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## 18 Cases Listed On Recorder's Docket For Court Session

### Eleven Defendants Are Cited For Traffic Violations

Business was brisk in Perquimans Recorder's Court last Tuesday with 18 cases disposed of during a session which lasted well passed the lunch hour. Eleven of the defendants were cited to court for violations of the traffic laws.

Fines of \$10 and costs were levied against Carl Keeter and James Perry, each of whom submitted to charges of speeding. Costs of court were taxed against Alfonso Morene and Nathaniel Whidbee, who also submitted to charges of speeding.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of Tilson Chappell, who was charged with reckless driving.

A 30 day jail sentence was meted out to Seaton Davenport who was found guilty on charges of being drunk and disorderly.

Walter Mitchell and James White, Negroes, each paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court after pleading guilty to driving without a license.

Joseph Hathaway, Negro, was found guilty on a charge of reckless driving. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$20 and costs of court.

Jack White, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of driving drunk, after his license had been revoked on a similar charge. He was given a 12 months' jail sentence, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$500 and costs of court.

Costs of court were taxed against Joseph Blanchard, Negro, who submitted to a charge of failing to observe a stop sign.

Jesse East entered a plea of guilty to charges of non support. He was given a 60 day jail sentence, to be suspended upon payment of the court costs and the sum of \$20 per week for the use of his wife.

Robert Thompson was sentenced to one week in jail after pleading guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

Joseph Gilliam, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of larceny. Judgment was suspended in the case upon payment of the court costs.

Mack Twine submitted to a charge of driving on the left side of the center line of a highway and paid the costs of court.

Eddie Wheeler was fined \$10 and costs after pleading guilty to charges of being drunk on a highway and illegal parking.

Horace White, Negro, was ordered to pay the costs of court after submitting to charges of using profanity in a public place.

Costs of court were levied against James Felton, Negro, who submitted to a charge of resisting arrest.

The cases of Horace Reid and Roosevelt Sheard, Negroes, charged with rape, was set for preliminary hearing at the September 15 term of court.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

The exchange of prisoners of war in Korea is expected to be completed this week-end according to reports from Panmunjon. The Reds have returned most of the American POW's they reported as captured but the number does not compare with total listed as missing by the U. S. Meanwhile plans are progressing for a UN peace conference on Korea, although predictions are being made that few, if any, solutions to Korean problems will come from this conference.

West Germany will hold an election Sunday which is expected to be a crucial test for Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor, who has headed the German Government for the past several years and who favors Germany working with the Western powers. Adenauer's government /last week squelched a threat of a comeback for a Nazi party and this week is busy making efforts to keep the Communists from East Germany, from sabotaging the election by wrecking polling booths and assassinating political leaders.

A UN tribunal has ruled that 11 American employees of the UN were fired illegally in connection with U. S. loyalty investigations, and ordered the reinstatement of four of the employees and granted damages to the other seven amounting to \$122,500. The decision is expected to revive the controversy over alleged subversives in the U. S.

### MASONS TO MEET

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

## Sale Of Major-Loomis Property To Elizabeth City Firm Now In Progress

### Kramer Brothers Buying Mill; Future Plans Undisclosed

Reports on the possible sale of the Major-Loomis Company facilities were confirmed this week when it was learned that Kramer Brothers Lumber Company of Elizabeth City is now in the process of purchasing the facilities of Major-Loomis Company, located at the mill site on Route 37, between Hertford and Winfall.

A. W. Hefren, General Manager for Major-Loomis, announced this week that his firm had accepted an offer for the sale of the property made by officials for Kramer Brothers. It was also learned that attorneys for the two firms are now proceeding with transactions which will consummate the transfer of the local property to the Elizabeth City company.

The question many residents of this community are asking "whether the mill is to be reopened," remains unanswered. Officials of Kramer Brothers, when asked about plans for the mill, stated the transactions had not, as yet, progressed far enough for them to make any announcements concerning the future status of the property.

A spokesman for Kramer Brothers stated some announcement concerning plans for the mill might be made following actual and final transfer of the facilities which is expected late this week or the early part of next week.

## Perquimans Peanut Producers Favor Assessment 147-4

Perquimans County peanut producers, joined with other producers in 44 eastern counties last Saturday, voting overwhelmingly in favor of assessing themselves to further peanut research, marketing and consumption of their product.

Jacob L. White, president of the Perquimans Farm Bureau, announced Perquimans peanut producers cast 147 votes favoring the assessment, and only four votes opposed the plan.

C. S. Alexander of Scotland Neck, president of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association, reported that returns from 28 of 44 peanut producing counties showed 7,654 votes in favor of the assessment and 159 against.

The returns represented 96 per cent of the State's peanut acreage, Alexander said, adding that complete returns are expected to be received late this week.

The one-cent assessment for each 100 pounds of peanuts marketed will be used to finance research to find new markets for the peanuts. The growers will start paying the assessment as soon as they market the 1953 crop.

Alexander said the crop will begin moving to market late in October. Buyers will collect the assessment and make payments to the State Department of Agriculture, which in turn will send the money to the Peanut Growers Association.

The assessment plan will apply during the next three seasons.

## New Library Hours Announced By Board

The Perquimans County Library will be closed on Saturday, September 5 and Monday, September 7, for Labor Day. Beginning September 8, the library will observe its regular winter schedule; that is, it will be open from 10 o'clock A. M., to 12 noon and 1:30 to 4:30 P. M., every week day except Thursday. It will be open as usual on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 o'clock. The bookmobile will continue its regular trips on Wednesday and Thursday.

During the summer months, inventory has been taken, books have been rearranged, and a total of 110 new books have been added during July and August. The Home Demonstration Club women will find available forty of the books listed on the new 1954 reading list, and others will be added from time to time. The report for the months of July and August shows a main library circulation of 1,682; the bookmobile 3,278 and the Belvidere Branch, 111.

### REVIVAL STARTS SUNDAY

Revival services will start Sunday at Cedar Grove Church and continue through Tuesday night with the Rev. Allen Wentz, of South Camden Charge, as the guest preacher. It was announced today by the Rev. H. M. Jamieson, pastor of the church. Services will be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at the Epworth Church in Winfall.

## County Commissioners To Meet Next Tuesday

Perquimans County Commissioners will hold their September meeting in the Court House Tuesday morning, September 8, as provided by law, instead of Monday, the 7th. The change in meeting was made due to the observance of Labor Day on September 7.

Individuals desiring to appear before the Board at its next meeting are requested to note this change in the date of the meeting.

In addition to its usual business the Board is expected to pass upon architect's drawings for the proposed new health building and to name a successor to C. C. Banks, who has resigned as clerk of the Recorder's Court.

## Hertford PTA Plans Meeting Sept. 10th

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Hertford Grammar School will hold its first meeting of the new school year on Thursday night, September 10, in the auditorium of the school.

All members of the association are urged to attend this meeting, and join in supporting officers and committees for the year.

Officers and committees of the association are: W. F. Ainsley, president; Mrs. Grace Costen, vice president; Mrs. Louis Howell, secretary, and Mrs. Vivian Mathews, treasurer.

Ways and Means Committee: Mrs. Warner Madre, Mrs. Francis Nixon, Mrs. D. F. Reed, Jr., Mrs. John Winslow, Mrs. W. F. Ainsley; Program: Mrs. R. S. Monda, Mrs. Robert Hollowell, Mrs. Henry C. Sullivan; Room Representative: Mrs. Jesse Lee Harris; By-Laws: Mrs. T. P. Brinn, Mrs. F. A. McGoogan; Publicity: Mrs. W. C. Cherry; Pre-school service: Mrs. Eldon Winslow; Magazine: Mrs. Louis Tarkington; Mrs. Haywood White and Mrs. Carroll Williams.

Music: Mrs. R. M. Riddick; Membership: Mrs. Dorcas Knowles; Hospitality: Mrs. Bill Cox, Mrs. Clinton Eley, Mrs. J. T. Lane, Mrs. Elwood Perry; Safety: Mrs. Clinton Eley, Mrs. Haywood White, Miss Thelma Elliott; Luncheon: Mrs. Walton Lane, Mrs. Bill Williams, Mrs. Preston Rogers, Mrs. Clarence Dail, Mrs. Irvin Long; Art: Miss Mary Sumner, Mrs. Cecil White, Miss Mildred Reed; Study Course: Mrs. Noah Gregory, Mrs. T. P. Brinn and Mrs. E. A. Goodman.

## New Lumber Yard Opened This Week

A new business was started in Perquimans County this week with an announcement by Claude White of the opening of a retail lumber yard, located adjacent to the Major-Loomis Company office on Route 37 between Hertford and Winfall.

The business will be operated under the name of C. D. White & Son, selling dressed lumber and mouldings of all kinds. Mr. White and Durwood Barber, both of whom have had long experience in serving lumber customers, will be actively engaged in the operation of the business.

Mr. White stated the firm is now busy stocking a good supply of lumber at the yards, and invites the public to visit the yard for its needs. He stated the yard will be open all day Saturdays.

## Changes Made In School Faculty

A last minute change in the faculty at Perquimans High School was announced here Monday by J. T. Biggers, superintendent of schools, who stated the changes were made necessary when the State Board of Education was unable to approve a certificate for Mrs. Dewey Yates to teach the eighth grade. The local Board of Education then secured Mrs. Grace Ward to fill the vacancy temporarily and R. W. Baugham, a former member of the faculty, was added to the list of teachers.

Mr. Baugham, who taught here two years ago, is being released from the armed forces within a few days and will report for teaching duties here about September 15. He will relieve Harold White as teacher of English for two months while Mr. White completes work on his master's degree, then Baugham will, upon Mr. White's return, assume the duties as eighth grade teacher relieving Mrs. Ward.

## Farm Census Shows Corn And Soybeans Top Crops In County

### Farm Acreage Shows A Slight Increase Compared To 1951

Corn and soybeans were the major crops harvested in Perquimans County during 1952 according to the 1953 farm census compiled during last January and released this week by the Crop Reporting Service in Raleigh.

The census reported revealed there were 104,932 acres in farm lands reported to the farm census takers, and of these acres 46,093 were planted to crops. Three-hundred and thirty-seven acres lay idle while 1,767 were in improved pasture and 713 acres were listed as other pasture land. There were 56,022 acres listed as woods land or waste.

Major crops harvested during the year were corn, 21,089 acres, or 46 percent; cotton, 1,771 acres; peanuts, 3,390 acres; wheat, 61 acres; oats, 133 acres; other small grain, 71 acres; soybeans, 18,686 acres; which represented 41 per cent of the crops harvested. One-hundred and eighty-three acres were planted in lespedeza.

Peanuts represented seven per cent of all crops harvested while cotton accounted for four per cent.

Hay crops harvested during the year accounted for the following: Soybean-Cowpeas, 99 acres; small grains, 28 acres; lespedeza, 49 acres; vegetables harvested with Irish potatoes, 45 acres; sweet potatoes, 93 acres; other vegetables mostly for sale, 399 acres.

Livestock listed in the farm census was as follows: sows and gilts, 1,434; cows and heifers, kept mainly for milk, 442; kept mainly for beef, 967; hens and pullets of laying age, 32,869.

The report revealed there was a slight increase, as compared to the 1951 report, in the number of acres listed to farms. Corn acreage increased by 128 acres over 1951, while soybean acreage was up only six acres. There was a decrease in the acreage planted to peanuts by a total of 1,041 acres and also a decrease in acreage planted to cotton. The decrease in cotton acreage was 214 acres.

## Final Rites Held For Mrs. Elizabeth S. Cox

Mrs. Elizabeth Skinner Cox, widow of Robert B. Cox, and daughter of the late Joshua and Sally Blount Skinner, died at her home on Church Street, Tuesday at 12:45 P. M., after an illness of three months. She was a native and lifelong resident of Perquimans County.

Surviving is one brother, Dr. Joshua J. Skinner, of Hertford, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday at 10:30 A. M., at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church by the rector, the Rev. Charles F. Wulf. Burial was in the churchyard.

Pallbearers were Firth Winslow, Dr. I. A. Ward, C. P. Morris, Lawrence Towle, Cecil Winslow and Oscar Newbold.

## Plans Available For Curing House

How many farm families that grow sweet potatoes only for home use have one to eat after Christmas?

Ralph Sasser, Assistant County Agent, says the Extension Agricultural Engineering Department has recently prepared a plan for a small sweet potato curing house that is designed primarily for storing the home supply plus enough supply of seed stock for the next year. In most cases, there will be room for storing some for sale. The plans for this house call for 6 1/2 feet x 6 1/2 feet and has a capacity of 64 bushels in baskets. It is built with concrete or cinder blocks. It is insulated and heated with a 60-ft. length of soil heating cable. The temperature is controlled thermostatically. The engineers figure that it will not use over \$10.00 worth of current during the season. The materials to build this house should not cost more than \$130.00. Mr. Sasser says plans are now available at the Farm Agent's office for anyone desiring to construct one of these potato houses.

### LEGION TO MEET

The William Paul Stallings Post of the American Legion will meet Friday night at 8 P. M., in the Agriculture Building in Hertford. All members of the post are urged to attend.

## County Commissioners To Receive Bids On New Health Building September 18th

### Legion Auxiliary To Meet Friday P. M.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Friday night, September 4, at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. R. Webb, with Mrs. Elizabeth Haskett as joint hostess. Mrs. Charles Skinner, the president, urges a good attendance for the first meeting of the new year, and to hear a report on Girls' State, to be given by Miss Margaret Ann Banks and Miss Myrtle Williams.

New officers for the Auxiliary for the coming year will be: Helen Skinner, president; Lessie White, first vice president; Grace Morris, second vice president; Elda Webb, recording secretary; Minnie Miller, corresponding secretary; Thelma Hollowell, treasurer; Blanche Berry, historian; Ethel Perry, chaplain; May B. Chappell, assistant chaplain, and Blanche Kanoy, sergeant-at-arms.

## Rotary Pays Tribute To Phone Operators

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club observed a community service program, at their meeting held on Tuesday evening at the Hotel Hertford, paying tribute to the telephone operators of America. The occasion was the 75th anniversary of the first woman telephone operator, who was Miss Emma M. Nutt.

L. S. Blades, Jr., president of the Norfolk-Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company of Elizabeth City, as guest speaker on the program, related to the Rotarians how telephone operators are selected to carry on the tedious task of serving the public. He explained "the voice with the smile," as phone operators are known, perform many services for the public which require alert thinking, extra hours, and at times suffer injuries or death in carrying out community service during disasters.

Despite the modern trend to automatic telephone service, Mr. Blades stated there has been slight reduction in the number of operators used in the system throughout the nation.

In speaking on this trend toward automatic telephone service Mr. Blades said most of the system of his company is now automatic insofar as local calls are concerned and the public can look forward to the time when even long distance calls will be completely automatic. However, there will always be the need for telephone operators to handle a large number of services which will not be automatic.

## Mrs. Maude Thach Dies On Wednesday Evening

Mrs. Maude Ballance Thach, age 69, died Wednesday evening at 6:10 o'clock at her home in Hertford after a lingering illness. She was a native of Hyde County but lived in Perquimans County for the past 46 years and in Hertford for the past two years. She was the daughter of the late Ben H. Ballance and Mrs. Ruth Gilliam Ballance, wife of the late Benjamin White Thach, a member of the Hertford Home and Garden Club and a member of the Hertford Methodist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Gilliam Mann of Norfolk, Va.; four sons, R. Ben Thach of Hertford, the Rev. H. G. Thach of Broadnax, Va., Phillip B. Thach of Hertford, and Julian L. Thach of Norfolk, Va.; one sister, Mrs. Ida B. Wynn of Santa Monica, Calif.; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Twiford Funeral Chapel by the Rev. A. L. Chaplin. Interment will be in the Cedarwood Cemetery.

## Stores To Observe Labor Day Holiday

Hertford stores and business houses, following the custom of past years, will be closed Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day, it was reported here this week. W. W. White, Postmaster, stated while there will be no mail deliveries made Monday, mail will be received and dispatched from the local office.

## New Marquee For State Theatre

State Theatre will have a new look sometime next week when workmen complete the job of installing a new marquee facing Church Street. Installation of a new marquee, which will be of different design from the old one, was made necessary by the widening of Church Street. The new installation will conform in width with the new sidewalk to be installed on the east side of Church Street.

## Construction Expected To Begin Early Part Of October

Plans for the construction of a new Health Center in Perquimans County are moving along rapidly, with work expected to get underway early in October.

The Board of County Commissioners will receive sealed bids for the construction of the building until 11 o'clock A. M., Friday, September 18, after which a contract for the construction is to be let.

The building will be constructed under a cooperative plan offered by the State Medical Care Commission, and will be financed by local, state and federal funds. The County Commissioners have allocated \$7,500 as the county's share of the building which is expected to cost approximately \$29,000.

When completed the building will house the Perquimans County Health Department, and will contain ample space for the department to carry out its program of clinics, consultations and examinations with greater efficiency than now possible in the present cramped quarters used by the local Health Department.

The new building will be located on an acre of land, the site being at the corner of Charles and Dobb Streets which was purchased from L. N. Hollowell at a price of \$2,500.

According to an advertisement for bids, published this week by the Board of Commissioners, contractors desiring to bid on the construction of the building, may inspect plans, specifications and contract documents in the office of the Register of Deeds or may secure plans from the architect, William Moore Weber, Raleigh.

## Slight Increase In School Enrollment Reported For County

Opening of the 1953-54 term in Perquimans County got off to a smooth start here Wednesday morning when a total of 2,151 pupils were enrolled in the five units of the county system, it was reported by J. T. Biggers, County Superintendent.

While the enrollment figures were about what was expected, a slight increase was noted in the overall total number of pupils. Some losses and gains in various classes were noted in each of the five schools. The Perquimans High School had a net gain of seven students, compared with last year, while Hertford Grammar School had a gain of 27 and the Central Grammar School, a gain of five.

Hertford Negro School enrollment figures showed a loss of 35 students, compared to last year while Perquimans Training School had a net gain of one.

As for first grade enrollments Hertford Grammar School had 55 pupils, Central Grammar School 85, Hertford Negro School 58, and Perquimans Training School 87.

Enrollment figures for the white schools of the county were released by Mr. Biggers as follows:

Perquimans High School	282
Eighth Grade	94
Hertford Grammar School	289
Central Grammar School	435

For the Negro schools the figures were:

Perquimans Training School	492
High School	203
Hertford Negro School	356

In the opening of the schools for the new term there were the usual problems concerning enrollment, classes and school bus routes and the school officials were hopeful these problems will be ironed out by Friday when classes will begin operation on full schedule.

## Court Session Is Changed To Wednesday

The September 8 term of Perquimans Recorder's Court has been moved up to Wednesday, September 9, according to an announcement by Judge Chas. E. Johnson. The court schedule was rearranged to provide the courtroom as the location for a meeting of the County Commissioners on Tuesday, September 8. Recorder's Court session will return to the Tuesday schedule on September 15.

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Blanchard announce the birth of a daughter, Betty Sue, Friday, August 28, at Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City.

### GUEST PREACHER

Irving Stubbs of Norfolk, Va., a student at Princeton Seminary, will be the guest preacher at the Hertford Baptist Church next Sunday. Mr. Stubbs is the nephew of Mrs. J. E. Jones and Mrs. Lena Gregory.