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Verdict Against Bank Of Edenton Set Aside By Judge

Judge Malcolm Paul, acting upon a motion made by attorneys for the Bank of Edenton at the conclusion of a case tried in Perquimans Superior Court last week, set aside a verdict returned by the jury as being contrary to the greater weight of evidence presented during the trial.

The case involved was one in which Mack Ward, as plaintiff, sought a sum of \$12,000, plus interest, from the Bank of Edenton as due him on deposits made in a savings account. The bank contended the sum had been paid the plaintiff through transfers from the savings account to the plaintiff's checking account.

The trial opened on Monday of last week and testimony was presented for four days, with the court taking a recess on Wednesday. The case went to the jury late Friday afternoon and a verdict favoring the plaintiff was returned by the jury about 9 o'clock Friday night.

Following announcement of the jury's verdict the defense attorneys, John Graham and Walter Cohoon, moved that the court set aside the verdict. Judge Paul took the motion under advisement and in a hearing conducted in the Pasquotank Court on Tuesday handed down a decision that in his discretion the verdict was contrary to the weight of the evidence.

Copies of the decision on the motion was handed to attorneys for both the plaintiff and defendant and also forwarded, for record, to Clerk of Court W. H. Pitt.

It was learned the action may be reinstated on the local court which, if done, will require another hearing of the case.

Price Support On Cotton Announced By A. S. C. Office

Last December 15 the cotton growers in North Carolina joined those throughout the nation by voting overwhelmingly in favor of marketing quotas on their 1959 crop. At the same time they voted in favor of support at between 65 and 80% of parity as opposed to a drop in the support rate of 50% of parity. Along with this vote in favor of the high level of price support farmers also voted in favor of marketing quotas penalties for overplanting. Their vote also made possible the choice of planting within the regular allotment and receiving price support for complying at not less than 80% of parity. Since the referendum did carry and did permit this "choice of allotments" by farmers, the second choice open to farmers will permit them to choose a larger farm allotment equal to 40% greater than the farm's regular allotment. With this choice price support to growers who comply with the larger allotment will be 15% of parity less than it would be under the regular allotment.

Price support to cotton farmers who plant within their regular Choice A Allotment in 1959 will be 30.4 cents per pound for 7/8 inch middling at average location. According to George Bellmon, ASC Office Manager, the support rate in this state for 7/8 inch middling will be in the neighborhood of 9/10 of a cent per pound higher because of the cheaper transportation to mill areas which are located in this state.

For producers who elect the Choice-B program which permits them to plant up to 40% over their regular allotment the level of support is somewhat lower. The rate for Choice B farmers for 7/8 inch middling at average locations will be 24.7 cents per pound. For Choice C farmers in this state the 9/10 of a cent price differential would also apply. In accordance with the law these

World Day Of Prayer At Baptist Church

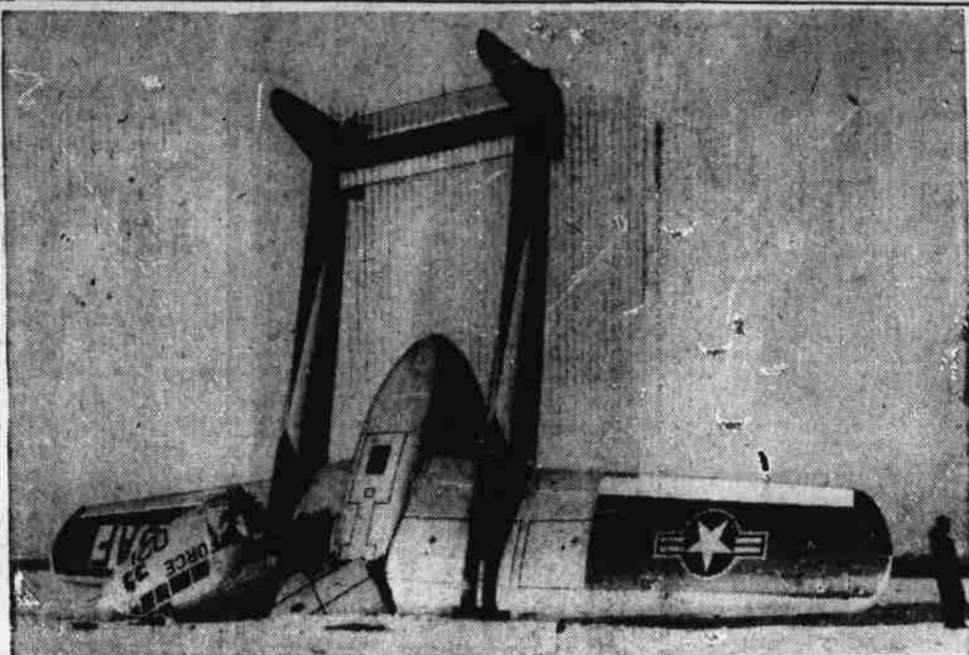
Hertford churches will join together in observance of the World Day of Prayer, Friday, February 13, with services at the Hertford Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend these services which will begin at 3:30 o'clock.

Mass X-ray Survey Planned For Area April 4 To May 2

The second pre-planning conference for the mass X-Ray survey was held at the Health Department in Elizabeth City on February 6. Dr. William A. Smith, chief of the Tuberculosis Section, State Board of Health, gave detailed information to a group of prominent people of the four counties about setting up the two mobile units from April 4 to May 2. The units will be operating for 22 working days and are equipped to take 22,000 X-Rays, or an average of 500 per unit per day, the cost being defrayed by the four counties.

The tuberculosis situation in the United States and North Carolina has improved during the last 20 years as to the number of deaths, but cases have not declined in the same proportion as deaths.

Because of the increased rate of tuberculosis in the older age group, everyone over 20 years of age is urged to have a chest X-ray.



IT WENT UP—IT CAME DOWN—An Air Force C-119 cargo plane is mashed into an air-strip at O'Hare International Airport near Chicago. Four Air Force reservists suffered only minor injuries when the plane crashed after the right wheel hit a snowbank while taking off. No cargo was in the plane for the routine training flight.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Governor Hodges, in a joint session of the General Assembly Monday night, presented his budget for the next two years, which calls for state spending in excess of one billion dollars. While the budget called for some increases in spending, the governor requested no new tax money. He balanced the budget by anticipating increased revenues, and asked for a withholding tax plan which, if enacted, will provide a non-recurring tax windfall of about 27½ million dollars. Sentiment among the lawmakers appeared favorable toward adoption of the Governor's budget proposals.

A Raleigh report Wednesday announced a proposal will be made in the Legislature to increase the size of the State Highway Commission in order to provide easier access to officials by the public which wishes to discuss road problems. The report stated Governor Hodges may be agreeable to this action, but may likely oppose any move to return the highway set up back to its old organization.

Nineteen persons died in a tornado which struck St. Louis, Mo., early Tuesday morning causing serious injuries to hundreds of people and heavy property damage. Similar storms hit other areas in the Midwest as wintry storms struck blows over wide areas. The situation in St. Louis was such President Eisenhower declared the region a disaster area.

Secretary of State Dulles is taking a leave of absence to undergo an operation, following his return from a trip to Europe during which he conferred with officials in England, France and West Germany regarding the Russian demands to make Berlin a "Free City." A conference on the Berlin situation will be held by foreign ministers next May.

Coroner's Jury Absolves Driver In Highway Death

A coroner's jury, which convened here last Friday for the purpose of an inquest in the highway death of William Isaac Lowe, Negro, absolved John William Trueblood of any criminal negligence in connection with the accident resulting in the injuries to Lowe.

The inquest was conducted by County Colonel Dr. C. A. Davenport and members of the jury were J. W. Dillon, W. T. Elliott, Claude Brinn, W. F. Ainsley, Thomas Dail and L. B. Gibbs. Lowe died in the Albemarle Hospital following a highway accident which occurred on the Newbold curve about 4½ miles north of Hertford. Highway Patrolman Robert I. Weathersbee, who investigated the accident at the time, reported Lowe had driven his car to the side of the road for the purpose of changing a flat tire and he was struck by a car driven by Trueblood.

Local Youth Chosen As Member Church Caravan To Europe

Corbin Lee Cherry, son of Mrs. W. C. Chery, has been chosen as a member of the 1959 N. C. Conference Caravan to Europe. Corbin, a junior at High Point College, is a ministerial student and has been doing outstanding work at High Point, where he is a member of a Fellowship Team that often presents programs at churches in the area. Besides his studies and pre-ministerial training duties, Corbin also works in a clothing store in High Point to pay his college expenses.

This year's Caravan will sail on June 6 for a ten-week tour of Europe which will include contacts with the Methodist Churches in six countries, and participation in youth, programs and activities in at least 25 churches. There will be a two-week work period in Austria, where the North Carolina Conference Board of Missions maintains strong relationships in the rehabilitation and the refugee programs.

Other young people who will



represent the conference this summer are Misses Sylvia Nicks, Roxboro; Patricia Olmstead, Arlington, Va.; Patricia Pugh, Old Trap; Mary Eleanor Sanderson, Plymouth, and Thomas L. Covington, Rockingham; Ronald Wachs, Pittsboro, and Corbin, Counsellors will be the Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Stevens of Rockingham.

Rose's Re-Opens Hertford Store On Self-Service Plan

Rose's Variety Store, one of Hertford's veteran retail outlets, completed its remodeling operations this week and made plans for a "Grand Opening" Friday and Saturday, as a complete self-service operation.

Mrs. Kathleen Nelson, manager of the local store, announced arrangements are complete for the re-opening which will mark the Hertford store as one of the most modern variety stores in this area. A special sale will be conducted Friday and Saturday in celebration of the opening.

Rose Supt. R. E. Laughter and J. P. Walker of the personnel department, along with other Rose managers from several nearby cities have been working day and night this week in preparation for the Friday opening.

The interior of the store has been completely redecorated and new back to back self-service counters installed.

C. H. Tucker, personnel director for Rose's is expected to attend the Friday opening.

Holmes Named To 9 Committees

Perquimans County Representative C. R. Holmes has been named to serve on nine committees during the 1959 session of the General Assembly. Appointment was made by Addison Hewlett, Speaker of the House.

Committees on which Holmes will serve are: Banks and Banking, Commissions and Institutions for the Blind, Corporations, Courts and Judicial Districts, Finance, Manufacturers and Labor, Roads and Highway Safety, Senatorial Districts and State Government.

Miss Susan Nixon Chosen Explorer Scout Queen

Miss Susan Nixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nixon, was named "Queen of the Albemarle District, Explorer Scouts Unit" and received a beautiful trophy Saturday night at the annual Albemarle District Boy Scout banquet in Elizabeth City. Miss Nixon was chosen at a district ball held in Hertford at the Teenage Center on Friday night when Explorer Scouts and their dates from the entire Albemarle District had an opportunity to compete for the title of "Albemarle Queen."

Miss Nixon and her escort, Richard Auman, receive an all-expense paid trip to Virginia Beach Saturday night, February 14, when the annual Tidewater Council Explorer's Ball will be held in the Convention Hall at Virginia Beach. Here Miss Nixon will compete with a queen from the other three districts of the Tidewater area for the title of "Tidewater Queen."

Saturday night's ball is an annual affair with Explorer Scouts of the Tidewater Council. Also attending from Hertford will be Larry Willis and Miss Becky Burton. They will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Willis.

ECC Coach Speaks At Club Banquet

Jack Boone, head football coach at East Carolina College, was guest speaker at the annual Monogram Club banquet held last Friday night at Perquimans High School. The club members had their dads as special guests for the dinner meeting.

At the conclusion of a short talk, Coach Boone showed a film of one of ECC's 1958 football games which was enjoyed by the audience.

Hertford PTA To Conduct Study On Family Affairs

"Family Affairs," a two-night study for PTA members, will be held in the Hertford Grammar School Thursday and Friday nights, February 19 and 20, it was announced this week by Mrs. James A. Auman, family life leader for the local PTA. Sessions will be at 7:30 P. M. both evenings.

The Rev. Marvin Vick, pastor of Queen Street Methodist Church, Kinston, will be guest speaker on Thursday night, February 19, when he leads the study group in viewing the overall importance of family living in our day. Mr. Vick is past State Chairman of Family Life in the Parent Teacher organization, and is much in demand as speaker and resource leader for PTA groups. He was on the program at the annual PTA convention in Asheville last spring. Within the Methodist Church he has also done much research and studying in this area, and is an accredited instructor for the training program of the church, especially in the field of family life and youth counselling and guidance.

Friday night's study session will give opportunity for question and answer period, plus the presentation of a short play "As For Me and My House."

Members of the Hertford PTA are especially urged to attend this year's study. The Perquimans High School may also receive credit for the study, by having as many as six members in attendance. The Winfall PTA will be issued a special invitation to participate.

Hendricks Rites Conducted Tues.

Funeral services for John Thomas Hendricks, age 67, of 106 Grubb Street, who died Sunday morning at 2 o'clock in the Norfolk General Hospital following an illness of two years, were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Twiford Funeral Home chapel by the Rev. James O. Mattox, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. James A. Auman, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was sung by a quartet composed of Pete Riddick, Tommy Byrum, Willie Ainsley and Carroll Williams, accompanied by Mrs. J. Ellie White, organist. The casket was covered with a pall of white mums and ferns. Pallbearers were Martin Towe, Julian Matthews, Hazel Matthews, Crafton Matthews, Tom White and Nathan Matthews.

Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery. Mr. Hendricks, a native of Chowan County and a former resident of Hertford, lived in Washington, N. C., before returning to Hertford a year ago. He was the husband of Mrs. Ora Jackson Hendricks, a member of the Yeopim Baptist Church and a retired poultry market operator.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Rufus Harrell of St. Brides, Va., Mrs. J. C. Keaton of Lake Park, Florida, and Mrs. G. A. Bailey of Norfolk; one son, James L. Hendricks of Great Bridge, Va.; one brother, James E. Hendricks of Kecoughtan, Va.; one sister, Mrs. Berta Hobbs of New Hope; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Store Installing New Modern Front

Workmen began construction Wednesday of a new store front for the J. C. Blanchard building located on Church Street in Hertford.

L. C. Winslow, president of the firm, stated a new modern front of Roman brick, aluminum and glass will be installed replacing the old front of the building.

MASONS TO MEET

Perquimans Masonic Lodge, No. 108, A. F. & A. M., will meet Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

Town Board Names Officials To Hold Primary Election

No New Money

The Navy Department, in requesting construction funds for the next fiscal year, omitted mention of new funds for building at the Naval Air Station at Havelly Point, Hertford. According to a Washington report construction funds requested for this Naval District was drastically cut this year and no request was made for Harvey Point. However, it is estimated previous allocations made for this project will provide sufficient money for the building program for the remainder of this year.

Indians - Squaws Divide Victories With Edenton High

The Perquimans Indians dropped to two-point decision to the Edenton Aces in an Albemarle conference basketball game played here Tuesday night after holding a five point advantage at the halftime. The final score was Edenton 48, Perquimans 46. Edenton outshot the Indians 27 to 22 in the final half of the contest to rack up its second win of the season over Perquimans. Wilkins led the visitors in scoring with 16 points while Bass hit for 12 and Griffin got 10.

Burton and Tucker were high scorers for the Indians with 12 points each while Colson sank 11, Nixon six and Chesson got five. The teams played even in the first quarter but Perquimans

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Craftsman's Fair Creating Interest Throughout Area

The first Albemarle Craftsman's Fair will be held April 22 and 23 in Elizabeth City. Home Economics agents in nine Albemarle counties and the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring the fair in order to get a craftsman's name associated with a certain craft, to lay the ground work for establishing a business and to promote good crafts in the area.

The old Dr. Pepper Bottling Company on West Ehringhaus Street extended will be the location and building used by the crafts demonstrators and exhibitors. No admission charge will be made. Cash donations will be received in order to finance the next fair.

Mrs. Paige Underwood, home economics agent, reports that interest in the fair among Perquimans County craftsmen has been extremely high. The four following crafts have been accepted: Turned woodwork by Mr. and Mrs. Orville Dillon, Belvidere; pictures of forest materials by Mrs. J. P. Chesson, Jr., and Mrs. Seymour Chappell, Route 3, Hertford; forest wealth creations by Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Fulford, Oldhope Farm, Route 3, Hertford, and felt applique by Mrs. T. P. Brinn, Hertford.

Application forms stating rules and regulations can be secured from Mrs. Underwood. The following crafts will also be demonstrated during the fair: Copper tooling, Gates County; chair caning, Currituck County; rug weaving and braiding, Pasquotank County; wood carving and hand tied netting, Dare County; aluminum etching, Pasquotank County; handmade furniture, Worth Britt, Elizabeth City; dolls, cypress knee and driftwood ornaments, Dare and Pasquotank Counties.

Other possibilities are leather tooling, stool bottoming, Swedish darning, rug hooking and

Hertford's Town Board, meeting here in regular session last Monday night, set in motion machinery for holding the quadrennial election of town officials. The election will be held on May 5, preceded by a primary which will be conducted in April.

The board named Mrs. B. G. Koonce to serve as registrar for the election and D. J. Pritchard and Mrs. R. A. White as judges. Registration books will be opened for four weeks prior to the primary for the purpose of registering new voters.

Officials to be selected in the election will be the mayor and four commissioners. Candidates seeking election to any of the offices are required to file with the Town Clerk.

Town Clerk R. C. Elliott advised the board, acting on its orders, he had instigated collection of delinquent personal property taxes and had collected approximately \$150 from this source during the past 10 days.

The board discussed the delinquent tax situation and then renewed its instructions to the clerk and town attorney to proceed with necessary action in the collection of these outstanding accounts.

Mayor Darden advised the board the town has made payment and secured title to one acre of land upon which is situated the town's new water well field. He advised the commissioners of plans for development of this project are being carried forward and will be presented for adoption within the next few months.

Complaints received during recent days concerning utility bills of the past month were also discussed by the board and Supt. F. T. Britt was instructed to run checks on meters to determine if any of these were out of order.

Mrs. Underwood stated that other entries will be submitted on March 16. These entries will be screened in order to ensure only worthy crafts in the fair. The fair is open to both men and women, home demonstration club members and non-club members. If there is anyone interested, please contact Mrs. Underwood, phone 2776, or write Box 98, Hertford.

Building & Loan Names Directors At Annual Meeting

Stockholders of the Hertford Building and Loan Association conducted their annual meeting here last Wednesday afternoon in the Court House, electing officers for the coming year.

More than 60 per cent of the Association's shareholders were represented at the meeting either in person or by proxy, during which the secretary, Max Campbell, reported assets of the local association had reached a new high as of January 31, 1959. Total assets as of that date amounted to \$260,544.

Elected to serve as directors of the Association until the next meeting of the shareholders were A. W. Hefren, C. P. Morris, J. P. Perry, Max Campbell, Charles E. Johnson, V. N. Darden, J. W. Ward, Claude White, Henry C. Sullivan and R. M. Riddick.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors, following the stockholders' meeting, officers elected for the coming year were: A. W. Hefren, president; C. P. Morris and J. P. Perry, vice presidents; Max Campbell, secretary-treasurer and Charles E. Johnson, attorney.