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Miller Gets 2-Year Term On Baby Beating Charge

R.W. Miller 23, was given a two year sentence in prison here last week in Perquimans County District Court by Judge Fentress Horner, in the beating of 18-month-old Douglas Capehart of Woodville.

Judge Horner in imposing the sentence said, "My only regret is that I can't give him 10 years. Two is the maximum in these cases."

Testimony was given by Dr. William F. Harrell, Elizabeth City pediatrician who examined the child.

When Miller's attorney, O.C. Abbott of Elizabeth City pleaded no contest, district solicitor John Gaw began to dismiss Dr. Harrell. Judge Horner said, "I want to hear what he has to say."

A packed courtroom also wanted to hear the pediatrician describe the injuries the baby suffered January 11.

Harrell said, "when it was moved (during examination) the baby cried out in a most pitiful manner. Explaining why,

Dr. Harrell said, multiple bruises on infant's forehead, bruises on the collarbone and hip, a swollen lower lip, burns on the neck, chest, back and behind the ear, and brush burns on the eyelids. Harrell said the baby's left wrist and right forearm were swollen, "suggesting fractures."

He described the infant's face as "puffy" its eyes red, its lips swollen. He said some of the bruises and burns were more recent than others. No explanation of the burns was given.

Findings from x-rays taken of the child were also given. Eyewitness testimony was given by Alton Pierce of Woodville.

The baby is the son of Valerie Capehart, who moved into the area from Chesapeake, Va. She is originally from New Jersey. The woman and her son were living in a house rented from them by Miller, a court official said.

The child is now being cared for by a foster family.

Dr. Poston Speaks To PCHS Health Careers

Dr. Robert Poston was speaker at the Perquimans County High School Health Careers' Club on Thursday, March 9.

Dr. Poston spoke on the Physician's Assistant Program, and the field of medicine.

The Health Career's Club met in the school cafeteria and was called to order by the President Terry Copeland. Under old business, the members were reminded to turn in any money from the card sale. Then, Advisor Miss Elaine Prichard announced the delegates to attend the State Convention, to be held March 23-25 in Raleigh. Delegates are Terry Copeland, Willie Faye Dail, Diane Winslow, Sara Winslow and Frances White.

The club members completed a survey to determine the health fields which interested them. Vice-president Cathy Keel recognized the speaker for the evening Dr. Robert Poston.

Dr. Poston explained that he wished to introduce the Club to several fields open in Health Careers. He then introduced Mrs. Sandra Hudson. Mrs. Hudson presented to the members the different health careers offered in Laboratory.

Robert Fullen was introduced. Mr. Fullen, a registered nurse, spoke on nursing and training once the two year program of Nursing is offered at COA.

Adult Driver Education At COA

A course in "Adult Driver Education" coordinated by the Adult Education Division of College of The Albemarle, will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 to 10 p.m. from March 14 through April 20 in Room 436 of the main COA building on Riverside Avenue.

Instructor for the course is Mr. Joel McLendon who will instruct the thirty hours of classroom instruction and six hours of behind-the-wheel driving for each student.

A registration fee of \$16.00 will be charged. Registration will be at the first class meeting on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants must be eighteen years of age or older and not enrolled in the public schools.

Baptist Students In Youth Week Service Activities Here



A. VICTOR LAMB



B. HUGH CLARK



C. STEVEN BENNETT

A week of activities for the youth of the Hertford Baptist Church began on Sunday, March 12th with the youth observing the work of the teachers and officers of the church, and the young people under the direction of Frank Roberts presented a drama in the Evening Worship Service. The Wednesday night Mid-Week Service was conducted by the Youth Pastor, Victor Lamb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lamb of Hertford, N.C.

The week's activities will be highlighted on Friday Evening at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m. when a College Youth Team from Chowan College in Mur-

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D. NANCY LONG



E. DONNA SMITH

Commissioners To Issue Bonds

Perquimans County Commissioners meeting here Monday adopted a resolution to take immediate steps to issue bonds of the County of Perquimans in the sum of \$26,000.00 to raise funds to finance the site acquisition, site preparation and equipment necessary to set up and operate a sanitary landfill.

The commissioners determined that it is necessary for the health and general welfare of the people of the county that Perquimans set up and operate

a Sanitary Landfill, it was determined after consultation with the State Board of Health and other interested organizations that it would be for the best interest of the county of Perquimans to establish a Sanitary Landfill with the County of Chowan and operate it jointly.

It was determined that it is necessary for the county, in order to finance the land acquisition, site preparation and equipment purchases necessary to construct and operate the Landfill to expend

the sum of \$26,000 in addition to any funds now available to the county.

Another resolution adopted at the meeting was that for the year 1972, that all real and personal property be the same as assessed at 50 per cent of the appraised value, and the 50 per cent of the appraised value will be the value used for taxing property.

Chairman Lester H. Simpson was authorized by the Board to sign agreement with land owners for water taps on County water and sewer lines.

Schools Begin Good Friday Holidays

C.C. Walters, superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, announced today that the schools in Perquimans will begin Easter and Spring holidays on Good Friday, March 31 thru Monday, April 3rd.

Ward Accepts Teaching Job

Billy Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ward of Woodland Circle, Hertford, graduated from the Technical Institute of the Alamance at Burlington on February 29, 1972. He is a 1968 graduate of Perquimans County High School.

Ward has accepted a teaching position at South Eastern Community College in Whiteville, N.C.

Rev. J. Kern Ormond Speaker For Revival



First United Methodist Church of Hertford will conduct revival services March 19-24. The Reverend J. Kern Ormond, minister of First United Methodist Church of Elizabeth City, will be the visiting speaker for these services, which will be at 7:30 each evening.

Mr. Ormond is the son of the late Reverend J.M. Ormond and Mrs. Ormond of Durham. He was graduated from Durham High School and Duke University. He was admitted into the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in 1937. Some of his more recent pastorates have been Farmville, Garner, and Hamlet. He began his ministry at Elizabeth City in June, 1971.

In announcing the revival services, the Rev. C.J. Andrews, pastor of the Hertford United Methodist Church cordially invites the public to attend each service.

Royce Vickers Dies After Long Illness

Royce Eli Vickers Sr., 63, of 200 S. Church St. died Monday at 6:50 a.m. in Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City, after an illness of a month.

A native of Ambrose, Georgia, he was a son of Henry L. and Mrs. Delia McCraney Vickers and the husband of Mrs. Ellen Mae Vickers Vickers.

He was a retired Manager of a Roses Store.

He was a former deacon and Sunday School teacher of Hertford Baptist Church, member of the American Legion, and a Navy veteran of World War II.

Besides his widow, surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Lou Vickers Gregory of Raleigh; a son, Royce Vickers Jr. of Virginia Beach; two brothers, G. Pitts Vickers of Jacksonville, Fla. and Vernon Vickers of Highland Park, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. John Perry of Orlando, Fla. and Mrs. Hubert McDermitt of Wray, Ga.; and two grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Norman Harris. Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

"In the Garden" was sung by the Men's Chorus of the Hertford Baptist Church and "My Task" was sung by Rev. Harris. Both were accompanied by Mrs. Chester Winslow, organist.

The pall was made of a mixture of roses and baby's breath.

Pallbearers were Dahl McDermitt, E.W. Vickers, Willie Jessup, Vivian Matthews, Corbin Dozier, and Joe Carovella.

Commissioners To Hold Special Meeting

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, will hold a special meeting at 3:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, March 16, in the Courthouse, for opening water and sewer bids and to consider and act on matters pertaining to the issuance of bonds to finance the construction and equipping of a Sanitary Landfill, and any other business to come before the Board.

The Board held a special meeting last Friday night, for the purpose of taking up matters with representatives of the various Fire Department in the County.

Robertson's Launderette Opens



Robertson's Launderette officially opened bright and early Monday morning.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place at 8 a.m., with Mayor Bill Cox doing the honors, aided by scissors and a smile.

Business was booming even before the ceremony, customers flocking in to do their laundry the easy way and to get free laundry baskets and boxes of soap.

In the picture is the Mayor, Jim Robertson and his son Dennis. Linda Robertson was already at work, inside giving the customers a helping hand.

The launderette is conveniently located at the Harris Shopping Center, which means there's also plenty of free parking.

Another convenience, is that customers can shop or eat while their laundry is being done. For those who would rather just take it easy, there is a television set in the launderette.

Beth Browne Named Spelling Champion



In the picture above Beth Browne is shown accepting the Spelling Contest Award from William D. Tice, Principal, Hertford Grammar School, on Tuesday, March 7.

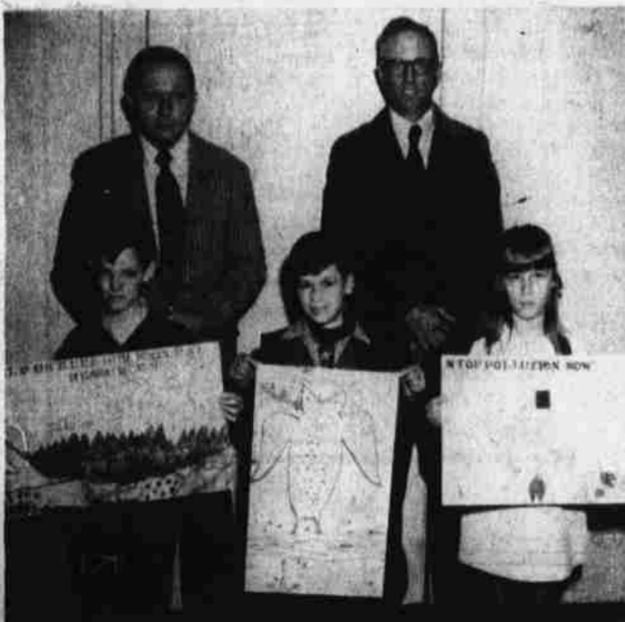
Beth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Browne of Hertford and a fifth grade student at the local school.

The contestants in the 18th Annual Ledger-Star Spelling Bee include students from the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades.

Beth will go to Norfolk, Va. on Saturday, April 22 to participate in the Tidewater Semi-Finals which will be held at Lake Taylor Junior High School. This is a written spelling examination. The top 15 spellers as determined by this examination will compete in the finals.

The Championship Spelling Bee Finals will be televised over WTAR-TV, Channel 3, on Saturday, April 29.

Conservation Poster Winners



The above county winners were named in the Conservation Poster Contest Friday by Carroll R. Williams, Perquimans Soil & Water Committee and Chairman of the County Contest. Six students, the first and second place winners, will be guests of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce on Friday, March 24th, at a luncheon honoring the five-county winners in the Albemarle District; and at which time the district winners will be announced. Teachers or principals will accompany the winners as guests of the county committee. Third place winners will have their posters on display at the Agricultural Building for the remainder of March.

First place winners received \$5 cash; second place winners

\$3; and third place winners \$1.00.

In presenting the awards to the students, Mr. Williams expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the sponsors, for the fine effort and thought displayed by the children in making the posters; and also for the guidance given the students in the classrooms.

In picture (1) Mr. Tommy Maston, principal, and Mr. Williams is pictured with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from the fourth grade, they are: Mark Stevenson, Timothy Selman, and Sandy Muldrow all from Perquimans Central Grammar School.

Two girls from Hertford Grammar School appear in picture (2) who placed third in 5th and 6th grades, they are:



Melonie Morris and Lynn Hurdle.

Four students from Perquimans Union School captured 1st and 2nd place awards in the 5th and 6th

grades, they are: Reggie Boyce, Annette Johnson, Burt A. Eure and Darrell Stevenson. Mr. Gary Stubbins (principal) and Mr. Williams are shown, also.

Board Of Education Meets Here

R. Marion Riddick, Director of the ESEA Title I Program met with the Perquimans County Board of Education on Monday, March 6 and a thorough discussion of the ESEA Program took place.

It was pointed out that this program would be subject to extensive revision in order to be approved for another year. The State and Federal regulations that deal with this program will be more rigid and less flexible for the coming year.

Other business at the meeting was a discussion by the Board on Teacher In-Service activities.

The Board approved the employment of Miss Mary Sumner to finish the school term as a teacher in Perquimans Union School.

The Board voted to purchase a new tractor and mower for use on the school grounds. This equipment will be purchased through the State Division of Purchase and Contract.