

LARGE DELEGATION APPEARS BEFORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ABOUT ROADS

Residents From Three Counties Seeking Improved Highway

More than one hundred residents of Perquimans, Chowan and Gates counties appeared before the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session here Monday, and requested that the local Board go on record favoring the construction of an all-weather highway between Center Hill and a point in Gates County, beyond Sandy Cross. The highway is known as the Sandy Ridge road, and according to spokesmen for the large delegation which dropped work and business on Monday to make a personal plea to the local Commissioners, is badly in need of improvement. The delegation told the local Board that during the winter months the road became almost impassable due to low spots and in summer months the condition of the road became sandy causing considerable damage to cars and trucks using the road.

The Sandy Hill road serves a thickly settled area and is heavily used by the residents of the communities both for travel in private cars and with trucks handling farm to market produce.

According to the delegation, which made a personal plea to the local Board, residents of the area, many of whom have put in much time toward gaining this road project for their communities had been advised by representatives of the State Highway Commission that a decision on the project would be forthcoming if sufficient interest was revealed by the people residing on or adjacent to the highway. This interest was self-evident here Monday when the huge delegation made its appearance. One of the Commissioners stated it was the largest group of people ever to present a plea for assistance to the Board regardless of the project being sought.

William C. Chappell and Louis Winslow, both of Perquimans, spoke briefly to the Commissioners on the project, outlining work already done by the residents toward gaining the all-weather highway. The local Board members went on record favoring the project and signed petitions to be forwarded to the State Highway Commission requesting that the project be given full consideration by the State Board. Each of the individuals attending the meeting here Monday also signed the petitions.

As pointed out, the project would be a tri-county affair. The road traverses Perquimans, Chowan and Gates counties and insofar as can be learned every individual residing on the highway wants the road improved to make it passable the year around.

Following the meeting with the tri-county delegation the Commissioners handled the usual routine matters and considered a proposed budget submitted by the Welfare Department. C. Edgar White, Superintendent of Welfare for the county, requested an increased appropriation for the 1948-49 budget to handle additional cases of old age assistance and aid to dependent children. The welfare budget as drawn and approved by the Welfare Board called for an increase of approximately \$3,800. After a discussion the Commissioners tentatively approved increases amounting to \$2,000.

Clarence Phillips Enters Race For Representative

Clarence W. Phillips, a resident of Bethel Township and Hertford business man, today announced his candidacy for the office of Representative for Perquimans County, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in the primary election May 23.

Mr. Phillips is a native of Perquimans County and graduate of the local schools. He is now engaged in business in Hertford and is active in the civic affairs of the community. He is a member of local veterans organizations. He is also a member of the Lions and Bethel Ruritan clubs and the Baptist Church.

In making his announcement for a public office which he is seeking for the first time, Mr. Phillips stated that if selected by the people of Perquimans to be their Representative that he would endeavor to serve the county and State to the best of his ability.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lewinson announce the birth of a daughter, born Tuesday, April 6, at the Medical Center in Elizabeth City. Mother and daughter are getting along nicely.

Dates Are Set For Pre-School Clinics

Miss Audrey Umphlett, Perquimans County health nurse, announced Wednesday that dates have been set for holding pre-school clinics at four school buildings in the county. The schedule of the clinics is published elsewhere in this issue and parents are requested to note the dates and take their children to the nearest school on dates set.

Local doctors are cooperating with the Health Department in conducting the clinics, but colored parents are also requested to note that these doctors will be located only at the two large Negro schools, and children from other areas should appear at the two schools mentioned for clinic examinations.

Little Interest Shown In Local Political Picture

With only eight days remaining within which candidates may file for local political offices, little interest is being manifested in the primary election to be held on Saturday, May 29. Local voters will have a number of selections to make in regard to State and district offices, but the local scene is expected to remain quiet.

A. W. Hefren, chairman of the County Election Board, stated today that Saturday, April 17, is the final filing date for local offices.

All of the incumbents of local offices, with the exception of C. E. White and L. L. Winslow, County Commissioners, who have announced that they will not seek re-election, are expected to be candidates to succeed themselves in office.

Four local men have announced themselves as candidates for office. J. Emmett Winslow is seeking one of the two seats in the State Senate for this district. E. Leigh Winslow and Clarence Phillips have announced that they will be candidates for the office of Representative, and Roy S. Chappell today announced he will run for County Commissioner for Bethel Township.

The District Solicitor race is a three-cornered affair between John Graham and John White of Edenton and Walter Cohoon of Elizabeth City.

Six candidates are in the race for the office of Governor, but as yet neither of these candidates have a local manager, nor is any particular interest in that race being shown. Senator William Umstead and J. M. Broughton are contesting each other for the post as U. S. Senator.

Local offices to be filled at the election this year include those of County Commissioners, Register of Deeds, Judge of the Recorder Court, Treasurer, Representative and two offices in the Board of Education.

C & D Drivers Slow To Apply For License

Perquimans County motorists whose name begins with C or D have an important date to fill before June 30, according to the State Department of Motor Vehicles.

It is estimated that there are many motorists in the county who have failed as yet to renew their driver's license, and this must be done before June 30, or the motorists face court action if caught after that date driving with an old license.

License Examiner W. E. Nelson, who is located in Hertford every Wednesday and Thursday of each week, for the purpose of giving examinations, reported that at present motorists are slow in coming in for renewal of their old licenses. He urges all drivers in this group to apply early and avoid the last minute rush for new license.

Winners Announced In Speaking Contest

Miss Betty Ruth Chappell was declared the winner of the Perquimans County elimination speaking contest sponsored by the N. C. State Bankers Association and Soil Conservation Department. The contest was held at the high school Tuesday night, March 30. As winner of the local contest, Miss Chappell was awarded a \$25 prize and the right to compete in the district contest which will be held in Edenton April 7.

Other winners in the local contest were Edward Lane, second, who received \$50 prize, and Horace Layden, third, \$15 prize, and Miss Pat Phillips, fourth, \$10 prize.

Tars Break Spring Training Camp And Move Players Mon.

The Norfolk Baseball Club broke off spring training in Hertford last week-end. The club management removed half of the squad of 62 players to Norfolk last Sunday and the remaining players were transported to Blackstone, Va., on Monday.

The decision to close the Yankee farm training camp here came after several days of confusion resulting in a number of disagreements between school officials, the Tar management and a local committee which had represented the Tars in obtaining Memorial Field for the Tars' use.

Mayor V. N. Darden and A. W. Hefren, both of whom were members of the local committee handling negotiations for the Tars, are reported as having the understanding that the Tars were to be invited here and have the use of Memorial Field from mid-morning until their practice session ended in the afternoon. This arrangement, it was reported, was completed after the Board of Education had reversed itself as opposing the proposition for letting any club or team use Memorial Field during this period of the year.

On arriving here the Tars were approached to permit the local high school team to use the field part of the time originally allotted to the Norfolk club. It was reported that a disagreement arose over this attempt to change the original conditions which brought the Tars to Hertford and Superintendent of Schools F. T. Johnson then contacted the manager of the Tar team regarding the situation. Mr. Johnson stated that he acted as the result of numerous requests on the part of individuals in Hertford and Perquimans County. A representative of the Tars stated that court action was discussed unless the Tar management agreed to the change in the terms of the agreement originally reached. It is understood that this latter move was responsible for the club management in removing the players from the community. The same Tar representative stated that the Yankee baseball organization had no desire to interfere with or handicap a school program, neither did it wish to interfere with the local high school baseball plans.

Contracts and reservations the club had made in Hertford were cancelled last Thursday morning to become effective over the week-end as the players were moved to other locations.

State Coach To Be Speaker At Banquet

Everett N. Case, nationally known basketball coach of N. C. State College, will be the guest speaker at a banquet to be given in Hertford on Tuesday night, May 4, by the Hertford Rotary Club for members of the Perquimans High School boys' and girls' basketball team, it was announced today by Max Campbell, president of the club, who secured Mr. Case as the speaker for the occasion.

Coach Case directed high school basketball teams in Indiana for a number of years and came to State College two years ago after his release from the Navy. During the war years Case served as Navy Athletic Director at several Navy schools. During his two years at State College Case's teams have attained national rating among college ranks. The State team during the past year won 29 games and lost three, the last in the opening round of the National Invitational Tournament in New York.

Chappell Candidate For County Board

Roy S. Chappell of Bethel Township, former member of the County Board of Commissioners, today announced his candidacy for the office subject to the Democratic Primary to be held the latter part of May.

Mr. Chappell served as County Commissioner for a period of eight years and retired from the Board in 1940.

In announcing his candidacy Mr. Chappell stated that he was becoming a candidate for the office at the urging of many friends and requests of numerous residents throughout the county.

JUDSON MEMORIAL BIBLE CLASS MEETS APRIL 13

The Judson Memorial Bible Class of the Baptist Church will meet Tuesday, April 13, at 8 P. M. at the church with Mrs. Jim Bass as hostess. E. A. Goodman as joint hostess. All members are urged to be present.

VFW Post To Drop Sponsorship Of Bandmaster Fund

Representatives of the Perquimans Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars appeared before the Board of Education, at a meeting held Monday, and advised the members of the board that effective June 30 the local VFW Post no longer could or would assume the sponsorship of the financial fund for the payment of a salary to the bandmaster of the Perquimans High School Band.

The VFW Post, according to a representative of that organization, will continue, and do what the Post can toward sponsoring the band itself, but according to the opinion of the majority of the VFW Post the salary situation for the bandmaster is one that should be handled by the Board of Education. It is for this reason that the VFW, according to the spokesman, is turning the responsibility to the Board of Education.

Early this year, after numerous attempts had been made to provide a salary arrangement for the bandmaster, the local VFW Post assumed the sponsorship of a drive to raise funds sufficient to pay the bandmaster a fixed salary beginning with January and ending June 30. A large number of individuals throughout the county pledged one dollar per month toward the amount needed to meet this obligation. While this plan has worked successfully, a large number of residents as well as some members of the VFW are of the opinion that this matter should be handled through the school system. Four other organizations, the American Legion, PTA, Rotary and Lions clubs joined with the VFW toward raising the sum needed to meet the obligation for the six months of this year. It is reported that at least a number of members of these organizations believe as does the VFW that the bandmaster salary should be handled by the school officials.

No action was taken by the Board of Education at the meeting this week in regards to the matter.

New Officers Of Hertford OES Named

New officers of the Hertford Chapter, No. 137, Eastern Star, were installed at a meeting on Monday night, March 29, following the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Matron and Patron, Mrs. Rae Emery and W. J. Pell. Grand officers conducting the installation of the officers were Mrs. Emery, Mrs. Blanche Twiford, Mrs. Mary Pell and Mrs. W. J. Pell.

The local officers installed were Mrs. Spivey Matthews, Worthy Matron; Spencer Vick, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Lillie Vann, Associate Matron; Cecil Winslow, Associate Patron; Mrs. Dorothy Bass, Conductress; Mrs. Mary Robertson, Associate; Mrs. Cecil Winslow, Secretary; David Pritchard, Treasurer; Mrs. Lena Gregory, Chaplain; Mrs. Lela Winslow, Marshal. Other officers include Mrs. Lois Carlton, Mrs. Eva Dozier, Mrs. Hazel Spiree, Mrs. Margaret Bagley, Mrs. Erma Vick, Mrs. Mary Chappell and Mrs. Edna Eley.

The chapter presented a past matron's pin to Mrs. Sallie Bonner, retiring Worthy Matron. Visitors at the meeting included those from Elizabeth City, Stantonburg and Victory Chapter of Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Hayle Umphlett and Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Bonner attended the Scottish Rite party held in Edenton last Friday night.

The next meeting of the Hertford Chapter of the Eastern Star will be held Monday, April 12, at 8 o'clock in the Masonic hall. All members are urged to be present.

Symons Rites Held Sunday Afternoon

Funeral services for Christopher C. Symons, 75, who died at his home last Thursday morning after an illness of three months, were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Pleasant Grove Church. The Rev. Sigbee Miller, officiated.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Christopher Symons, one son, Ernest C. Symons, of Hertford; three daughters, Mrs. W. A. Arnold of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Martha Hall of Winfall and Mrs. George Hall of Winfall; one sister, Mrs. Tergin Bartlet of Elizabeth City; 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Bearers were Charlie Lane, Elbie Hurdle, Lealie Summers, Vernon Carroll, Dennis Hurdle and Quinton Hurdle. Burial followed in the family plot in the cemetery at Hurdlestown.

F. T. JOHNSON TENDERS RESIGNATION AS SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY SCHOOLS

In House Race



CLARENCE W. PHILLIPS
Clarence W. Phillips, a Hertford business man, today announced his candidacy for the office of Representative for Perquimans County. He enters the race against E. Leigh Winslow, who announced his candidacy two weeks ago.

Varied Docket In Recorder's Court Session Tuesday

A varied docket consisting of 28 cases, 15 of which involved charges of speeding, was disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court at the session conducted here Tuesday morning.

Fines of five dollars and costs of court were taxed against Edwin Shane, Isel Stempel, Peter Nehemkis, Robert Bootay, Harry Katz, Samuel Doss, Rudy Hager, George Worthby, Jerome Laden and Kenneth DePree, all of whom entered pleas of guilty.

Ten dollar fines and costs of court was assessed against Lee KimLoy, David Brown, Robert Spry, Charles Jahn and Irving Rigler on charges of speeding.

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case charging Eula Thatch, Negro, with assault.

Norris Jaffe paid the costs of court on a charge of passing a car on a curve.

Malachi Parson, Negro, plead guilty to driving with insufficient brakes and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

William Carter, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of being drunk and paid the costs of court.

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Small-White Vows Spoken March 27th

The marriage of Miss Eula Virginia White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. White, of Hertford Route 3, to Clyde Small, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Small of Weeksville, was solemnized on March 27 at the Berea Church of Christ at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Preston E. Cayton, pastor of the church, officiated, using the double ring ceremony.

The church was beautifully decorated with white gladioli, snapdragons, palms, fern and lighted candelabra. Preceding the ceremony Mrs. R. M. Riddick, pianist, rendered a program of nuptial music, using the traditional wedding marches as the processional and recessional. Mrs. Tommy Thompson of Elizabeth City sang "I Love You Truly," "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer."

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attired in a suit of Airforce Blue, with Navy accessories, and a shoulder corsage of orchids. Her shoes and bag were battleship grey.

Mrs. G. H. Webb of Elizabeth City, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and the bride's only attendant. She wore a brown wool dressmaker's suit with pink accessories and wore a corsage of pink roses.

Best man was the bridegroom's brother-in-law, H. S. Jackson. Ushers were Gaston Small, Jr., and Horace Stanton, Jr., both cousins of the bridegroom.

The bride's mother wore a suit of old rose with black accessories and her flowers were orchids. The bridegroom's mother wore a green wool suit with black accessories and an orchid corsage.

Mrs. H. N. Dunstan of Norfolk, sister of the bride, and Mrs. H. S. Jackson, sister of the bridegroom, were mistresses of ceremonies.

Action Follows Request Made By Board of Education Monday

F. T. Johnson, superintendent of Perquimans County Schools since 1934, tendered his resignation of that post to the Board of Education on Wednesday. The action followed a request, made on Monday by the Board of Education, that Mr. Johnson resign in accordance with the terms of a conditional contract which was offered and accepted by him in April of 1947.

In announcing his resignation, Mr. Johnson stated that he would have a public statement to release to the press at a later date. The statement of resignation, which was mailed to W. E. Dail, chairman of the Board of Education, makes the resignation effective as of June 30 this year.

At a meeting of the Board of Education held Monday, Mr. Johnson pointed out to the Board members that the contract signed last year was conditional and it was time for action on the matter. After a discussion, it was reported, that the Board was unanimously in favor of requesting the resignation, based upon the conditions set out in the agreement made in 1947. The terms of this agreement was that Mr. Johnson would resign, if requested by the Board, at the end of 12 months, although the formal contract called for the appointment of Mr. Johnson as superintendent of schools for a period of two years.

Dissention over local school conditions, it was reported last year, led to the conditional contract which was then offered by the Board of Education. Later, however, Mr. Johnson suffered an illness which for a time handicapped him in carrying out the duties of the office. However, his health improved and he has been carrying on his work during the past eight months as superintendent. The Perquimans Weekly learned, however, that this condition had some bearing in regard to the action taken by the Board at the meeting early this week.

Mrs. Norman Elliott, representing the PTA of the Hertford Grammar School, appeared before the Board and made requests pertaining to the improvement of the lunch room at the school.

The Board received a number of complaints in regard to the conditions at Perquimans High School, and on motion it was ordered that a general spring cleaning be conducted at the school.

Permission was granted by the Board for the moving of one of the fences surrounding Memorial Field, to provide space for the building of additional bleachers for the baseball park.

Perquimans County Cancer Fund Drive To Open Next Week

Joe H. Towe will lead Perquimans County in its April drive for funds to fight cancer.

Mr. Towe's appointment was announced today by John Larkins, Jr., of Trenton, State campaign chairman for the American Cancer Society.

"It always has been the policy of the American Cancer Society to select its chairman on the basis of civic interest, leadership and executive ability. I believe Mr. Towe has all those qualities to a high degree," Larkins said. The North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society is fortunate to have him serve as campaign chairman.

Mr. Towe pointed out that funds raised in Perquimans County will be used to help finance a three-fold attack on the disease which last year killed more than 2,500 men, women and children in the State.

Committee for each township in the county will be named next Monday and a plan for solicitation to raise the county goal of \$400 will be mapped out, Mr. Towe announced.

It is estimated that there are 36 cases of cancer in Perquimans County at this time and funds raised through the local drive will go to helping to fight the battle against this disease. A large portion of the funds will be spent on a widespread educational program designed to teach the public the early symptoms of cancer and to encourage prompt medical attention while the disease is in early stages and chance of cure is good.

BROTHER OF MRS. WINSLOW DIES AT CHARLOTTE

Word was received here Monday evening by Mrs. Cecil Winslow that her brother, Joe J. Brothers, died at his home in Charlotte Monday after a short illness.