

Varied Docket In Recorder's Court Here Last Tuesday

Five Defendants Fail To Answer Charges; Bonds Ordered

A varied docket, consisting of fourteen cases, was disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court in session here last Tuesday, and warrants against five defendants were returned for service when these defendants failed to appear in court to answer charges brought against them. The Court ordered the defendants be placed in jail or post \$100 bonds guaranteeing court appearance.

Court costs were taxed against Clayton Chase, Edward Hensen and John Bell, each of whom entered a plea of guilty to charges of speeding.

Six defendants, Lester Simpson, William Cooper, Garrett Bright, Gordon Walker, Howard Bolinjack and Robert Melvin, entered pleas of guilty to charges of driving trucks loaded over the weight limit. Each defendant paid the costs of court.

A fine of \$2 and costs were assessed against Paul Bemby, Negro, who entered a plea of guilty to charges of being drunk on the streets of Hertford.

George Armstrong, Negro, was fined \$25 and costs of court on a charge of reckless driving.

Frank Banks and Willie Lee Harris, Negroes, entered pleas of guilty to charges of driving drunk. Each defendant was given a 60 day road sentence, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$100 and costs of court.

Blanche Lowder, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court after entering a plea of guilty to a charge of trespass and being found guilty on a charge of assault.

The case of Percy Parker, Negro, charged with assault, was continued pending apprehension of the prosecuting witness, Annie Goodwin, who failed to appear in court to give evidence for the State.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Progress is reported from Korea on the negotiations for the exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war. Several points concerning exchange of all POW's remain to be settled but an air of optimism is apparent. While Allied and Communist negotiators confer, action on the battle front declines somewhat under the terms of the truce talks.

Meanwhile, Russian action of the past two weeks has official Washington guessing as to present Communist motives. Russian spokesmen have adopted a new attitude toward the Western Allies, in proposing propositions toward easing of world tensions. At the same time the Russian government has announced new regulations within Russia, which are reversals of past action. The U. S., it appears, has adopted a wait and see attitude toward Russian proposals.

The General Assembly joint-appropriations committee is expected to take action this week on budget proposals for the next two years. The committee has been in secret sessions for the past two weeks, considering budget requests. The committee was expected to start voting on the budget matters last Wednesday afternoon.

A report from Washington this week stated a Congressional committee is preparing plans for a complete revision of tax laws, the first since 1875. The committee has received more than 18,000 suggestions from persons all over the nation. Main thought of the public about taxes are that they are too high.

Production in the U. S. is reaching a new high, according to a report released this week. With practically all controls lifted manufacturers of cars, electrical appliances and other fast goods are turning out products faster than public demand. The report indicates a surplus of such articles before the end of the year.

Perquimans Bill Introduced In House

Another Perquimans County bill was introduced in the Legislature this week by Representative C. E. Holmes. The bill, introduced by Mr. Holmes on Tuesday, is to fix the fees of Superior Court. It was learned the provisions of the bill calls for increases in certain fees as now collected by the Clerk of Court.

County Commissioners Make Change In Agenda For Future Board Meetings

Fiscal Matters Considered At Meeting Held Last Monday

Future meetings of the Board of County Commissioners will have a "new look" according to an announcement made during the board meeting here last Monday. In order to expedite proceedings of the board meetings, beginning with May, the Commissioners will receive reports from various department agencies starting at nine A. M. This action will provide the Commissioners with additional time for fiscal matters and consultations during the regular business sessions which will continue to start at 10 A. M.

During the meeting here last Monday the Board concluded a number of matters pertaining to property valuation for 1953, presented during the sessions of the Board of Equalization and Review.

Approval was voted by the Board for the abandonment of the nine foot road, formerly part of Route 17, adjacent to the Whedbee property, just east of the causeway. Request for this action was presented by L. N. Hollowell, who is preparing for construction of a new building on land adjoining the old roadway.

The Board held a discussion on janitorial services for the Court House, jail and court house grounds, but tabled action on the matter until the next meeting. Two applications for the job as Court House Janitor have been received by the Board, and other applications will be received between now and the next meeting. Applications may be tendered to Julian Powell, Register of Deeds.

Max R. Campbell, whose term as County Accountant expired on the 1st Monday in April, was reappointed to the office for the next two years.

R. E. Aiken Company of Elizabeth City, Certified Public Accountants, was given a contract to audit the county's books for the fiscal year 1952-1953, at a fee of \$550.

On motion passed the Board ordered the Sheriff to advertise all property for sale during the month of July on which 1952 taxes have not been paid and to sell same at the Court House door on the first Monday in August.

4-H Judging Team Contest Winners

The Perquimans County 4-H Livestock judging team won first place in the livestock judging contest held on Wednesday, April 1, at Rocky Mount in connection with the annual Fat Stock Show. Pasquotank County took second place, Johnston third, Nash fourth, and Halifax fifth.

The Perquimans team made a score of 820 out of a possible 900 points and the Pasquotank team a score of 814 points. Frederick Dunn of Halifax County was high scoring individual with a score of 291 points. Jerry Hardisty and James Ownley of Pasquotank tied for second place with a score of 289 while Bobby Smith of Perquimans came in third with a score of 279. Other members of the Perquimans team were Clarence Chappell, Jr., Wallace Baker and John Hill. Alternates were Belmont Perry, Julian Howell and Thomas Ed Chappell.

Twenty-five 4-H and FFA teams participated in the judging contest which had the largest representation of any held at Rocky Mount. Clarence Chappell, Jr., of Belvidere and his sister Louise each entered two beef steers and some hogs in the show. Thomas Ed Chappell of the Bethel community also entered one calf in the show. Clarence was selected as one to compete in the showmanship contest and won first place in that.

Perquimans County also won third place in the county group of five steers. The Perquimans boys were accompanied by I. C. Yagel, County Agent.

Again on Wednesday of this week the same judging team went to Kinston to compete in the judging contest in connection with the Fat Stock Show there.

Rotarians Set Date For Ladies' Night

Hertford Rotarians voted, at their meeting held Tuesday night, to hold the club's annual Ladies' Night party on Tuesday, May 12, it was announced by Charles Henc, president of the club.

Henc named a committee, composed of the Rev. Charles Wulf, Jack Kanoy and Max Campbell, to complete arrangements for the event.

MASONS TO MEET

The Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 106, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Pitches No-Hitter

Perquimans High School's baseball team chalked up its third victory of the year on Wednesday afternoon when Vernon White, ace lefthand pitcher for the Indians turned in a no-hit, no-run game against the Ahsokie Indians. The final score was 7-0.

White struck out 14 Ahsokie batters during the seven inning contest while allowing no hits and no runs. Speaking of the feat, Coach Ellie Fearing said, "Vernon was really hot."

The Indians collected nine hits off Newsome and Wood, Ahsokie hurlers. White, Chappell, J. Winslow, R. Matthews led the Perquimans team with hits, each getting two hits.

On Thursday afternoon the Indians were scheduled to meet the Plymouth nine in a game on Memorial Field in Hertford. Both games scheduled for this week were part of the State Elimination schedule.

Methodist Mission Opens With Rally At Elizabeth City

Methodist churches of Virginia and Eastern North Carolina are preparing for a great simultaneous United Evangelistic Mission April 19-26. About 800 visiting pastors from surrounding states will assist the 800 ministers of the area in preaching and visitation evangelism crusades in the nearly 1,500 Methodist churches.

The Methodist Churches of this section will cooperate in this unprecedented endeavor, according to an announcement by the Rev. A. L. Chaplin. Local church committees have been working for many weeks. Prayer groups have been formed. Lists of unchurched persons have been compiled.

The opening highlight of the Mission will be the great Youth Rally on Saturday night, April 18, to be held at the First Methodist Church in Elizabeth City. Speaker for the Rally will be the Rev. LeGrand Moody of Wake Shoak, S. C. More than 1,500 youth and sponsors are expected to attend.

A second feature will be the training schools in evangelism for pastors to be held at City Road Methodist Church and the Plymouth Methodist Church, beginning April 17. Outstanding pastors from South Carolina and Maryland will speak on the new techniques of evangelism for our day.

Perhaps the most dramatic and significant feature of the crusade will be the "walking revival," conducted by hundreds of teams of laymen throughout the two-state area. These laymen will be trained in visitation evangelism and go out in teams of two to interview non-church families concerning their relationship to Christ and the church.

Bishop Paul Neff Garber of Richmond is general chairman of the Mission. The Rev. Eugene Golay of Nashville, Tenn., is executive director. Dr. F. S. Love, district superintendent, is heading up the crusade in this section.

General theme for the simultaneous evangelistic endeavor is: "You Need Christ Now!"

Student Council Letters Awarded

Twenty-three extra-curricular activities letters were awarded by the Student Council at Perquimans High School Wednesday morning. These letters are given to students who have gained thirty or more points by speaking, debating, dramatics, club membership, newspaper work, and other activities. They are of Old English style to distinguish them from athletic letters.

Those receiving the letters were: Corbin Dossier, Hazel Trueblood, Eugene Boyce, Janice Yagel Boyce, Tommy Mathews, Carl Harrell, Fred Mathews, Carlis Roberson, Ann Myers, Leslie Kirby, Shirley Eure, Glenda Lane, Peggy Stokely, Nan White, Lina Ruth Proctor, Nomi Lou Lane, Marilyn Baker, Kay White Stanton, Katherine Nixon, Bobby Smith, Tison Chappell and Billy Chappell.

Pitt Named Captain Duke Football Team

Howard Pitt, of Hertford, has been elected captain of the 1953 Duke University football team, it was announced from Durham last Friday.

A former star athlete at Perquimans High School, Pitt, a senior next year at Duke, has been outstanding as a gridiron player since his Freshman year in 1950.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pitt of Hertford.

Superior Court To Convene Here Next Monday Morning

Criminal Docket Not Expected To Take Entire Term

The April term of Perquimans Superior Court, with Judge Walter Bone presiding, will convene here next Monday morning. Court officials are of the opinion the criminal docket, which consists of 12 cases, will be concluded by mid-week, permitting trial of a number of civil actions.

Of the criminal cases listed on the docket, released today by Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt, one defendant is charged with drunken driving, one with failure to yield the right-of-way, four with breaking and entering and larceny; one with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and four are charged with larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Jurors selected to serve during the term of court are:

Howard E. Long, M. H. Robbins, Ellie Ward, Robt. P. Hollowell, J. I. Curtis, Willis P. Dail, Hayward Small, Harvey Stallings, Edward C. Barber, I. C. Butt, Alton Stallings, J. Ray Haskett, C. C. Godfrey, Thomas A. Dail, James M. Divers, William (Pete) Jackson, Max J. Lane, George H. Baker, Jr., W. D. Landing, Jr., Wickard Davis, Ellis Winslow, Lonnie A. Proctor, George W. Jackson, Josiah Smith, Lawrence Towe, L. A. Smith, C. E. White, J. P. Chesson, Jr., Geo. G. Winslow, A. H. Edwards, Mathews Smith, Elisha Winslow, G. B. Winslow, Maxie Stallings, Vernon Lee Perry, John Pike, Harry T. Hollowell, John Lassiter, James Emory White, James Stokely, Mrs. Freeland Elliott, Luther Copeland, Marvin Caddy, Lorenzo Elliott, Benjamin Smith, W. D. Rogerson, W. E. Hobbs, Emmett Stallings, M. D. Lane, Mrs. Fred Mathews, Linwood Godfrey, Ralph F. Harrell, Wallace Bright, W. C. Johnson, Willie White, Joel F. Hollowell, Linden White, Edison Harris, Edgar Riddick, Elizabeth Ward, Laura B. Chappell, Aleck Stallings, Thomas G. Rogerson and Joe P. White.

Fearing Resigns As High School Coach

Ellie Fearing, athletic director at Perquimans High School for the past four years, has tendered his resignation of the post, effective April 17, it was announced Wednesday by J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Fearing has accepted a position with the DuPont Corporation, and will attend a special school at Pensacola, Florida, for a 30 day period prior to assuming his new duties.

In addition to coaching sports at the local school, Mr. Fearing taught physical education. During his association with Perquimans High School he achieved an excellent record as athletics coach in all three sports participated in by the school. Faced with the task of building a new football team when he first arrived, his squad ranked high in the Albemarle Conference and won the championship in 1951.

He coached the Perquimans Indians baseball team to the Class A state championship in 1952.

In accepting Mr. Fearing's resignation the Board of Education appointed J. A. Williams, teacher of the eighth grade, to assume the duties of athletic coach for the remainder of this school year.

Rites Held Wednesday For Mrs. Emily Sumner

Mrs. Emily Jane Sumner, 80, died Monday night at 8 o'clock at the home of her grandson, Leslie Sumner, after an illness of three weeks.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Pike and the widow of W. P. Sumner, she was a member of the First Methodist Church of Hertford.

She is survived by one son, John J. Sumner, of Norfolk, Va.; two brothers, John Pike, of Elizabeth City, and Joseph Pike of South Norfolk, Va.; one sister, Miss Mary Pike of Elizabeth City; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. A. L. Chaplin, pastor of the Methodist Church.

During the services the church choir sang "Rock of Ages and Abide With Me."

The pall was made of red rose buds and white carnations. Pallbearers were Francis White, Fenton Hurdle, Herbert Nixon, Shau Boust, Claude Williams and W. D. Cox. Interment was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

Board Of Education Re-elects Biggers As Superintendent Of County Schools

Drive Extended

Perquimans County's annual Red Cross Fund Drive, which as of last Saturday was short of its \$1,300 goal by \$350, has been extended through April 15, it was announced today by D. F. Reed, Jr., chairman of the campaign.

Mr. Reed reported solicitors had turned over \$950 up to last Saturday, and that a number of solicitors have failed to make reports. He requests solicitors who have not as yet completed the canvass of their neighborhoods to do so immediately and make reports by Wednesday of next week.

The chairman also urges all individuals who have not been contacted by a solicitor, and who desire to donate to the Red Cross, to send contributions to D. F. Reed, Jr., Hertford, N. C.

Lioness Club To Sponsor Annual Cancer Crusade

The Cancer Crusade will be conducted in Perquimans County again this year under the sponsorship of the Hertford Lioness Club, it was announced today by its president, Mrs. Elton Hurdle.

A drive to raise \$18,000.000 throughout the U. S. to fight cancer was launched on April 1st, of which Perquimans County has been assigned a goal of \$700.00. This year's goal is higher than 1952, however through our volunteer worker who is the key to success in fighting cancer and with the usual fine cooperation of the clubs, businesses, and citizens of the town and county, we are confident the goal will be reached and exceeded as it was 1952.

Members who make up the County Cancer Unit are: County Commander, Mrs. Elton Hurdle; County Campaign Chairman, Mrs. Edna Eley; Education and Service, Miss Hulda Wood and Miss Audrey Umphlett; County Treasurer, Mrs. Anna Lee McGoogan; Advisor, Edgar White.

The Crusade will be formerly launched in Perquimans County at the dinner meeting of the Lioness Club on Friday, April 10th at Brown's Restaurant. It is hoped that at that meeting a complete list of volunteers for canvassing the town and county can be released, as the committee is working to that end this week. Helpful literature on Cancer Control has already arrived from the State Division for distribution during this campaign to Strike Back At Cancer!

Jaycees To Sponsor Spud Queen Contest

The Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a beauty queen contest, at the Hertford Grammar School, at 8 P. M., on Wednesday, April 15, to select a representative for Perquimans County to participate in the Potato Queen Festival at Elizabeth City, May 30, it was announced today by Cecil E. Winslow, chairman of the Jaycee committee handling the project.

Mr. Winslow stated girls interested in entering the contest may secure entry blanks from any member of the Jaycees or at Field Insurance Agency. Judges for the local contest will be two non-residents and one resident of Hertford.

The Jaycee committee is planning some local talent acts to be presented prior to the beauty contests, and films of the 1952 festival will also be shown. Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in the contest. A free-will offering will be taken at the door.

Cottage Prayer Meeting Scheduled

There will be cottage prayer meetings held in the following homes, for the evangelistic campaign in the Methodist Churches of the North Carolina Conference. The meetings will be at 10 o'clock A. M., and will last only a short time.

Monday, April 13—Mrs. C. T. Skinner, Mrs. Lindsey Winslow, Mrs. R. L. Knowles.

Wednesday, April 15—Mrs. A. L. Chaplin, Mrs. Joe Towe and Mrs. Oscar Felton.

Friday, April 17—Mrs. Anse White, Mrs. Wilson Reed and Mrs. R. S. Monds.

Everyone interested is invited to attend.

J. Edgar Morris Named Board Chairman; Committees Selected

J. T. Biggers, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools for the past six years, was reelected to the post for a two year period by the Board of Education at a meeting held here last Tuesday night.

Prior to the reelection of the superintendent, the Board of Education was reorganized, with George Caddy, Delvin Eure and S. M. Long being sworn in as new members of the Board. J. Edgar Morris was reelected as chairman of the Board.

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Elbert Fearing as teacher of physical education and coach at Perquimans High School.

School committees, representing the county system for the next two years, were also named during the meeting. Members of the committee for Perquimans Central Grammar School are: E. Q. White, W. H. Mathews, Roy Winslow, Julian Mathews and Mrs. Charlie Umphlett.

Members of the committee for Hertford Grammar School are: Mrs. Henry C. Sullivan, J. H. Corprew, Jr., Mrs. Claude Long, Preston Nixon and C. T. Eley.

The above two committees, formerly were one unit, but the Board voted to divide the unit into two committees in the best interest of the operations of the two grammar schools.

Members of the high school committee are: Silas M. Whedbee, Carson Spivey, Roy S. Chappell, Edwin S. White, Howard Williams, Mrs. Frank Bray, and Mrs. A. H. Edwards. Selected for membership on the Negro school committee were E. L. Brooks, Hayward Martin, Sam Jennings, Dewey Overton and George Hollowell.

Attendance records for the county schools during the past year were studied with thought toward teacher allotments for the next school year, and it was reported the records indicate the local teacher allotment for 1953-54 will be the same as the past year.

The Board held a lengthy discussion on plans for reorganizing the schedule and curriculum at Perquimans High School but definite action on the matter was continued pending further study of the plans.

Farm Price Index Shows Slight Gain

The "All Products" index of prices received by North Carolina farmers during March was up 4 points from the preceding month. The March index at 269 compares with 265 in February. Slightly higher prices were received in March for most grains, cotton hogs, peanuts and soybeans. These increases more than offset declines in prices received for cottonseed, veal calves, poultry and dairy products.

Slight increases in the prices of corn, wheat and rye more than offset declines in the prices of oats and rye, resulting in a 1 point increase in the grains commodity index.

Farmers received \$2.00 per ton less for cottonseed in March than they received in February. However, cotton lint was up 1 cent per pound, causing an increase of 6 points in the cotton and cottonseed index.

The meat animals index at 321 was unchanged from a month earlier with increases in hog, sheep, and lamb prices offsetting a decline in prices received for veal calves.

The poultry index dropped 9 points from the preceding month. Chicken prices in March were slightly above the February level, but eggs were down 3 cents per dozen.

The dairy products index dropped 2 points as a result of declines in wheatside milk and butterfat prices.

Peanut and soybean prices rose slightly during the month resulting in a 5 point increase in the miscellaneous commodities index.

The ration of prices received by N. C. farmers to prices paid by U. S. farmers rose 1 point during the month.

Represents County At Speaking Contest

Bobby Smith, winner of the World Peace Speaking Contest at Perquimans High School, will go to the district contest in Rocky Mount Saturday, April 11. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Ben Whitley, faculty adviser. The winner of the district contest will receive an expense-paid trip to New York. Twenty schools will be represented in the district contest.