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Town Board Readjusts Utility Rates During Special Meeting Monday Night

Project To Include Four New Classrooms And Library

Meeting here in special session last Monday night the Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hertford adopted another change in rates for electric power in order to equalize the increased costs among the town's consumers.

Mayor V. N. Darden advised the Commissioners that rates adopted at the last meeting of the Board, to pay higher costs to the Virginia Power & Electric Company, an action which is now being paid under protest and appealed, failed to spread these additional costs to all consumers served by the town. A large number of customers, under the rates adopted June 14 paid no increase while others paid more than a fair share.

It has been the opinion of the Board that during the period of time the price increase problem was in litigation each of the consumers of the town should share in the higher rates paid to VEPCO. Should the municipalities of this area be successful in their appeal higher costs collected here will be rebated to the consumers.

The Board adopted new rates Monday night aimed at equalizing the advanced costs. These rates are as follows: the first 100 KW at five cents, the next 100 KW at three cents and all current over that amount will be charged at 2½ cents. It was reported at these rates each customer of the Town will have a rate increase of approximately fifty cents on each month's bill.

Other matters handled during the special meeting was the naming of Charles Skinner, Jr., and Billy White as local delegates to the State Firemen's Convention.

Al Puckett was also appointed as an employee of the Town. Puckett will work part of the time as police officer, filling the vacancy of L. N. Rountree who is ill.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

A call for worldwide arms reduction was voiced by President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill at the close of their conference, which ended in Washington last Tuesday. Reports state the two leaders failed to come to complete agreement as to views on world tension problems but accomplished to some degree a firmer unity between the United States and Great Britain.

The uprising in Guatemala, aimed at overthrowing a Communist-tinted government, has come to an end, a report stated last Wednesday. A military junta ousted the leftist President Arbenz, and negotiations are in progress for freeing political prisoners, and setting up an anti-Communist regime. Although the leftist faction has been cleaned out of the government in Guatemala, commentators believe the Communists will continue to try to infiltrate governments in Latin-American countries.

In Washington this week the Senate is debating an omnibus tax bill and reports say efforts will be made on the Senate floor to include some changes aimed at tax reductions for individuals. The bill has passed the House but some changes written into the law by the Senate Committee will mean there must be a joint committee meeting following action by the Senate before the bill goes to the President for his signature.

The condition of former President Harry S. Truman, who underwent an operation in a Kansas City hospital last week, is reported as much improved. The 70-year-old former President had his appendix and gall bladder removed on June 20.

Edward Wilder To Wed Miss Phillips

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Phillips of Highfalls announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Josephine Haseltine, and Edward Brown Wilder of Winfall.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, July 10, at 7:30 o'clock in Highfalls Friends Church.

Miss Phillips is a graduate of Highfalls High School and Peoples Bible College, Greensboro; for four years she has been assist to her sister, Velner Phillips, in pastoring Putman Friends Meeting, serving as superintendent of youth work and pianist. She is also employed in Ramseur.

Mr. Wilder, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clayton Wilder, is a graduate of Perquimans High School and is employed at Hertford Motor Company.

County Board To Meet Next Tuesday

The regular July meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be held next Tuesday, July 6, instead of Monday, July 5, with the Commissioners observing a holiday on Monday.

In addition to its usual routine business the Board is expected to adopt the annual budget for the fiscal year 1954-55, which began on last Thursday, and to officially set the tax rate.

Holmes - Tucker Wedding Saturday In Baptist Church

In a formal ceremony in the Hertford Baptist Church last Saturday evening, Miss Maude Holmes and George Reginald Tucker, Jr., were united in marriage. The Rev. C. W. Duling officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Prior to the ceremony a program of wedding music was presented by R. S. Monds, Jr., soloist, uncle of the bridegroom and Mrs. Charles Johnson, Jr., organist.

The bride is the daughter of Capt. R. L. Holmes of Hertford and Norfolk, Va.. and the late Mrs. Holmes.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Tucker, Sr., of Hertford.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a wedding gown of lace and tulle over satin, styled with a basque bodice buttoned up the back to a sheer yoke outlined with sequin studded lace. Long tulle sleeves ended in wedding peaks over the hands. The lace paneled skirt extended into a sweeping train. Her finger tip length veil of illusion was arranged from a half hat of tulle trimmed with seed parls and sequins. She carried a cascade bouquet of white bride's roses, stephanotis and centered with a white orchid.

Miss Bette Holmes, of Chapel Hill, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She wore a floor length gown of orchid Point d'Esprit over taffeta, styled with a strapless bodice tipped by a brief jacket with stand up collar. She wore a matching tiara of lace with seed pearls accents and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Mrs. L. H. Halstead of Norfolk, Va., sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a turquoise dress of Point d'Esprit styled identically to the maid of honor, with matching tiara. She carried a bouquet of yellow roses.

Bridesmaids were Miss Mary Anna Peck of Chapel Hill, Miss Sue Monds of Elizabeth, N. J., cousin of the bridegroom and Miss Ruth Tucker of Hertford, cousin of the bridegroom. They wore gowns of light blue, pink, yellow Point d'Esprit styled identically to the honor attendants. They wore matching tiaras and carried bouquets of mixed summer flowers.

Honorary bridesmaids were Miss Nancy Zachary, Miss Sybil and Miss

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Rites Held Monday For Mamie Stallings

Miss Mamie Stallings, well-known resident of Hertford, died last Saturday morning in the Albemarle Hospital following a long illness.

She was the daughter of the late Simon F. and Elmira Onley Stallings. Surviving are several nieces and nephews. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at three o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. James O. Mattox, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. Charles W. Duling of Windsor.

During the services the church choir sang "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" and "Have Thine Own Way".

Pallbearers were Cliff Morgan, Luther Sitterson, Tom Madre, J. W. Ward, Jack Kanoy and Charles Umphlett. Burial was in the family plot.

Light Docket In Recorder's Court

A docket consisting of nine cases was listed in Perquimans Recorder's Court this week by C. T. Skinner, Jr., Clerk. Eight of the cases involved inmates of the Gatesville Prison Camp, in court on charges of escaping from work gangs. The defendants were sentenced to additional time to be served for attempting to escape.

Lillie Boone, Negro, charged with being drunk and disorderly and resisting arrest was found guilty and fined $25 and costs; a sixty day prison sentences was suspended upon condition she be of good behavior for six months.

Indians On Winning Streak Top Edenton Colonials 16 to 1

Elizabeth City To Play Here Monday Night; Colerain Friday

The Perquimans Indians, playing red-hot ball in the Albemarle League this past week, scored victories over Elizabeth City last Friday, Colerain on Monday and Edenton on Tuesday.

Manager Ab Williams has revamped the Indian lineup somewhat and added to the team's pitching strength by securing Vernon White, former high school star, as a local player. White pitched the Indians to win over Elizabeth City and Edenton.

In the game Tuesday night the Indians won a 16-1 victory over Edenton. White struck out 10 Colonial batters while his teammates were lambasting five Edenton pitchers The Indians scored three runs in the second, added two more in the third and sewed up the game in the fifth by tallying nine runs. Bill Winslow, Stallings and Christgau hit doubles which drove in two runs each and John Morris hit a triple scoring two runs.

Allan Winslow was the winning pitcher in the Colerain game Monday night when the Indians garnered a 6-3 decision over the league leaders. Winslow held the Trappers in check throughout the contest while the Indians hammered Erne Johnson, Colerain hurler, for timely hits early in the game which assured the win.

Local fans are still talking about Vernon White's masterful hurling job against Elizabeth City last Friday. The game was played in an hour and 20 minutes. White struck out 11 batters and gave up one walk. The Indians collected four hits off Tommy Reeves and scored two runs. The game ended 2-0 in favor of Perquimans.

The Perquimans Indions won their fourth straight game here Wednesday night defeating Rocky Hock by a score of 12-9, in what was a see-saw contest. Perquimans scored two runs in the third to take a 3-1 lead but Rocky Rock went ahead in the fifth on a four-run rally; from then on it was a battle back and forth for the victory.

The next home game for the Indians will be played here Monday night with Elizabeth City furnishing the opposition. On Wednesday night the Indians will play Rocky Hock in Edenton. On Wednesday they will play Edenton there and will be back home again next Friday playing Colerain.

Whedbee Funeral Held Tuesday P.M.

Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Whedbee, 75, died at her home near here Sunday night at 7:10 o'clock following a long illness. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Bettie Benton Hendrix and wife of William W. Whedbee.

She was a member of the Burgess Baptist Church in Hertford.

Surviving are two sons, Irvin W. and N. L. Whedbee, both of Hertford; one daughter, Mrs. Ray Harrell of Pasquotank County; one brother, Lloyd Hendrix, of Norfolk, and two sisters, Mrs. Annie Lane and Mrs. Katie Churn, both of Norfolk County.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Lynch Funeral Home by the Rev. J. R. Byrley, former pastor of the Burgess Church.

During the service the choir sang "When They Ring the Golden Bells" and Mrs. Tim Matthews and Mrs. Sidney Layden, Jr., sang "Under His Wing."

Pallbearers were Philip Sawyer, Sanford Lane, Elwood Lane, Robert Lane, Amos Lane and Curtis Lane.

Burial was in the family plot.

Nominations Open For HDC Women Tour

Home Demonstration Club women in North Carolina will have the second educational citizenship tour of the United Nations and New York. The tour will be October 4-9. Each county in the State is eligible to have two delegates. The delegates must be the county citizenship, international relations, health or education leaders. At the present no one has volunteered to go from Perquimans County. The means of paying part or all expenses has not been decided. Interested eligible persons should contact Mrs. E. J. Proctor, County president.

The National Home Demonstration Council meeting will be held in Washington, D. C., October 31. This will conclude the state tours and meetings for the year.

Sheriff Arrests Woman On Charges Of Check Forgery

Pennsylvania Resident To Have Hearing Next Tuesday

A bizarre trail of a young white woman on a check forging spree came to an end here Tuesday morning when Sheriff M. G. Owens arrested Pauline Lucille Kolek, 31, of Apollo, Pennsylvania, and charged her with forging the names of Mrs. E. L. Reed, Mrs. E. H. Bagley and Miss Amelia Dillwyn Denton to some nine checks and cashing them in places of business in Perquimans County, Elizabeth City and Norfolk, Va.

The bad checks started turning up here Monday morning when officials of the Hertford Banking Company detected receipt of checks drawn in the name of Mrs. E. L. Reed. Sheriff Owens was notified and started an immediate investigation. A description of the woman was received and a search was instigated.

No trace of the woman was found until she appeared in the Hertford Bank Tuesday morning at about 10 o'clock and attempted to cash a check in the name of a fourth party. This attempt failed and the Sheriff was notified as to the whereabouts of the woman. She was arrested at the Hotel Hertford, where she had registered on Sunday of last week, and had left two small children, when she left Hertford Friday. The children were taken to a local home for two days but returned to the hotel Saturday looking for their mother.

Sheriff Owens reported Wednesday night Mrs. Kolek had given him a full confession to the crimes, after having previously denied any knowledge of the matter. She told the Sheriff she had forged signatures to nine checks in all. Seven of these had been returned to the local bank up to Tuesday. A total of about $200 was the amount of the checks cashed by the woman.

In addition to the check forging charges, the woman admitted making charge purchases at several local stores but claimed she intended to make payment for these purchases.

Sheriff Owens stated he has charged the woman with forgery and that a preliminary hearing on the matter will be held in Recorder's Court next Tuesday. Bond has been set in the amount of $2,000.

Mass Chest X-ray Results Under Goal

Five days remain for Perquimans County residents to take advantage of their opportunity to secure a free chest X-ray, under the program being sponsored by the District Health Department in cooperation with the District TB Association.

Up to Wednesday at noon 2,167 residents of the county had appeared at the mobile unit in Hertford and had an X-ray taken. This total is very much under the number Health Department officials had hoped would cooperate in this project.

Dr. B. B. McGuire, Health Officer, stated Wednesday every person over 15 years of age is urged to have their X-ray taken at once. It will be the last chance to get a free X-ray for three or four years.

The doctor said, "Please have no fear of the X-ray. It is painless, takes only a few minutes, no undressing and it is free."

This newspaper joins with the officials in urging all those who have not had an X-ray taken to do so today; remember the unit leaves this area Thursday, July 8, so remember to get your chest X-rayed before that deadline.

Dress Revue Feature At Council Meeting

A special feature of the Home Demonstration County Council meeting on Saturday was the 4-H Dress Revue, and the Dairy Foods Demonstration and Vegetable Use Demonstration. The County winners in the Senior Dress Revue was Annie Lou Lane and the Junior Dress Revue Winner was Ann Lane. Annie Lou Lane and Annette Proctor, were winners in the Team Vegetable Use Demonstration; Ann White and Lois Violet Winslow in Team Dairy Foods Demonstration; Rachel Spivey, Individual Foods Demonstration.

These 4-H Clubbers, along with others will compete for District honors in Washington on July 8. They will be accompanied by R. M. Thompson, County Farm Agent and Miss Clara Mason, Assistant Home Agent.

MASONS TO MEET

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

Sealed Bids For New Construction At Center Grammar School Asked July 20

Hertford Stores To Close Next Monday

Hertford stores and business houses will be closed all day next Monday, July 5, in observance of the 4th of July holiday which falls on Sunday, it was reported here today, following a survey made of the stores.

Patrons of the stores are requested to note the plans for closing on Monday and to shop accordingly for the long week-end. The stores will reopen Tuesday, July 6.

Peanut Producers Face Five Percent Cut In Allotment

BY R. M. THOMPSON
County Agent

A group of farmers made up of Marvin Caddy, Joshua Sutton, John Hurdle, Robert Sutton, Claude Williams, Floyd Mathews and Arvin Hudson, went to Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, July 23 to a call hearing on peanuts, where they met with the Congressmen from North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi to testify. Farmers were represented by Flake Shaw, Farm Bureau Secretary; Joe E. Suggs, Executive Secretary of the N. C. Peanut Growers Association, and several farmers from Virginia and North Carolina.

The idea of the meeting was to find out what resolutions the farmers wanted in the Agricultural bill in 1955 concerning peanuts. It seems that the peanut program had cost the government an excess of 120 million dollars in the past years, and that there was strong opposition to leave the peanuts on the Basic Commodity list. Congressmen said that if there were some concessions made by the peanut growers, that they could show why peanuts should be left within this group. Because there is a surplus of 20 per cent of peanuts, it was found by most of the farmers that if they would agree to take a 5 per cent cut in acreage that this would do much to strengthen the position than any other item.

At the present time, the law states that the minimum acreage of peanuts to be allotted was 1,610,000 acres which was planted last year and still there was a surplus of peanuts. From information that had been received, this minimum allotment bill was eliminated by the House Agricultural Committee and the present set-up is for the farmers to take 5 per cent reduction in allotment until peanuts produced will equal the amount that is needed for the market. This bill will have to be voted on by the whole House of Representatives, to be put into force.

Rotarians See Film On Cure Of Cancer

A film on the discovery and treatment of chest cancer was the program presented at a meeting of the Hertford Rotary Club, held Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford. Dr. C. A. Davenport was program chairman for the meeting.

The film revealed ways and means for early discovery of the disease and methods of treatment. It urged every man 45 years of age and over to secure a chest X-ray at least twice a year as a precaution against the disease and as a means of early discovery which leads to early treatment and cure.

The film was made under the direction of and released by the American Cancer Society.

The Rev. James O. Mattox was welcomed into the club as a new member.

Reception Planned For Baptist Pastor

Members of the Hertford Baptist Church will hold a reception at the church, Thursday night, July 8 from 8 to 10 o'clock, honoring their new pastor the Rev. James O. Mattox and Mrs. Mattox. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Board Of Education To Meet On Tuesday

The Board of Education, for Perquimans County, will meet next Tuesday night at 7:30 in the office of the Superintendent of Schools, it was announced today. This meeting, regularly scheduled for Monday, was postponed until Tuesday due to the July Fourth holiday being observed on Monday.

Action Follows Plan To Equalize Costs For All Consumers

Sealed bids for the construction of a new addition to the Perquimans Central Grammar School have been called for by James W. Griffith, architect, and will be opened in the office of the Superintendent of Schools on Tuesday, July 20, it was reported here today.

The request for bids reveal the new construction at the school will include four new classrooms, to ease the overcrowded conditions at the building, and a library.

Request for prices on the work include general construction, electrical work, plumbing and heating.

Funds for the project will be made available by the State Board of Education under the provisions of the bond election held last year. The plans drawn by the architect have been submitted and approved by the State School House Planning Commission.

The local Board of Education, and patrons of the school, are hopeful the project can get underway immediately and be completed in time for use, at least, during a part of the next school term. Superintendent Biggers and members of the Board of Education have been making efforts to get the construction started for some time but delay on the part of the architect to complete plans and have them approved slowed the progress of the project.

Because of the overcrowded condition, the school operated under handicaps last year. Temporary classrooms were constructed in the auditorium of the school in order to provide additional space for the students, and the school population for next term is expected to exceed that of the last term.

The temporary rooms in the auditorium will be removed upon completion of the new classrooms, restoring this room for use for chapel services and school meetings.

Festival Queen Named As Delegate In Florida Contest

Miss Peggy Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Harrell, and winner of the Albemarle Potato Festical Queen's honor for 1954, has been selected as one of 20 girls from south of the Mason-Dixon Line to compete in the annual contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Daytona Beach, Fla., to select "Miss Dixie."

Contestants must possess beauty and talent and eliminations are from photographs submitted. They also must be winners of another major beauty contest.

Miss Harrell's appearance in the Miss Dixie contest is being sponsored by Festivals, Inc., and the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce. She left for Daytona Beach and the contest on Wednesday, accompanied by her mother.

Plans Progressing On Street Projects

Mayor V. N. Darden reported to the Town Board, during a special meeting held last Monday, plans for resurfacing Woodland Circle, are progressing in cooperation with the State Highway Commission, and this work is expected to be started within a short time.

The Mayor stated Mr. Patrick of the State Commission was in Hertford on Monday making a survey of the project and at the same time secured soil samples of the roadway on Pennsylvania Avenue and Charles Street on which he will report back to the Town as to the type of materials to be used in surfacing these two streets.

Surfacing of Charles Street and Pennsylvania Avenue will be done sometime this year, it was the opinion expressed at the meeting, but resurfacing of Woodland Circle will be started prior to a decision on the other two projects.

The Board expressed hope the work on Charles Street and Pennsylvania Avenue can be completed soon, providing sufficient finances are available for payment of the work.

To Attend Conference For Methodist Men

George W. Jackson, Route three, Hertford, is a member of his Methodist conference delegate which will attend the National Conference of Methodist Men, to be held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, July 9 through 11.