

Criminal Docket Of Superior Court Concluded Here Last Tuesday Afternoon

Ten Civil Actions Continued Until Next Term Of Court

The criminal docket of the April term of Perquimans Superior Court, consisting of 16 cases, was concluded here last Tuesday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock.

All but three defendants, of the criminal docket, entered pleas of guilty which hastened the conclusion of the term.

The cases of Claude Lee Boone and Thomas Jenkins, Negroes, charged with breaking and entering the Hertford Livestock Company office during January of this year, were called first.

A jury returned a verdict of guilty of assault with a deadly weapon in the case of Dallas Gilliam, Negro, charged with assault with intent to kill.

William Boyd entered a plea of guilty to a charge of breaking and entering the home of W. E. Beamon.

The State took a nol pros in the case in which Daniel Hassell, Negro, was charged with breaking and entering a dwelling at night.

On Wednesday morning Ernest Jefferson, alias A. U. Cox, entered a plea of guilty to charges of forgery, on four counts.

Alfred Wrightson, Negro, charged with failure to yield the right-of-way, entered a plea of guilty.

Brenda Davenport and Elizabeth Taylor, Negroes, charged with larceny of merchandise from the stores of J. C. Blanchard & Company, Rose's 5 & 10c and The Jones Kiddie Shop, entered pleas of guilty to the charges.

Ten cases listed on the civil calendar for the April term of court were continued when the calendar was read out in court on Monday.

A judgment was handed down in the case of J. C. Blanchard & Co., vs. Madison Mabine, and a court order was issued in the case of Jack Sawyer vs. Robert Ivey, et al.

The court term was recessed at about three o'clock Tuesday afternoon after the civil case of Laura Weaver vs. G. D. Towe, et al., was continued, and adjourned Wednesday morning.

Rites Held Saturday For Mrs. Eula Morgan

Mrs. Eula West Morgan, 68, died Thursday afternoon of last week, at her home near Hertford.

Surviving besides the husband are four sons, Ernest W. of Richlands, Clifton, Wallace and Thomas Morgan, all of Perquimans County; three daughters, Mrs. Charlie Umphlett of Wintfall, Mrs. Thomas Nixon and Mrs. Edward Jordan, both of Hertford; and 14 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Mt. Sinai Church by the Rev. Benjie Crawford, pastor.

During the services the church choir sang Abide With Me. Mrs. Thomas Rogerson sang The Old Rugged Cross and at the graveside the choir sang My Faith Looks Up to Thee.

Burial services were held at Cedarwood Cemetery.

To Unveil Painting At Central PTA Meet

The Parent Teacher Association of Perquimans County Central Grammar School will hold its April meeting in the school auditorium Monday, April 20, at 8:00 P. M.

The Rev. C. S. Saunders, pastor of the Pilgrim Church at Bagley Swamp, will conduct the devotional.

An interesting program has been planned and it is hoped that a large number of friends of the school as well as all members of the PTA will attend.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war in Korea is scheduled to begin next Monday.

Meanwhile, the Communists have continued their proposals for peace, but the Allies are using caution against any Red traps.

North Carolina school teachers were voted an increase in salary by the Joint Appropriations Committee on Tuesday of this week.

A report from Washington this week stated possibilities for reduction of taxes this year are growing, despite previous proposals that the budget be balanced before taxes are reduced.

Orice Inez Winslow Weds James B. Ward

Miss Orice Inez Winslow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Winslow of Belvidere, became the bride of James Beecher Ward, son of Mrs. Louisa R. Ward and the late James T. Ward of Ryland, Sunday afternoon, April 5, at 3:30 o'clock in the Hobbsville Baptist Church.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. V. Brown, pastor of the bride in the presence of the immediate families of the couple.

The bride wore a suit of Navy blue with Navy and white accessories, and a white orchid corsage.

Upon completion of their new home Mr. and Mrs. Ward will reside at Ryland.

Red Cross Drive Nearing Its Goal

Perquimans County's annual Red Cross fund drive is nearing its \$1,300 goal, it was reported here Tuesday by D. F. Reed, Jr., chairman of the drive.

Officials Confer On Bills Before Legislature

Perquimans County Commissioners and Representative C. R. Holmes met here in a conference last Saturday night for the purpose of discussing two bills, introduced in the Legislature on Wednesday of last week by Mr. Holmes, which, if enacted by the General Assembly, will affect the operation of the county.

The first of the two bills introduced by Mr. Holmes calls for the repeal of the law adopted in 1949 which places the office of the clerk of Recorder's Court on a salary basis, and the salary to be fixed by the County Commissioners.

In regard to the bill pertaining to a limitation on the tax liens, it was learned the officials agreed to a change in the bill whereby the measure will be sponsored and passed to become effective in December of 1954.

Another conference is planned between the officials regarding the bill affecting the office of recorder clerk. It was learned substitute proposals were made concerning outright repeal of the present law, but nothing definite was decided upon the question.

It was pointed out during the meeting this bill, which is now before a Legislative committee for action, if enacted, would deprive the county general fund of approximately \$2,000 per year, based upon the volume of business handled by the office during the last fiscal year, from July, 1951, to July, 1952.

It was reported that in the next conference of the officials efforts will be made to work out a compromise for the bill, with changes made to become effective in December, 1954.

Hertford PTA Hears Civil Defense Talk By County Chairman

The Parent Teacher Association of the Hertford Grammar School met Thursday night in the school auditorium. The meeting opened with the singing of "America."

The devotional was given by Mrs. Vivian Mathews, who read the 35th Psalm. The speaker for the evening, Silas M. Whedbee, was introduced by Thomas Nixon.

Mrs. Jake Jackson, as a representative of the Business and Professional Woman's Club urged that all students participate in poster making in connection with Safety Week, not only for the prizes awarded but to help make them safety conscious.

To Represent County At Girls' State

Margaret Ann Banks and Myrtle Gordon Williams, juniors at Perquimans High School, have been selected to attend Girls' State at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro June 28th to July 3rd.

Thieves Take Cash From Grammar School

Sheriff M. G. Owens is investigating the theft of approximately \$100 in cash from the office of the principal at Central Grammar School in Wintfall. The theft occurred on the night of April 10, according to Sheriff Owens.

Scholarship Plan To Children Of War Veterans

Veterans of World War I and World War II, as well as their children, may be interested in learning about a scholarship plan maintained by the North Carolina Veterans Commission and known as Educational Advantages for Children of World War Veterans.

The choice of any state supported college or university is given and the maximum offering is four academic years for any one child. Unlike other limited scholarship plans, the State Commission provides free tuition, room and reasonable board allowance, and items such as matriculation fees, special fees and the charges required to remain in the institution and pursue the course selected.

The above data is briefly outlined for information of any persons interested in applying for this scholarship for use during the forthcoming school year and it is suggested that contact be made with C. C. Banks, Veterans Service Officer, Hertford, North Carolina or Mr. Stephen H. Alford, District Officer, North Carolina Veterans Commission, 202 Kramer Building, Elizabeth City, North Carolina not later than May 30, 1953.

Perquimans Clubs Win Attendance Prize At Meeting

Perquimans County Home Demonstration Club women brought the gavel home from the 25th District Federation meeting in Edenton on April 8.

During the afternoon session, the Perquimans Chorus rendered special music under the direction of Mrs. J. D. Yeates with Mrs. Charles Johnson as accompanist.

Mrs. M. T. Griffin of the Hopewell Club, was installed as first Vice Chairman of the District. Next year, she will automatically become chairman.

Dr. Guion Johnson, president of N. C. Woman's Council, spoke on "Responsibilities of Citizenship." Since citizenship is one of the phases of club work, she told the women what could be done and how they could be better citizens.

Indians Lose To Gatesville Nine

Perquimans High School's baseball team lost its first game of the season last Tuesday afternoon at Gatesville. Final score was 8 to 1 in favor of the Gatesville team.

Bobby Harrell, pitching star for the Gatesville team had a good day striking out some 15 Indian batters, while his teammates collected 10 hits off Vernon White, Indian hurler.

SECOND IN SPEAKING CONTEST Bobby Smith, a junior at Perquimans High School, won second place in the district World Peace Speaking Contest held in Rocky Mount Saturday, April 11.

Town Board Adopts Lower Rates For Power Used By Commercial Customers

Perquimans Betas Attend Convention

Nineteen members of the Perquimans High School Beta Club attended the State Beta Club Convention in Asheville on April 10 and 11. They traveled in private cars, one group leaving Hertford at noon on Thursday, one group leaving after the ball game that afternoon, and the third group leaving Greenville after the district debates.

Baltimore Pastor To Preach At Methodist Church

The Rev. Elgar C. Soper of Baltimore, Maryland, will be the guest minister with the First Methodist Church, Hertford, for the services of the United Evangelistic Mission next week.

He will do the preaching at the local Methodist Church, beginning with the Sunday morning service and thereafter each night, Sunday through Friday at 7:30 each evening.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. A. L. Chaplin, will lead a group of visitors in a program of visitation evangelism. First Training Conference on Monday and Tuesday nights at 6:00 o'clock.

In the 1500 Methodist churches in Eastern North Carolina and Virginia, that comprise the Richmond Area, more than 15,000 laymen and pastors will participate in this "walking revival", going out in teams of two.

They will visit in the homes of their communities witnessing for Christ and His Church, seeking to win them to membership in the local churches. The watchword of the preaching and the visiting is "You Need Christ Now."

Perquimans Seniors To Present Play

The Senior Class of Perquimans High School will present a mystery comedy, "The Case of the Missing Heirs," Thursday night, April 23, in the high school auditorium.

The play is about ten people who have gathered in the wind-swept, gloomy Castle Wentz, high on a rocky ledge in the Allegheny Mountains, to hear the reading of the will of August Wentz.

Suddenly, however, the heirs begin to disappear, and those left are shocked by strange sounds and the mysterious phantom with burning hands who haunts the room of the old villa where the heirs must stay.

Those in the cast are: John Holmes, Mary Ann Harris, Nonie Lou Lane, Kay Stanton, Mollie Lu Yeates, Mabel Martin Whedbee, Vernon White, Billy Chappell, James Griffin and Eugene Boyce. Light and sound effects are under the direction of Carl Harrell and Leslie Kirby.

Recorder's Court In Recess Tuesday

Perquimans County Recorder's Court was in recess this week because of the Spring term of Superior Court.

Court Action Planned For Collection Of Old Tax Liens

New lower rates for customers of commercial electric power, sold by the Town of Hertford, were adopted in a special meeting of the Hertford Board of Commissioners, held March 30. It was reported in the regular meeting of the Board here last Monday night.

Chas. E. Johnson, Town Attorney, reported to the Board preliminary steps are being taken to bring suit against delinquent tax payers in the event the Legislature enacts a bill introduced by Representative C. R. Holmes, which places a limitation of 10 years on all tax liens held by the Town of Hertford.

School committees, representing Perquimans High School and the Hertford Grammar School, met during the past week and organized for the coming school year.

School Committees Reelect Principals

At the meeting of the high school committee, Silas M. Whedbee resigned as an appointee of the committee because of the fact he is a county office holder, and this vacancy was filled by the appointment of J. H. Towe.

The committee re-elected E. C. Woodard as principal of the high school for the year 1953-54. Clinton Eley was elected as chairman of the committee for the Hertford Grammar School at the committee meeting Tuesday night, and Miss Thelma Elliott was re-elected as principal of the school for the next year.

J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools, reported the committee for the Central Grammar School will hold its organizational meeting next Monday night.

Debnam To Address Annual REA Meeting

W. E. Debnam, well-known radio commentator and author of the book, Weep No More My Lady, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Albemarle Membership Corporation to be held at the Perquimans High School on Saturday, May 9, it was announced here today by John Costen, REA manager.

Mr. Debnam has a large audience for his daily news report, and his speech here will be highly informative and entertaining.

Directors of the REA, headed by A. T. Lane, chairman of the Board, are now completing arrangements for the annual meeting and full details will be announced within a very short time.

Local Resident Home After Tour

Leigh Winslow, Jr., arrived here last Saturday to spend a few days with his father, E. L. Winslow, and his aunt, Mrs. Clyde McCallum. He recently returned to this country after a three months' tour of duty aboard a Navy ice-breaker in the Arctic region.

While making hydrographic surveys for the Navy, the ship, under its own power traveled farthest north in the Arctic area of any ship on record during wintertime.

CLINIC CALLED OFF

A pre-natal clinic, scheduled for the Perquimans Health Department last Wednesday, was called off. It was announced by Dr. B. E. McGuire, due to the fact that Dr. J. E. Jones was out of town on that date.