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Commissioners To Consider Plans For Boarding Home

Resolutions To Ask Action On 2 Bills By Legislature

The Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County met in regular session here last Monday morning and in addition to handling the usual routine matters discussed the possibility of converting the County Home from its present status to a boarding home.

Board Chairman A. T. Lane was named to confer on the matter with J. C. Morgan, Superintendent of the Home, C. Edgar White, Superintendent of Public Welfare and Max Campbell, County Accountant, and to report back to the Board on possibilities of converting the home some time this year.

Conversion of county homes into boarding homes has been a program widely adopted throughout the state during the past two years, and now only a few counties of the state continue to operate county homes. Considerable savings are possible for the county under this new set-up inasmuch as inmates of boarding homes are eligible to receive state and federal aid while inmates of county homes are not eligible for this assistance.

Reports from various county agencies were made during the meeting, and the Commissioners were advised collections on 1954 taxes amounted to more than fifty per cent of the levy through December, 1954.

The Board adopted two resolutions to be presented to C. R. Holmes, County Representative, with request that bills be introduced in the next General Assembly raising the per diem pay for the clerk of the board from \$5 per day to \$10 per day. The second resolution requests a bill outlawing the death penalty in Perquimans County for the vaccination of hogs.

On motion passed Mrs. Floyd Long was reappointed collector of delinquent personal property taxes for the county and bond was authorized in the amount of \$1,000.

The Board discussed the beautification plans for the Court House Green, and authorized removal of the diseased trees in front of the Court House, with plans to replace all removed trees with new ones. The project to be continued and completed as soon as possible.

Miss Nettie Long Weds W. P. Chappell

A late-afternoon ceremony at the residence of Pine Woods Friends Church at Belvidere on December 28, united in marriage Miss Nettie Long, daughter of Mrs. Horace Long and the late Mr. Long, and William Penn Chappell, son of W. A. Chappell and the late Mrs. Chappell. The Rev. D. Virgil Pike officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a two-piece tweed suit. Her accessories were of winter white and black and she carried a white prayer book topped with white feathered carnations and adorned with white satin streamers.

Mrs. Floyd Long of Winfall, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor and her only attendant.

Mr. James of Newport News, Va., was the best man for the bride.

Following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Chappell left for a wedding trip to unannounced points.

Mrs. Chappell is a graduate of Perquimans County High School and is employed at the Hertford Hospital.

Former Resident Dies In Germany

Mr. and Mrs. Charles White, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, born Sunday, January 2, at Chewan Hospital in Johnston.

Police Officers Nab Fugitives

Police Officers William Tarkenton and Lee Riddick and Sheriff J. K. White arrested three youths last week following an investigation of an attempted break in at the Gulf Service Station.

The youths, Saul and Samuel Navarro, who stated they resided in New York and Kenneth Haggott, of Illinois, were placed in jail awaiting action by the F.B.I.

Sheriff White reported that the youths confessed to a robbery of a store in Florida and the theft of an automobile which was used by them in traveling from Florida to Hertford.

The youths, according to Sheriff White, stated that they had stopped the car near the service station planning to rob the place but were frightened away before committing the crime.

THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

Senators and Representatives convened in Washington at noon Wednesday for the opening session of the 84th Congress. Democrats organized both houses, having a margin of votes in each. President Eisenhower delivered the State of the Union Message on Thursday and is expected to present a budget and program speech next week. Washington reports state some time will elapse before the Congress will get down to actual work of enacting laws affecting the nation. Major attention by Congress is expected on such matters as the foreign program, defense and selective service, trade treaties, and taxes, although few changes are expected to be made on this latter item.

The 1955 General Assembly convened in Raleigh Wednesday with leaders selected for the House and Senate. Governor Hodges delivered his message to the Legislature on Thursday and the Assembly was expected to have two major problems for consideration during this session, those being finances and school segregation. Capitol leaders predict a long session for the Legislature due to these two matters.

A State of Siege was proclaimed in Panama last Sunday following the assassination of Panama President Jose Remon, but reports from the Central American country early this week announced conditions normal with no indications of an uprising planned with the slaying. Authorities have charged Arnulfo Arias with the murder of the President.

The Federal Reserve Board acted this week to put a brake on the stock market boom by increasing the required down payment on stocks from 50 to 60 percent. Stocks have been rising for almost a year, with a gain in speculation noted by Government officials although a report states speculation has not reached an alarming point. The stock market reached new highs in December, following an upturn after election day in November.

Two Fire Calls Answered This Week

Hertford Firemen were called to the home of Wade Winslow, Negro, on King Street at about 10 o'clock Sunday morning to extinguish a blaze which started from an oil stove. The fire had gained considerable headway by the time the department arrived and damage was estimated at about \$800. The firemen were called to 79 Dobb Street Monday to put out a fire. The fire was reported only slight damage resulted at this fire.

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PULLING STRINGS made this soldier a success. Shown plucking his way to fame in the Army's harp ace, Private First Class Lloyd Lindroth of Seattle, a member of the United States Army Band.

Farm Workers Now Covered By Social Security Program

Amended Law Effective As To Earnings Received In 1955

In 1954 there were some changes in Social Security that were brought about by amended laws that affect just about every farming family. This is the amendment that entitles farmers and farm workers to Social Security benefits.

Social Security is a form of group insurance which is operated and supervised by the Federal Government. Under the law a person contributes during their working years to provide an income in case of death or old age. Payments for old age start at the age of 65.

This amendment states that any person who operates a farm, ranch or any other agricultural enterprise is covered by Social Security beginning January 1, 1955 if his annual net earning from self employment is \$400 or more or a person that works on a farm and earned \$100 or more cash wages in a year. Fishermen part time or full time also come in under this amendment.

A farmer will pay 3% of his net income up to a net income of \$4,200. This is reported on a cash basis and \$4,200 net is the maximum that can be paid on. The minimum that can be paid on is \$400 but this can be figured two ways if the gross income is \$1,800 or less. This can be reported on an actual cash basis if it is above \$400 or half of the gross income if

Board Of Education Fleets Teacher At Grammar School

The Board of Education for Perquimans County met in regular session in the office of the Superintendent last Monday night. During the meeting the board elected Mrs. Fred Blanchard to fill a vacancy in the faculty of the Central Grammar School caused by the resignation of Mrs. Abner Williams. Mrs. Blanchard will assume her duties as teacher next week.

The Board adopted a resolution requesting immediate action on distribution of remaining State funds for school buildings, voting to send copies of the resolution to the County Representative, Speaker of the House and President of the Senate.

This action followed a receipt of a letter from Governor Luther Hodges explaining delay in distribution of the final half of the \$6 billion dollar school bond issue.

this is below \$1,800. It is to an advantage to pay the higher amount.

For the man that is employed on the farm, social security will be withheld if he earns \$100 or more on a farm. The employer withholds 2% out of the employee's salary and will pay 2% himself which makes a total of 4% on the employee's salary. This 4% will be kept and sent in by the employer.

The payments for social security will be sent in by the farmer each year when he files his income tax. The first payment will be in 1956 for the year 1955.

To be eligible to draw these benefits a person must have at least 40 quarters or ten years paid in unless the person is over 55 years of age and then only payments paid up to the age of 65 are necessary. For a person that is 63 and a half years of age, only 6 quarters or one and a half years of payments are necessary. This is also true for a farmer that is over 65 years of age. When a farmer reaches retirement age, the minimum benefits that a man and his wife will receive that has earned an average of \$100 a month is \$80.00.

Social security is something that a person doesn't have any choice about. If your net income is \$400 or over, you must make payments. The best thing to do is to fill out an application for a social security card and get this as soon as possible. Then when you fill out your 1955 income tax, you will only have to figure 3% of the net income.

Simon Rutenberg Closes Out Store

December 31 was the closing date for one of Hertford's outstanding stores, when Simon Rutenberg, long time merchant, retired from the business field and closed the store which he had operated for some 28 years.

Mr. Rutenberg stated that he had considered retiring several months prior to the closing, and finally decided to make the move with the end of the old year.

He had been engaged in the merchandising business in Hertford for the past 48 years, being employed by other firms before entering business for himself in 1926.

Mr. Rutenberg stated he has no plans for the present but the building which housed his store, and which he owns, is for lease. Prior to closing his business he disposed of his entire stock of merchandise to a Norfolk firm.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Stallings, a son, Sidney Douglas, on December 28, at the Albemarle Hospital.

Building And Loan Association Report Shows Growth

A fine gain in total assets, was reported today by A. W. Hefren, president, Hertford Building and Loan Association, in a statement released with the association's annual report.

Mr. Hefren said that the association's assets increased from \$122,877.06 on December 31, 1953, to \$132,094.23, on the same date this year. "This fine growth," Hefren commented, "reflects the confidence of the citizens of this community in this specialized thrift and home ownership institution."

Highlights of the association's annual report were listed as follows:

Net savings in 1954 increased by \$11,439.50, bringing total savings to \$113,461.75.

The number of savings account holders increased to 164, a gain of 14.

Dividends paid out to savers totaled \$4,591.00.

Home loans increased both in number and amount, with such loans numbering 17, and totaling \$23,800.00 in 1954. Total home loans outstanding now amount to \$124,521.90.

The association added \$872.27 to its reserve fund in the past year, increasing its reserves to \$8,106.09.

Such gains, Mr. Hefren said, were of "great significance" since they came at a time of moderate business decline, and some unemployment. This would seem to indicate, he said, that the people of this area have realized the importance of saving a portion of their income each year for things they wish to buy in the future, as well as for financial security.

Mr. Hefren described the outlook for business in the coming year as "highly favorable." Although the leveling-off period which started in the second quarter of 1954 would probably continue in the first half of 1955, he said, it was probable that "the total output for the economy in the second quarter of the year would exceed an annual rate of \$360 billion, or about \$5 billion more than current levels."

Home building in the coming year, Mr. Hefren said, would most likely equal this year's levels of between 1.1 million and 1.2 million units. This is a creditable record, he said, in that 1954 was the second biggest home building year in the country's history. Demand for new homes continued strong, he commented with demand greatest for larger, well-designed, well-equipped and well-located houses.

Prices of most new homes should remain stable, he said, "with some improvement in quality" likely. In 1955 the home buyer should be able to get more house for the same amount of money than in 1954, he concluded.

District Seal Sales Lagging

Dr. Allan Bonner, President of the District TB Association, urges everyone to send in their money for Christmas Seals that were mailed in November. So far, Pasquotank has raised \$3,500.95; Perquimans, \$1,050.00; Camden, \$510.80, and Chowan \$1,075.50. Making a total of \$6,137.25 for the district, leaving \$3,462.75 yet to come in for the district.

Bonner said without the contributions from seals, the association could not exist, that the secret of the program is entirely educational. He also pointed out the little seal was a fighter—not only for the association's existence but the existence of the community. He said people for years have had the privilege of going to the District Health Department and receiving a chest X-ray, not realizing that Christmas Seals made it possible to receive it for only one dollar and those who were not able to receive a free chest X-ray. Films, solutions, educational material, rehabilitation are paid for by Christmas Seals—for the Seals are the sole support of the Association. Bonner said that if those who had not sent in their contribution would do so, each county would make the amount so badly needed without any burden to anyone. It is only at Christmas that the Association can sell the seals and to sell health the rest of the year.

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Official Board Of Winfall Opposed Action On Charter

Farm Plan Meeting Set For January 11

With the Government controlling all farm land facing the farmers in the State, the Extension Service has worked up a program consisting of different ideas by which a farmer may attempt to plan his farm enterprise in case of diverted acres.

These ideas will be presented to the farmers of Perquimans County on Tuesday night, January 11 at 7:30 with Dr. E. R. Collins talking on Grain Crops and Pastures, Astor Perry talking on Peanuts and Soybeans, M. S. Williams on Farm Management and Marketing, and Jack Kelly on Swine and Beef Cattle.

Concerning the meeting R. M. Thompson, County Agent, said: "They will tell of the results that were found on experimental trials of these ideas throughout the State and I believe that it will prove of great interest in Perquimans County. If you can possibly do so, try to attend this meeting at the Agricultural Building Tuesday night at 7:30 and I think that it will benefit your farm planning in the future."

Indians - Squaws Divide Games With Plymouth Teams

The Indians and Squaws of Perquimans High School divided basketball contests with Plymouth last Tuesday night when the Squaws lost a curtain-raiser 51 to 33 and the Indians won a one-point decision over the Plymouth boys 45-44.

The first loss of the season for the Perquimans girls, and the first win for the local boys. The Plymouth girls came from behind in the second period to gain a 20-23 lead at half time, and the home team was never headed after that time. Plymouth hit for 8 points in the third period while Perquimans tallied six and in the final canto the Plymouth girls scored 14 points to Perquimans 4 points.

Latham, for Plymouth, was high scorer with 27 points. Russell led the local girls with 15 points with Stokes scoring 10 and Edwards 8 points.

The Indians opened defense of their Albemarle Conference title with a close win over the Plymouth boys. Big Paul Matthews with 20 points was the scoring star of the game. The Indians jumped into a 13-10 lead in the first period, but fell behind 20 to 23 at half time. Perquimans added 17 points in the third period to take a 37-36 lead in the ball game and held this margin throughout the final quarter.

Scoring for Perquimans were Matthews 20, Carver 10, Williams 10, and Hill 5. Lilley with 11 points was high scorer for Plymouth, while his teammates, Hardin had 2, Luke 7, Beasley 6 and Estep 10. Tonight the Indians and Squaws will play Williamston High School on the local court, with game time set for 7:30 o'clock. These games are conference contests and the local teams will be out to increase their standing in the conference.

Change Made In Station Management

Announcement was made here late last week of a change in management of the Gulf Service Station. Noah Gregory, formerly employed by the Towe-Webb Motor Company succeeded Murray Dail as operator and manager of the station. Seymour Chappell, formerly with Joe and Bill's Station, will be associated with Mr. Gregory at the new station.

Hertford PTA Meets Next Thursday Night

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Hertford Grammar School will meet Thursday night, January 13, at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of the school. Dr. William F. Harrell of Elizabeth City, will speak on the subject of Polio as guest program speaker. All parents and friends of the school are urged to attend.

while unpaved, are in the best shape they have been in more than a generation, as a result of contributions received by the Town under the Powell Bill passed by the 1953 General Assembly, giving towns a portion of the gas tax collected by the State.

From this source they point out Winfall to date has received a total of \$4,665.43, all of which but a cash balance of \$980.35 has been spent in improving the streets in the village. Should the Town's charter be repealed this would be lost to the community.

The taxes levied by the Town brings in money to bear administrative cost, such as lighting the streets, some police protection in 1951, and 1952, and on special occasions as needed, and incidental expenses as arise from time to time. The balance in hand in this fund as of now is \$1,353.54.

The Mayor and named councilman also point out that the official minutes of their several meetings are of record and may be seen by interested parties. Also, that the books of account are in order and open for inspection by proper parties.

The Mayor and Councilmen Barber and Trueblood further asserted that it was their considered opinion that a great majority of the signers of the petition addressed to Mr. Holmes were non-property owners, and under the domination of certain individuals who would like to see the Town of Winfall eliminated and its government dissolved for reasons unknown, but assuredly not in the interest of the public who live in Winfall.

Recorder's Docket Listed 25 Cases On Last Tuesday

was fined \$2 and costs.

Pleading guilty to charges of speeding were Ambrose Evans, fined \$25, Reed Edwards, fined \$25, Richard McMullen, \$20, Rascoe Hunt, \$20, Raymond Underwood, \$20, Hunter Herrington, 15, Edward Frazier, 15, Rodney Bateman, \$15, John Bruce, Jr., 15, and Vincent Lazzaro, \$15.

McKinley Jones, Negro, was fined \$15 after being found guilty of a charge of assault.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case in which Elsie Harris, Negro, was found guilty of a charge of being drunk.

Louis Sanford was fined \$12 after pleading guilty to charges of driving on the left side of a highway.

Davis Moore, Jr., Negro, was found not guilty on a charge of reckless driving.

A fine of \$20 and costs were taxed against Alex Riddick, Negro, charged with failing to observe a stop sign, and driving with insufficient brakes.

Winsola Etheridge, Negro, was fined \$20 and costs on charges of failing to observe a stop sign and reckless driving.

A nol pro was taken in the case in which Alton Winslow was charged with reckless driving.

Swine Breeders Name Officers For Year

The Albemarle Purebred Swine Breeders Association met and elected new officers for 1955. The officers are as follows: President, Clarence Chappell; vice president, Preston Nixon; secretary and treasurer, R. C. Ward.

They also selected the date of Friday, February 18, at the time for the next Purebred Sale. This sale will start at 1:00 and will be held at the Hertford Livestock & Supply Co., in Hertford. There will be about 30 animals sold which will include bred gilts, open gilts, and boars, with some of all breeds entered for sale.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Winslow announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Elliott, born Friday, December 31, at the Albemarle Hospital. Mrs. Winslow, before her marriage, was Miss Ruth Elliott.

Claim Petition Not Representative Of Majority Of Town

Nathan Mathews, Mayor of Winfall, stated today, that a petition signed by F. S. Winslow and C. J. Umphlett and others addressed to C. R. Holmes, Perquimans Representative in the General Assembly, regarding Winfall's charter, did not represent the wishes of a majority of the responsible citizens of the town.

The petition requests Mr. Holmes to endeavor to put through a bill in the 1955 session of the North Carolina General Assembly repealing Winfall's municipal charter and dissolving the Town's government.

The petitioners in their petition allege "that the governing body has discontinued the holding of regular meetings;" and "that the business of the Town seems not to have been or to be conducted according to law."

Mayor Mathews and Councilmen Durwood L. Barber and David R. Trueblood point out that during the year 1954 nine regular and one special meetings of the governing body were held. That during the months of February, April, and July regular meetings were not held, but the board members were in contact with each other, and since no official action was scheduled for those months, and no citizen of the Town had requested to be heard on any matter during those months, formal meetings were not deemed necessary.

They also call attention to the fact that the streets of the village,

Traffic Violations Make Up Majority Of Calendar

A heavy docket, consisting of 25 cases, was disposed of by the Perquimans Recorder's Court here last Tuesday. Traffic violations made up the majority of cases heard.

Probable cause was found in the case in which Reiley Sutton, Jr., Negro, was charged with larceny and receiving stolen property. Sutton was bound over for action at the April term of Superior Court.

Fines of \$25 and costs were assessed against Aristan Belcher, Negro, and Elmer Holmes.

A nol pro was taken in the case in which Ernest Dail, Negro, was charged with hit and run.

James K. Edwards pled guilty to charges of having no operator's license and speeding. He was fined \$40 and costs.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case of William Lawrence, charged with speeding.

William Douglas, Negro, was fined \$12 after pleading guilty to charges of driving with improper lights.

George Peyton, Negro, entered a plea of guilty to being drunk. He

Red Cross Offices Filled By Chairman

Three vacant committee chairmanships for the Perquimans Red Cross chapter have been filled according to an announcement made this week by C. P. Morris, chairman of the Red Cross.

A. W. Hefren has accepted the post of treasurer for the chapter, the Rev. James Mattox is the new Home Service Officer and H. N. Nixon has accepted chairmanship of the Blood Program committee.

Hefren succeeds J. Emory White as treasurer, the Rev. Mattox takes the post formerly held by the Rev. Alfred Chaplin and Nixon succeeds Talmage Rose as chairman of the Blood Program committee. Mr. Morris stated the chapter will soon make plans for the annual roll call campaign for funds which will be conducted during the month of March.