by voters casting ballots for four of the candidates, and the four candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be declared the nominees.

Likewise there are no zones or wards connected with the election. Thus voters when casting their ballots, may vote for any four of the seven candidates listed for these posts.

Bethel Ruritans To Give Program On Friday Night

Friday night is the time, and the auditorium of Perquimans High School is the place for the Womanless Wedding sponsored by the Bethel Ruritan Club.

The Bethel Ruritans have prepared a hilarious program of entertainment with a cast of characters including well known community figures elaborately costumed to fit the parts they will take.

Taking the spotlight as the blushing bride, Rosebud Delicatessen Hightower, will be tall and lanky F. A. McGoogan, with Perquimans County Farm Agent, I. C. Yagel, as the lucky bridegroom, Archibald Hercules Haystack.

Bernard F. Proctor will officiate at the nuptial event, in the role of the Reverend Hogwash Hackensack Stoopnagle.

Completing the cast will be best man, Julian Long; maid of honor, Earl Topping; matron of honor, Emmett Long; mother of the bride, Warner Madre; mother of the bridegroom, T. R. Kirby; father of the bride, Elliott Layden; father of the groom, Edgar Long; grandmother of the bride, J. J. Phillips; disappointed suitor, A. Houston Edwards; bridesmaids, Freeman Long, Roy S. Chappell, Ennis Phillips, Charles Ward; flower girl, I. C. Long; ushers, Billy White and Charles Skinner, Jr.

Special music for the occasion will be rendered by Jamie P. Snipes, with piano accompaniment.

No small part of the entertainment will be provided by the costumes worn by the characters, and the commentary on the event by Ruritan J. T. Biggers, Perquimans County School Superintendent.

Proceeds derived from the Womanless Wedding will be used by the Ruritans for their building fund. They have just recently completed the Bethel Community Building.

EASTERN STAR TO MEET

The Hertford Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will hold its regular meeting next Monday night at the lodge rooms. All members are urged to be present.

County Man Killed Accidentally By Discharged Shotgun

Funeral Held Monday For Henry Elliott Of Woodville

Mather Henry Elliott, 39, prominent Perquimans County farmer, of near Woodville, died instantly at about 11:30 o'clock last Saturday morning, at his home, when an automatic shotgun was discharged accidentally, blowing away the top part of his head.

A short time before the accident Elliott, who lived near the Woodville Airport, had asked his wife for some rags with which to clean his gun. He then went to his work shop, adjacent to his home. His youngest son, Joseph Elliott, six, was standing on the back porch of the home and heard the blast. The boy went to the work shop and discovered his father lying on the ground fatally injured. He returned to the house and reported the accident to his mother.

Sheriff M. G. Owens and Coroner Dr. C. A. Davenport were called to the scene and conducted an investigation. Later in the day Dr. Davenport conducted an inquest at which a large number of witnesses testified. Sheriff Owens testified to the coroner's jury that he was familiar with the type of gun, owned by Mr. Elliott, and that it was a Belgian-made automatic shotgun so constructed that when fired normally or intentionally ejected the shell from the gun. This did not occur, according to Sheriff Owens, when the gun discharged killing Mr. Elliott, thus showing an accidental firing of the gun.

The coroner's jury, composed of R. C. Murray, V. N. Darden, Wayland Butler, C. W. White, L. B. Sitterson and E. L. Jennings returned a verdict of death by accident.

Funeral services for Mr. Elliott were conducted Monday afternoon at four o'clock at Elizabeth City.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Catherine Whitehurst Elliott; two daughters, Marion 16, and Alice Faye, 8; two sons, Carlton, 13 and Joseph Elliott, 6; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Elliott; three sisters, Mrs. Tom White, of Winfall; Mrs. Weldon Hollowell, Edenton, and Miss Minnie Belle Elliott RFD Hertford, and two brothers, L. B. Elliott and J. A. Elliott, both of RFD 3, Hertford.

Perquimans Indians Win Two Games Over Hobbsville Nine

Perquimans High School's baseball team, shooting for its sixth straight championship in the Albemarle area, chalked up victories number three and four at the expense of Hobbsville High School last Friday and Monday afternoons. The Friday contest was played at Hobbsville with the Indians winning by an 8-2 count. Earl Rogerson, star hurler for the Indians, pitched the first seven innings and was then relieved by Winslow. Rogerson struck out nine batters and walked two, allowing two runs in the fourth inning.

Garland Walker was the best hitter for the Indians, getting two bingles for four trips to the plate.

Perquimans scored one run in the second, third and fifth innings and had a field day in the fourth when the Indians collected five runs. The Indians got eight runs on seven hits and committed one error while Hobbsville got two runs on four hits and committed four errors.

Rogerson was again the winning pitcher in the game Tuesday, when he did the hurling for nine innings, giving up three hits and striking out seven batters. His control was excellent and he gave no walks.

Vance Bright was the big man with the stick for the Indians hitting safely five times in five tries at the bat.

Perquimans got two runs in the first inning, two in the fourth and four in the seventh in Tuesday's game while Hobbsville, tallied its lone score in the second inning. Perquimans had 8 runs on 10 hits and made three errors while Hobbsville scored one run on three hits and committed no errors.

On Friday afternoon of this week the Indians will play Columbia here in Hertford and will meet the Plymouth nine here on Memorial Field next Friday, April 27.

RECITALS PLANNED

The annual recitals for music pupils of Mrs. R. M. Riddick have been announced as follows: High school pupils, May 15; grammar school pupils, May 24. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend the program.

BOARD OF EDUCATION TO RECEIVE BIDS FOR HERTFORD NEGRO SCHOOL ADDITION

Still Destroyed

District ATU and ABC officers captured a huge 200-gallon still, arrested a done man, and poured out 30 gallons of whiskey in a raid conducted last Saturday about three miles from Hertford.

ATU agents Jack Gaskill and Felix O'Riley and ABC officers A. B. Baum and B. V. Halstead, who took part in the raid, found the upright copper still in a woods near Buzzards Fork about three miles west of Hertford. They destroyed the still and 450 gallons of mash and poured out the illegal whiskey.

Arrested at the still was Lee Steptey, Negro, of Hertford. Two other men got away from the officers before they could be apprehended.

Central PTA Names Officers For Year At Meeting Monday

The Perquimans County Central Grammar School Parent-Teacher Association met Monday evening in the school auditorium with the president, Carl Yow, presiding.

"America" was sung by the group. Mrs. J. C. Chaffin conducted the devotional and after Scripture and remarks sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Miss Dorothy Maynard at the piano.

The speaker for the evening was Don Helms, director of the Elizabeth City Boys' Club. He spoke on the subject "Recreation Is a Must," in which he pointed out results of the recreation program in his club and the effect it has on the lives of the boys and the community at large.

A group of seventh grade boys sang "Shortnin' Bread."

The treasurer's report was given, after which the president's message was read.

Mr. Snipes spoke on results of the insurance plan used this year.

Room representative chairman, Mrs. Jack Benton, gave a report of what had been accomplished in the various rooms by her group.

Reports were given of two study group meetings held recently and the last one to be held was announced. It will be in the home of Mrs. Joel Hollowell with the Winfall group.

A motion was carried to sponsor the Girl Scouts next year and that \$50 be appropriated to these PCCG Girl Scouts to be used in making awards and necessary supplies.

Announcement was made that posters were to be made for next meeting to be judged as to art and safety.

The nominating committee submitted the following officers, who were approved by the association: President, Mrs. W. H. Mathews; vice president, Mrs. Tom Riddick; secretary, Mrs. Delyin Eure; assistant secretary, Miss Johnnie White; treasurer, Mrs. Charlie Rogerson.

Mrs. Edwin White's first and second grade won the attendance award.

A picnic supper will be held at 6:30 prior to the regular May meeting.

Peanut Allotment For Perquimans Increased Slightly

Perquimans County has been assigned a new peanut quota for 1951, according to an announcement made this week by W. E. White, secretary of the FMA Committee. The new quota, almost identical with that of 1950, was made in accordance with the higher acreage peanut bill recently passed by Congress affecting Virginia and North Carolina growers.

Instructions for applying the increased acreage were given FMA officials at a meeting held last Thursday at Tarboro.

FMA offices are using the average peanut acreage for 1948, 1949 and 1950 and applying a factor of .2004 to this average to get the increase for the county.

Mr. White reported that very shortly every peanut producer in the county will receive notice of his revised allotment, and this will be his acreage for 1951. He added that in figuring these revised allotments, there will be changes in each form, and some farmers will have higher acreage allotments, as compared with the three year average and some will be lower.

May 3 Set As Date For Proposals To Be Opened Here

Sealed bids for the construction of an addition to the Hertford Negro School, will be received and opened by the Perquimans Board of Education on Thursday, May 3, it was reported today by John T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools.

Plans for the addition, which consists of five classrooms, a combination library and lunchroom, and a heating plant, have been completed by the architect, J. W. Griffin, and are in the hands of a number of contractors expecting to bid on the construction.

Preliminary estimates as to the cost of the project have been set at \$65,000, the funds to be made available through the sale of bonds, authorized at the special bond election last January.

The addition, according to the plans, is to be constructed adjoining the present school structure and will enable the Board of Education to complete the consolidation program for all county schools.

This project is the third in a series of five to be constructed under the program adopted by the Board of Education some two years ago when funds were made available by the State for schoolhouse construction.

The second project, the Union School for Negroes at Winfall, is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy by the students at the opening of the new school term next September. It is the desire and hope of the members of the Board of Education that the Hertford project can be finished in time for use by the school students before the end of the next school term.

Projects number four and five, of the program call for construction of a lunchroom at the Hertford and Central Grammar Schools, and action on these projects is expected to be started just as soon as contracts are let for the addition to the Hertford Negro School.

Breeding Co-Op To Start Operations First of May

Artificial breeding of cattle in Perquimans will become a reality soon. At a meeting of the directors of the Association held in Elizabeth City Thursday evening, May 1 was set as the date to start operations.

Frank Skinner, Route 3, Hertford, Chairman of the board of directors, presented the charter for the organization, the name of which is the Albemarle Breeding Cooperative, Inc. Skinner then introduced J. F. Brown Extension Specialist from State College, who had been invited to attend this meeting to guide the directors in planning the work of the cooperative.

Frank Jessup of Hertford was employed by the directors as technician. Jessup reported that a refrigerator and insemination kit had been purchased and that temporary office space had been provided in the Agricultural Building at Hertford. Other equipment such as filing case, microscope, and sterilizer are to be purchased later. Edgar White of Hertford offered his services as secretary and treasurer of the cooperative and was accepted by the board. He was instructed to notify the manager of the stud at Asheville of the date this cooperative plans to begin operations in order that a mailing schedule may be worked out by that time.

Approximately sixty members have been signed up in Perquimans County. Chowan and Pasquotank reported a smaller number while Currituck and Camden did not report any.

Rotarians Plan Ladies' Night Party

Hertford Rotarians at their weekly meeting held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford made plans for holding their annual Ladies' Night party on Tuesday, May 15, at Harvey Point.

Herbert Nixon, president of the club, named Jack Kanoy, Charles Henc, Robert Hollowell and Dr. C. A. Davenport as a committee to arrange the program. W. F. Ainsley, Dr. A. B. Bonner, the Rev. Charles Wulf and Henry C. Sullivan were named as a committee to handle decorations and secure favors.

It was announced that Mr. Nixon and Mr. Kanoy will represent the local Rotary Club at the District Rotary Convention to be held in Rocky Mount the first part of next week.