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## STATE TRAFFIC ENGINEER RECOMMENDS IMPROVEMENTS FOR HERTFORD STREETS

### Congested Condition Is Reported to State Commission

Robert A. Bunch, Traffic Engineer for the Safety Division of the State Highway Commission has filed a report with Mayor V. N. Darden and the Highway Commission setting out facts found in a survey conducted here in regard to traffic congestion on the streets of Hertford and especially Highway 17.

In his report Mr. Bunch points out that conditions he observed here need correction to lessen traffic hazards. He reported that traffic volume, of which approximately 60 per cent is believed to be through traffic, stands at about 3,800 vehicles per average annual day over the drawbridge on Church Street. He also reported that the width of Church Street is too narrow for safe traffic.

In connection with the survey of the traffic conditions within the Town of Hertford, Mr. Bunch also inspected the causeway and recommended that improvements be carried out on this stretch of Highway 17 to provide greater safety.

As to the situation in Hertford the Engineer recommended that to relieve the present congestion that parking on the east side of Church street should be widened by six feet, street should be widened by six feet, from Dobb to Grubb streets and at the same time Edenton Road street should be widened by 14 feet, enabling establishment of an alternate route over this street.

After carrying out these improvements Mr. Bunch listed a number of alternatives which could be adopted to relieve heavy traffic on Church street through the business district but recommended that the plan be adopted whereby all south bound through traffic will use Grubb and Edenton Road Streets while north bound through traffic will use the present route.

His report to the Highway Commission Mr. Bunch urged immediate steps be taken to carry out at least some of the recommendations set forth in the report.

## THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

John L. Lewis won most of his arguments with coal mine operators and the coal strike was settled late last week. Miners all over the nation trekked back to the mines on Monday and spokesmen for both the operators and the union stated that coal piles throughout the country will shortly be rising again. In making settlement of the issues, the miners won an increase in pay, guaranteed minimum hours, increase in welfare funds.

Congressman Herbert Bonner this week offered a plan whereby N. C. commercial peanut growers will receive protection against diversion of acreage quotas of too many other types of peanuts into the existing demand markets. Bonner stated he has asked two Tar Heel members of the Congressional conference on the pending bill to support the plan.

Possibilities that two new stars, making a total of 50, will be added to the American Flag appeared this week when tentative approval to admit Alaska and Hawaii to enter the Union as sister States. Approval of this action has been sought in Congress for several years but this is the first time definite action has resulted.

Senators Frank Graham and Clyde Hoey officially filed as candidates for re-election by paying their filing fees with the North Carolina Board of Elections this week. To date Senator Hoey is without opposition in the primary while Senator Graham has four opponents.

## Stalling Funeral Conducted Tuesday

Wilbur Stallings, 46, of Winfall, died in a Durham Hospital Sunday morning following a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Roma White Stallings, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stallings, two sisters, Mrs. J. Vann Roach and Mrs. Ernest Stallings and one brother, Joseph Stallings, Jr.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at the Winfall Epworth Church by the Rev. E. B. Edwards. Burial followed in the family cemetery at Whitestown.

## Red Cross Fund Climbs Slowly

Perquimans County's campaign to raise \$1,395 for the Red Cross moved slowly during the past week with solicitors reporting only \$137, Henry C. Stokes, Jr., chairman of the drive reported Wednesday.

Reports made this week, added to those turned in last week makes a total of \$429 contributed to the fund to date. Most of the contributions have come from the solicitation of the business district of Hertford, while campaign workers soliciting residential areas are expected to start making reports to the drive chairman late this week.

Individuals who are missed in the canvassing by the solicitors are urged to support the drive by sending their contributions direct to the campaign chairman.

## Perquimans Squaws Lose Final Game In Cage Tourney

### Indians Eliminated In Semi-Finals By Gatesville Five

The girl's basketball team of Perquimans High School won runner-up honors in the Lions Club cage tournament conducted at Plymouth last week, when they lost the final contest to the Columbia girls by a score of 41-38. Inability of the local girls to convert charity tosses cost them the tourney championship. Led by Janice Perry the Squaws outscored Columbia from the field but on foul shots, the Columbia girls excelled and overcame a final period three-point lead held by the Squaws. Perquimans had a 12-11 lead at the end of the first quarter and the score at halftime was 21-20. Perquimans scored 10 points to Columbia's eight in the third period but tallied only seven points in the final round while Columbia got 13.

Perquimans girls won the right to play in the final round by trouncing the Belhaven girls 41-38 on Saturday night. Janice Perry, with an average of 25 points for the three games played in the tournament was a popular choice for the all-tournament first team.

In the boys' contest the Perquimans Indians lost in the semi-final round when Gatesville tripped the locals by a three-point margin in an overtime game 41-38.

Tilley was selected from the Perquimans team as a member of the all-tournament second team.

The Perquimans teams closed their season with the tourney at Plymouth and Coach Ellie Fearing is now conducting spring football practice for the boys at the school.

## County Political Pot Merely Simmers

Perquimans County's political pot, which had all the aspects of boiling over last week, what with numerous rumors circulating concerning individuals expected to announce for public office, barely simmered this week.

Only one definite political announcement was made and that was by Belvidere's County Commissioner, T. M. Twine, who stated that he will not be a candidate for re-election.

All county offices, with the exception of Register of Deeds, will be filled by the election this year and to date only two candidates have made definite announcement those being Melvin G. Owens and Herbert N. Nixon, both will seek the office of Sheriff.

In connection with the primary in May, A. W. Heffren, chairman of the Board of Elections last year, stated that the final filing date for county office is April 15. The local Board of Election is expected to be reorganized within the next week or ten days and it is reported that a new chairman of the board will be named.

A number of present office holders have expressed an opinion that they will be candidates for re-election, however, they stated they expected to make a formal announcement at a later date. A few of the office holders stated that they have not made up their minds about running this year and there is definite possibility that there will be some vacancies to be filled by new candidates.

## Legion Auxiliary Selects Officers For Coming Year

### Reorganization of Local Unit Is Perfected at Meeting

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Wm. Paul Stallings Post No. 126, of Hertford, met March 2, at the Agriculture Building in Hertford.

Meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the unit for the year 1950, Mrs. James M. Bond, president of the Edward G. Bond Post of Edenton presided. Others assisting in the organization, election and installation of officers for the Hertford Unit were Mrs. Paul Holloman, District Committeewoman for the First Auxiliary District, Mrs. Roy Leary and Mrs. James Chestnutt, all of Edenton.

The following were elected and installed as officers of the Hertford Unit for 1950: Mrs. Blanche M. Berry, president; Mrs. Alice E. Futrell, vice-president; Mrs. Lessie White, secretary; Mrs. Edla B. Webb, treasurer; Mrs. Thelma Hollowell, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Grace Morris, historian, and Mrs. Ethel L. Perry, chaplain.

The unit is striving to secure its quota of members by March 15th, which is the quota deadline and also the birthday of the American Legion. All eligible for membership in the Auxiliary are urged to see members of the membership committee of the unit and join before the deadline date.

A meeting of the county unit has been called for Thursday night, April 6, at the Agriculture Building, at 8 o'clock and it is urged that all members be present.

## Parrish-Harrell Wedding Solemnized At Bethel Church

The wedding of Miss Mary Julia Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anderson Harrell, of the Bethel community of Perquimans County, and Carey Yeates Parrish, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Parrish, Sr., of Chowan County, took place Sunday, February 26, 1950, at 4:00 in the afternoon, at the Bethel Baptist Church, with the Rev. E. G. Willis, of Elizabeth City performing the double-ring ceremony.

The church was decorated with palms and ferns and white gladioli, lighted with cathedral candles.

Mrs. Charles E. Johnson, pianist, and Marshall White, soloist, rendered a program of nuptial music. The traditional wedding marches were used.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown of Chantilly lace and slippers of satin. The fitted bodice of lace was fashioned with a nylon yoke and long sleeves extending into Cala Lily points over the wrists. A lace peplum extending to a point in the back fell over the full satin skirt, forming a long, sweeping train. Her finger-tip length veil of imported illusion fell from a Juliet cap of illusion dotted with seed pearls. She carried a white prayer book showered with lilies of the valley and centered with a purple-throat orchid.

Mrs. Preston Copeland, an aunt of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore an off the shoulder model of yellow taffeta with a fitted basque featuring a bertha trimmed with loops of the self-same material, and a full skirt with a bustle. She wore a matching bonnet and mits and carried a nosegay of mixed flowers.

Miss Margaret Harrell, sister of the bride, Mrs. Scott Harrell, of Edenton. (Continued on Page Six)

## Central Faculty Guests At Dinner

Members of the faculty of Perquimans Central Grammar School were honored guests at a dinner held at the Belvidere Community House on Friday night, March 3rd. Mrs. M. D. Lane, president of the school's PTA welcomed about 40 members of the faculty, parents and guests to the meeting.

James Snipes, principal of the school responded to the welcome and Rev. E. B. Edwards gave the devotion. Toasts to the faculty members and others were given by the Rev. Carl V. Yow.

Special music, with Mrs. R. R. White at the piano, was rendered during the evening and Mrs. Carl Yow presided over a quiz program. Mrs. L. J. Winslow gave an interesting reading.

Door prizes were awarded to Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Frank Bray.

## Rotary Sponsored Home Talent Show Friday And Saturday

### Production to Be Presented at County High School

Final plans for presentation of a home-talent show at the Perquimans High school on Friday and Saturday nights of this week were announced at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club Tuesday. The local Rotary Club is sponsoring the show and a percentage of the proceeds will be contributed to the Red Cross campaign.

A cast of 48 local residents have been rehearsing for the past 10 days under the direction of Miss Lallie Kisseljak for the hilarious comedy show, "It's A Date." Curtain time for the show has been announced at 8:13 o'clock P. M.

Members of the cast of the show are Charlie Skinner, Jr., Doris Faye Allen, Edgar White, James E. Newby, Billy White, Bernice White, R. S. Monds, Jr., Ruth Tucker and Mrs. R. M. Riddick, pianist. Chorus girls are Mary Beth Perry, Helen Harrell, Jackie Allen, Nonie Lou Lane, Marvina White, Kay Stanton White, Nellie Cartwright, Earline Chappell, Marguerite Butler, Irene Hunter, Sybil Mansfield, Mary Louise Owens, Betty Trueblood, Virginia Gay, Betty Dawson, Benita Hutchinson, Dorothy Moore, Carolyn Harrell, Marjorie Winslow, Billie Skinner, Beverly Bright and Janice Yagel. Male characters are Charles Skinner, Silas M. Whedbee, Otis White, Chas. Winiford, George Fields, Hank Christgau, Emory White, Bob Hollowell, Eldon Winslow, Jim Bass, James Snipes Charles Harrell, Robert Elliott, Clinton Eley, Houston Edwards, A. W. Heffren, W. F. Ainsley and J. E. Hervey.

Winners of the Tiny Tot contest, being conducted in connection with the show, will be announced from the stage during the performance and prizes awarded at that time.

## Five-Day Week Plan Approved By Board For 2 Departments

Commissioners for Perquimans County, meeting in regular session here Monday, approved, for a trial basis, a five-day work week for the Department of Public Welfare and the Perquimans Health Department. Request for trial of the plan, which is being carried out by all State departments was made by C. Edgar White, Welfare Superintendent and Miss Rebecca Swindell, Nurses' Supervisor for the District Health Department.

The two county offices will be closed all day on Saturdays under this work plan, however, the employees will begin work earlier and stop later each day Monday through Friday. Office hours for the departments under the five-day week will be from 8:30 until 5:30 P. M., Monday through Friday.

The Board also approved, with appreciation, a request made by Mrs. Kate Crawford for the privilege to install a clock in the Court House as a memorial to her son, Colonel William Crawford and other Perquimans heroes of World War II.

On motion ordered the Board contributed the sum of \$50 to the Red Cross roll call campaign.

Julian A. White, chairman of the Board of Education and School Superintendent John T. Biggers appeared before the Board and requested the Commissioners to consider the borrowing of approximately \$35,000 to complete the county school house building program. This sum was estimated needed to carry out all projects under present Board of Education plans. The Commissioners advised the representatives to present the matter when bids have been received for all projects and the exact total of funds needed was determined.

In addition to the above the Board handled the usual fiscal matters presented at each monthly meeting. It will meet again next Monday at 10 o'clock A. M., as a board of equalization and review at which time citizens having complaints regarding tax questions may present them to the Board.

## Eastern Star To Elect Officers

The Hertford Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will hold its regular meeting next Monday night at eight o'clock in the lodge rooms. Officers for the new lodge year will be elected at this meeting and all members are urged to be present.

## Petition Filed With County School Board Requests Equal Facilities For Negroes

### Horace Layden Wins Contest

Horace Layden won county honors in the oratorical contest held at Perquimans High School Tuesday morning under the sponsorship of the N. C. Pankers Association in cooperation with the District Soil Conservation Office, it was announced by E. C. Woodward, principal of the local high school.

As winner, Layden received \$20 cash prize and the right to represent Perquimans County at a district contest to be held at Gatesville, March 14. Second place in the county was won by Shirley Butt, who received a \$15 prize; third place went to Doris Faye Allen whose prize was \$10 and fourth place winner was Pat Phillips who received a five dollar prize.

Soil Conservation Practices was the subject of the speeches made by the students.

## County Red Cross To Open Classes On Home Nursing

### Chapter Votes Funds For First Aid Boxes At County Schools

Plans for conducting a new short course in home nursing, for school girls, were outlined at a meeting of the Perquimans Chapter of the Red Cross held last Thursday night. The home nursing plan was reported on by Mrs. Charles E. Johnson who stated that tentative plans call for the short course to get underway sometime after July 1, and there is a possibility that the classes will later be expanded to include home makers.

Mrs. Johnson also outlined plans for the Junior Red Cross to fill a number of boxes for overseas shipment.

Present for the meeting were Chas. Henc, county chairman; C. P. Morris, Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Mrs. Robert Applewhite, John T. Biggers, Henry C. Stokes, Jr., Rev. C. W. Duling and Robert Elliott.

The chapter voted \$75 to be donated to the Perquimans County Schools to equip first aid boxes and first aid gear for the various schools in the county.

It was reported at the meeting that E. C. Woodward, principal at Perquimans High School has formulated plans for teaching first aid in the class rooms and as soon as he has instructions assigned for the various rooms instructions will be started.

A report on the Red Cross roll call was made by Mr. Stokes, who stated that \$400 was contributed toward the county goal the first two days of the campaign and indications were that the drive will be a successful one.

## Revenue Official Here Next Week

The State Department of Revenue will have R. F. Tuttle, deputy collector, in the office of the Police Department at Hertford March 11, 13, 14 15 for the purpose of assisting those who need help in preparing their State income and intangible tax returns, it was announced here today.

Mr. Tuttle stated that those liable for returns are all married men living with wife and having incomes of \$2,000 or more. All married women having incomes separate from that of the husband, of \$1,000 or more. All married men not living with wife and all single men with incomes of \$1,000 or more are required to file a return.

All persons owning stock, bonds, mortgages, notes or other evidences of debt, and having money on deposit in banks outside the State of North Carolina or money on hand undeposited are required to file intangible tax returns. All merchants are required to list accounts receivable for this tax computation.

Failure to file subjects one to fines and penalties, Mr. Tuttle pointed out and he urged all residents who have not already complied with the law to do so. His office hours on his trip to Hertford will be from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

## MARY TOWE'S TO MEET

The Mary Towe Missionary Circle of the Methodist Church will meet Monday evening, March 13, at 8 o'clock with Mrs. I. C. Yagel. All members are urged to be present.

## Action Believed Due to Construction Plans Announced

A petition, signed by 18 Negro residents of Perquimans County was filed with the Board of Education here Monday requesting equal facilities be provided for Negro children attending schools in this county.

The petition was filed with the Board by Herman Taylor, Negro attorney of Raleigh, N. C., who told the Board of Education that he had been employed by local Negro residents to represent them in the matter and that information provided him by his clients were set out in the petition.

In addition to setting out the laws of North Carolina and the United States, the petition charged that Negro children of the county were deprived of a number of courses offered in white schools, specifically these were, home economics, commercial courses, chemistry, Latin, vocational courses; the petition also stated that the structures, or school buildings, used by Negroes were unfit for educational purposes. It also stated there were no lunchrooms provided for Negro schools.

The petition was signed by Wallace Gramby, Calista M. Overton, Ray Perry, Lindsay Nixon, E. H. Gregory, James Riddick, Lewis McDonald, Jacob Wills, W. D. Moore, Dora Gibbs, Annie Mae Rodgers, James S. Ruill, Lathan Felton, Corlie Skinner, Willie Johnkins, Earlie Phillips, James Felton and Leslie Phillips.

After hearing the attorney for the petitioners the Board of Education advised him that plans now being drawn for the construction of a union school for Perquimans County Negro students will provide all of these facilities, and also pointed out the entire plan for consolidation of Negro schools in order to offer better facilities.

According to a reliable source the action of these Negro petitioners grew out of disappointment on the part of some Hertford Negro School patrons over the decision of the State Board of Education recommending the construction of a union school at Winfall, and this same source stated Taylor was employed for the purpose of making some changes in this recommendation.

After hearing the construction program plans Taylor informed a committee, which joined him in appearance before the Board, that the decision as to location of the site of a school was entirely a matter for the Board of Education and the Board was legally authorized to construct the building on any suitable site it desired.

A divided opinion, among the Negro school patrons, has caused more than a 30-day delay in starting construction of the union school at Winfall but John T. Biggers, County Superintendent of Schools reported today that J. W. Griffin, architect for the building, stated that he will have plans ready for the building late this week or the first part of next week, and it is estimated that construction on the union Negro School will get underway not later than April 25. Bids must be called for and accepted before construction is started.

The union school, containing grades from one through 12, according to Mr. Biggers will offer the same facilities and classes as are being offered through public instructions in the white schools of the county.

## Herbert Bonner Seeks Re-election

First Congressional District Representative Herbert C. Bonner has filed for re-election.

The Washington, North Carolina, Congressman, seeking his seventh consecutive term of office, filed for the Democratic nomination in a letter mailed from Washington, D. C. Thursday evening.

Mr. Bonner, who served the Hon. Lindsay Warren, now Comptroller General, as Congressional Secretary for 17 years, was the first to file for the First District seat in Congress.

"I greatly appreciate the support which has been given me by the Democrats of the First District," the Congressman commented upon mailing his filing fee.

Mr. Bonner is ranking member of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, a member of the Expenditures Committee, chairman of the Inter-Governmental Relations and a member of the committee on Maritime Affairs.